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inch so that my height would conform to that of others in the boat to obtain uniformity of swing and stroke. Even little things like this are watched. I rowed the best part of a season getting my drive almost entirely out of my left leg and quite unconscious of the fact—but Joe Wright discovered it. Think of the keen observation of a man following an eight-oared crew at considerable distance in a motor boat and being able to detect the difference of effort between the two legs of an oarsman in his leg drive, something of which the oarsman himself is entirely unconscious. He made it impossible for me to do otherwise than get my right leg into work by the simple expedient of putting a lift under my right heel. Yet that simple change in style gave that much more power in the boat and just that much more reserve strength in one man for a driving finish, and what a finish means in a close race every oarsman knows. Things like this—the correction of this fault in one man, that in another—combine to create that remarkable and wonderful human machine—The Championship Senior Eight Oar Crew.

And then the matter of condition, the bringing of eight men of different temperament and constitution up to a perfect pitch and holding them there—that is again where the greatness of the coach shows. Perhaps in no other sport does the matter of condition tell to such a degree.

This takes me back to the Canadian Henley of 1912 where a nineteen day lay-off after six months hard training, brought us into the slip at the end of the Senior Eight Oar event in a state that none of us will ever forget. We had been to the Royal Henley and then to

Stockholm and then took the boat back to Canada to compete at the Canadian Henley. The trip took us nineteen days. Here was a crew trained for six months, trained to the minute, but forced to take a nineteen day lay-off. This meant no let-up in diet or training rules, plenty of gym work on the ship on the way over, but out of the boat for nineteen days. When we got to St. Catharines we had one day's work in our boat before the Senior Eight event. Through sheer form we were three lengths to the good at the half way mark—at the finish a blanket could have covered the three boats—Argonauts, Detroit and Ottawa. We won the race, but nineteen days lay off after six months steady training was enough to make a change in condition that brought about a close finish after a three-boat-length lead, and the crew nearly killed to finish—but we finished! We had to. Joe Wright was on the landing waiting for us. Some of the crew were at least two hours in recovering from the effects of the race, but after that no one felt the worse for it.

At the time of writing this article it looks to me as though Varsity has the call for the Senior Eight Championship at Canadian Henley. I am told that "Tommy" Loudon has one hundred and sixty men working on the machines and with four of the Olympic crew he should have a wonderful eight. He has the material and he knows how to coach. And we have Winnipeg, Lachine and Ottawa to figure on. Argos have their championship four of last year and with Joe Wright on the job. If any crew beats them they are going to be good.

And the Singles. When we think of the Singles we look back on a record of  
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Country. With Mr. W. J. Egan, deputy minister of immigration and colonization, Mr. Forke will be busy with matters relative to the empire settlement scheme.

The cabinet ministers remaining in Ottawa are working away at the business of running the country. Since 1925 federal politics have been a full-time occupation; most human beings were not constructed to stand the strain of two general elections and two sessions of parliament in two years.

Mr. Eric Charles Mieville, recently appointed private secretary to His Excellency the Governor General, is in Ottawa and Mrs. Mieville is expected in October. The new secretary is thirty-one years of age, and has been in the British Civil Service since before the war. He entered the Far Eastern consular service in 1919 as a student interpreter and has since served as private secretary to Sir Ronald MacLeay, minister at Peking, and later to Sir Miles Lampson. Lord Willingdon met Mr. Mieville when in China in connection with the settlement of the Boxer indemnities. Mr. Mieville comes to Ottawa after a few months' leave in England.

All the tennis clubs are looking forward to the coming of the Wightman Cup team of England to play on the Rideau courts early this summer. It is likely that the famous five, Mrs. Kitty McKane Godfrey, Miss Evelyn Colyer, Miss Joan Fry, Mrs. Lambert Chambers and Miss Eileen Bennett, will have

among their opponents the Misses Phoebe Grierson, Mauriel Bremner and Phyllis Rykert, of the Rideau Club. Last season Miss Grierson won the Eastern Canadian championships, and Miss Bremner was runner-up. Miss Rykert took the Northern Ontario championship.

As for the visitors, Mrs. Godfrey defeated Helen Wills last year, and once ran Suzanne Lenglen to 7-5. Mrs. Chambers held the Wimbledon championship and returned to the game last year to fit the English team for the cup play. After a decade out of the game, she defeated the best the United States could produce when she was returned winner in doubles. Miss Fry, of course, has opposed Lenglen, and Helen Wills has spoken of Miss Bennett as the coming Lenglen. So what more need be said?

Mr. Philip D. Lyons, president of the Rideau Lawn Tennis Association and of the Ontario Lawn Tennis Association (and a brother of Madge Macbeth, the author) has been designated a member of the selection committee to decide the composition of the Canadian Davis Cup Team which is to contest with Cuba for the right to enter the second round of the Davis Cup tie. Mr. Lyons has been the well-liked and efficient president of the Rideau Club, whose members were greatly pleased at the honor to him and to their club.

The Ontario Lawn Tennis championships are being held at the Rideau Club July 2 to 9.