OPENING OF THE SEASON.

By "TEEK."

Football has broken out once more and on all sides we see the symptoms. Footballers, who had basked away the summer wreathed in smiles have now commenced their eight months wearing of the tough and grim expression. Mild citizens no longer talk in gentle voices about the blight on their roses.

But tell each other in loud tones of the furious feats of strength they did in their school days. Referees, who are almost indistinguishable from human beings during their "off" season, have answered to the call of the wild once more.

Railway officials, usually so kindly and helpful to the travelling public are once again masters of crisp direction and startling information. Waitresses have ceased providing light and airy refreshment for light and airy customers, and are now busy trying to satisfy the hunger of strong men ravenous from an afternoons violent spectating.

And for the next eight months the great question of each week will be "What has "W-B" got to say about it?"