

thing as off-side play. The ball is placed in the centre of the rink and both sides are lined back an equal distance from it, and play is commenced by a player from each side making a rush at the ball. There are very few rules to hamper the players, and the game is very little different from the old game of shinny. To Canadians, our game is far in advance, and nearly all Americans who have seen the two games played, are of the same opinion. Indeed the grandest result of the visit to Pittsburg is that the clubs there have decided to adopt our game.

As arranged, the first game was played on the evening of Dec. 30th, and very few minutes' play displayed the superiority of our team. The Casinos were out-played from the very commencement, and the game ended 15 to 0 in favor of Queen's. The crowd was very impartial in its applause, and cheered our fellows lustily. The papers were also very impartial, and sounded the praises of the victors in a sportsmanlike manner. It was a revelation to the Americans to see our fellows dash down the rink, and by pretty, individual or combination play, shoot the ball into the cage. The opposing goal-keepers were rather terrified by the lightning shots made by our forwards, and some of them appeared, padded from head to heel. But our fellows took their victory very quietly, for they remembered that the game was young in Pittsburg, and that the Americans were at a great disadvantage as regards sticks and skates.

The games that followed were largely repetitions of the first and resulted in victories for Queen's by much the same scores.

The rink in which the games were played is a very magnificent structure. It is built of solid brick, and the skating surface is of about the same area as that of our new hockey rink. Of course artificial ice is used, and to make this, thirteen miles of pipe are contained in the building. Their rink is called the Casino, and in its appointments it is palatial. The ceilings and walls are frescoed, and more than five hundred incandescent lights illuminate the skating surface. A magnificent gallery encircles the structure, and the floors and sides are finished in hard wood. A splendid cafe is situated in one end of the building, which is also furnished with splendid dressing and retiring rooms. An orchestra of twenty pieces discourses music morning, afternoon and evening. The cost of the building was \$300,000, and though used as a skating rink for only about three months during the year, the remainder of the time it is open as an amusement hall.

I am sorry that I shall be unable to write further regarding the city of Pittsburg and its people. Let it suffice to say that the team was treated splendidly

by all. The management of the rink and the players were all very kind, and as their guests the team had several box-parties at the theatres.

From Pittsburg, the boys proceeded to Washington and Baltimore. Three games were arranged against the Baltimore club; two to be played in Baltimore and one in Washington. A team from Quebec city visited Baltimore last year, and as a result the Baltimore team now plays the Canadian game. The games here were repetitions of the games in Pittsburg; but the Baltimore team, being older at the sport, puts up a stronger game than the Pittsburgers, and succeeded once in scoring. The visit in Baltimore and Washington was no less pleasant than in Pittsburg, and many friendships were made there. Norman Carmichael, '90, Alf. Mitchell, '94, and "Tug" Wilson, '88, looked after the boys, and the last named gave a very charming reception to the team at his residence. As plenty of time had been allowed for sight-seeing, Washington and Baltimore are more familiar spots to the boys.

The return journey was commenced on January 9th, and a match was played against all Pittsburg on the 10th. Great improvement was noticed in the Pittsburgers' play, and they succeeded in scoring twice against our team.

About noon of January 10th, the team reached Toronto, but unfortunately it was found impossible to arrange a game there on that date, so no stop was made. On the evening of the 10th, the team arrived back in the old Limestone City, after having spent a very enjoyable vacation.

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PERSONALS.

MARRIED, at the home of the bride's mother Perth, on Thursday, Dec. 26th, 1895, Rev. R. C. H. Sinclair, of Oliver's Ferry, to Miss Jennie McDonald. "Shake!"

Although the cake has not yet arrived, we believe we are not premature in extending cordial good wishes to Harry Lavell, B.A., '88, Smith's Falls, a former Assistant Editor of the JOURNAL and Leader of the Glee Club, and to Mrs. Lavell, formerly Miss Minnie Chambers, B.A., '91, on their union by the sacred vows of matrimony, at Los Angeles, on Dec. 28th, 1895.

We welcome back to Kingston that old veteran, T. G. Marquis, B.A., '89. He comes from Stratford to teach in the Collegiate here. Although presumably debarred from his old position on the football team by the new rules, his force as a literary man, enhanced by that of Mrs. Marquis, a former student of Queen's, will doubtless remind us of the "Tom" of olden days.