

has practically the same personnel as last year the men do not seem to play with anything like the same snap as in 1911.

On Saturday last Ottawa was again lucky, for not only did they beat Quebec, but the Canadiens downed the Wanderers. The French team are now in the lead. At this writing the standing in the Eastern and Western leagues is:

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	Won.	Lost.	Play.
Ottawa	4	3	11
Canadiens	4	3	11
Wanderers	3	4	11
Quebec	3	4	11

Amateur hockey has been booming this year and the local clubs are all busy. There are so many different leagues within a hundred miles of Ottawa that one is quite bewildered. But each club even if composed of little tots has its 'rooters' and every girl, large and small, has her favourite club and player. The makers of hockey sticks must be doing 'a land office business' and now that artificial ice rinks are coming into vogue there is no telling where it will stop.

The Scottish curlers 'came and saw and were conquered,' but left a most pleasant impression of their visit behind. They are certainly a 'bra' lot of men and put up a very good game. Their work in the open air at Rideau Hall was very fine. This is the game to which the older members of the team were most accustomed. One of the most exciting matches played by the visitors was that against a team from the Yukon, skipped by Hon. Mr. Justice Craig, with Dr. A. Thompson, M.P. playing third. The Scotsmen put on an extra strong quartet—all skips. The two teams were tied many times and it was not until the very last rock was put down by Skip McLeod, for Scotland that the game was won 13—12 by the Sons of the Heather.

It seems somewhat anomalous, but out of 26 curlers from Scotland no less than 24 were teetotallers.

One generally associates Australia with the tropics and intense heat. A recent number of the "Standard of Empire" published in England gives some views of "winter sports in Australia". At Kiandra in New South Wales, a winter resort has been built up which bids fair to rival Davas Platz in Switzerland or our own Banff. Skating, tobogganing and ski-ing are in full blast and the sweltering population of Melbourne and Sydney, who can afford to do so, take full advantage of the pleasures afforded.

Notes.

Fred Taylor, the hockey and lacrosse player, is much sought after. He is under reserve to the Wanderers but apparently doesn't want to play with them. Under the rules he cannot play with Ottawa—and there you are.

Dirty hockey seems to be the rule in the Maritime league. This will surely kill the sport.

It is doubtful if ski-ing was ever so popular as this winter. His Excellency, the Duke of Connaught, has been initiated into it, while the Princess Patricia learned the art in Europe.

The English cricket team in Australia have won the first of five test matches, quite handily.

Shrubb, the English runner, is still winning 'pot hunting' races in the United States.

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