

MOMENTUOUS HINTS FOR
THE GREEN CURLERS

The first and most important move for a man about to indulge in the game is to provide himself with a good pair of curling stones. In the selection of these the chief point to remember is to get a true stone; that is, one not affected by the change of temperature, one that will not be dull when the ice is dull and keen when the ice is keen. It must be equitable in mood and keen at all times. Another important thing about the stone is its polish, and the curler should particularly see that his stone is highly burnished. The careful curler never allows his stone to lose its gloss or brilliancy. If these little things are observed the heaviest stone can be easily manipulated, while if neglected, the lightest stone becomes dull, stubborn and unmanageable. The beauty of a stone, too, has to be taken into account, because in handling a ice stone there is some additional incentive to better work. Therefore, the prospective curler should procure the handsomest stones he can get, and fitted with as fancy and ornamental handle as his means will afford.

As the rink game is in the hands of a skip, it is essential that he should have a thorough knowledge of the rules and finer points of the game, along with being a man of imperturbable temper, never showing the least anger to his men. When a mistake is made he should not blame the player whose fault it happens to be, but he should shoulder the responsibility himself; nor should he grow boastful at the moment of victory, nor sulky in defeat. His business is to be cool and prudent, and watchful, always by the side of the tee, coaching his men in every shot. The rink contest being a case of four against four, the skip should be fully alive to each player's strong points, and be ever ready to utilize them. It has always been found to be a good plan for skips to let the man with the heaviest stones take the lead and draw to the tee. Then the rest of the rink should protect him, that is, if the opposing side has not dislodged him, and the work of the third player should be some cannon or angular wick shots.

A very important feature of the game is position, or what is otherwise known as fitting the tee. It means that the player places himself in such a position at the back, or champit that his eye can travel along a central line to the further tee. His right foot should rest easily on the back or champit, and no matter what sort of a shot the skip asks for the player should be able to deliver it. Awkwardness of position at the back should never trouble a player. The only object to bear in mind is to have full command of the stone and to be able to perform as the skip demands.

But of all the critical points to be kept in mind by the curler the most vital is the twist, or in other words, the ability to impart a rotary motion to the stone as it travels along the ice toward the tee. This faculty has been truly regarded as the acme of the curler's art. It is the accomplishment which gives the finishing touch to curling proficiency and shows the difference between a really scientific player and his less adept brethren of the broom. When the skip calls for "in turn" or "out turn" the keen player is always able to respond with the required twist and to make the stone curl against the bias altogether. Even when a straight shot is wanted it is useful to be able to give it a slight curl, to work it against a rough or soft spot in the ice where the out and out straight shot might fall away out of its true course. The player who is not able to give his stone the twist and who has all the time to fall back on the straight shot is but the merest kind of a novice and is forever at the mercy of his opponents.

The swing or method of delivering the stone is a point that requires attention. A player should give the arm a fine, loose sweep, the stone at the same time describing a semi-circle in the air. If this is done the stone will take the ice smoothly and not with a bang. As the stone descends the left knee should be bent while the body should receive a forward motion and the arm should follow the stone as far as possible. If this hint is carried out the stone gets a sort of swift push on the ice instead of being flung against it. Sometimes a heavy stone descends too rapidly at the moment of delivery and the impetus is likely to carry the player off his feet. Should this happen the player should quickly stick his left foot out in front and it will keep him from losing his balance. In their efforts to make effective shots players are often seen to fall on all fours in delivering the stone. It is a practice that should be avoided, as it

is not only clumsy but dangerous, and altogether an unsightly feature of a very clean sport.

ELKO NOTES

A bright and prosperous New Year to all our friends and what few enemies we might have. May the very best of your past be the worst of your future. Misery, though it walk with beggary, ends only with the grave, so let's be merry on earth while we are here.

Miss Mae Lee, of Calgary, was visiting friends in Elko this week. No relation of Nancy.

If man wants but little here below, this winter will be a good chance for him to get it.

May the delights of Heaven be with you always in 1914 and for evermore.

Miss Taylor, principal of Elko's Rural Temple of Learning, left for Kaslo for the Christmas holidays.

The kids are passing the corn beef up to get at the plum pudding.

One of the strongest features at Redondo Beach, Cal., on New Year's day, will be Charlie Klingensmith, of Elko, in his high dive from the hotel Neptune into the Pacific. If there's anything Charlie likes it is to be splashed by the silver sea. Sprayed with golden color, ripe with roses, purpled by the shadows of tropic palms, on New Year's day.

A very enjoyable affair of the past week was the regular meeting of the Elko board of trade.

A great many people from Baynes and Waldo visited Elko Christmas week.

F. J. Burns, government agent, Fernie, was down to Elko this week.

The Mutual Admiration Society of Elko propose giving a big dance before New Year's in the new billiard hall and club room now in course of construction. The pumpkin vine and the tango will be special features.

The Joyce boys and Jim Thompson are home from the Western Canada College for the holidays.

British press news states that Sylvia is out of jail again.

A compliment will cover a whole lot, even if times are the worst we have ever known in Canada, we have known it in some cases to cover a multitude of sins.

A large band of Tobacco Plains Indians passed through Elko on their way to the Indian Mission, near Cranbrook.

The Elko Conservatives held a big meeting last week, but it's no good asking us when there'll be a general election. We have to guess like the rest. No reporters admitted.

A. Fenwick, of Fort Steele, motorized to Elko last week. Mr. Fenwick is one of the oldest timers in this district and came to Elko in 1883.

Miss Mae Nicholson, of Michel, is visiting her mother during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ross, of Whittemouth Villa, Waldo, were Elko visitors this week.

There is no truth in the rumor that Jim Thistlebeak and Col. R. T. Lowery, of Greenwood, will jointly edit the Toronto Globe, nor is there any truth in the statement that they are both self-made millionaires.

At the Conservative meeting the other night a statement was made that the Minister of Public Works stated at a convention some time ago that road building could be taught by mail. If good roads could be built by correspondence there wouldn't be a bad road in South East Kootenay.

Miss Jane Todhunter, one of the nursing staff of the Cranbrook hospital, who has been very sick, was brought to Elko this week by her mother, who resides at Cumberland House, and it's dollars to doughnuts that her mother and the Elko ozone will do wonders and enable her to attend all the society functions and dances by New Year's. Elko is the most talked of town in B.C. today, tomorrow and all the time.

A boy in Spokane has been named by his parents Grover Cleveland Woodrow Jennings Bryan Robinson. Jim Thistlebeak says if his pa isn't postmaster he ought to be.

Jim Joyce, the Flawstone millman, was in Elko this week.

Miss Agnes Allen, of Fernie, spent the week end in Elko.

R. L. Borden and Finance Minister White say that the hard times will pass with Christmas and New Year, and that after New Year things will open up like a rosebud in the sun, all of which is very comforting says Jim Thistlebeak. But says Jim, it will take a good many crumbs of comfort to make a square meal.

Large bands of Piegan and Blood Indians arrived from sunny Alberta and left for Tobacco Plains reserve, where they will be the guests of the Kootenay Indians. The Blacktail dance will be a strong feature at this great meeting of braves. Keep your eye on these notes. We leave for the scene and if we live through it will report same for this paper.

Guards Will Not Confess

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 28.—The chairman of the prison reform commission states that if there are no confessions of those declared guilty in trafficking in tobacco in Portsmouth penitentiary the commission will proceed to take evidence and there will probably be a long session to go into the charges. A confession will mean immediate dismissal while if a guard is found guilty, he will likely go to prison for six months. More guards who are known to have given wrong ages when seeking appointment, will be questioned by the commission.

By virtue of a Warrant of Execution issued out of the County Court of East Kootenay, holden at Fernie, in the Province of British Columbia, at the suit of Philip Carosella, Merchant, Fernie, B. C.,

Plaintiff, and E. Greenwood and James Hartley, carrying on business at the City of Macleod, Alberta, under the name and style of Western Cartage Co., and the said Western Cartage Co., Defendants.

I have seized and taken in Execution all the right, title and interests of the said Defendants' two-seated McLaughlin Cutter and two sets of Sleighs, (Bain make) to recover the sum of \$196.00, besides Sheriff's Pounds, and all other legal incidental expenses, all of which I shall of-

fer for sale on Thursday, the Eighth day of January, 1914, (8th January, 1914), at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, at W. J. J. Morrison's barn, Lot 2, Blouk 22, in the City of Fernie, B.C.

Dated at Fernie, B.C., December 30th, 1913.

M. A. Kastner,
Sheriff's Deputy.

FORT STEELE
ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Notice Is Hereby Given, in accordance with the Statutes, that all assessed taxes and income tax and school tax assessed and levied under the "Taxation Act" are due and payable on the 2nd day of January, 1914. All taxes collectable for the Fort Steele Assessment District are due and payable at my office, situated at the Government Offices, Cranbrook. This notice, in terms of law, is equivalent to a personal demand by me upon all persons liable for taxes.

Dated at Cranbrook, B.C., the 29th day of December, 1913.

N. A. Wallinger,
Deputy Assessor and Collector Fort Steele Assessment District.

THE CANADIAN BANK
OF COMMERCE

Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ending 29th November, 1913

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account, brought forward from last year.....	\$ 771,578 88
Net Profits for the year ending 29th November, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts.....	2,992,951 10
	\$ 3,764,529 98

This has been appropriated as follows:

Dividends Nos. 104, 105, 106 and 107, at ten per cent. per annum	\$ 1,500,000 00
Bonus of one per cent. payable 1st June.....	150,000 00
Bonus of one per cent. payable 1st December.....	150,000 00
Written off Bank Premises.....	500,000 00
Transferred to Pension Fund (annual contribution).....	80,000 00
Transferred to Rest Account.....	1,000,000 00
Balance carried forward.....	384,529 98
	\$ 3,764,529 98

GENERAL STATEMENT
29th November, 1913

LIABILITIES		
Notes of the Bank in circulation.....	\$15,642,923 18	
Deposits not bearing interest.....	\$52,798,205 84	
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date.....	140,015,509 40	192,813,715 24
Balances due to other Banks in Canada.....	633,237 12	
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada.....	10,071,316 73	
Bills payable.....	9,515,787 65	
Acceptances under Letters of Credit.....	1,941,544 19	
	\$230,618,524 11	
Dividends unpaid.....	2,666 48	
Dividend No. 107 and bonus payable 1st December.....	525,000 00	
Capital paid up.....	\$15,000,000 00	
Reserve.....	13,500,000 00	
Balance of Profit and Loss Account carried forward.....	384,529 98	28,884,529 98
		\$ 260,030,720 57

ASSETS		
Current Coin and Bullion.....	\$ 9,579,473 66	
Dominion Notes.....	20,836,182 50	\$30,415,656 16
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada.....	\$6,884,652 83	
Balances due by other Banks in Canada.....	22,122 47	
Notes of other Banks.....	3,106,230 00	
Cheques on other Banks.....	6,418,425 14	16,431,430 44
Call and Short Loans in Canada on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks.....	9,610,550 08	
Call and Short Loans elsewhere than in Canada.....	16,154,360 65	
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities.....	3,434,605 06	
British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities and Canadian Municipal Securities.....	2,431,989 71	
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks.....	18,091,224 04	
Deposit with the Minister for the purposes of the Circulation Fund.....	738,500 00	
	\$97,308,316 14	
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest).....	136,474,874 82	
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest).....	18,102,015 15	
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for).....	487,554 72	
Real Estate (including the unsold balance of former premises of the Eastern Townships Bank).....	979,915 61	
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank.....	433,607 32	
Bank Premises.....	4,281,481 60	
Other Assets.....	21,411 02	
Liabilities of customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra.....	1,941,544 19	
	\$260,030,720 57	

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