

"guarding" of "chipping" and "in-wicking," not to mention our famed "in-turn" and "out-turn," on which we rely so much for success in taking the most difficult shots, and for gaining the mastery over *biased* ice, which under the skillful manipulation of a first-rate Curler can be converted into an aid in reaching some well guarded winner, and thus plucking from an opponent the laurels that had been all but won.

I informed the members of the Royal Caledonian Club that Curling was making marked progress, especially of late, in the Province of Ontario—several new Clubs having been formed recently; and that the institution of the Ontario Branch of the Royal Club had given an impetus to the cause, which if wisely directed, would secure for it even greater prosperity. Whilst the fact that the justly-popular Governor General of the Dominion, Lord Dufferin, who had become both a good and a "keen" Curler, was Patron of the new Branch Club and took great interest in the "Roaring Game," could not fail to commend it to general favor, and secure for it further success in influential circles.

I suggested to our Brother Curlers of "Auld Scotia" that they might send out *two*, or perhaps *three* Rinks of their *Experts*, to try the mettle of our Canadian Curlers. They might be assured of abundance of ice, games to their heart's content, should King Frost extend to our lakes and rivers and artificial ponds, his usual favors—and in any case a hearty welcome from our Local Clubs on this side of the Atlantic; besides no end of challenges to try friendly issues with us on the ice. Their response was ready and hearty, with the true Curlers ring about it, as they proclaimed their willingness to meet us in friendly encounter—aye, and beat us too! No boastful rejoinder escaped my lips in reply, but I instinctively thought of the Invincibles among our own Toronto curlers—the renowned "Red Jacket" Rink with their medal-adorned chief:—of old "Cockolorum" with his gallant band of warriors aye ready for the fray, and of other veterans of the broom not unknown to curling fame who had gathered laurels in many a famous fight with not unworthy foes.