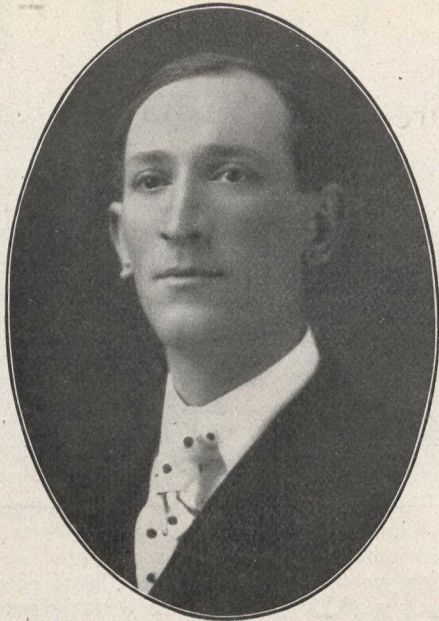


the year was the ladies' bonspiel, which took place in Montreal recently under the auspices of the Ladies' Curling Association. Over one hundred ladies competed—from Montreal, Quebec, Smith's Falls, Ormstown and Lachine. While the various events were in progress, the Montreal rinks were crowded by a fashionable throng and more interest was taken than if the contestants were men. Both irons and stones were used, although irons claimed the greater number of the matches.

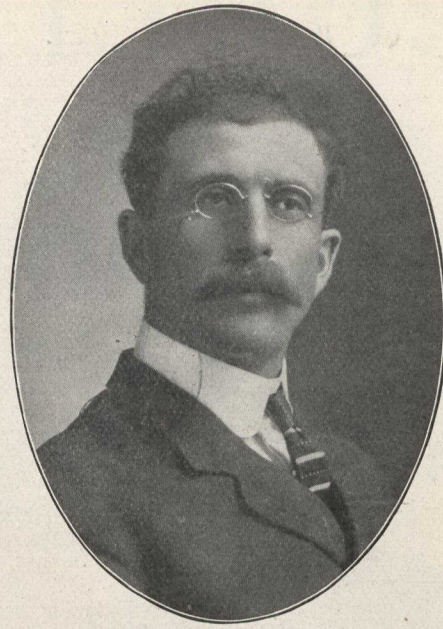
An incident worth recording is the arrival of a letter in Winnipeg last week from the secretary of a curling club in Fairbanks, Alaska, asking for affiliation with the Manitoba R.C.C.C. Fairbanks is 850 miles by stage from White Horse, but its enthusiastic curlers hope to make the trip next year to attend the Winnipeg bonspiel. The journey is not so terribly long, only 3,500 miles, or 500 miles farther than the Dawson curlers came this year.

The spirit of the game is epitomised in an expression used by the editor of the Winnipeg "Tribune" in his issue of Saturday last. In speaking of the bonspiel and of the welcome which Winnipeg was extending to its visitors, the editor added: "Here's hoping that Winnipeg will not win more than her share of the prizes." This is the spirit of the true sportsman. It obtains in other sports also, but one may be pardoned for wishing that it obtained more generally.

The season of 1907-8 has been most successful everywhere. The Winnipeg bonspiel was affected by mild weather during the first day or two, but most of the larger events have been played on fairly



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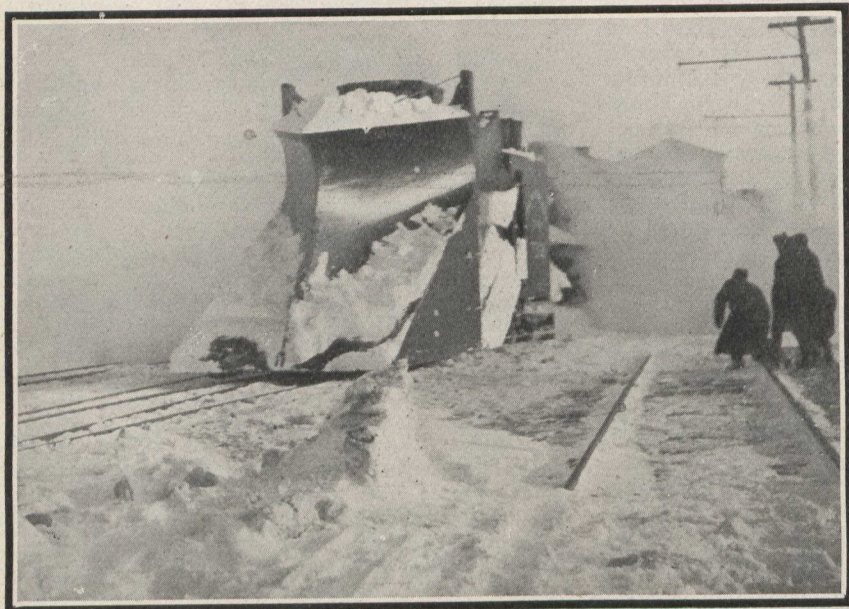


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good ice. The prospects for the future are for more clubs, more rinks and greater competitions. The game is especially suitable to our climate and our manner of living. It is played by old and young, and a man of twenty-five may be on the same rink as a

man of sixty-five. It is not troubled by the continuous fight between amateurism and professionalism and in this respect it differs from most other forms of winter sport. It is a democratic game, yet is played only by gentlemen.

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