

as you have already learned from the abstract minute since transmitted to our Secretary, Mr. Walker, and to which I beg to refer you.

I may state that my reception as your Representative, by the Royal Caledonian Curling Club was most cordial, both at the Annual Meeting, and subsequently at the Dinner at which I was given the post of honor on the right of the President, Admiral Maitland Dougall, whose gentlemanly deportment, zeal as a keen curler, and admirable tact as Chairman, so eminently fitted him for presiding at the social board, as well as over the business deliberations of the Royal Club. At the Annual Meeting a large amount of business was disposed of, and at the Dinner several good speeches were delivered, and interesting reminiscences narrated, interspersed with humorous incidents connected with the early history of Curling.

The Ontario Branch of the Royal Caledonian Club had a place assigned to it in the Chairman's list of toasts. Our brother Curlers of the Montreal Branch were not forgotten; and the good wishes of the Parent Club were amply expressed for the prosperity of both of our Canadian Branch Clubs, and all Transatlantic Curlers in general.

One speech at the Club dinner was specially interesting, as falling from, perhaps, the oldest Curler in Scotland; at all events he claimed to be the only survivor of the small band of Curlers who met in Edinburgh to organize a Central Club with a view to promoting the interests of Curling. And then and thus was organized the "Grand Curling Club of Scotland," which is now known in every land to which curlers have gone forth, as the "Royal Caledonian Curling Club."

The original meeting was called by anonymous advertisement in the "Scotchman" newspaper, inviting Curlers to meet on a certain day for considering what steps should be taken to promote the interests of the Game of Curling. Long after the hour named in the notice, only a few gentlemen had put in an appearance. And as none of them knew anything about the proposals to be made, they were almost on the point of