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surprise and discomforture when he espied coming up the Rink none other than the astute Collector of Customs himself. Explanations were useless, and the fate of the "contraband" hung in the balance until the gallant Captain informed the guilty Colonel that he was not there like Sir Joseph Porter "officially." It is needless to say that the American beverage was instantly substituted for the oatmeal water the players had been drinking, and the play developed thereafter into as fine an exhibition of the "roaring game" as the most enthusiastic son of Scotia could desire.

The following year the Kingston Curling and Skating Association built these two present Rinks, and though they were not quite so frequent visitors to Rockwood, the friendly relations continued, and in recognition of the season of 1888-89, they not only elected the members of the Rockwood Club honorary members of the Kingston Club, but also generously donated a Medal for single competition between the members of the Asylum Club. This medal was won after a series of spirited contests by Mr. Allan McLean. His victory was very popular, as no one begrudged the "old man" the honors he so fairly won.

Before passing on it may be as well to state, that from the start of the Club Dr. Clarke has been the unanimous choice for President, Mr. McLean Vice President, and Mr. Wm. Cochrane Sec'y-Treas.

In 1889-90 but three regular games were played between the city Clubs and the Rockwoods, the latter capturing one match of the three. The Rink opened January 11th, 1890.

The next year more matches were played, the season having opened on December the 12th, 1890. This enthusiasm was characteristic of the following year, as the records

show; and in the year 1892-93 an annual single competition was instituted. This year saw the worthy President the winner, and it was meet that he should win, tho' his victory was not "easy meat" by any means. The Doctor was heartily congratulated, and his fellow curlers were glad that the prize had been gained by one who has always taken a deep interest in manly sports and been their constant friend and champion. Still further interest was manifested in the game in the season of 1893-94, the chief cause of this was the fact of the Rockwood Club presenting a Cup for annual competition between themselves and the Kingstons. The Cup was paid for by Club subscription, and the conditions were made that it was for annual competition, home and home matches of two rinks per club, and only to become the absolute property of either club in the event of a two successive years' default. The first matches were well contested; below I append the score:—

At Rockwood, February 5th, 1894.
McCammon, Capt. Donnelly,
Davidson, J. Gunn,
Dennison, K. McIver,
Clarke, skip 17. James Stewart, 26.
Potter, Kearns,
Carr, Shaw,
Cochrane, Dalton,
McLean, sk. 22. Sutherland, sk. 17.
At Kingston, February 17th, 1894.
McCammon, Leslie,
Davidson, E. Hamilton,
Dennison, Drury,
Clarke, skip 21. Strachan, sk. 14.
Potter, A. J. Watson,
Carr, D. Watson,
Cochrane, Sutherland,
McLean, sk. 12. Dalton, skip 27.

The Kingstons thus winning by a total majority of twelve shots. Other rinks and coteries of curlers

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