



VIEW ON KENNEBECASIS RIVER, NEAR ST. JOHN, N.B.

that matter, having the size of tracks changed to suit their personal convenience when competing in Europe or America. Why it should be done in Canada I know not. But even though it may seem stretching good nature too far, it is generally understood that the Skating Association will make an effort to have a four lap track, just to prove that there is a great deal more genuine sportsmanlike feeling on the northern than on the southern side of the line. It will certainly be an injustice to our Canadian skaters, who are used to smaller distances and sharper turns. But let that go. Until Donoghue comes to Canada and wins a championship he cannot call himself the world's champion distance skater, notwithstanding how often the American press dub him such. He is champion of Europe and the United States, and there it ends. There is only one world's champion in skating (figure skating, not distance), Louis Rubenstein. He has held European, Canadian and American championships. Until Donoghue does likewise, in his own line, he can only claim a partial title.

The curlers are having a busy time this season, and the weather is such that even a Scotchman given to growling can scarcely find anything to cavil at. In Montreal the great topic in curling circles has been the vase presented by H. Walker & Sons, to be played for by the city clubs. The conditions are that the trophy be played for during three years, the vase to become the property of the club winning it twice in that time. As an extra stimulant to good play, four individual prizes have been added for the winning club each year. The conditions called for ten rinks a side, and the Thistle and Caledonias were the first to face each other, Montreal being fortunate enough to draw a bye. The first set was close enough to satisfy the most ardent curlers, and anything more exciting than the end of the first day's play, when only one shot separated the rivals, is not down in the annals. The second day's play was almost as close, but the Caledonias managed to win by a small majority. Then Montreal and Caledonia met, one rink aside playing on Thursday afternoon. The Caledonias started out by gaining a lead of five on this rink, Mr. W. Wilson (skip) beating W. I. Fenwick (skip) by a score of 18 to 13 shots. In the evening the Burnside Place men still showed the way to St. Catherine street, and added four more points to their score, making the total:—Caledonia, 104; Montreal, 95. The second day's play still saw the Caledonias piling up the score, and the ultimate result was that Caledonia won by a majority of 15 shots. To dispose of the four individual medals, it has been decided that the ten competing rinks play rink by rink, each member of the winning one to take a prize.

made the magnificent record of beating all the local clubs in the annual friendly matches, claiming as victims the Caledonias, the Montreals and the Heathers. But since that time fortune seems to have gone the wrong way. On Wednesday two rinks from the Prospect Park Curling Club of Toronto visited the Thistle ice and played two matches, one in the afternoon and one in the evening, and considering that a granite-playing club twice defeated iron-playing men, the double victory of the visitors was somewhat of a surprise. The majorities were small, to be sure, but, like Mercutio's wound, they were enough, as will be seen from the following scores:—

AFTERNOON.		Thistle.	
<i>Prospect Park.</i>		J. H. Smith	
W. Mowat		— Oxley	
G. Hardy		F. T. Campbell	
J. G. Gibson		W. W. Mowat—skip	6
D. Carlyle—skip	9	W. F. Scott	
J. W. Corcoran		Hon. Judge Tait	
J. G. Scott		W. J. Anderson	
R. Watson		Rev. J. Barclay—skip	8
J. Wright—skip	10		
Total.....	19	Total.....	14

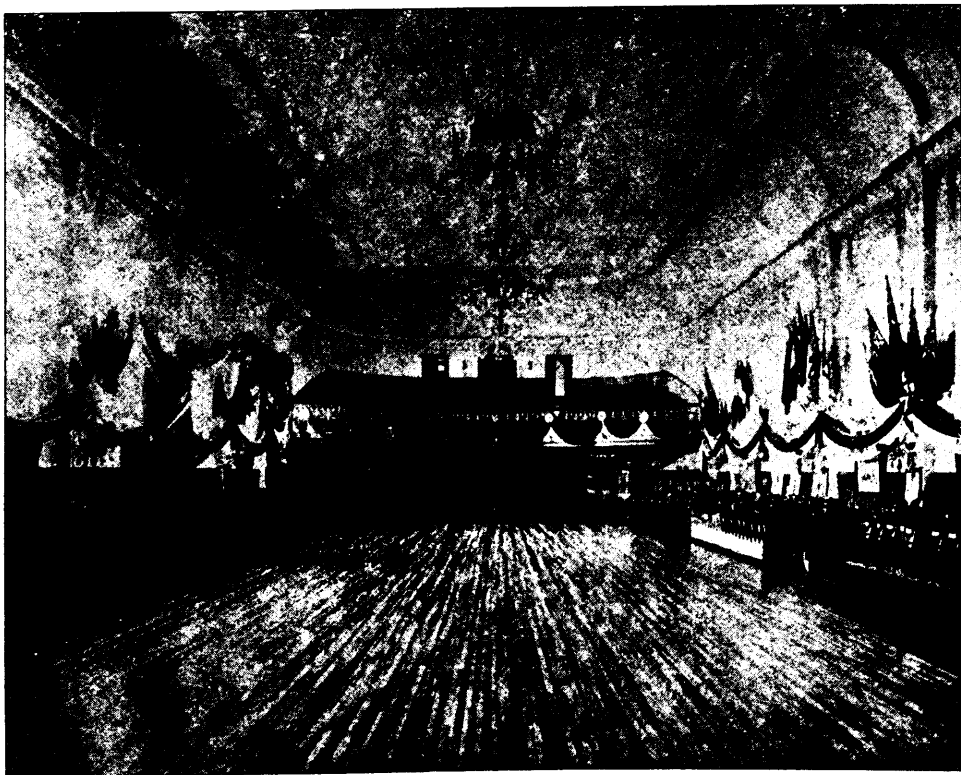
EVENING.			
W. Mowat		Hon. Judge Tait	
G. Hardy		W. J. Cleghorn	
J. G. Gibson		Geo. W. Cameron	
D. Carlyle—skip	11	Capt. Clift—skip	13
J. W. Corcoran		W. S. Scott	
J. Wright		A. Fraser	
J. C. Scott		A. Nicoll	
R. Watson—skip	15	Rev. J. Barclay—skip	10
Total.....	26	Total.....	23

The Royal Caledonia medal is another trophy on which covetous eyes have been cast by the Thistle Curling Club, and accordingly two rinks played the preliminary match with the Quebec Curling Club on Saturday last. The match will be concluded to-morrow, (Saturday) when two other rinks a side will play in Montreal. It is doubtful, however, whether the Montreal men can overcome the majority of 15 which their opponents gained in the first heat. Following shows the score of the first day's play:—

Quebec.		Thistle.	
Wm. Horne		David Campbell	
Fred Smith		W. J. Cleghorn	
Hubert Bignall		G. W. Cameron	
P. Johnston—skip	19	Capt. Clift—skip	14
A. W. Colley		R. Adair	
J. A. Ready		W. Anderson	
W. R. Dean		G. H. Ballour	
Alex. Brodie—skip	26	Wm. Stewart—skip	16
Total.....	45	Total.....	30

The most enthusiastic gun men, the St. Huberts, of Ottawa, have elected the following officers:—President, Dr. Alex. Martin; first vice-president, T. J. Coursolles; second vice-president, J. De St. D. Lemoine; secretary, W. J. Johnston; treasurer, J. N. Deslauriers; curator of museum, Edward White; field captain, L. A. Desrosier; auditors, Wm. McMahon and John Marshall; executive committee, Messrs. George R. White, W. P. Leet, jr., W. MacMahon, A. H. Troop and T. G. Brigham.

The snowshoers from Springfield and Holyoke had an enjoyable time while the guests of the Canadian and Le Trappeur Snowshoe Clubs in Montreal. Between the two organizations every spare moment was taken up, and there was very little worth seeing and possible to see in the limited time at their disposal that was not enjoyed by the visitors.



NEW HALL, WINDSOR HOTEL, MONTREAL.

A few weeks ago the Montreal Thistle Curling Club