

The Ottawa professional club started the season with a match against Quebec and drew 3,000 spectators. Ottawa won 6—5.

The Wanderers opened the season by "white washing" the Canadians, who are suffering greatly from the loss of Lalonde.

On Saturday last the Ottawa team went to Montreal and were defeated to the tune of 9—5. It is claimed by the team from the Capital that the new rule of playing six men instead of seven, together with other amendments now in vogue, was the cause of their downfall. The Wanderers were very much strengthened by the addition of the Cleghorn brothers of last year's Renfrew team.



The Scottish curlers arrived on the last day of the year at Halifax, and received a royal welcome. The party consists of six rinks and matches will be played throughout Canada for the next two months. So far the visitors have been very successful and the fate of the Strathcona trophy will no doubt be in the balance until the conclusion of the tour. This cup was donated by Lord Strathcona and will be taken back by the Scotsmen should they have a majority of points in the aggregate of all their matches. If not, it will remain in Canada. Elaborate entertainment is being prepared for the visitors in Montreal, Toronto and other cities.



The trotting races of the Ottawa Valley Driving club took place last week at Lansdowne Park, and brought together a large number of the harness racing patrons. The attendance was good, ... remarkably good considering the extremely cold weather. Standing around in a high wind, at 20 below zero, has not many points about it to commend it. Yet many did it for the three afternoons of the meet.

One of the fortunate winners was Mr. L. J. Tarte, of Montreal, son of

the late Hon. J. I. Tarte, formerly minister of Public Works.

Mr. P. P. Salter made an excellent presiding judge, while Mr. C. Howard Putnam performed the arduous duties of secretary in a capable manner.

Notes.

It is said that His Excellency, the Governor General is lending his patronage only to the amateur hockey games. *The Civilian* is satisfied that this decision of His Excellency, if true, will be received with enthusiasm by all the lovers of clean, amateur sport in Canada.

One of the objections actually advanced against the new hockey rules by one of the players is that they eliminate all rough and 'dirty' play! Many people have been kept away from the matches just because of the rowdy actions of some of the players.

The first match of the Pacific Hockey League took place in Victoria on New Year's Eve, against New Westminster. It drew 4,000 spectators. What a 'gate' they will have in Vancouver. By the way, it is said that the sheet of ice in the latter city is the finest in Canada—which is saying something.

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