

PREFACE.

YOUR Committee trust that this, the sixteenth volume of the Annual of the Ontario Branch of the R.C.C.C., will be found as useful, and as full of interest, as any of the previous issues.

They would respectfully direct attention to alterations made, and others proposed to be made, in the rules and regulations, for the better ordering of the affairs of the Association; and to an added clause in No. 4 of the regulations for the competition for the Ontario Tankard.

The publication of the lists of the office-bearers of the other branches of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, established in the Dominion of Canada, will, they think, be acceptable to the members of the Ontario Branch.

They trust that the "*Pro Forma* Set of Rules, etc., for Curling Clubs," will be found acceptable and useful; it was, in substance, recently compiled for and adopted by one of the oldest and most active clubs in our Association, and the regulations seem to be very complete.

They would once more direct attention to the too large number of clubs, whose neglect to send in new lists of office-bearers and members is indicated by the oft-repeated phrase, *reprinted from last year, no new list having been furnished*, and to express the hope that the clause will not be required in any succeeding volume.

The portrait of our genial President, Dr. R. P. Boucher, of the Peterboro' Club, which graces this volume, will be cherished by his numerous friends, including all curlers who have attended the business meetings of the Branch Club, as well as those, still more fortunate, who have enjoyed the pleasure of a day's curling at Peterboro', and the hospitalities of the jolly members of this far-famed club.

And your Committee commend their "work" to the kind indulgence of their brother curlers, fully conscious that it might have been better executed, had better skill been theirs, and greater leisure.

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