



THE RACE for the world's hockey championship during the 1911-12 season will go down in sporting history as the most gruelling in hockey annals. The teams were so evenly matched, not one contest during the whole season was won without a struggle which taxed the best energies of the contending teams. The pace was a nerve-racking one, and all four clubs were in the race from the opening games in December until the finals were played in March. At no time during the season did any club gain a commanding lead, and for the greater part of the winter one match only separated the two leaders from the two tail enders.

In winning the championship, the Quebec Club performed in a manner which won universal admiration. Losing the first three matches—two at home and one away—prospects were anything but