

GLOSSARY OF TERMS.

- RINK. Rank—lead—ice set apart for a curling spiel.
Length about thirty (30) yards, owing to the size and weight of stones played. Now 42 yards long.
- TEE. Toe—see—cokee—gogsee—the centre of attraction.
Originally a bawbee—a pinch of snuff—or a plain button.
Teutonic "tighen," to point out.
- HOG. Hog-score. A line, generally serpentine, to distinguish from a crack in the ice.
The term hog in curling, it is also supposed, has been taken from that of sheep that are one year old and called Hogs—as at this age they are often ill and apt to lag behind the flock.
- SKIP. Brandey—Director—Master—Oversman—Leader.
- BROOM. Besom—Kowe—Cowe.
- HACK. This was not in existence in the early games. The player balanced himself by wearing Crampbit, Crampet, Cramp or Tramp—a piece of iron or steel with prongs underneath, strapped to the foot. They, however, were replaced by the "foot iron," as used by us now, as the former damaged the ice.
- GAME. A certain number of shots, usually 31. The Bonspiel which was generally played between 5 rinks of 8 men each, was decided when one side reached the score of 155, and unless a majority of rinks on one side were uppermost, a mere majority of numbers did not secure a victory.
- BONSPIEL. The great "field day of the ice campaign"—parish against parish—county against county. Provincial spiels, in which a certain number of local clubs associated together in a certain district meet to determine which is the strongest club.