

THE ROCKWOOD REVIEW

"CURLING AT ROCKWOOD."

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developing among the Rockwoods, gave rise to many keenly contested matches, and though their interest was purely local, they tended to give the players skill and confidence; the "Gerda's Crew" vs. "The Scotchmen," "The Oddfellows" vs. "All Comers," were among these, and were played with varying success.

Besides these local matches the Rockwoods played other friendly matches with their Kingstonian brothers of the "besom." "The Oddfellows" went to town and took the "Bachelors" into camp though not conferring on them the encampment degree. This was the score. —

At Kingston, February 20th, 1894.	"Oddfellows."	"Bachelors."
Williamson,	McNab,	
Potter,	W. B. Carruthers,	
Dennison,	Jas. Gunn,	
Cochrane, sk. 17.	A. J. Watson, 9.	

In the same season that grand and genial opponent and skip, James Stewart, met his first defeat on Rockwood ice. It had been his boast that he had never been, and gently insinuated he could not be beaten under these conditions; however, our worthy President thought different, and put his theory into practice on February the 22nd, 1894. The following is the tune to which genial "Jim" danced: —

Rockwoods.	Kingston.
Carr,	A. Shaw,
Cochrane,	K. McIver,
Dennison,	Walkem, J. B.
Clarke, skip 15.	Stewart, 13.

But the interest taken in the inter-Club matches this year was completely over shadowed by that taken in the Club's single-handed competition. This year saw many promising juniors coming to the front, who in their practice games were accustomed to play lead and second for their senior club mates. The

knowledge of pace and distance thus gained served them in good stead as the competition scores show, and after a very exciting contest in which many sure things did not pan out and many "ringers" were left at the post, Messrs. J. Davidson and M. P. Reid competed for the pair of Curling Stones, which form of prize had been decided on for that year. The game itself was a grand exhibition of this style of competition, and finally resulted in Mr. Davidson winning by 13 shots to 11.

Meanwhile the ever active mind of the President had been evolving a scheme which was to fairly revolutionize the game at Rockwood. Some of our patients had shown a great aptitude for the game; likewise the younger attendants had caught the Hockey fever which was fairly epidemic in Kingston; then again, a long felt want was something to take the place of the old airing courts; this something must also overcome the inconvenience of bad spring and fall weather, and provide a place of recreation and amusement for the patients when the weather precluded the possibility of out door exercise. To compass all these many wants and provide for these many contingencies, remained therefore a problem for the President to solve, and having received the sanction and the permission of the government at Toronto, our Gymnasium was the answer to the intricate question. Here alike in winter as in summer, both patients and employees could enjoy themselves — but I am digressing, my subject has been temporarily forgotten and I must leave to the pen of some other enthusiast to describe the joys of the hockeyist or the delights of a drill-sergeant.

With such commodious quarters, the members of the Rockwood Club, now greatly increased numerically, like Alexander, looked round for