

Even in the brief time allowed to one to collect one's thoughts for extemporaneous reply to a toast at the dinner table, there flitted across my mind visions of other heroes of the "besom and stane" frae a' the Kintra side, with whom we Toronto Curlers have had many a tough encounter with varying fortune, on the ice—from Hamilton, Scarboro', Fergus, Guelph, Chatham, London and others of like fame. Curlers who know full well how to handle the "weapons of war," and to roll up good scores against strong opponents. Whilst to the eastward were the famed Clubs of Quebec and Montreal, and Kingston and Ottawa, which, betaking themselves to heavier metal than we are wont to handle, have been steadily carrying on to a high pitch of excellence their peculiar play; and I meekly warned our intrepid friends at Edinburgh (noble fellows as they doubtless are) that they would have to bring the best of Curling Science to their aid, and the expertness which lengthened experience gives, ere they could reasonably hope to "twist" victory from us. They, with their uncertain ice, and few opportunities of curling in any ordinary year. We, with our three months of almost daily practice every winter! How could I hesitate then to say to them "Come on" you shall have a hearty welcome everywhere, and as for the victories—why, you must just be content to wait the issue at the tee, and we shall heartily, and with cheers, give you—all you win.

Seriously, however, I do not expect a visit from our Edinburgh friends, this winter; at least not without previous arrangement by correspondence. But although there may be Curlers amongst us who have the leisure, and would be willing, to proceed to Scotland, to try issues on the ice with the Scottish Curlers, yet the simple fact that we can confidently rely on having ice on which to play, in almost any part of Canada, for so many more weeks than they can secure for us in Scotland, seems to determine the matter in favor of making Canada the field for the first of the proposed contests, should they ever actually take place.

On motion of J. S. Russell, seconded by R. Malcom—A vote of thanks was tendered to the Rev. Dr.

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