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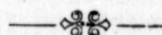


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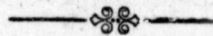
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P R E F A C E .

The Committee on the Annual have great pleasure in placing before the members the first Annual of the Maritime Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

The great object sought to be attained in the formation of our Branch was to bring the clubs of the Maritime Provinces into closer relationship, and this object, we rejoice to say, is likely to realize its more complete fulfillment in the new rules adopted for the McLellan cup competition. Instead of a points' competition for his cup, and the winners to play off, it has been decided to hold a bonspiel at Moncton, to engage the fourteen clubs at present affiliated, two rinks each. The winner of this cup for the ensuing year to become the owners of the Brunswick House cup. to be given by George McSweeny, Esq., proprietor of the "Brunswick," Moncton. Out of this bonspiel may grow several independent matches to come off at the same time.

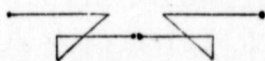
The Executive Committee may authorize two or three medals to be struck; and decide by lot which

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clubs shall play between themselves for medals this year.

The annual meeting was characterized by harmony and good feeling, and with such incentives as above referred to, we are assured the bonspiel competition will be keenly contested, and will result in strengthening and increasing the influence of the Branch. The Minutes and lists of clubs will be found duly printed herein.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 1886.





BY-LAWS, REGULATIONS, ETC.

I. — OF THE CONSTITUTION.

1. The Association shall be called the **MARITIME BRANCH OF THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN CURLING CLUB.**

2. Its objects shall be to promote the Game of Curling mainly in the Maritime Provinces, to unite all the curling clubs in one organization; to hold fraternal intercourse with other neighboring curling associations; and to maintain connection with the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, as a corresponding association.

3. Its membership shall consist of the members, *regular and occasional*, of all curling clubs which may be received into the Association, and conform to the rules thereof, as adopted.

4. The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Representative Committee, composed of one representative appointed by each affiliated club, as hereinafter provided; which shall have power to elect the office-bearers of the Association, and to appoint committees for the transaction of the business thereof.

5. An Annual General Meeting of the members of the Association shall be held on the Third Wednesday in October of each year, to receive the Annual Report of the Representative Committee, and take action upon the same; and to transact such other business as may be necessary.

6. No new law shall be enacted, and no existing law shall be altered or repealed, until approved of by at least two-thirds of the members present at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

II.—OF CLUBS.

1. Any curling club shall be eligible to be received into the Association, which has a membership of not fewer than eight persons; and which has a constitution and a staff of office-bearers, including President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary and Representative Members.

2. Clubs may be received into the Association at any meeting of the Representative Committee; and provisionally at any meeting of the Executive Committee, until confirmed or otherwise disposed of at the next ensuing meeting of the Representative Committee.

3. Every Club desiring admission to the Association shall furnish a list of its office-bearers and members, and name of club; and shall agree to be governed by the Rules of the Association; and must be proposed by one member of the Representative Committee and seconded by another; and a two-thirds majority of votes of those present shall decide the question.

4. Every Club shall elect annually, and not later than ten days before date of the annual meeting

in October, two persons as its representatives to the Representative Committee; the second to act only in the absence of the first, who must be a regular member of the club he represents, but the second may be a member of any affiliated club; and no person shall, at any meeting of the Representative Committee, represent more than two clubs.

5. No person can be a member *regular* of more than one affiliated club at one and the same time; and the lists of members sent in by the secretaries of local clubs to the Secretary of the Association, for publication in the Annual for the season, shall determine the membership of each person and club for that season. The status of new members received into a local club after publication of Annual, can only be established by the certificate of the Secretary of the Association that their names have been added to the roll of the local club, and dues paid. Should the name of any person be returned in the list of more than one club, such person shall be disqualified in all of them, until the General Secretary shall be notified by him that his name has been withdrawn from every list except the one to which it properly belongs. Persons who, from change of residence or other sufficient reason, find it desirable, may withdraw from one club and may be received into another during the curling season; but the change, before coming into effect, must be assented to by both clubs, and be approved of by the Executive Committee; but no such change, or any other reason, shall make it lawful for any curler to play in any one season for or on behalf of more than one club for prizes allocated by the Association, or given under its auspices. Any club playing an Association Prize Match with one or more curlers in its ranks not properly qualified

as members, shall forfeit all right to the prize if it shall have been successful in the contest.

6. If any person becomes or is a member of more than one club, he shall not play in any match against the club of which he is a regular member.

7. Clubs may classify their members in any way they deem suitable, as Honorary, Regular and Occasional Entrance Fee and Annual Dues shall be payable for each member, *regular* and *occasional*, returned as belonging to the club, but only members *regular* shall be entitled to take part in the Association games, and be eligible to the Representative Committee as first Representatives.

III.—OF THE REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

1 The Representative Committee, composed of a representative from each affiliated club (see Cap. II., section 4), shall hold one regular meeting in each year, viz : on the Third Wednesday in October, besides such special meetings as may be called by the proper office-bearers At all such meetings five shall be a quorum

2 At the Annual meeting in October the Representative Committee shall elect their office-bearers for the year ensuing, who shall also be the office-bearers of the Association, and shall come into office immediately upon their election, and continue until their successors are appointed. They shall consist of a Patron, a President, a First and Second Vice-President, a Chaplain and a Secretary-Treasurer. At the same meeting shall also be appointed the Standing Committees, viz : The Executive Committee, consisting of the office-bearers and eight other representative members;

the Committee on the Annual, the Committee on Complaints and Appeals, and the Committee of Auditors. All members of the Association shall be eligible for any office therein, and the mode of election shall, in all cases, be by ballot, when more than one person has been proposed and seconded for any office.

a. The duties of the President shall be to preside and maintain order at all meetings of the Association, of the Representative Committee, and of the Executive Committee; and he shall sign the minutes of such meeting after they have been confirmed, and all official documents. The chairman at all meetings shall have a casting vote in case of a tie, as well as a deliberative vote.

b. The First Vice-President shall take the place and discharge the duties of the President when he is absent; and the Second Vice-President shall have the same authority, in the absence of the President and the First Vice-President; and should all of them be absent from any regular or special meeting, it shall be competent for the meeting assembled to elect a chairman, who shall have, *pro tem*, all the rights and powers of the President.

c. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep full and correct minutes of all the meetings of the Association, the Representative Committee and the Executive Committee, and shall conduct all correspondence arising out of same, and generally carry out the work of the Association. He shall levy and collect all dues and fees, and pay all accounts, and shall keep regular and correct accounts of all moneys collected and bills paid. His books and accounts shall at all times be open to the inspection of the office-bearers, and

shall be balanced on the first of April of each year.

d. The Executive Committee shall constitute the board of management, and shall conduct the business of the Association.

e. The Committee on Complaints and Appeals shall receive from the Secretary and adjudicate upon all complaints and appeals from clubs in regard to their curling intercourse with each other, and especially with reference to competitions for prizes played for under the auspices of the Association, and shall report to the Executive Committee. Their decisions shall always be communicated to the contending parties in writing, and will be held to be accepted and acquiesced in, unless they are notified to the contrary within ten days after their decision shall have been mailed to the said contending parties, and the reasons for non-acquiescence set forth in said notification.

f. The Committee on the Annual shall be charged with the publication of the Annual of the Association, which shall be issued every year about 30th November, and shall contain a list of the office-bearers of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club and of this Association, along with lists of office-bearers and members of the clubs in connection therewith, the rules and regulations of the Association, the minutes of Annual General meetings, and of meetings of the Representative Committee, the financial condition of the Association from year to year, reports of competitions for prizes allocated by the Association, along with records of other matters affecting curling, and calculated to promote the game.

g. The Committee of Auditors shall examine and certify the Treasurer's accounts from year to year.

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3 No complaint or appeal will be received unless sent to the Secretary of the Association in writing, within one week from the date on which occurred the matter of said complaint or appeal; and no complaint or appeal shall be decided until all parties thereto shall have been given an opportunity to state their case; and any party failing or neglecting to show cause within one week after being notified to do so by the Committee, shall thereby be held to have departed from their claim, and to have forfeited all right to any further hearing.

4. At the annual meetings of the Representative Committee, the order of business shall be as follows, viz :

- I. Examining credentials of representatives present.
- II Reading and considering minutes of previous meeting
- III. Correspondence.
- IV. Admission of new clubs
- V. Reports of competitions for Association prizes
- VI. Reports of Standing Committees.
- VII. Reports of Special Committees.
- VIII. Election of office-bearers, and appointment of committees.
- IX. General business.
- X. Distribution of prizes.

At other meetings no business shall be transacted other than that for which the meeting was convened, and which had been clearly set forth in the circular calling the meeting. The President, the Secretary, or any five members of the Executive Committee, may convene a special meeting of the Representative Committee at any time.

IV.—OF ENTRANCE AND ANNUAL FEES.

1. The fees payable by clubs shall be an entrance fee, and annual dues.

2. The entrance fee shall be payable on admission, and according to the following scale, viz.:

Clubs of 8 members and under 20.....	\$4 00
Clubs of 20 members and under 50.....	6 00
Clubs of 50 members and under 100.....	8 00
Clubs of 100 members and over.....	10 00

3. The annual dues shall be payable in advance, the first annual payment to be made, with entrance fee, on admission, and at the following rate, viz: A club rate of one dollar and fifty cents from each club, and an additional sum of ten cents in respect of each member, *regular* and *occasional*, of the club, and no club shall be called upon to pay more than ten dollars for members' dues. The membership rate shall be doubled for names of members sent in after Annual is made up

4 From these sources shall be formed a common fund to be under the control of the Executive Committee, and from which shall be defrayed the printing, advertising and incidental expenses of the Association, and the cost of medals and other prizes allocated by it.

5. No club in arrears shall be entitled to compete for any prize of the Association.

6. If any club shall fall three years in arrear of the payment of its annual dues, it shall be struck off the list of the Association, and shall not be reinstated except as a new club.

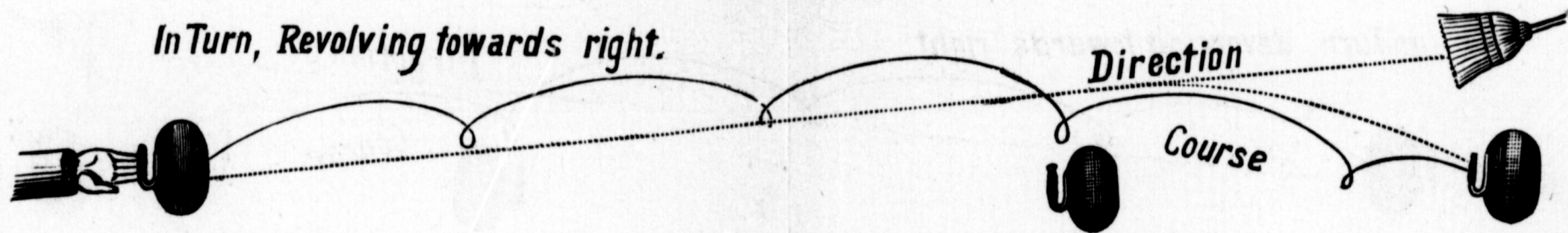
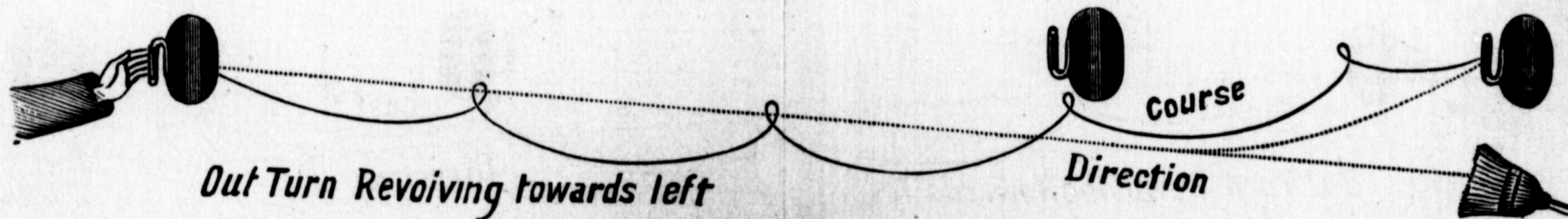
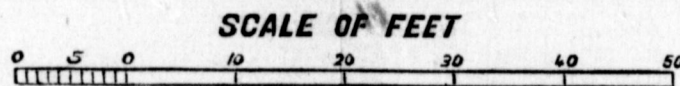
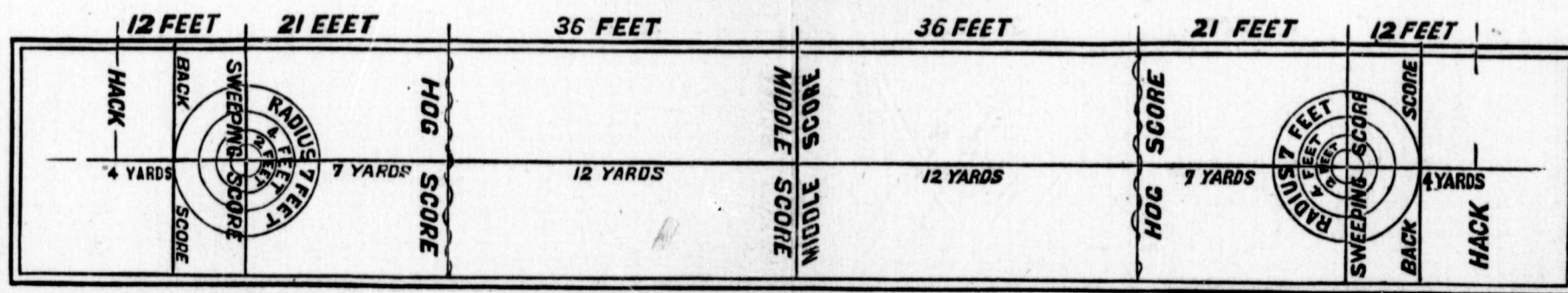


Diagram to be drawn on the Ice previous to playing, and referred to throughout the Rules as
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V.—OF THE GAME.


1. The standard length of the rink for play shall be 42 yards from hack to tee. If the ice turns out to be wet or soft before a game commences, or after it has been begun, the skips of both sides in the match, with the umpire as chairman, shall meet and decide whether the rink shall be shortened, and to what extent; and in no case shall it be shortened to less than 33 yards. The umpire shall have a deliberative vote, and in case of a tie, a casting vote; when there is no umpire present, the skips may call upon any neutral curler to act as umpire, who shall exercise all the powers of an umpire in the case. No important match shall be commenced if the ice be not in a condition fairly to test the curling skill of the competing players, and it shall be stopped and declared "off" if, after it has been begun, the condition of the ice, by reason of thaw setting in or snow falling, becomes such as not to afford a fair test of curling skill of the competing players; or darkness comes on sufficient to prevent the stones at the tee from being distinctly seen from the further hack; and in all cases of stopped matches the postponed game shall be commenced *de novo*. The umpire's decision, regarding the condition of the ice and atmosphere, shall be final in all cases.

2. The tees to be made 38 yards apart, and around each as a centre shall be described a circle of seven feet radius, which shall be called the "Home," or "Ring." To facilitate measurements, intermediate circles may also be described around the tee. Every stone within, or resting upon the outer ring, shall be entitled to be counted in the game; no stone shall be considered *without*

a *circle*, unless it is entirely clear of that circle, nor shall a stone be considered *over a line* unless it has crossed and entirely cleared it. In every case this is to be decided by a square placed upon the ice.

3. From, and in exact alignment with both tees, a line, called the centre line, shall be drawn to a point four yards behind each tee; at this point a line shall be drawn, at a right angle to the centre line, on which the hack shall be cut. The hack shall not exceed six inches in length, nor shall the inner edge thereof be more than three inches from the centre line, so that all stones shall be delivered with their centre upon the centre line.

4. Other lines, called the MIDDLE SCORE, the HOG SCORE, the SWEEPING SCORE and BACK SCORE, shall also be drawn on the ice at right angles to the centre line. The MIDDLE SCORE shall be drawn at midway between the two tees, to point out the place at which sweeping may ordinarily be commenced. The HOG SCORE shall be drawn at a distance from each tee of one-sixth of the length from hack to further tee; and shall indicate the point which, if a played stone fails to pass, it shall be counted a hog, and removed from the ice, unless it has been prevented from passing by striking another played stone resting inside said hog score. The SWEEPING SCORE shall be drawn across the tees, for the guidance of the skips in sweeping. THE BACK SCORE shall be drawn just outside and behind the 14 feet circle around the tee (the home); all stones having passed this score must be removed from the ice.

 For method of laying out rink, see diagram.

5. All matches to be the majority of shots won after playing a certain number of heads, or definite period of time, to be agreed on by the competing clubs before beginning to play. In the event of both parties being equal at the conclusion of the match, play shall be continued, under the direction of the umpire, by all the rinks engaged, for another head, or for such additional number of heads as may be necessary to decide the match.

6. Every rink to be composed of four players a side, each using two stones, and playing one stone alternately with his opponent, and the rotation of players observed in the first head shall not be changed during the match.

7. The two skips opposing each other shall settle by lot, or in any other way they may agree upon, which party shall lead in the first head, after which the winning party shall lead.

8. The skips shall have the exclusive management and direction of the game for their respective parties, and may play last or in any part of the game they please; but are not entitled to change their place when once fixed. When their turn to play comes, they shall each appoint one of their players to act in their places as skips of the game, and must take the position of ordinary players, until they have played and returned to the tee-head as skips.

9. Players during the course of each end, shall be arranged along the sides, but well off the rink, as their skips may direct; and no party, except when sweeping according to rule, shall go upon the middle of the rink. Skips alone to stand within the 14 feet circle, or home; the skip of the party playing to have choice of place, and must not be obstructed by the other in front of the tee,

while behind it the privileges of both as regards sweeping shall be equal

10. Every player to be ready to play when his turn comes, and shall not take more than a reasonable time to play. Should he play a stone belonging to another player, any of the players may stop it while running; but if not stopped till at rest, the stone which should have been played shall be put in its place to the satisfaction of the opposing skip.

11. If any player should play out of turn, the stone so played may be stopped in its course and returned to the player; should the mistake not be discovered till the stone be at rest, or has struck another stone, the opposing skip shall add one to his score, and have the option of allowing the game to proceed, or of declaring the end null and void. But if another stone be played before the mistake has been noticed, the end must be finished as if it had been played properly from the beginning.

12. If any player engaged, or belonging to either of the competing clubs, shall speak to, taunt or otherwise interrupt any other player, not of his own party, while preparing to play his stone, and so as to disconcert him, one shot shall be added to the score of the party so interrupted, for each interruption, and the play proceed.


13. If in sweeping, or otherwise, a *running* stone be marred by any of the party to which it belongs, it shall be put off the ice, and the opposing skip shall have the option to add one to his score and allow the game to proceed, or to call the end null and void; but if marred by any of the adverse party, it shall be placed wherever the skip of the party to which it belongs may direct. If marred by any other means the player shall replay the

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stone. Should any *played* stone be displaced by any of the players before the head is reckoned, it shall be placed as near as possible where it lay, to the satisfaction of or by the skip opposed to the party displacing. If displaced by any neutral party, both skips to agree upon the position to which it is to be returned, and if they fail to agree the umpire shall decide

14 The sweeping shall be under the direction and control of the skips. Except when snow is falling upon or drifting over the rink a stone shall not be swept until it has crossed the MIDDLE SCORE, and may be swept by the party to whose side it belongs until it comes to the SWEEPING SCORE, but all stones *when they have passed the sweeping score* may be swept by EITHER SKIP ONLY. Skips will have liberty to sweep behind the tee at all times, except when a player is receiving directions to play from his skip. All sweeping shall be across the rink, and the sweeper must be in front of the stone being swept, and at one side thereof; and no sweepings shall either be moved forwards or left in front of a running stone, or of a stone "at rest" It shall not be allowable for the party to whom a running stone belongs, to place their brooms before it or behind it to screen it from wind, unless with consent of both skips; and the use of a broom or any other instrument as a fan, either to promote or retard the running of a stone, is strictly forbidden, and is to be dealt with as "a running stone" marred by the party to which it belongs See sec 13

15. All stones shall be of a circular shape. No stone, including handle, shall be of a greater weight than fifty pounds, or of a greater circumference than thirty-six inches, or of less height than one-eighth part of its greatest circumference.



16. No stone or side of a stone shall be changed after a match has been begun unless with the consent of the opposing skip. Should a stone happen to be broken during a game, the largest fragment shall be considered in the game for that end, and the player shall be entitled to use another stone or another pair during the remainder of the game.

17. Should a played stone roll over, or stop on its edge or top, it shall be put off the ice. Should the handle quit the stone in delivery, the player will not be entitled to replay the stone unless he retains his hold of the handle.

18. No measuring of shots allowable previous to the termination of the end. Disputed shots to be determined by the vice-skips; or, if they disagree, by the umpire; or, if there is no umpire, by some neutral person chosen by the skips. All measurements to be taken from centre of tee to nearest point of stone, after removing stones intervening.

19. If any of the competing rinks is not ready to begin play at the hour named for a match, one end shall be counted as played for every ten minutes' delay; and the opposing rink, if ready to play, shall count one point in the game for each such period of time it is kept waiting.

VI — OF ICE RINKS.

1. All District Medal matches and general competitions at the Points' Game, must be played on new or virgin ice, or on neutral ice; and all important matches should be played on the same.

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flooded so completely, as that the water shall have come to its natural level, over the entire ice surface, before freezing.

c. If, after being last used for curling, the ice shall have been refaced by sprinkling with water, and the tees changed, either at least two feet sideways, or ten feet lengthways, so as to get rid of grooves or channels formed in the course of play.

d. Shaving off nodules or protuberances from the surface of the ice, or the application of any other mechanical operations, having for their object the bringing of the ice to a true and correct level, shall not be held as degrading ice otherwise entitled to be called new or virgin ice; but such operations must be carried out under the direction of the umpire; and in no case shall any special preparation of the ice be made, intended, or calculated, or having for its object to facilitate the making of any particular shot, or to otherwise pervert the ice surface from the true and correct level.

e. It is desirable that artificial single rinks should be constructed not less than 18 feet in width by 152 feet in length, so as to admit of changing the tees both sideways and lengthways.

VII — OF MEDAL COMPETITIONS.

1. To promote curling intercourse and friendly rivalry between clubs comprised in the Maritime Branch, medals, to be called the Royal Canadian District Medals, shall be allocated annually for competition, according to the rules of the game, between any two clubs which did not win one in the previous season.

2. Medals to be competed for by the individual members of the club, at the Points' Game, may be allocated to such clubs as are thought too far distant from other clubs to compete with them, and to any club left out in making the distribution of the clubs into pairs.

3. The Representative Committee shall have the sole power of disposing the clubs into pairs, and of arranging for umpires to superintend medal competitions; and in doing so they shall take into account distance, facilities for meeting, and all specialties, including the relative number of regular members in the clubs. The arrangement of the clubs for medal competitions, and appointment of umpires to superintend them, shall be made at a meeting of the Representative Committee to be held in October in each year.

4. The umpire appointed to superintend a District Medal Competition shall correspond with both clubs, and endeavor to get them to agree upon time and place for the contest; if they cannot be brought to a mutual agreement, he shall, in his discretion, appoint both time and place for the competition, making his decision so that it will be fair and equitable to both parties, and shall give notice to both in writing, allowing reasonable time for them to comply with the appointment.

5. Should either club fail to appear on the ice, agreeably to appointment, the medal shall be awarded off-hand to the club putting in an appearance, provided the umpire be satisfied of its having complied with the regulations. Should neither club appear on the ice, the allocation shall lapse and become void.

6. When the umpire appointed to superintend a Medal Match finds that he will not be able to do

so personally, he shall appoint another curler, well conversant with the game, to act as his deputy, who shall have all the powers of the umpire, but the report of the match must be countersigned by the umpire, and all such reports must be transmitted to the Secretary of the Branch within three days after the match has been played, and must contain the names of the players in each rink on both sides, the number of heads played, the result of the match and of each separate rink, as well as the place where and the time when played, and such other information as the schedule may call for.

7. Should the two clubs meet agreeably to appointment to play the match, and the umpire or his deputy not be present, the skips representing the competing clubs shall meet and appoint any regular member of any associated club as acting umpire for the occasion, who shall have all the rights and privileges of the regular umpire.

8 All medals not played for, during the season for which they are allocated, shall be withdrawn.

9. All District Medals shall be contested for by at least eight players a side, and no club shall be compelled to play with more than that number unless its membership exceeds twenty; and, if beyond that number, not any more than one rink of four men for each complete series of seven regular ordinary members on its list.

10. All competitions for District Medals shall be played by twenty-one ends or heads; unless, before beginning to play, some other number or ends shall have been agreed upon by the competing skips.


11. Umpires in all cases are enjoined to hear objections from the losing party before awarding medals.


VIII.—OF THE POINTS' GAME.

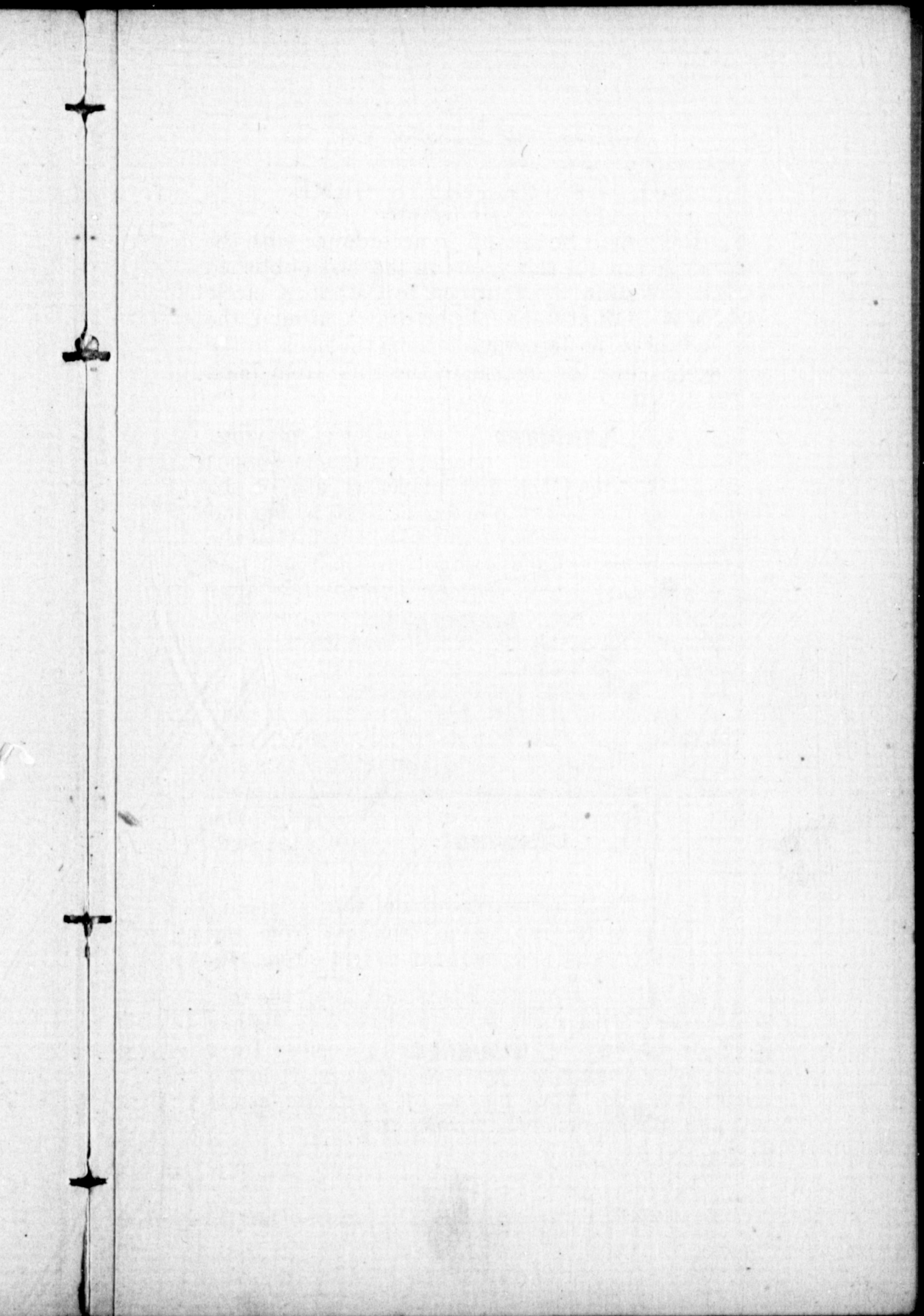
1. Rinks shall be laid off in accordance with the diagram given for this game in the last published annual. Within the fourteen feet circle, a circle eight feet in diameter shall be drawn around the tee, and a centre line or score from the hack to the hog score; and the length of the rink from hack to tee shall be forty-two yards.

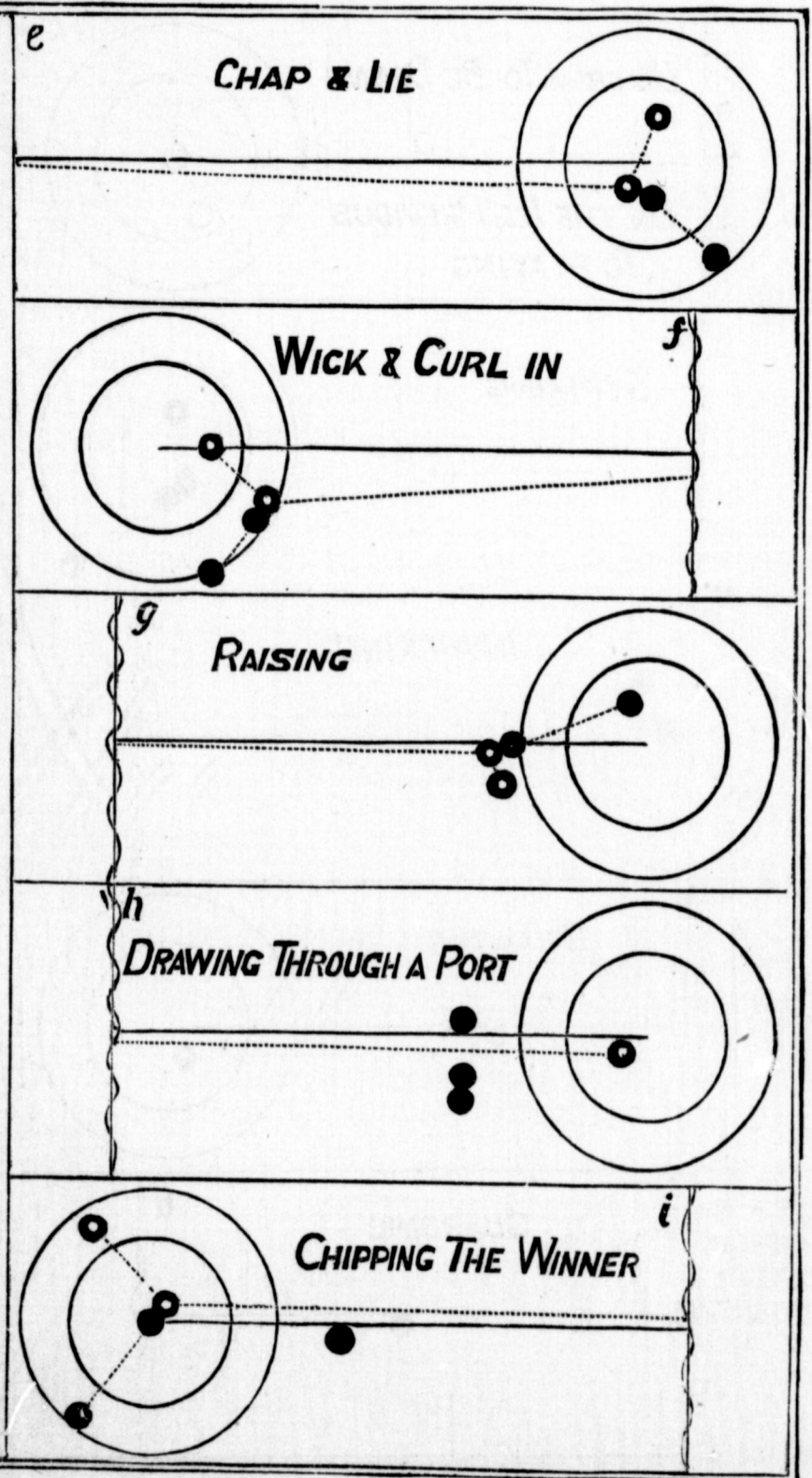
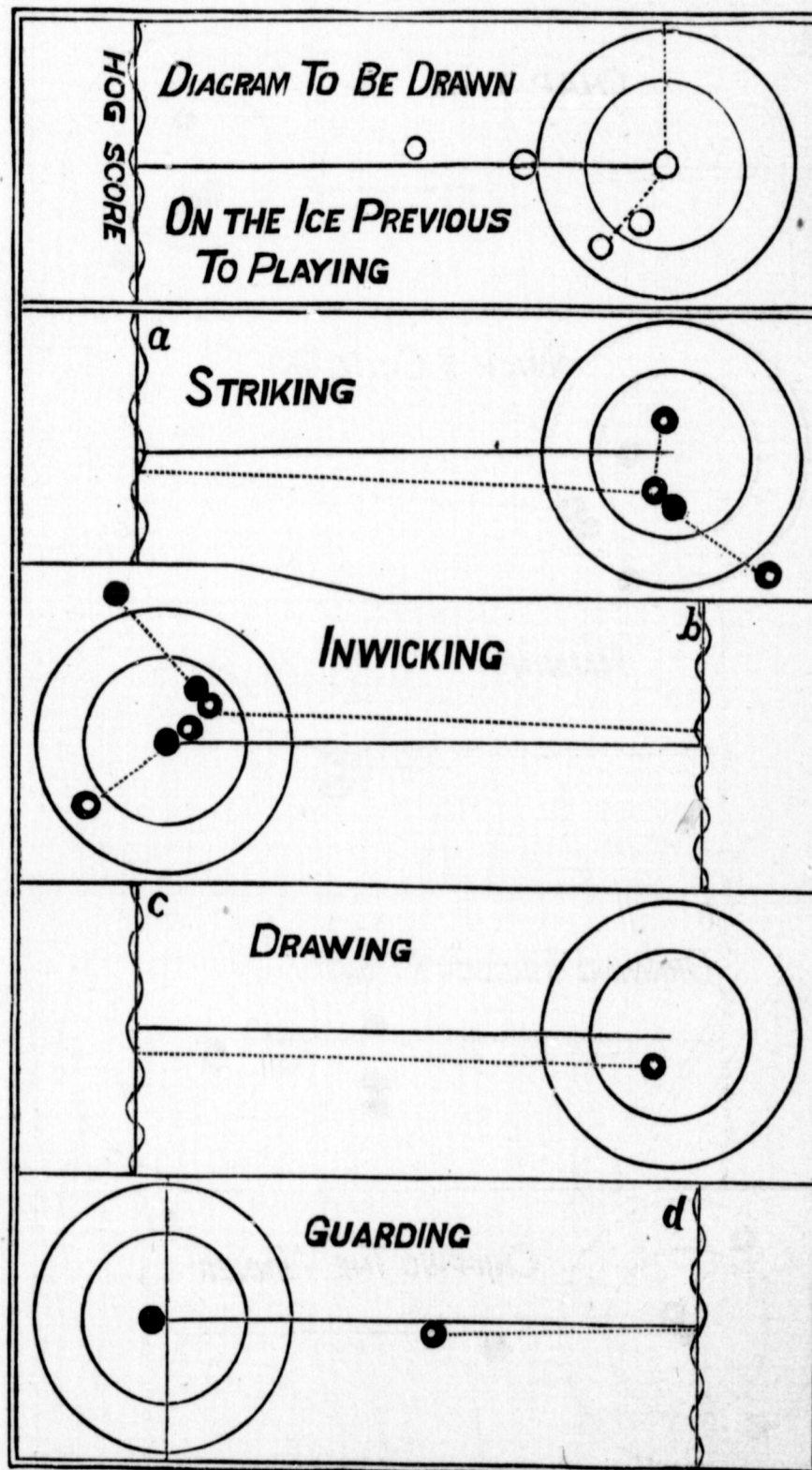
2. Lots shall be drawn for the order of playing; each competitor shall change position one place each point, thus: The first player at any of the points to be the last in playing at next point, and the second player at any point to be the first at the next, and so on. Each competitor shall use two stones, and play them, the one immediately after the other, and shall not, during the competition, change the side of a stone, or the stone itself, unless it happens to be broken,

3. Every competitor to play four shots at each of the nine following points of the game, viz.: Striking, Inwicking, Drawing, Guarding, Chap and Lie, Wick and Curl In, Raising, Drawing through a Port, and Chipping the Winner, according to the following definitions, and each successful shot shall count one:

a. Striking.—A stone placed on the sweeping score, and with its inner edge two feet from the tee, to be struck out of the fourteen feet circle. 

b. Inwicking —One stone is placed upon the tee, and another with its inner edge two feet distant from the tee, and its fore edge on a line drawn from the tee at an angle of forty-five degrees with the centre line; the stone played must hit the latter, and perceptibly move the former. 





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c. Drawing.—The stone played to lie within or on the eight feet circle.


d. Guarding.—The stone played to rest on the central line; to be over the hog; but must not touch the stone to be guarded placed with its fore edge on the tee.


e. Chap and Lie.—The stone placed on the sweeping score with its inner edge one foot from the tee, to be struck out of the eight feet circle, and the stone played to rest within or on same. 

f. Wick and Curl In.—A stone to be placed with its inner edge six feet distant from the tee, and its fore edge on a line making an angle of forty-five degrees with the central line; the stone played to hit this stone and rest within or on the eight feet circle. 

g. Raising.—A stone placed with its centre on the central line, and its inner edge seven feet distant from the tee, to be struck into or on the eight feet circle.

h. Drawing through a Port.—One stone to be placed with its inner edge on the central line, ten feet in front of the tee, and another stone placed parallel thereto and with its inner edge two feet from the central line; the stone played to pass between these two stones, without touching either, and to rest within or on the eight feet circle 

i. Chipping the Winner.—A stone to be placed on the tee, and another with its inner edge ten feet distant, just touching the central line and half guarding the one on the tee; the stone played to pass without touching the guard and perceptibly move the other. 

 In Striking, Inwicking, Chap and Lie, Wick and Curl In, Drawing through a Port, and Chipping the Winner, two of the chances to be made on the one side of the tee, and the other two chances on the other.

4 In the event of two or more competitors making the same number of shots, they shall each play four shots at Outwicking; that is, a stone placed with its inner edge six feet distant from the tee, and its centre on a line making an angle of forty-five degrees with the central line, to be struck within or on the eight feet circle. If the competition cannot be decided by these shots, the umpire may order two to be played at one or more of the preceding points, until a decision can be made.

5 In the Points' Game the Rink may be swept as often as required during the intervals between the playing of stones, but no running stone shall be swept. No playing lines are allowed in laying out a rink for Points other than those given in diagram referred to as the rink, in this Annual. The Points' Game for prizes allocated by this Association, must be played under supervision of an umpire of an adjacent club, and this requirement will only be excused where, from remoteness or the question of expense, this condition cannot be complied with.

NOTE.—It will save much time, if, in playing for local medals, two rinks be prepared lying parallel to each other, the tee of the one being at the reverse end of the other rink: every competitor plays both stones up the one rink and immediately afterwards down the other; finishing thus, at one round, all his chances at that point.

The above rules and definitions for the Points' Game in Chap. VIII, are applicable only to medals given by the General Association, and are not intended to supersede any regulations, made by local clubs, in competing for their own private medals.

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MARITIME BRANCH.

The subject of forming a Curling Association for the Maritime Provinces having been informally discussed among the clubs and clubs' members interested, for some time, and S. F. Matthews, Esq., of St. Andrew's Club, St. John, having procured information thereon, St. Andrew's and Thistle Clubs of that city (in November, 1885,) issued the following

CIRCULAR.

To the Curlers of the Maritime Provinces :

Believing that the time has now arrived when all the Curling Clubs in the Maritime Provinces should be under one organization, it has been deemed advisable to send this circular to the different clubs, for the purpose of having their views, and if a sufficiently favorable answer is received, arranging for a meeting of their representatives who shall have the power to organize, say, "THE MARITIME BRANCH OF THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN CURLING CLUB."

The "Ontario Branch" has already been organized and no better explanation of the advantages to be gained can be given than is found in the subjoined letter from the Secretary of that Branch:

TORONTO, 15th March, 1884.

S. F. MATTHEWS, Esq., St. John, N. B.:

Dear Sir,—I am favored with your letter of 12th March, and have much pleasure in replying, as I am confident the formation of a Maritime Province

Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club will be a great promoter of curling with you, and a boon and blessing besides to curlers of these provinces.

Our history in Ontario is as follows: The curling clubs in Ontario formed part of the Canadian Branch which had its head-quarters in Montreal, and the clubs in Ontario, although more numerous than those in Quebec, were governed by the latter, and it happened on more than one occasion that measures were adopted which were favored by the minority, because the majority lived at too great a distance to admit of their being present at meetings. In March, 1874, the writer got the Toronto club to appoint a committee to move in the matter of a Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club for the Province of Ontario, independent of the Canadian or Montreal Branch; and upon consulting with the other clubs in Ontario, they were all found ripe and ready for the change. A form of petition was got up, setting forth that on account of distance from each other, and for the reason that the clubs in the Province of Quebec played with iron blocks from seventy to eighty pounds in weight, while those in Ontario used the granite and regulation weights, curling intercourse had not taken place between the curlers of Quebec and Ontario Provinces, and was not likely to take place; that Montreal was too far distant from the Ontario clubs to properly manage their curling intercourse with each other, etc., and praying the Royal Caledonian Curling Club to establish a Branch for the Province of Ontario. This was forwarded to the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, and was supported by private letters to some of the managing committee in Scotland, and after some little delay the petition was granted and the Ontario Branch constituted, entirely independent of the Canadian Branch, and subject only to the Royal Club.

We found that they, the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, levied dues upon us at the same rate as they levied upon the clubs in Scotland, and insisted that

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we should take and pay for a like proportion of their Annuals as the clubs in Scotland did, and that we should also in addition provide the means for the working and management of our own organization. We objected to these arrangements, and in response to our petition we were allowed to order and pay for only such a number of their Annuals as we might choose, and they allowed us a rebate on our dues of twenty per cent. to defray our working expenses, which we accepted, although it did not nearly cover our charges.

Then we found some of their rules did not suit our circumstances, and parties gave us much trouble by doing things contrary to the spirit of curling, but which the rules of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club did not refer to, and finally we came to the conclusion that it was desirable that all Curling Associations should be connected with the Royal Caledonian Club, but that so far as Ontario was concerned, that connection should leave us free to make our own rules and regulations, and should allow us to use all our funds to promote curling in Ontario. After a long and protracted struggle and bitter opposition by a few of the elder curlers, this was carried almost unanimously by all the clubs in Ontario, and assented to by the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, and now we in Ontario would not think for one moment of giving up the liberty we have. The knowledge that the game is entirely under our own control has given a great impetus to the study of the rules and to bring out in every way the true spirit of curling. It is now felt to be a Canadian game and not merely an imported one, the rules for which are made and administered by a body 2,000 miles away, and of which we have no control.

We have published a revised code of rules, which are much better adapted to the condition of our ice here and other circumstances than those of the Royal Club; and the Royal is about also to revise their

rules, after they have seen ours, and I have no doubt they will adopt not a few of our alterations.

I send you a copy of our last Annual, and will be very much pleased to give you information on any other points you may desire if I have the means of giving it. And I would say, by all means, take the lesson we have been taught and start on the foundation we in Ontario now have. Get a connector formed between your Association in the Maritime Provinces and the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, but let that connection leave you free to modify the rules to suit your own circumstances, and let you have the use of all your own funds to promote the game in your own boundaries. There is no fairness for you to be called on to promote curling at home and also to assist in supporting the clubs in Scotland.

I am exceedingly desirous that there should be in this Canada of ours, a Curling Association for the Maritime Provinces, another for Quebec and the iron playing clubs, one for Ontario already formed, and one for the Northwest Provinces, each independent of the others in its own geographical bounds, modifying as it may see fit the general rules, and paying its own way as it may think best, and all uniting in getting up an Annual, and in procuring a die for medals for district competition, and for meeting once in every three, four or five years and having a general bonspiel, and in such other matters as may be found desirable in the future.

Canadians are the best curlers in the world. In the old country at the points' game, from seven to ten is generally the winning score, with now or then a twelve or fourteen; but in Canada the winning score is seldom less than sixteen to twenty.

I am working hard to have three clubs come out from Scotland next winter and spend two months with us. I have got Lord Lorne and Lord Melgund to assist, and hope to be successful, and it is intended that they visit also the Maritime Provinces.

Let me hear from you on this subject again, and you may depend upon any help in my power.

Yours truly,

J. S. RUSSELL.

P. S.—I may say we allocate about three medals for district competitions where the Royal Club only gives two, which is worthy to be considered, as it tends to promote the game and our funds admit of it too.

It will be necessary for your club to give an answer not later than the 30th of April, so that if a sufficient number is in favor of the movement, application can be made at the annual meeting of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, to be held in the early part of July.

The number of curlers in these provinces has grown very considerably within the last ten years, and it only wants some organization making it a *home* game to develop it very much more fully.

Any suggestions which any of your members may have to make in regard to the matter will be kindly received, and they will, no doubt, be of great value when the practical organization is commenced.

ANDREW MALCOLM,

Pres. Thistle C. C.

JOHN H. THOMSON,

JAMES KNOX,

ALEXANDER MILLER,

JAMES KENNEDY,

S. JONES,

Pres. St. Andrew's C. C.

JOHN WHITE,

S. F. MATTHEWS,

C. S. MACGREGOR,

A. C. SKINNER.

As the outcome of the above the following letter was sent to the different Clubs of the Maritime Provinces:

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 21st, 1885.

Secretary..... Curling Club:

DEAR SIR,—The matter of forming a Maritime Curling Association for the promotion and governing of all curling affairs in the Maritime Provinces, as

submitted by circular to your club last spring. has, from the favorable replies received, assumed such definite shape, as to warrant a meeting being called of delegates from each club to adopt a constitution and by-laws, and carry out such formation.

The St. Andrew's and Thistle Curling Clubs of this city have appointed a joint committee to bring this matter before the different clubs, and have each elected two delegates to represent them at such meeting.

The joint committee have recommended the Brunswick House, Moncton, as a central place of meeting, and the 14th January, 1886, at 10 a. m., as the time.

Your club is kindly requested to send two delegates to Moncton on date named, and as soon as convenient after receipt of this circular you might furnish the names of your delegates.

E. L. WHITTAKER,
Sec. Special Com.

S. F. MATTHEWS,
Chairman Special Com.

ANDREW MALCOLM,
E. L. WHITTAKER,
*Delegates from
Thistle Club.*

S. F. MATTHEWS,
JOHN WHITE,
*Delegates from
St. Andrew's Club.*

MONCTON, N. B., 14th January, 1886.

In accordance with the foregoing invitation, extended to, and quite generally accepted by, the various clubs in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, a meeting of delegates was held at Moncton, N. B., on the above date for the purpose of forming a Maritime Curling Association.

On assembling at the Brunswick House at 10 a. m., the following delegates answered to their names:

Pictou, N. S.—John Yorston, Daniel McDonald.
Truro, N. S.—W. B. Alley, George Gunn.
St. Stephen, N. B.—A. F. Street.
Fredericton, N. B.—A. F. Street, E. H. Allen.
Chatham, N. B.—D. G. Smith, E. Hutchison.
Newcastle, N. B.—James Brown, E. Lee Street.
Bathurst, N. B.—W. J. O'Brien, John E. Baldwin.
Moncton, N. B.—Dr. Norfolk, Charles T. Nevins.
New Glasgow, N. S.—P. A. McGregor, W. A. McIntosh.

St. John (St. Andrew's).—John White, S. F. Matthews.

St. John (Thistle).—E. L. Whittaker, A. Malcolm.
Stellarton, N. S.—James R. Corbett.

As Chairman of the Provisional Committee, Mr. Matthews assumed the Chair, temporarily, and Mr. Street thereupon moved, seconded by John Yorston, that we proceed with the formation of the Association. Carried.

Moved by John White, seconded by A. F. Street, that we proceed with the election of officers. Carried.

Mr. White also moved, seconded by Mr. Brown, that the elections be by nomination and ballot. Carried.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Matthews, that Sir S. L. Tilley be elected Patron. On ballot being taken he was declared elected, and the Secretary instructed to wire him of the action of the Association and to inquire if he would accept.

Mr. Matthews now stated that in vacating the Chair he would move that Mr. E. Hutchison of the Chatham Club, be elected President of this Association.

The motion was seconded by Daniel McDonald, and ballot being taken, he was declared duly elected, amid considerable applause. On assuming the Chair

the newly elected President made a few well chosen remarks.

For First Vice-president, Mr. Street nominated Mr. S. F. Matthews, seconded by J. E. Baldwin, and on ballot being taken he was declared elected.

For Second Vice-president, Mr. O'Brien nominated John Yorston, seconded by Mr. Smith, and on ballot being taken he was duly elected.

For Chaplain, the Rev. John McMillan was nominated by Mr. Malcolm, seconded by W. B. Alley, and on ballot being taken he was duly elected.

For Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. E. L. Whittaker was nominated by John White, seconded by A. F. Street, and on ballot being taken was declared elected.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by John White, that the Executive Committee, independent of the officers, be limited to eight members. Carried.

On ballot being taken, on each name separately, the following were duly elected:—

<i>Stellarton</i>	<i>Club</i> ,—	Thos. Doran,
<i>New Glasgow</i>	“	—P. A. McGregor,
<i>Moncton</i>	“	—Dr. W. J. Norfolk,
<i>Bathurst</i>	“	—J. E. Baldwin,
<i>Newcastle</i>	“	—E. Lee Street,
<i>Fredericton</i>	“	—E. H. Allen,
<i>Truro,</i>	“	—George Gunn.
<i>St. Stephen</i>	“	—J. D. Chipman,

Committee on Annuals,—D. G. Smith, W. B. Alley, E. L. Whittaker.

Committee on Complaints and Appeals.—A. F. Street, James Brown, Daniel McDonald, P. A. McGregor and J. R. Corbett.

Auditors.—Andrew Malcolm, John White.

Mr. White moved, seconded by S. F. Matthews, that we now proceed to adopt a constitution. Carried. In this connection Mr. Alley asked whether it was the intention to retain a connection with the Royal Caledonian Club. After some discussion it was considered optional with clubs now connected with the Old Country organization whether they still retain connection therewith, or not.

On proceeding to adopt a constitution the first section was adopted, fixing the name of the Association as "The Maritime Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club." The Annual of the Ontario Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club being before the meeting,—

Mr. Smith was appointed to read and amend the rules, under the direction of the meeting, where changes were deemed necessary.

Finally the amended rules as read and passed were adopted as a whole and ordered to be printed and circulated among the different clubs under direction of the Committee on Annuals, it being understood for this year that only the minutes of this first meeting, together with such rules and regulations as are necessary for guidance of the clubs, be published, and after the next annual meeting in October, the regular "Annual," be printed.

The constitution having been adopted, Mr. White moved, seconded by A. F. Street that the sections as to payment of dues and entrance fees be suspended and that for this season only the entrance fee be paid by each club, the same to be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer within three months. Adopted.

Mr. McGregor moved that the next annual meeting be held at Truro, seconded by D. G. Smith.

Mr. E. Lee Street moved that it be held in Moncton, seconded by C. T. Nevins.

The President decided that the meeting vote on each place separately, instead of regarding the last motion as an amendment, and on ballot being taken the choice fell to Moncton. Adjourned for dinner.

On reassembling at 2 p. m., Mr. Brown referred, in an informal manner, to the subject of clubs in their different matches giving or accepting entertainment and thought the practice operated against the interest of the different clubs.

Mr. Alley thought it would be unwise for this association to pass an express rule either for or against entertainments.

Finally Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. White, that this Branch desires to discountenance the practice of clubs entertaining each other when matches are held, such practice being considered a drawback to the general and thorough enjoyment of such occasions, and not calculated to promote the interests of curling. Motion carried on division.

Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by A. F. Street, that the minutes of this meeting and such sections of the rules and regulations as are necessary, to be published and distributed among the different clubs.

Mr. Malcolm stated that the Hon. D. McLellan, Provincial Secretary of New Brunswick, had presented a cup on the formation of this Maritime Curling Association, and on motion of Mr. A. F. Street, seconded by Mr. McIntosh, the Association decided

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to accept with thanks and that a suitable acknowledgment be conveyed to the Hon. Mr. McLellan. Mr. White moved, seconded by Mr. E. L. Street, that the Executive Committee prepare rules and regulations under which the cup shall be played for. Adopted.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, that the thanks of the meeting be tendered the Brunswick House and Intercolonial Railway for courtesies extended. Adopted. Adjourned until 6 p. m.

On reassembling the Executive Committee reported, recommending that the McLellan cup be played for this year on same terms and conditions as those laid down for competition for the Governor-General's prize, except that the time of commencement be optional, and each club may, if desired, select an umpire from its own membership. Adopted.

Mr. White moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that we advise our action to the Royal Caledonian Curling Club and request to be admitted on same terms as are accorded to the Ontario Branch. Adopted.

Mr. Malcolm moved, seconded by Mr. Matthews, that we advise our action to the Canadian and Ontario Branches for their information. Adopted.

Telegram received from Sir S. L. Tilley, Patron-elect of the Association, was here read by the Chairman and ordered entered on minutes as follows,—

“ I will act with pleasure. Thanks for the honor offered.”

The meeting thereupon adjourned.

E L. WHITTAKER,

Secretary.

MONCTON, N. B., October 20, 1886.

The Annual General Meeting of the Maritime Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club was held at Moncton this date, at which the following representatives answered to their names, viz.:

S. F. Matthews, St. Andrew's Club, St. John.
 Robert Hocken, Pictou Club.
 E. Lee Street, Newcastle Club.
 J. H. Ganong, St. Stephen Club.
 John H. Symonds, Halifax Club.
 E. L. Whittaker, Thistle Club, St. John.
 John W. Whitehead, Moncton Club.

Letters were read from several clubs, expressing regret as not being represented, and wishing meeting all success. Also received telegram from Turo, during progress of meeting, to same effect.

The office bearers of last year were re-elected for ensuing year as follows:

On motion of R. Hocken, seconded by the Secretary, Sir S. L. Tilley was elected Patron.

On motion of S. F. Matthews, seconded by E. Lee Street, Ernest Hutchison was re-elected President.

On motion E. Lee Street, seconded by R. Hocken, S. F. Matthews was re-elected First Vice-President.

On motion of E. Lee Street, seconded by John W. Whitehead, John Yorston was re-elected Second Vice-President.

On motion of R. Hocken, seconded by John H. Symonds, Rev. John McMillan was re-elected Chaplain.

On motion of E. Lee Street, seconded by J. H.

Ganong, E. L. Whittaker was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

With the officers, who are members by virtue of their office, the following compose the Executive Committee.

Thomas Doran, Stellarton Club, P. A. McGregor, New Glasgow Club, J. E. Baldwin, Bathurst Club, J. D. Chipman, St. Stephen Club, Dr. W. J. Norfolk, Moncton Club, John H. Symonds, Halifax Club, L. C. Archibald, Antigonish Club, John Ferguson, Newcastle Club.

Committee on Annuals.— John White, R. R. Barnes, and E. L. Whittaker.

Committee on Complaints and Appeals.—A. F. Street, James Brown, Daniel McDonald, P. A. McGregor and James R. Corbett.

Auditors.—Andrew Malcolm, John White.

Moved by R. Hocken, seconded by E. Lee Street, that in publishing the Annual, according to section 3, article 1 of the by-laws, the Committee on Annuals be instructed to adopt the Governor-General's points as the points of this Association. Carried.

Meeting adjourned until 2 p. m.

On reassembling Mr. Street moved, seconded by J. H. Ganong, that a bonspiel be arranged for McLellan cup competition, engaging all the clubs (two rinks each), as connected with this branch. Carried.

In this connection, Mr. Street said that Mr. McSweeney had authorized the statement that he would give a silver cup to be called the Brunswick House cup, to become the property of the club winning the McLellan cup for next year. This on

condition that the bonspiel be held at Moncton. Thereupon Mr. Street moved, seconded by J. H. Ganong, that this Association accept the cup presented by Mr. McSweeney, and the thanks of the meeting be tendered him for his handsome donation in the interests of curling. Carried.

It was also moved accordingly, that the bonspiel be held at Moncton, to come off if possible, prior to middle of February. Carried.

The committee to arrange "bonspiel" are, John White, E. L. Whittaker, Dr. W. J. Norfolk, S. J. Houston, Robert Hocken, E. Lee Street, and Aubrey Smith.

Moved by Mr. Street, seconded by J. H. Ganong, that the proprietor of the "Brunswick," be thanked for use of room and for courtesies extended. Carried.

Meeting adjourned until 6 p. m.

On reassembling, Mr. Hockin moved, seconded by Mr. Symonds, that section 1, article 3, be amended, by striking out the word "seven" and substituting the word "five," so as to read at all such meetings, "five shall be a quorum." Carried.

Mr. Hocken moved, seconded by Mr. Street, that five Annuals be furnished free to each associated club, when printed. Carried.

Mr. Hockin moved, seconded by Mr. Symonds, that we now adjourn to meet next year at the Brunswick House, Moncton.

E. L. WHITTAKER,

Secretary.

LISTS
 OF
OFFICE BEARERS AND MEMBERS
 OF THE
LOCAL CURLING CLUBS
 FORMING THE
MARITIME BRANCH.

ST. ANDREW'S CLUB, ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.

PRESIDENT	Simeon Jones.
VICE-PRESIDENT	A. L. Law.
REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS, R. C. C. C.	} Thomas Rouet. A. O. Shinner.
REP. MEM. MARITIME BRANCH, R. C. C. C.	
SECRETARY-TREASURER	} S. F. Matthews. F. O. Allison.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

A. L. Law John White G. F. Fisher

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Jas. Macfarlane	S. K. Wilson	Thomas Rouet
T. M. McLachlan	Wm Thomson	William Snider
Geo. E. Snider	Gilbert Murdoch	Joseph Edgar

OCCASIONAL MEMBERS.

R Cruikshank J. Vassie John Cowan
T. McClelland

ORDINARY MEMBERS.

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