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"I ha'e tried love, I ha'e tried war,
I've tried to play the warlding,
But, 'boon a' crafts or joys, to me,
Is winter's darling---Curling."

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Preface.

TH E poet Keats brought upon himself the terrible criticism of the Quarterly Review because he happened, in his preface to "Endymion," to suggest that the critics leave him alone instead of condemning his work. In offering this historic sketch for your perusal I also pass on the suggestion of the illustrious poet.

The historian is mysterious in many of his ways, but in none more so than in his handling of events. Hard hearted men will tell you that if you give a woman a copy of a newspaper to read, that she will at once perform a curious juggling trick with it, the consequence of which is that when the newspaper is returned to you it will be impossible to find any connection between its various pages. The female reader not only turns the paper inside out but she manages in some way known only to herself to mix the pages together so that a leading article on "Social Betterment" ends in an "ad" for the relief of pain in your back, and a paragraph narrating the vagaries of an insane man loses itself in an account of a fashionable wedding. No such juggling has been attempted in this book. It is presented to the members of the Yarmouth Curling Club with the sincere hope that it may prove both interesting and useful as a faithful

record of the first ten years of the Club's existence.

I wish to thank several gentlemen for their valuable assistance in the preparation of this work. The copious notes of Mr. J. A. Craig have supplied much which otherwise must have been lost, and I take this opportunity of commending the foresight of Mr. Craig in thus preserving so many interesting facts. I have also to thank Dr. W. G. Putnam, Capt. Augustus Cann, E. J. Vickery, George S. Taylor, W. Roy Cann and E. W. Jarvis for much information and courteous cooperation. In return I can only offer these gentlemen the assurance that

A social britherhood are we,
And after we are deid and gane,
We'll live in literature and lair
In annals o' the channel stane.



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YARMOUTH CURLING RINK





Chapter I.

ORGANIZATION—EARLY MEMBERSHIP.

*Remember, when the timid light
Through the enchanted halls of dawn is streaming;
Remember, when the pensive night
Beneath her silvery veil walks dreaming;
When pleasure calls thee and thy heart beats high,
When tender joys thro' evening shades draw nigh,
Hark, from the woodland deeps
A gentle whisper creeps—
Remember!*



A R less strenuous than many games, curling holds a place all its own in the hearts of north-land dwellers and given the descendants of Scotchmen and there will be found the "roarin' game."

The ring of the stones over the glassy surface, the swish of the brooms and the cries of encouragement of the opposing skips lend keen enjoyment to this sport of sports. Curling may be regarded in many different ways. By those who play regularly, know the game thoroughly and enjoy each phase, it is looked upon as a delightful recreation. The pleasures to be found in it are

many and varied, not the least of these is the intercourse it promotes between man and man and class and class. It demands a social re-arrangement, for in it the parson is asked to rebook, the doctor to give a dose here or to "kill" there, and the lawyer is commanded by his skip to "gie the minister twenty days." It includes all political creeds, free trade and protection, open port and closed port, prohibition and retaliation, church and state. The curler represents the highest ideal of sport, for he is called upon to cherish in himself the noble ideas which enter into the game, namely, keenness, clearness, endurance and honor.

To hear curlers descant on the joys of the game reminds one of the owner of a small country estate, who, having decided to sell his property, consulted an estate agent about the matter. After visiting the place the agent wrote a description of it, and submitted it to his client for approval. "Read that again," said the owner, closing his eyes and leaning back in his chair contentedly. After the second reading he was silent. At length he said thoughtfully: "I do not think that I will sell. I've been looking for that kind of place all my life, but until you read that description I did not know I had it. No, I won't sell now."

But curlers are truthful in describing with zeal this form of winter sport as a delightful one. Those who decry it must belong to that melancholy host who find it impossible to gain pleasure from anything. It is Scottish, pure and simple, and, like golf, its implements and its language have suf-

ferred little change in the passing years. Here is a sport hoary with age yet untainted with the evils of gambling and professionalism; a game to brighten up the days and nights of our Canadian winter; a game built only upon the democracy of skill. We live in a commercial age when all honor should be given to a game that is played for pure pleasure. When you enter the realm of amusement there you see a man just as he is, for if a man be cunning or shrewd or mean or spiteful, you will find it out in the hours of amusement.

Some have sneered at this game and declared it a "waste of energy." Wasted energy is throwing away that which is good for the sake of nothing. Surely a game of honor and of good fellowship, a game that parallels life pre-eminently in its suggestion of "follow your leader," is not played for naught. Too many people pretend to have the "Good Samaritan" interest in their fellows without the oil and two pence.

A few "Auld Scotians" found themselves within the borders of Yarmouth town, with little to occupy their leisure moments during the dreary winter months. To arouse a thirst for curling a pair of "Channel Stanes" were exhibited in a shop window on Main street, but they were mistaken for foot warmers. When it was explained that these stones were to be thrown along the ice, the dubious ones saw in the game a fruitful cause of curvature of the spine. Let us say once for all that curvature of the spine is caused by violin playing. At least some of it has made us

squirm so badly that it's a wonder we did not get it.

On December 18th, 1901, there was an awakening of the clans, and a mighty gathering of them declared that Yarmouth must have a Curling Club. Forthwith the organization was completed, and Mr. George S. Taylor became President; Mr. E. H. Armstrong, 1st Vice-President; Mr. E. S. Matheson, 2nd Vice-President; Rev. R. D. Bambrick, Chaplain; Mr. Charles S. Pelton, Secretary; and Mr. W. E. Perry, Treasurer. Messrs. Blair Robertson, Joseph R. Wyman, Charles G. Godfrey, J. A. Craig and George Romans became the first committee of management. The drafting of a constitution and by-laws was entrusted to a committee, which later recommended the adoption of the rules of the Ontario Curling Association by the newly formed club.

Among the first skips appear the names of E. S. Matheson, George Romans, Dr. Putnam, J. A. Craig, J. T. Bradbury, George S. Taylor, E. H. Armstrong and Joseph R. Wyman. The first thing these "brithers" had to learn was how to make a "noise," for what would curling be without a tumult? Being accustomed to the absence of noise, its presence proved at first most disturbing, so that passers by the rink thought it was a Wagner concert in progress instead of an ice game. Some, we understand, did object to the "noise" when the art of making it was acquired, but why object? If a lady pianist makes a Beethoven sonata an excuse for banging the face of a

piano, why should not men in pursuit of danger and play imitate Wagner in a game of "curling"? And yet another thing had these first skips to learn, that was, never to say or to sing "I'm afraid to go home in the dark."

The question now arose where to find a suitable place in which to play. Climatic conditions in Yarmouth are not always of a frosty nature, for the oldest inhabitant cannot recollect, like the American did, the winter when sheep jumping from a hillock into a field became suddenly frozen on the way and stuck in the air like a mass of ice. The law of gravity did not enter a protest, for that law itself was frozen.

An arrangement was entered into with the Hockey Club whereby, for the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, the Curling Club would have the use of the rink every afternoon except Saturday, and on Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

The Amherst Curling Club was the first to offer congratulations to the new organization, greeting them as "brithers of the broom," and expressed the hope that at some future date the two clubs might meet in a game and have a time of happy, friendly rivalry "for auld lang syne."

Any society or organization seems cold and dull to us until we know something about the people who are in it. Emerson's definition of man as "one more lump of clay to hold the world together" applies literally in human organizations. Let us, therefore, introduce our readers to a few of the early members of the Yarmouth

Curling Club, for mutual approval is a great bond.

GEORGE S. TAYLOR.

In the register of the parish of Orphir, Orkney, appears this entry dated July 12th, 1842: "James Taylor, in Newdeals, had by his spouse, Isabel Sinclair, a child born February 4th, and baptized July 12th, 1842, named George Sinclair before the congregation." This is the first item of interest in the life of Mi' Lord Taylor. He spent his early years in Kirkwall, Orkney, where he learned the trade of tailor. On May 1st, 1859, he landed in St. John West, N. B., and worked at the tailoring business with his brother, the late John K. Taylor. In 1863 he removed to Yarmouth and entered the employ of John T. Hutchinson, and two years later (1865) he established his present business. Mr. Taylor, with others, suffered a heavy loss in the disastrous fire of December 27th, 1890, but with commendable zeal he re-opened in his present large and commodious quarters. Mr. Taylor is a Justice of the Peace, a Past Master of Scotia Lodge, Scribe in the Chapter, and a member of the Board of Trade. He was connected with the fire department for sixteen years, and later served six years as Fire Warden. He was the first President of the Curling Club (December, 1901,) and has occupied the position of Honorary President ever since. In January, 1903, he was exalted to the position of Mi' Lord of the Curlers' Court, and at his word of command almost every member of the Yarmouth Curling

Club has been placed on the "hack" and treated to "curler's fare." His fame as Mi' Lord is also established in St. John, N. B., where twenty-three "Thistles" remember with delight the experiences they passed through under his direction.

Mr. Taylor revisited the land of his birth in the autumn of 1909, lived over again his boyhood days in Kirkwall and spent some time in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Inverness, Liverpool and London. Mr. Taylor is one of Yarmouth's most highly respected citizens and as Mi' Lord he is held in high esteem by his fellow curlers.

Noo the Bailie is off to the meetin'
 And oh! when his figure was seen,
 Sae lood was the mirth o' the greetin',
 Ye'd hae thocht they were toastin' the Queen.

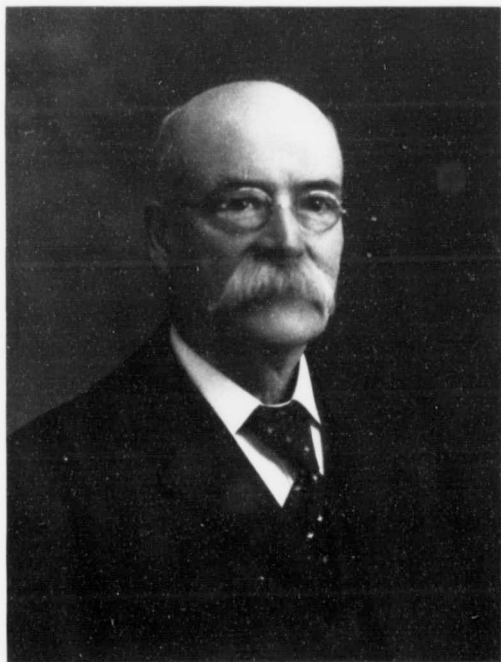
CAPTAIN AUGUSTUS CANN.

In every society there are certain members who give stability and weight to the organization. Such an one is Captain Augustus Cann in the Yarmouth Curling Club. Born and educated in Yarmouth, Captain Cann followed the sea from 1868 to 1885. During that time he was master of several ships, among them the Navarch and the Tsernagora. In 1885 Captain Cann retired from the sea and became identified with the well-known firm of C. C. Richards & Co., druggists, when that firm purchased the business of the Minard's Liniment Company. In 1905, at the reorganization of the Minard's Liniment Company, Captain Cann was elected President. He has proved him-

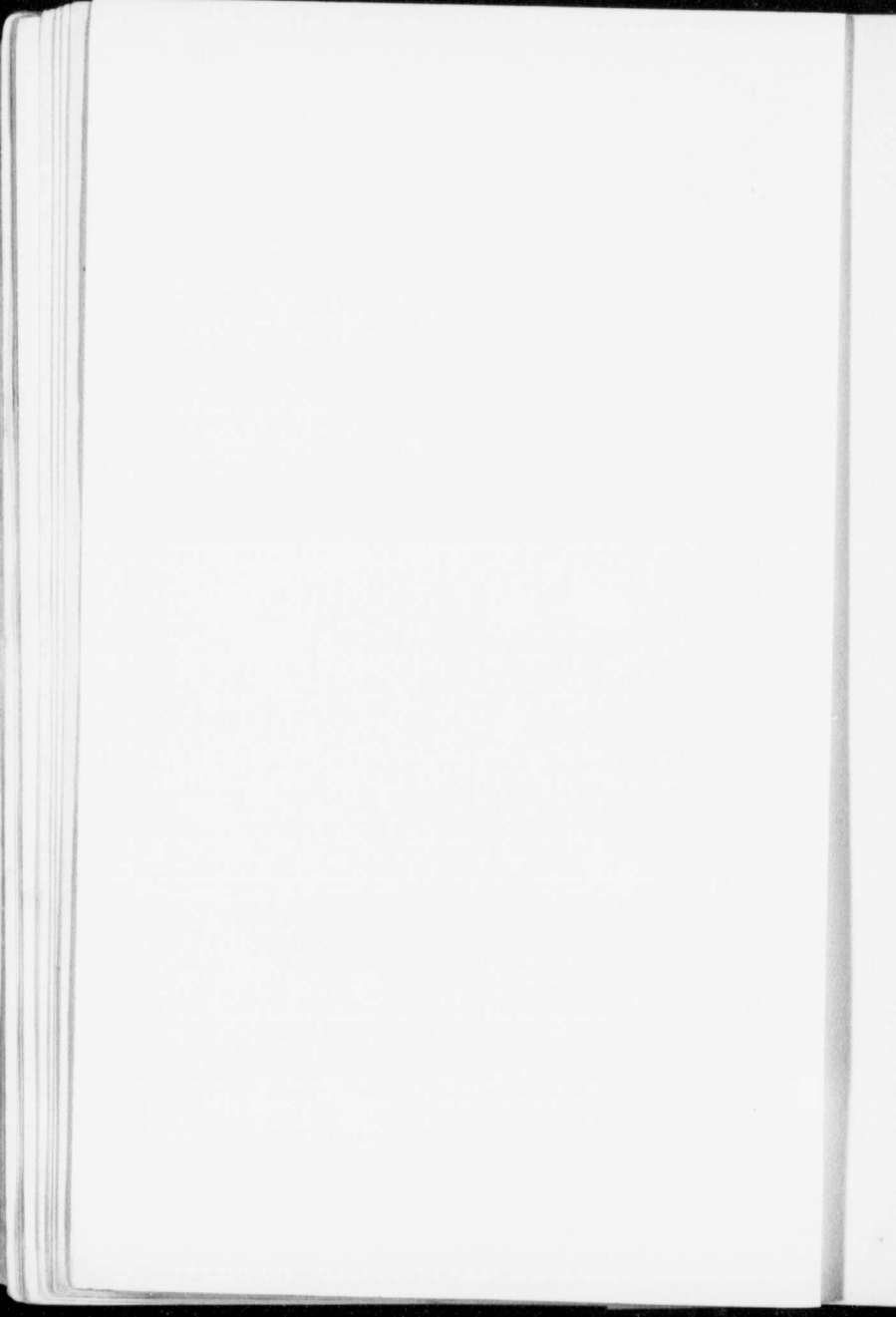
self a public spirited citizen and takes a keen interest in the welfare of his native place. He served two terms as a Town Councillor, for four years was Secretary of the Old Ladies' Home, is a Director of the New Burrell-Johnson Iron Company, President of the Mud Island Lobster Company, of the Usher Steamship Company, and of the Board of Trade. Without Captain Cann the Curling Club would seem lost, for he has been identified with the club since 1902, in which year he was elected first Vice-President. The following year he became President and held office for three consecutive years (1903 to 1906). He is one of the original directors of the Rink Company, and largely through his generosity the new rink building was financed. Captain Cann has played in matches against the Thistles and St. Andrew's, St. John, and has played in the junior trophy matches against Halifax, the Mayflowers, Truro; New Glasgow, Antigonish, Pictou, Westville and Amherst. He numbers many friends among all classes, and is highly respected for his many sterling qualities. It is the people who are never dull that leave the most yawning gaps behind them when they pass on from this stage of existence to another.

JOHN A. CRAIG.

Mr. John A. Craig was born and educated in Truro, Nova Scotia. While still a young man he removed to North Sydney, where he managed a



George S. Taylor



branch book store for D. H. Smith of Truro. Later he went to North Sydney, where he engaged in the drug business. On his removal to Annapolis Mr. Craig attended college, and upon the completion of his course he returned to North Sydney, from whence he came to Yarmouth in August, 1884. Since that time Mr. Craig has conducted his well known pharmacy in this town, and is widely and favorably known as a genial and courteous gentleman. Mr. Craig is an enthusiastic Oddfellow, having become identified with the order during his residence in Annapolis. Later, in Yarmouth, he became a charter member of Diamond Lodge. Since that time Mr. Craig has passed through the various chairs; was elected representative to the Grand Lodge, which met in Charlottetown, P. E. I., in 1889, and was signally honored by his election last fall in St. John (1909) to the position of Grand Warden.

When the Encampment branch of the order was established here in 1891 Mr. Craig was elected Chief Patriarch. In the year 1892 and at Summerside, P. E. I., the Grand Encampment of the Maritime Provinces was organized and Mr. Craig was elected Grand Senior Warden, and the following year Grand Patriarch.

In 1896 a new honor came to the subject of this sketch in the form of his selection as Grand Representative, to the Sovereign Grand Lodge which met that year at Dallas, Texas. Mr. Craig has not missed a session of that body since, and for the last nine years has held the office of Grand

Assistant Messenger. In 1900 he received the grand decoration of chivalry conferred by the Grand Sire, the Honorable A. S. Pinkerton. At that time only two others held that honor in Canada.

In 1904 Mr. Craig was the hero of a memorable incident. Grand Representative Sumner P. Lawrence, of Massachusetts, was stricken with apoplexy while on his way to attend the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge in San Francisco. The members of the Grand Lodge accompanying him all had important duties assigned to them. Nevertheless it was arranged that some one of them should remain by Mr. Lawrence until he might recover from his illness. But Mr. Craig recognized the universal kinship of Odd Fellowship and remained with Mr. Lawrence at Banff, giving him devoted care and attention. In appreciation of Mr. Craig's devotion 55,000 Odd Fellows of Massachusetts presented him with a handsome testimonial plaque in grateful recognition of his devoted voluntary service.

Mr. Craig learned to curl in North Sydney. He was one of the prime movers in the introduction of the game into Yarmouth. He has held office in the Yarmouth Curling Club since its formation, was President of the Club during 1906-1907, and President of the Nova Scotia branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club during 1907-1908. No one is more enthusiastic over the game than this worthy brother; no one has labored more to make the club a success.

DR. W. G. PUTNAM.

Dr. W. G. Putnam is universally known for his geniality and good nature. He is a good fellow and a better man. Maitland saw his birth on December 28th, 1866, where he grew up under the prudent care of his late father, Alfred Putnam, for many years a member of the House of Commons. He first studied at that famous seat of learning, Pictou Academy, in 1882-1883, where he often handled "curling stones" as well as Greek roots. In due course he matriculated into Dalhousie College, from which institution he graduated Bachelor of Arts in 1887. Proceeding to Edinburgh University he studied medicine and captured the M. B. C. M. degree from that seat of learning in 1892.

Coming to Yarmouth that same year he put up his shingle and led the life of a general practitioner for six years. In September, 1898, Dr. Putnam engaged in special work at New York and returned to Yarmouth as an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. Since that time he has met with marked success in his work.

While in Edinburgh he played on the curling team composed of Canadian students against the students from Dumfries and Galloway. From 1903 to 1905 Dr. Putnam was Vice-President of the Yarmouth Curling Club. He was elected President in 1907-1908, and has been a Director of the Rink Company since its incorporation. He has played in every foreign match, except that with the New Glasgow Juniors and St. Andrew's,

St. John. Dr. Putnam is also a prominent Mason. In 1900 he became Worshipful Master of Scotia Lodge. He was chosen District Deputy Grand Master from 1905 to 1907, and High Priest of the Chapter from 1906 to 1907. He has always taken a deep interest in the affairs of the town, and sat at the Council Board from 1900 to 1902. He is one of the most popular skips in the club and holds the esteem of his fellow citizens.

EDGAR JENKINS VICKERY.

Mr. Edgar Jenkins Vickery is an example of what hard work and perseverance will accomplish. Born in Yarmouth, 25th December, 1862, he faced the world while still quite young, and for four months pursued the calling of telegraph messenger boy. He then entered the employ of Lawson Brothers, booksellers, and continued with Crosby & Ryerson after the latter firm purchased the Lawson business. In 1880 Mr. Vickery went to sea in the ship Tsernagora, and after an eventful cruise returned to Yarmouth and associated himself with Mr. George M. Ewan in the book business, and continued in that position until 1883 when he accepted a clerkship in the Bank of Nova Scotia. In 1885 he established the well known firm of E. J. Vickery, Bookseller and Stationer. Since that time Mr. Vickery, by strict attention to his customers and their needs, has built up a good business, and his store is one of the most attractive in the province.

In Masonic circles Mr. Vickery stands high.

He is a 32nd degree man, and is at present Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia. He is a Past Master of Scotia Lodge, a charter member of the Local Commandery, having united with the order in St. John, N. B., and was one of the first Knight Templars in Yarmouth. Mr. Vickery has also held the offices of Grand Steward and Grand Senior Deacon in the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Among other societies with which Mr. Vickery is more or less closely identified are the Nova Scotia Historical Society, the American Numismatic Association, of New York, and he also is a corresponding member of the American Numismatic Society. He was one of the first members of the local Yacht Club and Commodore in 1908. Mr. Vickery has always taken a deep interest in curling and the members of the club manifested their appreciation of him by electing him President during the season 1908-1909. He is also a trustee of the rink, and for some time has been Chairman of the Curlers' Banquet Committee.

Mr. Vickery is a man of affairs and takes a keen interest in the public welfare. He is a past President of the Board of Trade, and was recently called by the votes of his fellow townsmen to a seat at the Town Council Board.

HAROLD S. CROWELL.

This is said to be an age of young men. Go where you will, you find young men filling responsible positions. Mr. Harold S. Crowell is a young

man who occupies a most important place in the industrial life of Yarmouth. Born in Yarmouth in 1872 Mr. Crowell, on the completion of his education, entered the firm of S. A. Crowell & Co., and during his ten years there learned all there is to know about the hardware business. Mr. Crowell had the good fortune to receive a thorough business training in the Eastman College, Poughkeepsie, New York.

In June, 1900, he became accountant of the New Burrell-Johnson Iron Co., and in September of the same year he assumed the position of manager, which position he has since filled to the satisfaction of the directors of the company. After the fire of March, 1909, Mr. Crowell directed the affairs of the company through a trying period, and the new and comfortable quarters are the outcome of the manager's thought and direction.

Among the many activities engaging the time and attention of Mr. Crowell may be mentioned the following: a Director of the Yarmouth Gas Co., Secretary and Treasurer of the New Burrell-Johnson Iron Co.; Secretary and Treasurer of the Curling Rink Co., and Manager of the S. A. Crowell Co.

Mr. Crowell became a member of the Yarmouth Curling Club at the time of its formation, and has filled several offices. From 1903 to 1907 he was Secretary of the Club, 1908-1909 first Vice-President, and was elected President in 1909. He is proving himself a popular President, and the "Curlers" feel that they have made no

mistake in elevating him to the highest honor which it is in their power as a club to bestow.

E. S. MATHESON.

Mr. E. S. Matheson was one of the promoters of the Yarmouth Curling Club. Born at Pictou, N. S., he attended Pictou Academy and in 1875 went west with G. A. Bayne and worked with him in the Pembina mountain district. Later he joined the C. P. R. at Winnipeg and worked as engineer under A. Brunell on the Pembina Branch, then east of Red River. From thence he proceeded to Brausefour station as assistant engineer and telegraph operator. That winter Mr. Matheson engaged in curling, and in the winter of 1883-1884 a rink, composed of R. Scott, E. S. Matheson, Jock Patterson, and Haiston, skip, won the rink medals from the Winnipeg Granite Curling Club. The following winter Mr. Matheson played at Portage-la-Prairie and won the gold medal presented by the President of the club for single-handed competition. In 1887 he was one of a party of three sent to make a harbor survey of the mouth of Nelson river for the Winnipeg and Hudson Bay Railway Company. For a year the trio camped on the banks of the Nelson river. Mr. Matheson's experiences of hardship and adventures during that year would make interesting reading. The death of his father called Mr. Matheson from the west to Nova Scotia again, where he engaged in engineering work. With Donald Stewart he built a line from Skowhegan

to Moire Lead Lake, in the State of Maine. Mr. Matheson's next appointment was as assistant engineer for Brown, Howard and Co. on the Croton Aqueduct, New York. Thence he went to Costa Rica as resident engineer from Port Limon to a point thirty miles up the Reventazon river. While there Mr. Matheson contracted malarial fever, which necessitated his return to Nova Scotia that he might regain his health. It was then that Yarmouth discovered him and made him Town Engineer and Superintendent of Streets. During the period of his residence in Yarmouth Mr. Matheson, with others, organized the Yarmouth Curling Club. In a letter Mr. Matheson writes: "This I consider one of the brightest spots in my life, and as I found Mrs. Matheson there, is it any wonder I look back to my Yarmouth days with the best of feelings and warmest wishes to my many kind friends there?"

E. H. ARMSTRONG.

Mr. E. H. Armstrong, M. P. P., was born at North Kingston, Nova Scotia, where he received his first instruction. Later he attended the Lawrencetown Academy, and after securing the necessary license, he taught for four years. Mr. Armstrong then entered Acadia College, and upon the completion of his course at this institution of learning, he attended the Dalhousie Law School, graduating with the degree of L. L. B. with the class of 1888. During this period he was articled to Jno. T. Ross, and took his recrea-

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tion by playing on the Dalhousie football team. Upon graduation Mr. Armstrong began the practice of his profession at Weymouth, N. S., but removed to Yarmouth in 1892, where he has built up a lucrative practice. In recent years Mr. Armstrong has identified himself quite prominently with public affairs. He sat at the Council board for four years (1900-1904), and was elected Mayor of Yarmouth in 1905. In the month of June, 1906, he was elected as the Liberal candidate to represent Yarmouth county in the Local Legislature. He is one of the brightest members of the house and an able exponent of the government's policy.

Mr. Armstrong was among the organizers of the Curling Club and became its first Vice-President. He is a member of the Foresters and Milton Sons of Temperance Division.

CHARLES EDWIN CANN.

Mr. Charles Edwin Cann is one of the most unassuming members of the Curling Club, but that does not interfere with his position as skip. He has played the role of skip with distinction in almost all the foreign matches participated in by the local club. Mr. Cann was born at Ohio, and spent his school days in Bloomfield. After spending the period of his youth on the farm, he came to Yarmouth and entered the employ of T. B. Dane & Son, custom tailors and gents' furnishers, in 1885. Thirteen years he spent in their service, when, in 1898, he set out on the career of business

life for himself, and is still to be found at the old stand. Mr. Cann was a charter member of the Curling Club and has been a "skip" throughout its continuance. No "skip" has been more successful in foreign matches than he. He has held the office of Vice-President, but has always refused promotion to the President's chair. He is an Oddfellow, a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters, and also of the Yarmouth Rifle Club, of which latter organization he was Captain in 1908.

REVEREND R. D. BAMBRICK. M. A.

A famous writer once said that he would rather be shut up in jail with a cheerful companion than make a sight-seeing tour of the world with the serious-minded person who, for fear he might appear to be lacking in dignity, refuses to see and to laugh at the funny side of things. Rev. R. D. Bambrick, M. A., scholar, orator and book-worm, is a most cheerful companion who can laugh himself and make others laugh. Mr. Bambrick was born in Windsor, Nova Scotia. He matriculated into King's College, Windsor, from which institution he graduated Master of Arts. He took holy orders and was ordained Deacon in 1879, and Priest the following year. He is at present rector of Holy Trinity Church, and, under his wise direction, many improvements have been made in the parish.


He became identified with curling in December, 1901, and was the first Chaplain of the club.

For five or six years he has been a junior or senior skip, and his addresses at the annual banquets of the club (humorous and couched in classical language) have always proved the feature of the programme. He has played in contests with the Mayflowers, Halifax; C. C., Truro; Thistles, St. John and Carleton.

Chapter II.

INCORPORATION OF THE CURLING RINK COMPANY—THE ERECTION OF THE BUILDING.

*Here's three times three for Curling scenes,
Here's three times three for Curling friends,
Here's three times three for Beef and Greens,
The roarin' rink for me, boys!*

 A meeting of the club held on March 10th, 1902, the chief item of business was the question of a Rink building. Dr. W. G. Putnam, in opening the discussion, referred to the present unsatisfactory arrangement with the Hockey Club, and urged that steps be taken for the erection of a curling rink. The suggestion was received with evident favor, and Messrs. Augustus Cann, E. S. Matheson and Blair Robertson were appointed "to gather information as to the cost of such a building, and to consider ways and means of financing the same."

Subsequently this committee reported having received plans and specifications of the Amherst

rink. A sum not less than two thousand dollars would be required to erect a similar building. Though this amount seemed large to an infant club, yet, with commendable zeal, Mr. E. S. Matheson called upon the members to ascertain how much stock would be subscribed at five dollars a share for a rink. As a result of his canvass eight hundred and fifty dollars were subscribed.

Repeated meetings accomplished little, for the financial barrier was not easily removed, and it was not until after two years deliberation that it became apparent to all that the only hope of success was the formation of a company and its incorporation by the Nova Scotia Legislature under the name of the "Yarmouth Curling Rink Company." This course was followed and the first Directors of the company were: Augustus Cann, W. G. Putnam, John A. Craig, Harold S. Crowell, George S. Taylor and E. H. Lovitt.

The Board of Directors met on April 15th, 1904, when it was found that a balance of four hundred and fifty-five dollars remained to be subscribed. The Yarmouth Curling Club, through its members, agreed to subscribe for ninety-one shares at five dollars per share, and the said shares were taken in the names of Messrs. Augustus Cann and T. W. Johns as trustees. Of these ninety-one shares, forty-seven have been fully paid to date.

The financial question being thus satisfactorily answered, the site was chosen and Captain Augustus Cann, in the presence of Messrs.

Matheson, Craig, Putnam and Johns, turned the first sod on August 24th, 1904.

The club occupied its new quarters on December 5th, of the same year, when the annual election of officers took place for the season of 1904-1905. A few days later a grand concert was held, which, largely through the work of Dr. Allen, and Messrs. F. P. Lillie, J. W. Boyd and Andrew Steeves, was a great success. The new rink was formally opened for curling on Christmas day, 1904, and was crowded with players and spectators during the day and evening. Mr. A. M. Bonnyman, of the Amherst Curling Club, was the first visitor to the new rink.

The spacious building is centrally and conveniently situated on Brunswick street. It rests on thirty-two stone piers set in strong cement and lime mortar, and is one hundred and seventy feet long and sixty feet wide. The ice surface provides accommodation for three regulation rinks. Platforms surround the "playing space," making a splendid promenade for spectators, while in the south end of the building are two waiting rooms with observation windows, one of which is specially reserved for ladies, who are always welcome. Through the efficient work of the House Committee, under Mr. John A. Craig, boxes for "curling stones" have been provided for the use of members. The building and equipment represent an outlay of some five thousand two hundred dollars. Too much praise cannot be given to these few men, who, in the interest of

the true Scottish sport, faced the situation of a rink or no curling, and after many months of working and waiting saw their labor crowned in the opening of a recreative "home" for Yarmouth curlers. Thanks to them, we enjoy the advantage of indoor curling, which possesses all of the delights of the pastime in the open, with the added attractiveness of playing the game at night in a rink as bright as day. How often we feel, as we watch the "stones" being swept into the "parish," like the girl who wrote home from Venice: "I'm sitting at a window overlooking the grand canal, drinking it all in, and I never seemed so full before."

Chapter III.

CURLER'S COURT—BANQUETS.

*Oh! had I the tongue of a Burns to portray
The various ups and downs of the play,
How Bill, of Wylies, met Lamb, o' the Cove,
How he said to his men: "now watch every move,
If ye juist play yer usual we'll hae this lot cheap,
And we'll leave this bit Lamb like an auld sturdial sheep."*



THE Court is the playground of "Curlers," and the "Arcana" of the craft. Cairnes writes "that even before the formation of curling societies curlers appear to have bound themselves together by the use of a certain password and grip." In the Kilmarnock treatise on curling a curious old custom in many parishes of Perthshire is described: "The curler is initiated by receiving the grip, which consists in catching him by the thumb in the manner that the curling stone is held; and in making him repeat the curling word: 'I promise never to go to the ice without a broom; I will fit fair, sweep well, take all brittle shots I can, and kaggle to a hairbreadth.'" The ceremony



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of initiation is always preceded by a dinner of beef and greens, after which the court opens by the reading of Mi' Lord's proclamation. His officers are then instructed to fence the court and to collect the fines imposed on offending members. Severe fines are supposed to be visited upon any one revealing the secrets.

One of the most pleasant memories of the visit of the Scotch Curlers to Halifax was the Curling Court held at Bedford, N. S., December 30th, 1902, at which thirty-five "Knights of the Broom" were initiated into the mysteries. The Reverend John Kerr, the captain of the visiting team, officiated as Mi' Lord, and Messrs. James Simpson and Major Scott Davidson as his officers. Two members of the Yarmouth club were among the candidates on that occasion—Dr. W. G. Putnam and Mr. John A. Craig. Upon their return to Yarmouth a court was held at Dr. Putnam's residence, (January 21st, 1903), when Messrs. George S. Taylor, Augustus Cann, E. S. Matheson and Blair Robertson were made curlers. About a week later, (January 27th, 1903), Mi' Lord, George S. Taylor, held court at the Grand Hotel, oysters being substituted for "beef and greens," and some twenty-three candidates were introduced to the "mysteries," as follows:

Rev. E. D. Millar, Rev. R. D. Bambrick, Messrs. N. R. Burrows, C. E. Cann, J. W. Baker, E. H. Lovitt, H. S. Crowell, W. D. Ross, E. J. Vickery, J. W. Grant, E. H. Armstrong, J. T. Bradbury, Roy Cann, Hiram Goudey,

F. P. Lillie, O. A. Nickerson, Charles S. Pelton,
W. E. Perry, F. J. Pope, M. A. Shaw,
W. H. T. Spinney, Fred Burrill and H. J.
Wyman.

And filling his flask to the tappie,
He gied a sly glance wi' his ee,
Saying: "Whiles tho' I tak' a wee drappie,
At curling I'm on the Tee-tee."

At the court held in the Scotia Lodge room (April 15th, 1904), Mi' Lord Taylor placed Messrs. T. W. Johns, William Redding, B. G. Burrill, James Burrill, E. G. Spinney, Dr. G. D. Turnbull and Dr. E. S. Allen on the "hack," and treated them to curler's "fare," to the great amusement of the members present. The "stoup" gathered in a plentiful harvest of fines, for, in face of Mi' Lord's commands, his suppliants were compelled to "stand up or sit down," "to drink water out of a receptacle," and "to have names and surnames." Since that time Mi' Lord's Court has been preceded by a banquet served at the Grand Hotel. The "Curlers' Banquet" is the event of the season, and is always anticipated with relish and delight.

At the first of these banquets, held on December 8th, 1905, thirty-nine guests were present, of whom twelve passed through the "court," namely: Messrs. W. L. Harding, Fritz Creighton, A. Creighton, S. C. Baker, G. P. Baker, Clarke Robbins, C. F. Dyke, L. T. Porter, H. K. Lewis, C. F. Brown, E. H. Armstrong, J. H. Lovitt and William Webster.

An artistic and appropriate invitation and menu card was issued for the Annual Banquet at the Grand Hotel on December 7th, 1906. The summons read: "Mi' Lord commands that you be present and a part of his court of the 'roarin' game' which he likes to call together for Friday evening, December 7th. It behoves you to bring an empty stomach and one dollar to the Grand Hotel at the hour of six and one-half, as also numerous silver pieces with which to appease the wrath of Mi' Lord. Upon those who have yet to learn of the joys of curler's fare rests the bounden duty to be present to taste and see."

W. R. CANN,
Secretary to Mi' Lord.

Fifty guests surrounded the festive board. The speakers of the evening were Messrs. George S. Taylor, E. H. Armstrong, M. P. P., J. A. Craig, Augustus Cann, C. E. Cann, and Rev. R. D. Bambrick, M. A. That none might enjoy the bliss of ignorance the "mysteries" were set forth in catechism form:

Are you a curler? Ice. Ice.

How do I know this? By the hours I keep.

What is the duty of a curler? Forget everything but the game.

What the greatest pleasure? To play till the last horn blows on Saturday night.

What is a good point in every curler's make-up? To forget to sleep.

How can you tell a curler? By the hunted way he looks at his wife.

What should a curler's hours be? 0.0.0.
clock.

What his first thought? Ice.

What his last thought? Water.

Hae ye trouble? Hae ye sorrow?
Are ye pinched wi' worldly cares?
Redd the roarin' game to-morrow,
Peuch; they'll fash ye near' ag'in.

Merriment and laughter pervaded the assembly. Voices blended in song, and the feeling of good will was evident. Mi' Lord's Court was memorable for the number of mortals who were anxious to have their calves transformed into those of keen, keen curlers. The pass word and grip were received by Messrs. James Rozee, Fred Allen, Dr. A. C. Harding, Albert Hood, Claude Sanderson, J. H. Walker, C. E. Pineo, H. Wall, Ross Parker, A. K. VanHorne, Murray Wyman, E. W. Jarvis, Smith Harding, Cliff Cann, Dr. George Farish and Rev. E. Crowell. Reviewing these names we are convinced of the truthfulness of the lines:

It boots not whence the Curler hails,
If Curler keen and stanch he be,
Frae Scotland, England, Ireland, Wales,
A sacred britherhood are we.

The members of the Curling Club, to the number of fifty-three, found themselves once more at the Grand Hotel to participate in the Annual Banquet for the year 1907-1908. "Hark ye," commanded Mi' Lord, "your duty lies in your attendance at the Grand Hotel on December 6th,

1907, at 6.30 o'clock. By Mi' Lord's command his 'roarin' court' holds sway that evening, and the call of the Haggis is in his blood. Beware all ye trespassers on his etiquette and ways, and be ye ready with many small coin and one dollar for your stomach's aching, for verily this is a terrible day of reckoning for us all."

The dinner was good. No one was heard bragging about the bread his mother made. The hand that cooks the meal is the hand that rules the world. The toast list inspired some splendid addresses—witty, patriotic, serious. Mr. E. H. Armstrong, on "Canada," was particularly fine; Dr. Putnam, for the club, was genial, as only he can be; Mr. John A. Craig, for the Royal Caledonia Club, was thorough, and the Rev. R. D. Bambrick, prince of after dinner speakers, was witty, bright and entertaining. The three great generals of power graced the gathering—the general of peace, the general of plenty, and the general of satisfaction. The kindred vices of dignity and a swelled head were both absent. A right royal session of the court was conducted by Mi' Lord. Messrs. Thomas Carten, Bernard Robbins, J. W. Boyd, R. H. Lemoine, J. P. L. Stewart, R. S. Crawford, E. R. Hayes, Rev. Dr. Hill, Fred Munro, F. J. Pope and Percy Hood partook of curler's fare. None asked for more.

The dinner was good
 And the club right happy,
 And altogether 'twas
 An excellent party.

We pass to the year 1908, and about December 4th of that year, the annual invitation from Mi' Lord issued forth in neat form. On the opening page one read in large letters the familiar sign: "take notice." A perusal of the contents apprised the worthy "stone throwers" to be present at their annual dinner and curler's court at the Grand Hotel on Friday evening, December 4th, 1908, at 7 o'clock. "Let naught detain thee. Harken unto the voice of Mi' Lord and be with us at the appointed time. If thou shouldest not appear thou wilt have vain regrets and shed bitter tears of disappointment. Be thou therefore not among the missing, lest mayhap the echoes of our joyous gathering shouldest come unto thee from afar off: then we would know that thou wouldst't hie thyself to the clefts of the rocks and there in the sorrowful silence sing with the prophets of old the absentees' lament:

Oh, if that I was where I should be,
Then should I be where I am not,
Lo, here I am where I must be,
And where I would be I cannot."

Sixty-three obedient curlers responded to the call of their chieftain. Amid loud applause the following letter was read by the President:

"The Rev. Edwin Crowell begs to acknowledge the kindness of the Yarmouth Curling Club in continuing his membership, and ventures to submit this note of appreciation:

The club's brow card draws my regard,
As stone well laid to tee, sirs,

Recalls rare sport and Curler's Court
Whose fame outrival's Caesar's.

But most the free camaraderie
Of men, Mi' Lord the keenest,
Through passing years as fresh appears
As when the broom was greenest.

Lay a guard here. Be canny, cheer
For manly mirth a-scoring,
And shut out Megrims though his stone
Straight down the ice come roaring.

One of the replies received in answer to Mi' Lord's invitation was in the form of a "Limerick."

A water street dealer in fishes
Thinks haggis the best of all dishes,
So on Friday he'll stand
By his plate at the Grand
Till he strains every seam in his breeches.

The toast list called forth a patriotic oration on "Canada" by Mr. E. H. Armstrong, and witty speeches by the Chaplain, Rev. R. D. Bambrick, and Dr. A. M. Hill. The latter submitted this parody on a well known poem:

The Chaplain, so kind, repraises the blind,
And o'er the white landscape he smiles,
But the smile disappears
As he ponders and fears
That he ought to prepare for St. Giles.
For once you may dare, mon
To preach an old sermon.
The tempter thus lured him away.
Five inches of ice
E'en a saint would entice,
And the Chaplain goes curling to-day.

Doc Putnam was out through the night round
And he slept rather late in the day, [about,

There's an eye to be glassed,
 And an ear to be hashed,
 But that will be after the play.
 If he should be called on
 Doc Allen yells "hold on"
 And take Putnam's prescription away.
 Five inches of ice
 And these medico's advice
 Is to join them curling to-day.

The old and the young—Roy Cann and his gang,
 The rich Canns and poor meet together,
 Boss Taylor and Craig,
 With Jarvis, so staid,
 Draw nearer and nearer each other.
 And so all responding to E. J.'s commanding
 His summons we'll gaily obey.
 Think boys,
 Five inches of ice, oh boon beyond price.
 We'll all go acurling to-day.

Secretary Cann cautioned the uninitiated to leave their dignity at home, for if they brought it they might lose it. You can tell a curler anywhere, but you can't tell him much. The counter-sign for this night was: "What makes the wildcat wild?"

All farewell messages were ordered to be put in writing. Usually so many verbal messages are given those in charge at the last moment, that they are liable to get them confused.

A man stood on the burning deck,
 The flames had cut him short,
 You call this hot, he yelled, "By heck!
 Just join the Curler's Court."

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Mi' Lord Taylor held "court." Various members retired to the "dress circle," others preferred the orchestra row, while all at a given signal promenaded and sasshayed right and left. A number of candidates were "piloted over the ice" and initiated into the terrible mysteries. Among them were: Messrs. H. W. Cann, George Earle, H. H. Munro, John D. Kirk, H. A. Foster, Angus McLeod, George D. Blackadar, and Captain Lovitt Hines.

In issuing his summons for his court at the Grand Hotel on December 10th, 1909, Mi' Lord preceded his call to arms with a "forecast" for the use of the "faithful":

December 10th, keen and clear.

From December 20th to 25th we will have some rain water, snow water, and ice water.

Night of 24th to 25th, great flurry in trading, disappointing returns.

From 25th to 31st, expect some weather and a change.

January 1st, new resolutions.

January 2nd, same as last year, little more.

From 5th to 10th, expect some more weather, followed by thunder and bills.

Note. Winter started December 1st.

Sunday. Winter starts again. The Sundays in this month are the longest in the year—if the ice is good.

From 15th to 20th, if you have anything left, pay up your dues and look forward to a long summer.

From 20th to 31st, good curling on Friday afternoon and Sunday.

About this time look for some weather, three degrees of frost in rink, everyone wearing a curling face.

From middle till last of February, good curling weather, with now and then (mostly now) thaws and Indian summer.

March 1st to 10th, good curling and more weather.

From 10th to 15th, about time curling was over.

March 30th, spring.

April 1st, coal very low, no joke.

The toast list included the name of the Hon. D. C. Fraser, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, who, through sickness, was not able to be present. The addresses were of an high order, and evoked frequent applause from the seventy curlers who had gathered for the annual banquet.

Mr. E. H. Armstrong proposed "Canada" in a neat speech. It was responded to by the singing by a chorus of curlers of "Canada." Rev. R. D. Bambrick was, as usual, bright and witty, and Mr. J. W. Grant delivered a good address. A song by Mr. W. J. Johnston was greatly appreciated, as was also the playing by the orchestra composed of Messrs. Roy Williams, Hubert and Edgar Vickery.

Some interesting correspondence was read, together with an original poem dedicated to Mi' Lord by Rev. Dr. Hill:

George S. he had a playful goat,
 Its feet were rather slow,
 But everywhere that Mi' Lord went,
 That goat was sure to go.

It followed him to Curler's Court,
 Which was not against the rule,
 It made the Curlers laugh and play,
 For that goat was no fool.

O "Lovli, Lovli," Naybur cried,
 That goat is not an "hog,"
 Doc Putnam steered him up, they say,
 And Gus Cann kept the log.

Mi' Lord, he could not turn him out,
 For still he lingered near
 To help the boys butt Hally Cann,
 Somewhere along the rear.

What makes George S. love goatie so,
 The pious Horton asks,
 Because the goatie loves George so,
 And helps him with his tasks.

And now there sounds a fog horn blast,
 A broom, a yell, a glance,
 For VanHorne, Webster, Farish last,
 Are marching to a dance.

Behold, lo, comes the pious gang,
 John Kirk, Love Hines, Brickbam,
 Hi'm Goudey, Eddie Vic, Roy Cann,
 Who could not say a —.

How joyous troops the infant class,
 Ed Allen in his frills,
 E. Jarvis with his little gun
 And curls in rippling rills.

And now we see the love lorn youths,
 Claude S., Bernie and Bub,
 Roast Turkey and young Ichabod,
 Great Jupiter, the rub.

And soon, Mi' Lord he winks a wink,
 Call Sweeny up for buck,
 The Curlers' goatie blinks a blink,
 I'll bounce him when he's struck.

Then rush the Curlers far adown,
 Seize Stoneman, Vernon, Don,
 By Jinks, says Jimmie P.,
 They've all got bustles on.

But look, the goat in humble air,
 Arising off his feet,
 Slap! bang! the helpless victims light
 Beneath the hindmost seat.

Joe Boyd, thou clam, oh, blankety slam,
 Why did you broom me so,
 My solar plexus has been strained,
 Mi' Lord, please let me go.

Think boys, what wife dear will say,
 When I go home once more,
 What can she say, but you're a jay,
 Not so, you be a Yarmouth Curlier sure.

Mention must be made of the historical data found at the back of the invitation card. The outstanding events in the history of curling, and more particularly the Yarmouth Curling Club, are herewith appended.

HISTORY.

1200 A. D.—KUR, son of LIEF THE RYE, caught with the goods and ordered to be stoned. Hence the word KURLING.

1201-2—Battle of Rye: Many Kurlers laid low, who in the morning rise in their wrath and smite the Scotch. On this occasion the song "Coming Through the Rye" was inspired.

1205—The two clans, Rye and Hoot, met and formed rules governing the game, and also Curler's Quart. Wind souse-souse-east.

1208—Clan Guinness butts in; game becomes more popular.

1210—This year witnessed the great frost. Heads of households were not seen until spring. All the clans of the hills took up the game. Local option introduced and defeated.

1211—Curling introduced into Canada by AILSA, son of D'Beer the Stout.

1221-1909—Canadians trying to learn how to talk Scotch.

1212—And to like it.

February of same year—Like it fine.

1213—Lief the Rye dies. Hafanuther the Same elected chief.

1214—The new chief insulted with curler's fare and coughs up the dough.

1216—Great bonspiel between Highlanders and Lowlanders. Water on the ice; got up their Scotch and had a skate instead.

1217—Relief expedition sent out to find missing curlers. Discovered in a field arguing whether to subscribe to an Imperial navy or build a water-waggon.

1219—Infuriated clan Lithia hear that their chief Hadenuf has disappeared. Hence the term Skip.

1220—The clan Buttin introduce the mountain goat feature in curlers' quart, which consists of mounting from jag to jag.

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1225-1250—During these years many Scots came over to Canada to join in matches. Among them were many soldiers who later decided to stay, which gave the game a great impetus.

1250-1900—From now on many changes took place in the game, which gained many adherents. And now the Canadian club became independent of the Scotch.

1901—Curling discovered in Yarmouth by Nayburr, son of Lovli the Poor.

1901-7—During these years many accidents happened, resulting in defeats for Yarmouth, but later the club wandered far afield.

1908—Battle of Waterloo. Wounded put in Curlers' Quart Hospital. Luke, son of Takumall, made a big scoop, Nayburr arrested, churches and rink closed, also the bars; dry-dock started, water-waggon being repaired on the slip.

December, 1909—The clans are gathering for another year of deadly work. Chief Soakum, protege of the mysteries, sends greetings from Hafanuther and himself.

Mi' Lord held high revel this night. Among the gentlemen made curlers were: Dr. I. M. Lovitt, W. J. Johnstone, L. Newell, T. J. Gunn, Arthur O'Brien, W. L. Campbell, Thomas Chapman, H. E. Kirk, A. P. Stoneman, D. H. MacDonald, C. F. Dyke, Edgar Vickery, jr., V. S. Sweeny and Harold Cann. The candidates made a fine appearance, but we are glad the official photographer was absent, for friends receiving a picture of one of these brothers as they

stood on the "hack" would have thrown it away, thinking some one had sent them a comic valentine.

An objection was raised by one of the members that a certain candidate had presented himself for the degree without the proper facial adornment. We can assure the objecting brother that the facial adornment was there all right, but the keenest eyed would not have detected it, so striking was its resemblance to the original. There may have been some distant relationship existing between the two faces, just as Barney declared he was very distantly related to Thomas. "I was me mother's first child," said he, "and Thomas was the twenty-second."

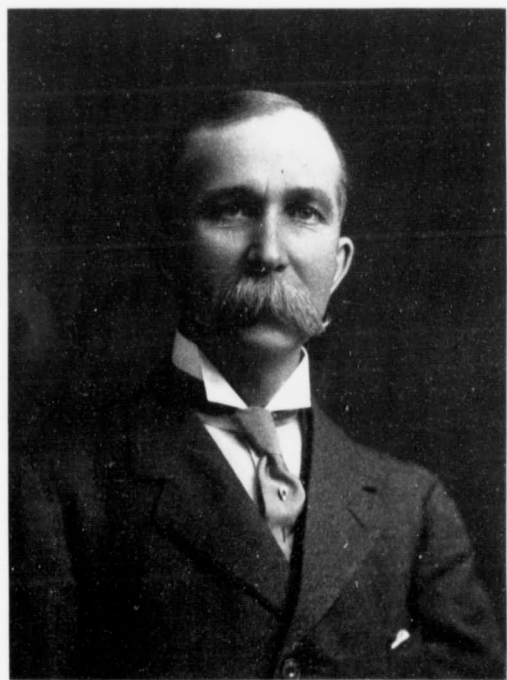
'Twas the night of the Banquet, and all through the flat,
Not a Curler was stirring, not even the cat.
From father and brother, and me and young Cid,
Everyone was knocked out with a pain in his mid.

O CANADA.

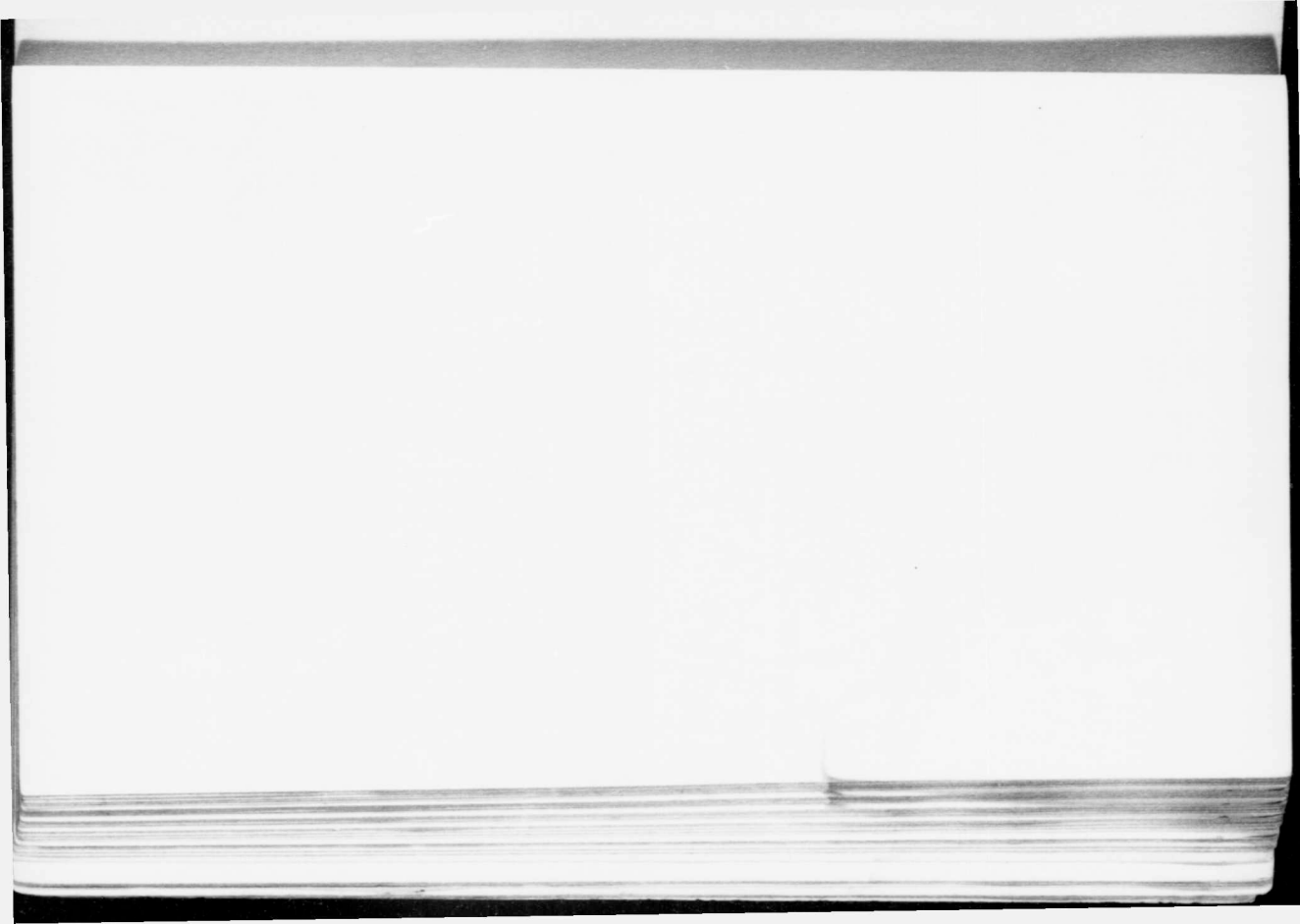
O Canada! Our home, our native land,
True patriot love thou dost in us command,
We see thee rising fair, dear land,
The True North strong and free,
And stand on guard, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.

O Canada! where pines and maples grow,
Great prairies spread and lordly rivers flow,
Thou art the land, O Canada,
From East to Western Sea,
The land of hope for all who toil,
The land of liberty.

O Canada! Beneath thy shining skies
May stalwart sons and gentle maidens rise;
And so abide, O Canada,
From East to Western Sea,
Where e'er thy pines and prairies are,
The True North strong and free.



Edgar J. Vickery



Chapter 10.

THE NOVA SCOTIA BRANCH OF THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN CURLING CLUB.

*Here's to those who love us,
And here's to those who don't,
A smile for those who are willing to,
And a tear for those who won't.*



THE handbook of the Branch for the year 1909-1910 gives some historical notes of such interest that I have incorporated them in this treatise.

“ In 1851, the Royal Caledonian Curling Club of Scotland gave the Halifax Club the powers of a Branch. The following year the Nova Scotia Branch was formally organized with the Halifax, Halifax Thistle and Dartmouth clubs as members. Pictou became a member in 1853, and the next year the New Caledonian of Pictou and the New Glasgow Clubs were admitted to the branch. In 1856 the Antigonish Club was admitted. The branch was quite vigorous until 1862, when it took a five years' nap. Repeated

attempts in 1867 to reawaken interest, ended in a failure. In January, 1886, a Maritime Branch was organized, 14 clubs becoming affiliated, and the Hon. David McLellan presented for competition, a challenge cup, which was known as the McLellan cup. This branch came to an untimely end shortly after 1891, and the McLellan cup reposed for many years among the trophies of the Truro club, until it was again placed in play during the year 1907.

During the visit of the Scottish curlers, the revival of the old Maritime Branch was discussed, and at the farewell meeting held in the Halifax rink, January 2nd, 1903, the Rev. John Kerr urged the formation of a branch of the Royal Curlers. The misfortunes of the old branch deterred the older curlers from starting a Maritime Branch.

On January 21, 1904, representatives of the Halifax, Pictou, New Glasgow, Antigonish, Truro and Amherst clubs met in Truro and reorganized the old Nova Scotia Branch. There are 16 clubs affiliated with it, and two trophies, a senior and junior, are competed for.

There are in the Dominion five branches: The Canadian in Quebec, organized prior to 1852; the Ontario, organized in 1874; the Manitoba, 1888; the Nova Scotia, organized in 1852 and reorganized in 1904, and the Northwest, organized in 1904."

The Yarmouth Curling Club became identified with the branch in the autumn of 1905, when

Messrs. John A. Craig and F. P. Lillie were elected as representatives to the second annual meeting of the branch held at Truro. Only the former of these was present. Ten clubs composed the branch at this time, grouped into four districts:

- (a). Cape Breton.
- (b). Pictou and Antigonish.
- (c). Halifax, Colchester and Cumberland.
- (d). The Western Counties.

Mr. J. A. Johnson, of Halifax, presented to the branch a handsome trophy for competition. The cup is of solid silver, lined inside with gold, and rests upon a walnut base four inches high and six inches across. Upon the lid stands the figure of a man in Scotch costume with a broom in his hand and a curling stone at his feet. The Johnson and the McLellan cups are the trophies held thus far by the branch for competition. In addition to these, silver medals are awarded for the highest scores made in point play.

In the season 1904-1905, the winners were:

Name.	Club.	Points.
B. DeVeber,	New Glasgow,	49
Rev. Dr. McMillan,	Halifax,	41
W. Wilson,	Mayflower,	—
A. M. Bonnyman,	Amherst,	40
J. Yorston,	Pictou,	35
D. Dunn,	Truro,	34
Dr. E. S. Allen,	Yarmouth,	26

In the junior trophy series Yarmouth lost five games and won one.

Yarmouth's representative was elected a member of the executive committee.

Mr. J. A. Craig was again Yarmouth's representative to the third annual meeting of the branch. Delegates from six of the ten clubs assembled at Truro on November 15th, 1906. The result of the senior matches for the previous season was declared. The Johnson cup went to the Truro club for the second time.

A difficulty arose over the awarding of the junior trophy. Antigonish had proved the winner in the eastern division competition, and Yarmouth in the western. It was agreed to "play off" about the time of the Amherst bonspiel, but Yarmouth failed to send a rink and the trophy went to Antigonish by default.

In the "point play" for the season some interesting scores were made and medals granted to the following:

Name.	Club.	Points.
W. Murray,	New Glasgow,	50
G. B. Smith,	Amherst,	40
C. F. Cox,	Truro,	37
C. J. Kerr,	Halifax,	35
W. P. Cunningham,	Antigonish,	34
D. McDonald,	Pictou,	31
J. A. McInnes,	Mayflower,	30
J. H. Lovitt,	Yarmouth,	27

Up to the present Mr. Murray's score of 50 has not been beaten.

As an experiment the rules governing "point

play" were changed in one particular, viz.; during the year 1907 a broom may be held for the player, but the placing of it is to be entirely by the direction of the player. This change in the rules has been greeted with praise by the several clubs. Truro reports—"We find it a success." New Glasgow—"Very satisfactory." Pictou—"Gives great satisfaction." Halifax says—"It works well." Antigonish—"Was well pleased," and Yarmouth reports it "a decided success, and as a result club members gained more points than any other club during the season."

The representatives present in Truro at the fourth annual meeting of the branch elected Mr. John A. Craig to the office of President for the year 1907-1908.

It was reported that three clubs had come into existence—Bridgewater, Pugwash, and Springhill.

The report of the Provincial "point" competition showed the highest score to have been made by Mr. A. Marshal, of New Glasgow, with a score of 49. Mr. George Earl, of the Yarmouth club, won a medal with a score of 35.

The fifth annual meeting of the branch, (November 19th, 1908), was an enthusiastic gathering of curlers. Of the thirteen clubs composing the branch eleven were represented but Yarmouth was not. An important part of the proceedings was the choice of five men to represent the Province in the proposed visit of the Canadian Curlers to Scotland. The choice fell upon Messrs. H. St. C. Silver, Halifax; James

Dover, Truro; Dalziel Patterson, Pictou; George E. Munro, Westville; and George F. Wallace, Pictou.

The Bluenose Curling Club, of New Glasgow, was awarded the Johnson cup. In the series of games for the season 1907-1908, Yarmouth was defeated by Truro and Halifax. Mr. J. P. L. Stewart, of the Yarmouth club, won a medal for point playing, and the following season he distinguished himself by making the highest score in the province—41.

The annals of curling in Nova Scotia for the year 1908-1909 record by far the most active season in curling.

The competition for the McLellan cup evoked keen interest. This trophy was defended successfully the previous year by the Thistles of St. John, N. B., against the challenging club, but was finally lost by them to Chatham. Won from Chatham by Truro, this latter club in turn defended it successfully against St. Stephen, N. B., but lost to Halifax. Halifax, by the defeat of Hampton, N. B., and Westville, proved the final winners, and so received the cup.

At present sixteen clubs compose the Nova Scotia branch of the Royal Caledonian Club. They are:

Club.	Date of Organization.
Halifax.....	1825
Pictou.....	1854
New Glasgow.....	1854
Antigonish.....	1856

Truro.....	1875
Amherst.....	1895
Yarmouth.....	1901
Westville.....	1901
Mayflower, Halifax.....	1905
Lunenburg.....	1905
Stellarton.....	1906
Springhill.....	1906
Bridgewater.....	1907
Maccan.....	1908
Windsor.....	1909
Oxford.....	1909

Other clubs exist which have not yet joined the branch, and these, with clubs in process of organization, bespeak a bright and ever brightening future for the "roarin' game" in this province of "New Scotland."

Under the auspices of the busy and enterprising town of Amherst, and under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency, the Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada, the first Maritime Bonspiel was held on January 15th, 1907. Since that time the Amherst Bonspiel has become an annual event.

Several very fine trophies were offered for competition. His Excellency Earl Grey, in order to promote the welfare of curling in the Maritime Provinces, presented a handsome trophy for annual competition. The Lowndes Company, Limited, Toronto, donated a silver trophy valued at two hundred and fifty dollars, to be known as the Twentieth Century trophy. For double

rink competition the Rhodes-Curry Company presented a cup. In addition to these gifts, trophies are also offered by the Dunlap, Cooke Company for interprovincial competition; the Honorable D. C. Fraser Cup, and the Chignecto trophy, to encourage the scientific game of point playing. The result of the several competitions gave the Governor-General trophy to Hampton Curling Club; 20th Century to Chignecto; Rhodes Curry to Truro; Dunlap, Cooke to Blue Nose, New Glasgow; D. C. Fraser to Chignecto, and Chignecto to J. McD. Cook, Moncton Curling Club.

The visit of the All Canadian Curlers to Scotland during the season 1908-1909 was a splendid test of Canadian curling. The team was captained by the Honorable D. C. Fraser, Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia. The historic occasion of the visit was the banquet given by the Royal Caledonian Curling Club in the Music Hall, Edinburgh, and presided over by Lord Strathcona. "With this Grand Old Man of Canada as president of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club," said Mr. J. P. Robertson, "the Canadians could not say 'no' to the invitation extended to them."

As the freemasonry of curling is of the broadest character, the good influence of such visits can hardly be overestimated. Some things struck the Scottish curlers in the "play" of the Canadians. One of these was the dependence placed in the "side shot." The skip gets his "lead" to plant a stone about the outside ring,



Harold S. Crowell



some two feet from the "howe," and then his chief aim is to get the second man to curl round it. Then, in the art of sweeping the Canadians are "facile princeps." They keep close to the stone all the way; many a time, as the result of clever brushwork, they lure into the "parish" a stone which at first looked like being a "hog." By mixing the stones they effectually prevent their opponents from securing a "kill," and, if they cannot get the shot themselves, they strive their utmost to restrict the counting shots of their opponents.

In the several contests the Canadian Rinks won all the matches, with the exception of three, and brought home with them the Strathcona cup.

On the return of the team (March 4th, 1909,) to Canada, they were tendered an enthusiastic reception by the Halifax Curling Club. As Lieutenant-Governor Fraser came down the gang plank, the bag pipes struck up the "Cock O' the North." Then a delegation of curlers from all over the province in Kilmarnocks and Tartans, and carrying brooms, formed a body guard to his Honor.

We can truthfully say that interest in curling in the Province of Nova Scotia is on the increase. Men are becoming enthusiastic over this form of winter sport. We know some men so infatuated with it that they remind us of the Glasgow student, who, having played mate in a rink skipped by his professor, was asked if he would repeat the game on the morrow. The student's reply was that he

had purposed to get married on the morrow, but he would rather curl any day, and so he put his marriage off. Perhaps, too, he remembered what the boy said about the Samson-Delilah incident: "That it is never safe to let a woman cut your hair," or what the little girl wrote about Patrick Henry: "Patrick," wrote she, "was not a very bright boy. He had large blue eyes and auburn hair. In a fit of the blues he got married and then he said 'give me liberty or give me death.'"

The Bailie he points to the sofy,
Where his wife sits infusing the tea,
And cries he, "Yon's the bonniest trophy
That ever was won by M'Phee.
For she teaches the bairns to read daily,
And practice the curling club laws."

Chapter V.

LOCAL PRIZES AND COMPETITIONS.

*The same old game, the same old game,
All others in comparison are tame.
Talk of euchre, or of whist, play "casino" if you list,
But we'll carry on the same old game,
C - U - R - L - I - N - G .*



COMPETITION is the spice of curling. If King Solomon had ever played skip in one of the Yarmouth Curling Club contests, he would never have declared that "all is vanity." But wise as Solomon was, and occupying one of the best situations in the kingly business, he was not clever enough to invent this game. So this wisest of men had to spend his evenings with sad-eyed Hiram, King of Tyre, boring one another unspeakably. Probably Solomon talked about the Queen of Sheba, and Hiram boasted of his purple dyes, but it must have been a weary business.

While there are a few men in Yarmouth who stay home winter evenings snoring in their chairs, or worrying their wives with exasperating ques-

tions, or scolding the children for spending their evenings in idleness, by far the greater number are to be found at the rink, engaging in the many competitions, and obeying the commands of the opposing skips to "sweep on, you fat and greasy citizens," as the First Lord cries in "As You Like It." Even had you seen a stout Carabineer climbing a steep Calabrian hill under a broiling mid-summer sun, in pursuit of a brigand who is stealthily running away from him, you would still fail to appreciate how the curler's heart throbs with a desire to drive out his opponents "stone" from the highest places in the "parish."

Competition is the life of sport. One's feelings expressed in verse may be thus translated:

Play the game, Y. C. C.
 Good old game, Y. C. C.
 Not because the foe you fear, Y. C. C.
 But when once you tread the "hack,"
 You must come victorious back,
 Bringing trophies from the fight, don't you see!

In trophies for competition the Yarmouth Curling Club is rich. Like the proverbial old woman who lived in the shoe, the club has more trophies than it can dispose of in one season. But "the more the merrier," especially when each and every trophy is worth winning. Great care has been shown with respect to the fitness of things in their selection by the respective donors. This is not always the case in the bestowal of gifts, for I did hear of a young man presenting to a Milton young lady a picture of an unknown flowering shrub, on the top twig of which fifty-

seven humming birds sat greedily devouring fifty-seven dragon flies. Underneath he wrote: "Hoping you will always be the same."

Mr. J. A. Craig led the way, and during the season 1901-1902 presented to the club a cup bearing his name. This trophy provoked healthy contests during the successive seasons until 1905-1906, when it became the "Rink Cup," and was placed in charge of the President.

The opening and occupancy of the new rink building was fittingly marked by the presentation to the club of several valuable prizes. Messrs. H. K. Wampole & Company generously donated the "Wampole Cup" for the cultivation and improvement of skill in "point play." Mr. Charles F. Dyke, with equal generosity, presented a cup called by his name, to be played for by points in competitions open to all members. Mr. W. A. Stewart gave a pipe, and Mr. James Dover, of Truro, a pair of his patent handles. In season 1906-1907 the disease of "cup giving" began to spread, and it did not stop until Mr. J. A. Craig had given a new cup, Mr. W. Roy Cann a stein, and the Rev. R. D. Bambrick, M. A., a cup, to add new interest to curling in Yarmouth. The following season witnessed more presentations. Mr. E. J. Vickery added to the trophy list a silver stein, Mr. H. S. Crowell a beautiful silver cup, and Dr. Putnam dedicated his offering to "My Lady Nicotine," in the form of a pipe.

The disinterested spirit displayed by these

gentlemen should inspire others to go and do likewise. The great majority of us have thus far played no part in this stage of generosity. We feel something like Stiles, who, when questioned about his swagger and richness of deportment, explained that he had been on the stage: "Only walking on," he said, with a shake of his head. "The only speaking part I had was a cough. You ought to have heard that cough, George."

We shall not describe these trophies, but rather invoke the muse and sing of them:

The cup by the Patron presentit,
Is a gem o' the jeweller's airt,
Wi' mony a flor'er indentit,
And emblems in every pairt.

We append the rules and regulations governing the respective competitions.

The rules governing the competition for the new Craig cup are:—

1. This cup shall be known as the "Craig Cup."
2. It shall be played for annually; play to commence on or after January 15th, or on or after such date as the club has fixed for payment of dues.
3. It shall be played for by rink competition, the various competing rinks to be chosen in the following manner:—
 - (a.) All members of the club wishing to take part in the matches shall enter their names in a book provided for the purpose.
 - (b.) The senior and junior skips shall be

skips of the different competing rinks. If any additional skips are required they shall be elected by ballot, at a meeting of the executive committee and skips.

(c.) At a meeting of the executive committee and the skips of the club all the available members shall be arranged into their respective rinks by lot, according to any method which the majority of the meeting may deem best. This meeting shall also arrange, and post in some conspicuous place, the order of play in each rink.

(d.) In drawing for the order of play, what is known as the Wagnall system shall be used.

4. Opposing skips shall arrange among themselves when they will play, and post up the date and hour, so as to secure ice space.

5. If at the appointed time for the game a member of a rink fails to appear, that rink must either forfeit the match or play with three members according to the following rules:—

(a.) If the skip be absent then third man becomes skip, and the second man plays his own and the third pair of stones.

(b.) If the third player be absent the second man plays second and third stones.

(c.) If the second player be absent the lead plays second and first place.

(d.) If the lead be absent the second player plays the lead stones as well as his own.

(f.) A sweeper shall be allowed for the absentee, but no rink shall continue to play with less than three men.

6. In the case of a vacancy occurring in a rink the skip, with the consent of the executive committee, selects any member of the club to fill up his rink, subject to these conditions:

(a.) That no one who has been playing mate may play number two or one stones on another rink in the same match.

(b.) That no one who has been playing number two stones may play as lead on another rink in the same match.

(c.) That no one may be a member of more than one actually competing rink at the same time.

7. If, at the appointed time for the game, one of the rinks fails to appear, or appears with fewer than three members, the other rink shall win by default, unless the two skips have previously made other arrangements in consequence of unavoidable circumstances which may have arisen.

8. Skips in arranging their games must bring them in as speedily as possible. If, with favorable ice conditions and rink space available, any skip, in the opinion of the executive committee, delays his game without good reason he shall lose by default.

9. In the case referred to in the preceding rule when unnecessary delay is apparently being made, the executive committee shall have power to arrange for games, and post up the day and hour for such, and generally to make such arrangements as they think best for the benefit of the club.

10. Each game in the competition shall

consist of not less than 14 ends and not more than 20. The skips in each instance shall agree on the number of ends before beginning play.

11. The game shall be played with less than five degrees of frost (27°) unless by mutual agreement between the skips.

12. In the event of the ice becoming too heavy after play has commenced, the skips may lessen the number of ends for that game by mutual consent.

13. Only the name of the skip of the winning rink in the finals (of the year of his victory) shall be engraved on a pendant of the cup attached for the purpose.

14. Any of the officers or any of the executive committee of the Club, when called upon by any skip, shall act either separately or collectively as an umpire to settle any differences that may arise in reference to the play, and the decision of such umpire shall be final.

The "Roy Cann Stein" is played for by points, the highest score in two successive years made by the same player entitles him to possession of the trophy.

For the season 1907-1908, Mr. E. J. Vickery presented a Stein for points competition. The regulations governing the play for it were as follows:—

1. This trophy shall be considered to be in play from this day forth to the end of the season.
2. It shall become the property of the player

making the highest score at points during the season.

3. The score may be made in the presence of one other member of the club who may also be playing.

4. The winner of this trophy to have choice of the Royal Curling Club Medal or the Stein; one person not to retain both, and in case of winner holding medal, this trophy shall become the property of the second best score.

5. Play may be made at any time, or as often as a member may care, as the idea of this competition is to encourage and foster the playing of the points competition, and thereby the improving of the club score year by year.

6. If two officials are present when the score is made, the score then made shall be eligible for the Royal Caledonian Curling Club Medal.

Mr. Craig presented a third prize—a fountain pen—for the third best score of the season.

After the protest resulting from the contest for the Wampole Cup during the season 1906-1907, regulations were drawn up governing this competition to obviate all future difficulties. The competition shall consist of three stages:

FIRST STAGE.

The first stage shall consist of a round of points. The sixteen players making the highest scores shall be qualified for the second stage.

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SECOND STAGE.

The second stage shall be a rink competition. The sixteen players who have qualified shall divide themselves into four rinks in the following manner:—

(a.) They shall meet and by ballot elect four of their number to be skips.

(b.) The four skips thus chosen shall draw lots for order of choice. Then suppose A to have won first choice, B second, C third, D fourth, then the order of selection shall proceed as follows:

A.	B.	C.	D.
1	2	3	4
4	3	2	1
1	2	3	4

After the rinks have been thus formed, the skip of any rink may arrange the four men of his rink in the order he chooses.

The rotation of players observed in the first game need not be retained through the other games of the competition.

The four men may arrange themselves in any way which seems to them conducive to the strength and interest of their rink, provided always, of course, that no change of rotation can be made in the course of a single game.

If weather and ice conditions seem to be favorable, the executive committee may direct that each of the four rinks shall play one game against each of the other three rinks, the rinks winning

the greatest number of games to be deemed the winner.

If two rinks gain the same number of games, they shall play off.

If three rinks gain the same number of games they shall be arranged by lot, as number one, two, three; then one shall play two and winner three.

If, however, the executive considers there is not time for the above arrangement, then the rinks shall be arranged by lot as numbers one, two, three, four; when one shall play two, and three play four; then the winners play off.

THIRD STAGE.

The third stage shall consist of a point competition; the four members of the victorious rink shall compete against one another in a round of points. The one making the highest score will be the winner of the cup. In the event of a tie the "outwick" shall be played.

Provision for special cases:

If a vacancy occurs in a rink it shall be filled by the man who has made the highest score among those who are left after the first sixteen are taken from the players in the first stage.

If there is more than one heading the list with the same score, the skip may select whichever one he chooses.

The cases of rinks appearing at the hour appointed for a match without their full number, or failing to appear at all, shall be dealt with as

laid down in the regulations for the Craig Cup.

It may happen that in picking out the sixteen highest in the first stage, it will be found that more men have made the lowest score of these sixteen than are required. In such circumstances these men shall play the outwick; still, in the event of ties, the outwick shall be continued to be played until the matter is settled.

Those intending to compete shall enter their names in a book provided for the purpose.

The regulations governing local competitions, as recommended by the special committee, and adopted at the annual meeting held on November 16th, 1909, were as follows:

PRESIDENT VERSUS VICE-PRESIDENT.

In case of the absence or inability to play of any member on a rink, a lead only shall be substituted, and the remaining players be moved up one position each.

The matches must be played with the least possible delay.

CRAIG CUP.

In the competition for this cup there shall be the same rule applied for substitutes as for President versus Vice-President match. Ten consecutive days shall be allowed in which to play the preliminary and first rounds; six consecutive days for the playing of the second round; four consecutive days for the third round; four consecutive days for the finals; provided, that in the

absence of ice during half or more of the time or periods mentioned, the curling committee shall be empowered to extend the time limit, but not to cover more than three days of ice for any period.

WAMPOLE CUP.

The qualifying points for this competition shall be played during the three consecutive days of curling after posting of competition; if not three such consecutive days, then during the first four days of ice. If the matches between the sixteen players who have qualified for this competition are not played within a reasonable time, the curling committee shall fix dates and time limits for such matches.

DYKE CUP AND ROY CANN STEIN.

The same rule as applied to Wampole Cup as to time of play (in qualifying round) shall apply to these competitions.

POINTS GENERALLY.

Points in competition should be played only in the order laid down in the books. It shall be necessary that some one member of either the Executive Committee, or Curling Committee, or any skip, shall be present to legalize a point score for competition.

When Herodotus told the world that the Nile sprang from a fountain, one stream from which flowed north, and the other south, everybody was

perfectly contented with the Nile until doubt was cast on the veracity of Herodotus. Then at once men became miserable and sought to go to the Nile and find out for themselves. It is something of the same propensity in man, in all his undertakings, which makes him desire rule and method by which to play and work. It is always safer and wiser to have any and every competition controlled by easily understood and concise rules or conditions. It precludes the possibility of friction and promotes good understanding.

The editors of the Scottish Annual for the year 1905 wrote that "the regrettable blank in the volume (for that year) is the absence of curling contests for the last season, without which no annual can be perfect." With such advice from so great an authority we proceed with a measure of delight to give what details are obtainable of the local competitions since the club's formation.

Persuaded he shouthered his besom,
 His stanes were the guid Crawfordjohn;
 His mull was replenished wi' sneeshin,
 Which he oped to each weel-playit stone.

The old Craig Cup competition began February 12th, 1902. The rinks were as follows:

Rink 1.	Ver-sus	Rink 2.
F. Peterkin,		C. G. Godfrey,
A. Cann,		E. H. Armstrong,
H. S. Crowell,		M. A. Shaw,
Blair Robertson, skip,		George Romans, skip,
Score 6 points.		Score 13 points.

Rink 3.	Versus	Rink 4.
Clark Cooper,		E. G. Kelley,
J. W. Grant,		F. Pheasant,
F. J. Pope,		C. E. Cann,
Dr. Putnam, skip,		J. Bradbury, skip,
Score 13 points.		Score 18 points.

Rink 5.	Versus	Rink 6.
Rev. E. D. Millar,		F. J. Pope,
E. Redding,		W. Graham,
S. Gardner,		C. F. Dyke,
J. R. Wyman, skip,		E. S. Matheson, skip,
Score 12 points.		Score 10 points.

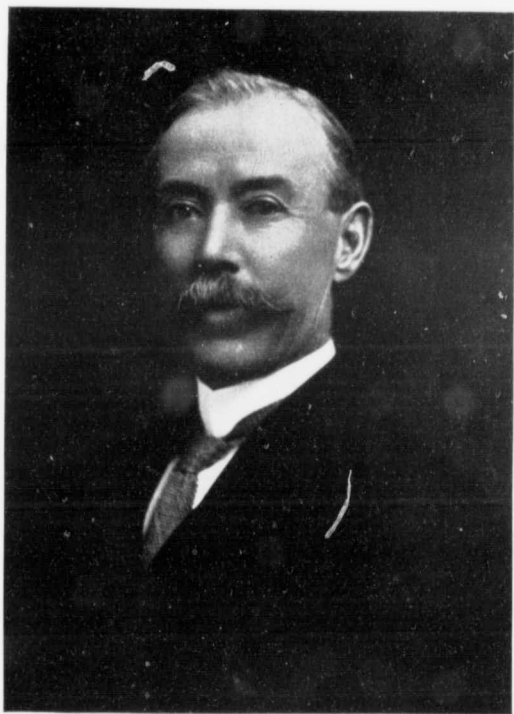
Rink 7.	Versus	Rink 8.
W. Redding,		Rev. E. Crowell,
F. Creighton,		William Perry,
E. Spinney,		E. S. Allen,
N. R. Burrows, skip,		J. A. Craig, skip,
Score 22 points.		Score 7 points.

Rinks 2 and 4 played on Thursday, the score standing 8 to 18 in favor of rink 4.

Rinks 5 and 7 played; score was 13 to 17 in favor of rink 7.

Saturday, February 22nd, rinks 4 and 7 played off, rink 4 winning. Score 15 to 11. The winning rink consisted of C. S. Pelton, J. W. Grant, C. E. Cann, and J. Bradbury. The Craig Cup was thus won for the first time by this rink in 1902.

February 7th, 1903, second competition, season 1902-1903 :



E. S. Matheson



Rink 1.	Versus	Rink 2.
Rev. E. Crowell,		C. F. Dyke,
F. P. Lillie,		J. W. Grant,
George Taylor, skip,		Blair Robertson, skip,
Score 17 points.		Score 3 points.

Rink 3.	Versus	Rink 4.
J. Nickerson,		W. D. Ross,
W. G. Jones,		F. J. Pope,
Rev. E. D. Millar,		N. R. Burrows, skip,
E. S. Matheson, skip,		
Score 17 points.		Score 8 points.

Rink 5.	Versus	Rink 6.
W. H. Spinney,		E. H. Lovitt,
Rev. R. D. Bambrick,		H. J. Wyman,
A. Cann, skip,		M. A. Shaw, skip,
Score 12 points.		Score 11 points.

Rink 7.	Versus	Rink 8.
James Ross,		J. W. Baker,
E. A. Redding,		E. J. Vickery,
J. R. Wyman,		C. S. Pelton,
J. Bradbury, skip,		Dr. Putnam, skip,
Score 20 points.		Score 3 points.

Rink 9.	Versus	Rink 10.
W. Perry,		J. McKee,
Dr. E. S. Allen,		E. H. Armstrong,
C. E. Cann, skip,		J. A. Craig, skip,
Score 13 points.		Score 9 points.

February 19th, 1903; rink 1, score 19,
versus rink 3, score 14.

Rink 7, score 14, versus rink 9, score 7.

Rink 1 versus rink 5, score 15 to 14 in favor of rink 1.

On February 26th, and on poor ice, rink 1 played rink 7, the score standing 11 to 14 in favor of rink 7. J. Bradbury won the Craig Cup the second year. After the preliminaries every rink played with only three men.

January 23rd, 1904, third competition, season 1903-1904:

Rink 5.	Versus	Rink 4.
W. D. Ross,		W. E. Perry,
J. R. Wyman,		Rev. E. Crowell,
F. J. Pope,		Rev. E. D. Millar,
F. P. Lillie, skip,		J. A. Craig, skip,
Score 12 points.		Score 10 points.

Rink 3.	Versus	Rink 8.
W. G. Jones,		E. J. Vickery,
E. Redding,		Thomas Redding,
H. J. Wyman,		H. S. Crowell,
Dr. Putnam, skip,		Dr. Allen, skip,
Score 20 points.		Score 11 points.

Rink 2.	Versus	Rink 7.
E. H. Armstrong,		C. F. Dyke,
C. S. Pelton,		E. Spinney,
Augustus Cann,		C. E. Cann, skip,
M. A. Shaw, skip,		
Score 15 points.		Score 17 points.

Rink 1.	Versus	Rink 6.
James Burrill, J. McKee, George Romans, J. Bradbury, skip,		George S. Taylor, Max Allen, Rev. R. D. Bambrick, Blair Robertson, skip,
Score 12 points.		Score 18 points.

In the finals rink 5 won from rink 3 by a score of 15 to 14, and rink 7 won from rink 6 by a score of 26 to 8. In the play off rink 7 defeated rink 5 by two points. Messrs. Dyke, Spinney, and C. E. Cann proved the winners of the Craig Cup in 1904.

January 30th, 1905, fourth competition, season 1904-1905:

Rink 2.	Versus	Rink 3.
A. W. Eakins, Mr. Simpson, William Webster, A. S. Creighton, skip,		Dr. Harding, D. R. McLellan, E. H. Armstrong, C. E. Cann, skip,
Score 12 points.		Score 13 points.

Rink 4.	Versus	Rink 5.
Roy Cann, Rev. E. Crowell, William Redding, E. S. Allen, skip,		James Ross, Willard Jeffery, F. H. Creighton, E. S. Matheson, skip,
Score 9 points.		Score 24 points.

Rink 6.	Versus	Rink 7.
G. P. Baker,		Clarke Robbins,
H. Goudey,		Roy Wyman,
I. M. Lovitt,		J. W. Grant,
T. W. Johns, skip,		J. A. Craig, skip,
Score 14 points.		Score 13 points.

Rink 8.	Versus	Rink 9.
N. C. Horton,		J. L. Lovitt,
E. R. Parker,		H. H. Munro,
Fred Redding,		George Earle,
W. D. Ross, skip,		Dr. Putnam, skip,
Score 9 points.		Score 15 points.

Rink 10.	Versus	Rink 11.
T. V. B. Bingay,		B. P. Sweeny,
E. H. Lovitt,		Dr. Farish,
C. S. Pelton,		James Burrill,
F. J. Pope, skip,		E. J. Vickery, skip,
Score 10 points.		Score 17 points.

Rink 12.	Versus	Rink 13.
C. F. Brown,		W. J. Johnston,
W. A. Godfrey,		J. H. Lovitt,
Fred Munro,		J. A. Cann,
A. Cann, skip,		J. T. Bradbury, skip,
Score 16 points.		Score 8 points.

The play off in the finals gave the cup to Dr. W. G. Putnam, skip of rink number 9.

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February 9th, 1906, fifth competition, season
1905-1906:

Rink 1.	Versus	Rink 2.
N. C. Horton,		J. H. Lovitt,
C. F. Brown,		J. W. Grant,
H. Goudey,		Roy Wyman,
H. S. Crowell, skip,		Rev. R. D. Bambrick,
		skip,
Score 8 points.		Score 18 points.

Rink 3.	Versus	Rink 4.
Fred Munro,		William Webster,
J. Rozee,		F. H. Creighton,
O. A. Niekerson,		Mr. Rowley,
C. E. Cann, skip,		Dr. Putnam, skip,
Score 8 points.		Score 9 points.

Rink 5.	Versus	Rink 6.
T. Bown,		A. H. Hood,
R. Cann,		W. L. Harding,
S. D. Moses,		L. T. Porter,
Rev. Dr. Millar, skip,		A. Cann, skip,
Score 6 points.		Score 10 points.

Rink 7.	Versus	Rink 8.
E. H. Lovitt,		Willard Jeffrey,
J. W. Baker,		Dr. Harding,
W. R. Murray,		Dr. Farish,
A. S. Creighton, skip,		E. J. Vickery, skip,
Score 11 points.		Score 10 points.

Rink 9.
A. Horner,
F. J. Pope,
E. S. Allen,
J. A. Craig, skip.

In the finals rink 9 played rink 2. This was the finest match in the whole struggle, as may be judged by the score 8 to 9 in favor of skip Bambrick of rink number 2.

This was the last competition for the old Craig Cup, the skips of the winning rinks for the several seasons being:

Season.	Skip.
1901-1902—	J. T. Bradbury.
1902-1903—	J. T. Bradbury.
1903-1904—	C. E. Cann.
1904-1905—	Dr. W. G. Putnam.
1905-1906—	Rev. R. D. Bambrick.

WAMPOLE CUP.

The first competition for the Wampole Cup was on February 24th, 1905.

The Rev. R. D. Bambrick was the winner.

His rink was composed of:

J. W. Baker,
E. H. Lovitt,
H. H. Munro,
Rev. R. D. Bambrick. Score 8 points.

WAMPOLE COMPETITION.

Season 1905-1906:

This competition was played for by the 16 highest; players were divided into 4 rinks.

Because of bad weather and no ice and curlers being absent substitutes were taken on as follows:

Rink 1.	Versus	Rink 3.
J. H. Lovitt,		T. Bown,
Roy Cann,		E. J. Vickery,
W. Jeffrey,		E. S. Allen,
Augustus Cann, skip,		Roy Wyman, skip,
Score 5 points.		Score 9 points.

Rink 2.	Versus	Rink 4.
W. Murray,		A. W. Eakins,
G. Earle,		F. J. Pope,
Rev. R. D. Bambrick,		F. H. Creighton,
W. G. Putnam, skip,		J. W. Grant, skip,
Score 16 points.		Score 4 points.

Rinks 2 and 3 played a game; score 2 to 3 in favor of 3. Then 3 played points; skip giving mate 1-2; lead 3 points. Skip played at 17; lead played at $14+3=17$; mate played at $13+1=14$.

Skip and lead played off, and skip Roy Wyman won the cup for 1905-1906.

WAMPOLE CUP COMPETITION—1906-1907:

The rinks in this competition, with the individuals scores were:

	Versus.	
William Webster, 17,		R. D. Bambrick, 17
D. Campbell, 19,		F. P. Lillie, 19
C. Robbins, 21,		A. H. Hood, 19
Roy Cann, skip, 24,		J. W. Baker, skip, 22

Versus.

M. C. Wyman,	17,	L. T. Porter,	17
W. G. Putnam,	18,	H. Goudey,	19
A. S. Creighton,	21,	J. A. Craig,	20
E. W. Jarvis, skip,	21,	George Earle, skip,	22

George Earle	16	} George Earle, 9
E. W. Jarvis	6	
J. W. Baker	10	} J. W. Baker, 23
Roy Cann	9	

Thus Mr. J. W. Baker proved the winner, but the last game was protested. The protest read as follows :

Whereas, "In the competition for the Wampole Cup, a rink was drawn composed of J. W. Baker, skip; A. Hood, mate; F. P. Lillie, 2nd stone; Rev. R. D. Bambrick, lead;

And Whereas, this rink played in the above mentioned position in one game;

And Whereas, in a subsequent game the rink played in the following position: F. P. Lillie, skip; Rev. R. D. Bambrick, mate; J. W. Baker, 2nd stone; A. Hood, lead;

And Further, Whereas, I am informed and verily believe, that the rules, regulations and customs of various clubs affiliated with the R. C. C., and the rules, regulations and customs of the R. C. C. of Scotland, prohibited the players in a rink having once played in the position for which they are drawn, from playing in any other position in any other game in that match or competition;

Therefore, I do protest against the last mentioned game played by the above-mentioned rink, and I do hereby request that the last game so played be declared null and void."

On account of this protest, skip J. W. Baker refused to accept the trophy, and it was consequently held by the President.

WAMPOLE CUP—season 1907-1908.

The sixteen highest players formed themselves into rinks and appointed skips as follows:

Rink 1.	Versus	Rink 2.
M. C. Wyman,		Dr. A. C. Harding,
J. W. Baker,		E. J. Vickery,
J. A. Craig,		Dr. E. S. Allen,
Augustus Cann, skip,		Dr. W. G. Putnam, skip,
Score 8 points.		Score 18 points.

Rink 3.	Versus	Rink 4.
E. R. Hayes,		Len Allen,
H. J. Wyman,		Fred Munro,
J. P. L. Stewart,		J. Pendrigh,
F. P. Lillie, skip,		E. W. Jarvis, skip,
Score 15 points.		Score 14 points.

Dr. Putnam and F. P. Lillie crossed brooms in the finals, resulting in a victory for the latter gentleman by a score of 17 to 9.

On March 6th, and on poor ice, skip Lillie's rink played points, and J. P. L. Stewart secured the cup, the score of the respective players on that occasion being:

E. R. Hayes — 9 points.
 H. J. Wyman —19 “
 J. P. L. Stewart—27 “
 F. P. Lillie —17 “

WAMPOLE CUP—season 1908-1909.

The sixteen highest for the season formed themselves into rinks:

Rink 1.	Versus Points.	Rink 2.	Points.
J. H. Malcom,	18	Percy Hood,	22
M. C. Wyman,	17	H. H. Munro,	23
James Pendrigh,	26	J. W. Grant,	21
J. P. L. Stewart,	16	E. W. Jarvis,	24

Rink 3.	Versus Points.	Rink 4.	Points.
H. W. Cann,	17	R. LeMoine,	17
J. W. Baker,	31	H. J. Wyman,	21
Roy Cann,	30	George Earle,	17
H. S. Crowell,	26	N. C. Horton,	19

In the finals skip Stewart's rink defeated that of Horton by 15 points to 11.

The members of the winning rink played points. The result was:

M. C. Wyman —17 points.
 J. H. Malcom —14 “
 J. P. L. Stewart—25 “

Skip Stewart thus won the cup for the second time.

In the Wampole competition for the season 1909-1910 the highest sixteen formed into rinks as follows:

	Points.		Points.
J. J. C. Robbins,	20	H. Wall,	22
Hiram Goudey,	21	L. T. Porter,	20
George Earle,	29	J. W. Baker,	24
N. C. Horton, skip,	22	J. A. Craig, skip,	27
	Points.		Points.
Percy Hood,	19	A. L. Campbell,	18
B. S. Robbins,	24	M. C. Wyman,	27
J. W. Grant,	24	Dr. E. S. Allen,	23
Dr. W. G. Putnam,		Captain Cann,	
skip,	25	skip,	21

The winners of the Wampole Cup since the first of the contests for this trophy have been:

Season.	Name of Winner.
1904-1905—	Rev. R. D. Bambrick.
1905-1906—	Roy Wyman.
1906-1907—	J. W. Baker (refused to accept it).
1907-1908—	J. P. L. Stewart.
1908-1909—	J. P. L. Stewart.
1909-1910—	Not finished.

THE NEW CRAIG CUP COMPETITION.

First season—1906-1907.

Rink 1.	Versus	Rink 2.
L. Allen,		Wilkie Murray,
C. Cann,		M. C. Wyman,
Dr. Allen,		E. W. Jarvis,
H. S. Crowell, skip,		C. E. Cann, skip,
Score 9 points.		Score 12 points.

Rink 3.	Versus	Rink 4.
A. K. VanHorne,		O. A. Nickerson,
D. Campbell,		E. H. Lovitt,
J. W. Baker,		L. T. Porter,
J. A. Craig, skip,		George S. Taylor, skip,
Score 11 points.		Score 8 points.

Rink 5.	Versus	Rink 6.
L. C. Gardner,		Dr. Farish,
H. Wall,		E. H. Armstrong,
Roy Cann,		H. H. Munro,
F. P. Lillie, skip,		W. Webster, skip,
Score 16 points.		Score 11 points.

Rink 7.	Versus	Rink 8.
A. H. Hood,		Clarke Robbins,
C. L. Sanderson,		H. Goudey,
J. W. Grant,		J. Pendrigh,
E. J. Vickery, skip,		Dr. Putnam, skip,
Score 12 points.		Score 11 points.

Rink 9.	Versus	Rink 10.
W. L. Harding,		S. Harding,
Dr. Harding,		C. E. Pineo,
A. S. Creighton,		J. H. Lovitt,
Rev. R. D. Bambrick,		N. C. Horton, skip,
skip,		
Score 13 points.		Score 15 points.

In the final round rink 2 played 3 and rink 7 played 10. Rink 10 won out. Skip N. C. Horton won the new Craig Cup for the first time.

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Second season—1907-1908.

Rink 1.	Versus	Rink 2.
E. R. Hayes,		Dr. Harding,
Dr. Farish,		B. S. Robbins,
Fred Munro,		J. P. L. Stewart,
J. H. Lovitt, skip,		E. J. Vickery, skip,
Score 15 points.		Score 12 points.

Rink 3.	Versus	Rink 4.
R. LeMoine,		L. Allen,
R. B. Elliot,		M. C. Wyman,
Roy Cann,		H. Wall,
C. E. Cann, skip,		Rev. R. D. Bambrick,
		skip,
Score 3 points.		Score 14 points.

Rink 5.	Versus	Rink 6.
W. J. Johnston,		A. W. Eakins,
H. Goudey,		Wilkie Murray,
A. H. Hood,		J. W. Baker,
N. C. Horton, skip,		E. W. Jarvis, skip,
Score 17 points.		Score 13 points.

Rink 7.	Versus	Rink 8.
H. K. Lewis,		T. Carten,
Clarke Robbins,		C. Cann,
F. P. Lillie,		H. J. Wyman,
Dr. Allen, skip,		Augustus Cann, skip,
Score 13 points.		Score 12 points.

Rink 9.	Versus	Rink 10.
R. LeMoine,		Rev. Dr. Hill,
A. K. VanHorne,		G. P. Baker,
C. L. Sanderson,		James Pendrigh,
J. A. Craig, skip,		Dr. Putnam, skip,
Score 15 points.		Score 9 points.

Rink 11.	Versus	Rink 12.
R. S. Crawford,		W. D. Ross,
Percy Hood,		C. L. Sanderson,
H. S. Crowell,		W. L. Harding,
William Webster, skip,		J. W. Grant, skip,
Score 15 points.		Score 6 points.

In the finals rink 5 played rink 11 and was defeated by a score of 9 to 14. Skip William Webster won the Craig Cup. The final game was played on very heavy ice.

Third season—1908-1909.

Rink 1.	Versus	Rink 2.
J. A. McLeod,		A. W. Eakins,
Dr. Harding,		R. B. Elliot,
A. K. VanHorne,		H. H. Munro,
J. A. Craig, skip,		J. P. L. Stewart, skip,
Score 15 points.		Score 23 points.

Rink 3.	Versus	Rink 4.
J. H. Malcom,		Edgar Vickery,
C. F. Dyke,		R. S. Crawford,
L. T. Porter,		James Pendrigh,
J. W. Grant, skip,		E. W. Jarvis, skip,
Score 6 points.		Score 23 points.

Rink 5.	Versus	Rink 6.
L. Allen,		J. D. Kirk,
W. D. Ross,		F. T. Burrill,
Fred Munro,		Clarke Robbins,
C. E. Cann, skip,		Dr. Putnam, skip,
Score 11 points.		Score 18 points.

Rink 7.	Versus	Rink 8.
L. Hines,		S. Harding,
G. P. Baker,		R. LeMoine,
H. Goudey,		H. J. Wyman,
Rev. R. D. Bambrick,		Roy Cann, skip,
skip,		
Score 10 points.		Score 13 points.

Rink 9.	Versus	Rink 10.
George Blackadar,		Percy Hood,
B. S. Robbins,		C. L. Sanderson,
M. C. Wyman,		A. H. Hood,
H. S. Crowell, skip,		E. J. Vickery, skip,
Score 14 points.		Score 11 points.

Rink 11.	Versus	Rink 12.
H. A. Foster,		W. J. Johnston,
Rev. Dr. Hill,		Dr. Farish,
W. L. Harding,		George Earle,
J. W. Baker, skip,		N. C. Horton, skip,
Score 12 points.		Score 11 points.

Rink 13.
 L. C. Gardner,
 D. Campbell,
 H. Wall,
 William Webster, skip,
 Score 17 points.

In the finals skip Putnam played skip Stewart and was defeated, and skip Crowell lost to skip Webster. The contest, however, was not finished for this season.

THE NEW CRAIG CUP COMPETITION.

Season 1909-1910.

Rink 1.	Versus	Rink 2.	
C. Dyke,		L. Allen,	
Dr. Farish,		H. Cann,	
J. W. Baker,		M. Wyman,	
J. W. Grant, skip,		E. J. Vickery, skip,	
Score 13 points.		Score 12 points.	
Rink 3.	Versus	Rink 4.	
Hal Cann,		J. P. Davidson,	
P. Baker,		R. S. Crawford,	
H. Wall,		A. H. Hood,	
W. G. Putnam, skip,		J. M. Pendrigh, skip,	
Score 23 points.		Score 12 points.	
Rink 5.	Versus	Rink 6.	
L. C. Newall,		A. O'Brien,	
E. H. Armstrong,		A. P. Stoneman,	
W. L. Harding,		L. T. Porter,	
G. R. Earl, skip,		E. S. Allen, skip,	
Score 15 points.		Score 10 points.	
Rink 7.	Versus	Rink 8.	
L. Hines,		Dr. Hill,	
W. D. Ross,		Thomas Chapman,	
H. Wyman,		B. S. Robbins,	
W. Webster, skip,		Fred Munro, skip,	
Score 6 points.		Score 17 points.	

Rink 9.	Versus	Rink 10.
J. P. Davidson,		A. P. Stoneman,
H. E. Kirk,		A. W. Eakins,
F. Creighton,		Hiram Goudey,
E. W. Jarvis, skip,		C. E. Cann, skip,
Score 12 points.		Score 8 points.

Rink 11.	Versus	Rink 12.
H. K. Lewis,		G. Burrill,
A. C. Campbell,		F. Burrill,
W. J. Johnston,		A. K. VanHorne,
Roy Cann, skip,		A. Cann, skip,
Score 13 points.		Score 11 points.

Rink 13.	Versus	Rink 14.
J. P. Davidson,		D. Ferguson,
M. L. Hines,		J. Kirk,
C. Sanderson,		Clarke Robbins,
J. A. Craig, skip,		N. C. Horton, skip,
Score 8 points.		Score 12 points.

Rink 15.	Versus	Rink 16.
W. A. Godfrey,		T. Gunn,
P. Hood,		L. Gardner,
A. C. Harding,		S. Harding,
R. D. Bambrick, skip,		H. S. Crowell, skip,
Score 8 points.		Score 14 points.

Owing to mild weather the competition was not finished.

Winners of the New Craig Cup by seasons have been:

Season.	Skip.
1906-1907—	N. C. Horton.
1907-1908—	William Webster.
1908-1909—	Not finished.
1909-1910—	Not finished.

THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL
COMPETITION.

Season 1903-1904.

President.		Vice-President.
Rink 1.	Versus	Rink 2.
H. F. Murray, C. S. Pelton, W. E. Perry, Augustus Cann, skip, Score 5 points.		E. H. Armstrong, E. Spinney, M. A. Shaw, Dr. Putnam, skip, Score 13 points.
Rink 3.	Versus	Rink 4.
W. G. Jones, E. J. Vickery, C. Cann, Rev. Dr. Millar, skip, Score 8 points.		Robertson, T. Bown, George S. Taylor, Rev. R. D. Bambrick, skip, Score 14 points.
Rink 5.	Versus	Rink 6.
W. D. Ross, W. Redding, F. J. Pope, F. P. Lillie, skip, Score 14 points.		J. Burrill, F. Redding, J. R. Wyman, J. T. Bradbury, skip, Score 9 points.

Rink 7.	Versus	Rin': 8.
E. A. Redding, George Romans, H. J. Wyman, J. A. Craig, skip, Score 12 points.		Max Allen, J. McKee, Dr. Allen, H. S. Crowell, skip, Score 8 points.

Total for President, 39 points.
Total for Vice-President, 44 points.
Vice-President's majority, 5 points.

Season 1904-1905.

President.		Vice-President.
Rink 1.	Versus	Rink 2.
Dr. Turnbull, J. Burrill, George S. Taylor, Augustus Cann, skip, Score 13 points.		W. Jeffrey, George Earle, E. H. Armstrong, Dr. Putnam, skip, Score 21 points.
Rink 3.	Versus	Rink 4.
J. Simpson, W. Baker, E. Redding, Rev. Dr. Millar, skip, Score 12 points.		Creighton, W. L. Harding, F. Creighton, C. E. Cann, skip, Score 15 points.
Rink 5.	Versus	Rink 6.
J. Redding, Burrill, Burrill, M. A. Shaw, skip, Score 7 points.		E. R. Parker, Campbell, R. Lovitt, J. T. Bradbury, skip, Score 18 points.

Rink 7.	Versus	Rink 8.
F. Pheasant,		J. A. Cann,
Dr. Farish,		T. V. B. Bingay,
F. J. Pope,		Roy Wyman,
E. J. Vickery, skip,		J. A. Craig, skip,
Score 10 points.		Score 14 points.

Rink 9.	Versus	Rink 10.
C. F. Brown,		E. S. Matheson,
B. Sweeny,		J. Ross,
W. D. Ross,		T. W. Johns,
Blair Robertson, skip,		Rev. E. Crowell, skip,
Score 16 points.		Score 12 points.

Rink 11.	Versus	Rink 12.
W. Redding,		F. M. Redding,
W. Webster,		H. Lovitt,
C. S. Pelton,		J. W. Grant,
H. S. Crowell, skip,		Dr. E. S. Allen, skip,
Score 18 points.		Score 16 points.

Total, 76 points.	Total, 96 points.
Majority for Vice-President, 20 points.	

Season 1905-1906.

President.		Vice-President.
Rink 1.	Versus	Rink 2.
C. F. Brown,		L. S. Freeman,
O. A. Nickerson,		Hiram Goudey,
J. W. Grant,		Roy Wyman,
A. Cann, skip,		W. G. Putnam, skip,
Score 10 points.		Score 16 points.

Rink 3.	Versus	Rink 4.
R. Wallace, M. Homer, J. W. Burrill, C. E. Cann, skip, Score 12 points.		Albert Hood, William Webster, E. H. Armstrong, T. S. Bown, skip, Score 10 points.
Rink 5.	Versus	Rink 6.
L. T. Porter, G. P. Baker, P. A. Rowley, J. A. Craig, skip, Score 19 points.		S. D. Moses, Clarke Robbins, A. W. Eakins, Rev. R. D. Bambrick, skip, Score 8 points.
Rink 7.	Versus	Rink 8.
R. S. McKay, Arthur Rogers, J. W. Baker, Rev. Dr. Millar, skip, Score 9 points.		W. Murray, S. C. Baker, G. S. Taylor, A. S. Creighton, skip, Score 14 points.
Rink 9.	Versus	Rink 10.
W. A. MacKinlay, F. J. Pope, Fred Munro, E. J. Vickery, skip, Score 12 points.		C. Hemeon, Claude Sanderson, Roy Cann, Dr. E. S. Allen, skip, Score 14 points.
Rink 11.	Versus	Rink 12.
Dr. Lovitt, H. K. Lewis, T. V. B. Bingay, H. S. Crowell, skip, Score 8 points.		Dr. Farish, J. H. Lovitt, F. H. Creighton, Frank Lillie, skip, Score 14 points.
Total, 70 points.		Total, 76 points.
Majority for Vice-President, 6 points.		

Season 1906-1907.

President.		Vice-President.	
Rink 1.	Versus	Rink 2.	
C. F. Brown,		Robert Currie,	
L. T. Porter,		Smith Harding,	
O. A. Nickerson,		W. L. Harding,	
J. A. Craig, skip,		C. E. Cann, skip,	
Score 11 points.		Score 11 points.	
Rink 3.	Versus	Rink 4.	
M. C. Wyman,		Cliff Cann,	
A. H. Hood,		G. P. Baker,	
H. Goudey,		J. H. Lovitt,	
F. P. Lillie, skip,		Rev. R. D. Bambrick,	
Score 5 points.		skip,	
		Score 19 points.	
Rink 5.	Versus	Rink 6.	
H. K. Lewis,		Edward Allen,	
Dr. Farish,		Clarke Robbins,	
H. H. Munro,		E. H. Armstrong,	
E. J. Vickery, skip,		W. G. Putnam, skip,	
Score 14 points.		Score 14 points.	
Rink 7.	Versus	Rink 8.	
J. M. Walker,		James Rozee,	
Dr. Harding,		James Pendrigh,	
H. Lovitt,		Roy Cann,	
N. C. Horton, skip,		H. S. Crowell, skip,	
Score 10 points.		Score 10 points.	

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Rink 9.	Versus	Rink 10.
A. W. Eakins,		Duncan Campbell,
C. L. Sanderson,		E. H. Lovitt,
J. W. Grant,		W. Murray,
George S. Taylor, skip,		A. S. Creighton, skip,
Score 17 points.		Score 15 points.

Rink 11.	Versus	Rink 12.
H. Wall,		M. P. Cook,
J. W. Baker,		T. V. B. Bingay,
E. W. Jarvis,		Rev. Dr. Millar,
William Webster, skip.		Dr. Allen, skip.

The contest for season 1906-1907 was never finished.

Season 1907-1908.

President.		Vice-President.
Rink 1.	Versus	Rink 2.
Rev. Dr. Hill,		E. R. Hayes,
L. Allen,		W. Murray,
Fred Munro,		L. T. Porter,
Dr. Putnam, skip,		C. E. Cann, skip,
Score 12 points.		Score 13 points.

Rink 3.	Versus	Rink 4.
A. W. Eakins,		R. S. Crawford,
A. K. VanHorne,		W. D. Ross,
H. Wall,		J. W. Baker,
J. A. Craig, skip,		Rev. R. D. Bambrick,
Score 16 points.		skip,
		Score 7 points.

Rink 5.	Versus	Rink 6.
M. Neville,		Edward Allen,
R. B. Elliot,		Dr. Farish,
Cliff Cann,		W. L. Harding,
E. W. Jarvis, skip,		Augustus Cann, skip,
Score 14 points.		Score 11 points.

Rink 7.	Versus	Rink 8.
B. S. Robbins,		J. W. Boyd,
T. V. B. Bingay,		E. H. Armstrong,
J. P. L. Stewart,		A. H. Hood,
N. C. Horton, skip,		Dr. Allen, skip,
Score 21 points.		Score 8 points.

Rink 9.	Versus	Rink 10.
W. J. Johnston,		J. M. Walker,
M. C. Wyman,		Percy Hood,
H. Goudey,		J. J. C. Robbins,
William Webster, skip,		J. H. Lovitt, skip,
Score 9 points.		Score 14 points.

Rink 11.	Versus	Rink 12.
G. P. Baker,		G. S. Taylor,
Dr. Harding,		R. LeMoine,
Roy Wyman,		F. J. Pope,
J. W. Grant, skip,		E. J. Vickery, skip,
Score 27 points.		Score 4 points.

Rink 13.	Versus	Rink 14.
H. K. Lewis,		C. F. Dyke,
S. Harding,		C. L. Sanderson,
Roy Cann,		H. J. Wyman,
H. S. Crowell, skip,		F. P. Lillie, skip,
Score 12 points.		Score 17 points.

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Total for President, 111 points.
 Total for Vice-President, 74 points.
 Majority for President, 37 points.

Season 1908-1909.

President.		Vice-President.
Rink 1.	Versus	Rink 2.
J. D. Kirk,		C. F. Dyke,
R. B. Elliot,		W. D. Ross,
H. H. Munro,		M. C. Wyman,
E. J. Vickery, skip,		H. S. Crowell, skip,
Score 7 points.		Score 11 points.
Rink 3.	Versus	Rink 4.
L. C. Gardner,		Percy Hood,
D. Campbell,		Rev. Dr. Hill,
H. J. Wyman,		L. T. Porter,
Rev. R. D. Bambrick,		J. A. Craig, skip,
skip,		
Score 14 points.		Score 5 points.
Rink 5.	Versus	Rink 6.
A. K. VanHorne,		L. Allen,
R. LeMoine,		R. S. Crawford,
James Pendrigh,		George Earle,
J. P. L. Stewart, skip,		C. E. Cann, skip,
Score 16 points.		Score 11 points.
Rink 7.	Versus	Rink 8.
H. K. Lewis,		J. H. Malcom,
W. J. Johnston,		Dr. Farish,
H. Wall,		Albert Hood,
William Webster, skip,		Augustus Cann, skip,
Score 5 points.		Score 15 points.

Rink 9.	Versus	Rink 10.
H. W. Cann,		F. T. Burrill,
G. P. Baker,		A. MacLeod,
F. Munro,		F. J. Pope,
Dr. Putnam, skip,		N. C. Horton, skip,
Score 13 points.		Score 15 points.

Rink 11.	Versus	Rink 12.
B. H. Marr,		A. W. Eakins,
C. L. Sanderson,		Dr. Harding,
E. H. Armstrong,		W. L. Harding,
J. W. Baker, skip,		J. W. Grant, skip,
Score 10 points.		Score 12 points.

Rink 13.	Versus	Rink 14.
T. V. B. Bingay,		C. J. Mitchell,
S. Harding,		J. J. Clarke Robbins,
B. S. Robbins,		Hiram Goudey,
W. Roy Cann, skip,		E. W. Jarvis, skip,
Score 5 points.		Score 19 points.

Total for President, 70 points.

Total for Vice-President, 88 points.

Majority for Vice-President, 18 points.

Mr. J. P. L. Stewart at the last end of his contest with skip Cann scored 6 points.

Season 1909-1910.

President.	Versus	Vice-President.
Rink 1.		Rink 2.
H. L. Cann,		D. Ferguson,
C. F. Dyke,		Thomas Chapman,
M. C. Wyman,		Percy Hood,
H. S. Crowell, skip,		J. W. Grant, skip,
Score 8 points.		Score 10 points.

Rink 3.	Versus	Rink 4.
D. H. McDonald, H. W. Cann, L. C. Gardner, J. A. Craig, skip,		F. T. Taylor, Dr. Farish, J. J. Clarke Robbins, William Webster, skip,
Score 13 points.		Score 7 points.

Rink 5.	Versus	Rink 6.
T. V. B. Bingay, Len. Allen, C. L. Sanderson, Rev. R. D. Bambrick, skip,		A. E. Ellis, G. P. Baker, H. Wall, W. G. Putnam, skip,
Score 8 points.		Score 18 points.

Rink 7.	Versus	Rink 8.
J. P. Davidson, W. D. Ross, A. K. VanHorne, N. C. Horton, skip,		A. O'Brien, F. T. Burrill, W. J. Johnston, Augustus Cann, skip,
Score 13 points.		Score 3 points.

Rink 9.	Versus	Rink 10.
J. W. Boyd, W. A. Godfrey, Smith Harding, C. E. Cann, skip,		Rev. Dr. Hill, M. Hines, A. H. Hood, W. Roy Cann, skip,
Score 7 points.		Score 12 points.

Rink 11.	Versus	Rink 12.
V. S. Sweeny, R. S. Crawford, W. L. Harding, George R. Earle, skip,		M. Neville, E. J. Vickery, jr., E. H. Armstrong, J. M. Pendrigh, skip,
Score 6 points.		Score 11 points.

Rink 13.	Versus	Rink 14.
H. E. Kirk,		E. N. Clements,
George Blackadar,		J. D. Kirk,
Hiram Goudey,		F. Creighton,
E. W. Jarvis, skip,		J. W. Baker, skip,
Score 8 points.		Score 11 points.

Rink 15.	Versus	Rink 16.
L. Newell,		M. Pettet,
Guy Burrill,		A. W. Eakins,
Dr. A. C. Harding,		B. S. Robbins,
E. J. Vickery, skip,		Fred Munro, skip,
Score 6 points.		Score 10 points.

Rink 17.	Versus	Rink 18.
H. K. Lewis,		Robert Wyse,
A. C. Campbell,		A. P. Stoneman,
H. J. Wyman,		Lovett Hines,
L. T. Porter, skip,		Dr. E. S. Allen, skip,
Score 5 points.		Score 14 points.

Total for President, 74 points.

Total for Vice-President, 96 points.

Majority for Vice-President, 22 points.

THE W. A. STEWART PIPE COMPETITION.

This competition was played on January 18th, 1904. The names of the several contestants and their respective scores were:

Name.	Points.	Name.	Points.
J. A. Craig,	24	J. T. Bradbury,	11
H. J. Wyman,	21	F. M. Redding,	11
F. P. Lillie,	20	Rev. R. D. Bambrick,	10
W. D. Ross,	17	E. J. Vickery,	10
M. A. Shaw,	16	Charles S. Pelton,	10
L. Freeman,	15	W. E. Perry,	9
Rev. E. Crowell,	15	J. R. Wyman,	7
Dr. W. G. Putnam,	14	C. E. Cann,	6
Capt. Aug. Cann,	13	Dr. E. S. Allen,	4
F. J. Pope,	12		

The winner of the prize returned it to the club for competition the following season.

DYKE CUP CONTESTS.

Since the donation of this trophy, the winners have been :

Season.	Name.	Score.
1904-1905,	Willard Jeffrey,	25
1905-1906,	J. H. Lovitt,	27
1906-1907,	James Pendrigh,	26
1907-1908,	J. P. L. Stewart,	32
1908-1909,	J. P. L. Stewart,	41
1909-1910,	Contest not finished.	

ROY CANN STEIN COMPETITION.

The winners have been :

Season.	Name.	Score.
1906-1907,	A. S. Creighton,	25
1907-1908,	J. A. Craig,	31
1908-1909,	J. P. L. Stewart,	35
1909-1910,	Contest not finished.	

Other prizes have been won during the several seasons, which are not enumerated in the foregoing pages.

Among these are to be mentioned:

Prize.	Winner.	Season.
Pipe and Book, presented by J. A. Craig,	W. Roy Cann,	1905-1906
Dover Handles, for 1st year curlers, gift of Roy Wyman,	W. N. Allen,	1905-1906
Tobacco Jar, gift of Rev. R. D. Bambrick,	George Earle,	1906-1907
E. J. Vickery, Stein,	Dr. W. G. Putnam,	1907-1908
Pipe, gift of Dr. Putnam,	Fred Munro,	1907-1908
Fountain Pen, gift of J. A. Craig,	E. R. Hayes,	1907-1908
Vickery prize,	Rev. R. D. Bambrick,	1908-1909
Pipe,	J. W. Baker,	1908-1909
H. S. Crowell Cup,	Rev. R. D. Bambrick,	1909-1910
Pipe,	George Earle,	1909-1910

THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN MEDAL.

This medal has been awarded to the following members of the Yarmouth Curling Club:

Winner.	Score.	Season.
Dr. E. S. Allen,	26	1904-1905
J. H. Lovitt,	27	1905-1906
George Earle,	35	1906-1907
J. P. L. Stewart,	35	1907-1908
J. P. L. Stewart,	41	1908-1909
J. A. Craig	36	1909-1910

"For they played sae cannily,
Oh sae cannily;
Cannily soopit, and scroopit and loupit."

Noo the supper is laid by the fire,
And mony a lad wi' his lass
The cups and the medals admire,
Displayed 'neath a cover o' glass.

Chapter VI.

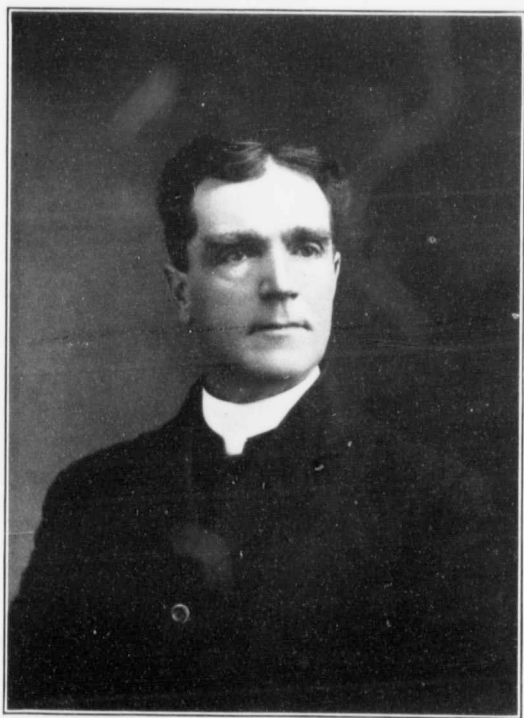
OUTDOOR GAMES AND COMPETITIONS WITH OTHER CLUBS.

*Dat skeep he ees de Captinne, he geev hees grande ordaire,
He want de stone to come to heem, wen trow by de playaire,
He calls de draw, de strike, de garde, and den he sey "In week,"
An' Pierre he's bendin' very low and play her purty queek.*

*Dere nevaire was so jollie men, wif plaentae de han' shake,
Dey spik out wif de fort, beeg voice, dat's mak de noveece quake,
An' wen de Frenchman play de 'og, or bomp de grande pillaire,
Dey luff and trow de steek broom down aud wan' for go up-staire.*



IF there is a philosophy of sport and recreation it surely instructs us in the wisdom of present enjoyment. The mental powers or faculties most often neglected in the cultivation of the mind are: (a.) Observation. (b.) Combination. (c.) Anticipation. There is no power like that of close and accurate observation. This faculty is the first, and, in a sense, the fundamental condition of success in life. Combination is the faculty of making everything fit together so as to produce the best general results, for the true joy of living



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is more likely to be advanced by combination than by isolation. Anticipation is foresight of the sort which enables a man to play the game of life with a knowledge of all the moves on the board. These are the priceless qualities or properties of mind. They can be developed and sustained only when the brain and the body are healthy, and any recreation that brings exercise to the body and interest to the mind is worthy our best respect and support. Our life is made up of little things. Our attention to them is the index to our character, and often the balance by which it is weighed.

The mistake made by so many is to regard time spent in sport as a sad and sorrowful waste. They forget the old adage that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," and so they busy themselves with obtaining riches, until they discover that the season of delight will never return in their experience. Ignorance is a sorry jade that causes everyone who mounts it to stumble, and each who leads it to be laughed at. Ignorance of the laws of health, demanding as they do profitable exercise for body and mind, is the sorriest of all jades, and causes much stumbling into the dark pits of ill-health, physical suffering, and premature death, which abound all around us.

The Greeks realized the inspiration of outdoor exercise, and so they philosophized in the open air, in the gardens, and groves. Thus they wrought out their problems, and thus they taught man, timorous in great and dangerous events, and fearing always the worst rather than hoping the

best, to cultivate and to imitate nature and nature's ways. One of our recent writers, buoyant, heedless, sanguine, tolerant of evils, and easily pleased, if easily cast down, rising again with indomitable good humor, ascribes it all to the tonic of habitual outdoor exercise. In the presence of nature, amid snow and ice, or green fields and blossoming hillsides, our aesthetic sensibilities become the means of refreshment and rest; even in nature's moods of sadness we discover that touch of the Infinite which enlarges the heart. But let us resume our story. The first outdoor game of curling in Western Nova Scotia is thus described and chronicled in picturesque language by the attendant scribe (Rev. R. D. Bambrick).

THE SCRIBE MEEKLY INTRODUCETH HIMSELF.

Appointed scribe, and by an authority which he could not dare to disobey, directed to give some account of the famous proceedings, the present writer has no choice, except with fear and trembling, to attempt the mighty task. He knows right well that it is far beyond the measure of his talents or his skill. To describe this historic and unique event in all its details, ramifications, emotions, incidents; to deal adequately with its many and varied features—intellectual, physical, nicotinous, gastronomic and otherwise, would require a wealth of words, and a power of expression which might well dismay the most voluble of book agents, and which simply paralyzes the humble scribe.

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THE GRAND IDEA BORN AND THE START.

It was on the morning of Monday, March 2nd, 1908, that in the mind of some keen curler the great idea was conceived, which so rapidly developed, and so speedily produced such magnificent results. This idea was to collect 8 or 12 curlers, go up to Lake Annis and have a game on the ice. As events showed, it was by no means an easy matter to get a number of men in such short notice to leave their wives, their homes, and their business for a whole day. At last, however, there were eight who felt they could venture to face the risks, the perils and the privations of the journey. The names of these eight the scribe at once set down, and thereby hand those worthies over to a glorious and well merited immortality. They were:

J. W. Baker,	J. H. Lovitt,
Charles F. Brown,	Dr. Putnam,
Rev. R. D. Bambrick,	James Pendrigh,
Capt. Augustus Cann,	E. J. Vickery.

THE BUOYANT HOPEFULNESS OF THE CURLERS.

At 12.30, when it was nearing the time for starting, the rain was coming down, and the mercury going up, both smartly. It was the worst kind of weather for a curling expedition. But a Yarmouth curler's bosom is all afire with enthusiasm, and it requires something more than a deluge even to begin to quench it. Each of the eight thought the other seven wouldn't go, thought they would be fools if they did go, but crept up to

the station hoping they would go. And they all *did* go! As they journeyed along the rain drops dolefully beat against the car windows, but what matter! The crowd simply looked at them with hopeful eyes, and gleefully laughed as they unanimously exclaimed "the temperature is always 10 degrees lower at Lake Annis." When they reached Lake Annis the rain drops were still falling, and the lake was covered with snow, but the undismayed eight surveyed it all with a sanguine and cheerful gaze, for, as they smilingly remarked to each other: "there is splendid ice under the snow, and it's a good thing the snow is there, for it is keeping the rain away from the ice." Oh! hope springs more eternal in a Yarmouth curler's heart, than in any other spot on earth. Some one remarked that it was a good thing it was raining and growing warmer, but the scribe forgets what reasons he gave for the assertion.

THE ARRIVAL AND THE HOSTS.

Two houses opened their hospitable doors to welcome the devotees of the "roarin' game"—those of Mr. E. J. Vickery and J. H. Lovitt. The latter gentleman announced that at about 6 o'clock he expected them to sit down at his table to "beef and greens." While the host, assisted by that skilful *chef*, Mr. C. F. Brown, was overlooking the preparations of this repast, the rest of the party went down to the lake to see what the prospects were for a game. Sanguine as they had been under unpromising circumstances, the con-

dition of things surpassed their expectations. Shovels and brooms were soon being briskly manipulated, with the result that in the course of half an hour or so, a fine space had been cleared of snow and properly measured and marked.

THE GAME.

Dr. Putnam and Rev. R. D. Bambrick were selected skips for the occasion. They chose their rinks as follows:

C. F. Brown,	J. W. Baker,
E. J. Vickery,	J. Pendrigh,
J. H. Lovitt,	Capt. A. Cann,
Dr. Putnam, skip,	Rev. R. D. Bambrick, skip,

and then the first out door curling game in Western Nova Scotia began.

The ice was a trifle heavy, but the freshness and novelty of it all, the good spirits which prevailed, the fun which everybody was so evidently having, the exhilarating sense of being out of the ordinary rut, and being just boys for awhile, made all the eight players pronounce it *the* game of the season, aye, *the* game of their lives. By universal consent, E. J. Vickery played the best game, and the unlucky scribe decidedly the worst. Eighteen ends were played. At the end of the 17th the score stood *Putnam 18, Bambrick 15*, and the last end began amidst great excitement. The genial doctor, however, made a glorious finish, adding no less than 6 to his score, so that this notable match ended 24 to 15 in his favor. It might be mentioned that the score was kept on the surface of the snow.

THE SAVORY BANQUET AT MR. LOVITT'S.

Then followed the "beef and greens." It is here that the scribe most keenly feels the woeful deficiencies of his vocabulary. Never was beef more tender or more perfectly cooked! Never was cabbage more luscious and tasty! Never was host more genial and attentive! Never, surely, did a happier, brighter, merrier, or hungrier crowd surround a festive board!! Never was toast more heartily drunk than that in which Captain Cann proposed the health of our generous entertainer!!!

THE CURLER'S COURT AND ITS SOLEMN RITUAL
AT MR. VICKERY'S.

The banquet ended, the band of stone twirlers made their way to the cottage of Mr. E. J. Vickery. Here a "curler's court" was instituted, (Capt. A. Cann filling with dignity and efficiency the part of Mi' Lord, Dr. Putnam being Herald), and with all the ancient and traditional rites, Mr. David Saunders was initiated into those impressive mysteries, and tasted of that poetic fare, which, from ages immemorial, have appertained to that mystic arcanum of "clear and keen curlers."

THE CURLERS SPEND THE EVENING IN GENTLE
CONVERSE AND INNOCENT DIVERSIONS.

After the strenuous excitement of the day, the curlers felt that minds and bodies required more restful forms of recreation. Pipes and cigars

were produced, and while the clouds from the fragrant weed filled the air, and the great logs sparkled and crackled and blazed in the huge fireplace, they smoked and chatted, exchanged stories, indulged in mutual reminiscences, and the thrust and parry of wit and humour and pleasant chaff. Some there were whose taste led them to the discussion of curious mathematical problems, and to debate over various forms of financial speculations, wherein, like all good curlers, each strove to elevate his fellow man, to observe what was best in him, and endeavor to emulate or surpass it.

BED TIME AND THE NEXT DAY.

Bed time quickly came, for like all good curlers on an excursion of this kind they retired early. The next morning all announced they had slept well. They had hoped for another game but this time the weather was absolutely merciless and the ice impossible. They boarded the mid-day train, and an hour or so later as they threaded their way amidst the forest of posts which took the place of the woods of Lake Annis, they knew they were in Yarmouth and had returned to the normal conditions of existence.

THE SCRIBE ADDRESSETH HIS EFFUSION.

To the "Mi Lord" of the occasion, this account in humble prose of what should be celebrated in the majestic cadences of Homeric verse is respectfully submitted by "The Scribe":

They say "as sure
 As we're alive,
 A man should leave
 His bed at five,
 And not spend all
 The livelong day
 In sleep till he
 Is old and gray."

So curlers talk
 The night before,
 But if you'll in-
 Terrupt their snore
 Next morn at five
 You're apt to find
 These early risers
 Changed their mind.

The first outside competition in which a Yarmouth curler participated was a match played between the Scotch curlers and all Nova Scotia on January 2nd, 1903. Dr. W. G. Putnam played leading stone in skip Munroe's rink, which was victorious against the Scotchman Kirk, of whom Col. Stevenson said when he saw him "Mon, you're not a Kirk, you're a Cathedral."

On February 6th, 1905, the Yarmouth Juniors sallied forth to play a series of games with Halifax, New Gasgow, Pictou, Antigonish, Westville and Truro. The party included Captain Cann, J. T. Bradbury, C. E. Cann, Dr. Putnam, J. W. Grant, E. S. Matheson, J. A. Craig, Dr. E. S. Allen and George Earle. The first game was played with Halifax. Both the Yarmouth rinks met with defeat. Major's rink won from Cann's rink by 8 points, and Gauvin's rink de-

feated Matheson's by 1 point. The rinks were as follows:

Yarmouth.

W. G. Putnam,
A. Cann,
J. T. Bradbury,
C. E. Cann, skip,
Score 12 points.

Halifax.

J. G. Putnam,
H. E. Mahon,
T. W. Forham,
F. G. Major, skip,
Score 20 points.

George Earle,
E. S. Allen,
J. A. Craig,
E. S. Matheson, skip,
Score 18 points.

J. D. O'Connor,
C. A. Evans,
J. Anderson,
G. A. Gauvin, skip,
Score 19 points.

Total for Yarmouth, 30 points.

Total for Halifax, 39 points.

Noo the shots that we laid were amazin',
And soopit sae naething could die;
The ports that we drew wi'out grazin',
And struck sae that naething would lie!
Till the opposite skips straight up-loupin',
Cried "Tuts! but we're aff to our tea,
We may wear oot our besoms wi' soopin',
Ere we gain but ae head frae the twee."

The second game of the series was played at New Glasgow with the Bluenose Curling Club. The "Eastern Chronicle" had this to say of the Yarmouth Curlers: "Tuesday's train brought to town a band of plucky 'brither Scots' from distant Yarmouth. Nine in all, two rinks and a spare man, they were as pleasant and jovial a

crowd as ever were the guests of the Bluenose Club. The Yarmouth Club is a very young club, but evidently made up of good curling ability. This was their first trip from home as a club. It was indeed hard luck after coming over three hundred miles, that they were not rewarded with some wins. They are right good fellows all of them, and on their trip have made many friends. Of the two skips who played the league game here, E. S. Matheson is a native of our shiretown, Pictou, and J. T. Bradbury can almost be called a New Glasgonian; all his boyhood days were spent here. Mr. J. A. Craig is well known to almost all Oddfellows, being very prominent in the Grand Lodge affairs of that order." The rinks playing were, viz.:

Yarmouth.

J. W. Grant,
 Capt. Augustus Cann,
 C. E. Cann,
 J. T. Bradbury, skip,
 Score 8 points.

Bluenose.

J. Kitchin,
 R. Murray,
 J. E. Murray,
 Kempt Stewart, skip,
 Score 17 points.

George Earle,
 Dr. E. S. Allen,
 J. A. Craig,
 E. S. Matheson, skip,
 Score 12 points.

J. Cavanagh,
 Don F. Fraser,
 W. Gauld,
 A. McColl, skip,
 Score 19 points.

Total for Yarmouth, 20 points.

Total for Bluenose, 36 points.

The day following two rinks arrived in New Glasgow from Antigonish, and played two Yarmouth rinks with the following result:

Yarmouth.	Antigonish.
J. A. Craig,	J. Williams,
J. W. Grant,	Capt. Wilkie,
Dr. E. S. Allen,	Dr. W. McDonald,
E. S. Matheson, skip,	W. S. Copeland, skip,
Score 17 points.	Score 25 points.
J. T. Bradbury,	J. P. Graham,
C. E. Cann,	A. Copeland,
Capt. Augustus Cann,	T. Foster,
Dr. W. G. Putnam, skip,	Dr. McKinnon,
Score 11 points.	Score 23 points.

Total for Yarmouth, 28 points.

Total for Antigonish, 48 points.

The next match in the series was played with Westville. The rinks were composed of:

Yarmouth.	Westville.
J. W. Grant,	W. D. McCunn,
George Earle,	Dr. W. McDonald,
J. A. Craig,	A. R. Munroe,
E. S. Matheson, skip,	G. E. Munroe, skip,
Score 13 points.	Score 10 points.
Dr. W. G. Putnam,	W. H. Tory,
Capt. Augustus Cann,	Hon. R. Drummond,
J. T. Bradbury,	J. Loyd,
C. E. Cann, skip,	W. J. Miller, skip,
Score 10 points.	Score 12 points.

Total for Yarmouth, 23 points.

Total for Westville, 22 points.

This was the only victory gained by Yarmouth curlers in the series.

Yarmouth next tried conclusions with Pictou. The result was as follows:

Yarmouth.	Pictou.
Dr. W. G. Putnam,	A. Stalker,
Dr. E. S. Allen,	N. Dustan,
J. T. Bradbury,	A. Harris,
C. E. Cann, skip,	J. Green, skip,
Score 12 points.	Score 11 points.
J. W. Grant,	J. Heighton,
George Earle,	G. McLean,
J. A. Craig,	C. Elliott,
E. S. Matheson, skip,	F. Carroll, skip,
Score 6 points.	Score 18 points.

Total for Yarmouth, 18 points.

Total for Pictou, 29 points.

On Friday the Yarmouth curlers went to Truro, where they suffered defeat at the hands of Truro. The rinks were composed of the following gentlemen :

Yarmouth.	Truro.
George Earle,	C. M. Dawson,
Dr. E. S. Allen,	F. P. Schurman,
J. A. Craig,	D. W. Dunn,
E. S. Matheson, skip,	G. A. Christie, skip,
Score 13 points.	Score 14 points.

Yarmouth.

Dr. W. G. Putnam,
 Capt. Augustus Cann,
 J. T. Bradbury,
 C. E. Cann, skip,

Score 10 points.

Truro.

H. W. Guill,
 R. S. Boyd,
 J. R. Fraser,
 D. B. Cummings, skip,

Score 24 points.

Total for Yarmouth, 23 points.

Total for Truro, 38 points.

Majority for Truro, 15 points.

The curlers experienced some hardship in returning to Yarmouth. This was the year famous in the records of the Dominion Atlantic Railway when two passenger trains out of Yarmouth in one month was the record. It took forty-eight hours for the curlers to come from Halifax, and two of the team who remained off at Annapolis on Saturday were unable to reach Yarmouth until the following Tuesday. We mean, of course, that they were detained through the snow blockade. No other reason has ever been suggested.

Five defeats and one victory is the melancholy record of this foreign trip, but the Yarmouth sportsmen took defeat in that spirit of resignation which marked the twelve-year-old school boy when handing this note to his teacher: "Dear teacher—Please excuse my Jimmie for being absent yesterday. He tried to play truant with another boy. Please do not lick him, for the other boy and he fell out and they licked each other; and then

Jimmie threw stones at a man and he caught him and licked him; and the driver of a cart licked him for hanging on when he told him to get off; and the owner of a pet cat licked him for chasing the cat. And then when he came home with a swelled face and ventilated trousers I licked him; after that his father licked him, and I had to give him another for using language to me that isn't considered polite. So seeing as that Jimmie came home pretty well licked, you need not lick him for being away yesterday.

[Signed]

MRS. THRASHER."

On January 27th, 1908, two rinks of Yarmouth curlers left on a trip. The party included Rev. R. D. Bambrick, F. P. Lillie, Augustus Cann, J. H. Lovitt, C. E. Cann, J. A. Craig, F. Munro and Dr. Putnam. It was their intention to play Bridgewater, but the rain came down in torrents so that the ice did not permit of a game. They proceeded to Halifax, where in the evening they played in the junior trophy series against the Halifax club, and lost by seven points, the score standing 39 to 32. The rinks were:

Yarmouth.

F. Munro,
J. A. Craig,
Dr. Putnam,
C. E. Cann, skip,

Score 24 points.

Halifax.

H. A. MacDonald,
William Robertson,
James Anderson,
D. Hockin, skip,

Score 15 points.

Yarmouth.

J. H. Lovitt,
 Augustus Cann,
 F. P. Lillie,
 Rev. R. D. Bambrick,
 skip,

Score 8 points.

Halifax.

J. H. Trefry,
 E. D. Adams,
 S. J. Wilson,
 A. D. MacRae, skip,

Score 24 points.

The following day the Mayflowers and Yarmouth played a scratch match—the former winning by 9 points. On this occasion the rinks were composed of:

Yarmouth.

F. Munro,
 J. A. Craig,
 Dr. Putnam,
 C. E. Cann, skip,
 Score 6 points.

Mayflowers.

P. Martin,
 P. Busch,
 H. DeWolfe,
 Capt. Douglas, skip,
 Score 17 points.

J. H. Lovitt,
 Augustus Cann,
 F. P. Lillie,
 Rev. R. D. Bambrick,
 skip,

Score 12 points.

J. C. Harris,
 W. B. Rankine,
 J. Boutilier,
 A. R. Grant, skip,

Score 10 points.

Total for Yarmouth, 18 points.

Total for Mayflowers, 27 points.

From Halifax the Yarmouth curlers journeyed to Truro, where they played two rinks and suffered defeat. The rinks were composed of the following gentlemen:

Yarmouth.	Truro.
J. H. Lovitt,	H. A. Dickie,
Augustus Cann,	H. Guill,
F. P. Lillie,	C. F. Cox,
Rev. R. D. Bambrick,	Frank Dexter, skip,
skip,	
Score 10 points.	Score 26 points.
Fred Munro,	F. Wilson,
J. A. Craig,	George Casson,
Dr. Putnam,	Matthews,
C. E. Cann, skip,	W. D. Cox, skip,
Score 11 points.	Score 11 points.

Total for Yarmouth, 21 points.

Total for Truro, 37 points.

The following telegrams were received by the secretary during the absence of the team:

Bridgewater.

"We agree to Truro's proposition and will go to Truro Wednesday."

W. G. PUTNAM.

January 27th, 1908.

Truro.

"Send best available men Bridgewater Thursday unless advised contrary. 16 down in match here. Have agreed to default cup Truro."

W. G. PUTNAM.

January 29th, 1908.

Halifax.

"Cold wave predicted. Put on heavy flood with large hose."

LOVITT and MUNRO.

January 28th, 1908.

Oh, see to the squeezin' and croodin'!
 He's playin' the hindermost shot!
 She deems na to think she's intrudin'
 As she ahead o' the lot.
 And jist as he chippit the winner,
 She gied a lood screech in her glee,
 And I vow but the lang-leggit limmer
 Played plump in the airms o' Bubbie.

(This happened somewhere in Argyle.)

January 19th, 1909, eighteen curlers from the Yarmouth club left for St. John, New Brunswick. The party consisted of: Messrs. L. T. Porter, William Webster, Dr. W. G. Putnam, E. J. Vickery, James Pendrigh, J. A. Craig, J. P. L. Stewart, J. W. Baker, Fred Munro, J. W. Grant, Augustus Cann, Rev. R. D. Bambrick, A. K. VanHorne, H. W. Cann, George S. Taylor, Capt. L. W. Hines, W. Roy Cann and A. Hood.

The first game was played with the Thistles, of St. John, in a three rink match, resulting in a victory for Yarmouth by a score of 56 to 43. The rinks were as follows:

Yarmouth.	Thistles.
L. T. Porter,	W. H. Arnold,
William Webster,	Dr. Rowley,
Rev. R. D. Bambrick,	A. D. Malcolm,
Dr. Putnam, skip,	J. C. Chesley, skip,
Score 15 points.	Score 20 points.
E. J. Vickery,	F. D. Miles,
James Pendrigh,	Dr. M. MacLaren,
J. A. Craig,	J. W. Holly,
J. P. L. Stewart, skip,	J. Fred Shaw, skip,
Score 22 points.	Score 7 points.

J. W. Baker,	Dr. L. A. Langstroth,
J. W. Grant,	Dr. L. A. McAlpine,
Augustus Cann,	W. A. Shaw,
C. E. Cann, skip,	J. W. Cameron, skip,
Score 19 points.	Score 16 points.

Total for Yarmouth, 56 points.

Total for Thistles, 43 points.

The following afternoon Yarmouth played a two rink match with St. Andrew's Club. The result being a tie, 34 to 34. The following gentlemen composed the rinks:

Yarmouth.	St. Andrews.
E. J. Vickery,	F. R. Fairweather,
James Pendrigh,	R. G. Haley,
J. A. Craig,	C. B. Allan,
J. P. L. Stewart, skip,	R. M. Magee, skip,
Score 17 points.	Score 18 points.
J. W. Baker,	A. S. Bowman,
Fred Munro,	R. K. Jones,
J. W. Grant,	T. McA. Stewart,
Augustus Cann, skip,	C. H. McDonald, skip,
Score 17 points.	Score 16 points.

Total for Yarmouth, 34 points.

Total for St. Andrews, 34 points.

The same day two rinks from Yarmouth met defeat at the hands of the Carleton club by a score of 35 to 20. On this occasion the rinks were:

Yarmouth.

L. T. Porter,
 William Webster,
 Rev. R. D. Bambrick,
 Dr. Putnam, skip,
 Score 10 points.

Carleton.

J. Christopher,
 W. Jewett,
 W. Ruddock,
 E. R. Taylor, skip,
 Score 16 points.

A. K. VanHorne,
 A. H. Hood,
 W. Roy Cann,
 C. E. Cann, skip,
 Score 10 points.

P. Wetmore,
 M. Belyea,
 H. Belyea,
 J. Fred Belyea, skip,
 Score 19 points.

Total for Yarmouth, 20 points.

Total for Carleton, 35 points.

When a game goes badly, men always invent an explanation, according to which their lack of skill is made to be unintentional, unpreventable, or otherwise. One of the St. John skips, on being reprimanded for his poor playing, offered as an excuse the story of the young man who engaged board with an extremely devout family. Grace was said before each meal, but to the dismay of all the young man sat bolt upright while the others bowed reverently their heads. On the third day the good lady of the house could endure the young man's attitude during the "blessing" no longer. "Agnostic or Atheist, I suppose," she said, sharply. "No, madam," humbly responded the young man, "a boil" —

"The time of our lives," were the words on the tongue of every Yarmouth curler descriptive

of the visit to St. John. This means much in an age when it is the proper thing to grumble, and to keep on grumbling, because sometimes there is not much else to do. But none grumbled over the St. John trip. In fact, some members of the company had no voice left, and for several days communicated their wishes by signs and whispers. As a consequence, musical circles suffered for a season. The reason of it all was that Mi' Lord Taylor held "Curler's Court," and initiated twenty-three "Thistles" on the "hack," and constrained them to imbibe of the "mystic pot." One Thistle, on his return home after the initiatory ceremonies had concluded, began to read from his son's primer. The sentence he read was this: "This is a warm doughnut; step on it." Next morning he read the same sentence, but it was different, for it now read: "This is a worm; do not step on it." Curlers will understand why he made the mistake.

The grey reek of pipes filled the room where the court was held, and the atmosphere was pungent with the smell of the burning weed. Through it all one could descry the outlines of the stalwart form of Mi' Lord and hear his oft recurring command: "Place him on the hack."

The Yarmouth boys crept home that night like men in a dream with bags of oranges they did not want. A discussion arose among some of them as to who was the better skip. After a time one of the party pulled out a half a dollar and spun it in the air. That was the last seen of it,

although all hands got out of bed and stripped the clothes off of it twice. They spent some time on their hands and knees (mirabile dictu) looking for it, and when they became tired of playing bear, they returned to bed and went to sleep. There was no sinecure left, for they had served the last order.

Every kindness was shown to our representatives by the curling fraternity of St. John. The privileges of the Union Club were extended to all the members of the visiting team for a period of two weeks. On their return to Yarmouth and at a regular meeting of the club, a resolution was unanimously adopted thanking the Thistles and St. Andrews clubs of St. John for their kind reception and treatment of the visiting curlers.

On February 15th, 1910, three rinks of curlers left for Bridgewater and played that evening in a match against the club of that town, winning by ten points. On their return they spoke in glowing terms of the treatment accorded them by the Bridgewater club.

The following was the score by rinks:

Yarmouth.	Bridgewater.
J. P. Davidson,	Dr. Stewart,
Fred Munro,	F. St. C. Harris,
James Pendrigh,	G. M. Boyd,
N. C. Horton, skip,	A. W. Machim, skip,
Score 20 points.	Score 10 points.
Smith Harding,	H. Duncan,
L. T. Porter,	J. Bain,
William Webster,	Dr. Trethaway,
J. A. Craig, skip,	R. McDormand, skip,
Score 9 points.	Score 16 points.

Yarmouth.	Bridgewater.
A. K. VanHorne,	C. Munroe,
W. J. Johnston,	L. B. Moss,
J. W. Baker,	C. McDormand,
J. W. Grant, skip,	R. R. Feindal, skip,
Score 20 points.	Score 13 points.

Total for Yarmouth 49 points.

Total for Bridgewater 39 points.

Many rumors have reached us concerning this Bridgewater trip. It was undoubtedly a remarkable gathering. Would that we could shed oceans of ink in narrating the various incidents of the play. Would that we could describe the expression on the faces of the Bridgewater spectators. When watching and hearing the signs and commands of one of Yarmouth's popular skips they exclaimed: "Ain't he funny."

Oh, see how the crood gather near him,
 To watch and admire his play!
 The lassies conspire to cheer him,
 The hero and pet o' the day.
 But the chief o' the hale deputation
 Was a lass wi' a glint in her ee
 That expressed the maist deep admiration
 She held for that skip Norman C.

It is said that unsuspecting farmers living on the far side of the beautiful LaHave crossed the river to find out what that man was yelling about. In curling silence isn't a virtue; it's generally a vice. Silence may mean deep waters, but it may

also mean the reverse. It may show scarcity of brain not profundity. But we must leave this Bridgewater trip with a word of tribute to the glorious kinship of the curlers composing the rinks—thoughtful, considerate fellows, never blowing on bag pipes, or dancing reels, or wearing ventilated trouserings. Let some true patriot compose a Yarmouth curlers “wha ha,” or “what ho,” without delay. Through the irony of fate a man lost his false teeth when cheering the return of a Free Trade candidate. Whereupon one remarked that there was not much use in a cheap loaf if you could not eat it. However, this incident is not quite apropos for “our boys” dealt with little else than ices while in Bridgewater.

We shall now give some account of the teams that have come from outside points to play matches with our local club. On March 7th, 1906, three rinks from the Amherst Curling Club played a friendly game in a rink partly filled with water. This game was chiefly noteworthy for the absence of ice, and the curling stones resembled advancing torpedo boats as they swept numerous wavelets before them. The sweepers on this occasion “sooped her up” with their brooms and soaked it up with their feet. Amherst was victorious, as they proved the better aquatic sportsmen. The category of meanness includes many things such, for example, as a man who will use a boil on the back of his neck for a collar button, or will place a sign over his clock: “This clock is for the use of guests and customers only.” But

the meanest thing is ice with water over it in a curling rink. Water is particularly obnoxious to Yarmouth curlers anyway. Rumor has it that shortly after this game a diary was picked up containing this entry: "Monday, cold and sloppy. Tuesday, cold and sloppy. Wednesday, cold and sloppy; shot grandma." Evidently this skip was quite beside himself.

The personnel of the rinks was as follows:

Yarmouth.	Amherst.
W. Roy Cann, Roy Wyman, Dr. E. S. Allen, Augustus Cann, skip, Score 8 points.	Dr. Ross Millar, J. P. Atherton, B. McLaughlin, McDougall, skip, Score 11 points.
H. Lovitt, William Webster, W. Jeffrey, Dr. W. G. Putnam, skip, Score 7 points.	C. MacLeod, C. Lusby, J. Crossman, C. C. Black, skip, Score 11 points.
F. J. Pope, H. S. Crowell, J. A. Craig, C. E. Cann, skip, Score 11 points.	M. Curry, A. M. Bonnyman, G. B. Smith, H. C. Carter, skip, Score 7 points.

Total for Yarmouth, 26 points.

Total for Amherst, 29 points.



Jacob H. Grant.



On January 24th, 1907, three rinks from Truro played a match game with Yarmouth, which was the first match played in the Yarmouth Curling Rink with an outside team. The game resulted in a victory for Truro by eleven points. The line-up was:

Yarmouth.	Truro.
J. W. Grant,	J. W. Spencer,
J. A. Craig,	J. B. Hallet,
E. W. Jarvis,	A. C. MacKenzie,
C. E. Cann, skip,	G. H. Leeman, skip,
Score 15 points.	Score 12 points.
W. Roy Cann,	F. Wilson,
William Webster,	G. W. Casson,
F. P. Lillie,	J. Dover,
Dr. W. G. Putnam, skip,	L. W. Cox, skip,
Score 12 points.	Score 22 points.
J. H. Lovitt,	H. W. Guill,
H. S. Crowell,	J. Fisher,
A. S. Creighton,	C. F. Cox,
Rev. R. D. Bambrick,	F. Dexter, skip,
skip,	
Score 9 points.	Score 13 points.

Total for Yarmouth, 36 points.

Total for Truro, 47 points.

On February 19th, 1908, two rinks from the Thistle Curling Club, St. John, N. B., played the local club, resulting in a victory for the latter—a

victory memorable as the first in our rink. Each rink won ten ends, and had six ones, three twos, and one four, making a total of sixteen. This was regarded as a great triumph for the Yarmouth curlers, as the Thistles had only lost four games in a total of sixty-one played. The rinks were:

Yarmouth.	Thistles.
F. Munro,	A. Golding,
J. H. Lovitt,	F. D. Miles,
J. P. L. Stewart,	J. W. Holly,
Rev. R. D. Bambrick,	J. F. Shaw, skip,
	skip,
Score 16 points.	Score 11 points.
William Webster,	W. H. Arnold,
J. A. Craig,	J. A. Sinclair,
E. W. Jarvis,	J. C. Chesley,
Dr. W. G. Putnam, skip,	J. W. Cameron, skip,
Score 16 points.	Score 11 points.

Total for Yarmouth, 32 points.

Total for Thistles, 22 points.

Two rinks from St. Andrew's Curling Club, St. John, played two local rinks on February 15th, 1909, and met with defeat. The following gentlemen played:

Yarmouth.	St. Andrews.
H. S. Crowell,	J. E. Ryder,
James Pendrigh,	Rev. D. Lang,
Dr. W. G. Putnam,	J. L. McAvity,
J. P. L. Stewart, skip,	E. A. Smith, skip,
Score 25 points.	Score 15 points.

Yarmouth.

George Earle,
 Fred Munro,
 J. W. Grant,
 C. E. Cann, skip,
 Score 16 points.

St. Andrews.

Fred Crosby,
 A. L. Fowler,
 W. B. Howard,
 C. H. McDonald, skip,
 Score 17 points.

Total for Yarmouth, 41 points.

Total for St. Andrews, 32 points.

But the skip that stood up to oppose him
 As black as my bonnet looked he,
 When he kent that the ballot had chose him
 To play against Bailie McPhee.

The advantage of these foreign matches is the opportunity they give of meeting and mixing with other men and forming new friendships. This is indeed an advantage, for, as Charles Loomis observes: "Every country is God's country, each day has its store of delights, every one you meet can be made to furnish his quota of interesting material, present annoyances may be made to yield future mirth, if the heart is young." They tell me that this world of ours is considerable of a success, and I thoroughly believe it. It is, in fact, a huge success with all its faults, but the secret is that enthusiasm and friendliness make this world a success. Enthusiasm has the measles-like habit of spreading until it inoculates a whole group.

Chapter VII.

A DIGEST OF ANNUAL MEETINGS.

*"'Tis pleasant, sure, to see one's name in print ;
A book's a book although there's nothing in it."*



THE second Annual Meeting of the Yarmouth Curling Club was held in the Merchants' Club rooms on the evening of December 8th, 1902, with Mr. George S. Taylor presiding. An invitation was received asking the Yarmouth club to send representative rinks to play match games with the visiting Scotch curlers. The election of officers resulted as follows:

President—George S. Taylor.

1st Vice-President—Augustus Cann.

2nd Vice-President—Blair Robertson.

Chaplain—Rev. E. D. Millar.

Secretary—Charles S. Pelton.

Treasurer—W. E. Perry.

Managing Committee—J. A. Craig, E. S. Matheson, N. R. Burrows.

A resolution was passed at a later meeting

authorizing the club to affiliate with the Royal Caledonian Club of Scotland.

The members of the club gathered for the third Annual Meeting on December 7th, 1903. Section six was added to Article V. of the Constitution so that it would read as follows: "In addition to the above-named officers, one or more Honorary President and Vice-President may be elected at the Annual Meeting." The officers chosen were:

Honorary President—George S. Taylor.

President—Augustus Cann.

1st Vice-President—Dr. W. G. Putnam.

2nd Vice-President—John A. Craig.

Chaplain—Rev. E. Crowell.

Secretary—Harold S. Crowell.

Treasurer—W. E. Perry.

Managing Committee—F. P. Lillie, J. T. Bradbury, Dr. E. S. Allen.

The several Protestant and Catholic clergymen of the town were elected honorary members for the season.

The fourth Annual Meeting was held in the new rink building on December 5th, 1904. The officers of the previous year were re-elected except in one instance—Mr. Bambrick succeeded Mr. Crowell as Chaplain. Messrs. Matheson and Burrows retired from the managing committee and their places were taken by Messrs. C. E. Cann and J. T. Bradbury.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"This club extends to Captain Augustus Cann and his committee a vote of thanks for the noble way in which they have worked toward the advancement of the club and the new rink building."

It was also agreed that the Annual Meetings be held hereafter on the second Tuesday in November, instead of the first Monday in December.

A vote of thanks was also tendered to the President for his supper, and to J. Murray Lawson for the donation of a flag.

Messrs. Cann, Charles S. Pelton, W. D. Ross, Dr. W. G. Putnam and Harold S. Crowell were named a committee to arrange for a "Ladies Night." Just an ideal committee to arrange for such an event.

The affair proved most successful, for the average lady will lunch off a strawberry-ice and a chocolate cream. A table for two, rose shaded lights, a band that is playing delightful strains, and curlers' wives and daughters will prove good friends according to the sympathetic souls of their companions. Curiosity and your next door neighbor make more marriages than Heaven ever accomplished. However, the evening passed off successfully.

At the Semi-Annual Meeting held on April 3rd, 1905, a letter was read from Mr. A. Davidson Smith, secretary of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, of Scotland, containing a vote of thanks. This was ordered to be framed and hung on the walls of the club room.

The various cups won during the season were presented to the respective winners.

In the month of November of the same year (1905), the fifth Annual Meeting was held when Captain Augustus Cann was re-elected President; Rev. Dr. E. D. Millar became Chaplain, and A. S. Creighton Treasurer. With these exceptions the other officers remained as before.

It was decided to affiliate with the Nova Scotia branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, and Messrs. J. A. Craig and F. P. Lillie were Yarmouth's representatives to the annual meeting of that body.

Nothing of importance transpired at the Annual Meeting for the season 1906-1907. The officers elected for that year were:

Honorary President—George S. Taylor.

President—J. A. Craig.

1st Vice-President—C. E. Cann.

2nd Vice-President—E. J. Vickery.

Chaplain—Rev. R. D. Bambrick.

Secretary—W. Roy Cann.

Treasurer—A. S. Creighton.

Managing Committee—Capt. Augustus Cann, H. S. Crowell and Dr. E. S. Allen.

At a subsequent meeting President Craig presented the club with a Royal Caledonian Curling Club Annual, as well as a scrap book for the preservation of curling club records. The president also stated that he had decided to present a new cup to the club for competition. Great applause greeted his address of presentation, and

a hearty vote of thanks was tendered him. A vote of thanks was also extended to Messrs. W. Roy Cann and Rev. R. D. Bambrick for prizes donated by them.

Some important business was transacted at the Semi-Annual Meeting of April, 1907.

It was agreed to change the Bye-Law in regard to the appointment of skips, and hereafter to choose one skip on an average for every four members. The date of the annual meeting was changed from the second Tuesday to the second Friday of November. The executive recommended that the old "Craig Cup" be played for annually as the "rink trophy"; first under the rules of the "Craig Cup"; next under those of the "Wampole Cup," and thereafter alternately from year to year. This was agreed to with the proviso that "these rules may be changed at an annual meeting of the club."

The various winners for the season received their prizes:

Craig Cup—N. C. Horton.

Dyke Cup—James Pendrigh.

W. Roy Cann Stein—A. S. Creighton.

R. C. C. Medal and Tobacco Jar—George R. Earle.

A vote of thanks was forwarded to Rev. Dr. E. D. Millar for the gift of a pair of curling stones.

On November 8th, 1907, the members assembled for the annual election of officers. They selected:

Honorary President—George S. Taylor.

President—Dr. W. G. Putnam.

1st Vice-President—C. E. Cann.

2nd Vice-President—E. J. Vickery.

Chaplain—Rev. R. D. Bambrick.

Secretary—W. Roy Cann.

Treasurer—E. W. Jarvis.

Managing Committee — Captain Augustus Cann, H. S. Crowell, and J. A. Craig.

At a special meeting, (November 18th), a discussion took place as to the legality of new members who had never curled being admitted to the mysteries of the court. It was agreed that no one be allowed the degree unless the membership fee were paid in advance.

Some one, evidently, had met the treasurer and smilingly asked him if he saw anything so unsettled as the weather had been lately, whereupon the treasurer replied he certainly had, *i. e.*, his membership bill.

On January 27th, 1908, an informal meeting of some Bridgewater and Yarmouth curlers was held in Bridgewater. Mr. C. J. Cragg, of Bridgewater, was chairman of the meeting, and Dr. W. G. Putnam secretary. The Rev. R. D. Bambrick moved, seconded by Mr. Boyd, of Bridgewater, that steps be taken to form a Western Nova Scotia Curling League to consist of clubs in Lunenburg, Bridgewater and Yarmouth—competition to be for a trophy presented by these clubs conjointly. Other clubs to be admitted when organized in the district. This motion passed unanimously, as

also one appointing two members from each club to draw up rules and regulations governing such competition.

At the Semi-Annual Meeting of this year, 1908, it was decided to appoint an Entertainment Committee to arrange some means of strengthening the finances of the club. The committee consisted of W. Roy Cann, Fred Munro, Dr. E. S. Allen, J. W. Boyd, and A. H. Hood.

The following resolution was passed:

“That members who having enjoyed the privileges of the club at any time during the past season, have not yet paid their dues, shall be again requested in writing by the treasurer to do so; and if at the end of one month thereafter the dues of any such member shall remain unpaid, he shall forthwith be expelled from the club, and the secretary shall notify him of the fact forthwith.”

The regular Annual Meeting was held in the rink rooms on November 13th, 1908, and adjourned to November 17th.

An interesting discussion was held on the question: “when a player should become a senior,” resulting in a recommendation to the Provincial Branch that a junior skip having played as such two seasons, should be considered a senior.

The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted thus:

Honorary President—George S. Taylor.

President—E. J. Vickery.

1st Vice-President—H. S. Crowell.

2nd Vice-President—J. W. Grant.

Chaplain—Rev. R. D. Bambrick.

Secretary—W. Roy Cann.

Treasurer—E. W. Jarvis.

Managing Committee—Capt. Augustus Cann,
Dr. E. S. Allen, Dr. W. G. Putnam.

At a later meeting President-elect Vickery donated a Stein for competition.

The club accepted an invitation from the Thistle Curling Club, of St. John, to play them a friendly match. The skips to play this club were elected as follows: J. P. L. Stewart, Dr. W. G. Putnam, Captain Augustus Cann. In order to prevent misunderstandings it was agreed that every member desiring to play should post his name on a blackboard placed in a conspicuous place in the rink for that purpose.

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the club was held on April 2nd, 1909. Mr. E. J. Vickery was appointed Trustee of the rink in place of Mr. T. W. Johns. Dr. W. G. Putnam reported the names of the winners of the several trophies and suggested that in future time limits be placed on all these competitions. It was also suggested that a point competition be legal provided a regular skip was present when the score was made. Both of these suggestions were followed. A committee was appointed to draft a set of rules governing rink competitions. Reference was made to the death of Rev. Dr. E. D. Millar, and on motion, the Chaplain and Secretary were appointed to prepare a letter of condolence.

The Annual Meeting for season 1909-10 met at the rink November 16th, 1909. The election of officers resulted as follows:

Honorary President—George S. Taylor.

President—H. S. Crowell.

1st Vice-President—J. W. Grant.

2nd Vice-President—N. C. Horton.

Chaplain—Rev. Dr. A. M. Hill.

Secretary—W. Roy Cann.

Treasurer—E. W. Jarvis.

Managing Committee—Capt. Augustus Cann, Dr. W. G. Putnam, Dr. E. S. Allen.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rink Company for reducing the rental, and also to the Secretary for his services. President Crowell announced that he would present a trophy for competition.

At the Semi-Annual Meeting held in April, 1910, the attendance of members was very large, showing the increased interest in the affairs of the club. The Treasurer's report was the best in the club's history. He reported the paid-up membership to be seventy-eight.

Votes of thanks were passed and presented to the efficient Secretary, Mr. W. Roy Cann, and to Mr. E. W. Jarvis, the Treasurer. The present well-being of the club is largely due to the gratuitous labors of these two gentlemen.

The Bridgewater trip was recalled by the presentation of prizes to the members of skip Craig's rink in grateful recognition of their performance at Bridgewater. He who gives to others

is always rewarded, whether it be a dose of castor oil or a game of curling.

Others who had grown grey in the service of the curling club were presented with bottles of hair dye.

The prizes for the season were presented, and the members separated after hearing the kindly and timely admonition that "there is always room at the top of a lot of persons," and that the worst of all faults is to have none. A presentation inadvertently omitted was that of some "large hose" for gentlemen to skip Horton.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

The Yarmouth Curling Club finds itself possessed of much talent, both musical and dramatic, talent that on several occasions has been used to materially strengthen the financial resources of the club's treasury. Aquatic sports have never been attempted, chiefly because our Yarmouth curlers are not "aquatic sports." Something stronger suits them better, such as chorus work, love scenes, impersonations, jolly jokers, burlesques and church socials. There's nothing in the world so faithful as a talented curler's heart, except it be that of a woman. A captain was telling only the other day of a woman who wore widow's weeds for thirty-five years, and all the time her husband was married again and had a big family in Salt Lake City. Another man he knew gave up the sea to marry a woman who took in washing, and they hadn't been

married six months before she died, and back he had to go to sea again, poor man.

Five hundred people witnessed the winter sports held at the Curling Rink on the evening of March 7th, 1905. The programme of events included a potato race, a half-mile and one mile race, a hockey match between the New Burrell-Johnson and the Cotton Mill, and a burlesque curling match. Edgar Vickery proved the winner of the potato race. The races on skates were exciting; the first of these was for boys under sixteen, and the other for all comers. The latter was won by Israel Porter who was presented with a handsome silver medal. In the burlesque curling game the costumes were both unique and amusing, and hearty applause greeted the antics of the stone throwers on ice. The committee to whom the success of the evening was due consisted of J. T. Bradbury, Dr. E. S. Allen, J. A. Craig, E. R. Parker and C. S. Pelton. The proceeds amounted to \$25.50.

As the executive felt the need of funds to square the accounts for season 1906-1907 the skips were asked to act as a committee to prepare some form of entertainment.

On Monday evening, March 11th, 1907, ice sports and general skating attracted a large number to the curling rink. Among the features on the evening's programme were skating races, a potato race and a burlesque curling match. The Yarmouth Concert Band was in attendance and the sum of \$68.50 was added to the club's treasury.

Those participating in the burlesque match were:

Ladies.	Versus	Gents.
Cliff Cann,		C. F. Brown,
W. Roy Cann,		D. Campbell,
J. W. Baker,		N. C. Horton,
C. E. Cann, skip,		J. A. Craig, skip,
Score 3 points.		Score 3 points.
L. T. Porter,		S. Harding,
J. Pendrigh,		George S. Taylor,
Creighton,		H. Goudey,
J. W. Grant, skip,		H. S. Crowell, skip,
Score 5 points.		Score 3 points.

A big minstrel and vaudeville show presented by the Yarmouth Dramatic Club, under the auspices of the Curling Club, drew a large audience to the Royal Opera House on February 11th, 1909. The farce entitled "The Serenade Party" was side splitting. The modesty of the several performers prevents me from elaborating on their clever work. I am reminded of McBlusher, who was so modest that he had to have an assistant in the brass band. When the bandmaster refused to pay this assistant, McBlusher explained that he was too modest to blow his own horn. The sum of one hundred dollars was sent to the Treasurer of the club by the Committee having in charge this entertainment, which amount was voted by the club to be paid to the Trustees for outstanding stock in the rink company.

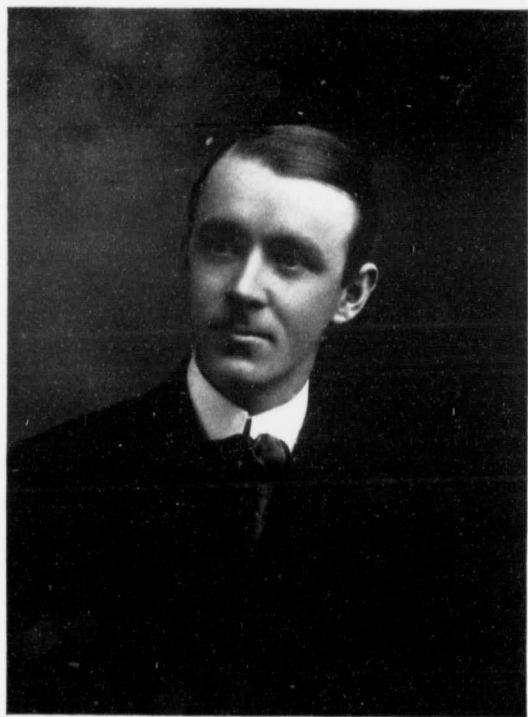
Modern musical novelties will doubtless be a

feature of the next curlers' concert. Besides the conventional instruments, bells of all kinds, a pavement pounder, steam whistles, grindstones, a thunder machine, a cannon, a dog, a cat and near a group of drums, children of various ages waiting to be spanked, will form part of the orchestra. One of the club's members will make the cat squeal by bringing the animal's tail in unpleasant contact with a clothes wringer, while another will make the dog bark by stepping on his caudal extremity. There will also be an exhibition of mid-night prancing by "Drive her, boys," and several Lauder songs, for after all is said and done, there's a blessing in the gift of song just for the relief it gives the singer. One who professes to understand the language of chickens, will persuade several hens to tell their age. This will indeed assist curlers in the poultry and other markets. But our prognostications must cease, for, like the aviator, we are passing through the milky way and the propeller is becoming choked with butter.

The old Greek injunction "know thyself" is one deserving of continued emphasis. Ignorance of self not only makes one vain; it is the weakness precedent to failure. It is also true that the proper study of mankind is man. Before concluding my labors let me say a word or two about some of the junior members of the club.

W. ROY CANN.

What Kipling wrote of Lord Roberts fittingly applies to Mr. W. Roy Cann, the energetic



W. Roy Cann



Secretary of the Curling Club: "He's little, but he's wise, he's a terror for 'is size." Ain't yer, Roy?

Mr. W. Roy Cann was born at Yarmouth in 1880. For twelve years or more he was connected with Mr. E. J. Vickery in the book business. In 1905 he was appointed to H. M. Customs as Cashier and Long Room Clerk. Three years later he was appointed Canadian Immigration Agent at this port.

Mr. Cann was elected Secretary of the Yarmouth Curling Club in 1906 and has since filled that office with credit to himself and to the lasting benefit of the club. The humorous and attractive menu cards issued for the Curler's Annual Banquet are largely the careful work of the popular Secretary. The neat and thorough manner in which he attends to the business of the club has won the unstinted praises of the "Knights of the Broom."

Mr. Cann is a junior skip and has played in matches with Amherst, Truro and Carleton, N. B. He is a member of Hiram Lodge, A. F. and A. M.

EDWARD WILLIAM JARVIS.

The Yarmouth Curling Club has numbered among its members many of the banking fraternity, of these none more deservedly esteemed than Edward William Jarvis, Accountant of the Bank of Montreal.

Mr. Jarvis was born in St. John, New Brunswick, in 1862, and was educated in several leading

schools, among them being Hampton under John Raymond, Galt under Dr. Tassie, and Fredericton under Dr. Parkin. Later he studied at the University of New Brunswick where he pursued a general course. In 1882 he entered the employ of the Bank of Montreal, and has done good service in St. John, Halifax, Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg, Moncton, Chatham and Yarmouth.

He is Vice-President of the Game Society, a member of the Council of the Board of Trade, a vestryman of Holy Trinity Church and Treasurer of the Curling Club.

Mr. Jarvis became identified with curling at Moncton in 1889, and has since been a member of the Winnipeg Granites, the Toronto Curling Club of Toronto, and the Chatham Club. He has played in match games with Truro and the St. John Thistles.

WILLIAM WEBSTER.

To have been born and bred in Pictou town is alone a sufficient guarantee of worth and integrity. William Webster hails from Pictou and has not yet escaped from the good influences of that fact. In early life he learned telegraphy and was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company at their offices in Truro, Shediac and Halifax. In 1874 Mr. Webster came to Yarmouth and entered the machine shops of the Burrell-Johnson Iron Co. There he served a four years apprenticeship. When the Cotton Mill began operations Mr. Webster became engineer

of this hive of industry, and has held that responsible position ever since. He is one of the charter members of Diamond Lodge, I. O. O. F., and also a member of Scotia Lodge, A. F. and A. M.

In 1904 he joined the Curling Club and has for some time been one of the skips. He has also served on the House Committee, the Quoit Committee, and played in several foreign matches, among them Amherst, Truro, Thistles, Bridgewater and Carleton. He was skip of the rink that won the Craig Cup for the season 1907-1908. He is popular with the members and possesses the qualities both of head and heart that should characterize a "good curler."

NORMAN C. HORTON.

Norman C. Horton was born in Yarmouth, where he also was schooled in the rudiments of knowledge. He served his time as an apprentice in the shops of the Burrell-Johnson Iron Company, and upon the completion of that period became a journeyman machinist for three years. In 1894 Mr. Horton became Superintendent of the Burrell-Johnson works and took charge of the draughting department, continuing in that position till the year 1899 when the company was re-organized under the present management. At present Mr. Horton is in charge of the draughting room of the new Burrell-Johnson Iron Company.

Mr. Horton was made a curler during the season 1904-1905. During 1907-1908 he was

appointed a provisional skip, and while acting in that capacity won the New Craig Cup trophy. The following season he was elected a junior skip, and last season was the recipient of a double honor, being elected Junior Vice-President of the club and a senior skip. For three years he has been a member of the ice committee, and skip Horton's coolness is thus accounted for. Some way or other his name has been linked with that of the "big rink hose." Skip Horton plays a good game and carries out the ideals of curling in his daily intercourse with his fellows.

JACOB WYMAN GRANT.

One of the prominent citizens of Yarmouth connected with the Curling Club is Mr. Jacob Wyman Grant. Born in the picturesque town of Weymouth, he removed to Yarmouth when thirteen years of age. For a time Mr. Grant learned the organ building trade with the firm of Chute, Hall & Company. Later he attended the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York, and on his return to Yarmouth became identified with the Yarmouth Steamship Company.

In 1883 Mr. Grant opened a retail grocery store on Water street. After a time he formed a partnership with A. J. Nickerson under the firm name of Nickerson & Grant. Recently Mr. Grant bought out his partner's interest in the business and the firm's name became changed to that of J. W. Grant & Company.

In 1901 Mr. Grant became a curler, and has

remained a member since that time. He takes a deep interest in the affairs of the club and is now a skip and also the 1st Vice-President. He is connected with many religious and philanthropic institutions, is President of the Y. M. C. A., and is always assisting in every good word and work. For two years he was a Town Councillor. He is a Past Grand of the local Oddfellows Lodge, and a member of Scotia Lodge, A. F. and A. M.

Mr. Grant has played in foreign matches with Westville, Thistles, St. John; St. Andrews and Bridgewater.

And now my work is done and it hastens forth for better or for worse. In conclusion, what better could I do than quote the confusing sentences of one of my illustrious predecessors in the literary world who was grand on mixed metaphors: "All along the ever-flowing stream of history," said he, "you can discern the silent footprints of the crowned heads of Europe. The fierce light of public opinion dogs their footsteps until it strangles them. Then they swallow the bitter pill and drink its very dregs. Every rung in the ladder of success is paved with slippery stones, on which only the clear head and the steady hand can retain their footing. Seeing now we have crossed the trackless desert, the harbor lights are stretching out their teeth to greet us."

Once there was a village poet who was sad because his work was finished, and he was wise

enough to stop when he was finished. He poured forth the sorrow in his heart in this masterpiece:

My sun is slowly setting,
Its sands are running low,
A few more passing hours
And I shall cease to blow.

His prophetic words were fulfilled and he died a natural death. He was not killed or thrown out of a newspaper office. He died as naturally as a curling stone on heavy ice. The task of writing his biography was left in the hands of the junior reporter, one Duncan by name. The incipient journalist closed his beautiful panegyric with the following sparkling gem: "That dauntless pen shall write no more, for its eyes are closed forever." So say we all. Brither curlers—adieu.



A LIST of those who are or have been Members of the Yarmouth Curling Club from its formation to the present time, together with the seasons in which they played :

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| Allen, E. S., 1902 to 1910. | Concarron, G. D., 1905. |
| Allen, M. W., 1903. | Cook, M. P., 1905 to 1907. |
| Allen, Edward, 1906 to 1910. | Cooper, C., 1902. |
| Allen, W. N., 1906. | Craig, J. A., 1902 to 1910. |
| Allen, Leonard, 1907 to 1910. | Crawford, R. S., 1908 to 1910. |
| Armstrong, E. H. 1902 to 1910. | Creighton, A. S., 1905 to 1907. |
| Baker, J. W., 1903 to 1910. | Creighton, F. H., 1902-5-6-10. |
| Baker, S. C., 1905-1906. | Crowell, H. S., 1902 to 1910. |
| Baker, G. P., 1905 to 1910. | Currie, Robert, 1907. |
| Bambrick, R. D., 1906 to 1910. | Davidson, J. P., 1910. |
| Bingay, T. V. B., 1905 to 1910. | Dyke, C. E., 1910. |
| Blackadar, George, 1909. | Dyke, C. F., 1902-3-4-5-8-9. |
| Bown, T. S., 1905-1906. | Eakins, A. W., 1905 to 1907. |
| Boyd, J. W., 1908 to 1910. | Earle, G. R., 1905-6-7-9-10. |
| Bradbury, J. T., 1902 to 1905. | Ehrgott, J. F., 1910. |
| Brown, C. F., 1905 to 1907. | Elliot, R. B., 1908-1909. |
| Burrill, B. G., 1910. | Ellis, A. E., 1910. |
| Burrill, Guy D., 1910. | Farish, G. W. T., 1903-5 to 10. |
| Burrill, F. T., 1909-1910. | Ferguson, D., 1910. |
| Burrill, J. W., 1904-1905. | Foster, H. A., 1909. |
| Burrows, N. R., 1902-1903. | Fritz, J. R., 1903. |
| Burton, G. E. C., 1902. | Fuller, A. J., 1902-4-5. |
| Caie, Robert, 1905 to 1907. | Gardner, L. C., 1907 to 1910. |
| Campbell, A. C., 1909-1910. | Gardner, Stanley, 1902. |
| Campbell, D., 1905-6-7-9. | Godfrey, C. G., 1902. |
| Campbell, Wm., jr., 1906. | Godfrey, W. A., 1905 to 1910. |
| Cann, A., 1902 to 1910. | Goudey, Hiram, 1902-4 to 10. |
| Cann, A. J., 1905. | Grant, J. W., 1902 to 1910. |
| Cann, W. Roy, 1905 to 1910. | Guest, John, 1902. |
| Cann, C. E., 1902 to 1910. | Gunn, T. J., 1910. |
| Cann Cliff, 1907. | Hamilton, Rev. H. B., 1904. |
| Cann, H. W., 1909-1910. | Harding, A. C., 1902 to 1910. |
| Cann, Hal S., 1910. | Harding, S., 1906 to 1910. |
| Carten, T. W., 1908. | Harding, W. L., 1902 to 1910. |
| Chapman, Thomas, 1910. | Hayes, E. R., 1908. |
| Clements, E. N., 1910. | Hill, Rev. A. M., 1908 to 1910. |

- Hines, Lovitt, 1909-10.
 Hines, M., 1910.
 Homer, Murray, 1906.
 Hood, A. H., 1906 to 1910.
 Hood, Percy, 1908 to 1910.
 Horton, N. C., 1905 to 1910.
 Jarvis, E. W., 1907 to 1910.
 Jeffery, W., 1905-06.
 Jones, W. G., 1903-04.
 Johns, T. W., 1904-05.
 Johnstone, W. J., 1908 to 1910.
 Johnston, W. J. G., 1905.
 Kelley, W. M., 1902-05.
 Kirk, H. E., 1910.
 Kirk, John D., 1905-9-10.
 Law, B. B., 1906 to 1910.
 LeMoine, R. H. E., 1908.
 Lewis, H. K., 1906 to 1910.
 Lillie, F. P., 1903 to 1908.
 Lovitt, E. H., 1902-3-4-5-7-8.
 Lovitt, H., 1905 to 1908.
 Lovitt, I. A., 1905.
 Lovitt, I. M., 1905 to 1910.
 Lovitt, J. L., 1905.
 MacKinnon, A. W., 1910.
 Malcom, J. H., 1909.
 Matheson, E. S., 1902-3-5.
 McDonald, D. H., 1910.
 McGregor, A., 1905.
 McKay, R. S., 1905-06.
 McLellan, D. R., 1905.
 McLeod, F., 1909.
 Millar, Rev. E. D., 1905 to 1907.
 Moses, S. D., 1905-06.
 Munro, Fred, 1905-8 to 10.
 Munro, H. H., 1905-7-9.
 Murray, W. R., 1905 to 1907.
 Neville, M. J., 1905 to 1910.
 Newell, L. C., 1910.
 Nichols, H. D., 1902.
 Nickerson, O. A., 1902-3-5-6-7.
 O'Brien, A. L., 1910.
 Parker, E. R., 1905.
 Pelton, C. S., 1902-3-5.
 Pelton, G. H., 1906.
 Pendrigh, J., 1907 to 1910.
 Perry, W. E., 1902 to 1905.
 Peterkin, F., 1902.
 Pettit, G. M., 1910.
 Pheasant, F. J., 1902-1905.
 Phinney, Dr. W. S., 1910.
 Pineo, E. C., 1907.
 Pope, F. J., 1902-3-4-5-6-8-9.
 Porter, L. T., 1905 to 1910.
 Putnam, W. G., 1902 to 1910.
 Redding, E. A., 1902 to 1905.
 Redding, F. M., 1903 to 1905.
 Redding, J. C., 1905.
 Redding, Wm., 1902-3-5.
 Reid, C. R., 1902.
 Robbins, B. S., 1908 to 1910.
 Robbins, C. S. P., 1902 to 1910.
 Robbins, J. J. C., 1905 to 1910.
 Robertson, B., 1902 to 1906.
 Rogers, A., 1905.
 Romans, G. L., 1902.
 Rose, Rev. Chas., 1905.
 Ross, James, 1905.
 Ross, W. D., 1903-4-5-8-9-10.
 Rowley, P. A., 1905 to 1906.
 Rozee, James, 1905-06.
 Sanderson, C., 1906 to 1910.
 Saunders, D. R., 1905.
 Shaw, M. A., 1902 to 1905.
 Simpson, W. E., 1905.
 Spinney, E. G., 1902-4.
 Spinney, E. K., 1902-5-6.
 Spinney, W. H. S., 1903-5.
 Stewart, J. P. L., 1908.
 Stoneman, A. P., 1909-1910.
 Sweeny, B. P., 1905.
 Sweeny, V. S., 1910.
 Taylor, F. G., 1910.
 Taylor, G. S., 1902 to 1910.

Turnbull, Dr. G., 1904-05.	Webster, Wm., 1905 to 1910.
VanHorne, A.K., 1907 to 1910.	Wyman, H. J., 1903-4-8-9-10.
Vickery, E. J., 1903 to 1910.	Wyman, J. R., 1902-03.
Vickery, E. J., jr., 1909-10.	Wyman, M., 1907 to 1910.
Walker, J. M., 1907.	Wyman, Roy, 1905-06.
Wall, H., 1907 to 1910.	Wyse, R. R., 1910.
Wallace, R. R., 1904-5-6.	



Constitution and By-Laws.

Article I.—NAME.

This club shall be known as the "YARMOUTH CURLING CLUB," of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, having for its object the fostering and promoting of the noble game of curling.

Article II.—MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 1. This club shall consist of "Keen" Curlers—men who love the game for the sake of the sport and the healthful exercise it gives—and who will strictly adhere to the constitution and by-laws and rules of the club, and always act and speak so that no unseemly conduct shall be known, nor profane language used, while on the ice, at the club house, or at any meeting of theirs whatever.

Sec. 2. The number of members shall be limited to one hundred, exclusive of honorary and privileged members.

Sec. 3. The name of any person proposed for membership, together with the name of his proposer and seconder, shall be posted by the secretary in the rink during the curling season,

for at least seven days prior to a meeting for balloting thereon. A candidate for membership may be balloted for at any meeting of the club, and shall be declared elected, unless five or more ballots have been cast against him. The admission fee shall be handed to the secretary, with the application for membership. In case of non-election the fee shall be returned.

Sec. 4. Honorary members of the club may be elected by an open vote of two-thirds of the members present at the annual meeting, or at any meeting, provided notice has been given. Honorary members cannot hold office, and shall not be entitled to vote at the meetings of the club, unless the privilege of ordinary membership be specially conferred by the club at the time of election.

Sec. 5. Visitors to the city, introduced by members in good standing, may be accorded the privileges of the club, for a period not exceeding fourteen days.

Article III.—DUES.

Sec. 1. The admission fee and the annual subscription shall be such amounts as may be fixed at each annual meeting in December, and all subscriptions shall be payable in advance.

Sec. 2. All members whose subscriptions are unpaid on the 15th day of January shall be notified of the fact by the secretary, and one week after such notice, if the subscriptions still remain unpaid, their names shall be struck off the roll,

when they shall cease to be members, without further notice or proceedings, unless the officers of the club shall extend the time for the payment of said subscriptions.

Sec. 3. Any member whose name is so struck off the roll, wishing to become a member again, must pay up his back fees, when he shall be treated as a new applicant for membership.

Article IV.—MEETINGS.

Sec. 1. The annual meeting of the club for the election of officers, committee of management, and skips for the year, and for the transaction of other business, shall be held on the 2nd Tuesday in November, at 8 o'clock, p. m.; and should this day fall on a legal holiday, then on the following Tuesday, at the same hour. Nine members shall form a quorum at this or any general meeting of the club.

Sec. 2. A general meeting shall be held on the 1st Monday of April, for the transaction of any business, except election of officers. Special meetings may be called at any time by order of the president. It shall be the duty of the president to call a meeting of the club at any time, upon receipt of a requisition signed by not less than five members.

Sec. 3. Any charge against a member must be preferred in writing, and the secretary shall, on the receipt of the same, send a copy thereof to the member so charged, at least one week before

the meeting of the committee of management called to investigate such charges. The committee shall report to a special meeting of the club called for that purpose. The club may suspend or expel the member so charged, by a two-thirds majority vote of members present.

Sec. 4. At least seven days' notice shall be given of the meeting in December and April, and of the meetings provided for in Article IV., Section 3, and Article XI.

Article V.—OFFICERS.

Sec. 1. The officers of the club shall consist of a president, senior and junior vice-presidents, a chaplain, a secretary, and a treasurer. They shall be nominated in writing, and elected by ballot at the annual meeting of the club, and must have a clear majority vote of the members present. Should more than one balloting be necessary for the election of an officer, the name receiving the fewest votes shall be removed from the list of candidates before proceeding to another ballot. The senior and junior vice-presidents shall be nominated and balloted for together—seniority being determined by the number of votes cast for the two successful candidates.

Sec. 2. The president shall preside at all meetings, sign all orders upon the treasurer for ordinary expenses of the club, and all official documents. He shall have custody of all cups, medals or other valuable trophies belonging to the

club, and shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the same. He shall have the casting vote at all equal divisions, and shall see that the rules of procedure provided for in these by-laws are strictly adhered to.

Sec. 3. In the absence of the president, the senior vice-president shall perform his duties, (and in the absence of both, the junior vice-president), including the right to a casting vote at all equal divisions, at meetings at which he may preside. Should a vacancy occur in the office of president, the senior vice-president shall immediately become president for the remainder of the year. Should vacancies occur in the offices of president and vice-presidents, a special meeting of the club shall be called by the secretary for the election of officers to fill such vacancies. Other vacancies shall be filled by the officers of the club.

Sec. 4. The secretary shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings at all meetings of the club, conduct the correspondence of the club, preserve a correct register of the members, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of secretary.

Sec. 5. The treasurer shall keep the accounts of the club, collect the annual subscriptions of members, and any other revenues of the club, receive all funds belonging to the club, and keep the same deposited in some chartered bank, to be named by the officers, and shall make disbursements on the written order of the president, or, in

the absence of the president, on the written order of the senior vice-president, after approval of the committee of management. He shall submit his accounts annually to the inspection of the audit committee, and a statement of the same to the club at the annual meeting.

Article VI.—THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

Sec. 1. The committee of management shall consist of the president, vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and three members elected at the annual meeting, and in the manner provided for in Article V., Section 1. Four members shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 2. The committee of management shall have the superintendence of the affairs of the club. They shall make all the necessary arrangements and regulations for curling, bowling and quaiting which do not conflict with the constitution and by-laws of this club or the recognized laws of these games, which regulations shall come in force as soon as posted in the rink. For these purposes they may appoint sub-committees of three or five members. These committees may be styled the "House," "Curling," "Ice," "Bowling" and "Quoit" committees. Any member of the club may be appointed to such committees, but, at least, two of the members of the Curling Committee shall be skips. The chairman of each committee must be a member of the committee of management.

Article VII.—CLUB SKIPS.

Sec. 1. The committee of skips shall consist of seven senior and eight junior skips. The senior skips shall be preferred in the selection of skips for the foreign matches. Five shall constitute a quorum of this committee.

Sec. 2. The outgoing officers shall nominate at the annual meeting eight members, and the meeting may nominate others, from whom six senior skips shall be chosen by ballot. The nomination and election of the junior skips shall be in like manner.

Sec. 3. The committee of skips shall have complete control of the selection of skips and players for the foreign matches.

Article VIII.—ON THE ICE.

Sec. 1. The rules of play shall be the same as those made by the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

Sec. 2. Members intending to play shall register their names on entering the waiting room. The first two rinks shall be made up from the first eight names registered; the next two rinks from the next eight, and so on.

Sec. 3. At half-past two o'clock in the afternoon, and at half-past seven in the evening, six or more members being present, on Mondays and Wednesdays, they shall draw for positions by numbers. On Tuesdays and Fridays they shall

draw for skips, the skips choosing their players. With the consent of all, other methods may be followed. On other occasions, the rinks shall be made up as the players decide.

Sec. 4. Provision shall be made for members who desire to play, but who have come after the rinks have been formed.

At 9.15 every evening, and 4.15 every afternoon, when all the sheets of ice fit for playing are occupied, or when there is unoccupied ice, but less than six are waiting to play, lots shall be drawn to determine which sheet or sheets shall be vacated.

Should there not be enough waiting players to complete rinks, lots shall be drawn by the retiring players for the vacant places.

The fitness of the ice for playing shall be decided by the Ice Committee.

Sec. 5. Each full rink chosen for a foreign match shall have the preference of the ice for at least one practice at any time prior to the match, provided notice has been given.

Sec. 6. One sheet of ice may be set apart one day in the week for the playing of private matches between members of the club, application for the ice being made to the secretary, and one clear day's notice thereof being posted in the club house.

Article IX.—GAMING.

No games of any kind for money shall be

permitted on the club premises. Card playing shall also be prohibited.

Article X.—AUDIT COMMITTEE.

The president, on the night of his election, shall appoint two members who shall constitute the audit committee, to whom shall be referred the report of the treasurer.

Article XI.—AMENDMENTS.

No alteration or amendment shall be made in the constitution and by-laws except at the annual meeting in December, or at a meeting called by the committee of management, and then only on a two-thirds majority vote of the members present. A copy of the proposed amendment or alteration shall be handed to the secretary at least fourteen days before the meeting, and he shall, in the notice calling the meeting, notify the members of the proposed alteration or amendment.

