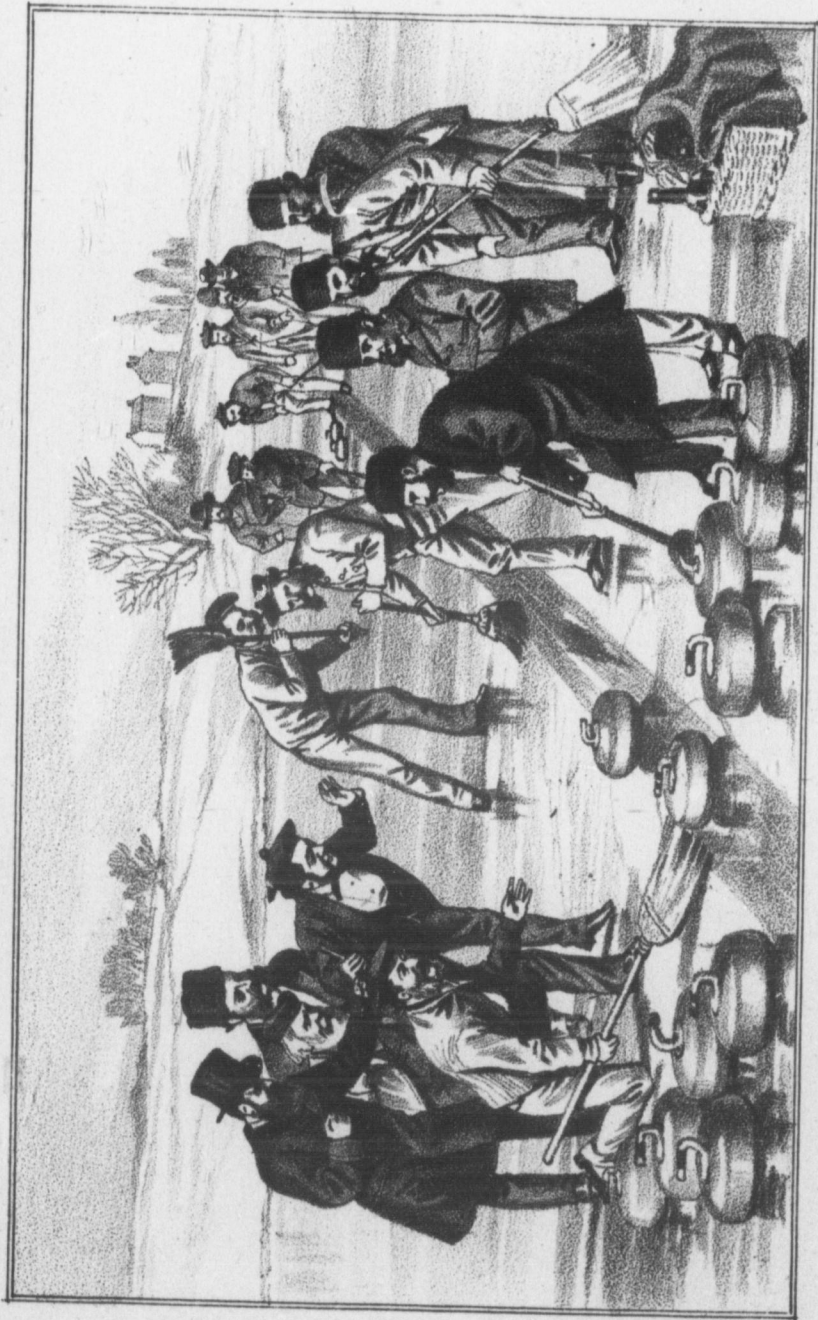


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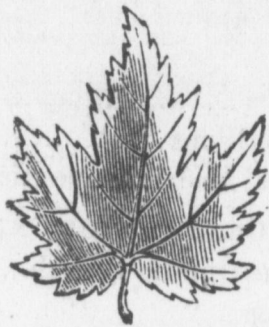
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P R E F A C E .

In presenting to the Associated Curling Clubs in Ontario, and to the Curlers of Canada generally, this, the first ANNUAL of the ONTARIO BRANCH OF THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN CURLING CLUB, the Committee of Publication would prefix a few introductory sentences respecting its object, and the reasons which have led to its being issued from the press. Designed to supply a want hitherto felt, in the absence of a general Record of Curling intelligence, which might circulate among Curlers throughout the Province, this, our Annual, will furnish a suitable medium for preserving what would otherwise be mere fugitive accounts—scattered through the pages of various local newspapers—of Club-matches, and other important “skirmishes,” around the *tee*, of the “*lads o’ the besom and stane.*” Our Annuals, as published in successive years, will also contain a copy of the authorized Code of Rules of the Game in force in the Royal Club, so that each Curler can have by him, in printed form, an authoritative directory for leisure study at home, or for reference, when necessary, during play ; together with such modifications of the Regulations as our special circumstances in this Country may, from time to time, lead us to adopt.

The present publication, however, must not be regarded as, in all respects, a perfect specimen of what it is intended our Annual should be. The list of Club

matches of last season, is smaller than we hope to present to our readers in future years. Reference is made, under that section, to the cause of the deficiency.

In the Miscellaneous Section will be found an interesting account of an adjourned meeting of the Royal Club held at Kilmarnock in 1841, and presided over by the late Earl of Eglinton. This valuable report is copied in full, as an indication of the character and standing in Society of some of the leading supporters of the "*ancient and honorable game of Curling*" in Scotland, in years gone by.

The readiness with which the Royal Club, at their last Annual Meeting at Edinburgh, responded to the communications transmitted a year ago, and agreed, in compliance with the request of the numerous Local Clubs in Ontario, to institute a Branch in this Province for the management of our affairs, is duly appreciated, and demands, on our part, every proper effort to promote the interests of Curling, so that the "noble game" may suffer no deterioration at our hands. In maintaining with pride our connection with the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, of which we are now a Branch, it becomes us to see to it that our Ontario Branch shall be not unworthy of its connection with the Parent Stem.

In conclusion we would respectfully urge all the western Clubs to cast in their lot with us. A large proportion of such have already done so, but there is no reason why all the existing Local Clubs that may be eligible, with the addition of such as may now be forming, should not offer themselves for admission to the Ontario Branch. Clubs hailing from the extreme Eastern portion of this Province may naturally be expected to ally them-

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selves with the other Canadian Branch, having its head-quarters at Montreal, more especially, if in their play, they make use of Curling stones of *Iron*. But, whilst heartily wishing all success to that Branch of the Royal Club, and hoping it may enjoy ever increasing prosperity, we would say in all sincerity to the Ontario Clubs that the Ontario Branch of the Royal Club is their natural head-quarters. Let all such Clubs and others which may yet be formed apply for admission to our ranks without delay, and thus aid us in swelling, to such dimensions as it ought to have, the Ontario Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

TORONTO, 30th November, 1875.





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CHAP. I.—GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1. Any Local Curling Club shall be admissible into the Royal Caledonian Curling Club if it consists of at least 8 members, have a designation, and sheet of ice for its operations, and be governed by Office-Bearers, elected in accordance with the Rules of this Club.

2. The designations of Clubs desirous of joining this Club, together with their Office-Bearers and Members, and also the names of their proposer and seconder, must be lodged with the Secretary a week previous to the General Meeting in July, or with the *interim* Secretary a week previous to the adjourned Meeting of the Representative Committee, at any of which Meetings they will be balloted for.

3. Clubs asking admission ought to have, at least, one of their number at hand to be initiated in case of admission, who will be empowered and instructed how to initiate the brethren of his Club; but if no one can attend, it shall be lawful for any Member of the Representative Committee, along with any two initiated ordinary Regular Members of the Royal Club to initiate the Club afterwards.

4. Two kinds of admission Tickets or Diplomas shall be issued, both signed by the Secretary, the one to be given to each Club on initiation, the other to be furnished to the initiated Members of the Local Clubs by their Secretaries, who shall countersign and date them.

5. No new law, except with regard to Prizes, shall be enacted, nor any existing law altered or repealed, until approved of by at least two-thirds of the Members present at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

6. Every Ordinary Member of an Associated Club shall be a Member of the Royal Club, and entitled to vote at General Meetings.

7. A General Meeting of the Royal Club shall be held annually, in Edinburgh, or such other place as may be appointed at the previous General Meeting, for the transaction of business, immediately after the Meeting of the Representative Committee has been concluded. These Meetings shall take place on the 25th of July annually, or in case of the 25th July happening to be a Saturday, the Meeting shall be held on the previous Friday. If the 25th fall on a Sunday, or a Monday, it shall take place on the Tuesday following; seven to be a quorum.

8. None but initiated Ordinary Members of Associated Clubs shall be present at Business Meetings of the Royal Club, or at any of its Convivial Meetings, while Curling Ceremonies or Mysteries are being practised.

CHAP. II.—REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE.

1. Each Local Club shall, under a penalty of not being allowed to draw for Prizes, elect annually two of its Ordinary Members to be its Representative Members for the ensuing year, it being understood that the second elected Member shall act only in absence of the first, and that both shall be held as coming into office on 1st November in the year of their election. The first representative must be a resident, and ordinary regular Member, in whose practical knowledge the Local Club can confide.

2. The Representatives of Local Clubs shall constitute the Committee above referred to as the 'Representative Committee;' and this Committee shall have the entire management of the affairs of the Club, which manage-

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3. An Annual General Meeting of the Representative Committee shall be held for the transaction of business at eleven o'clock A.M., on the same day as the General Meeting of the Club, seven to be a quorum. This Meeting shall appoint a President, a President-Elect (who, if present, shall preside in the absence of the President), two Vice-Presidents, a Chaplain, a Secretary, and a Treasurer of the Royal Club for the ensuing year. These shall also be the Office-Bearers of the Representative Committee, and their duties shall begin immediately on their appointment, and continue till next Annual Meeting, at which the President-Elect shall become President for the ensuing year. The Vice-Presidents must be elected from the representatives present. Every Office-Bearer of the Royal Club must be an Ordinary Member of some one of the Associated Clubs.

4. Clubs shall only be admitted at the Annual General or Adjourned Meeting of the Representative Committee, and must be proposed by one Member of that Committee, seconded by another, and balloted for in the usual manner, when, unless there are five black balls against them, they shall be admitted and initiated according to the usual form.

5. The Representative Committee shall annually appoint a *Finance* Committee, who shall audit the Treasurer's accounts, as hereinafter provided, and whose docquet shall be published along with them in the next 'Annual.'

6. The Representative Committee shall have power to elect, from amongst their number, Sub-Committees to manage the various parts of the Club's business.

7. No new law, or alteration or repeal of an existing law, shall be made by the Representative Committees without a notice of the proposal, along with the words of the new law or alteration having been lodged with the Secretary prior to 20th July—(this not applying to such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the decisions of the Annual General Meeting). No new

law, alteration, or repeal of an existing law, can be carried up to the General Meeting of the Club, unless approved of by two-thirds of the Representatives present at July Meeting.

8. All arrangements regarding prizes shall be made by the Representative Committee, and shall come into operation immediately after being made.

9. The Representative Committee, at their Annual Meeting, shall proceed to business in the following order:—1. Admission of Clubs. 2. Reports on Medal Competitions. 3. Decisions on Complaints or Appeals. 4. Appointment of a Committee to audit the Accounts. 5. Reports of Committees. 6. Alterations on the Constitution, Rules, etc. 7. Election of Office-Bearers. 8. General Business. 9. Distribution of Prizes.

10. The Representative Committee [shall every year cause an 'Annual' to be published, under the title of 'The Annual of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.' It shall contain a list of the Office-Bearers of the Royal Club; its Rules and Regulations; the Local Clubs associated with it, with the names of their Office-Bearers and Members; proceedings of the Club during the past year; reports of the prize competitions, and any other thing connected with curling, which may appear of general interest to Members. They shall also appoint a Select Committee from among the Members of the Royal Club to superintend the publication of the 'Annual.'

11. The Representative Committee shall, on the conclusion of business, adjourn to meet at such place and time during the winter as the Meeting may deem most expedient. They may also appoint an Assistant Secretary in the locality determined on, in order to aid the General Secretary in making arrangements for the Adjourned Meeting. The President and President-Elect, or one of the Vice-Presidents, and six Representatives to be a quorum. No part of the expenses of any adjourned meeting shall be defrayed from the general funds of the Royal Club, except such as are strictly necessary for convening the Meeting, and carrying on the business of the same.

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12. No business shall be transacted at Adjourned Meetings except admitting of Clubs, drawing for extra medals, and appointing Umpires to superintend such extra competitions. The General Secretary shall, if possible, attend these Meetings, and receive £2 2s. in full of his personal expenses.

13. The Secretary shall be Convener of the Representative Committee, and shall call special meetings thereof by circulars addressed to Local Secretaries, at any time he may deem it to be necessary, and also upon the requisition of seven or more Representative Members.

14. The Secretary shall, previous to 20th July in each year, prepare a note of what business he has ascertained is to be brought before the Meeting.

15. The Treasurer shall keep a classified account of his receipts and disbursements on account of the Club. His books shall be balanced annually on 1st November, thereafter audited by the Finance Committee, and an Abstract thereof published in the next 'Annual.' The books shall be open for inspection to all Members of the Club for five days previous to the General Meeting in July, and to members of the Representative Committee at all times.

CHAP. III.—ENTRANCE AND ANNUAL FEES.

1. All Clubs, on Admission, shall pay a fee according to the following scale, viz. :

If consisting of

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2. All Clubs shall pay annually, in advance, a fee according to the following scale, in respect of the number of Ordinary Members (Regular and Occasional), as printed in the last published 'Annual;' the first year's subscription to be paid along with the entry money: If consisting of

8 Ordinary Members, and under 12.....	£0 5 0
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NOTE.—The foregoing scale of fees, both Admission and Annual, are somewhat less than the scale adopted by the Ontario Branch, because Clubs in connection with this Branch are called upon to contribute towards defraying the entire working expenses of the Branch, besides contributing their *pro rata* share of the expenses of the Parent Club. A Committee of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club has been appointed to consider an equitable adjustment of these rates.

3. Every Associated Club on publication of the 'Annual' shall receive and pay for them as under,—viz.: if consisting of

8 Members (Ordinary) and under 13	2 Annuals.
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and so on, adding one 'Annual' for every five additional Members. Each copy of the 'Annual' is One Shilling.

NOTE.—At the request of the office-bearers of the Ontario Branch this rule has been modified, so that the Clubs of said Branch be allowed to order so many Annuals as they shall require from year to year.

4. A common fund shall be formed from these and other sources, to be under the management of the Representative Committee, and from which shall be defrayed—1. The Printing, Advertising, and incidental expenses of the Club; 2. Prizes given to be competed for by the Associated Clubs.

5. Clubs failing to pay the fees due at entry, or the subsequent annual fees, shall not be *entitled* to draw for Medals, nor shall any Associated Club compete for a Medal without producing to the Umpire of the match a receipt for all fees due to the Royal Club. If any Club

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CHAPTER IV.—LOCAL CLUBS.

1. Printed forms shall be transmitted annually on 15th October by the Secretary of the Royal Club, to each of the Local Secretaries, in order that they may enter therein a list of the Office-bearers and Members of their respective Clubs, for publication in the next 'Annual.' And any Local Secretary failing to return this list to the Secretary of the Royal Club, on or before the first day of November following, shall forfeit the right of his Club to draw for Medals when the next drawing takes place.

As great uniformity is desirable, the lists of Office-bearers ought to include, so far as the Club has them, the Patron or Patroness, President, Vice-Presidents, Representative Members, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, and Committee of Council, arranged in the order given in the printed form.

2. The list of Members shall be classified under the titles of Honorary, Extraordinary, and Ordinary. The Ordinary Members may be divided into Regular and Occasional.

Each name to be arranged as far as possible, chronologically; and the Office-bearers to be inserted a second time in the list of Members.

3. Clubs associated with the Royal Club shall, in all Matches, adhere to the Rules and Regulations of the Game in force in the Royal Club at the time, unless otherwise mutually agreed to in writing under the hands of the Secretaries of the competing Clubs.

4. All disputes arising between Clubs, or Players, associated with the Royal Club, except as hereinafter provided for, shall be referred to the award and decision of two neutral Representative Members, resident in the district where the disputes arise. They shall act in the capacity of Arbiters, and be chosen by the two dispu-

tants, each of whom shall name one ; and said Arbiters shall immediately on their appointment name an Oversman, being also a Representative Member; to act and decide in the matter, in the event of their differing in opinion ; and whatever the award of said Arbiters or oversman may be, even though informal, if in writing, shall be final, and binding on all parties ; provided that the Representative Committee of the Royal Club shall not find the procedure (not that regarding the merits) irregular. Any complaint as to irregularity, in order to be received, must be lodged with the Secretary of the Royal Club within ten days of the date of the award. In case the procedure be found irregular, the Representative Committee shall set aside the award, and order the disputants to begin the reference of new. Should any of the disputants fail in naming an Arbiter, on being required in writing by the other for the space of three days, both Arbiters may be appointed by the other disputant ; and failing the Arbiters, when appointed, being able to agree upon an oversman, the Secretary of the Royal Club shall be bound to name one, on application being made to him by any of the disputants.

5. Provincial Competitions.—All rules and regulations relating thereto must be made by the Province itself ; and in no case will the Royal Club interfere, by appeal made to it, or otherwise.

6. No Curler, though belonging to two or more Associated Clubs, can be, or appear on a List published in the 'Annual' as, a Regular Ordinary Member of more than one of them at the same time ; and unless otherwise previously agreed to in writing by the Secretaries, or the acting Skips present at the Match, each Club shall select its players from the list of 'Regular' Ordinary Members in the last published 'Annual.' And any Club having a player thus, or in any other way, disqualified engaged in the game, shall forfeit all right to the Royal Medal, even if awarded to it.

7. In case the Match be played on the ice of either of the parties, the strangers may select the rinks, subject always to the approval of the acting Umpire.

8. Every challenge given by one Club to another, and

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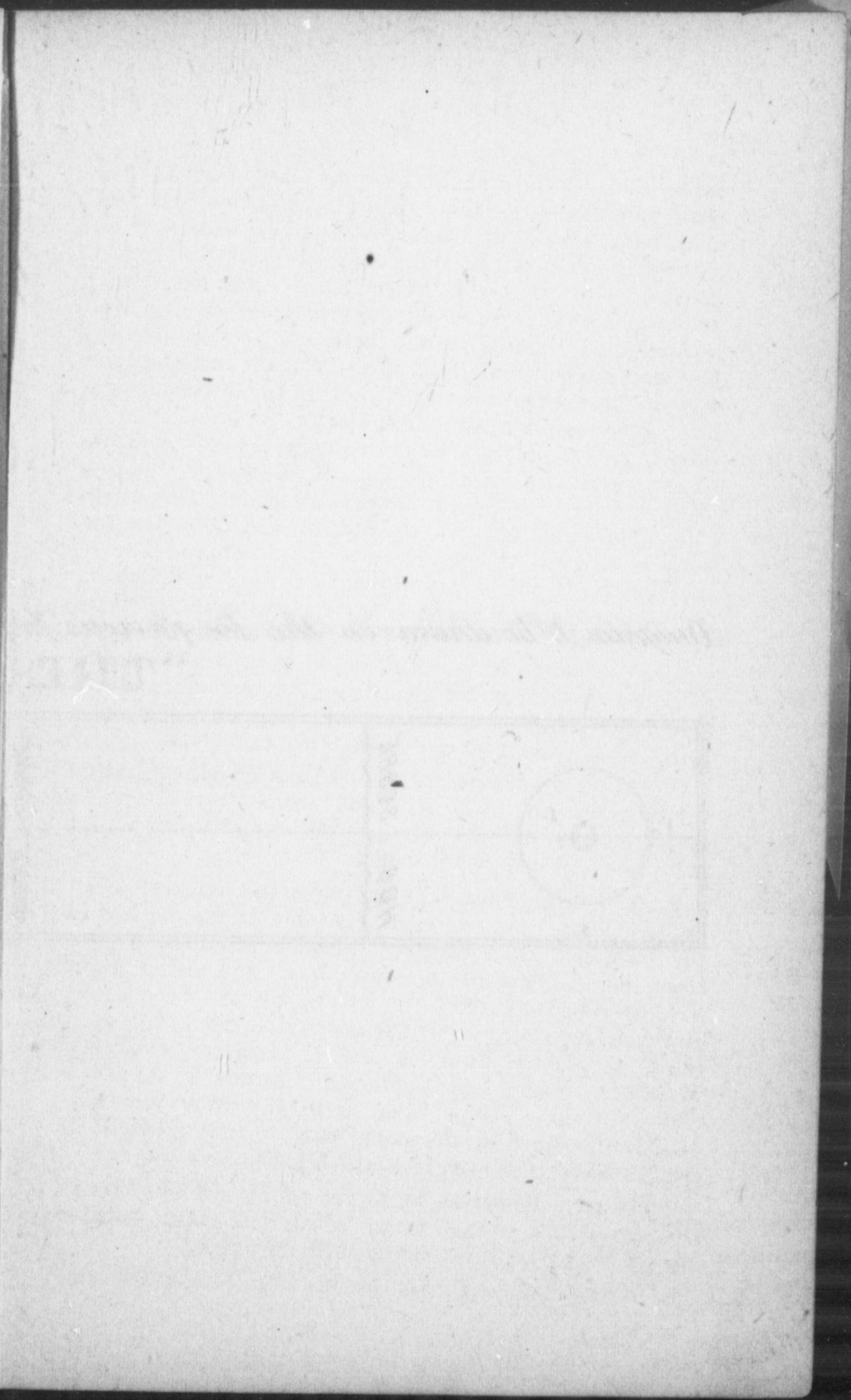
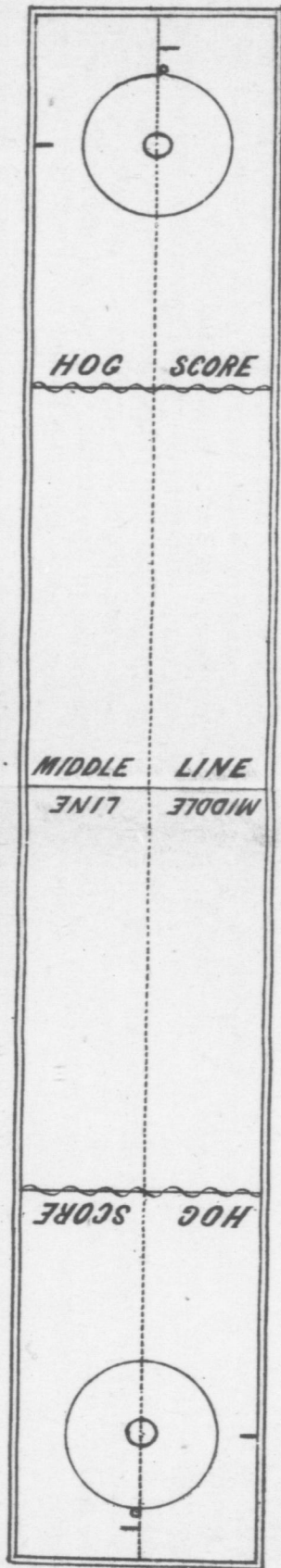


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The Royal Club is of opinion that, in order to do away with heart-burning, and to produce a fair trial of strength between Clubs the number of players proposed ought to be regulated by Cap. VI., Sec. 8; and that no Club will have its honour tarnished by declining a match not in conformity therewith.

CHAPTER V.—RULES OF GAME.

1. The length of the Rink shall be forty-two yards. The Tees shall be set down forty yards apart; and in an exact alignment with and behind both Tees a line shall be drawn on the Rink. Seven feet behind each Tee a circle six inches in diameter shall be also drawn on the Ice on the left hand side of said line (looking to the Tee to be played to), the inner side of which shall be distant from said line six inches. Upon this circle, and as near as may be upon the centre of it, every player, whether standing on the ice or on a board or other rest, shall, in the delivery of his stone, place, or in stepping out, put down his left or fore foot, if he be a right hand player. For a left hand player, another such circle shall be placed in like manner, and for the like purpose on the right hand side of said line. And in the event of a hack, hatch, trigger, etc., being used, it shall be right behind said circle, and not less distant therefrom than two feet, nor greater in length than twelve inches.

A circle of seven feet radius, to be described from each Tee as a centre, and every stone to count which is either within, or resting on this circle. All played stones passing the Tee, and also beyond the seven feet radius, shall be put off the Ice. The Hog-score to be distant from each Tee one-sixth part of the length of the whole Rink played on. Every stone to be a Hog which does not clear this score; but no stone to be such which has struck another stone lying over the Hog-score. A line shall be drawn on the ice, at a right angle to the Rink, half-way betwixt the Tees, which shall be called 'The Middle Line.' In no case shall the Rink played on be less than thirty-two yards.

NOTE.—Reference in forming Rinks is made to the prefixed Diagram or Plan, called 'The Rink.'

2. All Matches to be of a certain number of heads, to be agreed on by the Clubs, or fixed by the Umpire, before commencement ; or otherwise, by time, by shots, if mutually agreed on ; and in the event of parties being equal at the conclusion of the Match, it shall be continued by all the rinks engaged for another head ; or if necessary to decide the Match, for such further period as the Umpire shall direct.
3. Every rink to be composed of four players a side, each using two stones. The rotation of play observed during the first head of a Match shall not be changed.
4. The Skips opposing each other shall settle by lot or in any other way they may agree upon, which party shall lead at the first head, after which the winning party shall do so.
5. All Curling stones shall be of a circular shape. No stone shall be of a greater weight than 50 lb. imperial, or of greater circumference than 36 inches, or of less height than one-eighth part of its greatest circumference.
6. No stone, or side of a stone, shall be changed after a Match has been begun, or during its continuance, unless with consent of the opponents.
7. Should a Stone happen to be broken, the largest fragment shall be considered in the Game for that end—the player being entitled to use another Stone, or another pair, during the remainder of the Game.
8. If a played stone rolls over, or stops, on its side or top, it shall be put off the ice. Should the handle quit the Stone in delivery, the player must keep hold of it, otherwise he shall not be entitled to replay the shot.
9. Players, during the course of each end, to be arranged along the sides of the Rink, anywhere Skips may direct ; and no party, except when sweeping according to rule, shall go upon the middle of the Rink, or cross it, under any pretence whatever. Skips alone to stand at or about the Tee,—that of the playing party having the choice of place, and must not be obstructed by the other.
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the player. Should the mistake not be discovered till the Stone be at rest, or has struck another Stone, the opposite Skip shall have the option of adding one to his score, allowing the game to proceed, or of declaring the end null and void. But if a Stone be played before the mistake has been discovered, the Head must be finished as if it had been properly played from the beginning.

11. The sweeping shall be under the direction and control of the Skips. The player's party may sweep the ice anywhere, from the centre line to the Tee, and behind it,—the adverse party having liberty to sweep behind the Tee, and in front of any of their own Stones when moved by another, and till at rest. Skips to have full liberty to clean and sweep the ice behind the Tee at any time, except when a player is being directed by his Skip. At the end of any Head, either of the Skips may call upon the whole players to clean and sweep the entire Rink, but being subject in this, if objected to, to the control of the acting Umpire. The sweeping shall always be to a side; and no sweepings shall be moved forward or left in front of a running Stone. When snow is falling, either party may sweep from Tee to Tee.

12. If, in sweeping or otherwise, a *running* Stone be marred by any of the party to which it belongs, it may, in the option of the opposite Skip, be put off the ice; if by any of the adverse party, it may be placed where the Skip of the party to which it belongs shall direct. If marred by any other means, the player shall replay the Stone. Should any *played* Stone be displaced before the head is reckoned, it shall be placed as near as possible where it lay, to the satisfaction of, or by, the Skip opposed to the party displacing. If displaced by any party, other than one of the players, both Skips to agree upon the position to which it is to be returned; and should they not agree, the Umpire to decide.

13. Every player to be ready to play when his turn comes, and not to take more than a reasonable time to play. Should he play a wrong Stone, any of the players may stop it while running; but if not stopped till at rest, the one which ought to have been played shall be placed in its stead, to the satisfaction of the opposing Skip.

14. No measuring of shots allowable previous to the termination of the end. Disputed shots to be determined by the Skips, or, if they disagree, by the Umpire; or, when there is no Umpire, by some neutral person chosen by the Skips. All measurements to be taken from the centre of the Tee, to that part of the Stone which is nearest it. No stone shall be considered without a circle, or over a line, unless it clear it;—and in every case, this is to be determined by placing a square on the ice at the circle or line.

15. Skips shall have the exclusive regulation and direction of the Game for their respective parties, and may play last Stone, or in what part of it they please; and, when their turn to play comes, they may name one of their party to take charge for them.

16. If any player shall speak to, taunt, or interrupt another, not being of his own party, while in the act of delivering his Stone, one shot shall be added to the score of the party so interrupted, and the end proceed.

17. If from any change of weather after a Match has been begun, or from any other reasonable cause, one party shall desire to shorten the Rink, or to change to another one; and if the two Skips cannot agree, the Umpire shall, after seeing one end played, determine whether the Rink shall be shortened, and how much, or whether it shall be changed, and his decision shall be final. Should there be no acting Umpire, or should he be otherwise engaged, the two Skips may call in any neutral Curler to decide, whose powers shall be equally extensive with those of the Umpire. The Umpire, moreover, shall have power, in the event of the ice being in his opinion dangerous, to stop the Match. He shall even have power to postpone it when, in his opinion, the state of the ice is not fitted for testing the curling skill of the players; and, except in very special circumstances, a Match shall not proceed, or be continued, when a thaw has fairly set in, or when snow is falling and likely to continue during the Match. In any case, the Match when renewed must be begun *de novo*.

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CHAPTER VI.—MEDAL COMPETITIONS.

1. Only one class of Medals shall hereafter be distributed by this Club (except as after provided). They shall be called District Medals, and be competed for according to the 'Rules of the Game,' by two Clubs. The number of District Medals to be issued in the first year of a Rotation, to be, as nearly as possible, a fourth of the whole Associated Clubs. The number awarded in the second year to be whatever is required, in conjunction with Local Medals, to complete the Rotation.

2. Local Medals will only be awarded during the second year of a Rotation, in lieu of District Medals, to such Clubs as are, in the opinion of the Representative Committee, too far distant from other Clubs to compete for District Medals. Local Medals shall be contested for by the Members of the Club, according to the Rules for Local competitions.

3. The Drawing for Medals shall take place at the July Meeting; only if several Clubs be admitted at the Adjourned Meeting in the first year of a Rotation, a District Medal may be given for each two newly admitted Clubs, to be balloted for however between them, and such Clubs as were unsuccessful in obtaining Medals in July. But no Club shall receive two Medals during the same Rotation; and after a Rotation has been completed, the whole Clubs shall be arranged anew into pairs, and Medals balloted for; it being understood that, before the very same Clubs be again brought into competition, three years at least must elapse.

4. The Representative Committee shall have the sole power of disposing the Clubs into pairs, balloting for Medals, and appointing Representatives to superintend competitions. In doing so, however, they shall take into account distance, and all specialties, including the relative number of the Regular Ordinary Members. Clubs so situated that others cannot be found sufficiently near to compete with them, shall not be included in the ballot of the first year of a Rotation, in the hope of other Clubs joining, which can be classed with them the following year; but they may receive Local Medals.

5. The Representative appointed to be present at a District Medal Competition shall, at the request of the Secretary of either Club, fix the day, the hour and the ice for the Match most suitable and mutually convenient, giving at least twenty-four hours' notice in writing to the Secretaries of both Clubs; and if either Club fails to appear at the place and time appointed, without an excuse which is satisfactory to the Superintending Representative or his Deputy, and which had also been forthwith, after notice received, intimated to the opposing Club, the Medal shall be awarded off hand to the Club which appears on the ice, provided the Umpire be satisfied of its being ready to play, and having complied with all the Regulations. The Representative Member, appointed to act as Umpire, shall, in the event of his being unable from any cause to give notice of the Match, or to attend thereat, depute an experienced Curler associated with the Royal Club, well acquainted with the Rules of the Game, and not connected with either of the competing Clubs, to act in his stead; but the Report, to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Royal Club, shall be on the responsibility of the Representative himself.

6. Should, however, the two Clubs agree on the day, the hour, and the ice, notice shall be given thereof by either Secretary to the Superintending Representative, at least twenty-four hours before the time of the Match; and they may, in the event of his not being forward personally, or by deputy, at the hour intimated, appoint any Associated Curler, properly qualified, to act and report in his stead; only, along with the Report, shall be transmitted the party's authority to act, which must be in writing.

7. When no ice can be had during the season within which the Clubs have received Medals, they must be competed for the first following opportunity.

8. All District Medals shall be contested for by at least eight players a-side. And if no arrangement in writing, fixing the number of players, takes place between the Clubs, that number shall not be less than two-thirds of the Regular Ordinary Members of the smaller Club, as appearing in the last published 'Annual.'

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9. The Representative superintending a District Medal Competition, and the Umpire of a Local one, or their deputies, must, under a penalty of having their names struck off the lists of the Royal Club, prepare a short statement of what takes place, and forward it forthwith to the Secretary of the Royal Club, mentioning especially the length of the Rink, state of the ice, name of the Winner, or winning Club, and number of points or shots gained.

10. Umpires, in all cases, are enjoined to hear objections from the losing party before awarding Medals; and if they shall find that neither Club has complied, nor appears willing to comply, with the Regulations, they shall return the Medal to the Secretary of the Royal Club, and report the circumstances; provided always that nothing contained in this Rule shall affect the Regulations contained in Chapter IV., Section 4.

CHAP. VII.—RULES FOR LOCAL MEDAL COMPETITION (POINT GAME.)

1. Each competitor shall draw lots for the Rotation of play, and keep that order throughout; he shall use two Stones (unless the majority of players prefer one Stone each), and play them the one immediately after the other; he shall not, during the competition, change the side of a Stone, nor the stone itself unless it happen to be broken.

2. The length of the Rink between the Tees not to exceed 42, nor to be less than 32 yards; the intermediate distance to be determined by the Umpire.

3. A *circle*, 8 feet in diameter, shall be drawn round the Tee, and a central line or score between the Tees, to the distance of 20 feet from the further Tee.

4. Every competitor to play four shots at each of the eight following points of the Game, viz.:—Striking, Inwicking, Drawing, Guarding, Chap and Lie, Wick and Curl-in, Raising, and Chipping the Winner, according to the following definitions:—

- a, *Striking*.—A stone placed on the Tee to be struck out of the circle.
- b, *Inwicking*.—One Stone is placed upon the Tee, and another with its inner edge two feet distant from the Tee, and its fore-edge on a line drawn from the Tee at an angle of 45° with the central line (in two of the chances the Stone to lie on the opposite side of the central line from what it is on the other two); the played Stone must hit the latter, and perceptibly move the former.
- c, *Drawing*.—The Stone played to lie within the circle.
- d, *Guarding*.—The Stone played to rest on the central line; to be over the Hog; but must not touch the Stone to be guarded.
- e, *Chap and Lie*.—A Stone placed on the Tee must be struck out of the circle; the Stone played to lie within it.
- f, *Wick and Curl in*.—A Stone to be placed with its inner edge 7 feet distant from the Tee, and its fore-edge on a line making an angle of 45° with the central line (in two chances the Stone to be on the left, and in the other two on the right hand); the Stone played to hit this Stone, and rest within the circle.
- g, *Raising*.—A Stone placed with its centre on the central line, and its inner edge 7 feet distant from the Tee, to be struck into the circle.
- h, *Chipping the Winner*.—A Stone to be placed on the Tee, and another with its inner edge 10 feet distant, just touching the central line, and half guarding the one on the Tee; the Stone played to pass without touching the guard, and perceptibly move the other.
5. No Stone shall be considered *without* a circle, or over a line, unless it clear the circle or line; and every Stone shall be held as resting on the central line which does not lie completely clear of it:—in every case this is to be ascertained by a square placed on the ice. Each

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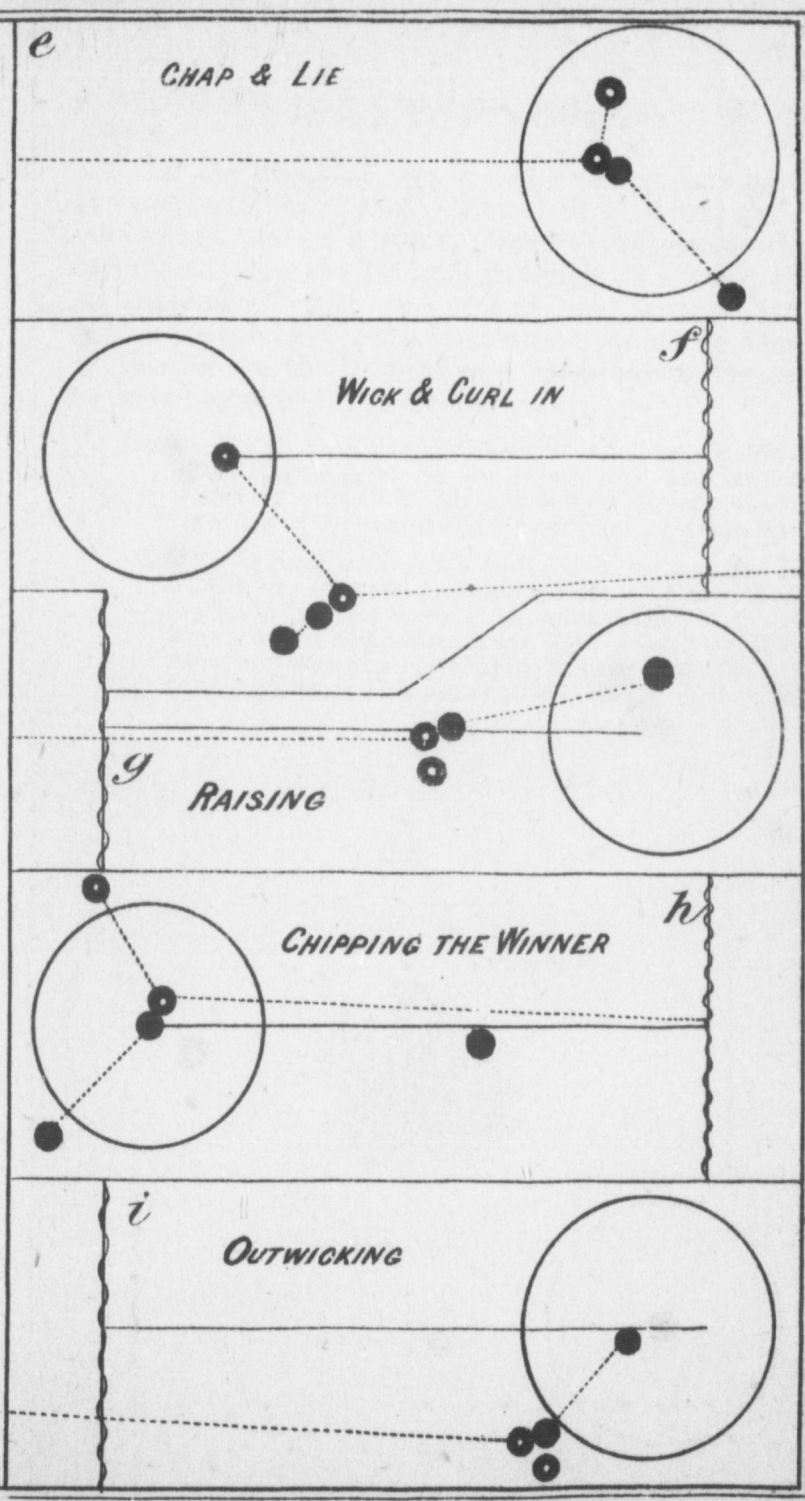
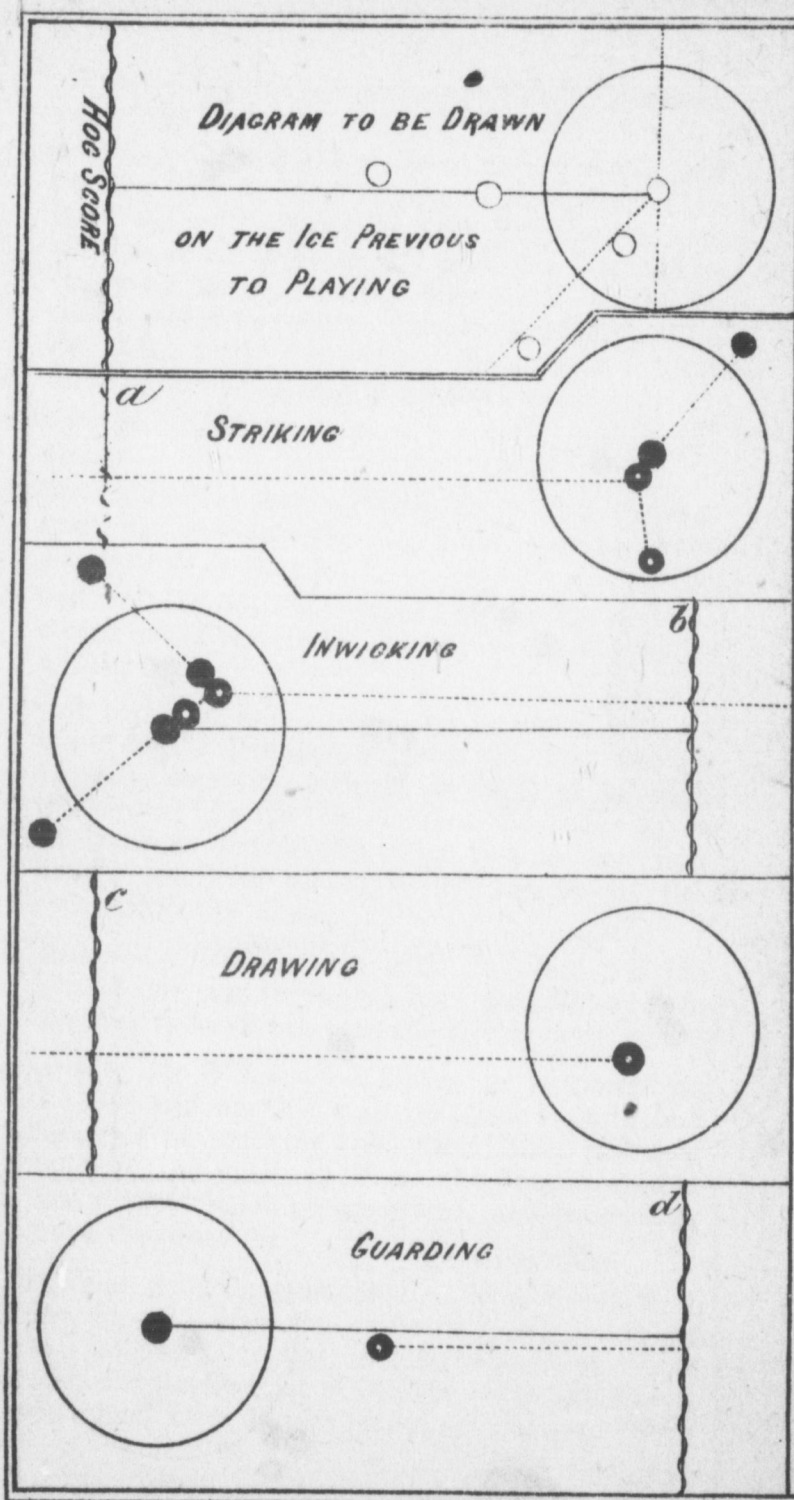
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6. In the event of two or more competitors gaining the same number of shots, they shall play four shots at *outwicking*, that is, a Stone, placed with its inner edge 4 feet distant from the Tee, and its centre on a line making an angle of 45° with the central line, is to be struck within the circle. If the competition cannot be decided by these shots, the Umpire may order two to be played at one or more of the preceding points.

NOTE.—The above Rules and Definitions are applicable only to the Medals given by the Royal Club, and are not intended to supersede any regulations already made by Local Clubs for competing for their own private Medals.

NOTE 2.—It will save much time if, in playing for Local Medals, two Rinks be prepared lying parallel to each other; the Tee of the one being at the reverse end of the other Rink; every competitor plays both Stones up the one Rink, and immediately afterwards both down the other; finishing thus at each round all his chances at that point.



HISTORY

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ORIGIN OF THE ONTARIO BRANCH.

A private letter received by a member of the Toronto Club from a member of the St. Mary's Club, urging that the question of the formation of an Ontario Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club be brought under the notice of the first named club with a view to its taking the initiative, led to action being taken in the matter. A meeting of those interested in the formation of such a Branch was called for March 9, 1874, and at that meeting a Committee was appointed, which drew up a form of petition, asking for the establishment of a branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club for the Province of Ontario. The principal reason set forth was that the then existing Canadian Branch, with its headquarters at Montreal, was practically managed by the five or six clubs of the Province of Quebec, who use iron blocks, while over forty clubs in Ontario use the time-honored granite for the practice of the game of curling. The petition went on to show that the difference in the mode of curling referred to, had, as a consequence, created a sort of dividing line, and that the curlers of the east were not personally known except to a few of the curlers in the west. Some other reasons were also pointed out, proving that the interests of curling would be advanced by the establishment of a Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club for this Province independent of Canadian Branch. Copies of said petition were sent to every club in the Province for approval. Over thirty clubs returned the petitions signed by their respective Presidents and Secretaries.

These petitions were in April, 1874, duly forwarded to the Secretary of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club of Scotland, and were read at the annual meeting of that club on the 25th of July following, and to avoid any irregularity with respect to the existing Canadian Branch, were remitted to a committee.

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CONSTITUTIONAL CHARTER OF THE ONTARIO
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At a Meeting of the Committee of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, held at Edinburgh, 25th November, 1874, on the subject of constituting an additional Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club in the Dominion of Canada, to be called the Branch of the Province of Ontario, having its headquarters in Toronto,

Present—Mr. Beveridge, Vice-President ; Robert Patterson, second Vice-President ; Dr. Sidey, ex-Vice-President ; Rev. Mr. Giffen, Chaplain ; Mr. Cassels, Secretary ; Josiah Livingstone, ex-Vice-President.

Mr. Cassels laid before the meeting thirty-seven petitions from Ontario, praying for the constitution of the additional branch above-mentioned, and read letters from several persons, all keen curlers, in Ontario, in regard thereto. He also read the resolutions of the meeting of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, held at Stirling on 24th July last, appointing this Committee, and the remit to it. These petitions, letters, and resolutions having been read and duly considered by the meeting, it was unanimously agreed and resolved, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, it being understood that the Branch now established shall, in all respects, be separate and independent of the Canadian Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. Farther, that the petitioners be requested to form themselves into the Branch of the Province of Ontario, with rules and regulations for its guidance, subject, however, to the rules and regulations of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, and that the said Branch of the Province of Ontario, when constituted, shall report its proceedings to the Royal Caledonian Curling Club for approval, and in all curling matters be subject to the approval of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

(Signed)

ALEXR. CASSELLS,
Sec'y R. C. C. C.

On receipt of a copy of the above Minute, a circular was addressed to the various Ontario Clubs, inviting them to send representatives to a meeting appointed to be held at the Walker House, on 22nd December, 1874, for the purpose of organizing an Ontario Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, of Scotland. At this,

THE FIRST MEETING,

The Hon. Peter Gow, of Guelph, was elected Chairman, and David Walker, of Toronto, Secretary of the meeting. A Committee was then appointed to examine the credentials of delegates, who reported the following Clubs as duly represented:—

Paris, Robt. Patterson; Caledonian, Toronto, Robt. Malcom; Caledonian, Toronto, Jas. Pringle; Guelph, Hon. Peter Gow; Guelph, George Murton; Bowmanville, Wm. Williamson; Bowmanville, M. McTavish; Hope, Port Hope, George Ward; Hope, Port Hope, Captain Perry; Thamesville, Robt. Ferguson; Clarke, Wm. F. Allen; Mechanics, Hamilton, Alex. Dingwall; Chatham, John Wright; Toronto, Joseph Stovel; Toronto, J. S. Russell; Owen Sound, Thomas McGaw; Owen Sound, D. Walker; Woodstock, D. Walker; Elora, D. Walker; St. Mary's, George Murton; Orillia, D. Walker; Sarnia, D. Walker; Ayr, D. Walker; Ayr, New Dominion, D. Walker; Milton, D. Walker; Ancaster Thistle, Robt. Malcom; Ingersoll, D. Walker; Wingham, D. Walker; Keene, J. S. Russell; Fergus, Major Gray; Lucknow, D. Walker; Thistle, Hamilton, D. Walker; London, D. Walker; Galt, D. Walker.

Mr. Walker then proceeded to lay before the meeting the history of the movement which has now resulted in this gathering, by reading: 1st. Extracts of minutes of Toronto Curling Club of 9th March, 1874. 2nd. The petition sent by the Ontario Club to the Parent Club, which he stated was adopted by over 27 Clubs in Ontario, and forwarded to the Parent Club. 3rd. The correspondence between Mr. Cassells, Secretary of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, Edinburgh, and himself; and the final resolution of the Committee

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of the Parent Club, granting the prayer of the petition, and 4th. The circular calling this meeting.

The following office-bearers were then unanimously elected :—

His Excellency, Earl Dufferin, Governor-General of Canada, Patron ; Hon. Peter Gow, Guelph, President ; Joseph Stovel, Toronto, 1st Vice-President ; George Ward, Port Hope, 2nd Vice-President ; David Walker, Toronto, Secretary and Treasurer ; Rev. Dr. Barclay, Toronto, Chaplain.

The following rules for regulating the affairs of the Association, *ad interim*, were unanimously adopted.

1st. The Association shall be called The Ontario Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

2nd. Its objects will be to promote the game of Curling within the Province of Ontario ; to combine in one organisation all the Curling Clubs in the Province, and to connect them with the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

3rd. Its Membership shall consist of all Regular Members of Clubs in Ontario, which shall be admitted into the Branch, and conform to the rules thereof.

4th. The affairs of the Branch shall be managed by a General Representative Committee and a body of Officers, discharging the same duties and elected in the same manner as in the Parent Club.

5th. The Rules and Regulations of the Parent Club, for the time being, are hereby adopted as the Rules and Regulations of the Branch, except that the statutory meetings shall be held and statutory returns be made at such times as the officers of the Branch may direct, in order to have the same forwarded to Scotland in due season.

6th. That the following scale of joining and annual fees—the same as hitherto used by the “Canadian Branch,”—be adopted by this Branch.

ENTRANCE AND ANNUAL FEES.

1. All Clubs, on Admission, shall pay a fee according to the following scale, viz. :—

If consisting of

100 Ordinary Members and upwards.....	\$10 00
50 and under 100.....	8 00
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2. All Clubs shall pay annually, in advance, a fee according to the following scale, in respect of the number of Ordinary Members (Regular and Occasional), the first year's subscription to be paid along with the entry money: If consisting of

8 Ordinary Members, and under	2.....	\$2 00
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It was resolved that the minutes of this meeting be printed in circular form, and sent to every known Club in Ontario.

It was also resolved that Mr. McGaw, President T. C. C.; Mr. Pringle, President C. C. C.; Capt. Perry; J. S. Russell, R. Malcom, of Toronto; Geo. Gillespie, of Hamilton, and the office-bearers, be a Council of Management to conduct the whole affairs of the Club until the next annual meeting.

The meeting then adjourned.

THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

Of the Ontario Branch was called by circular and held at the Walker House at 2 o'clock P.M., on the 29th June, 1875.

Joseph Stovel 1st Vice-President in the chair. Present—Messrs. Murton & Robertson, Guelph; Messrs. Ward and Hall, Port Hope; T. Scott, Hamilton; M. McTavish, Bowmanville; J. S. Russell, A. Morrison, Thos. McGaw, R. Malcom, J. Pringle, C. Perry and D. Walker, Toronto. After routine business, on motion of Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Malcom, Simcoe Curling Club was admitted into this Branch, also on motion of Mr. McGaw, seconded by Mr. Murton, Lucknow Club was admitted. The following resolutions were carried: That the Secretary open a correspondence with refer-

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That the following curlers, Messrs. John Harvey F. R. Despard and S. Scott of Hamilton; Geo. Murton, Guelph; Col. Moffat, London; Col. Ward, Port Hope; E. Macnachtan, Cobourg; R. Malcom and David Walker, Toronto, be a committee to conduct a Bonspiel next winter under the auspices of this Branch.

That Messrs. Morrison, Walker and Russell be a committee to draw up and forward to the Parent Club a letter of condolence in reference to the death of the late lamented Secretary, Mr. Cassells.

That Messrs. Russell & Walker be a committee to request the Rev. Dr. Barclay to represent this Branch at the coming Annual Meeting of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, and to instruct him to endeavor to obtain certain modifications respecting annual fees, curling annuals, medals, etc., and to devise some scheme with reference to procuring periodical visits of curlers from Scotland to this country.

That Messrs. Malcom, Stovel, Russell and Walker be a committee to consider the practicability of publishing a curling annual in connection with this Branch.

That all the office-bearers and the managing committee that were elected last December be re-appointed to their respective offices for the ensuing year.

The Secretary reported that thirty Clubs had joined this Branch, and that twenty-four had already sent in their members' list.

On motion the meeting was adjourned to the call of the Secretary.

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE ONTARIO BRANCH,

HELD AT THE WALKER HOUSE, NOV. 8, 1875.

Hon. Peter Gow, President, in the chair.

Present:—Capt. Ward, V. P.; Rev. Dr. Barclay, Capt. Perry, J. Pringle, Thos. McGaw, R. Malcom, J. S. Russell, Angus Morrison and David Walker.

Minutes read and approved.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. D. Lindsay, Secretary of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, which contained a printed extract from Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, held at Edinburgh, 27th July, 1875—as follows:—

“The Secretary read a letter from the Secretary of the Ontario Branch, a Report containing three requests; the 1st, To lower entrance fees and yearly subscriptions to the Royal Caledonian Curling Club; 2nd, That Chapter III., Section 3, of the Royal Club Laws, be modified, so that the Clubs of the Ontario Province Branch be allowed to order only so many *Annuals* as they shall require; and 3d, That they should be allowed to publish an *Annual* of their own, said *Annual* to contain Royal Club Constitution, Lists of Clubs in Ontario Province Branch, and the Reports of Matches, and the business proper of said Branch. In regard to the first request, on the motion of Admiral M. Dougall, it was unanimously agreed to remit the matter to the Finance Committee, with powers. The second and third requests were, on the motion of Admiral Maitland Dougall, unanimously granted; and the meeting resolved that the Rule, Chapter III., Section 3, shall not apply to foreign Clubs.”

Also that eight District Medals were awarded to this Branch to be arranged amongst ourselves.

The following Clubs having applied for admission were duly proposed, balloted for, and admitted, viz:—

Clubs.	Proposed by.	Seconded by.
Point Edward.	D. Walker.	J. S. Russell.
Goderich.	Rev. Dr. Barclay.	A Morrison.
Owen Sound.	Capt. Ward.	Thos. McGaw.

A letter was read from Mr. Esdaile, Secretary of the Canadian Branch at Montreal, stating that the following Eastern Clubs, who play with iron, are affiliated with that Branch, viz:

Arnprior, Belleville, Kingston, Montreal, Montreal Thistle, Montreal Caledonian, Ottawa, Vice Regal, Ottawa; Renfrew and Quebec. All the stone playing clubs are in affiliation with the Ontario Branch.

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Mr. Esdaile also furnished the list of Clubs that were drawn for medals last year with the following result :

Vice Regal	Beat	Renfrew.
Ottawa	"	Kingston.
Quebec	"	Montreal.
Hope	"	Belleville.
Waverley	"	Clarke.
Caledonian, Toronto	"	Orillia.
Galt	"	Ayr.
Milton	"	Mechanics', Hamilton.
Paris	"	Elora.
Heather	"	Hamilton Thistle.
Sarnia	did not play	Woodstock.
Keene	" "	Bowmanville.
Dundas	" "	St. Mary's.

On the supposition that the three medals that were not played for by Western Clubs last year, would be added to the eight awarded this season, the eleven medals were drawn as follows :

Dundas	against	Ancaster Thistle.
Woodstock	"	Simcoe.
New Dominion	"	West Flamboro.
Bowmanville	"	Keene.
Guelph Union	"	Fergus.
London	"	Thamesville.
Chatham	"	St. Mary's.
Ancaster	"	Ingersoll.
Owen Sound	"	Toronto.
Lucknow	"	Goderich.
Point Edward	"	Sarnia.

On motion it was agreed that a Grand Bonspiel under the auspices of this Branch of East vs. West be played on Hamilton Bay on the first Thursday of January, and should weather or ice be unfavorable, the Committee will postpone the Bonspiel to the last Thursday in January, 1876.

The Committee on the "Curling Annual" reported that since permission had been obtained from the Parent Club to publish an Annual, they were in receipt of an estimate to furnish 500 copies of a book to con-

tain 100 pages, cloth covers, at such a price that the Annual can be issued at 25c a copy,

On motion it was resolved that the report of the Committee be adopted, and that Mr. Walker and the Rev. Dr. Barclay be a Committee to compile and complete the work of publishing the first Canadian Annual.

DR. BARCLAY'S REPORT.

I have respectfully to report that, as the duly accredited Representative of the "ONTARIO BRANCH OF THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN CURLING CLUB," I proceeded from the centre of Ayrshire where I was staying at the time, to Edinburgh for the purpose of attending the annual meeting of the Parent Club in the month of July last. Having unfortunately missed Railway connection at Glasgow, I did not reach Edinburgh until nearly an hour after the time at which the meeting of the Royal Club had been advertised to take place, and a telegram which I sent on from Glasgow to the acting Secretary, Dr. Sidey, did not reach that gentleman soon enough to be of use in acquainting him that I was so far on my way to the meeting, and requesting that the Canadian business might be deferred until my arrival. Hence before I could reach the "Cafe Royal Hotel," where the Royal Club was in session, the business in which as your representative I was chiefly interested had been taken up and disposed of. I had, however, a few weeks previously visited Edinburgh, and met by appointment Mr. Livingstone one of the Vice-presidents of the Royal Club—the Honorary Secretary Dr. Sidey being then on a sick-bed—and discussed with the former the various matters which, on behalf of this Branch Club, I had been instructed to bring before the the approaching annual meeting. And although I thus lost an opportunity of personally taking part in the discussion, and of urging your views and wishes in the matters submitted, I had the satisfaction of learning that the decisions adopted in my absence had been substantially in accordance with your views—

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as you have already learned from the abstract minute since transmitted to our Secretary, Mr. Walker, and to which I beg to refer you.

I may state that my reception as your Representative, by the Royal Caledonian Curling Club was most cordial, both at the Annual Meeting, and subsequently at the Dinner at which I was given the post of honor on the right of the President, Admiral Maitland Dougall, whose gentlemanly deportment, zeal as a keen curler, and admirable tact as Chairman, so eminently fitted him for presiding at the social board, as well as over the business deliberations of the Royal Club. At the Annual Meeting a large amount of business was disposed of, and at the Dinner several good speeches were delivered, and interesting reminiscences narrated, interspersed with humorous incidents connected with the early history of Curling.

The Ontario Branch of the Royal Caledonian Club had a place assigned to it in the Chairman's list of toasts. Our brother Curlers of the Montreal Branch were not forgotten; and the good wishes of the Parent Club were amply expressed for the prosperity of both of our Canadian Branch Clubs, and all Transatlantic Curlers in general.

One speech at the Club dinner was specially interesting, as falling from, perhaps, the oldest Curler in Scotland; at all events he claimed to be the only survivor of the small band of Curlers who met in Edinburgh to organize a Central Club with a view to promoting the interests of Curling. And then and thus was organized the "Grand Curling Club of Scotland," which is now known in every land to which curlers have gone forth, as the "Royal Caledonian Curling Club."

The original meeting was called by anonymous advertisement in the "Scotchman" newspaper, inviting Curlers to meet on a certain day for considering what steps should be taken to promote the interests of the Game of Curling. Long after the hour named in the notice, only a few gentlemen had put in an appearance. And as none of them knew anything about the proposals to be made, they were almost on the point of

separating when another gentleman, a stranger to all present, walked in, and laying his card on the table announced that the advertisement calling the meeting had been issued by him. This was Captain Cairnie of Largs since famous as a keen Curler, and the originator of the "shallow artificial rink." Captain Cairnie was voted into the Chair, and thus became the first President of the Grand Curling Club, in which office he has had so many distinguished successors.

From all that transpired both at the General Meeting, and at the Dinner, I was more than ever impressed with the conviction of the great benefits conferred by the Royal Caledonian Club on the cause of Curling, as that Association has been mainly instrumental in making the Game what it now is—a manly recreation guarded by well defined rules which place effectually both sides on an equality in their struggle for an honorable victory, and make Scotland's national game, more than any other game that can be named, a fit arena on which the nobler features of character may be encouraged and developed; and, knowing the sentiments of my brother Curlers in this Canada of ours, I ventured to assure the members of the Royal Caledonian Club, that we should do our endeavour on this side of the Atlantic to follow in their footsteps, and keep the noble Game of Curling up to their standard, as a Game in which men of the highest sense of honor, or those occupying even the most exalted positions, might engage with the conviction that it was worthy of their countenance. Further, I ventured to assure the members of the Royal Caledonian Club that we had the ambition to attempt to make Curling the National Game of Canada! And why should it not be so? Nature has been lavish in furnishing abundant means and lengthened opportunity for our attaining superior skill in the Noble Game, and if there be truth in the old adage that "practice makes perfect," why should we not succeed in improving our knowledge of the true Science of the Game, by testing the various methods both of *directing* and of *playing*, that we finally adopt the best; and also that we may become experts in the practical work of "drawing" and

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“guarding” of “chipping” and “in-wicking,” not to mention our famed “in-turn” and “out-turn,” on which we rely so much for success in taking the most difficult shots, and for gaining the mastery over *biased* ice, which under the skillful manipulation of a first-rate Curler can be converted into an aid in reaching some well guarded winner, and thus plucking from an opponent the laurels that had been all but won.

I informed the members of the Royal Caledonian Club that Curling was making marked progress, especially of late, in the Province of Ontario—several new Clubs having been formed recently; and that the institution of the Ontario Branch of the Royal Club had given an impetus to the cause, which if wisely directed, would secure for it even greater prosperity. Whilst the fact that the justly-popular Governor General of the Dominion, Lord Dufferin, who had become both a good and a “keen” Curler, was Patron of the new Branch Club and took great interest in the “Roaring Game,” could not fail to commend it to general favor, and secure for it further success in influential circles.

I suggested to our Brother Curlers of “Auld Scotia” that they might send out *two*, or perhaps *three* Rinks of their *Experts*, to try the mettle of our Canadian Curlers. They might be assured of abundance of ice, games to their heart’s content, should King Frost extend to our lakes and rivers and artificial ponds, his usual favors—and in any case a hearty welcome from our Local Clubs on this side of the Atlantic; besides no end of challenges to try friendly issues with us on the ice. Their response was ready and hearty, with the true Curlers ring about it, as they proclaimed their willingness to meet us in friendly encounter—aye, and beat us too! No boastful rejoinder escaped my lips in reply, but I instinctively thought of the Invincibles among our own Toronto curlers—the renowned “Red Jacket” Rink with their medal-adorned chief:—of old “Cockolorum” with his gallant band of warriors aye ready for the fray, and of other veterans of the broom not unknown to curling fame who had gathered laurels in many a famous fight with not unworthy foes.

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

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

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

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Barclay for the very able manner in which he had represented this Branch at the Annual Meeting of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

On motion the meeting was adjourned to the call of the President.

LISTS

OF THE

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THE "GREAT GATHERING."

The following report of the "Great Gathering" of the Grand Caledonian Curling Club (now the Royal Caledonian Curling Club), which took place at Kilmarnock, on the 22nd October, 1841, is reproduced in this Annual as it forms one of the most valuable of the records in the Archives of Curling:—

KILMARNOCK, 22ND OCTOBER, 1841.

ALTHOUGH accidental circumstances occurred to prevent many attending the meeting, yet there assembled around their Noble President no fewer than one hundred and fifty brethren of the rink, from various parts of the country. The exertions which Mr. Rankin, the Local Secretary, made upon the occasion, cannot be too highly appreciated by the Grand Club.

The following Clubs were then admitted into the Grand Club—viz. :

- The Edinburgh.
- Ardgowan of Greenock.
- Lennox of Dumbarton.
- Grougar.
- Dundonald.

One District and one Local Medal having been allowed upon this occasion, the former was drawn by the Eglinton Kilwinning and the Garnock of Kilburnie—the representative of the Saltcoats, umpire; and the latter was drawn by the Dundonald.

THE DINNER.

The business of the Club being concluded, the meeting repaired to the Town Hall, where the dinner was laid out in a style of unusual splendour. The walls were beautifully festooned with wreaths of flowers,

and tastefully decorated with paintings. Floral arches, and curling and sporting devices surmounted the respective seats of the Chairman and Croupier. Above the former was the figure of a coronet, and on each side of the chair were two handsome arches, formed of flowers and evergreens. The Eglinton arms were displayed alongside of those of the town of Kilmarnock, and the letters "Winter Sports," "The Land o' Cakes, and her ain Game o' Curling," all executed by Mr. Robertson, painter, Kilmarnock. Over the Croupier's chair were suspended two fine transparencies, under the direction of Mr. Tannock, artist—one of a curler with his foot on the trigger preparing to play his stone, and another of a fox-hunt. An artificial embowered orchestra was fitted up, whence the Kilmarnock Quadrille Band sent forth their inspiring airs during the evening.

The *tout ensemble* had a peculiarly imposing effect. About one hundred and fifty individuals sat down to dinner, some of whom had come from a great distance. We may safely say that a more happy or enthusiastic band of curlers never assembled under the same roof; and much as the game has hitherto been admired in Ayrshire, it will, we have no doubt, receive an additional *impetus* from the proceedings of that evening. The Earl of Eglinton and Winton occupied the chair, supported on the right by Provost Brown of Kilmarnock, W. H. Craufurd, Esq., of Craufurdland, and A. Finnie, Esq.; on the left by Colonel F. Hamilton, of Cairnhill; William Campbell, Esq., of Netherplace, and Captain Graham, of Glenly. John Wright Williamson, Esq., Kinross, discharged the duties of Croupier, supported on the right by Dr. Arnott, W. Finnie, Esq., and Captain Patrick, of Drumbowie; on the left by M. Strang, Esq., Kilmarnock, W. Crawford, Esq., of Doonside, J. B. Boswell, Esq., of Garallan, and D. Shaw, Esq., Eyr.

After partaking of an excellent dinner, which supported the credit of the George Inn for good fare, the Chairman gave in succession the following toasts, which were drunk with all the honors:—"The Queen," "Prince Albert, and may he soon become a keen curler," "The

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Princess Royal," "The Queen Dowager, and the rest of the Royal Family," "The Army and Navy."

The Chairman then called for a bumper, and said,—
Gentlemen, you will, no doubt, be prepared for the next toast I have to propose, and which must already have suggested itself to your minds—it is, "Success to the Grand Caledonian Curling Club." (Cheers.) Although we have met at a time of year that we cannot yet join in the excitement of the game of curling, and can only look back to the past experience we have acquired, and look forward to the future, hoping for many similar enjoyments, still there can be no doubt there is no curler present who has sent his stone gliding through the port, which, at the distance of the rink, seemed almost impassable—or who has delicately cracked an egg on a stone, in fulfilment of his most sanguine hopes—or who has, perhaps, performed a glorious in-wick—or who has swept the snow before the very even course of a hostile stone, to lead it away—or who has planted his stone on the tee, the all-important stone upon which the success of his party depended—and who has enjoyed the rapturous applause with which such feats have been greeted by his fellow-players, there is not a person present, I dare say, who has done and seen all this, who will not engage in the game with pleasure. (Cheers.) If we even divest it of its interest, of its sociality, and its salubriousness, we are still bound to uphold it as a national sport; for, unknown to every other nation—even to our neighbors across the border—it may well be termed the national game of Scotland. Who that has passed the day at that game, or enjoyed the glories of in-wicking and out-wicking, that does not rejoice that he was born a Scotsman; and glad to think that he is not like the poor shivering wretches of other countries, who know not how to pass the frosty season of the year, and the tedious hours of winter! (Cheers.) If it has no other good effect, it has at least this recommendation, that it brings together, in friendly contest, men of varied opinions, with their minds attuned to friendship; and that all strife that may arise on the rink is invariably determined by the removal of the stone which has occasioned the dispute. I cannot but feel glad on

such an occasion—I cannot but feel confidence in the prosperity of this society, when I see around me such an assemblage for promoting the interests of curling, that it is rapidly on the increase; and that this brilliant dinner party is but a prelude to a bright curling season. Gentlemen, I beg that you will drink “Success to the Grand Caledonian Curling Club.” (Loud cheering.)

The Croupier gave “The Peerage of the United Kingdom, and the Earl of Eglinton and Winton as one of that body.” (Immense cheering.)

The Chairman replied.

Mr. Gairdner, banker, Kilmarnock—After the graceful and spirited observations that had been addressed from the chair to the keen curlers present, led on by the Earl of Eglinton and Winton, no other incentive would be required to lend an interest and keenness to the game. The town of Kilmarnock, and its neighbors in the county, teem with keen curlers; and in this locality we have various curling clubs, and, among others, we have a Junior Curling Club, among whose juvenile members I happen to be enrolled. We have here even a superannuated Curling Club; and such is the enthusiasm of this band of veterans for a game at which they oft have played “from morning sun till dine,” that they will not give up their pretensions to the name of curlers. You have drawn, my Lord, an exciting representation of the game, enough to reanimate those who at any time have exercised their prowess at the channel-stane. I know several gentleman who have not a few years upon their head—as may be seen from the color of their hair—and one of them, signalized in song as a curler, who, though apparently retired from the strife, yet on this occasion would not be denied, and prayed to be admitted even into the Junior Curling Club. (Laughter.) I refer to Mr. Campbell, of Netherplace, once a keen curler, and I hope, under the auspices of your Lordship, to become so again. Mr. G. concluded by proposing “All keen Curlers.”

The Chairman gave “The Members for the County and Burghs.”

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Mr. John Brown, Laurel Bank, proposed "The Land o' Cakes, and her ain game o' Curling."

The Chairman—The toast I have next to propose is short and small, and comes within a small compass. It is a centre which brings all the curlers of Scotland together and constitutes many a keen contest, and, at the same time, many an anxious moment—"The Tee."

The Croupier—I hope we shall have a genuine bumper, and no daylights to be exhibited. I have now the pleasing duty of proposing Lord Eglinton and Winton as President of the Grand Caledonian Curling Club. (Cheers.) I am sure you will all agree with me in thinking that it augurs well for the prosperity of this Club to have such a nobleman presiding, so well fitted to strengthen and perpetuate those kindly feeling which should prevail at a game where the peer and peasant meet on the same arena, to strive together—that we have a nobleman so well fitted, from his character as a gentleman and a landlord, to rally round the social board all the warm and generous sympathies that ought to distinguish curlers. (Cheers.) It is, I believe, unnecessary for me to say a single word more upon the interesting theme, seeing that he himself is present, and that you all know his Lordship much better than I do. It is with unfeigned pleasure, therefore, that I now propose "Lord Eglinton and Winton, President of the Grand Caledonian Curling Club." (Immense cheering, and cries of "Two cheers more.")

The Chairman, on rising to return thanks, was greeted with fresh manifestations of applause. As soon as these had subsided, he said—Mr. Croupier and Gentlemen, I return you my sincere and heartfelt thanks for the honor you have done me, rendered doubly grateful by the manner in which the toast has been received. I feel the honor of having been elected President of the Grand Caledonian Curling Club of Scotland—an honor I never expected, and never dreamt of, until I was told it had been conferred upon me; and however little deserving I may be of such a distinction, I certainly have the earnest wish to encourage the games and sports of my native country, and more especially still, those sports and games which, by their nature, are open to

those who are not enabled by fortune to follow the expensive ones that others in a higher sphere of life almost exclusively enjoy. (Cheers.) Among these sports, I am sure there is none that can be compared to the game of curling. It is with a feeling of this sort, that it is a game where the humbler classes, who have few other amusements to participate in, can meet and enjoy it equally with any Peer in Great Britain, that I came with pleasure to this dinner. (Cheers.) Although not a novice at the game, I am still but a poor hand at it, and am afraid that I am hardly entitled to join even the superannuated corps alluded to by Mr. Gairdner. (Laughter.) But I have the good will to learn, although not already a good curler, and this day will enlist myself, and apply to Mr. Gairdner to obtain a knowledge even of the mysteries of the Junior Curling Club. (Cheers and laughter.) I have heard of a twist, which gives great advantages in the game, and as peculiar to Kilmarnock, and I shall never rest satisfied until I become master of that twist. (Cheers.) In conclusion, I assure you that if my attendance at the dinner to-day has in any degree promoted the hilarity of this assemblage, or has been of the slightest use towards promoting the interests of the Society, I have been amply repaid for the small trouble I have been put to. (Great cheering.)

The chairman again rose and said—I am sure I ask no favor when I tell you to join with me in drinking “The Provost and Magistrates of Kilmarnock.” (Cheers.) When I see the game of curling so well supported by the chief Magistrate of this prosperous burgh, I see an additional reason for being attached to the game. (Cheers.)

Provost Brown, for himself and his friends the magistrates, returned thanks.

Dr. Arnot, Kinross-shire—In the absence of Dr. Renton, who has not been able to attend here to-day, his toast has been put into my hands. This must by my apology for the hasty remarks I may make. The toast is one connected with a curling club, not exactly in our own neighborhood. The object of the Grand Association is, That a club might be formed, so that any one going

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from this country to Montreal, would, on speaking certain mystic words, and in virtue of being a member of the Grand Caledonian Curling Club, be received there as a brother, the same as if he had been born on the spot—that a person going to play there, would not have different rules to learn in Canada from what he had practised in Scotland. In that quarter of the globe the only club that has yet joined the Grand Association is the Montreal Club. When that club found that they differed a little in their mode of play with the Grand Club, they proposed, in the most hearty manner, to fling their differences to the wind and become at one with us in our system of play. Dr. Arnot, in conclusion, referred to the medals given by the Society for competition, which were regulated on the principle that every club would have one local medal once in three years. In regard to the objection of some clubs going 10 or 12 miles to meet their opponents, he mentioned that at Montreal, and other parts of the Canadas, clubs went 150 miles to decide a game. He then proposed “The Montreal and other Curling Clubs of Canada.”

The Chairman called upon Mr. Archibald Finnie for a song.

Mr. Finnie said, he had a curling song which belonged to this locality. Mr. F. then sung with his usual effect the song of

“When a’ the hills are co’er’d wi’ snaw.”

The Chairman gave the “Newly Elected Clubs.”

Colonel Ferrier Hamilton, of Cairnhill said—I am exceedingly proud to have consigned to my care an important toast, and I am sure it will be received by this numerous company with as much gratification as I have in giving it—viz. “The Countess of Eglinton.” (Great cheering.) Among the many proofs which we have of our noble Chairman’s attachment to this country, but more especially to this county, is the pleasure we derive from his residing among us. It must be sensibly felt by you all, and it must be a source of great gratification to think that his Lordship has selected for a partner in life—(cheers)—a lady whose affable, engaging and pleasing manners are so well calculated to promote the happiness

of his Lordship, and whose dignity of deportment so well accords with the high station she has been called upon to adorn. This is the more gratifying, that Lady Eglinton has already taken a deep interest in every thing relating to the county, and repeatedly expressed her wishes to that effect, which encourages us to think that the Earl of Eglinton in endeavoring to promote the sports of his native county, will obtain the concurrence and assistance of his amiable and engaging Countess. I beg, therefore, to propose "The Countess of Eglinton and Winton," with every honor that we can possibly pay her. (Enthusiastic cheering, and nine times nine.)

The Chairman—I feel deeply grateful for the return that has been made to the toast now proposed, inasmuch as any honor paid to Lady Eglinton I value more than if paid to myself. (Cheers.) It is not my place to expatiate on the merits of Lady Eglinton, after the flattering way these have been alluded to by my friend Colonel Hamilton; but I may be allowed to say, that he has said no more in her praise than I believe she deserves. (Cheers.) Besides the pleasure of acknowledging such a toast in Kilmarnock, it brings to my recollection the reception she and I met on our first entrance after our marriage—a reception which it has seldom fallen to the lot of any private person to experience. We were received on our arrival with a kindness quite surpassing, and among the compliments showered upon us in every quarter, in no place did we experience a more cordial reception than at Kilmarnock. It was the kindness, such as we received in Kilmarnock, Irvine, and indeed at every place we went through on our arrival, that has contributed, more than anything else, to excite her enthusiasm and admiration for her adopted country. (Cheers.) I will not detain you longer than by assuring you, that in whatever manner I return thanks for the honor conferred upon her, it will be echoed by Lady Eglinton herself. (Cheers.)

The Chairman gave "The health of Dr. Arnot, and other curlers from a distance."

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longer detain them upon that subject. Circumstances had prevented his attendance at the original formation, so that he could not arrogate to himself the honor that had been paid him by the Chairman; so that he conceived his name had been only connected with the toast because he happened to be one of the Vice-Presidents of the Grand Caledonian Curling Club. Dr. Arnot went on to explain, that circumstances connected with the state of the weather, and the lateness of the harvest in that locality, had prevented a number of keen curlers from his neighborhood being present on that occasion. The snow, he said, was two inches deep—half of the crops were still out—and the frost experienced when he came away would have sufficed to have given Mr. Cairnie an opportunity of curling. Those who had come had thus come in spite of the rigour of the North Pole, which they had left behind them. (Cheers.)

Lord Eglinton proposed "The health of the Croupier," a toast which they would drink with every honour. (Cheers.) This is certainly the first time I have met with Mr. Williamson, but I hope it will not be the last; and I trust we will have many a good game of curling as well as many a happy night together. (Cheers.)

The Croupier, in returning thanks, said—I wish it had fallen into other hands, to an individual better able to perform the duties of the table than I am; but being one of the Vice-Presidents, I could not refuse to do this as a keen curler. In this I will not yield to Dr. Arnot himself; and if he is inclined, on this score, to go a certain length, I shall the next time go farther. If you come to meet us on Lochleven, we will engage, not to beat the curlers of Ayrshire—that we cannot do—but we will engage to give you a good day's curling. (Cheers.)

Mr. Ritchie, of Edinburgh, Secretary to the Club, said—It is with great pleasure that I rise to propose the health of a gentleman present, who is unrivalled in the annals of curling—"Mr. Cairnie, of Curling Hall, Largs." (Cheers.) No sooner did that gentleman retire from the service of his country, than he came among us to take the lead as the Father of the Great Caledonian Curling Club. I am sure that there is no individual in Scotland better entitled to that honor. I would simply

give that gentleman's health in connection with the Club as its parent. There is not a name more deservedly celebrated for curling. I believe he is far in advance of any of us, and too fast for nature herself, for with ten minutes' of keen frost he can turn out a band of curlers on his own pond. (Cheers.)

Mr. Cairnie, who was received with cheers, said—I am quite overpowered with the compliment paid me by my friend Mr. Ritchie. I am now an old curler, and very unable to speak as I should; but I am a keen curler, the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. I think I shall curl to the last. (Cheers.) There was some allusion made by Mr. Ritchie to the numerous family of curlers that I have around me; but I think, if they are all children of mine, they are promising lads. (Great applause.) Many thanks to you for the honor you have done me.

Provost Brown, on being called upon, sung "Willie was a wanton Wag," in capital style.

The Chairman said—Although we have drunk the Provost in his official character, I cannot refrain from dedicating a bumper to him in his private capacity, and thank him for the capital song he has given us. I am sure if the councillors have often such songs sung amongst them, it will be worth while belonging to their body. (Cheers.)

Mr. David Rankin, Local Secretary, in giving "The health of Mr. Craufurd, of Craufurdland," said—I have the honor of proposing the health of a gentleman who has been one of the most prominent patrons of the ancient and manly game of curling. When I mention the name of Mr. Craufurd, of Craufurdland, I am sure every curler present, more particularly every curler of Kilmarnock, will join me in saying that any mark of respect which we can pay to that gentleman must inadequately express the many obligations we owe him for so freely and handsomely giving us the use of his loch at Craufurdland during the curling season. (Cheers.)

Mr. Craufurd hardly knew how to respond to the cordial manner in which his health had been proposed and received. He could assure them he felt truly grateful for the handsome manner in which any poor

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services he had been enabled to render them had been acknowledged. He must, at the same time, say, there was a little of the selfish at the bottom of his attempt to serve them with an arena for curling, as he and Mrs. Craufurd felt intense gratification at the visits which the Kilmarnock curlers paid to his loch; and it would be a matter of regret and disappointment if the curlers of Kilmarnock did not on every season pay their wonted visits. I therefore hope they will come at every opportunity. (Cheers.)

Mr. Cairnie said—I have been called upon to give a toast, to which I am sure every member of the Caledonian Curling Club will be happy to fill a bumper. It is the health of a Nobleman connected with that Club, "Lord Mansfield," who will next year occupy the chair of President. I can testify as to the interest his Lordship takes in the game; and I may also state that he is about to construct a curling-pond similar to my own, on the principles of the shallow level. (Cheers.)

Mr. J. S. Gregory gave, "The Roaring Game of Curling." (Cheers.)

The Chairman said—There is a toast which, though not in the least connected with curling, I cannot allow this meeting to separate without proposing—I feel personal obligations to that body of men—I mean "The health of Mr. Hugh Craig, and the Sporting Club of Kilmarnock,"—(cheers)—because they were the foremost to welcome me on a late occasion. I hope that, in a party of keen curlers ample justice will be done to a body who have games of their own in a different arena. Mr. Hugh Craig is the President of that Club, and he and I are perhaps the only men in this meeting who have ridden steeple chases. (Cheers.)

Mr. Hugh Craig returned thanks. He stated, that although the Sporting Club was in its infancy, yet it displayed an energy high creditable; and amongst its members was Mr. George Paxton, who had also ridden a steeple chase. (Cheers.)

Mr. C. D. Gairdner said, there was a gentleman present who represented a family of curlers. His father was the celebrated Tam Samson of Burns, who paid him a high compliment as a curler—

“He was the king o’ a’ the core,
 To guard, or draw, or wick a bore,
 Or up the rink like Jehu roar
 In time o’ need ;
 But now he lags on death’s hog-scare—
 Tam Samson’s dead.”

(Cheers.) We have still a Tam Samson among us, who can draw a trigger or ride a shot with any man living. I beg, therefore, to propose “The living Tam Samson.” (Applause.)

Mr. Thomas Samson returned thanks.

Mr. Chairman—I am happy it has fallen to my lot to propose a leading toast, “Provost Finnie and the Curlers of Kilmarnock.” (Cheers.) I before alluded to the excellence of the Kilmarnock curlers, and instanced the twist, upon which scientific principles Mr. Finnie, no doubt, can enlighten us as much as he can sing a good song. He who can sing a good song should be able to play a good stone. (Cheers.)

Mr. Finnie said—I feel very proud in having been elected lately Preses of the Grand Kilmarnock Curling Club ; and with regard to what Lord Eglinton said of a certain twist, I can give you no better proof than this—facts speak for themselves—that I hold in my hand a trophy of our victory taken from the people who learned the curlers of Kilmarnock this twist. It was in the year 1828, when Mrs. Craufurd, of Craufurdland come out to see our game with the Fenwick curlers—to see the cheerful and happy manner we went on from morning to night without a single jarring word taking place—that she presented us with this curling stone, to be contested for annually. The Fenwick people had their inside twist and natural twist, we had the inside and outside twist, but at length we twisted them out of the prize. It is thirteen years since we acquired it. They have never since got it up to Fenwick, and so long as I live, and the Kilmarnock curlers support me as they have been doing, there is no doubt it will descend from hand to hand to our posterity. Although we thus hope to retain this valued insignia of victory, yet we must give all due honor to those who were our instructors in the art, for I can assure you it is no slight assistance on keen ice. On a glassy surface let a stone, to appearance, be ever so well guarded, the suc-

ceeding player with this twist will wear round the guard, his stone will turn to the besom, and when it reaches its destination, and rests upon the winner, then the curlers will roar and wonder at the marvellous effects of this icy strategy. I am glad to understand the Fenwick players have joined the Grand Club. While there are no keener or better players, there are no better friends; and I have therefore great pleasure in proposing "The Fenwick Club." (Cheers.)

Mr. Picken, in returning thanks, said they were but a young club, having only joined the Grand Club in July last. He hoped they would have many good games at curling in common. Mr. Finnie had kindly alluded to the Fenwick curlers in a mixed strain of compliment and banter; but the Kilmarnock people cannot say they are superior as players; it is only in numbers that we yield to them. I believe that the twist was first practised in Fenwick. (Cheers.) We have been at all times proud to meet the Kilmarnock players, and never experienced more sociality from any class of curlers, and it would be an honor indeed to gain a victory over such curlers. (Cheers.)

The Croupier said, that whatever justice had been done to the merits of the Grand Caledonian Curling Club that evening by Dr. Arnot, still the parentage of the club might be liable to be disputed, and, in after ages, this knotty point might give as much rise to competition as did the birth-place of Homer among the cities of Greece. It was said that Dr. Arnot had a strong claim upon the paternity, but there was Dr. Cairnie ready to claim his share in the origin. He doubted they would have to divide the honor—dub Dr. Cairnie the father, and assign to Dr. Arnot the office of accoucheur. (Cheers.) After the parentage was settled, there were other individuals who had the honor of nursing the club and bringing her out of leading strings, now that she presented such a strong muster as she did that evening. To Mr. Ritchie for his gratuitous exertions they had all along been much indebted; and on the present occasion, in conjunction with the Local Secretary, he had given them a favorable proof of his management. He had pleasure in proposing the

“Health of Mr. Ritchie, and long might he act as Secretary to the Grand Caledonian Curling Club.” (Cheers.)

Mr. Ritchie returned his sincere thanks for the honor done him. He said it was only fifteen months since he was voted into the office of Secretary, in consequence of his predecessor having been called upon to perform official duties as Sheriff in another district. The Club, since that time, had more than doubled. In July, last year, there were only forty clubs connected with it, but there were now on the roll eighty-seven. He had great gratification that the little labour he had had in connection with others had been productive of such good fruits. He had no wish to retain office longer than he could in some measure discharge the duties thereof as efficiently as his other more pressive avocations permitted him. He trusted that, in the exercise of those duties, he had given offence to no one. (Hear, hear.) Not being a practical curler, he had received, among other quarters, much valuable assistance from Mr. M'George, the honorary medallist of the club, who was at its formation, and who was, he believed, the oldest curler present, having played a game in 1784. That gentleman's great practical and scientific knowledge of the game had at all times been available to the Club. He would, therefore, propose “Mr. M'George, the oldest curler present.”— (Cheers.)

Mr. M'George returned thanks.

Mr. David Rankin gave the fine curling stave,

“Come, cheer up my lads, 'tis to curling we steer.”

Mr. Hugh Craig adverted to the gratification derived by all classes of men from the sports of the field, and especially by the lower classes, and gave “Field sports, and Lord Eglinton the patron of them all.” (Cheers.)

Dr. Arnot—In the adjourned meetings of the Grand Club, it had been found necessary to have a local secretary in each place they went to. On this occasion this office had devolved upon Mr. David Rankin, and the other office-bearers felt themselves called upon to return their most cordial thanks for the great labor to which he had subjected himself, in performing the duties in such a

spirited manner. Whilst acknowledging his services on the present occasion it was to be hoped he would not relax them for the future. He begged to propose "Mr. David Rankin, the Local Secretary, and thanks to him for his exertions."

Mr. Rankin returned thanks. Their kindness, in so handsomely acknowledging his small services, was more than a recompense for any little labor these had imposed upon him.

Mr. Picken gave the curling song of "Ye jovial Curlers ane and a'!"

Mr. Greenshields had great "pleasure in proposing "Captain Fullarton and the Irvine Curling Club." (Cheers.)

Captain Fullarton, in returning thanks, said, he and his fellow-curlers from Irvine were happy to meet so respectable and large an assemblage of curlers, and to participate in the feelings that resulted from such an agreeable interchange of sentiment. It was the intention of the Irvine Club to have joined that day, but another meeting of their body would yet be required ere they could take the initiatory step.

The Croupier, after an eulogium on the curlers of the Green Isle, gave "The Belfast Club."

Mr. Cairnie responded to the toast.

Mr. James Anderson gave "My ane fireside."

Mr. James Wilson proposed "The Ayr Curlers."

Mr. Boswell, in reply, stated that he was sorry some of the Ayr Curlers had been prevented from attending on that interesting occasion. When last they had the pleasure of meeting the Kilmarnock people, from the superiority of the latter in the use of the twist they came off victorious, but after a few more encounters he had no doubt the Ayr Curlers would acquire the twist also, and in time, come to beat the Kilmarnock players, as they had done their Fenwick instructors. (Cheers.)

The Chairman now intimated that he had left a houseful of people at home, and he would be obliged to leave them. (Cheers.) He had the less regret in doing this, as his friend, the Provost, had agreed to take the chair, who would fill it most efficiently. He now wished them all good night. The Earl of Eglinton then retired

amidst the most enthusiastic applause, the whole company standing as he passed down the room.

The Provost proposed "Prosperity to Lord Eglinton," which was drunk with all the honors.

A few other toasts were proposed, and songs sung by Mr. Charles Brown, Mr. Robert Blair, and others, when the party broke up.—*From an old Annual.*

CURLING IN CANADA.

The history and progress of Curling in Canada has yet to be written, and may form a feature in a future Annual. Meanwhile we may indicate one or two of the leading facts in connection with the "roaring game" in this country. The "Canadian Curlers' Manual," published in Toronto in 1840, claims that the game was introduced in Canada twenty years before. Since 1870, the game has been regularly played in Montreal and Quebec, and in Toronto ever since 1829. The Fergus Club is said to be the first regularly organized curling club in Upper Canada, but the Toronto Club was certainly formed as early as 1836, a year or two after the formation of the Fergus Club. The late Mr. John Torrance, however, in a speech delivered in Toronto in 1861, stated that he had played against the Toronto Club as early as 1830 or 1831. The following is worth reproducing as being a record of the first Canadian club affiliated with the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. It is an extract from a minute of what was then called the "Grand Caledonian Curling Club," read at a meeting held in Edinburgh on the 27th July, 1841:—

The Secretary then read the following letter addressed to him by the Secretary of the Montreal Curling Club:—

"Montreal, 21st December, 1840.

"SIR,—It was [unanimously] resolved that the Montreal Curling Club should make application through William Edmonstone Esq., one of its members, who visits Edinburgh this winter, for admission into the Grand Caledonian Club.

"Enclosed is a copy of the Constitution and a List of the Members of the Montreal Club.

"The Club has adopted the rules of the game published in your

Annual of 1839—40, they being very similar to those which have hitherto regulated its playing.

"The Montreal Club was established in 1807, and is the Senior Curling Society in Canada. Its number was originally limited to twenty members, but that rule has been annulled, and no definite number of members is now fixed. At present the Club consists of twenty-five ordinary and eight honorary members.—I have the honor to be, &c.

(Signed)

"ROBERT PATTERSON,
Sec. Montreal Curling Club."

In the February of 1858, there was a Bonspiel played on Burlington Bay—East vs. West. There were 16 rinks a side, and the score was, East 384, West, 398—majority for the West 14 shots. A similar bonspiel was played on the River Don, February 9, 1859, 21 rinks a side. The score was, East 451, West 533, majority for West 82 shots. There was a bonspiel played on Burlington Bay about the year 1863, of which we have no record. In 1865, on 5th of January, what is still known amongst curlers as the International Bonspiel was played at Buffalo, 23 rinks a side. The following was the score:—United States players, 478, Canadians, 658, majority for Canada, 180 shots. In 1874, on January the 15th, a bonspiel was played on the River Don between East and West Ontario, 29 rinks a side. The match was declared a draw, with 474 shots to each side. The bonspiel at Hamilton on the 6th of January 1875 is referred to elsewhere in detail. There are in Canada at the present time between fifty and sixty curling clubs, with an aggregate of members numbering over twelve hundred. The Curlers of Canada have the countenance and hearty co-operation in all their efforts at improvement, of the distinguished nobleman who so worthily presides over the Government of the Dominion, the honored Representative of our Gracious Queen; and who is not only the Patron of our Ontario Branch Club, but himself a keen and capital Curler, who declines not to enter the lists on equal terms against all comers, and seldom without giving a good account of himself in the "score." Lord Dufferin has, during the last two years, considerably given a gold medal for competition among our Canadian Clubs, with a view to encouraging Curlers in general to attain greater proficiency in the art; and

we can only express the hope that this expectation may be amply fulfilled. It may be mentioned in this place that the importation of curling stones from Scotland is rapidly increasing, and thorough curling equipments are now becoming the order of the day. Many Curlers will smile at the rude implements, such as beech blocks and hollow irons, with which they were wont to play in by-gone days.

VALUE OF EXERCISE IN PURE AIR.

The late Dr. Cheyne, in one of his valuable treatises on health and disease, observes that nobody can attentively consider the construction of the human body without coming to the conclusion that man was intended to pass most of his time in the open air. If this be so, and of its correctness there can be little doubt, one has but to survey the daily life of thousands on thousands of persons—specially the dwellers in towns—to get a clue to the cause of no small portion of the maladies physical, and even moral, which seem to be one of the sad developments of modern civilization. In theory, it is true, every one professes to know air and exercise are beneficial, not to say necessary to “the sound mind in the sound body,” so much extolled by the ancients. But few seem to be influenced by this knowledge.

Mr. Mechi, in his “Rules for Success in Business,” insists on the necessity of attention to recreation to counteract the wear and exhaustion of life’s daily business routine. Even in his earliest experience he tells us, when there were no railways or steamboats, he ventured to keep his horse and gig for this purpose, and found that one hour’s escape into the pure country air was a most profitable restorative. Here is where many business men go wrong. They imagine every hour themselves, or their *employes*, devote to “play,” represents so much lost time and money. A great mistake! It is the want of such unbendings which causes the languor, melancholy, nervousness, and lowness of spirits which prey upon all classes of civilized countries,

and are fatal to proper business activity and application, besides inducing a general and expensive resort to stimulants to counteract the morbid depression following on the loss of high physical condition. If we consult the role of the English peerage we find long lists of names of those who have lived to eighty or ninety years. But exercise is with the Peers a life-long practice. Look at the school-boy with his "slumbers sound and spirits light as air," consequent on plenty of daily bodily exercise and innocent recreation. Depend upon it, O ye toiling, moiling "business" men, chained for ever to your desk or counter, and shut up in a ceaseless bondage of close air, long hours, city seclusion and confinement, if you will only steal an hour or two for cricket, curling, football, riding, or walking, you will find in the bodily vigour and mental clearness and serenity produced, a good pecuniary investment, a real "improving of the shining hour," instead of waste and loss! Success, then, to our Curling, Cricketing, Boating, Football and Lacrosse Clubs. Success to all efforts and agencies for promoting healthy and harmless exercise and diversion. Pure air, and plenty of it! The Curler's ruddy, cheery face, hale look, and bright sparkling eye, as he plies the broom or sends the stone to its goal with practised aim, amid the shouts of his genial *confrères*, form one of the pleasantest sights which meet the view in Canadian Towns during our bracing winters. *Semper floreat*, or, as the Arabs have it, "may their shadow never grow less."

A CANADIAN PLEA FOR CURLING.

Much has been said of late in praise of the grand old game of curling. Even the muse has been pressed into service, and in such a way as to show that although curlers are a jolly, noisy set of fellows, some of them appear to be also poets of no mean order, especially when their favorite game is the subject.

The object of this article is to bring the game of curling under the notice of our merchants, clerks, and mechanics. Many of them require more bodily exercise.

Others want what we might be allowed to call mental rest and relaxation. Others require, and wish for, sociality. Others say they sometimes find it hard to kill time. All these desires can be attained by becoming a curler, viz.: physical exercise, mental or brain rest, sociability in its perfect state, and as for killing time, it kills itself. Doubtless drinking a number of what is called "horns" is a handy method of making time fly, but on the ice the time is mostly always up too soon, and the next morning tells which is the best method; and as for an appetite, pray do not mention it, for we once heard an old curler say "it makes me as though I could eat a *cuddy*, saddle and bribe an' a'." No John Bull bitters, no coaxing appetites wanted after being on the ice. Many people are under the impression that whiskey and curling go hand in hand. This was the case at one time, but I rejoice to say that bottles of whiskey at the head of each rink during play is now the exception and not the rule; and I may here add that the rules of our covered rink forbid all intoxicating drinks, profane language or indecent conduct. In curling the greatest equality prevails. The spruce tailor, the burly stone-mason, the active weaver, the quiet-thinking minister, the humble voter, and the M.P. are all on a level. The grand test is, who curls best. Then look at the interest taken in the game by all concerned. An on-looker would think that the fate of nations depended on some of the deciding shots, and when this is done cleverly and according to direction the player suddenly finds himself the object of general admiration. Even the humble "lead" will look up to him with pride, and regard him with the same feelings as a private soldier would his general after a great victory. The very next end may just be the very reverse, but still all is fun and good humor. But, of course, it is but human nature for those who win to laugh loudest.

Care is thrown to the winds, and when the sport is over the same good fellowship prevails. It is remarkable to notice the intense love curlers have for their game. As the tiger scents his pray so does the true curler scent the prospects of a good game. You may

find a band of curlers, perhaps sixteen in number, all willing and happy to undertake the journey of ten or sixteen miles on one of the coldest and stormiest days of our Canadian winters, and joke and laugh all the way, just for the pleasure of indulging in a game with their brother curlers of some other club. Again you will find curlers who will hire a man to clean their own sidewalks, working away, shovel in hand, with right good will cleaning ice in fond anticipation of a game. Or just meet an old curler on a fine frosty morning, broom in hand, making a bee line for the ice. Tam, Jock and Sandy are waiting for him to play some important match. We do believe he would not step many yards out of his way to shake hands with the Governor-General himself. Many people dread the approach of our long Canadian winter. Not so with curlers. At the first sniff of frosty air their eyes will sparkle, and they will inwardly rejoice in fond anticipation of the coming fun, and although sorry to see the ice melt away, they are just as capable as other mortals of appreciating the glorious summer with its birds, and blossoms, and green fields.—*William Roper in Guelph Mercury.*

A WORTHY HELPMATE.—Within the memory of those alive, and not a hundred miles from Carnwath or Biggar, lived a couple whose memory deserves to live in the annals of Curling. A keener or better Curler than Willie, or a more prudent and cautious skip, was not in a' the country-side; but age crept on "wi' stealthy pace," and infirmity in its train; and though a "*parish spiel*" recalled the *spirit* of former days, *strength* forbade the attempt, when Willie had to carry his stone (they use only one in that district) over a moorish and rugged road, two long miles to the scene of action. "I'm no able," he was oft heard to mutter, on the evening before, and on the morning of the important day, "I needna try't,"—"I canna carry't, Mary," was the burthen of his song. "Could you do ony gude, gin you were there?" inquired his loving and indulgent wife. "Aye, that could I! Willie's

rink wadna be beat yet!" "My certie, ye's be there then—follow me;" and forthwith tumbling the stone into a bag, she heaved it over her shoulder, and occasionally calling, "Come on, my man" (while Willie could only sigh, "I hae seen the day") halted not, till she deposited her load on the ice at Loch ———. "There, my bonny man, play ye'r part, and gif ye win, my faith, ye's get something gude and warm to ye'r supper the night—Hey for our parish, and gude luck t' ye, Willie;" and home she wended her way. It is but fair to add, that both the parish of ——— and Willie's rink were victorious, and many a good *bicker* has since been quaffed in that district to Mary's health.—*Old Annual.*

CURLING MATCH EXTRAORDINARY.—On the 10th February, 1841, the married ladies in the lower district of the Parish of Buittle challenged the unmarried to a trial of skill on the icy arena. The challenge was accepted, and they accordingly mustered 20 a-side; and, being fully accoutred with brooms, crampets, and channel-stones, proceeded, each party headed by a gentleman of tried skill and experience as their skip—to Loch-hill Loch, to settle the doughty contest. So novel a scene attracted such a crowd of spectators that they were compelled to shift the rink several times. Nothing daunted, with the perseverance peculiar to their sex, they continued the combat, while the springing of the water cooled not their ardour. Fortune, for a time, seemed inclined to matrimony; but, afterwards, the fickle goddess passed over to the side of youth and beauty, and, ultimately, hymen's chain was found to want *one link*. The skip of the married ladies has since been united to a buxom widow, who then ranged on the side of the young ladies, and who are alleged to throw glances at each other which wonderfully influenced the result; but, as this seems to imply treason, the charge must be departed from.

Being the day upon which the Princess-Royal was baptized, a party of about 70 ladies and gentlemen met at tea in the evening, and concluded the day's amusement by a splendid ball in honour of the occasion.—*Old Annual.*

IN ADDITION to the matters specially referred to in Dr. Barclay's Report, it appears that at the close of the Annual Meeting at Edinburgh in July last, he was duly initiated with all the prescribed ceremonies, as a "Brother Curler" of the Royal Caledonian Club—receiving the "grip and watchword," on the authority of the Parent Club, and at the hands of the oldest initiated Curler present on the occasion.

It is respectfully suggested that the privilege of Initiation should be granted to Members of the Associated Clubs, at some Meeting held for the purpose, as the final step requisite to complete their connection with the ROYAL CALEDONIAN CURLING CLUB through the ONTARIO BRANCH. Dr. Barclay will be happy to officiate as the medium of initiating such members of the Associated Clubs as are desirous to assume the position of "Brother Curlers" with all the obligations thereunto belonging.





MATCHES

PLAYED THE SEASON OF 1874-75.

The year 1875 opened with severe frosts and snow — a hard winter, but a grand season for curlers. The “whirring” of stones, and shouts of “up brooms,” “huzza,” &c., could be heard during three months almost without intermission, and the curlers of this country evidently went in to make the most of their time, many of the Clubs appeared to be as busy with their matches and seemed to have as much playing to do about the middle of March as they had during the first week of the Season.

Subjoined is a report of the principal matches that have been reported to us. The Committee beg to say that should any Club feel disappointed at not having their matches fully reported under this head, the fault lies with their own Secretaries, in not sending their reports. Secretaries have all been asked repeatedly to send reports and important items to headquarters. It is confidently hoped that more attention will be paid by them to this department of the next Annual.

THE GRAND BONSPIEL, played at Hamilton on Wednesday, the 6th of January, was the great match of the season, the EAST against the WEST of this Province. At the firing of the signal gun forty-five rinks aside, were, facing each other in friendly strife, determined to prove which “o’ the airts” was master at the “roarin’ game.”

The Hamilton Bay presented a most lively and festive appearance. Crowds of spectators, including

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many of the fair sex, on foot and in sleighs, covered the bay during the contest, — some proceeding from rink to rink with anxious faces, to learn how the general fortune of the day was going, others lingering a little by some favorite rink to see a noted skip draw the shot which was to decide the "score" for that end, or chip the winner which had lain so snugly under protection of the "guards," defying for long all previous attempts to dislodge it from its stronghold; whilst ever and anon the shout of triumph arose from the rinks in turn, as end after end was closed by some well-directed shot which added another figure to the increasing score.

A bright winter sun looked down smilingly on the busy scene, and the mingled shouts from many hundred voices, mellowed somewhat by distance, rent the air, and awoke the echoes of the woods that skirted the scene of conflict.

To give additional interest to the game the Hamilton Thistle Club offered a valuable gold medal to the Club which made the highest average score in the match. Thus three distinct contests were going on at the same time. Each rink was contending against its immediate opponent; each club represented was contending against every other one on the ice for the gold medal; and the two sides EAST and WEST, were contending with each other for the general victory. It is a matter worthy of note to see how evenly the EAST and WEST are matched. At the Bonspiel held on the Don, at Toronto, last year, the return of the total score was a tie. This year the difference in favor of the WEST was only 13 shots.

The arrangements of the Committee were most complete and reflected great credit on its management. The full scores are as follows:—

EAST.

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CALEDONIAN (TORONTO), NO. 4.	v.	LUCKNOW, NO. I.
M. G. Patterson,		J. Somerville,
C. Hunter,		L. Murdoch,
J. Thompson,		D. Murdoch,
Wm. Rennie, skip—19.		G. Douglas, skip—18.

EAST.

WEST.

PORT HOPE, NO. 1, V. PARIS, NO. 1.

J. P. Clemes,	J. Carnie,
F. E. Gaudrie,	R. Patterson,
G. C. Ward,	D. Cragie,
E. Philp, skip—32.	D. Brown, skip—26.

TORONTO, NO. 1, V. CHATHAM, NO. 1.

C. W. Moberly,	S. M. Smith,
J. McNab,	A. Young,
W. Baillie,	R. Love,
J. S. Russell, skip—18.	J. B. Ellison, skip—21.

TORONTO, NO. 7, V. ANCASTER THISTLE, NO. 1.

A. MacNabb,	F. Gabel,
A. McGregor,	R. Waugh,
A. Morrison,	Jno. Crann,
G. P. Shears, skip—21.	J. Gibson, skip—16.

WEST FLAMBORO', NO. 1, V. INGERSOLL, NO. 1.

Wm. Clarke,	J. Smith,
A. Clarke,	R. Vance,
G. Cochenour,	J. R. Walker,
W. J. Morden, skip—25.	T. S. Patton, skip—25.

GALT, NO. 1, V. AYR, NO. 1.

A. Crozier,	J. Goodfellow,
R. Scott,	R. Henderson,
R. Veitch,	Wm. Carruthers,
R. Minto, skip—43.	H. Manson, skip—9.

PORT HOPE, NO. 2, V. THAMESVILLE, NO. 2.

C. Stewart,	F. J. Mayhew,
W. Stewart,	T. Twigg,
W. W. Renwick,	R. Lancaster,
W. Newman, skip—28.	R. Ferguson, skip—21.

TORONTO, NO. 4, V. NEW DOMINION (AYR), NO. 2.

C. W. Postlethwaite,	J. Mitchell,
W. Hall,	T. Easton,
Joseph Stovel,	R. Easton,
J. Riddell, skip—20.	J. McCrone, skip—35.

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HEATHER (SCARBORO'), NO. 2, V. WINGHAM, NO. 2.

R. Clarke,	J. Neelans,
J. Clarke,	S. Kent,
A. Hood,	R. Copeland,
H. Clarke, skip—43.	R. Davidson, skip—10.

HEATHER (SCARBORO'), NO. 1, V. THISTLE (HAMILTON), NO. 1.

J. Young,	H. Dewar,
W. Glendenning,	Angus Sutherland,
H. Young,	M. Leggatt,
A. Glendenning, skip—16.	Hon. H. B. Bull,—skip 31.

GALT, NO. 3, V. MECHANICS (HAMILTON), NO. 1.

A. McCausland,	Ald. Chisholm,
J. McKendrick,	J. Barr.
J. McTague,	A. Dingwall.
J. McCausland, skip—18.	Wm. Scott, skip—28.

WAVERLEY (COBOURG), NO. 3, V. AYR, NO. 2.

A. Poe,	R. Hall,
J. Sailsbury,	W. Hall,
P. McCallum, jr.,	R. Renwich,
J. Roderick, skip—17.	W. Pringle, skip—27.

HEATHER (SCARBORO'), NO. 3, V. LONDON, NO. 2.

A. Hood,	J. Macbeth,
John Morgan,	R. Wigmore,
G. Morgan,	H. B. Strong,
S. Rennie, skip—17.	C. Murray, skip—27.

MILTON, NO. 3, V. THISTLE (HAMILTON), NO. 7.

J. Martin,	T. Carson,
S. Cook,	R. McKay,
Sheriff McKindsey,	D. Edgar,
Jas. Waldie, skip—19.	Jas. Simpson, skip—35.

KEENE, NO. 1, V. CHATHAM, NO. 2.

H. Moore,	J. Smith,
W. West,	W. T. Bray,
J. McLaughlin,	H. Lamont,
A. Campbell, skip—8.	P. Young, skip—46.

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GUELPH, NO. 4, V. ANCASTER, NO. 1.

W. Gibson,	W. Hyslop,
J. Spalding,	J. Hyslop,
R. Mitchell,	A. Calder,
A. Robertson, skip—14.	W. M. Calder, skip—26.

BOWMANVILLE, NO. 1, V. LONDON, NO. 3.

D. Keith,	B. Drake,
Dr. Beith,	J. C. Rammage,
A. Keith,	J. Duffield,
J. McMurtry, skip—15.	H. Fysh, skip—24.

ORILLIA, NO. 2, V. LONDON, NO. 1.

W. Stoddart,	R. Lewis,
W. Miller,	J. Laing,
W. Brown,	C. Andrews,
J. Jackson, skip—26.	James Moffat, skip—25.

GUELPH, NO. 2, V. PARIS, NO. 3.

G. Murton,	A. Baird,
C. Davidson,	G. Hackland,
J. Dobbie,	G. Brocklebank,
T. Dobbie, skip—30.	M. Cavan, skip—33.

TORONTO, NO. 8, V. THISTLE (HAMILTON), NO. 5.

W. B. McMurich,	W. F. Biggar,
J. McCracken,	J. Watson,
Major T. Gray,	T. Cowie,
T. McCracken, skip—35.	J. A. Bruce, skip—15.

FERGUS, NO. 2, V. THISTLE (HAMILTON), NO. 4.

C. Young,	A. Murray,
P. King,	J. Barry,
A. Anderson,	F. W. Gates,
H. Michie, skip—24.	Ald. Nicholson, skip—22.

GUELPH, NO. 3, V. CHATHAM, NO. 3.

J. Anderson,	C. H. Rose,
J. F. Nichols,	J. Wright,
W. P. Hepburn,	E. J. Roche,
A. Congleton, skip—22.	Dr. Bray, skip—30.

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TORONTO NO. 6, v. THAMESVILLE, NO. 2.

Capt. Douglas,	W. Watts,
J. Green,	D. McFarlane,
Rev. Dr. Barclay,	G. West,
J. Helliwell, skip—24.	John Ferguson, skip—23.

ORILLIA, NO. 1, v. SIMCOE, NO. 1.

R. A. Pace,	R. Williamson,
J. Jackson,	W. Linden,
J. B. Perry,	T. C. Lee,
John Perry, skip—21.	John Williamson, skip—25.

WAVERLY (COBOURG), NO. 2, v. LUCKNOW, NO. 2.

G. Guillet,	R. Somerville,
J. Service,	J. Hunter,
J. Pratt,	P. T. Dunn,
D. Johnston, skip—26.	A. Murray, skip—28.]

GUELPH NO. 2, v. DUNDAS, NO. 2.

J. Emsley,	J. McKay,
J. H. Bishop,	J. Bertram,
R. Emsley,	G. W. Bennett,
D. Kennedy, skip—19.	A. Barry, skip—29.

CALEDONIAN (TORONTO), NO. 3, v. PARIS, NO. 2.

W. D. McIntosh,	J. Whitlaw,
A. Noble,	R. Lang,
W. Christie,	W. Hunter,
R. H. Ramsay, skip—27.	J. Torrance, skip—32.

MILTON, NO. 2, v. NEW DOMINION (AYR), NO. 1.

H. Watson,	A. Renwick,
F. Barclay,	A. Mills,
W. Panton,	A. Reid,
D. McEwen, skip—25.	R. Reid, skip—35.

GALT, NO. 2, v. SARNIA, NO. 2.

Wm. Fulton,	Capt. Symes,
R. Owens,	M. Fleming,
H. Stoddart,	J. King,
R. Webster, skip—40.	J. Chester, skip—20.

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SCARBORO', NO. 2, V. THISTLE (HAMILTON), NO. 3.

J. Maxwell,	M. O. Livingstone,
G. A. Secord,	Dr. Malloch,
J. R. Thompson,	J. Milne,
A. Malcolm, skip—32.	T. D. Walker, skip—17.

WAVERLY (COBOURG), NO. 1, V. INGERSOLL, NO. 2.

J. Dixon,	M. Dowell,
W. L. Payne,	P. Meyers,
J. Butler,	M. B. Holcroft,
E. A. Macnachtan, skip—23.	G. W. Walley, skip—18.

TORONTO, NO. 3, V. THISTLE (ANCASTER), NO. 2.

P. Finnigan,	W. Murdoch,
J. Shanklin,	Dr. Richardson,
D. S. Keith,	R. Irwin,
D. Forbes, skip—29.	F. Snider, skip—21.

BOWMANVILLE, NO. 2, V. THISTLE (HAMILTON), NO. 9.

J. J. Tilley,	D. Gilles,
W. Williamson,	H. Fairgrieve,
D. Beith,	J. Kerner,
S. Burden, skip—24.	J. Jardine, skip—23.

TORONTO, NO. 5, V. THISTLE, (ANCASTER), NO. 3.

C. Belford,	R. W. Donnelly,
T. McGaw,	Jas. Jackson,
D. Walker,	W. Dewar,
Capt. Perry, skip—40.	S. A. Findlay, skip—8.

FOUR BROTHERS (SCARBORO'), NO. 1, V. THISTLE, (HAMILTON), NO. 3.

— Gibson,	A. Turner,
F. Gibson,	A. Harvey,
T. Gibson,	J. Crerar,
John Gibson, skip—19.	J. Harvey, skip—31.

MILTON, NO. 1, V. THISTLE (HAMILTON), NO. 2.

P. McLean,	J. C. McKeand,
J. A. Fraser,	J. Smith,
A. P. Robertson,	A. Gartshore,
Judge Miller, skip—22.	Geo. Murison, skip—34.

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TORONTO, NO. 2, V. MECHANICS' (HAMILTON), NO. 3.

R. Carrie,	Wm. Arnott,
R. Cowan,	H. Wicks,
J. L. Smith,	H. Robinson,
J. O. Heward, skip—24.	Sam. Scott, skip—50.

WEST FLAMBORO', NO. 3, V. GODERICH, NO. 1.

A. S. Miller,	T. Hood,
J. Black,	G. Evans,
D. Fraser,	H. Horton,
J. Weir, skip—41.	J. H. Finlay, skip—15.

WEST FLAMBORO', NO. 2, V. DUNDAS, NO. 3.

G. Webster,	J. Wild,
J. Morden,	M. Wilson,
J. Bailey,	C. Mason,
W. J. Miller, skip—24.	A. Cowie, skip—23.

CALEDONIAN (TORONTO), NO. 2, V. WINGHAM, NO. 1.

J. Ritchie,	J. Ansley,
R. B. Coulson,	T. Gregory,
W. L. Ross,	W. Ballantine,
Jas. Pringle, skip—28.	A. McNeil, skip—7.

FERGUS, NO. 1, V. MECHANICS' (HAMILTON), NO. 2.

W. Graham,	W. Hancock,
J. Donaldson,	J. Malcom,
J. Watt,	A. Forrester,
M. Anderson, skip—26.	A. Tinline, skip—22.

ELORA, NO. 1, V. SARNIA, NO. 1.

W. Crackle,	A. Alexander,
J. Henderson,	T. Crone,
John Baine,	J. McKenzie,
David Foote, skip—36.	W. Ireland, skip—15.

SCARBORO', NO. 1, V. THISTLE (HAMILTON), NO. 6.

Jas. Thompson,	Geo. McKeand,
A. Fleming,	Capt. Fairgrieve,
Smith Thompson,	R. N. Law,
R. Thompson, skip—8.	G. H. Gillespie, skip—34.

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ELORA, NO. 2, V. ANCASTER, NO. 2.

T. Vicars,
A. Cuthbert,
J. Jones,
T. Black, skip—10.

P. Renton,
J. Prentice,
W. Hood,
J. Calder, skip—25.

CALEDONIANS (TORONTO), NO. 1, V. DUNDAS, NO. 1.

J. J. Gartshore,
W. C. Richardson,
J. G. Malcom,
R. Malcolm, skip—24.

Chas. Wilson,
J. Wright,
R. Scott,
J. Scott, skip—30.

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Majority for "West," 13 points.

GENERAL SUMMARY OF SCORES.

Club.	No. of Rinks.	Total Maj.	Average Maj.
Chatham	3	49	16 33
Galt	3	44	13 66
Ancaster	2	27	13 50
New Dominion, Ayr	2	25	12 50
Mechanics' Hamilton	3	32	10 66
West Flamboro'	3	27	9
Hope, Port Hope	2	13	6 50
Union, London	3	18	6
Dundas	3	15	5
Hamilton Thistle	9	43	4 77
Simcoe	1	4	4
Toronto	8	27	3 27
Fergus	2	6	3
Elora	2	6	3
Caledonian, Toronto	4	11	2 75
Heather, Scarboro'	3	8	2 66
Paris	3	2	0 66
Lucknow	2	1	0 50
		Min.	Min.
Orillia	2	3	1 50
Waverly, Cobourg	3	7	2 33
Ingersoll	2	5	2 50
Thamesville	2	8	4
Bowmanville	2	8	4
Scarboro'	2	11	5 50
Guelph	4	33	8 22
Four Bros., Gibsons	1	12	12
Ayr	2	24	12

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Milton.....	3	38	12 66
Ancaster Thistle.....	3	45	15
Sarnia.....	2	41	20 50
Goderich.....	1	26	26
Wingham.....	2	54	27
Keene.....	1	38	38

The above scores and final summary have been made out from the cards as returned by the skips as accurately as possible. The medal has been awarded to the Chatham Curling Club, for a score of 49 over their opponents, giving an average of 16.33 per rink.

JAMES HAMILTON, Umpire.

GEO. H. GILLESPIE, President,
 JAMES SIMPSON,
 JOHN A. BRUCE,
 F. R. DESPARD, Secretary

} Bonspiel
 Committee.

ARNPRIOR vs. MISSISSIPPI CLUB OF ALMONTE.

A match was played between the above clubs for a medal, and resulted in a tie. A second match was arranged and played, when Almonte won by 7 shots.

On Tuesday, the 9th of March, the members of the Arnprior Club competed at points for an oil painting presented to that Club by R. G. Moles. Mr. Jas. Banning won by a score of 22 points.

BELLEVILLE.

The members of this Club played their annual match—Old-Countrymen against Canadians—for the “Pitceathly” Medal. The former won, and in playing off single-handed, Mr. Thos. McRae was proclaimed the winner.

Mr. James Gordon won the Shepard Medal by competition at points.

CALEDONIAN CLUB OF TORONTO.

This Club, although only instituted in 1872, has made rapid progress both in the quantity and quality of its work. Their Secretary reports eight foreign matches besides local. The following match was played on the 27th January at Toronto :—

TORONTO CALEDONIANS. HEATHER OF SCARBORO’.

RINK NO. 1.

James Rennie,
 Charles Hunter,
 John Thomson,
 Wm. Rennie, skip—26.

John Morgan,
 Adam Hood,
 George Morgan,
 S. Rennie, skip—14.

RINK NO. 2.

W. D. McIntosh,
Andrew Noble,
William Christie,
R. H. Ramsay, skip—17.

Robert Clark,
Thomas Hood,
Andrew Hood,
Robt. Crawford, skip—13.

RINK NO. 3.

R. C. Steele,
W. C. Richardson,
Jas. G. Malcom,
Robt. Malcom, skip—23.

John Clark,
William Clark,
John Crawford,
Hugh Clark, skip—16.

Majority for the Caledonia Club.....28.

CALEDONIAN vs. HEMLOCK, SCARBORO'.

Played 1st February, four rinks aside. Annexed are skips' names, and scores:—

CALEDONIANS.

R. Malcom..... 25
Wm. Rennie..... 21
James Pringle..... 24
R. H. Ramsay..... 29

HEMLOCK.

J. E. Thomson..... 12
Arch. Malcom..... 10
W. Purdie..... 11
R. Thomson..... 4

Majority for Caledonians.....62 shots.

CITY OF TORONTO vs. COUNTY OF YORK.

This match was played on the 15th February—three rinks of Toronto Club and three of the Caledonian of Toronto, against six rinks from the county. The city rinks won by 15 shots.

CALEDONIAN OF TORONTO vs. WOODBRIDGE.

Match played at Woodbridge on the 10th of March. Names of skips and scores as follows:—

CALEDONIAN.

Jas. Pringle..... 24
R. Malcom..... 30

WOODBIDGE.

Stuart Blain..... 13
John Brown..... 28

CALEDONIAN vs. TORONTO.

The match for a medal awarded by the Caledonian Society of Toronto, to be played for annually by the different City Clubs, was played on the 18th March.

CALEDONIAN.

J. Dilworth,
W. C. Richardson,
Jas. G. Malcolm,
R. Malcolm—skip 30.

TORONTO.

RINK NO. 1.

J. Wright,
J. L. Smith,
Rev. Dr. Barclay,
J. O. Heward, skip—13.

RINK NO. 2.

Hugh Miller,
Chas. Hunter,
John Thomson,
Wm. Rennie, skip—23.

William Hall,
C. W. Postlethwaite,
W. A. Christie,
J. S. Russell, skip—7.

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Andrew Noble,
Wm. Christie,
R. H. Ramsay—skip 17.

RINK NO. 3.
J. H. Liddle,
P. Finnegan,
T. McCaw,
D. Walker, skip—23.

Ald. J. Ritchie,
R. C. Steele,
Rev. W. F. Clarke,
Jas. Pringle, skip—20.

RINK NO. 4.
J. Shanklin,
Capt. McGregor,
J. P. Shears,
D. Forbes, skip—16.

Majority for Caledonian Club.....31 points.

LOCAL.

Twenty members of the Caledonian Club competed at points on the 19th January for their Club Medal. Mr. W. Christie was declared the winner with 9 points.

THE DUFFERIN GOLD AND SILVER MEDALS.

During Christmas week the Secretaries of the different Clubs in Canada received an official intimation that His Excellency The Earl of Dufferin (that keen curler), with his usual liberality and earnest desire to promote the interests of Curling, had again offered a Gold Medal for competition amongst the Curling Clubs of this country.

The conditions of competition were to this effect, that each Club select eight players to compete at points according to the rules of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, during any day of the week ending Saturday the 23rd of January, and the two Clubs making the highest scores to meet and play against each other, two rinks a side, on or before the 15th of February, the winning Club to retain the Gold Medal. His Excellency also offered a Silver Medal to be played for at points by all the members of the winning Club. The following score is abridged from the report of Captain R. F. Ward, A.D.C.

CLUBS.	Eight Players.	Average per man.	CLUBS.	Eight Players.	Average per man.
	TOTAL.			TOTAL.	
Ottawa.....	128	16	Heather, Scarboro'	103	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Thistle, Montreal..	122	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	St. Mary's.....	97	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Belleville.....	121	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	Kingston.....	93	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Quebec.....	121	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	Caledonian, Mont'l.	89	11 $\frac{1}{2}$
Arnprior.....	119	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	Montreal.....	85	10 $\frac{5}{8}$
Hamilton Thistle..	103	12 $\frac{5}{8}$	Toronto.....	82	10 $\frac{5}{8}$

The match between the Clubs having the highest score took place

on the Viceregal Rink at Ottawa, on the 13th of February, with the following result :—

OTTAWA CLUB.

N. Morrison,
J. Birkett,
J. W. Russell,
H. Inglis, skip—15.

C. S. Scott,
T. Thorburn,
T. Callagher,
G. Hutchison, skip—8.

MONTREAL THISTLE CLUB.

RINK NO. 1.

D. McIntyre,
J. L. Craig,
James Esdaile,
D. Mair, skip—21.

RINK NO. 2.

J. M. Kirk,
S. Greenshields,
T. K. Alexander,
G. Brush, skip—20.

Majority for Thistle 18

Thirty-one members of the Thistle Club competed on their rink at Montreal, for the Silver Medal, referred to above, on the 6th of March, when Mr. Wm. J. Fenwick was declared the winner, with the handsome score of 21 shots.

COBOURG CLUB LOCAL MATCHES.

The members of this Club competed at points for their Club Medal. Mr. Peter McCallum proved the winner.

Twenty-four members entered in competition for the single-handed match, three pairs of stones each. Two medals were offered in this match—a first and a second. The last pair played off on the 5th of March, when Mr. E. A. MacNachtan won the first medal, and Mr. David Johnston was declared the winner of the second.

GUELPH vs. FERGUS.

This match was played at Guelph on the 22nd of January. The names of skips and the scores are as follows :—

GUELPH.		FERGUS.	
A. Robertson.....	19	W. Hamilton.....	25
D. Kennedy.....	20	Henry Michie.....	24
A. Congalton.....	35	A. Anderson.....	17
J. Spaulding.....	17	M. Anderson.....	20

Majority for Guelph.....5 shots.

HEATHER CLUB OF SCARBORO' vs. HAMILTON THISTLE.

This match was played on the Toronto Club rink on the 28th January. The following is the score :—

HAMILTON THISTLE.

A. Sutherland,
J. Barring,
H. B. Bull,
G. Murison, skip—18.

HEATHER, SCARBORO'.

RINK NO. 1.

J. Clark,
W. Clark,
J. Crawford,
H. Clark, skip—25.

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RINK NO. 2.

J. Smith,
K. N. Law,
T. Walker,
G. H. Gillespie, skip—24.

R. Clark,
Wm. Hood,
Andrew Hood,
R. Crawford, skip—20.

RINK NO. 3.

H. Fairgrieve,
J. Milne,
J. Harvey,
J. Simpson, skip—20.

J. Morgan,
Adam Hood,
George Morgan,
S. Rennie, skip—27.

Majority for Heather Club.....10 shots.

MONTREAL CALEDONIAN CLUB vs. MONTREAL THISTLE.

This annual match was won by the Caledonian by 16 majority.

MONTREAL CALEDONIAN vs. MONTREAL CLUB.

This match was played six rinks aside, and resulted in favour of the Montreal Club by 24 shots.

MONTREAL CALEDONIAN vs. QUEBEC.

This match being for the Challenge Cup, was played at Quebec, and resulted in favour of the latter Club by 22 shots.

MONTREAL CALEDONIAN CLUB.

The Presidents Gold Medal was competed for by the members of Club. The first stage at points. Then the sixteen highest scorers drawing in pairs and playing off single-handed, three pairs of stones each. That "keen curler" Mr. W. Wilson, was declared the winner.

CLUB-PRIZES WON BY THE MONTREAL THISTLES.

The "Muir Tankard," James Esdaile, winner.
The "Atwater Point Cup," D. McIntyre, winner.
Young Curlers Prize (silver cup), H. J. Joseph, winner.
Club Medal (points), John L. Craig, winner.
Quebec Challenge Cup won from Montreal Club, and the
Winning Rink Prize, consisting of a set of Silver-mounted Brooms,
won by

James Brown,
S. Greenshields,

Alexander Ewan,
John Cassils—skip.

PORT HOPE LOCAL CLUB MATCHES.

On the 2nd of March sixteen members of this Club entered in competition at points for two medals. Mr. J. Gamble won the first with ten points, and F. R. Ward the second medal with a score of eight points.

Twenty members entered in the match for the medal presented to the Club by Horace Aylwin, Esq. This match was played in pairs with three pairs of stones each. Mr. W. Renwick beat the last man by two shots and won the medal.

THE TORONTO CLUB

Report having played in thirteen matches with other Clubs last season besides their own local and medal matches.

TORONTO vs. CHATHAM.

This match, two rinks aside, was commenced on the bay on the 7th of January, but was stopped by a heavy fall of snow. Toronto one shot ahead.

Also Toronto vs. Thamesville, two rinks aside, at same time. When interrupted Thamesville was 10 shots ahead.

TORONTO vs. CALEDONIAN OF TORONTO.

This annual match was played on the Adelaide and Mutual Street Rinks on the 25th of January, five rinks aside, weather and ice good. The following are the skips names and scores:—

TORONTO.		CALEDONIANS.	
J. S. Russell—19.	RINK NO. 1.	R. Malcom—19.	
J. O. Heward—21.	RINK NO. 2.	Rev. W. F. Clarke—13.	
Capt. Perry—32.	RINK NO. 3.	W. Rennie—19.	
J. Riddell—23.	RINK NO. 4.	R. Ramsay—13.	
D. Forbes—20.	RINK NO. 5.	J. Pringle—22.	
Majority for the Toronto Club.....		29	

TORONTO vs. HAMILTON THISTLE.

The annual match between these two Clubs was played, four rinks aside, at Toronto, January 27th, ice and weather good. Annexed are the names of the skips and score.

TORONTO.		HAMILTON.	
D. Forbes—27.	RINK NO. 1.	T. Walker—17.	
D. Walker—28.	RINK NO. 2.	J. Simpson—13.	
J. Riddell—22.	RINK NO. 3.	Geo. Murison—22.	
J. O. Heward—25.	RINK NO. 4.	A. Murray—29.	
Majority for Toronto.....		16	

TORONTO vs. BUFFALO.

The tenth annual match for the "Thompson Scoville" Gold Medal, between the above-named Clubs, came off on the Adelaide Street Rink, Toronto, on the 29th of January, ice and weather good. Toronto won by fifty-six shots, making the ninth time of winning the medal. Annexed is the full score.

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TORONTO.

A. Morrison,
G. P. Shears,
D. S. Keith,
D. Forbes, skip—32.

J. Wright,
Rev. Dr. Barclay,
J. L. Smith,
J. O. Heward, skip—32.

W. Christie,
W. Bayly,
J. S. Russell,
J. Riddell, skip—36.

T. McGaw,
Major Gray,
D. Walker,
Capt. Perry, skip—37.

The visitors were entertained as guests at the annual dinner of the Toronto Club at the Queen's Hotel that same evening, where a pleasant time was spent discussing and playing those International matches over again.

TORONTO vs. LONDON.

A Match between these Clubs was played at Toronto on the 11th February, for a Gold Medal given by Major John Walker, to be played for annually between the above-named Clubs. The following is the full score:—

TORONTO.

C. W. Postlethwaite,
J. Stovel,
J. O. Heward,
J. Riddell, skip—25.

T. McGaw,
Major Gray,
D. Walker,
Capt. Perry, skip—36.

Rev. Dr. Barclay,
G. P. Shears,
D. Keith,
D. Forbes, skip—23.

Majority for Toronto 30

BUFFALO.

RINK NO. 1.

C. K. Remmington,
Charles Onink,
George Macnoe,
C. Berrick, skip—21.

RINK NO. 2.

A. M. Adams,
W. H. Baker,
J. A. B. Campbell,
L. Kirkover, skip—21.

RINK NO. 3.

J. W. Ruger,
Geo. J. Buchheit,
Joseph Frew,
John Walls, skip—16.

RINK NO. 4.

J. Hyam,
Wm. Brown,
W. Moses,
D. Bell, skip—23.

LONDON.

RINK NO. 1.

J. Munroe,
C. Anderson,
H. B. Strong,
J. McLean, skip—20.

RINK NO. 2.

B. Drake,
W. Durand,
J. Durand,
Col. Moffatt, skip—11.

RINK NO. 3.

J. Marshall,
Lieut.-Col. Lewis,
C. Duffield,
H. Fish, skip—23.

TORONTO CLUB MEDALS, &c.

On Saturday, the 30th January, twenty members competed at points for the Club Medal, which was won by Capt. C. Perry. And on the 18th of March thirteen competed at points for the Cup presented by Hon. D. L. Macpherson, which was won by J. S. Russell.

On the 1st of February thirty-eight commenced a series of single handed matches with three pair of stones each for the Thompson, Scoville Gold Medal. The last drawing was played off on the 20th of March between Messrs. G. P. Shears and David Walker. The latter was again declared the winner of this Medal the second time in succession.

TORONTO AND HAMILTON vs. MONTREAL CLUBS.

Two Rinks of the Toronto Club and one rink of the Hamilton Club went to Montreal and played a series of matches, on the covered rinks, in that city. Two hours play, stones against stones, and two iron against iron, in each match. First match was played on Monday, the 22nd February, with the Montreal Thistles, as follows:—

TORONTO.		THISTLE.	
		RINK NO. 1.	
J. Stovel,		R. Esdaile,	
J. Riddell,		James Reid,	
D. S. Keith,		James Esdaile,	
D. Forbes—skip		Jas McDougall—skip	
Stones.....	23	Stones.....	3
Iron.....	4	Iron.....	18
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		RINK NO. 2.	
T. McGaw,		J. D. Anderson,	
Major Gray,		J. L. Craig,	
D. Walker,		T. K. Alexander,	
Capt Perry—skip		J. Binmore—skip	
Stones.....	13	Stones.....	12
Irons.....	15	Iron.....	11
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		RINK NO. 3.	
HAMILTON.		THISTLE.	
J. Kerner,		G. Kay,	
W. Wilson,		R. A. Smith,	
T. Cowie,		J. Cassils,	
Jas. Simpson—skip		T. Ross—skip	
Stones.....	17	Stones.....	8
Irons.....	13	Irons.....	14
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Majority for Toronto and Hamilton.....		19	

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MONTREAL vs. TORONTO AND HAMILTON.

This Match was played on the 23rd, with the following results:—

MONTREAL.		HAMILTON.	
RINK NO. 1.			
D. R. McKay,		John Kerner,	
W. G. Beach,		Thos. Cowle,	
Charles Simms,		G. H. Gillespie,	
Geo. Denholm—skip		James Simpson—skip	
Stones.....	14	Stones.....	11
Irons.....	18	Irons.....	4
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MONTREAL.		TORONTO.	
RINK NO. 2.			
W. Burke,		J. Stovell,	
E. A. Whitehead,		John Riddell,	
H. L. McDougall,		D. S. Keith,	
Thomas Kershaw—skip		D. Forbes—skip	
Stones.....	13	Stones.....	9
Irons.....	9	Irons.....	11
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RINK NO. 3.			
Alex. Urquhart,		Thos McGaw,	
Robert Brown,		Major Gray,	
James Williamson,		David Walker,	
James Tyre—skip		Capt. Perry—skip	
Stones.....	9	Stones.....	6
Irons.....	7	Irons.....	13
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Majority for Montreal..... 16

CALEDONIAN OF MONTREAL vs. WESTERN CURLERS.

This last Match of the series was played on the 24th. Score as follows:—

HAMILTON.		CALEDONIAN.	
RINK NO. 1.			
John Kerner,		A. A. Stevenson,	
Thomas Cowie,		W. Falconer,	
J. Harvey,		P. H. Hutchison,	
James Simpson—skip		W. McGibbon—skip	
Stones.....	24	Stones.....	6
Irons.....	13	Irons.....	13
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RINK NO. 2.

J. Stovell, John Riddell, D. S. Keith, D. Forbes—skip Stones.....10 Irons.....9	19	E. Brown, jr., D. Wilson, A. Murray, D. Brown—skip Stones.....13 Irons.....9	22
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CALEDONIAN.

RINK NO. 3.

Thos. McGaw, Major Gray, David Walker, Capt. Perry—skip Stones.....13 Irons.....5	18	P. Nicholson, J. W. Allan, M. Hardie, W. Wilson—skip Stones.....10 Irons.....12	22
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Majority for Toronto and Hamilton 11

A Complimentary Dinner was given the same evening at the "Carleton Club," by the Caledonian Club of Montreal, to their Western friends. A large number of Curlers were present, and on the arrival of the trains from the east and west they were joined by the Ottawa and Quebec Curlers, who had come to play a match there the following day. Amongst other toasts the Chairman gave the "Ontario Branch." The Secretary responding to the toast, read quotations from the preface of an old Annual of 1841, which gave an extract from the Montreal Gazette of 1840, respecting a match then about to be played between Montreal and Toronto. He also read the following member's list of the Montreal Club of the same year referred to. This being the first Canadian Club to join the Royal Caledonian.

Honorary Members.

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| 1830 William Gibson, jun. | 1840 Wm. Lorimer, surg. 24th Reg. |
| 1832 Robert Gillespie, jun. | David Handyside. |
| 1836 Capt. F. Markham, 32d Reg. | Rev. Ed. Black, D.D. |
| 1839 James Leslie. | Thomas Blackwood. |

Ordinary Members.

Regular.

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| 1807 Robert Armour. | 1837 G. W. Campbell, M.D. |
| Thomas Blackwood. | 1838 James Henderson. |
| John Jamieson. | Robert Paterson. |
| John Fisher. | John Dyde. |
| 1832 James Breckanridge. | Rev. A. Mathieson, A.M. |
| Joseph Shuter. | 1839 James M. Millar. |
| Samuel Breckanridge. | Hugh Allan. |
| John Blackwood. | John Young. |
| 1836 F. C. T. Arnaldi, M.D. | 1840 D. K. Mack. |
| John Bostor. | John M'Gibbon. |
| James Tyre. | Alex. Ferguson. |
| Thomas H. Murray. | C. H. Castle.] |
| Wm. Edmonstone. | A. M'Gill. |

Upon reading the name of Colonel Dyde, that gentleman being the only one on the list present, his [health was drunk with Highland honors. After spending a pleasant evening the Curlers were marched to their respective hotels headed by Col. Stevenson and his Pipers.

THAMESVILLE vs. CHATHAM.

The annual match for the handsome medal presented by Hon. A. McKellar to the Curling Clubs in the County of Kent, was played at Thamesville, on Tuesday, the 9th February, 1875, between the Chatham and Thamesville Clubs. Annexed is the score:—

THAMESVILLE.

F. Mayhem,
R. Lancaster,
T. Twigg,
R. Ferguson, skip—33.

E. Osler,
D. Gillies,
C. Fox,
Jas. Ferguson, skip—32.

Wm. Watts,
D. McFarlane,
G. West,
John Ferguson, skip—26.

CHATHAM.

RINK NO. 1.

D. Vanallen,
A. Young,
S. Smith,
J. B. Ellison, skip—9.

RINK NO. 2.

J. Smith,
J. Traxler,
Wm. Bray,
H. Lammont, skip—16.

RINK NO. 3.

C. Rose,
R. Jarvis,
E. Roche,
Dr. Bray, skip—9.

After the game was concluded the Chatham curlers were entertained by the victors to "beef and greens" at Watts' Hotel. A pleasant evening was spent.

MATCHES PLAYED BY THE VICEREGAL CLUB.

January 18th.—Played the Montreal Curling Club and were beaten 16 to 3.

January 29th.—Played the Montreal Thistle Club and were beaten,

February 9th.—Played Match with Renfrew for District Medal and won by one shot.

February 27th.—Played match with the Toronto Club and lost by two shots.

March 13th.—Played Match with Arnprior and won by 13 to 7.

March 23rd.—Played Match with Ottawa Club and lost by 6 shots.

March 24th.—Return Match with Ottawa Club, won by 5 shots.

This last match was played because the ice was breaking up immediately after the first.

THE "RED JACKETS" ON A TOUR.

In response to a friendly challenge from the Curlers of Milwaukee, the four Curlers—well-known as the "Red Jacket" rink of Toronto,—met a rink of Milwaukee Curlers at Detroit, on the 20th of January last, and played a four hours match on the Peninsular Skating Rink. Ice was good but rather biased. The following is the score:—

MILWAUKEE.

William Strathern,
A. Middlemas,
J. Johnstone,
James A. Bryden, skip—18.

RED JACKETS.

Thomas McGaw,
Major Gray,
David Walker,
Capt. C. Perry, skip—27.

On the day following the Canadian team also played a match with a selected rink from the Granite Club of Detroit, on the covered rink of that Club. The ice was in fine condition, and after an exciting contest of four hours, the score stood

DETROIT.

J. Moorehead,
M. Mitchell,
J. Macedon,
Peter Young, skip—13.

RED JACKETS.

Thomas McGaw,
Major Gray,
David Walker,
Capt. C. Perry, skip—25.

The Toronto rink left next morning, well pleased with their reception and satisfied with the results. On the 22nd they halted at Sarnia, but this time to suffer defeat on Canadian soil from a rink of players from the Sarnia Club. This match was played on the open bay, exposed to a heavy snow-drift with the thermometer below zero. The game lasted about three hours. Score.

SARNIA.

A. Alexander,
J. McKenzie,
William Ireland,
J. Chester, skip—17.

RED JACKETS.

Thomas McGaw,
Major Gray,
David Walker,
Capt. C. Perry, skip—12.

The visitors were handsomely treated in the evening to a sumptuous curler's repast of "Beef and Greens," at the *Alexander House* by their Sarnia friends. A pleasant time was spent with sentiment and song and fighting the battles o'er again, until the whistle of the mail train for the east brought the proceedings to a close.

"Then each took aff his several way,
Resolved to meet some ither day."



CURLING SONGS.

THE CHAPLAINS' BONSPIEL.

The Chaplains' Match is on the day,
An' for our Ministers we play
 Wi' richt gude will ;
We'l gie the holy men to see
What we can do around the tee
 By art an' skill.

Gude men ! they need a sniff o' air,
An' taste o' play to light the care
 They tak' for us ;
Aye burnin' up the midnight oil,
An' taxin' health wi' constant toil,
 Our souls to nurse.

Ilk Sabbath day they mak' us see
Where is the weel-drawn, heavenly tee,
 An' haud us till't ;
Alas ! we " fluke," an' " hog," an' " miss,"
An' seldom " tak' the port" o' bliss,
 Howe'er we will't.

Wi' a' our faults they kindly bear,
If we but tak' the aim wi' care,
 An' do our best ;
Anxious they guide an' watch each shot,
That, guarded well upon the " pot,"
 Our stanes may rest.

It's a' their labour, an' their hope,
That we in gudeness may " soup up"
 " Wick an' curl in ;"
Play skilfu' in the game of life,
An' by an earnest, godly strife,
 The medal win.

God keep them baith in health an' strength,
 An' "draw" their lives a "fu' tee length,"
 That when the ca'
 To "go up higher" shall be given,
 A goodly stack o' sheaves in heaven,
 May greet the twa!

Rev. W. F. Clarke.

A CURLING SONG.

(By the late Rev. Dr. Henry Duncan.)

The music o' the year is hushed,
 In bonny glen and shaw, man;
 And winter spreads o'er nature dead,
 A winding sheet o' snaw, man.
 O'er burn and lock the warlike frost,
 A crystal brig has laid, man;
 The wild geese screaming wi' surprise,
 The ice-bound waves hae fled, man.

Up curler frae your bed so warm,
 And leave your coupling wife, man;
 Gae get your besom, tramps, and stane,
 And join the friendly strife, man,
 For on the winter's face are met,
 Wi' mony a merry joke, man,
 The tenant and his jolly laird,
 The pastor and his flock, man.

The rink is swept, the tees are marked,
 The bonspiel is begun, man;
 The ice is true, the stanes are keen,
 Huzza for glorious fun, man!
 The skips are standing at the tee,
 To guide the eager game, man;
 Hush! not a word, but mark the broom,
 And tak' a steady aim, man.

Here draw a shot—there lay a guard,
 And there beside him lie, man;

Now let him feel a gamester's hand,
 Now in this bosom die, man.
 Then fill the port, and block the ice,
 We'll sit upon the tee, man ;
 Now tak' this inwick sharp and neat,
 And mak' there winner flee, man.

How stands the game ? eighteen ! eighteen !
 Now for the winning shot, man ;
 Draw slow and sure, and tak' your aim,
 I'll sweep you to the spot, man.
 The stane is thrown, it glides along,
 The besoms ply it in, man ;
 Wi' twisting back the player stands,
 And eager breathless grin, man.

A moment's silence, still as death,
 Pervades the anxious thrang, man ;
 When sudden bursts the victor's shout,
 Wi' hollas loud and lang, man,
 Triumphant besoms wave in air,
 And friendly banter fly, man ;
 Whilst cold and hungry to the inn,
 With eager steps they hie, man.

Now fill ae bumper, — fill but ane,
 And drink wi' social glee, man ;
 May curlers on life's slippery rink,
 Frae cruel rubs be free, man :
 Or should a treacherous bias lead
 Their erring course a gee, man ;
 Some friendly inwick may they meet,
 To guide them to the tee, man.

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Now, brothers in the roaring game,
 Come, join a curling stave with me

As if your soul were in the stane,
 And heaven itself were near the tee.

CHORUS.

Then soop, soop, soop ! Then soop, soop, soop !
 And draw the creepin' stane a wee ;
 The ice may thaw, the day may snaw,
 But aye we're merry round the tee.

Ye see that bonny leadin' stane—
 O man, it's fine ! noo guard it weel :
 Yon pawky chiel the shot has ta'en,
 And ower the ice he mak's it speel.

Like man, like stane, the pace implies—
 The rash lies far beyond the tee,
 The cannie man secures the prize,
 The laggard's stane a hog shall be.

Long may we wick, an' chap an' lie,
 Or guard a stane, wi' canna ca,
 O, right and left mak' stanes to fly,
 An' clear the tee for final draw.

The battles won by lead and steel,
 Bring wounds, and death, and misery ;
 Our beef and greens and bow o' meal
 Bring blessings with each victory.

Then hand around the neeshin' horn,
 The wintry evenings quickly fa' ;
 Wha lose to-day may win the morn—
 Thou roarin' game, hip, hip, hurrah !

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