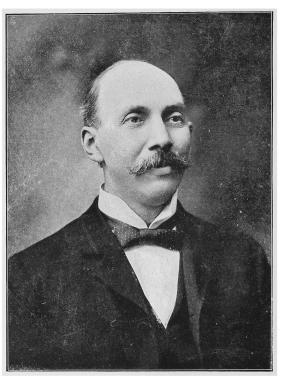


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PREFACE.

WE are of opinion that this, the twenty-fifth volume of the Annuals of the Ontario Curling Association will be prized more highly than any of the preceding issues.

Our opinion is based upon the fact, that while the Reports of the Executive Committee covering all the affairs of the Association, as well as the competitions conducted under its auspices, are presented with their wonted elaborateness and completeness, many changes will be found to have been made in the By-laws, and in the Rules of the game, all intended to promote the fairness of the conditions under which the game is played, and thus to make it more enjoyable.

The Diagram of the Rink appears in a greatly improved form, and those of the Points' Game are displayed separately, and each one accompanied by its definition, thus making reference much more convenient and satisfactory.

The Drawings for the Ontario Silver Tankard, and for the District Cup competitions being now made by the Executive Committee, we are enabled to prefix the regulations which govern each of the coming contests immediately before the Drawing, and thus to present each competition in a more complete form than heretofore was possible.

The Illustrations are more numerous than ever before, and include portraits of our honored President, and of the winners of the principal competitions conducted during the past season; along with several others of a more expressive character.

The miscellanea include some interesting historical sketches of local clubs, and several other papers in prose and verse, which will well repay perusal, also a few songs which will help to enliven our social gatherings, and a basketful of chips, collected from many sources, exhibiting the estimation in which the game of curling is held by many who occupy high rank amongst the great, the wise and the good.

We are pleased to note that notwithstanding the "lopping off" of several withered and decayed clubs, the membership of the Association remains unimpaired.

Our obligations are due to the genial Editor of the History of Curling for several illustrations, and to those friends whose pens have been so kindly used in contributing to the literary section of our little Annual, and to all of them, the known and the unknown, we desire to convey our best thanks for past favors, and our hopes for others still in store.

The "Club Records" are becoming more fully appreciated as a permanent record of each club's work during each successive season; we hope that within a short time, every club in the Association will fill a space regularly with its record of matches played.

We have much pleasure in calling attention to the advertisements of leading business firms which appear in this volume; they are all of high reputation, are in every way reliable, and have no superiors in their several lines. We cordially recommend them to the patronage of our readers.

We are hopeful that our endeavors will meet the kindly appreciation of our fellow curlers, and that they will be found useful in preserving and promoting the grand old game.

THE COMMITTEE.

Toronto, Dec., 1899.

A FEW HINTS TO SECRETARIES OF LOCAL CLUBS.

The orderly and successful carrying out of the work of the Association depends so much upon the Secretaries of the affiliated clubs, that we take the liberty of inviting their hearty co-operation towards keeping their respective clubs in closer touch with the Association.

First.—If your club has not a code of By laws for its

government, see that one is adopted without delay.

Second.—Hold your meeting for organizing for the ensuing season EARLY IN OCTOBER, elect your Representatives, and instruct them in regard to issues to be discussed at the meeting of Representatives, on the third Tuesday of that month.

Third.—See that your returns of Office Bearers and Members, also of Club Records are sent to the General Secretary before the last named meeting, and at all events before the 1st November; and for these returns use only the printed forms specially prepared for them, and sent to the Secretaries of all local clubs; if they have been lost or mislaid, a post-card to the General Secretary will bring a fresh supply.

Fourth.—Every club should preserve a record of all matches played with other clubs, as well as those played within the club for prizes; and should have a summary

of both published in the Annual.

Fifth.—In all matches at the Points' Game, the scoring cards prepared by the Association should be used; and the score of each one of the four stones played at each point should be carefully registered; when this is done, both the club and the individual players will discover where they are weak, and where strong, and can thus know how to make themselves strong all around.

Sixth.—See that your ice rinks for ordinary games as well as for set matches, are laid out in perfect accordance with the Diagram in the Annual, and when you have to play on the ice of other clubs see that all the Rink Lines are properly marked.

Seventh.—Abide strictly by the Rules of the game in all matches, and insist that your opponents do the same. Should any special agreements be made, see that they are made in writing, and signed by responsible parties.

Eighth.— Collect your club fees in advance. It is an excellent plan to have a general match at the beginning of the season to which no one is admitted until his fees have been paid; another is to allow no one to vote

whose fees are unpaid.

Ninth.—Many clubs overlook the By law that their first Representative MUST be a member regular of the club appointing him. It is not impossible that in some close division a number of Representatives, improperly appointed, may find themselves debarred from voting. The committee on the Annual correct some of such errors, but cannot be expected to detect all of them; were reasonable attention paid to the By-laws by local clubs, when making the appointment, there would be none to correct.

Tenth.—Lastly, remember the Annual. Please do not put your Club's copies away in a drawer or pigeon hole to be forgotten. Push the sale of them on Christmas or on New Year's day, when curlers are out in force and in good spirits. See that each skip has one, at least. All vice-skips too, ought to have them for reference, and every man that plays at points' should have one in his pocket. After reading the report of the Committee on the Annual, at the April meeting this year (page 60) you may conclude that the Annual is worth taking some little trouble about for the sake of the game. Most curlers think it a good quarter-dollar's worth. As a Christmas gift from a skip to his players, what is more appropriate?

The President of the Club, if worthily bearing the honor, will be with the Secretary in all his work, assisting him when overburdened, encouraging him when despondent, stimulating him when dilatory, and both officers will feel amply rewarded when the club flourishes

under their care.

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ORIGINAL

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SELECTED MATTER.

SOME NOTES OF A CURLING MEETING.

Of the 2,700 or more curlers, who compose the Ontario Association, but a small proportion ever have the honour of attending the general meetings. The clubs seem content to return, year after year, the same one or two tried representatives. For those who were not present, these rough notes of the October meeting are written. The secretary, whose pen is so facile in curling matters, takes no offence, and for an accurate summary of the three or four hours of business, his careful minutes must be referred to by the reader.

In this parliament of curlers, each member represents a constituency of from 10 to 175. Met together, from all walks in life, and of all ages, in the interests of an amateur sport, they form a gathering which is unique; to attempt to match it one must go to Scotland or to Manitoba. As on the ice, so in the council chamber, they meet as brothers, and while each has his own opinion, or his club's, to voice, the vote settles all difference.

Picture to yourself, a small comfortable parlour in the Walker House, Toronto, three-fourth filled with chairs ranged close as in a theatre, a broad table and arm chairs occupying the other quarter. The day is Wednesday before Thanksgiving day, October 18th, the hour half-past two in the afternoon. The secretary is on hand, and lays the table with his minute book and papers and a small pile of Annuals around the ink bottle as a tee. The retiring officers gather in the arm chairs, and scrutineers are appointed to examine the credentials, for all is conducted in an Half an hour goes by before the orderly manner. Each as he comes receives majority arrive. friendly greeting, and passes his paper up, and presently the room is full. A glance at the fifty or more present shows, that for every young man there is a companion with grey hairs, it is a mingling of old and young. Curlers like all mortals have their failings, and as they settle down to business clouds of smoke ascend, until a non-smoker mildly objects with the remark-"I would suggest that we open a window."

In the meantime the secretary has been reading his minutes, which are punctuated with good natured remarks from the audience, such as, —"Take them as read,"—"Skip that,"—"Get to the end," for no one doubts their correctness, and all desire to get on. The credentials are found in order, the minutes are approved and signed, the correspondence is disposed of, and Ailsa Craig and four other new clubs are admitted, with the remark that the former's name is one most appropriate for a curling club. Then follows an interesting programme of proposed changes in the rules, for curling like every good thing is progressive, and seeks by discussion to reach ultimate perfection.

To cure the indifference with which some players regard punctuality, it is proposed to punish a rink commencing with three men, by giving one point to the other rink for each three ends so played. The weight of opinion is, that seven points are too many, if the rinks are evenly matched. It is a handicap as well as a penalty, for experience shows that three men will -outplay four every time on good ice. The result is that one point in each five ends is considered fair, making the possible handicap five points in a twenty-two end game.

The proposal to keep each player at the hack until he has played both stones, was announced by the committee, as a cure for the undue delay, which has been so troublesome in the past. A game prolonged from two in the afternoon until eight or more in the evening, is wrong. It is not fair to the clubs which donate their ice for trophy matches, it interferes with their evening games. The answer was made, that imprisoning the skip will not work a cure, the first second and third men may still examine the end together, and then meet him at the hog line and discuss the play, and more time will be lost than ever. Besides, it will prevent an ambitious curler from following his stones, which should not be, for it is never the man who chases his stones who delays the game. But, retorts the other, there is no need for a player to follow his stones to sweep them, it is a bad habit which men should lose. We are making rules for the future not for the past, and the change will have an educating effect upon curlers generally.

Next it was pointed out, that all that is needed, is an enforcement of the present rule, which requires a man to play instantly when the umpire commands. The old rule is effectual, if the umpire does his duty, and the umpires might be notified to carry out the rules of the game. No! The reply was made. Umpires are full of good fellowship, and will never interfere, unless called upon by the opposing skip, and often when wanted they are not around. A curler generally gets excited, and if the umpire is asked to interfere, it will cause ill feeling. Then how can one play instantly, if at the other end when his turn comes. To this reply came the rejoinder. If you cannot enforce the present rule you cannot enforce the proposed one.

The first amendment was, that skips shall be excepted, for it is better to impose a penalty, than that they should be prevented from studying the end, one

of the finest parts in the game. Against the amendment it was contended, that it will give skips new rights, and besides they are the greatest offenders of all. It was quite evident that the meeting was against the change, and further amendments poured in, until the delegates and their parliamentary chairman were all hopelessly at sea on questions of procedure. Finally a vote was taken, those representing two clubs holding up both hands, and when the secretary, holding up both his own, had finished his count, he announced: "They remain as they are according to that," and all seemed satisfied.

The motion to reduce the number of ends in match games from 22 to 18, did not produce much discussion. It was quickly lost by one vote. Why should the young men vote yea, and the grayheads nay? Yet such was the fact. The only reason put forward for the change, was, that it will save time. One young delegate who had played three games in one day at a Lindsay Bonspiel, was satisfied from experience that the change is desirable, for he had found that physical strength has a limit.

The annual motion to reduce the maximum weight of stones to forty-five pounds, met its usual fate. though the pros and cons were fully discussed, and much eloquence was wasted upon it by the representatives from Peterborough and Bowmanville. Clubs, it is said, purchase fifty pound stones with one or other of two unworthy objects, to get even with a club which already uses them, or to get an advantage over a club which has them not. This is against the spirit of the game, which recognizes equality all There is in fact no real advantage in the heavy stones, although the idea does exist, that there There is generally a feeling of disgust, among those who have to play a rink which uses the "big fellows," and the evil practice should be shut off, before it goes too far. Curling is a scientific game, and it should be kept as far as possible on a scientific basis, and not be allowed to degenerate into a game of brute force. It is only the strong player who can put up a fifty pound stone, they are beyond the strength of old men and boys. Then, visiting clubs do not know what stones to take with them, because they cannot foretell the weather; and a story was told of a brawny blacksnith from Wroxeter, who brought with him stones of an enormous size, and generally, when through, his was the only stone on the ice.

The first argument against the motion, was in the fact, that members of the Association are now using, one hundred and fifty pairs of heavy stones. change would mean expense, as it is cheaper to buy a new pair, than to send the others to Scotland to be reduced. Curling is the game of the poor as well as the rich, and the burden should not be increased. Visiting clubs can take both heavy and light stones, and so be prepared for any weather. There is no extra charge for transportation, for the railways carry all stones free. Heavy stones may or may not give an advantage, but they do have a beneficial effect, in compelling a drawing instead of a running game. It is a myth to suppose that old men and boys cannot use them, experience shows otherwise, and the irons used in Quebec are heavier still. skip who was present said, that if the weight were to be reduced so should the height, and he told a story of a game, in which he laid two guards, so that there was an impossible port in front of his counter. His opponent however, had a high and narrow stone, designed specially for getting through that port, and through it he came and secured a six end.

A consideration of the District groupings, led a representative from a town noted for its curlers and its riflemen, to ask for a change of venue. He explained that two of the three town doctors were on

the tankard rinks, and if his club had to play as arranged, it meant two nights from home, and left the town without medical protection for too long a time. The meeting promised, if possible, to make the

drawing suit the doctors and their patients.

When the election of officers was reached, it was well on in the afternoon, and many delegates were about trains and thanksgiving anxious getting It did not take long to re-elect the dinners. Governor-General and the Lieutenant-Governor, as Patron and Honorary President. The President by promotion fell unanimously to the Hamilton Victorias. and in the same agreeable way Toronto and Peterborough gave the Association its two Vices. came the Chaplain. The secretary remarked that there were from fifteen to eighteen ministers eligible, but thought a Toronto man should be chosen this time, as it requires a preacher with much fortitude to go on the ice in that city. He did not stop to explain, nor did the meeting seem to agree with him, for before he could say more, nearly every delegate present who had a ministerial clubmate, had made a nomination. Time was now precious, and a ballot undesirable, and the question was, what to do? "I move that the office be abolished." cried a wellknown doctor from a mountain, but his proposal raised a charus of dissent. "I move that we appoint one for each district," suggested a Toronto delegate. This was also unfavourably regarded. The key to the difficulty was found, when some one said, "Why should the Chaplain be dismissed, if he has done nothing wrong?" In a moment more there was a reelection, and a Hamilton club had the high honour of furnishing both the President and Chaplain. Later on the former returned thanks for the election, as it will enable a proper check to be kept 'upon himself.

Next the secretary went back, and then for the executive seven names were proposed, and how to

resolve seven into six against time, was a new difficulty, which apparently only a ballot could solve. It was very quickly settled however, in a curling spirit, by the graceful withdrawal of a Toronto candidate who had no train to catch. Then the remaining committees and the auditors, all went back in short order; quite regardless of the fact that in one instance four were re-elected where the constitution only provides for three. Whether it would not be better, to go more slowly, and have the honors go around, is a question worth pondering.

The last discussion was raised by a skip from the banks of the Scugog. He moved that the rule passed in April, which requires a player to deliver his stone before his foot leaves the hack, should be rescinded. He argued that curling is an amateur sport, and rules should not be made, which will interfere with the peculiarities of any player. Besides such a rule would constantly be broken, for all players at times unconsciously raise the foot before the stone has left the hand, while the practice of sliding after and giving the stone a final push or turn is no advantage, but is a real detriment. The meeting could not be won over, nor would it answer the case against the April change, except by saying, that the few who make long sliding deliveries, must be cured of their bad habit. Although it was pointed out, that the rule as amended, will require a player to keep his foot in the back until both stones are delivered, still the meeting did not care, they left it to the secretary to properly word, and then the curlers dispersed until Jack Frost shall unite them again. R. J. M.

[&]quot;In the whole range of rural sports," says the author of Sketches from Nature, "I know nothing more exhilarating than a spiel on the ice, where the players are numerous and well matched, the stakes a dinner of beef and greens, and the forfeit the honour of rival parishes."

THE CURLER'S REVERIE.

"The world's a stage," brave Shakespeare said;
"The world's a rink," I say;
A fozy, twisty, biased rink,
Where men and women play.

And life's the game they're playing at,
Its purpose is their tee;
But weary fa's the man who skips
The mad diablerie.

"Noo gie a canny draw," he cries;
Some wastrel of the crew
Shouts, laughs, grips, flings the channel stone,
And sends her "roarin'" thro'.

"Be up!" he cries, an idle loon Whose life's an aimless jog; The feckless body glowers, and yerks, And lays himself "a hog."

But now an honest man comes on,
And shoutings greet his play.
Of well laid down," and "Soop her up,"
And "Fetch her all the way!"

And last, the skip, whose steady eye
Has measured to a yard,
"Plays to the broom," "draws thro' the port,"
And lies "a bonnie guard."

Ay! such is life; and when I play
Should I play mine tee-high
Oh, may there be a friend's stone there
To let me "chap an' lie!"

Or should I fail of my life's aim,
And play my stone too fine,
Oh, may some tried friend creeping up,
Just "crack an egg" on mine!

But when a brother makes a slip, And plays his stone too wide, Then may be take a "wick" off me Tho' I am pushed aside.

And when a brother wins success, But leaves the "port" unbarred, May I have grace to let him score, Content to lie his "guard."

But should the foe be lying "shot,"
And I left only player,
Give me the "ice," and "show the broom,"
With plenty "lead" to "wear;"

Then may I many a sweeper find
To "sweep" me to the tee;
And when the "end" is fully played,
A "pot-lid" may I be.

REV. R. S. G. ANDERSON, Wroxeter.

A veteran curler, who has long been a member of the O. C. A., and whose acceptance of one of the highest offices in its gift confers distinction upon the Association, thus acknowledges the receipt of the notice of his re-election: "In reply, I desire to acknowledge with thanks the honour conferred on me, and to say that I accept the position with pleasure. Though, unfortunately, not a champion curler, I greatly appreciate the advantage of curling for the pleasure it affords, the health and strength which it gives, and the patriotism which it cherishes. and out of which, to a considerable extent, the organization has arisen."

Some curlers confess that they can't curl and smoke at the same time, and so it is seen that when they are on the ice they are generally found smoking. Are there many of this class in your club? Are you one of them?

THE FERGUS CLUB.

Until quite recently no one was able to understand why the Scotch were so eager to emigrate to Canada. It has come out at last that it was just because of the greater opportunities for curling afforded in Canadian winters than on the thin and fickle ice of Scotland's lochs and burns. Fancy good Presbyterian elders aching to take advantage of a fortunate change of weather on a Sabbath, and rumour daring to insinuate that they sometimes stole away from the Kirk to have a bit play among themselves. Fancy the early curlers of Kilmarnock, in their enthusiasm, meeting on a dark night, with a lantern at each tee to guide the players' delivery. Fancy too, the ancient custom of "killing cats for spaein' soft weather."

Is it any wonder then that the winter advantages of Canada to players of the "witching channel stane," should take such a hold of Scotchmen?

For this reason, no doubt, the Hon. Adam Fergusson, of Woodhill, found it easy to induce the stalwart sons of Auld Scotia, from the shires of Ayr, Perth, Stirling, Lanark and Aberdeen, to emigrate to his settlement on the banks of the Grand River, in 1833, and found the village of Fergus. And is it to be wondered at, that almost as soon as there was a Fergus there was curling. The gloom of the first winter was dispelled by the introduction of the game. We find mention of this in Chambers' Edinburgh Journal of March, 1835, in an article on Mr. Fergusson's Canadian settlement, also in a curling manual published in Toronto in 1840 by Jas. Bicket.

In the autumn of 1834 a club was formed with the Hon. Adam Fergusson as President. The other members were Hugh Black, sr., James Black, Wm. Black, Hugh Black, jr., Robt. Garvin, Jas. Perry, Jas. Webster, Wm. Buist and James Dinwoodie. Two of these, Jas. and Wm. Black, were present at

the semi-centennial gathering of the club in December, 1884, and they graphically told of the first game played in Fergus. It was played on what is now St. Andrew's Street, the principal thoroughfare of the village, with blocks sawn off the end of a log. Up to 1850, blocks of curly maple or ironwood, turned to the proper shape and loaded with lead were used by the club. These were found to answer well, except when the ice was dull.

At the St. Andrew's dinner in Fergus in 1867, Mr. McMullen, of Hamilton, spoke. He said he had always a liking for Fergus, perhaps from the fact that 29 years ago, when they were anxious to start a curling club in Hamilton, they were at a loss to know where to get stones. Some one suggested that by sending to Fergus they could get "stones" made of curly maple. They did so and got sixteen pairs, and the club commenced to curl and have been curling (D. V. and W. P.) day and night ever since.

The old "club day" was the day of the year to the keen curler. The night before "the day" was spent tossing restlessly to and fro on his bed, or peerin' frae the window. Before dawn he was astir, and cried to the guid-wife:

"Then get up my auld leddy, the breakfast make ready,

For the sun on the snawdrift's beginnin' to blink, Gie me bannocks or brochan, I'm aff for the lochan, To mak' the stanes flee to the tee on the rink."

At 9 a.m. the club gathered at Black's public, and the oldest member present examined the rest as to their knowledge of the "word and sign." A fine of one shilling was imposed on delinquents. At ten o'clock a start was made for the scene of battle.

Sometimes this was on the mill dam if it were not too draughty, or below it, near the tannery where the high cliffs broke the force of the biting blasts; more often though, on the Beaver dam, which lay to the north-west of the village, behind the old log school,

were the rinks laid out. Here on the sunny side of the wood they often met to "hae a day o't." All having arrived, the game was begun, with the bachelors opposed to the benedicts.

At noon, lunch was served on the ice. Little time did they give to the eating, and but a wee drappie o' "Peter's bree" was imbibed. Then they went at it again until sundown. Revelry, loud voiced and witty, never ceased. Oaths were seldom heard, for a fine of sixpence effectually bridled the tongue.

A dinner of "beef and greens, washed down with Scotch whiskey, brought the day to a close. In this, members who could not be at the play," took a hand. Sir Adam, the president usually occupying the seat at the head of the board, with Dr. Mair and Mr. Jas. McQueen on either hand. Then, when the mountains of prime beef had disappeared, chairs were drawn up round the crackling fire, and song and story went round and round.

Stories wonderful beyond belief. How Alex. Hamilton from below Monklands dam threw his stone so far that but for the pier of the bridge it had gone over the lower dam (a good half mile). Of the mishap that befell "Johnny" Davie while curling down on Harvey's dam. The solemn testimony of "the Black Prince" that Davie had sworn a mighty oath, to become a teetotaller if the frost held to the middle of March, and many such like tales.

It was far "ayont the twal" when arms were crossed and hands joined, and all heartly sang Auld Lang Syne, and took their several ways home.

Long may the echoes of the "spiel" on river and loch be re-echoed. All honor to our sturdy Scotch forefathers who did not suffer the roarin' game to die a "hog," but sent it snoovin' up the "howe," through the port into the "parish," so that it now lies a "pot lid" o' perfection among games, and suits its many devotees to a "tee."

"Of a' the games that e'er I saw
Man, callant, laddie, birkie, wean,
The dearest far aboon them a'
West are the mitching about them."

Was aye the witchin, channel stane."

For many years there was a single competition for the prize blocks. The winner was styled Captain of the club, and was obliged to defend his title against all comers. Challengers to give him four days notice and to pay 2/6 into the club funds.

In 1825 we find that the Hon. Adam Fergusson was elected perpetual president, but in 1858 his perpetual reign ceased, and he became patron. This office he

held until his death in 1862.

In 1847 the word and sign being deemed insufficient, a "grip" was introduced, and it was also enacted that, when meeting another club to play a match, each member shoulder his broom on the left shoulder.

In 1846 a house for the blocks was erected. It was 18 feet x 12, with a verandah. Mr. James Webster supplied the lumber, Mr. D. B. Fergusson the nails, Mr. Peter McLaren the roof, and Mr. John Mills and Mr. R. Johnstone hauled the lumber to the sife. A "bee" was held to raise the building, but the day being wet, they had to return the following day and complete the house.

In 1848 Fergus met the Galt club at Galt. Fergus was defeated by 8 shots. This was the first match

played with another club.

In 1849 Galt played a return match, and Fergus won by 9 shots.

A game with the Paris club was played in 1851 at Fisher's Mills, five rinks a side. Paris arrived with stones. Fergus with blocks. They divided up, three rinks using stones, and two the blocks. The Paris club was victorious by 18 shots. The same year the Guelph club met the Fergus club for the first time, at Fergus. The home club won by 28 shots. There were three rinks a side.

Ayr met Fergus in Guelph in 1856 with four rinks, Ayr won. In 1858 Guelph again met defeat in Fergus. There were five rinks a side and Fergus won by 51 shots.

We have not a complete record of the games played by the Fergus club, but nearly so. Of the 117 matches recorded since 1848, Fergus has won 68 and lost 49.

The club's record for the past season is perhaps the best in its history, ten club matches being played, and all were won. The winning of the Ontario Tankard has done much to stimulate the interest in the game, and it will be long ere it "lags on death's hog score" in the village of Fergus.

H. S. MICHIE.



LUCK GO WI' YE.

HOW THE PEOPLE OF FERGUS WELCOMED THEIR VICTORIOUS CURLERS ON THEIR HOME COMING AFTER WINNING THE ONTARIO TANKARD. 1899.

As the train drew up at the platform of the station, the usual discordant noises caused by the application of the brakes, the blowing off of steam, the hurried wheeling of baggage and express trucks, the shoutings of hotel porters, and all the other bustle and crowding usual on such occasions, were drowned and overwhelmed by the joyous strains of the Citizens' Brass Band, who expressed with loud sounding of trumpets and cymbals, the joy and exultation with which the return of the victorious curlers, who had won such fame for the ancient town, was hailed by their fellow citizens.

Preceded by the Band, and escorted by one hundred torch-bearers, the surprised curlers were marched to the Town Hall, where they were seized by strong arms, raised shoulder high, and carried to the platform, amid the wild cheers of the assembled multitude who were jammed into every corner of the spacious room.

Speeches full of congratulations were made by Mr. Jas. Argo, the Reeve, Dr. Reid, Rev. McVicar, Mathew Anderson, Wm. Hamilton, Rev. Harvey, M. A. Semple, M.P., Dr. Johnson, Dr. Armstrong, and J. J. Craig, Etc. At intervals, the band, and the orchestra played animating music, and several ladies and gentlemen charmed the audience with the voice of song. Thereafter, the delighted curlers were entertained at a banquet in the American Hotel, sixty guests surrounding the festal tables; the menu was choice and abundant, the toasts, speeches and songs were numerous and appropriate, and carried the happy company into the wee, short hours of the next day.

Such a night was never had in Fergus before, but there was good cause for the celebration—whose turn will it be next?

CURLING SONG.

Tune: Robin Adair.

Is your mind oppressed with care?

Take to Curling!
Is your heart with sorrow sair?

Take to Curling!
When you meet around the tee,
With your mates in social glee,
Cares and sorrows all will fiee!

Take to Curling!

Have you ache in head or toe?
Take to Curling!
Have you some internal woe?
Take to Curling!
Has some microbe brought you low?
Would you make the monster go;
Giving him a mortal blow?
Take to Curling!

Are your prospects looking blue?
Take to Curling!
Wrack and ruin full in view?
Take to Curling!
That will all the cobwebs clear!
That will show you how to steer
Through your troubles; never fear!
Take to Curling!

Would you taste the best of life?
Take to Curling!
Ply with zeal the friendly strife
Found in Curling.
Life is effort unreposing,
Giving, taking, winning, losing;
Would you long delay its closing?
Take to Curling!

THE MINISTER AND THE EARL CURLING

In 1773, or about that period, the annual spiel between two rival curling parishes in Ayrshire took place, headed on one side by the Earl of D-, and on the other by the clergyman of the parish. match was between seven rinks a-side, of eight players to each rink, each with one stone. The game was for 31 shots, and to be decided by the majority of the winning rinks. When six of the rinks had counted 31 both parishes stood equal, there being three winning rinks a-side. The honour of the day rested on the 7th rink, the skips of which were the earl and the clergyman. The players of this rink had been so well matched that they counted shot about all day, and at last stood 30 all. The two last shots came to be played, the minister's side lying winner, impregnably guarded. The game, therefore, was all but gained. The earl had nothing to play, but trust to chance. He came up with all his "pouther" on the line of guards that lay together nearly a yard on the hogscore side of the tee, and with the force he used his stone fairly rode over the mass of guards huddled together, and rolled on to the top of the tee first shot, guarded by his adversaries' stones. Such a shot had never been seen before. It was beyond all praise, as it was beyond all play, and all direction, and all expectation, too. It was received with deafening cheers, and the earl was hailed as the rescuer of his parish. The minister had yet to play, and he was told to lay down his stone, for, apparently, it was impossible for him to do anything else.

"Let him," said the earl ironically, "try my shot."

"Dinna halloo till ye're out o' the wud," cried the minister's director. "I'll no' allow him to throw awa' his stane on sic a chance shot as your lordship took. I see what he can dae, and if he just plays his auld ordinar', dae it he will, and the game will be our ain yet. Do you see this stane, minister'! it's aff the ice, twa yards on this side of the tee. Man, ye used to like a wick weel, and I've seen ye tak' mony sic a aue. Mind it's oor ain stane, sae I carena whether ye inwick or outwick it. Clean the ice, my lads; soop clean, and gie us fair play for the last shot. Noo, tak' time and just play as ye've dune all day, and sure I am ye'll come toddling in here," pointing to the tee.

The minister did as he was directed—his stone took the inwick—removed the winner and lay shot.

The earl could not believe his eyes; stood crestfallen, and then exclaimed—

"What the world brought the body here to-day? I wish he had been in his study" (the game happened to be played on a Saturday), "for he has played the very — with us all day."

"What's that, my lord, ye're saying of me?" quoth

the minister.

"I was just saying," said his lordship, "it would have been better for us if ye had been at your books preparing for the 'morn.'"

"I didna come here to-day, my lord, unprepared for the morn, for I hope I'm no' like mony o' the great folk of this world, that trust to chance, and leave a' to the last day."

We have a Ladies Curling Club. The members are seventy or eighty in number, and they are all very enthusiastic. Every morning in the week they curl, except Sunday, of course, and occasionally at other times. They gave us an "At Home" last winter, which, I think, in the history of curling, was altogether unique. Two or three hundred ladies and gentlemen were present at it, and during the afternoon a game, with six rinks, was played, two ladies and two gentlemen on each rink.—D. Williamson, of Montreal, at meeting of R. C. C. C.

GOOD CURLING IN THE TANKARD FINALS AT TORONTO, 1899.

The most exciting game of the day was that between the Torontos and Paris. When the Leonard and Carnie rinks had completed their game, the latter was up five shots. The other rinks were playing their 21st end, and Skip Hood of the Toronto's was leading by a score of 19 to 14. On this end the Toronto skip, by a beautiful draw, wicked out the Paris shot and counted one. The excitement engendered by this performance arose to ice-melting proportions, the spectators crowding on the rink, and, while the last end was being played, the scene of play was completely hedged in.

By virtue of having won the last end, the Torontos were compelled to play the first stone. Skip Hood signalled for an inturn draw, and "lead" Southam played the broom exactly, and was swept in on the first ring, and was rewarded by an encouraging shout

from the crowd, of "Well played, Dick."

Skip Cavan then took his place at the tee and called for a draw. The stone seemed to travel slowly, and he shouted "Come on; come on; come away," and when his busy sweepers had escorted the stone up to the first ring he chuckled, "That'll do; let 'er die."

"Same as before," were Skip Hood's directions to his lead, and the latter followed instructions to the letter. his stone lodging on the first ring.

"You know what to do," said Skip Cavan, as he held his broom about two feet off the tee. "Just try this," and "lead" Walker put his stone gently on the ice, and, with the skip yelling with all the power of his lungs, "Come away, come away; steady now," his stone slid past the Toronto shot, and counted on the first ring.

The play went on, and when the vice-skips had done their duty, Paris was lying shot on the inner ring, with a Toronto stone just behind it.

"Play a draw," were the instructions that Skip Hood received, and he followed them beautifully, wicking out the Paris stone with the greatest ease. But with his first stone Skip Cavan came along and secured the point. Then the Toronto skip duplicated his initial shot, and again counted. His stone was a foot away from the tee, and was guarded by two Toronto stones on the second ring. Paris was lying second, third and fourth shots on the far side of the rings. Skip Cavan tried to run the Toronto stones through on the counter, but he played a little narrow and missed the shot, the Torontos winning by a majority of two in one of the closest games ever played for the Tankard.

There is a simplicity about the game of curling that makes some people suppose there is nothing in it. A little practice will expose the mistake. It is not difficult to acquire a fair knowledge of the game, but it is no easy matter to attain to excellence in the art, and many play to the end of their lives (and play with zest and enjoyment) without ever discovering the nature of some of the arcana, such as the Fenwick or Kilmarnock Twist, which generally administers victory in a match. Let us hear no more of the facilities of curling. Its possibilities, as a scientific game, are infinite.

When all this is said, we know that this has to be added. It is simply, as a healthy recreation or a scientific pastime, that Scotland's ain game is beloved by Scotland's ain folk, and commended to others as the best of winter sports. It is for the enthusiasm it awakens, for the keenness it inspires; above all, for the spirit of social enjoyment it fosters. No game, it may be safely said, has such a direct influence, while it lasts, in uniting all classes of men together, and making all forget the accidental distinction of politics, creeds, clans and possessions. It is the game of brotherhood.—The Scots' Pictorial.

AN EXCITING FINISH IN GROUP NO. I-TANKARD PRIMARIES.

It was late in the afternoon when the game started, and it was a little after 8 o'clock before the finish.

Rink No. 2 was through first, and the score stood 13 to 11 in favor of St. Thomas.

Rink No. 1 had then two ends to play.

first of these gave Detroit two and tied the score. There was intense excitement when the last end commenced, and every good point made was freely commented upon.

When the time for the skips to play came, Detroit had what looked like a sure shot. Their stone lay on the second ring opposite the tee, and was well guarded by stones just over the hog line. Williamson's first shot was another splendid guard, and the friends of St. Thomas lost heart.

The only chance for Skip Cameron was a raise of his own stone which lay just over the hog. It was one to a hundred that he would get it just right.

The stone was delivered, down it came as straight as a bullet, and raising his own stone sent it against the winner and lav the shot.

A mighty cheer went up, and Skip Cameron received the congratulations of the old curlers present.

St. Thomas' winning stone had slipped across the rink and lay opposite a port about two feet wide.

If Skip Williamson could get that port, and lay up to the winner he had the shot.

Down came the stone. On, on it came; it got the port and the winner, and lay.

It was a grand shot, and elicited hearty cheers.

The same port was open to Skip Cameron.

his stone was delivered and every inch of its progress was anxiously watched. It didn't require any "sooping." It had strength enough to come through the port and take the winner.

St. Thomas lay the shot, and won the game by one stone.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Late John A. McMillan, Lindsay.

The Skip of ali the world commands And in our turn we seek his tee, And from this earthy hack set free, We're swept into the spirit lands.

And now a young skip hears the call, And three are left who sadly think, His loss has broken up the rink; We see him last beneath his pall.

A veteran skip of much renown, Deep mourns a youth of equal fame; For years together in the game, They won the skip's name for their town.

For when the daily task gave way,
And pastime claimed of time a share,
The master and his servant there
Bore parts as brothers in the play.

They played the game, where young and old, Where rich and poor, and high and low, Commingle, and each other know,—
Into one brotherhood are rolled.

Then, when his town sent forth its best, With stones and brooms, to test their skill, He always had a place to fill, His name was known from east to west.

And whether won or lost the game, And home returned the men who played, The town its honours ne'er delayed, And to his bier the whole town came.

His club-mates speak with saddened heart, Of all that his young life had done, Of all the trophies he had won, And none can say who'll play his part, His vigorous arms will sweep no more, Nor that left hand its cunning show, Which curled a stone, now fast, now slow; Some other hand must keep the score.

The eye is closed that seldom missed, The busy feet's last chase is o'er, His lusty voice will shout no more, His soul has gone to keep its tryst.

Fast by life's line, clean through death's port, With running speed was swept his soul, And while earth's bells in sorrow toll, He finds at last his great Skip's court.

'Twas when had passed the ice and frost, And brooms and stones were laid away, The end came on a Sabbath day,— To death's grim Skip, life's game he lost.

And when the wire flashed forth, "He's gone,"
And here and there the news was read,
They wired back tributes to the dead,
And sadly passed the message on.

There's more in life than winning gold,
The humble toiler in the mill
May have a second port to fill—
A place that few are called to hold.
R. J. M.

We know this, I think, that it is a feature of Scotchmen, that when they pass away from Auld Scotland, they carry with them the best of her traditions; and one of her best traditions is the old game of curling.—Dr. Graham.

I have the earnest wish to encourage the games and sports of my native country, and more especially such games and sports as by their nature are open alike to poor and rich. Among these, I am sure, there is none that can be compared to the game of curling.—Lord Clinton.

AN INTERESTING INCIDENT.

Some years ago, on the occasion of the Annual match between the Buffalo Club and the Toronto Club, for the Thomson-Scoville medal, played at Toronto, on the Adelaide Street open-air rink, the Vice-Skip of one of the Toronto rinks accidentally moved a played stone of the opposing rink, at rest seven or eight feet beyond the Tee, and replaced it immediately. The Skip of the Buffalo rink, in a somewhat excited manner, lifted the stone and placed it a potlid on the Tee, saying "that is the rule in the United States in such cases;" the Toronto Vice-Skip quietly replied, "Well, Mr. ---, this may be according to your rules, but it is not according to the Rules of the Royal Caledonian, and never before have I seen it done in the game"; before this incident happened, the end had been in favour of the Toronto rink, whose winning stones were well covered by guards, and so the Buffalo rink's pot-lid stone was apparently secure. Mr. R. H. Ramsay, and Mr. John O. Heward, old Skips of the Toronto Club, who were looking on, and deeply interested, said to the Vice-Skip "you'll have to give them that shot," but he replied, "oh, no, we'll get it yet," while they shook their heads incredulously. The Vice then directed the second player, Mr. Wm. Christie, to go down the rink, and tell Mr. John Riddell, the Skip, to play to direction without hesitancy, although it might appear to be throwing away his stone. Mr. Riddell, as good a curler as ever belonged to the Toronto Club, nodded acquiescence-played his stone as directed, and with a little coaxing of the broom the Vice-Skip brought it to rest nearly parallel with the pot-lid; then to conceal his design from the enemy, he made some disparaging remark about the shot, and no attempt was made to remove it. He then directed Mr. Riddell to play a full length Tee shot. and make an outwick on his first stone, which he did perfectly, thus driving it against the stone on the

pot-lid, and taking its place, the result being a goodly addition to the Toronto score.

This, however, was not the end of the incident. In the next year the same match was played in Buffalo, and no reference was made to the matter, but in the year following, when it was being played in Toronto, and when the players were about to leave the clubroom after partaking of the customary mid-game repast, the same Buffalo Skip called upon all the curlers to wait a moment, as he had something to say to them, and putting a hand upon the shoulder of the Vice-Skip of the former game, he said, with great emotion, "Gentlemen, I did a wrong thing to this brother curler two years ago, upon this rink, it has been a weight upon my heart ever since, and I wish to make this public confession, and to ask him to forgive, and to forget." He then told the story as given above-was frankly forgiven, and all present were impressed by his candor, and evident sincerity. The incident is referred to now, as an illustration of the courtesy and true heartedness that characterize the game of curling.

CURLING.—A game of science, demanding an accurate eye and a steady hand, and a pastime in which men of every station and opinion may mingle freely and happily together, animated by no feeling of hostility beyond that of a generous emulation as to who shall get nearest the tee.—LORD MANSFIELD.

How They Conducted Their Business Meetings in the Long Ago.—The Curling Society having now discussed the several matters which came under their consideration, and got all important business settled, spent the remainder of the night in that kind, social and orderly manner which ought to distinguish all keen curlers, and by the hour of twelve settled their tavern bill and departed, much delighted with one another's company, and taking an affectionate good-night of each other.—1827.

SOME NOTES ABOUT THE KEENE CURLING CLUB.

The big Curling Bonspiel, held on the Bay at Toronto, in 1859, marks an important era in the history of curling in Ontario, and gave a great impetus to the game. It set curlers everywhere a-thinking; in numerous places it led to the establishment of new clubs to promote the great winter game of Old Scotland in Canada, and with many others the Keene Club traces its origin to that great event.

In that year, William Lang, James Lang, and J. S. Russell, the first two from Renfrewshire, and the latter from Lanarkshire in Scotland, along with some other Scots resident in the township of Otonabee, resolved to start a Curling Club. There were difficulties in the way, the chief being the cost, and the inadequate supply of curling stones. Thirty dollars per pair was the regular price, and the reply to inquiries was usually "we will see what we can do for you next year."

It was evident to the promoters of the club that it would be impossible to get 15 or 20 men to spend \$30.00 a piece on Curling stones, and after consideration of many suggestions, it was decided to go ahead, and to have the stones made of iron, cast hollow, and with a skin of about an inch in thickness; so they set to work, got a wooden model turned, had the iron stones cast, the bottoms concaved and chilled, the visible part painted a deep blue, got handles made and fixed, and proceeded to play the game.

The new stones looked well and worked well, and the curlers found no inconvenience in using them until the warm March sun came out, and when one portion of the rink was in the sun and "sticky," and another portion was in the shade and "keen," it required great judgment to play them with proper strength; of course this condition of the ice would have been felt with stones also, but not to the same extent, for iron being a rapid conductor of heat, the

new stones, when at rest in the sun, became quite warm, and left a hollow mark in the ice where they had sat; and the dampness acquired in that way, as well as during their progress along the sticky portion of the rink, was converted into ice almost as soon as they passed into the shade, and vice versa, when being played the other way. On the whole, however, they gave good satisfaction.

The "Peterborough," was the only other club in the vicinity, and the members of it, as worthy brothers as ever threw a stone, gallantly helped the younger sister to grow up; after a few preliminary games, a grand match of four rinks a side was played on the Skawknegaw River at Keene, between the Peterborough and the new club, and that was a great day in Keene. From near and far the Scotch folks came in sleigh-loads, to see the first curling game they had had a chance of seeing, since they had left their former homes far across the Atlantic The Braid Scots tongue was in abounding prominence, shouted in stentorian tones by the directing skips, and yelled out in pæans of rejoicing when the wished for shot was accomplished. The contrast between the serious and resolute purpose depicted on the stern features of the contestants, and the gladness and amusement depicted on the faces of the onlookers was very striking, and their remarks on the players were of the frankest, and expressed in Scottish Doric of the richest character. Mixing with the crowd one would hear-and I never saw oor man sae crazy before, he's fairly daft-see auld Elder D---, bareheaded and in his stockin' soles, he'll get his death o' cauld-the buddy-see hoo he is rinnin and soopin that stane. Faith he's braw and yauld yet -he'll be after anither wife ye'll see. Wha's winning think ye? They're sax and half a dizen ye' Weel! o' a' the crazy ploys that ever I saw this beats them a'. They're a gane geyt every one o' And when the game ended, the scores totalled up, and the young club found to be comfortably ahead, the rejoicing was universal, and congratulations were the order of the day. A hearty dinner in Mrs. Chase's followed, and the Peterboro' boys had a jolly send-off on their return homewards.

There were frequent matches between the two clubs, with varying fortune, but the young club reaped the larger harvest of victories. One of their rinks, a frequent winner, aspired to the title of the "invincible rink," while in friendly banter they were sometimes told that the term "inveesible" rink would suit them as well.

The club became somewhat elated with their frequent victories over Peterboro', and began to look out for larger game. In due time they challenged Cobourg Waverley-the Cobourg lads kindly accepted the challenge, and the two clubs met on Rice Lake, with two rinks a side, to do battle for their respective districts. Cobourg representing the front country, and Keene the back settlement. It was a beautiful day, the sun shone in an unclouded sky, and the whole expanse of the lake was one level sheet of ice, mostly glare, but traced here and there with narrow belts of snow in many fantastic forms, winddistributed, like thin sheets of white clouds in an azure sky; the temperature was just right, the ice hard and keen, and the force of the northern breeze was broken by Sumac Island, under the lee of which the rinks had been laid out. The Cobourg skips were John Pratt, and James King Cameron. The game began and was well contested, the opposing rinks being evenly matched. Cameron got the lead of his opponent and kept it; Pratt on the other hand was held down by the Keene skip, and, when time was called for lunch, the former was 3 shots up, and the latter 4 or 5 down. Mr. Cameron was in great glee. his snuff mull was in constant evidence, and he was very gracious. He told how Cobourg Club was "Cock of the Walk" on the Lake shore. It had defeated all the other clubs in the front, Port Hope, Newcastle, Bowmanville, etc., etc. He complimented

Keene for getting up a club; said they played a fairly good game, and it was greatly to their credit to stand up so well against their strong opponents. The Keene skips showed that they could also do some bantering. they told how they had done better than hold their own with Peterboro', that they were young and ready to receive a lesson from Cobourg; that Cobourg might be invincible on the Lake shore, but Keene had an invincible rink that was never beaten until the last stone had been played, and not often then; that the game was only half through, and that there might be many changes before it was finished, etc., etc. The game was resumed. Cameron's luck seemed to desert him, the Keene rink pulled up even, then got ahead, and when the end came after four hours play, Keene was up on both rinks-3 shots over Cameron, and 5 or 6 over Pratt. The whole party were driven to Gore's Landing, where a hearty meal was served. after which, and a Deoch-an-Doris, amid many cheers, the Cobourg party's sleighs were filled and a start made for their southern home, while the Keene party started northwards across the lake, happy as saying, "Dode! who would have thought we would hae licket them." "But were'nt they awfu' quaite when they went away." J. B-n, and J. S-n sang the whole way home, and a merrier, jollier sleigh-load never crossed Rice Lake. When they arrived at their rendezvous their news was not credited. It was declared to be impossible that they should have beat Cobourg. But the universal testimony of the party, confirmed by the curlers' hereditary oath,

AS SURE 'S I'M PEGGY SHAW.

at length carried conviction to the most incredulous, and then they were hailed as heroes, and cheered to the echo.

The next step was to discuss the project of sending a challenge to Toronto, and although elated with their success they had not quite lost their common sense. The ways and means were considered, and provided for, but before coming to a final decision on the matter, one of the members, H. H. B——m, who had frequent occasion to visit Toronto on business, was commissioned to see the Toronto Curlers on their own ice, observe their play, and report. He did so, and his opinion was that their playing was no better than our own, but in giving directions they used certain phrases "Elbow in" or "Elbow out," which he did not understand, and which seemed to be of much importance. The mysterious terms were "Greek" to all the members of the club, and put a damper upon the projected challenge.

For over all there hung a cloud of fear, a sense of mystery their spirits daunted.

They were cowed by the terror of the mystery concealed under the unknown phrases, and the Toronto challenge was never issued.

At the time the club was formed there was only one pair of curling stones in the township, they were the workmanship of Dodds of Oshawa, and the prized property of Elder Davidson, brought out in winter for an occasional game at Peterboro', and laid away carefully in spring in the family blanket chest. No matter how cold the weather might be Mr. Davidson invariably laid away his cap and put off his boots, and played the game bareheaded, and his feet covered only by his stockings. Truly a hardy son of rugged Caledonia.

One of the best players in the club was Jamie S—n; his place in the rink was third player, and his forte was "drawing through a port"; his skip was often heard to declare that if there was room for the stone to get through a port, Jamie could be depended on to put it through. But he was not a good skip, and could not play an uphill game. Dr. McC—e, a member of the club, and always on the alert to promote any kind of a "ploy," put up Jamie to challenge his skip for a single hand match. The skip

shied—would rather not play—thought it unwise—that it might be the means of breaking up a good rink, etc., but being pressed, and cowardice hinted at, he was forced to play. The skip had said that if he won the first 2 or 3 ends the game would be practically ended, and his forecast was more than realized. He won the first end after a good fight, then, after some fine play by both, he won the 2nd end, and after that the third player "went off his game," and never scored.

The formation of the Keene Club, was followed by several others in the district, including Bobcaygeon, Lakefield, Campbellford and Norwood, and the one inconsiderable club of Peterboro' has been superseded by two clubs of large membership, and of as high standing for skill as any in the Province.

The Keene Curling Club has now been in existence for about 40 years, its membership is not large, but it can always turn out two good rinks, and holds its place creditably in the strong curling district in which it is situated. It has afforded a valuable sphere of recreation to a quiet village, with a large amount of pleasant intercourse and social enjoyment; it includes in its membership the leading members of the community, by whom its humanizing and elevating influences are fully appreciated, and from its ranks have members been elected to the Provincial, and also to the Dominion Parliament.

THE STRENGTH OF ICE.—The army rules are that twoinch ice will sustain a man or properly spaced infantry; four-inch ice will carry a man on horseback, or cavalry, or light guns; six-inch ice, heavy field guns such as 80pounders; eight-inch ice, a battery of artillery with carriages and horses, but not over 1000 pounds per square foot on sleighs; and ten-inch ice sustains an army, or an innumerable multitude; on fifteen inch ice, railway lines are often laid and used for months.

THE CURLERS' ALPHABET.

A's for the "Annual," where the printer will bind All the good things on curling, the committee can find.

B is for "bonspiel," "broom," "button," and "borrow,"

All found in this game which banishes sorrow.

C is for "curling," which all ills doth heal, At whose slippery shrine even ministers kneel.

D's for the "draw," which the skip must needs send. To capture the game on the very last end.

E is for "end," and it takes two and twenty, Before a keen curler will say he's had plenty.

F's for the "fluke," that will sometimes transpose, A tight guarded end into four for the foes.

G is the "guard," the most useful of all, On whose ready back the heavy shots fall.

H is the "hog," 'tis also the "hack," The one lies in front, the other is back.

I is for "ice," upon which is the play, The skip shouts the same, for "Out of the way."

J is for "Jack," that invisible sprite, His sur-name is Frost, he's of curling the knight.

K is for "keen," 'tis also for "kiss," A touch on a "face" saves many a "miss."

L is for "lie," often mixed up with "lay," By the skip as he shouts in excitement of play.

M's for the "medal," that hangs from his chain, With a curling device, and no sin if he's vain.

Mc is for "Mac," he can't keep away, In his blood it was bred, he must have his play.

N is for "narrow," and twist as he may, His only salvation 's a rub on the way. O's for the "ring," with circumference of blue, Where the skips in rotation each other pursue.

P is for "points," and the "port" in the play, The stone that runs through, gets a cheer on the way.

Q's found in "square," which is used to decide, The stone lying shot, when the eye fails to guide.

R's for the "rink," where ice and stones blend, All sorts and conditions, into brother and friend.

S is for "soop," the wild cry of the skips, And comes out of, instead of going into their lips.

T is for "tee," that delectable spot, The size of a point, and the goal of the shot.

U is the "umpire," who's little to do, For disputes between curlers are generally few.

V is the "vice," who directs the affray, And presides in the house, when the skip goes to play.

W's the "wick," that shoots in and knocks out, The well guarded shot, with a crack and a shout.

X is a "mark," that is chalked on the hones, So the skips may the better keep track of their stones.

Y is for "yell," and for "youth," and for "years," With the three on the ice, a grand uproar appears.

Z is old "Zero," whom the curlers revere, Though he marketh their spir't, if a thaw interfere.

R. J. MACLENNAN.

IN MEMORIAM NOTICES.

GEORGE C. WARD.

President of the Association in 1879-80, died at Port Hope, on 22nd April, 1899, in the eighty-seventh

year of his age.

Mr. Ward was Registrar of East Durham for more than 50 years. At the time of his death he was the oldest barrister in Ontario, with the exception of Mr. Clarke Gamble. Mr. Ward was a Mason, an Orangeman, and an Odd-fellow, and was greatly respected by a wide circle of friends and acquaint-ances.

JAMES GIBSON, OF HAMILTON.

Formerly of Ancaster, died on the 16th September last, from concussion of the brain, caused by a fall, when he was visiting a friend, on his way to a funeral.

In a short account of the Ancaster Thistle Curling Club, published in the Annual for 1898, some reference was made to Mr. Gibson, who had been the only President of the club during the whole forty years of its existence—which is a record probably altogether unique—and on his withdrawal from the farm in Ancaster to reside in the city of Hamilton, he carried with him many souvenirs of the esteem in which he had been held by the neighbors, among whom he had lived for more than fifty years.

DAVID B. MENNIE, OF FERGUS,

was one of the most promising young men of the town; he was a keen curler, and one of the eight who won the Ontario Tankard for Fergus last season.

JOHN A. McMILLAN, OF LINDSAY.

The career of the late John Alexander McMillan. of the Lindsay Club, is an example of the way in which a young man, from a humble walk in life, may gain through curling, a wide circle of friends, and reputation both national and international. father before him had been a devotee of the roaring He was born in the Town of Lindsay, on game. October 29th, 1867, and became a member of the curling club in 1882, at the age of fifteen. years later he was elected skip of the juniors, and in 1891 a club skip, which office he held until his death on April 29th, 1899. During the years 1893 and 1894 he resided in St. Paul Minnesota, and was a member of the curling club of that city. He died, a day or two after being frightfully mangled in the mill where he earned his living. He had but put his stones away, after a winter full of curling, in which he had been on the ice in important matches both in Ontario and Manitoba. His untimely end greatly shocked his many friends near and far, and he was given a funeral which would be a tribute to the highest in the land. His relatives received messages of condolence from St. Paul, Winnipeg, Toronto, Hamilton, St. Mary's, Peterborough, Bobcaygeon, and other places.

In all his club's important matches, for a period of ten years, he played as third man on Mr. John D. Flavelle's rink, and was largely instrumental in assisting that well known skip to his many victories. They went together three times to Winnipeg. In games for minor trophies McMillan skipped his own rink. On the ice he was a striking figure, with white sweater and pipe, slender in build, but strong, tall and lithesome, always in the spirit of the game, excitable and enthusiastic, full of shouts, until at times it seemed as though he were endeavouring to share his own heart with the moving stones. At sweeping none could surpass him, seldom did a stone of his go down the ice which he did not escort and soop when necessary, unless it was a running shot. His

fast shots, delivered with his left hand, were ever hard and sure, and many a brother curler's heart has ached for the safety of his own stones, at the sight of McMillan's racing into the crowded ring.

The number of the cups, medals and prize curling stones, which he assisted in winning might well make a veteran of twice his age envious. Twice he helped his club to win the Ontario Tankard; he had a share in three cups from Manitoba, in the Uxbridge cup, in the Dryden cup, won three times, in several cups from Governor-Generals, as well as in others. He brought a points' medal from Winnipeg, in 1891, and in 1895 won the Provincial points' medal.

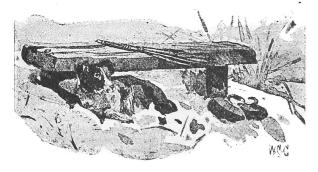
And at the request of their respective clubs:

SAMUEL BURDEN BOWMANVILLE CLUB.

C. W. DAVIS..... Forest City, London, Club.

W. C. McCRAE......KEENE CLUB.

JAMES TENNANT......Toronto Club.



THE

Ontario Curling Association.

CONSTITUTION.

(ADOPTED 17TH OCTOBER, 1893.)

- 1. This Association shall be known by the title of The Ontario Curling Association.
- 2. The objects of the Association shall be to promote the Game of Curling in the Province of Ontario; to unite all the curling clubs in the Province in one organization; to foster friendly feeling among its members; to secure honorable conduct in their curling intercourse; and to cultivate fraternal relations with other curling associations.
- 3. Its membership shall consist of all curling clubs which are or shall be received into the Association, and conform to the rules thereof, as adopted.
- 4. The control and management of all the affairs of the Association, including the election of its officebearers, shall be vested in a representative body, composed of members elected by the associated clubs, as hereinafter provided.
- 5. This Constitution shall not be amended or added to, except on a two-thirds vote of the Representatives present at the April meeting, and unless notice thereof shall have been given at the previous meeting of Representatives in October.

BY-LAWS.

CLUBS.

- 1. Any curling tlub having ten members, a constitution and office-bearers, including President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Representative Member, may be admitted into the Association.
- 2. Every club desiring to be admitted to the Association shall send an application to the Secretary, giving the name of the club and a list of its office-bearers and members, and shall agree to be governed by the rules of the Association, and may be received into membership at any meeting of Representatives on a two-thirds vote, and provisionally by the Executive Committee.
- 3. Every associated club shall send to the General Secretary, not later than 1st November in each year, a complete list of its office-bearers and members, classified as Honorary, Occasional and Regular; Honorary, being members elected causa honoris; Occasional, being members for convenience' sake; and Regular, being the members who will represent the club in Association matters, and in Trophy matches. Each club shall also send to the General Secretary, on 1st December, 1st January, and 1st February, a supplementary list, which shall include all added members, and may be published as an addition to the Annual. Any person may be an occasional member of more than one club, but can be a regular member of one club only.
- 4. All members who join an associated club shall be entitled to be registered as members of the Ontario Curling Association, and shall be so registered by the local club with the Secretary of the

Association, not later than the first day of the month next following the date of their joining the local club, and at the ordinary rate for members; any club neglecting to thus register any of its members, shall be held liable to the Association for double the amount of the member's rate, in respect of each of such members.

5. Members may transfer their names from one club to another at any time, but the change shall not be effectual until the Secretary of the Association shall have been notified, and shall have advised both clubs. And no member shall play a Trophy Match for more than one club in one season.

REPRESENTATIVES.

- 6. Every club shall elect annually, and not later than ten days before date of the Semi-Annual Meeting in October, two persons as its representatives to the Representative Committee; the second to act only in the absence of the first, who must be a regular member of the club he represents, but the second may be a member of any affiliated club; and no person shall, at any meeting of the Representative Committee, represent more than two clubs.
- 7. The Representatives shall hold two regular meetings in each year, viz., on the third Tuesday in each of the months of April and October, or on such other day of these months as the Executive Committee may think most suitable—but two weeks' notice must always be given of the date fixed on. Special meetings may be called by the President, and shall be called by order of five members of the Executive, or on the request in writing of fifteen Representatives. At all such meetings ten shall be a quorum.
- 8. At the October meeting the Representatives shall elect the office-bearers of the Association for the ensuing year, who shall come into office at the close of

the regular business of the meeting, when they may be installed. They shall consist of a Patron, an Honorary President, a President, a First and Second Vice-President, a Chaplain, and a Secretary and Treasurer. At same meeting shall be elected the Standing Committees, which are; the Executive, consisting of Past Presidents, and the President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary-Treasurer, ex-officio, and six representative members by election; the Committee on Complaints and Appeals, and the Committee on the Annual, and two Auditors. The mode of election shall be by ballot.

- 9. The duties of the President shall be to preside and maintain order at all meetings of the Association, of the Representatives, and of the Executive Committee; he shall sign the minutes of such meetings after they have been confirmed, and all official documents; the chairman at all meetings shall have a casting vote in case of a tie, as well as a deliberative vote. He shall also have such other duties as the By-laws prescribe.
- 10. The first Vice-President shall take the place and discharge the duties of the President when he is absent; and the Second Vice-President shall have the same authority in the absence of the President, and the First Vice-President; and should all of them be absent at any regular or special meeting, it shall be competent for the meeting assembled to elect a chairman, who shall have, pro tem., all the rights and powers of the President.
- 11. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep full and correct minutes of all the meetings of the Representatives and the Executive Committee, and shall conduct all correspondence arising out of the same, and generally carry out the work of the Association. He shall levy and collect all dues and fees, and pay all accounts, and shall keep regular and correct accounts of all moneys collected and bills paid. His books and

accounts shall at all times be open to the inspection of the office-bearers, and shall be balanced on the 1st of April of each year.

- 12. The Auditors shall examine, certify and report upon the Treasurer's accounts from year to year.
- 13. The Executive Committee shall constitute the Board of Management, and shall conduct the business of the Association. They shall have power to fill vacancies occurring in any committee or in the Board of Auditors. Three shall be a quorum.
- 14. The Committee on Complaints and Appeals shall consist of three members, and shall receive from the Secretary, and adjudicate upon, all complaints and appeals from clubs in regard to their curling intercourse with each other, and especially with reference to competitions for prizes played for under the auspices of the Association, and shall report to the Executive Committee. Their decisions shall be communicated to the parties in writing, and will be held to be accepted and acquiesced in, unless they are notified to the contrary within eight days after their decision shall have been mailed to the said parties. and the reasons for non-acquiescence set forth in the notification. The Executive shall have the power to substitute, for any member of this Committee whose club is concerned in any cause, a regular member of another club.
- 15. The Committee on the Annual, consisting of three members shall be charged with the publication of the Annual of the Association, which shall be issued every year about the 30th November, and shall contain a list of the office-bearers of the Association, with lists of the office-bearers and members of the clubs in connection therewith, the rules and regulations of the Association, the minutes of meetings of the Reprisentatives, the financial condition of the Association from year to year, reports of competitions

for prizes allocated by the Association, along with records of other matters affecting curling, and calculated to promote the game in Canada.

- 16. At the semi-annual meetings of the Representatives the Order of Business shall be as follows, viz:
 - 1. Examining credentials of Representatives present.
 - II. Reading of Minutes of previous meeting, which, after approval, shall be signed by the Chairman.
 - III. Correspondence.
- IV. Admission of new Clubs.
 - V. Business arising out of Minutes.
 - VI. Reports of competitions for Association prizes.
- VII. Reports of Standing Committees.
- VIII. Reports of Special Committees.
 - IX. Election of Office-Bearers, and appointment of Committees.
 - X. General Business.
 - XI. Distribution of Prizes.
 - XII. Installation of Office-Bearers.
- 17. At special meetings no business shall be transacted other than that for which the meeting was convened, and which had been clearly set forth in the circular calling the meeting.
- 18. All motions and notices of motion shall be in writing, bear the names of the mover and seconder, and shall be read aloud by the presiding officer before being discussed.
- 19. Reports of Committees shall be in writing, and bear the signature of the Chairman.
- 20. No member shall speak on any subject more than once, except the mover, who shall be entitled to

one reply. Every member, however, shall have the right to explain himself, having first obtained the leave of the meeting, and subject to the direction of the chair.

- 21. No member shall speak on any subject which has not been moved and seconded, and which he does not intend to make the subject of a motion.
- 22. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Chairman shall decide who is entitled to the floor, and his decision shall not be questioned.
- 23. After the question has been submitted by the Chairman, no member shall be entitled to speak,
- 24. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time.
- 25. In all cases not specially provided for, the Order of Procedure and Rules of Order shall be the same as in the Ontario Legislative Assembly.

FEES AND DUES.

- 26. The fees payable by clubs shall be an ENTRANCE FEE and ANNUAL DUES, both payable in advance.
- 27. The Entrance Fee shall be according to the following scale, viz.:—

Clubs from 10 to 20 members\$	4	00
Clubs from 21 to 40 members	6	00
Clubs from 41 to 80 members	8	00
Clubs over 80 members 1	0	00

28. The Annual Dues shall be a Club Rate of two dollars from each club, and a Member's Rate of fifteen cents for each member, regular and occasional, of the club. This member's rate shall apply to the names sent in on list 1st November, and regular monthly supplementary lists but shall be doubled for names of members sent in at other times.

- 29. Clubs in arrears shall be held to be not in good standing, and shall not be eligible to compete in any match played under the auspices of the Association.
- 30. Clubs will be held as continuing in membership of the Association until all arrears have been paid up, and a formal notice of withdrawal made to and accepted by the Executive, but they may be struck off the Roll when they are two years in arrears.

RULES OF THE GAME.

- 1. The standard length of the Rink for play shall be 42 yards from Hack to Tee. If the ice is found to be wet or soft before a game commences, or after it has been begun, the Umpire, after hearing the skips of both parties in the match, shall decide whether the rink shall be shortened, and to what extent; but in no case shall it be shortened to less than 33 yards.
- 2. No important match shall be commenced if the ice be not in a condition to fairly test the curling skill of the players, and it shall be stopped whenever the state of the ice becomes such as not to afford such a test, or darkness sets in preventing the stones in the Ring from being distinctly seen from the further Hack. In all cases of stopped matches the renewed game shall be commenced de novo.
- 3. The Tees to be made 38 yards apart, and around each as a centre shall be described a circle of seven feet radius, which shall be called the "Ring." To facilitate measurements, inner circles may be described around the Tee. Every stone within, or resting upon the outer ring, shall be counted in the game; no stone shall be considered outside a circle, unless it is entirely clear of that circle, nor shall a stone be held to be over a line unless it has crossed and entirely cleared it; this may be decided by a square placed upon the ice.

- 4. From, and in exact alignment with both Tees, a line, called the CENTRAL LINE, shall be drawn to a point four yards behind each Tee; at this point a line shall be drawn, at a right angle to the Central Line, on which the Hack shall be cut. The Hack shall not exceed eight inches in length, nor shall the inner edge thereof be more than three inches from the Central Line, so that all stones shall be delivered upon the Central Line, and before the player removes his foot from the Hack.
- 5. Other lines, called the Hog Line, the Sweeping LINE and BACK LINE, shall also be drawn on the ice at right angles to the Central Line. The Hog Line shall be drawn at a distance from each Tee of onesixth of the length from Hack to further Tee; and if a played stone fails to pass this line, it shall be counted a Hog, and removed from the ice, unless it has been prevented from passing by striking another played stone resting inside said Hog Line. The Sweeping Line shall be drawn across the Tees, for the guidance of the Skips in sweeping. The Back LINE shall be drawn just outside and behind the Ring: all stones having passed this line must be removed from the ice, and played stones resting within an adjoining Rink shall be removed from the ice.

For method of laying out Rink, see diagram, page 46.

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

DIAGRAM TO BE DRAWN ON THE ICE AND REFERRED TO THROUGHOUT THE RINK. RULES AS THE



COMPULSORY OPTIONAL

DIRECTIONS.

- 1. The Tees shall be made 38 yards apart.
- A circle having a radius of 7 feet shall be drawnaround each Tee.
 When inner circles are drawn we recommend that they be of 3 feet and 4 feet radius.
- From and in alignment with the Tees, Central Lines shall be drawn to points 4 yards behind each Tee.
- In the match game it is optional to extend these lines to the n-carest Bog Lines. In the Points game they must be drawn from the Tee to the nearest Hoy Line.
- 4. Lines shall be drawn across the Rink at right angles to the Centre Lines, viz.:-
 - (a) The Hack Liue, or Foot Line, 4 yards behind the Tee, and 18 inches in length, on which the Hack shall be cut.
- (b) The Back Line, behind and just touching outside the 14 feet circle.
- (c) The Sweeping Line, across the 14 feet circle, and just through the Tee.
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 (a) The Hog Line, distant from the Tee, one-sixth part of the distance from Hack to further

- 7. Every Rink to be composed of four players a side, each using two stones, and playing one stone alternately with his opponent, and the rotation of players observed in the first End shall not be changed during the match.
- 8. The two Skips opposing each other shall settle by lot, or in any other way they may agree upon, which party shall lead in the first End, after which the winning party shall lead.
- 9. The Skips shall have the exclusive management and direction of the game for their respective parties, and may play last or in any part of the game they please, but are not entitled to change their places when once fixed. When their turn to play comes, they shall each appoint one of their players to act in their places as Deputy-Skips of the game, until they have played.
- 10. Players, during the course of each End, shall be arranged along the sides, but well off the Rink, as their Skips may direct; and no party, except when sweeping according to rule, shall go upon the middle of the Rink. Skips alone to stand within the 14 feet Ring; the Skip of the party playing to have the choice of place, and must not be obstructed by the other in front of the Tee, while behind it the privileges of both, as regards sweeping, shall be equal.
- 11. Every player shall be ready to play when his turn comes, and not take more than a reasonable time to play. Any party failing to play instantly, when so ordered by the Umpire, shall forfeit that turn of playing, and the game shall proceed. Should he play a stone belonging to another player, any of the players on the opposing side may stop it while running, and return it to the player, who shall then play the proper stone; but if not stopped till at rest, the stone which should have been played shall be put in its place, to the satisfaction of the opposing Skip.

- 12. If a player should play out of turn, the stone so played may be stopped in its course and returned to the player; should the mistake not be discovered till the stone be at rest, or has struck another stone, the opposing Skip shall add one to his score, and have the option of allowing the game to proceed, or of declaring the End null and void. But if another stone be played before the mistake has been noticed, the End must be finished as if it had been played properly from the beginning.
- 13. If any player engaged, or belonging to either of the competing clubs, shall speak to, tauut, or otherwise interrupt any other player, not of his own party, while preparing to play his stone, and so as to disconcert him, one shot shall be added to the score of the party so interrupted for each interruption, and the play proceed.
- 14. If in sweeping, or otherwise, a running stone be marred by any of the party to which it belongs, it shall be put off the ice, but if marred by any of the adverse party, it shall be placed wherever the Skip of the party to which it belongs may direct. If marred by any other means the player shall replay the stone. Should any played stone be displaced by any of the players before the End is reckoned, it shall be placed as near as possible where it lay to the satisfaction of or by the Skip opposed to the party displacing. If displaced by any neutral party both Skips to agree upon the position in which it is to placed, and if they fail to agree the Umpire shall decide.
- 15. The sweeping shall be under the direction and control of the Skips. Except when snow is falling upon or drifting over the Rink, a stone shall not be swept until it has crossed the Hog-Line nearest the player, and may be swept by the party to whose side it belongs, until it comes to the Sweeping Line; but all stones when they have passed the Sweeping Line may be swept by Either Skip only. Skips shall

have liberty to sweep behind the Tee at all times, except when a player is receiving directions to play from his Skip. All sweeping shall be across the Rink, and the sweeper must be at one side and in advance of the stone being swept; no sweepings shall either be moved forward, or left in front of a running stone, or a stone "at rest." It shall not be allowable for the party to whom a running stone belongs to place their brooms before it, or behind it, to screen it from the wind, unless with consent of both Skips; and the use of a broom or any other instrument as a fan, either to promote or retard the running of a stone, is strictly forbidden, and it is to be dealt with as a "running stone" marred by the party to whom it belongs. See sec. 14. After a stone has been delivered, the Skip of the party not playing may sweep in front of any of his party's stones likely to be moved by the running stone, but in so doing he must not obstruct the Skip of the party playing in front of the "sweeping line."

- 16. All stones shall be of a circular shape. No stone, including handle, shall be of a greater weight than fifty pounds, or of a greater circumference than thirty-six inches, or of a less height than one-eighth part of its greatest circumference.
- 17. No stone or side of a stone shall be changed after a match has been begun, unless with the consent of the opposing Skip. Should a stone happen to be broken during a game, the largest fragment shall be considered in the game for that End, and the player shall be entitled to use another stone or another pair during the remainder of the game.

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

- 19. No measuring of shots shall be allowed before the termination of the End. Disputed shots shall be determined by the Vice-Skips, or, if they disagree, by the Umpire; or, if there is no Umpire, by some neutral person chosen by the Skips. All measurements to be taken from the centre of Tee to nearest point of stone, after removing stones intervening.
- 20. Each of the stones of the one party resting within the Ring, and nearer the Tee than the nearest stone of the other party, after all the stones have been played, shall be counted as one shot in the game.
- 21. If any of the competing Rinks are not ready to begin play at the hour named for a match, one end shall be counted as played for every ten minutes' delay. And if the Umpire decides that the belated Club or Rink is at fault in regard to the delay, he shall give one point in the game to the Rink present. and ready to play, for each such period of time it is kept waiting.

ICE RINKS.

- 22. All trophy matches and general competitions at the Points' Game must be played on new or virgin ice, or on neutral ice; and all important matches should be played on the same.
- 23. Ice for Curling shall be deemed New or Virgin Ice:
- First. When it has not previously been played on.
- Second. When, since last played on, it shall have been flooded so completely as that the water shall have come to its natural level over the entire ice surface, before freezing.
- Third. If, after being last used for curling, the ice shall have been refaced by sprinkling with water,

and the Tees changed, either at least two feet sideways, or ten feet lengthways, so as to get rid of grooves or channels formed in the course of play.

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

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

MATCHES.

- 24. All matches between clubs shall be played with at least two Rinks a side.
- 25. If any Rink appears at a match with only two players it shall be declared to have lost the match by default; if a Rink appears with only three players, the game shall proceed, the first player in the incomplete Rink playing two pairs of stones, and the incomplete Rink shall give the opposing Rink, one point in the game, for every five ends or fraction of five ends so played.
- 26. In matches for Trophies only members regular shall play; any club violating this rule shall be declared to have lost the match, and shall be debarred from continuing in the competition for the season.

27. In all matches, the place and time of playing, the number of Rinks to be engaged, and the duration of the game, either a certain number of Ends or definite period of time should be agreed upon beforehand, by written correspondence between the Secretaries.

28. In all important matches, an Umpire shall be appointed by mutual agreement of the competing Clubs, or Skips, unless otherwise provided for, and present.

29. The duties and powers of the Umpire shall be to appoint a time and place for the match, the number of Rinks to be engaged, and the duration of the game, unless these matters have been agreed upon previously; he shall see that the Rinks are properly laid out, and that the Rules of the Game (see above) are observed by all the players, and shall determine all matters arising in the course of the game upon which the competing Skips fail to agree; he shall make up the scores of the competing Rinks at the close of the game, and declare the result; and he may appoint a Deputy to act in his place, who shall have equal powers.

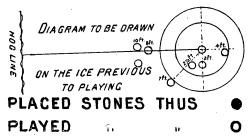
30. Complaints and appeals regarding the conduct of Clubs, Players or Umpires* must be sent to the Secretary of the Association in writing within one week from the date on which occurred the matter of the said complaint or appeal, and shall be at once forwarded to the chairman of the proper committee; before a decision is declared, all parties shall be given an opportunity to state their case; and parties failing or neglecting to show cause within one week after being notified to do so by the committee, shall be held to have dropped their claim, and forfeited all right to further hearing.

^{*} Except in the Tankard Competitions, which are otherwise provided for.

31. While the main object of matches between clubs is to determine their relative skill in the game, it should ever be borne in mind that the ultimate object of curling is to develop a manly recreation, and to promote good will, kindly feeling and honorable conduct amongst those who take part in it, and this sentiment should influence both the interpretation and the application of all the rules.

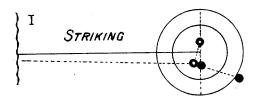
THE POINTS' GAME.

32. Rinks shall be laid off in accordance with the diagram given for this game in the last published Annual. Within the 14 feet Ring, a circle 8 feet in diameter shall be drawn around the Tee, the Central Line shall be extended to the Hog Line, and the Sweeping Line shall be drawn; the length of the Rink from Hack to Tee shall be 42 yards.

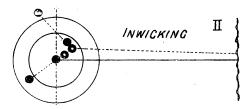


32. Lots shall be drawn for the order of playing; each competitor shall change position one place each point, thus: the first player at any of the points to be the last in playing at next point, and the second player at any point to be the first at the next, and so on. Each competitor shall use two stones,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

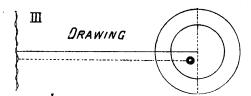
34. Every competitor to play four shots at each of the nine following points of the game, viz.: Striking, Inwicking, Drawing, Guarding, Chap and Lie, Wick and Curl In, Raising, Drawing Through a Port, and Chipping the Winner, according to the following definitions; and each successful shot shall count one, or two as herefinafter provided: no shot to be given more than a score of two.



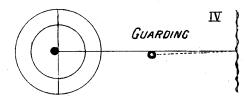
A stone placed on the Sweeping Line, and with its inner edge two feet from the Tee. If struck, to count 1; if struck out of the 14 feet Ring, to count 2.



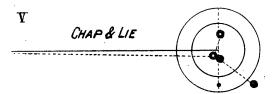
One stone being placed on the Tee, and another with its edge 2 feet 6 inches from the Tee, and its fore-edge on a line drawn from the Tee at an angle of 45 degrees with the Central Line; if the played stone strikes the latter on the inside to count 1; if it perceptibly moves both stones to count 2.



If the stone played lies within or on the 14 feet Ring, to count 1; if within or on the 8 feet Circle, to count 2.

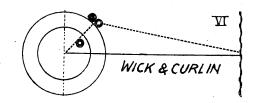


A stone to be guarded, placed with its fore-edge on the Tee. If the stone played rests within 6 inches of the Central Line, to count 1; if on the Line, to count 2. It shall be over the Hog Line, but not touch the stone to be guarded.

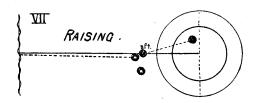


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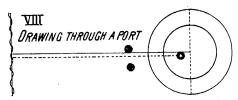
the 14 feet Ring, and the played stone rests within or on the same Ring, to count 1; if struck out of the 14 feet Ring, and the played stone rests within or on the 8 feet Circle, to count 2.



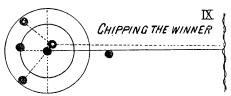
A stone being placed with its inner edge 7 feet distant from the Tee, and its fore-edge on a line making an angle of 45 degrees with the Central Line; if the stone is struck, and the played stone rests on or within the 14 feet Ring, to count 1; if struck, and the played stone rests within or on the 8 feet circle, to count 2.



A stone placed with its centre on the Central Line and its inner edge 8 feet distant from the Tee, if struck into or on the 14 feet Ring, to count 1; if struck into or on the 8 feet Circle, to count 2.



One stone to be placed with its inner edge on the Central Line, 10 feet in front of the Tee, and another stone placed parallel thereto and with its inner edge 2 feet from the Central Line; if the played stone passes between these two stones, without touching either, and rests within or on the 14 feet Ring, to count 1; if within or on the 8 feet Circle, to count 2.



A stone being placed on the Tee, and another 10 feet distant, and with its inner edge just touching the Central Line, and half guarding the one on the Tee, and a third stone being placed 4 feet behind the Tee, with its inner edge touching the Central Line, but on the opposite side from that on which the guard is placed; if the played stone strikes the stone placed behind the Tee, to count 1; if it strikes the stone on the Tee, to count 2.

X. Outwicking.—In the event of two or more competitors gaining the same number of shots they shall play 4 shots at outwicking; that is, a stone being placed with its inter edge 7 feet distant from the Tee, and its centre on a line making an angle of 45

degrees with the Central Line; if struck within or on the 14 feet Ring, to count 1; if struck within or on the 8 feet Circle, to count 2.

35. If the competition cannot be decided by these shots, the Umpire shall order one or more points to be played again by the competitors who are equal; these points to be selected by drawing.

36. In the Points' Game the Rink may be swept as often as required during the intervals between the playing of stones; a player may sweep his own stone, and may direct where a broom shall be held to guide him in playing.

37. In the General Competition at the Points' Game, each squad or division of players, before beginning to play the match game, shall be entitled, under the direction of the Umpire, to play their stones once over the Rink or Rinks laid out for the competition.

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

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

It will also save time if a code of signals be arranged between the marker and the players, such as: the marker to raise one hand when I is scored, and both hands when 2 are scored. In the case of a miss, both hands to be kept down.

The Player is not under constraint to play in turn or out-turn, or no turn, but may use whichever he thinks most likely to make the point.

CURLERS' SIGNAL CODE.

For use in large Covered Rinks, &c.

For In-Turn—Right arm to be held close to body.

For Out-Turn - Arm to be extended horizontally.

For Striking – Broom to be held vertically, and passed rapidly backwards over stone to be struck.

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For Inwicking—Broom to be waved "off and on" the

or inside of the stone to be inwicked off, showing the place on which the strike should be made.

For **Drawing**—Broom to be held vertically at the place where it is desired the stone should come to "at

rest."

For Guarding—Broom to be held transversely on the ice, at the place where the stone should rest.

For Chap and Lie—Broom to be held vertically, and moved up and down over the stone to be struck.

For Wick and Curl-In—Show place as in Drawing where it is desired that the stone should rest, then as in Inwicking.

For Raising—Broom to be held vertically and slowly passed over the stone crosswise of the rink, and the length of the raising to be indicated by the space between the two hands holding the broom horizontally.

For Drawing Through a Port-As in DRAWING.

For Chipping the Winner-As in Inwicking.

For Outwicking—As in Inwicking, only indicating the outside of stone to be struck.

After indicating, as above directed, the character of the shot to be made, the corn end of the broom should be held on the ice to show the point at which the player should take aim in order to reach the desired position, and the hand on handle of broom should be placed as near as possible to the point which the played stone is expected to reach; the space between is called in curling phraseology "the borrow."

Ontario Curling Association.

Meetings of Representatives.

THE APRIL MEETING.

TORONTO, 18th April, 1899.

Met the Representatives of the Ontario Curling Association, Mr. David Dexter, Vice-President, in the Chair, called the meeting to order, and appointed Messrs Hargraft and Robson the Committee on Credentials, who reported the following clubs duly represented, viz.:

Club. Representative.
Ayr Union H. R. Rankes
CampbellfordG. G. Eakins
ChurchillA. Miscampbell
Cobourg Waverly
G. R. Hargraft
DundasE. A. Collins
FergusM. Anderson
Hamilton ThistleM, Leggat
" Victoria D. Dexter
Harriston G. G. Eakins
KeeneJ. S. Russell
Meaford J. S. Russell

Club. Representative.
Orillia E. A. Doolittle
Peterboro' Granite
E. B. Edwards
St. Mary'sT. O. Robson
SarniaW. F. Davison
ScarboroA. Fleming
StratfordT. O. Robson
Thamesville
R. Ferguson, M. P. P.
Toronto John Bain

Pros.Park...D. Carlyle

It was moved by Mr. Eakins, accorded by Mr. Collins, that the minutes of last meeting, having been published in the Annual, be held as read, and that they be confirmed, and it was carried.

Telegrams and Letters were read from President McLaren, J. D. Flavelle and Dr. Russell regretting their unavoidable absence; and from His Excellency the Governor General intimating that his Prize had been forwarded by Express, and extending his congratulations to the Winning Club.

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Mr. Ferguson then moved, seconded by Mr. Bain that Newmarket Club be received into the Association, and it was carried.

The Secretary then read Report of the Competitions for the Ontario Tankard, 1898--99. See page 81.

THE REPORT OF THE COMPETITION FOR THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S PRIZE WAS THEN READ. See page 88.

THE SECRETARY THEN READ REPORT OF DISTRICT CUP COMPETITIONS. See Page 87.

THE REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMPETITION AT THE POINTS' GAME WAS THEN READ. See Page 91.

THE 'FOLLOWING REPORT ON THE ANNUAL was then read;

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The Committee desire to express their thanks for several interesting papers received last year, in regard to the joyous times had on the ice in the early forties, and hope they are only the harbingers of many more such to follow. They trust that they will receive an abundant supply in good season for next issue.

THE SECRETARY THEN READ THE AUDITORS' REPORT AS follows, viz.:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY AUDITORS.

Treasurer, Dr.

To Balance on Hand 1st April, 1898	\$58 150		0 1 0	96 '44	
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Balance			\$	86	67

Against which there are accounts about \$72.00 for goods ordered but not delivered, due by the O. C. A., and accounts supposed collectable due to the O. C. A. \$29.65.

Audited and found correct.

Toronto, 17th April, 1899.

Mr. Doolittle moved that the Report on the Annual, and the Auditora' statement, as read, be received and adopted; it was seconded by Mr. Hargraft, and carried.

THE GENERAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE was then read as follows, viz.:

Of the clubs applying for admission to the O. C. A., at last April meeting, one, viz., Claremont, withdrew its application, and was not entered on the Roll.

Napanee Club was duly admitted at the meeting in October, and Newmarket Club has been proposed to-day.

One club, Thorold Lorne, has withdrawn, and we hope the withdrawal will be only temporary, as the club is of too high standing, and too spirited to remain content to be shut out from the grand contests of the Association—and to take part in minor private contests only.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Club is two years in arrears it has not sent in its withdrawal, and does not reply to correspondence—and may be dealt with as rules direct.

West Flamborough Club may also be dropped from the Roll—nearly all the members have left the Disrict and joined other clubs, and it has been impossible for a year or two to get the club organized.

Taking off those two, there will remain 83 clubs on the Roll of the Association, with a membership of 2,752, which is about 200 more than our best previous record, we think a satisfactory indication that the grandest of all Winter Games is still spreading in Ontario under the guidance of the O. C. A. We have reason to expect a considerable addition to our club membership before next season opens.

We have to report that the competitions for the Ontario Tankard, Primary and Final; the competition for the Governor-General's prize, and the District cup competitions have all been carried through successfully. In the Primary Tankard competition the average number of matches played in each group was 4\%, instead of 2\%, as when the groups numbered 16, and the additional expense thus entailed upon the winning clubs was counter-balanced by the lessened expense in the Final competition.

In the special Reports on these competitions there is one suggestion to which we give our full approval, viz.:

That the drawing for the Primaries be made by the Executive Committee, and published in the Annual, thus giving the clubs time and opportunity to arrange to play the matches in the most convenient way.

The throwing open of the competition for the Governor-General's prize to all the clubs in the Association has been only partially a success. Of the 11 clubs which entered for the Bonspiel out-side of the Group winners, all but three were from Toronto and its immediate vicinity. We hope that in future years the proportion of clubs, from a distance, will be largely increased, and that many of them will be of a degree of excellence equal to that of Group Winners.

THE DISTRICT CUP COMPETITIONS.

While these competitions were not attended by as many clubs as was hoped for, we think as many took part in them as could reasonably be expected, when we take into consideration the immense amount of travel necessary to be made in order that the clubs in either of the two divisions could meet and play off the requisite number of matches. The results have been very satisfactory, one cup was won, for the year, by an old club, The Forest City, and the other by a new club, viz., Newmarket; and we are assured that in all sections of the Province the new competition has been hailed with enthusiasm as a wise and proper recognition of the smaller and younger clubs. and that the one great drawback will be removed when the number of Districts is increased and the extent of their limits is lessened.

We think it would be advisable to authorize the Executive Committee to put up medals somewhat after the manner of District medals, to be played for at intervals between clubs that may be unable, from their location, or other reasons, to take part in District Cup Competitions.

THE GENERAL COMPETITION AT THE POINTS' GAME.

In such an unusually long and favorable Curling season we are at a loss to understand how it is that so few clubs have gone into this competition. game itself affords the best test of exact curling. In an ordinary game mis-plays sometimes accomplish unexpectedly favorable results, and we have seen egregious misses end in fortunate wins, which no buman ingenuity could have foreseen, but after all, it is regular, persistent, exact play, that denotes the good curler, and wins the game, and the diligent practice of the Points' Game is the best means of training curlers to exact play, and, which is of more importance, to play with precise knowledge of what is wanted, and intelligently to use their best judgment in taking the proper directions, and in regulating the force. For want of this experience, how often do we see players, when asked to raise a stone say three feet, send up their stone with such force as to send it 20 feet, or when asked to wick or curl in, they play with such force that their own stone flies entirely out of the rings.

There is no doubt that the winning clubs of the future will be those clubs which systematically practise the Points' Game.

In addition to these advantages to be gained by this form of the game, if affords a fair standard for estimating the advancement made in the local development of the game in the three essential requisites, viz., knowledge of what constitutes the most perfect form of curling stone; skill in preparation of ice; and exactness in play. And while in all these matters the curlers of Ontario are in the front rank, with more attention to the Game of Points they should be the first.

The Committee on the Annual deserve the best thanks of the Association for the very complete compilation of Curling Records, which they make up from year to year.

Every important event, whether conducted by the Association, or any of the affiliated clubs, is presented in its pages in a clear and intelligible manner, and each volume of the Annual thus becomes a book of reference, which will increase in value as the years roll past.

The Committee in charge use great diligence in securing correct returns of important matches, and bonspiels, which might otherwise be lost and forgotten, and they have succeeded in rescuing from oblivion many of the early efforts made in by-gone years to introduce the game of curling into Canada, and which are most interesting reading in our day.

They also collect from many sources numerous selections of curling literature, and thus place the Ontario Curler in touch with the choicest curling spirits of the day, and "mingling the pleasant with the useful," they prepare an enjoyable symposium, of work done on the ice, along with many of the hearty songs, and jolly stories which have been called into existence to celebrate the best of all games. While we appreciate the labours of the Committee, we regret that the support the Annual receives from the members of the Association is not what it ought to be. Some years ago we urged that one copy for every three members in a club should be the lowest average club order, while this year it is only one copy for every 51/4 members, and we think this is not as it should be.

The O. C. A. is the only Curling Association that leaves the circulation of its Annual to the discretion of the clubs, all the others make a special assessment per member to cover cost of issue of the Annual, and distribute a certain number of copies to each club in proportion to its membership.

This is the method in use in the R. C. C. C., the G. National of the U. S., and the Manitoba Branch of the R. C. C. C., and has many advantages. It may be well for the O. C. A. to consider the propriety of adopting a similar method, as the issue of an Annual is indispensable to the existence of the Association, and its better distribution cannot fail to be beneficial all around.

The financial position of the Association continues satisfactory. After providing two splendid Silver cups for the District Cup Competitions of last season, we have a small balance on hand, in cash, and a further sum it good accounts owing, and a considerable amount will probably be realized from about 200 copies of Annuals on hand. With the return of general prosperity to the country, we may confidently expect the formation of many new clubs, and the revival of others which succumbed to the adverse circumstances which prevailed for some years in many districts. A number of both kinds have been already heard from, and we feel assured that a very considerable addition to our ranks will be made before next season opens.

Your Committee have been informed that certain clubs do not make returns of their full membership, and we have reason to believe that the practice prevails to a limited extent. We are disposed to think that the evil arises more frequently from negligence or want of knowledge on the part of secretaries of local clubs, than from an intent on the part of any club to evade payment of its fair proportion of the regulation dues, and we trust this warning will remove the evil. It is a double wrong, first, because every person who joins an affiliated club is entitled to be registered as a member of the O. C. A., and he is wronged if he is not registered duly as such; and second, the clubs who honestly make returns of their full membership are wronged by those who make incomplete returns, and who thus make payment of the members' rate of dues in respect of only a portion of their members.

This is not the spirit that should characterize curlers.

Your Committee have had several important matters under consideration since the October meeting,

1st. The doing away with the middle line as the place where sweeping may ordinarily be commenced, and allowing a stone to be swept as soon as it has crossed the Hog line nearest the player.

2nd. The practice, by some players, of leaving the Hack and sliding forward before delivering the stone, and delivering it otherwise than on the Central line. The practice was held to be wrong, and in conflict with the existing rule that all stones shall be delivered on "the Central line," and that the Hack is the foot rest for the party delivering the stone.

3rd. The return of certain parties as members and skips in more than one club.

It was agreed that this matter be left over, to be taken up at the meeting of representatives in April, and a number of other matters which, with those specially named, will be duly laid before the meeting by the Secretary.

It was moved by Mr. Robson, seconded by Mr. Eakins, and carried, That the Report of the Executive Committee be received, and that it be confirmed.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, the Secretary introduced the following, viz.:

First, to be inserted after section 3 of the By-laws, "That all members who join an associated club shall be entitled to be registered as members of the O. C. A., and shall be so registered with the General Secretary not later than the first day of the month next following the date of their joining the local club, at the ordinary rate for members; and any club neglecting to thus register any of its members.

shall be held liable to the Association for double the amount of the member's rate in respect of each of such members. This was moved by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Collins, and carried.

Second, That after the word "notification," in the 13th line of section 13 of the By-laws, there be inserted the words." They shall also act as an advisory board to the Secretary-Treasurer and Committees." The adoption of this was moved by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Carlyle, and was lost.

Third, That in section 4 of Rules of the Game, the word "shall" be substituted for the word "may" in the second line, that the words "with their centre" in the eighth and ninth lines be deleted; and that the words following be added to the section, viz.: "and before the player removes his foot from the Hack." This was moved by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Robson, and carried.

Fourth, That in section 5 of Rules of the Game, every reference to "Middle line" be cancelled. This was moved by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Hargraft, and carried.

Fifth, That it be enacted, that if any Rink appears at a match with only two players, it shall be declared to have lost by default; if a rink appears with only three players the game shall proceed, the first player in the incomplete Rink playing two pairs of stones, and the incomplete Rink shall give to the opposing Rink one point in the game for every three ends so played.

It was agreed that this be received as a notice of motion for the October meeting.

Sixth, That the words "nor shall he pass beyond the nearest Hog Line until he has played both stones," be inserted after the word "play" in the third line of Section 11 of Rules of the Game.

It was agreed that this be accepted as notice of motion for the October meeting.

Seventh, That the words "Middle Line" in the fourth line of section 15, Rules of the Game, be deleted, and that the words "Hog Line nearest the player" be inserted in their stead. Moved by the Secretary, seconded by Mr. Hargraft, and carried.

Eighth, That there be added to section 15, Rules of the Game, "After a stone has been delivered the Skip of the party not playing may sweep in front of any of his party's stones likely to be moved by the running stone, but in so doing, he must not obstruct the Skip of the party playing, in front of the sweeping line." This was moved by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Dalton, and carried.

Ninth, That a full stop be substituted for the semicolon after the word "delay," in the third line of section 21, Rules of the Game; that the following portion of the section be cancelled, and that the words following be inserted in place thereof, viz.: "And if the Umpire decides that the belated Club or Rink is at fault in regard to the delay, he shall give one point in the game to the Rink present, and ready to play, for each such period of time it is kept waiting." This was moved by Secretary Russell, seconded by Mr. Dalton, supported by Mr. Bain, and carried.

Tenth, That occasional members shall not play in inter-club matches, nor for Association Trophies, Mr. Dalton proposed that this be withdrawn, and no action was taken on it.

The following changes in the Rules for District Cup Competitions were moved by Secretary Russell: In Rule 3, cancel "before 1st December, 1808," in sixth line, and for "future years," in seventh line, read "each year." In rule 5, substitute "four" for "eight" in 5th line, and "eight" for "sixteen" in 5th and 6th lines, add to Rule 6, "And it must be returned in good condition to the Umpire for the District, not later than 1st February in each year," in rule 7, substitute 1st for 10th in 2nd line, and cancel the clause "and the second and third before

31st January," and add, "Rule No. 8. The Executive Committee are authorized to put up, at such intervals as they shall see fit, special medals to be competed for by clubs of this class, which, from isolation, are not able to enter the District Cup Competition." The motion was seconded by Mr. Davison, and carried.

The Secretary then moved that the following changes be made in the Rules governing the competition for the Ontario Taniard, so as to make them conform to present conditions: Rule 2, substitute eight for sixteen. Rule 3, cancel the words, from "which" in second line, to "contest" in third line; and after "system" in fourth line, insert "by the Executive Committee, and published in the Annual." Rule No. 4, after the word "from" in third line, cancel the words "another group," and insert in their place, the words, "a club not in the group," and cancel Rule 8, no longer required, and they were all declared carried.

The reference from the Executive Committee in regard to certain parties who are published in the Annual as Members and Skips in more than one Club, was then brought before the meeting, but no action was taken there-anent.

The Chairman them presented to Mr. Matthew Anderson, the Representative of the Fergus Club, the Tankard Trophies, viz.: The Tankard for one year's custody, the Banner, the President's Gold Medals to the winning Skips, and six souvenirs, the gift of the Association, to the other players of the winning Rinks, emphasising the fact that Mr. Anderson was the oldest member of the oldest Club in the Province, and congratulating him upon the skill and success of the players who had won such a Trophy for the Club. Mr. Anderson made a concise and appreciative reply, he referred to the remarkable development and advancement of the game in his time, he eulogised the Association for the vigorous manner in which the

game of curling was managed in Ontario; he assured his fellow curlers that the success of Fergus Club, this year, would make them more devoted to the game than they had been, if that were possible; that they had always been loyal to the O. C. A. and would maintain their loyalty, and take a warmer interest in the efforts made by the Association to improve and spread the game.

The Vice-President then presented his prizes, viz.: Two Gold Medals to the Skips of St. Mary's Tankard Rinks, and Souvenirs from the Association to the other six players, the Runners-up in this year's Tankard Competition. They were accepted for the Club by Mr. Robson, and suitably acknowledged.

The Chairman then presented the Group Champion Medals to the Clubs present, and the Secretary was directed to forward the others to the several winners.

The Secretary reported that the Western District Cup had been presented to the Forest City (London) Club, by President McLaren, on the day of their victory, and that the Eastern District Cup, won by the Newmarket Club had been duly forwarded to the Secretary of that Club.

The President then presented the Gold Medal for the Winner of the Points' Game, to Mr. Doolittle, for

Mr. Toogood of the Orillia Club.

There being no representative present from Oshawa Club, the Secretary was instructed to forward the Governor-General's Cup by Express. This Cup was greatly admired, it was in the form of an Etruscan Vase, of Sterling Silver, set upon a base of Ebony, and was suitably engraved. Oshawa Club will doubtless proudly treasure it.

The Secretary's Annual Prize to each of the winning Skips in the competition for the Governor-General's prize were then submitted, and were directed to be sent to Oshawa along with that Club's

other prizes.

Mr. Robson gave notice, That at the meeting in October he will move that the number of ends to be

played in all Association matches shall be reduced to eighteen.

Mr. Edwards submitted the following notice of motion, viz.: Notice is hereby given that at the next meeting of the Association to be held in October next, a motion will be made to amend section 16 of the Rules of the Game, by striking out the word "fifty" in the second line, and substituting the words "forty-five" therefor.

It was then moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Carlyle, and carried, That in the opinion of this meeting it is advisable for the Executive Committee to make some arrangement so that the number of Clubs or Rinks that may compete for the Governor-General's prize be limited.

The meeting then adjourned.

A. F. MACLAREN, President.

THE OCTOBER MEETING.

TORONTO, 18th October, 1899.

Met, the representatives of the Ontario Curling Association, President A. F. McLaren, M.P., in the chair, called the meeting to order and appointed Messrs. Geo. G. Biggar, and T. C. Haslett, the Committee on Credentials, who reported the following clubs present by duly accredited representatives, viz.:

Club.

Club.	Representative.
Ayr Union	R. Neilson
Belleville	Geo. C. Biggar
Bobcavgeon	R. K. Connell
Bowmanville	D. B. Simpson
Campbellford .	G. G. Eakins
Cobourg Wave:	rlev
	A. R. Hargraft
Collingwood	W. T. Toner
Detroit	D. L. Carley
	E. Collins
Fenelon Falls	J. D. Flavelle
Fergus	T. J. Hamilton
Galt	G. A. Graham
Galt Granite	C. Turnbull
	E. Dickenson
Hamilton Asyl	um.Dr. Russell
Thistle	F. C. Haslett
Victoria	D Dexter
Harriston	G. G. Eakins
Keene	J. S. Russell
	. J. Strickland
Lindsay	J. D. Flavelle
LondonV	W. D. McIntosh
Forest City	J. McWhinney
Meaford	J. S. Russell

NewmarketT. H. Brunton
Orillia E. A. Doolittle
ParisR. Thomson
Peterboro'—
Granite} E. B. Edwards
St. Mary's G. H. McIntyre
St. Thomas W. K. Cameron
SarniaW. F. Davison
Scarboro'
SeaforthT. G. Williamson

Representativ e

Stratford J. A. Macfadden

The minutes of last meeting were then read by the Secretary, and on motion of Mr. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Haslett, they were confirmed.

Mr. E. Collins moved, seconded by Mr. M. L. Strickland, that Minto Curling Club of Milton, be received into the Association, on complying with the Regulations; and it was carried.

The Report of the Executive Committee was then read as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee respectfully report, that, with a view that the Representatives might be better prepared to discuss the business to be passed upon to-day, they issued a circular on 29th Sept., to all the clubs, containing the changes made in the By-laws at last meeting in April, and the notices of motion to be considered at this meeting, to which they have added one, defining more clearly the privileges of members regular.

They have also decided to put up two additional District Cups, making one for each of four districts, which will place this competition within the fairly convenient reach of every club in the Association.

They have prepared plans of grouping for the Primary Tankard Competitions, and for the District Cup Competitions, also a plan for determining what clubs shall have the right to compete for the Governor-General's prize; all of which will be duly submitted.

They expect the accession of several new clubs before the season opens, in addition to those proposed to-day.

With fraternal sympathy they note the decease of a number of prominent curlers, amongst whom they would mention Mr. Geo. C. Ward of Port Hope, who was President of the Association in 1879-80; Mr. J. A. McMillan, of Lindsay; Mr. James Gibson, of Ancaster; Mr. C. W. Davis, of London, and Mr. Jas. Tennant, of Toronto.

They anticipate a busy curling season in the coming winter, and they express their expectation that the changes made in the By-laws will conduce to the improvement of the game, and to the promotion of fair play, and equal privileges to all who take part in it.

At the request of several clubs they have made the following transfers, viz.: Bobcaygeon Club and Belleville Club from Tankard to District Cup competition:

London Forest City Club and Bowmanville Club from District Cup to Tankard Competition. ford Club represents that it is much more convenient to travel to Toronto than to Stratford, and it has been transferred from District No. 4 to District No. 1 for the present; and the case of this club will be further considered before season opens; they regret that Waubaushene and Chesley Clubs have for the present withdrawn from the Association.

In regard to the competition for the Governor-General's prize, they recommend, that the right to compete for this honorable and valuable prize, which becomes the property of the winning club, shall be in recognition of merit, and of skill in the game, as shown in preceding contests, and that it shall be open only to the winners and the runners-up in our two public club competitions, viz., the District Cup and the Ontario Tankard Competitions, excepting the winning and the last competing club in the Tankard Finals.

Mr. Dexter moved, seconded by Dr. Russell, that the report be received and tabled, and that the recommendations be considered seriatim, and it was carried.

After consideration, certain changes were made in the groupings, amending them as follows:

ONTARIO TANKARD, 1899-1900.

GROUP No. 1

GROUP NO. 1.	GROUP No. 2.
Windsor Club. Detroit "	Stratford Club. St. Mary's "
Chatham "	Bright "
Ridgetown "	Seaforth "
Toledo Burns "	Guelph Union, "
Thamesville "	Brantford "
Forest City, "	Play mainly at Stratford.
Play mainly at Windsor.	W. Jacksov, Clinton,
JOHN WILLIAMSON, Sr.,	Umpire.
Detroit, Umpire.	o impiro.

GROUP No. 3.

London	Club.
Paris	"
Ingersell	66
Woodstock	"
St. Thomas	"
Simcoe	"
Galt	" "
Glencoe	"

Play mainly at Ingersoll. J. BURNETT, London, Umpire.

GROUP No. 4.

$\mathbf{Harriston}$	Club.
Walkerton	"
Wingham	"
Lucknow	"
Play mainly	at Harriston.

W. CALDER, Durham, Umpire.

GROUP No. 5.

Preston Galt Granite	Club.
Dundas	"
Guelph Royal City	"
Brampton	4.4
Fergus	"
Hamilton Victoria	66
Parkdale	"
Play mainly at G	nelnh

W. D. HEPBURN, Guelph, Umpire.

GROUP No. 6.

Ancaster Glanford	Club.
Hamilton Thistle	"
Hamilton Asylum	
St. Catharine's	* "
Niagara Falls	"
Buffalo	"
Prospect Park, Toront	o "
Play mainly at Hamil	ton.
D. DEXTER, Hamilt	on,
Umpire.	

GROUP No. 7.

	Lindsay	Club.
	Barrie	**
	Collingwood	"
	Peterboro' Granite	6.6
1	" Thistle	6.6
1	Orillia	4 6
ı	Churchill	+ 6
ı	Play mainly at O	rillia.
i	G F. HALL, Waub	aushene,
ı	Umpire.	

GROUP No. 8

GROOM	110.0.
LOLULIO	Club.
Lakeview	,,
Granite	,,
Caledonian	22
Queen City	
Oshawa	"
Cobourg	"
Port Hope	"
Bowmanville	
Play mainly	at Toronto.
D. CARLYL	E, Toronto,

Umpire.

DISTRICT CUP COMPETITIONS, 1899-1900.

DISTRICT	No. 1.	
Georgetown	Club.	
Newmarket	"	
Scarboro'	"	
" Maple	e Leaf "	
Meaford	"	
Play mainly	at Toronto.	
Jno. Bain, Tor		
DISTRICT	No. 2.	
Lakefield	Club.	
Fenelon Falls	".	
Campbellford	"	
Keene	"	
Napanee	"	
Bobcaygeon	66	
Belleville	"	
Play mainly at Campbell ford. E. B. Edwards, Peterboro', Umpire.		

It is expected that this group will play at Campbellford and Peterboro' in alternate years.

DISTRICT N	ο.	o.
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Plattsville Embro	Club
Petrolea	"
Forest	"
Ayr	"
Sarnia	"

Play mainly at London, THOMAS GILLEAN, London, Umpire.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Clinton	Club.
Goderich	4.6
Durham	"
Waterloo	66.
Arthur	"

Play mainly at Stratford.

A. F. M'LAREN, Stratford,
Umpire.

And it was moved by Mr. Dexter, seconded by Dr. Russell, that the Report with recommendations be adopted, and it was carried.

Notices of motion from the April meeting were then in order, and Mr. Dalton moved, seconded by Mr. Collins, That if any Kink appears at a match with only two players, it shall be declared to have lost the match by default; if a rink appears with only three players, the game shall proceed, the first player in the incomplete Rink playing two pairs of stones, and the incomplete Rink shall give to the opposing Rink one point in the game for every three ends so played.

Mr. Bain moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Davison, that the penalty be only one point in the game for every five ends or part of five ends so played; and a show of hands having been taken, the

amendment was carried, and the motion as amended was declared carried.

Dr. Russell moved, seconded by Mr. Dexter, That in section 11 of Rules of the Game, after the word "play" in the third line, there be inserted the words "nor shall he pass beyond the Hog Line nearest the Hack played from, until he has played both stones." A vote having been taken, this was declared lost. An amendment to same, moved by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Brunton, to substitute the words, "nor shall any player except the skips" for the words, "nor shall he," in said motion, was also declared lost.

In the absence of Mr. Robson, Mr. Dalton moved, seconded by Mr. Graham, That the number of ends to be played in all Association matches be reduced to eighteen; the motion was put to the meeting and declared lost.

Mr. Edwards then moved, seconded by Mr. Simpson, That Rule 16 be amended by deleting the word "fifty," and by substituting the words "forty-five" therefor, and that the change shell not come into effect until after the coming curling season. A show of bands was taken, after a short discussion, and the motion was declared lost, the vote stood 26 against, and 12 for.

Mr. Russell then moved, seconded by Mr. Dexter, that the recommendation of the Executive Committee to insert the word "trophy" before the word "matches" in the eighth line of section 3 of By-laws, be adopted, and it was carried.

Proceeding to the election of Office Bearers:

Mr. Daiton moved, seconded by Mr. Dexter, that His Excellency the Earl of Minto, Governor-General 6: Canada be re-elected Patron, and it was carried unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Dexter, seconded by Mr. Flavelle, Sir Oliver Mowat, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, was re-elected Honorary President.

On motion of Mr. McLaren, seconded by Mr. Russell, Mr. Dexter was elected President.

On motion of Mr. McIntosh, seconded by Mr. Mc-Kenzie, Mr. Dalton was elected First Vice-President.

On motion of Mr. Dexter, seconded by Mr. Mc-Intosh, Mr. J. S. Russell, was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The Rev. John Young of Hamilton was re-elected Chaplain.

The following were elected members of the Executive Committee: W. T. Toner, Collingwood; W. D. McIntosh, Toronto Caledonian; Chas. Turnbull, Galt Granite; W. C. Mattnews, Toronto Granite; Dr. Russell, Hamilton Asylum; D. Carlyle, Toronto Prospect Park.

The members of the Standing Committees were reelected.

Mr. Flavelle then moved, seconded by Mr. Cameron, that the second clause of the By-law passed at the April meeting and reading: "That all stones shall be delivered from the player's hand before he removes his foot from the hack," be quashed; and the motion was lost.

The new office bearers were then introduced by Ex-President Maclaren, after which the meeting adjourned.

A. F. MACLAREN, Chairman.

COMPETITIONS.

THE ONTARIO SILVER TANKARD.

THE PRIMARIES.

The reduction of the number of groups in this famous competition, from 16 to 8, may be regarded as a decided success, the average number of matches played in each group being 4½, as against ½½ in the previous year. Some complaints were made in regard to the very considerable amount of travel necessarily incurred in playing off the Primaries, but that seems inevitable until large Rinks, with six sheets of curling ice become more numerous; but we suggest that the expense might be reduced to a minimum, if the drawing was made by the Executive Committee, and published in the Annual, thus giving the competing Clubs ample time to arrange, with the approval of the Umpire, a plan of playing which would involve the least cost of time and expense to each of them.

The change made by commencing the finals in the afternoon, was found to compensate, in a measure, for the expense incurred in the Primaries.

	CLUBS.			
Group.	Eligible.	Com- peting.	Matches played.	Group Champions.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	8 8 7 8 8 8 8 6 6	5 7 4 7 5 6 6 3	4 6 3 4 4 5 5 5 2	St. Thomas. Paris. Dundas. St. Mary's. Fergus. Toronto. Oshawa. Peterboro' Granite.

The Umpires who superintend these matches, often at considerable expense of money and time, are deserving of the best thanks of the Association. They are chosen for the duty because they are known to be men of intelligence and uprightness, well acquainted with the game, and who will see even-handed justice done to all parties; we are pleased to be able to report that those who conducted the games of last season, discharged their duties well and faithfully, that they sent in accurate reports, and are worthy of all honor:

Group No. 1, G. N. Matheson, Sarnia; group No. 2, R. A. Duncan, Embro; No. 3, Dr. Russell, Hamilton; No. 4, F. Millman, Woodstock; No. 5, Jno. Kennedy, Guelph; No. 6, W. C. Mathews, Toronto; No. 7, Jno. Bain, Toronto; No. 8, Dr. Shaw, Keene.

REPORT OF FINAL COMPETITION FOR THE ONTARIO TANKARD, 1898-99.

No curling event was ever conducted under more favorable circumstances than the Final Competition for the Ontario Tankard for 1898-99.

Every one of the champion Clubs of the eight groups was there, flushed with their recent victories, and full of the expectation that continued success would carry them through the coming struggle, and make them the proud winners of the famous Tankard; every Team was worthy to carry the Blue Ribbon Prize of the O. C. A., and every player was resolved that he would play as he had never played before, to help to win, for his Club, the much coveted Trophy.

Of the eight Clubs appearing in the Tankard Finals, three had previously been winners, viz.: The Toronto Club in 1876 and 1877; St. Mary's in 1884, and Paris in 1887: Three had also been runners up, viz.: Oshawa in 1893, St. Mary's in 1887 and 1896, and Dundas in 1894 and 1898, while St. Thomas and



Fergus had not attained to either position, although well known to be in the front rank of Curling Clubs.

For the first time in several years the Umpire had no anxiety in regard to having good ice for the contest.

For several days there had been from 20 to 30 degrees of frost, and the ice was in splendid condition; and another circumstance, that in the first round all the 16 Rinks were accommodated in the spacious premises of the Granite Club (freely given up for the occasion by the Granite and Queen City Curling Clubs), and in the second and last rounds the competing Clubs had the large rink of the Victoria Club all to themselves, made the competition most enjoyable and satisfactory. Mr. D. L. VanVlack was acting Umpire in the Granite Rink, Mr. John Bain in the Victoria, and the General Secretary was, as usual, in his place superintending the whole.

The Rinks of the competing clubs were made up as follows, viz. :

St Thomas Club.

A. McCrimmon, W. R. Jackson, J. M. Glenn, W. K. Cameron, Skip. J. Revard. D. McLaws, J. McAdam, S. May, Skip.

Paris Club. H. O'Neil, J. McKay, Geo. Tate, J. W. Carnie, Skip. H. Walker, N. Thomson, D. Adams, M. Cavan, Skip.

Fergus Club.

J. G. Wilson, R. Kerr, J. Mennie, H. S. Michie, Skip. J. Graham. D. Mennie, T. J. Hamilton, W. Richardson, Skip.

Toronto Club.

W. A. Hargreaves, A. H. Baines, G. C. Biggar, C. J. Leonard, Skip. R. Southam, A. D. McArthur, Geo. Sauer, And. Hood, Skip.

Dundas Club.

St. Mary's Club.

Oshawa Club.

P. Burton,
W. J. Hendry,
H. F. Powell, C. Collins, Skip.
E. Collins, W. Lawson,
J. Ross,
T. A. Bertram, Skip.

W. Walker, E. J. Rowse, F. J. Lambert,

J. Sykes, Skip. F. H. Carswell, A. G. Lambert, J. F. Paxton, P. H. Punshon, Skip.

Peterboro' Granite,

J. W. Wood,
J. D. Moore,
T. O. Robson,
J. Oddy, Skip.
C T Promotor
C. T. Rumsey,
W. Andrews, jr., C. Meyers,
W. Andrews, Skip

Geo. Giroux,
T. E. Bradburn,
R. B. Boucher,
W. L. Allan, Skip,
Geo. Boucher,
W. R. Hamilton,
W. G. Morrow,

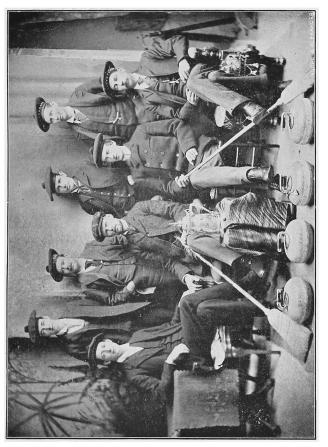
R. M. Hamilton, Skip.

THE COMPETITION.

FIRST DRAW.	Second Draw.	FINAL.
Fergus	Fergus	Fergus 48 St. Mary's 29

Fergus Club thus winning the competition.

Immediately after the close of the match, adjournment was made to the club-room of the Victoria Club, and Mr. John Bain, President of the



J. Graham Robt. Kerr J. B. Bavne T. J. Hamilton H. S. Michie J. Me D. MENNIE W. A. RICHARDSON

J. MENNIE

Toronto Club, was voted into the chair. Umpire then reported, that after a series of well played matches, on excellent ice, the Blue Ribbon Curling Trophy of Ontario had been won by Fergus Club, the oldest Curling Club in the Association, and handed the famous Silver Tankard to the chairman who presented it to Mr. Kerr. President of the Fergus Club, with some laudatory encomiums on their curling skill. Mr. Kerr made a neat reply, acknowledging the generous congratulations with which the success of Fergus Club had been honored by the curlers present. They had kept up a strong enthusiasm in curling in Fergus for many years, and the crowning success the Club had won in the present contest would stimulate them to increased activity in the practice of the ennobling game. After hearty cheers for Fergus Club, and the O. C. A., the meeting dispersed.

Many of the games were unduly protracted, both those in the forenoon and afternoon, to the great discomfort of the players.

HONOR ROLL ONTARIO SILVER TANKARD

<u>www.www.www.</u> WINNING CLUB. LAST COMPETING CLUB. 1875 Hamilton Mechanics. Hamilton Thistle... Toronto 1876 Orillia. Toronto 1877 No other competitor. Hamilton Thistle... 1878 Port Hope. Bowmanville.... 1879Galt. Port Hope...... 1880 Bowmanville. 1881 Hamilton Thistle... Port Hope. Toronto Caledonian 1882 Bowmanville. 1883 Barrie. Brampton St. Mary's..... 1884 Orillia. 1885 Hamilton Thistle. Toronto Granite.... 1886Guelph. Paris 1887 St. Mary's. Thamesville 1888 Galt. 1889 Toronto Granite. Galt Walkerton..... 1890 Toronto Granite. Hamilton Thistle... 1891 Toronto Prospect Pk. 1892 Peterboro'. Toronto Granite.... Bobcaygeon 1893 Oshawa. Toronto Granite.... 1894 Dundas. Hamilton Thistle... 1895 Lindsay. Toronto Granite.... 1896St. Marv's. Lindsay 1897 Hamilton Victoria. Lindsay 1898 Dundas. 1899 Fergus..... St. Mary's.

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REPORT OF DISTRICT CUP COMPETITIONS.

With a view to lessen the expense of carrying out these competitions your Committee appointed that in the Western District there should be two playing centres, viz., at London, and Stratford; and that the winning club at the one centre should play against the winner at the other for the final match; and, in like manner, that in the Eastern District the two playing centres should be at Orillia and Belleville, or as might be found most convenient.

In the Western District 7 clubs defaulted and 5 played. At London, Forest City scored 44 vs. Ayr 40. and Forest City scored 52 vs. Clinton 23. Stratford, Waterloo scored 43, vs. Goderich 30; and in the final, played at Stratford, Forest City made 47,

to Waterloo 31, thus winning the trophy.

In the Eastern District 6 clubs defaulted and 5 played. At Belleville, Napanee defeated Keene, 44 to 39. At Orillia no club was present prepared to play. At Toronto, Scarboro' defeated Bowmanville 26 to 22, in addition to 16 on time rule. Markham defaulted to Newmarket, and Newmarket defeated Scarboro' 36 to 26, thus winning the cup.

This Competition is looked upon with great favor. and will advance in popularity as the Districts are increased in number, and reduced in extent. However praiseworthy the intention was to endeavor in the first year of the competition to accommodate the whole Province with two Districts, the loss of time and expense connected with playing the requisite number of matches among clubs scattered over such great distances was found to be too great. If the matches in each District could be played off in three sets of games, not occupying the longest surviving clubs more than two days, the attendance and outcome would be much more satisfactory.

REPORT OF COMPETITION FOR THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S PRIZE

Our newly appointed Governor-General, himself a veteran curier, has evinced the interest he takes in the game, by following the example set by his predecessors in donating prizes to be played for annually, one by the iron playing, and the other by the stone playing clubs in the Dominion.

The primary competition in Ontario for the prize for stone playing clubs, which becomes the final when no other central association puts up a champion club to compete against the Ontario winner, was carried out at Toronto on the 8th and 9th February, and was a most enjoyable bonspiel. Hitherto limited to the winning clubs in the group competitions, it was, this year, thrown open to all the clubs in the Association, except the winner and runner-up in the Tankard Matches, and this privilege was accepted by 11 clubs in addition to four of those taking part in the Tankard Competition, making 15 in all who took part in the contest.

Of the "general" entries 8 were from Toronto and immediate vicinity, and only 3 from other parts of the Province, viz., Cobourg, Lindsay, and Stratford. Two others entered, viz., Waterloo and Detroit, but they did not show up, nor did they send any advice regarding their absence, or apology for it, and this neglect caused some confusion, and led to the only trouble that marred the harmony of the occasion.

It is very noteworthy that the teams which had been made up for the Tankard competition were decidedly superior to the others, as in every case in which they came in contact, the Tankard teams won, not even one of them was defeated by any of the general entrants; and although they had previously fallen in the Tankard games, they met defeat only when they met other Tankard teams.

The 11 general entrants may meditate on the Roman saying: "It is not safe for every one to do business at Corinth."

The Umpire wishes to call attention to the regulations governing such competitions, that only regular members of the clubs competing can take part in them, and to report that he found occasion to enforce this rule during the contest now being reported.

This competition following the finals for the Tankard afforded as fine an exhibition of curling as was ever witnessed in Toronto, continued throughout three successive days. The ice was in splendid condition, and in lavish abundance. The City clubs vied with each other in having the ice on their several rinks absolutely perfect, and what Birley of the Granite, Taylor of the Victoria, and Scott of the Parkdale Clubs, don't know about the making of ice for curling, has yet to be found out.

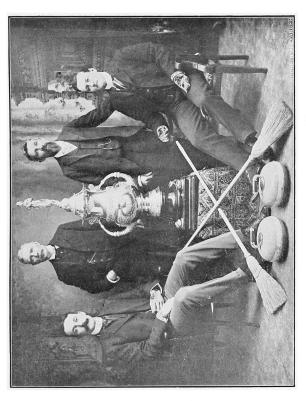
One club raised objection that it had been defeated in a game, started late, and not of the regulation number of ends; it was generously allowed another chance, and, after a full length game, was once more the loser.

The competing clubs were St. Thomas, Toronto, Oshawa, and Peterboro' Granites, from the Tankard Contests; and Lindsay, Scarboro', Scarboro' Maple Leaf, Toronto Queen City, Toronto Prospect Park, Cobourg Waverley, Toronto Parkdale, Stratford,

Toronto Granite, Toronto Lakeview, and Brampton from the Association, and was played as follows, viz.:

First Round.	Second.	Bye.	Third.	Fourth.
Scarboro' M'ple L'f 50 Lindsay 45 Oshawa	38		39)	48)
Scarboro' 46) St. Thomas 46 ; Toronto Queen City 23 } Toronto Pros't P'k 44 }	$\begin{array}{ccc} & 56 \\ & 31 \end{array}$		}	
Cobourg, Waverley 40 \\ Toronto, Parkdale 41 \\ Toronto, Granite 27 \\ Stratford 31 \\ Toronto, Granite 31 \\ Toronto 31 \\ Toro	43		39)	}
Brampton	30 36} Bye	48	40	29
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Oshawa thus winning the Trophy.



A. J. REID, 3rd. John Goldie, 1st.

J. Anderson, Skip. J. P. Wyllie, 2nd. WINNERS OF SLEEMAN TROPHY 1899.

GENERAL COMPETITION AT THE POINTS' GAME.

Only three returns have been received in this competition, viz., from Orillia, Seaforth and Lindsay clubs.

PLAYER.	CLUB.	Score
E. A. Ďoolittle	Lindsay Seaforth Lindsay Seaforth Lindsay Seaforth Lindsay " Seaforth	41 39 38 35 32 32 32 31 31 30 30

Mr. F. Toogood winning with a score of 44.

TOURNAMENTS.

THE WESTERN TANKARD.

FINAL COMPETITION.

First Draw.	Second.	Third.	Final.
Seaforth 38 \ Thamesville 42 \ Southampton 37 \ Forest City 38 \ Ingersoll 34 \ Lucknow 33 \ Sarnia 29 \ St. Thomas 45 \ Paris a bye	a bye		43

Forest City, London-winning.

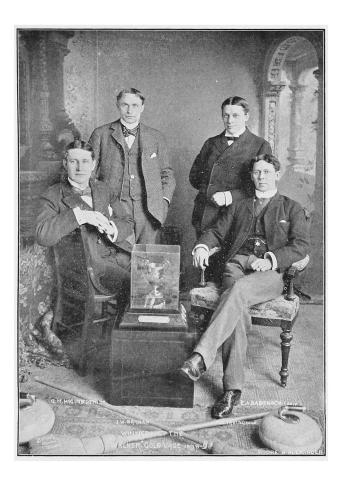
GUELPH TOURNAMENT.

A single rink competition, the winning rink taking the Sleeman Trophy, and the runner-up the Guelph Cup. Thirty-one rinks were in the contest, and the final game was between

an Ayr Rink, and a Waterloo Rink. J. Goldie.

į. Golale,	G. D. la Course.
J. Wylie,	W. Hogg,
A. J. Reid,	J. A. Kress.
Jno. Anderson, Skip25	G. A. Bruce, Skip8

The game was not completed, as the Waterloo Rink gave up on the 16th end.



THE SINGLE RINK COMPETITION-HAMILTON.

FOR WALKER TROPHY.

In this competition ten rinks were engaged, one each from Galt, and Hamilton Asylum; two from Hamilton Victoria, and three from each of Hamilton Thistle, and Dundas.

The final match was between two Dundas rinks, and was won by Dr. Bertram's rink.

THE SINGLE BINK COMPETITION-TORONTO.

FOR WALKER VASE.

Fifty-five rinks took part in this competition: The Granite Club sending nineteen; the Toronto, thirteen; Queen City, nine; Parkdale, eight; Caledonia, three; Lakeview, two; and Prospect Park, one.

The closing match was between

a Granite Club Rink and a Toronto Club Rink.

Geo. Higinbotham,
J. W. Drynan, jr.,
J. W. Irving,
J. W. Irving,
A. H. Baines,
A. D. Bries,
A. D. Bries,

E. A. Badenach, Skip...27 Geo. C. Biggar, Skip.......7

OWEN SOUND COMPETITION

was won by Chesley Club, making 40 to 36 by Collingwood Club in the final game.

THE WINDSOR BONSPIEL.

THE WALKER CUP was won by SARNIA Club.
The Cadillac Cup was won by Chatham Club.

The Russell Cup was won by a CHATHAM CLUB RINK, of which Mr. J. P. Dunlop was Skip.

CLUB RECORDS

For Season 1898-99.

NOTE.—Following up the notice prefixed to Club Records last year, we leave out all reports of one-rink matches in this year's list. See Rules of the Game, section 24.

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AYR UNION vs. R.W.L. Paris	Points' Game, Club Competition—Won by Dr. R. V. Bray. Score, 30. Association Competition—Highest score, 30, by J. McCoig.
Plattsville 2 12	CLINTON CLUB.
Points' Game, Club Com-	vs. R.W.L.
petition — Won by John	vs. R.W.L. Hensall 2 1
Wyllie. Score, 31.	" Z 1
1, jane, 100010, 021	Goderich 2 23
CHATHAM CLUB	. 2 . 13
vs. R.W.L.	Forest City, London 2 29 Seaforth 3 14
Tilbury 2 6	Seaforth 3 14
Windsor 4 4	" 2 10
Glencoe 3 11	
Tilbury 2 13	DUNDAS CLUB.
Glencoe 2 11	vs. R.W.L.
Ridgetown 2 2	Hamilton Thistles
Sarnia, Walker Tro. 2 20	P. Tankard 2 13
Thamesville, Wind-	Glanford " 2 20
sor Trophy 2 3	Hamilton Victorias
sor Trophy 2 3 Windsor, Windsor	Cup 5 13
Trophy . 2 4	St. Thomas,
Toledo, Detroit Tro. 2 9	F. Tankard 2 16
Toledo, Detroit Tro. 2 9 Sarnia, " 2 13	St. Mary's, F. Tank-
Wallaceburg 2 8	_ard 2 14
Windsor 2 4	Hamilton Victorias.
Sarnia 2 5	_Cup 5 7
Thamesville 2 13	Hamilton Asylum,
Ridgetown 3 9 Detroit 3 8	Cup 5 23
Detroit 3 8	Hamilton Asylum. 3 33
Thamesville 2 1	Hamilton Thistles. 2 13
Wallaceburg 2 6	Hamilton Asylum . 2 11
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Rink Competition—Seniors	GALT GRANITE CLUB
-Won by Dr. Bertram, Three Pairs of Stones Match	vs. R.W.L. Galt
Won by H. C. Davis.	W-1-1-1- 2
Points' Game—Won by H.	Waterloo
C. Davis, score 36.	Hespeler
FERGUS CLUB.	Preston
	Woodstock, Tank-
vs. R.W.L. Guelph Union 3 3	ard Primary 2 15 Paris, Tankard P 2 3
Elora 2 9	Milton 3 23
Toronto Granite,	Preston 4 3
Ont. Tankard 2 31	Ayr 5 6
Galt, "2 15 Oshawa, "2 17 Toronto Victorias,	Toronto Granite 4 7 Paris 3 1
Toronto Victorias,	Milton 3 13
Ont Tankard 2 1	Rink Competition, Seniors—
St. Mary's, Ont. Tankard 2 19	Won by C. Turnbull's Rink.
Gileiph Union 3 5	Tomk.
Harriston 7 14	GLENCOE CLUB
Arthur 2 8	vs. R.W.L.
GALT CLUB.	Thamesville, Walker
228. B. W. L.	Cup 2 14 Grand Rapids, Ca-
vs. R.W.L. Preston 4 22	dillac Cup 2 21
Guelph Union 4 28	Detroit, Walker Cup 2 17
Hespeler	Windsor, Cadillae
Trophy 1 15	Cup 2 7 Embro, Cadillac Cup 2 7
Guelph Union, Tan-	London Forest City
kard 2 32	Cadillac Cup 2 21
Fergus, Tankard 2 . 15 Preston 4 20	London Forest City Western Tankard 2 32
Woodstock 2 8	St. Thomas,
Toronto Granites 4 11	Donly Cup 2 18
Ayr 6 10 Hespeler 2 16	St. Mary's, Colts' Cup 2 6
Hespeler	Ingersoll, Colts' Cup 2 13
Paris 3 18	Rink Competition, Calvert
Guelph Union 4 3	Trophy—Won by G. C.
Milton 3 tie)	McFarlane, Skip.

GUELPH ROYAL CITY CLUB. **s. R.W.L. Lucknow	HARRISTON CLUB. vs. R.W.L. Arthur, Friendly. 2 draw " 2 21 Guelph Tankard— Fergus 1 7 Hespeler 1 15 Waterloo 1 1 Milton 1 11 Ayr 8 Wroxeter, Friendly 24 Fergus, " 14 Rink Competition—Won by J. Meiklejohn's Rink.
HAMILTON VICTORIA	LINDSAY CLUB
CLUB $vs.$ R.W.L. Cups— R.W.L. Caledonia, Toronto. 3 3 Hamilton Thistles, Hamilton Thistles, Juniors. 3 12 Hamilton Thistles, Juniors. 3 15 Hamilton Thistles, Juniors. 3 6 Hamilton Thistles, Juniors. 3 2 Hamilton Thistles, Juniors. 3 12 Dundas Club 5 13 5 6	vs. R.W.L. Ontario Tankard— Scarboro'
Friendly—	" Asylum. 2 6
Lindsay Club 3 18 Toronto " 3 13 Parkdale " 3 2	Toronto Granite 4 19 " Queen City 3 8
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	Orillia 2 41
Hamilton Thistle	"
Club 2 10	Beaverton 2 12
Hamilton Thistle	"
Club 3 7	Bobcaygeon 2 15

Rink Competition, Seniors— Won by J. D. Flavelle's Rink. Points' Game, Club Compe- tition—Won by T. Burke. Score, 38. Association Competition— Score 39, by G. A. Little.	Rink Competition—Seniors. Won by Scott's Rink, Jno. Scott, Skip. Three Pairs of Stones Match —Won by F. Toogood. Association Competition— Highest Score 44, by F. Toogood.
Score 39, by G. A. Little.	Toogood. PARIS CLUB. PARIS CLUB.
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ST. MARY'S CLUB	vs. R.W.L.
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	Queen City
1. 10 1. 10	Prospect Park 2 25
Sarnia " 2 19	Oshawa 2 6
London Club	Western Tankard—
Forest City	Ridgetown 2 28
i^{ij}	Sarnia 2 16
Forest 2 6	Paris 2 16
Stratford 2 2	Glencoe, Donly
Colt's League—	Medal 2 18
Stratford 2 10	Forest City, Donly Medal 2 3
" 2 22	Ingersoll Colts'
Hensall 2 4	League 2 7
Glencoe 2 6	Forest City, Mala-
Ontario Tankard—	hide Medal 3 5
Bright 2 4	Glencoe Friendly 3 19
Stratford 2 8	_ " 1 tie
Peterboro' 2 19	London and Forest
Dundas 2 14	City, combined 8 23
Fergus	Simcoe 4 18
STRATFORD CLUB	" 3 7
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vs. R.W.L. Western Tankard—	Perry Medal for Club Rinks
Seaforth 2 16	-Won by W. K. Cam-
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TORONTO GRANITE CLUB.	Queen City, City R.W.L. Trophy 8 27
vs. R.W.L.	Hamilton Victoria
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Hendly 6	
Brampton, "65	TORONTO QUEEN CITY
Toronto, " 8 31	CLUB
Queen City, " 20 22	vs. R.W.L.
Whitby, " 2 6 Galt, " 4 11	City Trophy— Toronto Granite 8 3
"Granite 4 7	Toronto Grante 8 51
Rink Competition, Dalton	Parkdale 8 10
Cup—Won by G. R. Har-	Toronto Granite 8 36
graft's Rink.	Toronto 8 27
Rink Competition, Rink	Parkdale 8 28
Medals — Won by W.	Port Hope, P. Tank-
Crooks' Rink.	ard 2 20 Peterboro', P. Tank-
President's Medals—Won by Q. D. McCullough's Rink.	ard
w. D. McCunough's Mink.	Brampton, Friendly 6 16
PARKDALE CLUB.	Toronto Granite,
	Friendly 20 14
vs. R.W.L. Churchill, Ont. T. 2 6 Lindsay, " . 2 18 Toronto, City Tro. 8 17	Caledonian " 2 8
Lindsay, " 2 18	Rink Competition, Flavelle
Toronto, City Tro. 8 17	Cup—Won by Rink of R.
" Granite " . 8 2 Queen City " 8 10	B. Rice, Skip. Rink Competition, Lamb
Toronto Friendly 10 47	Cup—Won by Rink of W.
Brampton. "2 6 19	S. Milner, Skip.
Toronto, Friendly 10 47 Brampton, 6 12 Toronto, City Tro. 8 32	Three Pairs of Stones Match
Toronto Granite,	-Won by C. W. I. Wood-
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Stratford, "28	Points' Game, Club Competition—Won by H. J.
Hamilton Asylum,	Gray. Score, 31.
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Toronto Granites,	vs. R.W.L.
City Trophy 8 14	Durham, Western
Caledonians,	Tankard 2 16
Brampton. " 4 19	Southampton,
Brampton, " 4 19	Primary Tankard 2 9

WINDSOR CLUB.	WOODSTOCK CLUB
vs. R.W.L. Detroit. 2 3 2 3 2 3 Chatham 4 2 2 Tilbury. 2 4 Toledo 2 2 Pontiac 2 2 Ridgetown 2 Thamesville 2 2 Glencoe 2 3 Hamilton 2 6 Rink Competitien (Seniors) -Won by J. L. Harcourt, skip.	vs. R.W.L. Embro, Friendly 2 2 Galt Granites, P. Tankard 2 15 Forest City, W. Tankard 2 5 Galt Club, Friendly 2 9 Embro, " 2 13 3 Stratford, " 3 1 Bright, Trophy 2 32 Rink Competition, Seniors— Won by Rink of W. Stand, Skip. Points' Game, Club Competition—Won by F. Millman. Score, 26.

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42	Lucknow	1870	1883	P. A. Malcolmson J. S. Wilson	Lucknow.
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46	Newmarket	1896	1898	W. A. Brunton	Newmarket.
47	Niagara Falls	1891	1892	W. L. Doran	Niagara Falls.
48	Orillia	1873	1874	G. T. Madden	Orillia.
	Osnawa Paris	1884	1084	E. J. Rowse	Osnawa.
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50	Peterborn (-renite	1000	1091	R M. Hamilton	Penetanguisn'e.
52	Peterboro Thietle	1876	1877	C. N. Brown	Peterboro'
54	Petrolia	1880	1891	C. Dempsey	Petrolia
55	Plattsville	1888	1888	G. H. Milne	Platteville
56	Port Hope	1861	1862	John H. Magill	Port Hone
57	Preston	1879	1879	Geo. A. Roos	Preston.
58	Ridgetown	1894	1895	W. B. Graham	Ridgetown [585]
59	St. Catharines	1869	1881	Wm. Thompson	St. Cath nes. Box
60	St Mary's	1866	1872	R. Shepherd	St. Mary's.
61	St. Thomas Granite.	1893	1894	W. K. Cameron	St. Thomas.
62	Sarnia	1874	1874	A. D. McLean	Sarnia.
63	Scarboro	1839	1859	D. Brown	Brown's Corners
64	Scarboro Maple Leaf	1874	1877	H. Thomson	Ellesmere.
65	Seaforth	1876	1877	H. S. Robertson	Seaforth.
67	Simcoe	1873	1870	Frank Reid	Simcoe.
68	Thameguille	1001	1001	I. W. Steinhoff R. Ferguson, M L. A.	Thomas Ile
69	Toledo Burns	1870	1806	I D Rold	626 Huron St, T.
70	Toronto	1837	1845	W. W. Belding	267 Huron St
71	" Caledonian	1872	1873	W. D. McIntosh	Grenville St.
72	" Granite	1875	1876	Spencer Love	Tanes Bldg.
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74	" Parkdale	1893	1893	John E. Hall	153 Dunn Ave.
75	" Prospect Pk.	1888	1888	R. L. Johnston	43 Confed'n Bdøl
76	" Queen City.	1888	1888	R. B. Rice	19 Front St. E.
77	Walkerton	1870	1876	A. Collins Jas. C. Haight	Walkerton.
78	Waterloo	1897	1897	Jas. C. Haight	Waterloo.
79	winasor	18961	1896	A. M. Stewart	Windsor:
80	Woodstock	1868	1870 _,	J. M. Cole	Woodstock.
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1st. The Patron and Office-Bearers of the O. C. A. v. Four or Six Rinks of Curlers made up by Toronto Clubs.

2ND. THE PRIMARY COMPETITION FOR THE ONTARIO TANKARD, including the GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS, See rules and drawing, page 174.

3RD. THE FOUR DISTRICT CUP COMPETITIONS. For rules and drawing, see page 179.

4TH. THE FINAL COMPETITION FOR THE ONTARIO TANKARD, between the champion clubs in the eight groups, probably about 9th February, 1900.

5TH. THE FINAL COMPETITION FOR THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S PRIZE FOR STONE PLAYING CLUBS. probably about 10th February, 1900. For rules and drawing, see page 182.

6TH. THE GENERAL COMPETITION AT THE POINTS' GAME. For regulations, see page 183.

7th. Tournaments, more or less public, at Windsor or Detroit, Guelph, Owen Sound, London, Hamilton and Toronto.

STH. THE A. M. STEWART SCOTTISH COUNTIES MEDAL, a challenge trophy; open to not less than two rinks of natives of any county or shire in Scotland, and residing in any part of the American continent. It is at present held by Mr. J. S. Russell, Toronto, Captain for Lanarkshire, and to him challenges may be sent.

9TH. THE MANITOBA BRANCH OF THE R. C. C. C., extends a hearty invitation to the curlers of Ontario to take part in their Annual Tournament at Winnipeg, early in February.

COMPETITIONS.

THE ONTARIO SILVER TANKARD.

REGULATIONS FOR THE COMPETITION.

- 1. The Ontario Tankard shall be competed for annually; and all clubs connected with the Association, and in good standing, will be entitled to take part in the competition.
- 2. The competition shall be in two parts; the first, called the Primary, between the clubs arranged in eight groups, and as nearly as possible an equal number of clubs in each group; and the second, called the Final, between the winning clubs in those groups; and all the games shall be of 22 Ends.
- 3. In the Primary Competition the clubs in each group shall be drawn against each other in pairs on the Bagnall-Wyld System, by the Executive Committee, and published in the Annual, and the survivors of each of the matches shall continue the competition until one club has become the winner. In the Final Competition, the clubs winning in the Primary shall meet in Toronto, or elsewhere as may be arranged at the October meeting, each with two rinks complete, of four players in each, and carry out the contest in like manner as in the Primary, until one has become the victor, and winner of the Tankard for the year; and the club playing the last match with the winner shall be recorded as "the last competing club."
- 4. At the meeting of the Representatives in October, the clubs shall be arranged in groups, and an Umpire, from a club not in the group, appointed to conduct the matches in each group. The Secretary of the Association shall be the Umpire of the Final Competition,

unless some other person shall be appointed to that office by the Representatives at the October meeting.

- 5. The Rules of the Game as set forth in the Bylaws shall govern the Tankard Competitions in all matters, except where otherwise provided for by these regulations.
- 6. In the Primary Competitions the players of any of the clubs may be changed for the successive matches: but in the Final Competition, and in the Primary, when the matches are played off at one meeting, the players who represent a club in the first contest must remain unchanged as long as the club remains in the competition, although their positions in the rink may be changed between matches, and they shall not change their stones during the competition unless they first obtain the sanction of the opposing Skip. Should any player become, from sickness, unable to appear on the ice, the next player before him on that side shall play with two pairs of stones; or the second player when it is the first who is absent.
- 7. In all the Primary Competitions the orders and decisions of the Umpire must be obeyed and accepted, and are subject only to *immediate* appeal, by the club feeling aggrieved, to the President, through the Secretary of the Association.
- 8. As only those clubs which have been reported to the Secretary of the Association by the 4th day of February as survivors in the Primary, can take part in the Final Competition, the winner in each group should take care that the report of its success is duly made before that date.
- 9. When the winner of a Group Competition fails to make entry for the Final Tankard Competition within a reasonable time, the Runner-up in same group shall be entitled to the position, and to all the rights, trophies, and privileges of a group winner.

- 10. Umpires are enjoined to carry out the Primary Competitions at one meeting, whenever practicable.
- 11. A Silver Medal emblematic of the District Championship for the year, will be presented to each club winning in the Primary, which also takes part in the Final Competition, except the winner and the Bunner up in the latter contest, which are otherwise provided for.
- 12. The President's Gold Medals are presented to the Skips of the winning rinks, and the Vice-President's Medals to the Skips of the last competing rinks, and prizes will be given by the Association to the other players.

DRAWING FOR 1899-1900.

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Round 1.	ROUND 2. FINAL ROUND.
ROUND 1. Thamesville. Burns, Toledo. Forest City, London. Ridgetown.	Winner
Burns, Toledo	Winner
Forest City, London	Winner
Chatham	,
Windsor	Winner)
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GROUP	NO. 2.
Round 1.	ROUND 2. FINAL ROUND.
ROUND 1. Stratford	ROUND 2. FINAL ROUND.
ROUND 1. Stratford	ROUND 2. FINAL ROUND. Winner Winner.
Stratford Seaforth. Bright	Winner
Stratford Seaforth. Bright	Winner
Stratford Seaforth. Bright	Winner
Stratford Seaforth Bright Guelph Union St. Mary's Brantford	Winner
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Stratford Seaforth Bright Guelph Union St. Mary's Brantford	Winner

GROUP NO. 3. ROUND 1. ROUND 2. FINAL ROUND.
London
St. Thomas Winner. Winner. Simcoe Winner.
Galt Winner.
Simcoe
rans (Winner)
Ingersoll
Ingersoll
Play mainly at Ingersoll. J. BURNETT, London, Umpire.
GROUP NO. 4.
ROUND 1 FINAL ROUND.
Wingham Salkerton. Since Final Round Winner.
Walkerton
Lucknow \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \
Harriston
GROUP NO. 5.
Preliminary-Minto Club vs. Galt Granite.
Preliminary—Minto Club vs. Galt Granite. ROUND 1. ROUND 2. FINAL ROUND. Hamilton Victoria. Winner. Winner. Preston. Winner. Winner. Guelph Royal City. Winner.
Hamilton Victoria Winner
PrestonWinner.
Parkdale Winner
Dundes
Fergus Winner.
Dundas
Winner of Preliminary
Play mainly at Guelph.
W. D. HEPBURN, Guelph, Umpire.
GROUP NO. 6.
ROUND 1. ROUND 2. FINAL ROUND Glanford
Glanford Winner. Winner. Winner. Winner. Winner. Winner. Hamilton Thistles Winner. Winner. Winner. Winner.
Niagara Falls
Buffalo
Hamilton Thistles
Ancaster
Toronto Prospect Park
Play mainly at Hamilton.
Play mainly at Hamilton. D. Dexter, Hamilton, Umpire.

GROUP NO. 7.

ROUND 1.	Round 2. Final Round.
Lindsav	ROUND 2. FINAL ROUND. Winner Winner Winner
Collingwood	. Winner.
Orillia Churchill	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\
Peterboro' Granite	Winner
Peterboro' Thistle	P. Thistle
G. F. HALL, Waubaushen	e, Umpire.
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GROUI	P NO. 8.
	City vs. Toronto Caledonian.
ROUND 1.	ROUND 2. FINAL ROUND.
Oshawa	$\left.\begin{array}{c} \left.\begin{array}{c} \left.\left.\begin{array}{c} \left.\left.\begin{array}{c} \left.\left.\begin{array}{c} \left.\left.\begin{array}{c} \left.\left.\begin{array}{c} \left.\left.\left.\left.\left.\left.\left.\right\right) \right. \right) \right. \right.} \right.}$
Toronto Granite	Winner \ Winner.
Port Hope) · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Winner Preliminary	Winner
Cobourg	· } Winner
Play mainly at Toronto.	
D. CARLYLE Toronto Un	nnire.

DISTRICT CUP COMPETITIONS.

REGULATIONS.

1. That as alternates to the Ontario Tankard Competitions, District Cups shall be put up by the O. C. A. for competition among those clubs who elect to play for them, instead of entering into the Tankard Competitions.

- 2. That all associated clubs that do not advise the Secretary of the O. C. A. of their intention to enter the District Cup Competitions, before the 10th day of October, 1898, shall be held as preferring to enter the Tankard Competitions, and shall be so entered, and all new clubs joining the Association shall have the option of entering either the District Cup, or the Ontario Tankard Competition, and no club, or member of any club, shall be allowed to play in both competitions in one season.
- 3. That a club, once entered for either competition, may be transferred to the other, on application to the Executive Committee, who shall have authority to make such transfer, and no application for transfer shall be in order unless sent to the Executive Committee before 10th October in each year,
- 4. That the competitions shall be conducted under the rules governing the Primary Competition for the Tankard, and under the superintendence of an Umpire, who shall be a member of an associated club not taking part in the competition, and who shall be appointed at the October meeting of Representatives.
- 5. The Districts once formed shall remain territorially the same, subject to the addition of new clubs, transfers, withdrawals and such changes as may be ordered by the Association; but no District shall be formed or continued with less than four, or more than eight clubs on its list as members thereof.
- 6. Each District Cup shall be played for annually, the winner in each year being entitled to the custody of the cup for the year, and to have its name engraved thereon as the winner for the year; and must be delivered up in good condition to the Umpire of the District not later than the 1st day of February in each year.

- 7. The Drawing will be made by the Executive Committee not later than the 1st January of each year—the first round of matches must be played before 20th January, and the competitions must close before 7th February. No excuse for not playing matches as ordered by the Umpire will be accepted, except the want of ice fit for curling, and of this the Umpire shall be the judge.
- 8. The Executive Committee are authorised to put up, at such intervals as they shall see fit, special medals to be competed for by clubs of this class, which, from isolation, are not able to enter the District Cup competition.

DRAWING.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Preliminary Round, Newmarket vs. Scarboro'

Round 1.	FINAL ROUND.
ROUND 1. Scarboro' Maple Leaf Meaford	\ Winner.
Winner preliminary	Winner
Georgetown	f w miner.
Play mainly at Toronto.	
JOHN BAIN, Toronto, Umpire.	

DISTRICT No. 2.

Round 1.	Round 2	FINAL ROUND.
LakefieldNapanee	Winner	.)
Lakefield	Winner	Winner.
Campbellford Keene Fenelon Falls	Winner	Winner
Fenelon Falls	Fen. Falls	. }

Play mainly at Campbellford.

E. B. Edwards, Peterboro', Umpire.

DISTRICT No. 3.

PRELIMINARY ROUND.	ROUND 1.	FINAL ROUND.
Petrolia) 3377	
Plattsville	winner	1)
Petrolia	Ayr Union	} winner
Embro) 337:	•
Forest	winner	Winner
Embro	Sarnia	. J winner
Play mainly at London.		
THOS. GILLEAN, London, U	mpire.	
DISTRIC	T No. 4.	
Preliminary Round-Clinto	on v. Waterlo	0.
Round 1		FINAL
Durham		·) Winner
DurhamArthur		. J winner.
Winner PreliminaryGoderich		.) Winner
Goderich		. f willing
Play mainly at Stratford.		
A. F. McLaren, Stratford,		

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S PRIZE FOR STONE PLAYING CLUBS.

REGULATIONS.

When a club is designated by any other Central Curling Association to contest for His Excellency's Annual Prize, the club winning the Ontario Tankard, for the year, shall represent the O. C. A. in the competition, which failing, the last competing club may take its place.

When no other Central Association appoints a competing club, the competition shall be open to the winners and the runners-up in all of the District Cup Competitions, and to all the winning clubs, and the runners-up in the Tankard Primary Competitions,

except the winners of the Tankard, and the last competing club.

The competition for this Prize shall begin at the same time as the second round in the Tankard Finals, the clubs playing in which contest shall have the right to engage in the competition for the Governor-General's Prize as they fall out of the Tankard Matches.

In all other matters the rules of the Tankard Finals shall govern.

In this competition the Prize becomes the property of the winning club.

THE GENERAL COMPETITION AT THE POINTS' (GAME.

REGULATIONS FOR THE COMPETITION.

First—That it shall be open to every member of the Association

Second—That each club shall appoint the time and lay out the rinks for its own competitive play, and shall appoint as Umpire the President, Secretary, or local representative member of any other club in the Association; and when such persons cannot be conveniently got to act as Umpire, a member of the competing club, not otherwise taking part in the game, may act as Umpire, and in such case the report shall be certified by the President and the Secretary of the club competing.

Third—That the competition shall, in every particular, be strictly in conformity with the By-laws and Regulations; and the reports of the competition shall

be according to a form prescribed by the Executive Committee, which shall be sent to every club, and must be handed to the Umpire before play begins.

Fourth—That the names of all persons making scores of 30 and over in this competition shall be published in the Annual, and a medal awarded to the person making the highest score.

Fifth—That if two or more persons make the same supreme score, they shall play off the tie as directed by the President of the Association.

Sixth—All returns must be sent to the Secretary of the Association before the last day of March in each year, on the evening of which day he shall make up the record for the season.

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CLUB.	1st round	2ND ROUND	3RD ROUND	
St. Mary's. { Hensall	37 33 23	38		
Ingersoll	47 Bye.	Bye. 44	45 32	

Ingersoll winning by 13 shots.
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THE CURLING CALENDAR.

- OCTOBER—The meeting of the Representatives of the Clubs forming the Ontario Curling Association, for the purpose of organizing for the ensuing season, is held on the Third Tuesday of this month.
 - It is most desirable that all clubs meet on an early day of this month, and appoint Representatives to the general meeting, and discuss matters affecting the Club, and the Association.
 - Lists of office bearers and members of clubs, along with club records for past season, should all be sent in to the General Secretary before the last day of this month.
- NOVEMBER—During the early part of this month, covered rinks should be examined, and every thing put in order. Clubs which have all things prepared, usually have a few days curling in this month.
- DECEMBER—Towards the end of this month the arrival of the curling season may be looked for, and matches of President against Vice-President are usually played.
- JANUARY—With this month the real business of the season begins. The Primaries for the Ontario Tankard, the District Cup Competitions, Club matches, etc., are in full swing, and local Tournaments are being conducted in close succession to each other.

- FEBRUARY—This is the culminating month of the curlers' year. The great final contests of the various competitions started in January are brought on, and carried through in this month; and as steady, settled weather may generally be depended on, it is well to get all important matches carried out in this month.
- MARCH—Usually closes the curling season. The heat of the sun affects the ice, and makes it less fitting for the game during the day, but occasional spells of fitting weather may still be expected and should be sedulously used.
- APRIL—The meeting of the Representatives of the Association, on the third Tuesday of this month, to wind up the proceedings of the season, fitly ends the curling season in Ontario.
 - This meeting is always interesting, particularly to those clubs and players who have been the fortunate winners of any of the numerous prizes provided by the Association, and is usually well attended.
 - The Executive Committee frequently introduce new measures intended to improve the game or to correct evils which have cropped up during the preceding season, and we have high authority for the expectation of safety in a multitude of counsellors.
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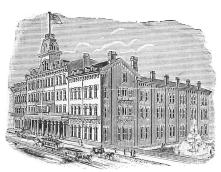
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