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ST. JOHN'S OLDEST CURLING CLUB

The Braw Lads of St. Andrew's Have Been Organized Nearly Half a Century - Their History, Practically The History of the Game in This City.

Last week we published a history of the Thistle Curling Club, which was well received, not only by the club members, but by outsiders who are interested in the roamin' game.

The SAINT ANDREW'S CURLING CLUB (formerly known as Saint Andrew's Society Curling Club) of Saint John, N. B., was established during the winter of 1855 and 1856.

Some of the earliest members were W. C. Watson, James and Robert Milligan, Wm. Girvan, John Walker, Robert and Alexander Jardine, James Macfarlane, Andrew Scott, Robert Cruikshank, Thomas M. Reed, Daniel Stewart, Dr. Boyd, etc.

The Skips for that year were A. Jardine, James Macfarlane, Andrew Scott, A. McClelland, James Milligan, and James Aitken.

An entrance fee of five shillings was established. Dr. Boyd was re-elected Presses, W. C. Watson, Secretary-Treasurer, and Alexander Jardine, Alexander Petrie, James Milligan, and William Girvan were chosen Skips.

Second annual meeting was held in Scammell's Hotel on 5th November, present fourteen members. John M. Walker in chair in consequence of the death of Dr. Boyd.

Up to this time playing had been on Lily Lake, but that place being too far from the city, a committee was appointed to select some more suitable location.

On 12th January a challenge was sent to the Fredericton Club to play three rinks each on Lily Lake.

Third annual meeting was held on 4th November at Stubbs' Hotel, twenty-one members present.

At a special meeting on 24th October, 1859, twenty members being present, it was resolved to lease from Wm. Wright for five years, a piece of ground 30x160 feet, at £12 per annum, and to erect a suitable building thereon.

At a special meeting on 7th November it was resolved to have the lot leased from Mr. Wright increased to forty feet in width instead of thirty feet, and to pay him a rental of five shillings a foot per annum—the lease to be taken out by James Milligan in his own name in trust for the club, who guarantee to keep him harmless.

Annual meeting was held on 3rd November at Waverley Hotel, when Alex. Jardine was elected Presses; D. Boyd, Secretary-Treasurer; and William Thomson, James Milligan, Thomas Irving, James Macfarlane, Robert Thomson, George W. Smith, David Thomson and T. M. Reed, Skips.

Annual meeting was held on 11th November, when the following office bearers were elected: Presses, John White, Secretary-Treasurer, Geo. W. Smith, T. M. McLachlan, Thomas King, Jas. Macfarlane, Alex. Jardine, Geo. Stewart, Skips, Play opened on 1st January, and an Old New Year's day, single and married again contested at annual bonspiel, when married were conquerors by five shots—score was 15 to 10.

Annual meeting was held on 8th November. New lease of ground was ordered from Mr. Wright for three years, at forty dollars per annum. James Milligan was elected Presses; John White, Secretary-Treasurer; Wm. Thomson, Alex. Jardine, James Macfarlane, David Thomson, T. M. McLachlan, Geo. W. Smith, A. Rowan, George Stewart, Skips. Play commenced on 1st January.

Married and single bonspiel played on 12th was won by former—12 to 8 shots—majority four. Skips' medal fell to Wm. Thomson, and Points to Jas. Macfarlane.

November 14th, annual meeting was held, and office bearers elected were Jas. Macfarlane, Presses; John White, Secretary-Treasurer; Jas. Milligan, Geo. W. Smith, A. Jardine, Wm. Thomson, George Stewart, T. M. McLachlan, David Thomson, A. Rowan, Skips.

Annual meeting was held by adjournment on 19th November, and office bearers elected—Jas. Milligan Presses; John White, Secretary-Treasurer; A. Rowan, Wm. Thomson, Geo. W. Smith, T. M. McLachlan, Thomas King, Jas. Macfarlane, Alex. Jardine, Geo. Stewart, Skips.

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MEMORIES OF SCOTLAND, WRITTEN FOR THE TIMES.

A quarter of a century ago labor was very poorly paid in Scotland, judged by our own modern standards. In our part of the country flax mills were the principal support of the people.

There were many grown men and women working in these factories for ten shillings and sixpence a week, and very few got double that amount.

There was what was known as the half time system, by which children under 14 years of age got employment in the mills. These boys and girls often under 10 years of age, carried bobbins or performed other light tasks three days and went to a school supported by the mill owners the other three.

Year, and May 24th, as well as the Saturday half holiday. Quiet Characters. The most remarkable thing about the social life of the time was the great number of "characters" to be met with.

On each side of the drive leading to the house was a row of tall trees, the branches of which met overhead. In these trees there were thousands of rocks, which kept up an incessant noise all day and ever day in the year.

definitely and then it would only touch on a few of the peculiar characters that lived in that kindly Scottish atmosphere. There was one man who had the hallucination that his head was in imminent danger of falling off, and who to avert that catastrophe always wore a forked stick like a bootjack under his chair.

found a tremendous change. The town which he knew so well had grown almost beyond recognition. Streets had been built where formerly were cultivated fields. The antiquated look had left the town in large measure. The streets were all straightened and the old houses with their outside stairs had many of them disappeared to make room for modern tenement blocks.

How They Lived. With all this it is somewhat wonderful that these old Scotchmen managed to dress so well. Every one of them had his suit of black broadcloth

for Sabbath, and a silk hat which he took particular pride in. Everyone had enough to eat, and never having been used to luxuries they never longed after them.

One might expect, considering the sternness of the Calvinistic theology and the persistence with which it was taught from the pulpits, that the clergymen would naturally be hard, cold men.

McDougall had a fine church with a large steeple attached, and had been chosen he could have lived as well as any, but he did not choose to do so.

Was With Wellington. This article might be extended in

Wonderful Changes. These articles are concerned with a state of things that obtained in Scotland 25 years ago.

returned some years back and he