

THE CURLERS.

Married vs. Single Match Commenced Today

GHOSTS DEFEATED THE FATTIES.

A Unique Presentation at Pictou-- Hot Game at Halifax.

The fat men and the lean men met in a friendly game at the Fredericton rink last night, and the little fellows got away with their opponents by a score of 12 to 9.

The rinks and scores were:

Lean.	Fat.
Frank Vanwart	Dr. G. McNally
A. K. Limerick	L. C. Macnutt
F. P. Hatt	Geo. Y. Dibblee
W. Walker,	C. J. B. Simmons
skip	12 skip
	9

The St. John Thistles defeated Amherst on the latter's ice last night by 38 points.

The St. Andrew's Club of St. John have elected the following skips to play in Fredericton, probably next week: W. A. Stewart, W. S. Barker, J. U. Thomas, A. O. Skinner, A. Watson, and Frank Harrison.

Four rinks of the Fredericton club will probably play at Marysville Monday evening.

The annual match of married vs. single taking in 80 of the 92 members of the home club, was commenced this afternoon and will be continued until tomorrow evening. This afternoon Tibbitts is pitted against Rutter and Shute against Loggie. The skips in tonight's play will be Allen against Fowler, Wilson vs. Ferguson and Wetmore vs. Simmons. Two more rinks aside play tomorrow afternoon and the remaining six rinks tomorrow evening. Married men won the match last year by six points, but as they have been considerably strengthened in the meantime by the accession of noted curlers, their victory this year should be more emphatic.

One of the most exciting matches ever seen in Halifax was that which ended at 12 o'clock last night, between six rinks of Truro and six Halifax rinks. Truro won with 97 points against 96 by Halifax. On the third last shot, Truro was three ahead. The second last made it a tie. Then Cox of Truro sent in the last stone, putting Truro in the lead by one.

BROOM WITH A HISTORY.

Presented to Mr. E. H. Allen at Pictou.

Moncton Times: A few days ago when the Moncton Curling Club was in Pictou playing a friendly game with the club of that place, Mr. Dan McDonald, an old and famous player of the Pictou Club, drew Mr. E. H. Allen as his opponent, and the game they played was a "hot one" reminding one of the old days. Mr. McDonald and Mr. Allen have been fast friends since the great Bonspiel at Pictou in 1878, where Mr. Allen, then quite a young curler and young man, skipped one of Fredericton's rinks.

In 1884 Mr. McDonald and Mr. Allen again met on the ice in the great Bonspiel at Montreal, and in the International match, Canada vs. United States, Mr. Allen was selected as one of the skips and had Mr. McDonald as his mate. In this they were victorious.

It was in this Bonspiel that Mr. McDonald made his great shot against the Lindsay Club in the rink competition. All the stones had been played in both the rinks except Mr. McDonald's last shot and the Lindsay Club was ahead, and were lying 4 against McDonald. Everyone, apparently, except McDonald, conceded the game to the Lindsay Club. McDonald played his last stone with a determination of making some change. Straight down the ice like a cannon shot went the stone, and when the Lindsay Club looked for their stones they found their much prized four had disappeared and that Pictou had three, making the game a tie.

In 1888 in the Bonspiel at St. John Mr. McDonald and Mr. Allen again met on the ice and it was in this Bonspiel that Fredericton won and lost the McLellan Cup.

And for the history of this famous curling broom. After the game was over at Pictou on the 20th instant, Mr. McDonald called Mr. Allen into one of the rooms of the curling rink and presented him with the broom, stating that he had taken it with him in all the great contests above referred to, and that it had been in almost constant use every winter until the present one. Mr. McDonald prized the broom very highly, and intended retaining it in his possession, but upon meeting his old friend who had so many times played with him and against him in many hard fought contests, Mr. McDonald concluded to ask Mr. Allen to accept the broom.

It is unnecessary to state that Mr. Allen accepted the broom with pleasure and will have the history of it attached and placed in the Moncton Curling rink, where it will be an ob-

ject of much interest to local devotees of the game, as well as to visiting curlers.

INDIANS PLAY HOCKEY.

Very Amusing Game at the Arctic Rink Last Evening.

The Trojans' benefit at the Arctic rink last evening did not attract as large an audience as was expected, less than three hundred people being present. The chief attraction was a hockey match between the Trojans and Jack Solomon's famous septette of Indian hockey players from the village. It was certainly a great game and kept the audience in the best of humor throughout. The Indians have greatly improved since last winter and with the assistance of a lenient referee they were able to make things quite lively for the Trojans all the way through.

The sympathy of the spectators seemed to be with the noble red men and every good play they made was greeted with wild huzzas. In the first half they astonished the spectators by securing two goals and blanking their opponents. The heavy work was done by Gabe Palchard, who was easily the star player of the team and managed to be all over the ice at the same time.

In the second half the game was a trifle livelier than at first, and there was lots of fun for the spectators. The Indians were kept on the defensive the greater part of the time, and were able to stop a number of hot ones aimed at their goal by McManiman, Coleman and others. The Indians succeeded in adding another goal to their list, while the Trojans also piled up three, making the score a tie, at the close.

A pow wow was held and it was finally decided to play another five minutes. When the referee's whistle sounded the Trojans sailed in with a rush, and were able to add three more to their score before time was called, making the score stand Trojans 6; Indians 3.

The line up of the teams was as follows:

Indians.	Trojans.
Palchard goal	Finnemore
John Sapier point	H. Babbitt
Louis Paul cover point	Manzer
Sabat Sapier right wing	Coleman
Gabe Solomon left wing	Dennison
Gabe Palchard rover	McManiman
Frank Sapier centre	Love

Frank Rowan refereed the game and while he gave the Indians the benefit of the doubt in every case, his work was very satisfactory.

The Fredericton Brass Band was in attendance and played a capital program of music after the game, which was greatly enjoyed by the skaters.

RESULT UNCERTAIN.

Will Ross or Whitney Win in Today's Election?

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—There is probably more uncertainty about the result of today's election in the Province of Ontario than there has been about any contest that has taken place since confederation.

Had the election taken place before the recent Liberal convention in Toronto, there is no doubt that Ross would have been defeated; but there has been a considerable change in public feeling since then.

Is the change sufficient to return Mr. Ross or is it not? That is the question here.

The Ross men claim a majority of from eight to twelve. On the other hand, the Whitney men are claiming a large majority, but give no figures to work out. They are looking for a landslide.

A good many practical politicians think that the opposition have made a mistake in devoting its entire programme to an attack on the alleged corruption and dishonesty of Ross and the entire Liberal party. Something more definite in the way of a platform and policy than this is wanted. Leading clergymen of the province have in this way been driven to the support of the Ross government, and have appeared on the same platform with him.

It is believed here that the blunders of the opposition in this regard have been such as to throw away the election, and that Ross will be returned by a small majority. Others say that Whitney will have a small majority, while the Toronto Conservative view is in favor of a landslide.

It is difficult sizing up the situation from the press gallery, where dominion issues may cloud the vision still it would not be surprising to see Ross come out of the fight with a majority of eight. But, as stated at the outset, where there is no real issue between the parties, it is very difficult to say what may happen. The people are pretty well tired of elections, and a good deal depends on the party that brings out the vote.

Mr. Charlton is Recovering.

Lynedoch, Ont., Jan. 23.—Hon. John Charlton had a severe stroke at his home here on Monday afternoon last. His condition was considered to be serious after his recent stroke, and his brothers, Hon. W. A. Charlton, of Toronto, and Thomas Charlton of North Tonawanda, N. Y., were called. At present he is improving slowly, and hopes of his speedy recovery are entertained.

BITS OF NEWS.

David Walker, proprietor of the Walker House, Toronto, and one of the best known hotel men in Canada, died in California Tuesday.

At the Canadian Industrial League banquet, which will be held at Halifax on the 7th of February, Hon. H. A. McKeown of St. John, will be one of the speakers. Hon. Clifford Sifton and Hon. J. Israel Tarte and Hon. George E. Foster will also speak.

Guilty of murder in the first degree was the verdict returned last night at Cambridge, Mass., against Chas. L. Tucker, who has been on trial since Jan. 1 for the death of Miss Mabel Page in her father's home in Weston on the 31st of last March.

Hon. Mr. Fielding is expected to be at Ottawa by 10th February. While at Vienna last week his daughter, Miss Zillah, submitted to an operation for lameness at the hands of Dr. Lorenz, the eminent Austrian surgeon. Of course the result will not be known for some time, but at last accounts the young lady was resting comfortably. Mr. Fielding will leave Vienna as soon as it is safe to do so.

At the recent annual meeting of the Presbyterian congregation at Sussex, of which Rev. Frank Baird is pastor, the treasurer's report showed over \$2,000 raised for church purposes during the past year, of which \$350 was for missions. There was a balance of \$93.56. It was agreed to name the church Chalmers' church, and to celebrate its 50th anniversary in 1907.

A company of English capitalists propose erecting large cement works at Sydney, N. S. They are asking the city for a bonus of \$10,000 and free taxation for twenty years, and special water rates, which the city is prepared to grant. They will begin operations in May. The plant will have a capacity of 50 barrels per day. The company is capitalized at \$500,000 and has a site already selected. It is in proximity to the plant of the steel company.

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