Origin Of Curling

If you are asked "What is the origin of the game of curling" and you reply, I don't know," or in the language of the vernacular, "I dinna ken," you no doubt would be surprised that your apparently ignorant answer is the correct one. Its practically the only answer given by all who have investigated the matter.

NOT SCOTLAND

Research as to the origin of the game definitely leads to the conclusion that Scotland cannot claim its discovery, as pictures were hanging in the Art Gallery of Austria a few years back proving that the game on ice had been played in that country as early as the fifteenth century.

No doubt the Scottish "Curling" the Dutch "Kluyten," the Bavarian "Ice Sticks," and the Icelandic "Knattleik," refer to a form of play on ice which can be associated with our present day game of curling, but which, due to wars social upheaval and other causes, has suffered in some European places down through the ages.

Etymological research as to the origin of various terms and words emblematic of the game, lead us further into the mire of doubt. To simplify matters, we have directly given credit to Scotland for the game, because it has definitely nurtured curling through the years, to the splendid sport enjoyed to-day.

EARLIEST USE

The earliest use of the stone on the ice, as far as historians can surmise, was in a game somewhat similar to quoiting. Between 1,500 and 1651, the stone used was light, weighing about 25 pounds and either oblong square, triangular or nearly circular. No handle was used, but generally only a hollow for the thumb and a catch for the fingers, all with a very crude finish. The stone apparently was "coited" or thrown a short distance on the ice.

The next progressive step in the game is noticed in the change from the "hollow for the thumb" stone, to the adaption of a handle, which was believed used between 1650 and 1800. This alteration apparently brought about a noticeable change in weight of the stone, for they varied from 60 pounds up to 110 pounds.

HIGHLY SKILLED

With the development of the circular stone", which we use today, the game has attained a high popint of skill placing it in a category with any of our modern athletics. It takes long years of diligent practice to become a "master of the art."

About the year 1770 the first mention of a "skip" is to be found. Even in those days the records show that the game was conducted in a strictly staid manner by the "brandey of the overman" or skip. To day this same rule applies. A skip has full control over his rink and it is seldom that a member of a team in an organized match breaks this law.

At the turn of the ninteenth century, interest reached a point where the friendly feeling among players resulted, in 1838, in the formation of the Grand Caledonian Curling Club. Forty-four delegates representing 36 clubs, attended the first meeting.

PETITION IN 1843

In 1843, on petition of the club praying that they be permitted to assume the determination of the "Royal Grand Caledonian Curling Club," Her Majesty, Queen Victoria, graciously granted the prayer of the petition. Shortly afterwards, the adjective 'Grant" was dropped, and the title was The Royal Caledonian Curling Club, under which it is presently known.

In 1852, the Canadian Branch, with four clubs under its jurisdiction, joined with the mother club in Scotland.

Since that time, the Canadian organization has expanded rapidly, until now it has 54 men's clubs and 35 women's clubs under its wing, representing an individual membership of more than 5,000 members.

The game and its members have played an important part in Canada's history since as early as 1804. It was at this early date that curlers interested in the eventual formation of the Royal Montreal Curling Club, which was founded in 1807, began palying in Montreal.

BLUE RIBBON CLUB

This blue ribbon club, which holds the distinction of being the oldest sports organization on the North American continent, started out with 20 members, and the minutes of the first meeting are still a treasured possession. The general principles of the game are writen in this book, and run as follows:

"Foot fair, draw to a hair.
Your stone being well directed.
You'll hit your aim and win the game.
If you miss, be not dejected."

From that motto, this club always with flying colours, has carried on through the years.

GUARDIAN SPORTING NEWS

Close Finishes Feature Ice Racing Meet Held Yesterday Afternoon

With neck-and-neck finishes predominating in almost every heat, the Victoria Driving Club staged a very successful race meet on the speedway off Victoria Park yesterday afternoon, with a large crowd of spectators in attendance.

Times made in the three classes run off were comparatively good as Albert E. Grattan, June Evans and Silent Mac raced off with the honors, with not one of the three being able to cop their victory in straight heats. In fact, in every heat it was a battle right to the wire and judging by the manner in which the horses were going yesterday, it promises to be a battle royal before the driver capturing the most points for the season will be determined.

The first class called yesterday was the Class A Pace, with Albert E. Grattan, a recent arrival from Ontario, Roseworthy and Rosebud coming to the wire. After two scores they got away, and half way down it was anybody's heat, but at the wire Albert E. Grattan, with Pat McKenna showing all his old-time skill at the reins, was half a length in front of Rosebud, with Rose Worthy who showed plenty of speed, finishing at Rosebud's pad.

In the second heat Roseworthy had pulled to the front at the half mark with the Grattan horse and Rosebud neck and neck, but as in the previous heat Albert E. had too much brush, winning by another half length with Rose Worthy moving up to second position and Rosebud third.

Albert E. Grattan pulled a shoe, finishing the second heat and did not start in the third heat of the race, with Rose Worthy winning from Rosebud by a length to capture second place.

The Class A Trot had three starters and the big crowd of spectators got a big thrill in the first heat as the grand old campaigner, Heatherbelle, showing all his old-time trotting form, flashed under the wire a length and a half in front of Juanita Axworthy, with June Evans, who had gone to a break, being third. The quarter was in 31¾ seconds, the second fastest time of the afternoon.

Heatherbelle, however, did not come to the wire for the second heat, he, too, pulling a shoe which forced his withdrawal. June Evans and Juanita Axworthy then fought it out for the top spot with the Evans mare winning both the second and third heats, but only by a matter of inches, from the fast trotting Juanita Axworthy.

Class B Pace: This was the last race on the card and proved to be one of the best, with Silent Mac winning the first two heats and Little Peter the third. In the first heat, Silent Mac went away on high, and kept his position right to the wire, winning by a length from Little Peter with Leland third and Buzz L., who went to a break, fourth.

In the second heat Silent Mac again proved to have too much whiz for the other horses, winning by half a length in the last 50 yards, Buzz L., who wouldn't stay pacing, was drawn after the heat. Little Peter was again second with Leland third.

In the third heat the spectators got the biggest thrill of the afternoon's racing. Silent Mac was a favorite to make it a straight heat affair, but finished no better than third. The three horses went away in line and all during the quarter mile a blanket could have covered all three. As they pounded into the wire, Little Peter had his nose out front by inches with Leland shading Silent Mac by a whisker. It was a sensational hat and a fitting climax to a great afternoon's sport.

Summary:—

Class A Pace

Albert E. Grattan (McKenna) 1 1 dr
Rose Worthy (Kelly) 3 2 1
Rosebud (Murphy) 2 3 2
Time: 31½, 31¾ 32¾.

The winning horse is owned by Milton Bell, Charlottetown.

Class A Trot

June Evans (McNeill) 3 1 1
Heatherbelle (N Walker) ....1 dr
Juanita Axworthy (Turner)...2 2 2
Time: 31¾, 32¼, 33½.

The winning horse is owned by Wellington McNeill, Southport.

Class B Pace

Silent Mac (N. Walker) 1 1 3
Little Peter (Younker) 2 2 1
Leland (Kelly) 3 3 2
Buzz L. (McNeill) 4 4 4
Time: 32¾, 33, 33.

The winning horse is owned by Neil Walker, City.

Following are the officials who handled the meet in a most satisfying manner:

Starter: D. K. MacLeod.
Judges: Victor Shaw, Ira Douglas, Frank McKay.
Timers: Neil Robinson, Sam Kennedy, Ira Carr, Roland Wood.
Announcer: James Arbing.

BOWLING RESULTS

CHARLOTTETOWN ALLEYS

Commercial Playoff—1 game

G. and G. Pure Milk:—

J. McAleer	268	173	213
J. Tierney	129	217	231
W. Dooley	164	224	199
J. White	265	173	215
G. Gregory	208	227	229

Total—3135.

Emmetts Bakery:—

J. McLeod	235	178	160
B. Dunn	159	99	236
J. H. Gallant	195	173	145
E. McDonald	271	182	154
C. LeClair	258	297	181

Total—2947.

High single C. LeClair 297.
High three C. LeClair 760.

Points—G. and G. Pure Milk 3, Emmetts, 2.

Mixed League

Bombers:—

F. Tierney	201	181	181
J. Hastings	200	118	110
A. Blanchard	223	135	150
H. Praught	291	250	174

Total—2114.

Tigers:—

G. Nelson	151	206	169
E. Smith	154	125	188
E. Mitchell	101	200	176
K. Richards	186	206	279

Total—2141.

Ladies high single H. Praught 291.
Ladies high three H. Praught 715.
Gents high single K. Richards 279.
Gents high three K. Richards 671.

Marine Department

Transport:—

F. Hobbs	194	232	136
C. McKenzie	101	185	195
A. McLeod	160	140	205
D. McKinnon	125	135	143
L. Robinson	163	259	267

Total—2639

Office:—

S. Smith	120	141	113
C. Pineau	95	149	127
T. Phillips	118	140	109
J. Kenny	247	190	154
S. Moore	117	208	192

Total—2217.

High single L. Robinson 267.
High three L. Robinson 687.

City League

Tonight 7 o'clock: Luckies vs Aces.

8.15: Mixed League—Red Wings vs. Trundlers.

HOLY NAME BOWLING

Big Four League

Old Timers:—

Rev. Dr. McMahon	219	186	238
W. Halpenny	187	161	199
J. A. Bentley	185	190	192
R. Duncan	251	227	187
V. Coyle	263	194	225

Total—3104.

Five Aces:—

J. Callaghan	184	175	143
G. McDonald	193	183	177
R. McLellan	149	241	236
G. Stewart	298	258	290
E. Robin	229	126	258

Total—3140.
Total—3140.
High single G. Stewart 298.
High three G. Stewart 846.
Old Timers—1 point.
Five Aces—4 points.

Ladies League

Woolworth's Wings:—

J. Kirwin	96	144	131
M. Walsh	125	93	160
F. Carragher	87	155	121
D. Cullen	71	122	121
M. Carragher	129	83	126

Total—1764.

Pixies:—

D. Coyle	88	144	116
F. Flynn	143	147	111
H. Coyle	160	117	289
I. Curley	121	140	150
J. McLeod	88	89	128

Total—2051.
High single H. Coyle 289.
High three H. Coyle 566.

Tonight at 8:30:—
Central Barbers vs. Cudmore's Dry Cleaners.

BIG VALENTINE SKATE
FORUM To-Night
MOONLIGHT AND SPOTLIGHT SKATES

Foster, White Barred from Miners' lineup

MIDDLETON, N.S., Feb. 12—(CP)—Immediate disbarment of goalie Jimmy Foster and left-winger Moe White from further play this season with Glace Bay Miners of the Cape Breton Hockey League was announced tonight by Hanson Dowell, Vice-President of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association.

The C.A.H.A. officer said the players, obtained this winter from Quebec Senior Hockey League had been dsqualified for violation of transfer regulations on the protest of the Quebec Amateur Hockey Association.

Mr. Dowell also disclosed that, at the request of the Glace Bay club, he had wired President George Dudley of the C.A.H.A. tonight to learn if the Association would relax its ban to permit the pair to finish the league schedule with Miners. If the request were granted, the ban would go into effect as soon as playdowns started.

Dowell said the Q.A.H.A.'s protest against Foster and White was based on the claim they had not been employed six months by the firms under which they moved to Cape Breton as business transfers.

Win Derby at Santa Anita

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12—(CP)—Charles S. Howard did it again today.

The San Francisco sportsman sent his favored Porter's Cap postward and saw it come home on schedule to capture the $50,000 Santa Anita Derby and earn another pot of cash for the overflowing Howard coffers.

Bull Reigh, running under the silks of Mrs. Anthony Pelleteri of New Orleans, was second. Copperman, owned by Hugh S. Nesbitt of Los Angeles, ran third in a photo-finish with a long-shot hope, William E. Boeing's maiden, Welcome Pass.

Victory for Porter's Cap and owner Howard, who has won a fortune with his famed Seabiscuit, Kayak II and four-year-old Mioland, was worth $44,975. Bull Reigh won $10,000, Copperman $5,000 and Welcome Pass $2,5000.

College teams Meet tonight

Tonight at 7 p. m. if weather permits, a game will take place at the P. W. C. rink between the U. C. C. hockey club and the third P. W. C. team. The game is the first for both teams who have shown really nice form in practices to date. It is understood that Mr. Bus Rattenbury will be referee which also adds color to the tilt. The game is an exhibition affair, but will be eagerly awaited by a large number of fans.

Boston Tries For No. 20 Tonight Against New York Rangers

By H. M. Peters
Canadian Press Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Feb. 12—(CP)—Suddenly, in mid-season, the National Hockey League race has produced a game packed with the drama that surrounds a Stanley Cup final.

It is the clash here tomorrow night between Boston Bruins, seeking to establish an all-time record undefeated streak of 20 games, and New York Rangers, determined that their mark of 19 games, which Bruins tied last night, shall not be beaten.

Ticket seller in Madison Square Garden made change with delight throughout the day as it became apparent that a sell-out is certain.

Up in Boston, Art Ross, manager of the Bruins, served notice that his team would "be shooting the works" in an effort to hang up the new record.

"I don't think they can beat us," he said, but added a big "but."

In New York Frankie Boucher, coach of Rangers said:—

"Our record of 19 straight is better than theirs. We are determined to protect it. But we are not disparaging this good Boston team."

The "but" that had Ross worried is the possibility that Milt Schmidt, swift centre of his Kitchiner line, may not be able to play because of a charley horse.

"This is going to make a big difference to us," he said just before the Bruins left for New York.

"Also the law of averages is against us. We can't keep going forever. But I don't think the Rangers can beat us and we'll be shooting for a record."

Now its Boucher speaking:—

"We are proud of that record made last year. We had 14 victories and only five draws in ours; Boston has 12 victories, seven draws. So we think if we can stop them at 19 straight ours will look better in the books.

"The pressure will be on them, rather than on us. Further, we are looking eagerly for a higher place in the standing (Rangers can tie Detroit for third place by winning this one) while Boston has driven to the top and may unconsciously let down.

"Here's another thing. During our streak we scored 73 goals while Boston has only 68 in theirs; defensively we let in 29 goals while Boston has been scored on 38 times."

Cude takes Gardiner's place

MONTREAL, Feb. 12—(CP)—Canadien Club officials announced today that Wilf Cude, spare goaler, will replace Bert Gardiner in the nets for tomorrow night's National Hockey League fixture in Chicago against the Black Hawks.

Gardiner though in the nets during last night's 6-2 victory over New York Rangers,, is still suffering from a leg injury received in Sunday night's game against Americans in New York and will rest up for a few days.

Officials said Gardiner will probably return to the nets for Saturday night's game against Boston Bruins.

Ice races to Be held on Saturday

Officials of the Victoria Driving Club announced last night that they would hold another race meet off the Victoria Park Saturday afternoon next, starting at two o'clock. Officials expect it to be even better than yesterday's meet and a full list of entries will be published in this paper in tomorrow's edition.

Hockey Notice

The following members of the U. C. C. hockey club are asked to be on hand at 6.15 p.m., if fine, at the P.W.C. rink: H. Power, A. Ramsay, B. MacDougall, C. MacDougall, E. Foster, E. Goss, J. Paquet, H. Benjamin, I. Trainor, T. Spence, J. Duffy, F. Kitson, L. Roach, B. Younker.

(Patriot please copy.)

Braddock says Louis has lost His stuff

By Sid Feder
Associated Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Feb. 12—(AP)—Jim Braddock wants a doctor.

Now, don't be alarmed, folks; old Jim is still able to do somewhat more than sit up and take a little nourishment. But he'd like to explain to a medical man just what it is he sees which convinces him Joe Louis "ain't what he used to be." Then he'd like to have the doctor man tell him how he can explain it clearly to his friends.

"I don't know exactly how to explain what I mean," Jim said today. "That's why I'd like to ask a doctor, to have him tell me just what it is I'm trying to say. But Joe seems to have lost something between the second fight with Godoy last summer and the Al McCoy fight in Boston in December. It's not that he's getting soft, or anything like that, but the drive, the old will he had when he fought me in 1937, is gone.

"Maybe I can make myself clearer this way: Everybody, including myself, knew I had about one chance in a hundred against Louis in '37. He was a great fighting machine, did things instinctively. But after looking at Joe against McCoy and against Red Burman two weeks ago, I feel that if I was the Braddock of four years ago and was matched with the Louis of today, there's a possibility—now, mind you, I'm not saying positively—but it's possible I could outgallop him and win a decision. By that I don't say the figures to get flattened by Gus Dorazio in Philadelphia Monday, but there's a chance any guy might beat him. Personally, I think that if Joe doesn't get some of his stuff back, the fellow who might do it is Billy Conn, in June."

12 teams Entered in Competition

Play for the Dominion Life Curling Trophy gets underway at the Curling Rink today with all 12 rinks entered in the competition seeing action. Judging by the personnel of the various teams the competition this years promises to be the keenest in a great many seasons and some great matches are being looked forward to.

Following are the personnel of the various teams together with the schedule. Names of the players are not necessarily in the position in which they may play as the different teams have the privilege of making this arrangement among themselves:

F. R. McLaine, J. A. Bentley, Ed Nicholson, P. W. Turner.

Hon. T. A. Campbell, J. F. McLeod, T.W.L. Prowse, G. M. Avard.

S.C. Moore, R. R. Bell, Dr. Creelman, Dr. Robins.

C. H. Black, H. Winchester, Russ Spillett, C. McDonald.

Dr. McIntyre, J.P. Simmons, W. W. Lord, J.H. Howatt.

L.B. McMillan, Dr. Giddings, Dr. Pierce, H. F. McPhee.

Col. G.E. Full, A.C. Putnam, Chas Stewart, N. D. McLean.

R.S.P. Jardine, J. J. Morris, W. N. Wilson, M. McKinnon.

A.W. Hyndmn, R. E. Spillett, Geo. McLeod, A. H. McPherson.

D.B. Bishop, J. A. Fraser, Dr. Tidmarsh, Fred Moore.

W. R. Adams, H. I. Spillett, D. M. Gass, J. F. Sterns.

C.G. Duffy, A. V Spillett, W. C. Davies, S.S. Smith.

Schedule

Thursday 4 p m. Feb. 13th.
A. W. Hyndman vs. C. H. Black (Ice 2)
L. B. MacMillan vs. Col. G. E. Full (Ice 3)
Thursday 7 p. m.
Hon. T. A. Campbell vs. Dr. McIntyre (Ice 2).
Judge Duffy vs. S. C. Moore (Ice 3)
Thursday 9 P. M.
F. R. McLaine vs. W. R. Adams (Ice 2)
D. B. Bishop vs. R. S. P. Jardine (Ice 3)

Minard's relieves sprains.

Carruthers' Rink wins First match

Randolph Carruthers rink last night drew first blood in the City playoff for the Regal Flour curling trophy by sending E. M. Bagnall's rink down to an 11-8 defeat in the opening game of a best of three series to decide the rink that will represent the city in the Island playoff against teams from Summerside and Montague. This competition takes place this year at Summerside, home of the defending champions.

For eight ends last night the winning rink held the lead as they built up a 7-4 lead with a single on the second, two successive doubles on the fourth and fifth and another double on the eighth while holding their opponents to singles on the first, third, sixth and seventh ends. But on the ninth end the losers, curling strongly, piled up a three count to square the match at 7-all. Not to be outdone Carruthers came back to equal his opponent's mark to regain his lead and it remained unchanged as the two rinks split two points garnered on the final two ends of the match.

By Ends:—										
Bagnall	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	1— 8
Carruthers	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	1	0—11

Special feature Skate tonight

The Forum presents its annual Valentine Skate tonight and will feature moonlight and spotlight skates with coloured lights. To make the affair more interesting there will be a demonstration of figure skating at half time. This demonstration will be silhouetted in the rays of a powerful spotlight which will play on the artists during their clever performance.

A special all waltz programme of 14 numbers has also been arranged which should round out one of the best programmes in years.

Preliminary figures on the Soviet Union census of January, 1939, give a population of 170,467,000.

Saint John Rink leads N. B. Bonspiel

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Feb. 12—(CP)—At the end of two days curling J. S. Malcolm's Saint John Thistle rink, with three wins and no losses, was the only undefeated rink tonight in the New Brunswick bonspiel. A series of playoffs appeared in prospect for tomorrow, the final day of competition.

Behind Thistles in Section C is Nick Thibodeau's defending championship rink from Bathurst, with two wins and a loss. Fredericton leads Section A, three and one. In second place, tied two and two, are Bathurst No. 1, Thistle No. 1, St. Andrew's No. 1 (Saint John), and Moncton No. 1.

Leading Section B, three and one, St. Andrew's No. 2, while tied at two and two are the Heather Club from St. Andrew's, N. B., Moncton No. 2, St. Stephen No. 2 and Newcastle No. 2.

BILLIARDS

S. Ryan won his way to the second section of the provincial billiard tournament last night at the Sunnyside Billiard Parlor when he defeated J. Williams by a margin of 105 points, the scores being Ryan 300, Williams 195.

Another match was played in the snooker tournament when A. MacDonald won from D. Williams two games to one. The officials last night were Doyle referee and Houston marker.

Minard's kills pain.

Will play For trophies On Friday

Island curlers are to have a busy day at the local Curling Rink on Friday next when two of the oldest challenge trophies in the Island's curling history will be played for, namely the Gaboury and MacArthur Trophies.

In play for the Gaboury Trophy all three clubs will battle it out for the silverware starting at 7 o'clock in the evening. In connection with the MacArthur play this will strictly be between Summerside and Charlottetown. Charlottetown curlers have already successfully repelled a challenge by the Montague rink which automatically disqualified the Eastern curlers from challenging any more this season as rules of the competition state that one team may challenge but once in a season for the Cup.

Montague curlers are coming by special train for the Gaboury match and are expected to have a large following come with them to see how they fare out.

Hockey Practice

Practice, Junior Royals and Intermediate Abbies tonight at the Forum at 5 o'clock.

Keep Minard's in the home.

Tony Demers left, Elmer Lach centre and Jack Adams at right, who form the most vivid line of the Canadiens of the National Hockey League. They are all for one and one for all combination.

TIPPIE AND "CAP" STUBBS — By Edwina

TILLIE THE TOILER — TWO OF A KIND. — By Westover