



THE BIG ONE

National Pepsi-Cola Trophy, which will be taken home by the Canadian School Curling Championship rink. School rinks from all ten provinces compete the week of February 17 at Charlottetown, P.E.I., in a round-robin series of ends. This is the 8th Annual Championship playdown.

Schoolboy Bonspiels Seen Spur To Study

Curling as a school sport is in a somewhat different category than basketball, volleyball, rugby and possibly hockey, in that the facilities for play are not found on the school grounds. Therefore, if school curling is to maintain its present popularity it is necessary for the schools who provide the players to work in close cooperation with the curlers who furnish the ice.

without the Grey Cup; hockey without the Stanley, Allan or Memorial Cups; men's curling without the Brier? Within ten years school curling would be only a memory if it were reduced to the provincial or regional level.

The school officials working in cooperation with the provincial curling authorities have it within their power to control the number of extra-curricular school activities in which a student may take part. In the larger schools after the hockey and basketball teams are selected there are still hundreds of boys left out. Why shouldn't they curl instead of loafing on the streets with little to do? The honor of representing a province comes to a school only once in a lifetime.

AID TO RURAL SCHOOLS In small rural schools the kids, because of lack of numbers and meagre equipment, must manufacture their own amusement. The great bulk of school boy curlers comes from such tiny towns, villages and hamlets in Western Canada. A few years ago a school in Blackie, Alberta, with five boys enrolled in the High School won the provincial title. The same happened in Franklin, Manitoba, in 1947. With only three lads in the upper grades they recruited a fourth in Grade 9 and captured the first Western Canadian championship.

Curling has a small place in the curriculum of the city schools but it looms large in the everyday life of the rural boy. Here is one sport where size and numbers do not count. It is a sport where a few lads in a one-roomed school have a chance against the thousands who pour out of the big stone school of the city at four o'clock.

Yes, even the top brass among the educationalists are prone to forget that the real life blood of this country of ours is found at the grass roots level among the many small communities. Here thousands of school lads dream wistfully of one day leaving for the Canadian School Curling Championship. Take that dream away and you will not only destroy the interest of the youngsters in a game with many fine traditions and the true concept of sportsmanship, but you will also eliminate one of the greatest pedagogical weapons available to the educator—incentive. Incentive for the student to maintain an academic standard that will allow him to participate in his favorite sport.

FASTEST GROWING SPORT In the last ten years curling among school boys has become so popular that over 60,000 lads in Canada are now addicts of the roaring game. School curling has achieved national prominence and a great deal of publicity. The obvious reason for the ever-mounting interest among schools boys for curling is clear. It is now the only school sport that declares its national champions each year. It is true that the boys must play in the curling rinks outside the school premises and also outside of school hours but in the great majority of cases teachers are in charge. The school has the right to insist on any academic standard it requires before allowing a boy to enter the provincial playdowns. By insisting on adequate school marks the teacher wields a far greater persuasive force than that of the old-fashioned shillalah. Some people may say, "A Dominion playoff is not necessary to preserve school boy curling." How wrong can they get! Where was school curling before the Canadian playoffs started? Where would football be yielding prop to bolster the educational level of the boys who want to curl.

Yes, 4 boys from each province in February this year will fly to Charlottetown, the birthplace of Confederation, to experience one of the greatest thrills of their young lives. Who could honestly object to such a wonderful lesson in practical history. While in the capital of Prince Edward Island these lads from every Canadian Province will be fraternizing with each other and experiencing the same feeling as the fathers of our great country. No wonder that they will stand proudly at attention when singing "O Canada", our National Anthem, for as young Canadians they will feel a pride in their country and its people.

A Curler Speaks

(Finley's Scrapbook) O the squash men thrill To the lightning kill, Or the shot that dies by the wall; And the skier years For telemark turns And for the slaloms with never a fall.

The crash of the pins And the strike that wins To the bowler as sweeter than honey; And the hockey fan dreams Of the gallery's screams And the puck in the cage for money.

There's the smack of a drive, And a sloop that's alive And hands on a hunter's withers; In sporting lore There are thrills by the score— But they all seem tame to "The Britners".

Give me the drone Of a rolling stone, "On the broom" and curling free; Or a shot laid hard To take out a guard, Or a draw through a port the tee.

And "SWEEP!" from the lip Of a salty skip Or "Don't be narrow or light— Just let her bend And we'll take the end"; Now "SWEEP!" You can make her bite".

The potent kick Of a chip or a wick Must be felt to be understood; Or a stone well laid And a shot that's played So it comes to rest where it should.

Be a slave to your sports— That are played in courts Or on alleys or fields say I YOU'LL be paroled When you curl too old; But I'll curl till the day I die. And as springtime looms



TO THE LADIES

In reaching a decision on sending a team of lady curlers from Scotland to visit Canada and the United States a slight controversy developed at the a ual meeting of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

The proposed method of selecting the team was under fire, particularly from several women each with a different idea of what should be done. Finally one speaker suggested it was unthinkable that a team be chosen without a woman being on the selecting committee and added that

to the committee should be appointed at least one woman from each of the ice rinks.

Sir John Muir, chairman and new club president, said the Club had no intention of laying down the law as to how the team was to be chosen. It was only offering a suggestion. "We would be delighted to have some of the ladies on the committee if the ladies can agree among themselves who they are going to have"

The report of the meeting states "loud male laughter" followed the remark.

Sir John in anticipating the reception the ladies would receive on this side of the Atlantic said "the hospitality you get is wonderful. I think being a member of a men's team to Canada needs a cast-iron constitution".

And we stack the brooms And lift the stones to the rack; I'll sigh for the time When the ice is prime And my toe's once more in the hack.

WELCOME DOMINION SCHOOLBOY CURLERS TO CHARLOTTETOWN All this week the eyes of Curling-conscious Canada will be on Charlottetown, so let's show everyone what real sportsmanship is. Play a good game and— ENJOY YOURSELVES C. & F. FOODLAND 180 QUEEN ST. PHONE 4811

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Past Island Schoolboy Rinks Since the first Schoolboy Championship play in Quebec in 1950 the following players have been on the Island teams: 1950—Doug Cameron, Karl Reardon, Frank Acorn Jr., Billy Platts. 1951—Doug Cameron, Karl Reardon, Morris Jenkins, Frank Acorn Jr. 1952—(Summerside rink) Alexander Campbell, Derwin Huestis, Wyman Miller, Clive MacDonald. 1953—Barry MacDonald, Dave Reardon, B. Auld, Roger Partridge. 1954—Alan MacLeod, Brewer Auld, Roger Partridge, Barry MacDonald. 1955—Barry MacDonald, Alan MacLeod, Errol Nicholson, George Dillon. 1956—(Summerside rink) Dave Silliphant, Stan Gay, Arthur Morrison, Donald Coles. 1957—Arthur Burke, Arnold Llewellyn, Allison Saunders, Harris Dingwell.

GOOD LUCK CURLERS! May The Best Rink Win! We extend a hearty welcome to the Schoolboy Curlers DOUGLAS BROS. & JONES LIMITED 155 Kent St. Dial 6565

Welcome, Curlers... To Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island! CHARLOTTETOWN IS PROUD TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN HOST CITY FOR THE DOMINION SCHOOLBOYS' CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP During the next few days a new Dominion Schoolboys' Curling Champion will be crowned, many spectacular ends have been played, many new friendships made and old ones renewed. With this spirit of fellowship and keen, friendly competition - - - a spirit that once a year united schoolboy curlers from coast to coast - - - the "Roarin' Game" will surely remain Canada's most popular winter sport for both young and old. To one and all attending this great event, Charlottetown extends a most hearty welcome. To the schoolboy curlers taking part, may your stones be "on the broom". THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN

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