

SKATING.



E. A. THOMAS.



C. L. McCLAVE.

THE National Amateur Skating Association held their annual championship meeting at Spring Lake, near Poughkeepsie, N. Y., January 26th, 27th and 28th. Thus year the committee arranged the distances in the championship events to conform with the European championship distances. By this means a closer comparison can be made between the champions on both sides of the Atlantic.

Last year's Canadian victories were not repeated. There were no such skaters as McCulloch to represent the Dominion, consequently the championships all remain at home.

The ice on the first day was in poor condition. The intense cold and wind of the second and third days provided good ice, but undoubtedly kept away many of the spectators, for the attendance was by no means as large as last year.

The first championship race, 500 metres, was an excellent contest between E. A. Thomas and B. McPartland, Thomas winning by not more than a yard. In the 1,500-metre race Thomas again distinguished himself; and when it is considered that he had only two weeks previously recovered from a severe illness, his performances were remarkably good.

The 5,000 and 10,000 metre races were won by the New York Athletic Club's representative, C. L. McClave. He judged the long-distance race specially well, keeping in fourth place until the last two laps, when he came out with a spurt that sent him rapidly to the front, where he finished.

One mile, novice.—Final heat: Won by H. McMillan, Newburgh; second, J. W. Shaughnessy, Cohoes; third, J. E. De Mander, New Haven. Time, 3m. 34.2-58.

Five hundred metres (546 8-10 yards), national championship.—Final heat: Won by E. A. Thomas, Newburgh; second B. McPartland, N. Y. A. C.; third, W. H. Merritt, St. John, N. B. Time, 59 2-58.

Fifteen hundred metres (1,620 42-100 yards), national championship.—Final heat: Won by E. A. Thomas, Newburgh; second, G. Sudheimer, Hamlin, Minn.; third, W. H. Merritt, St. John, N. B. Time, 3m 6 3-58.

Five thousand metres (5,468 1-10 yards), national

championship.—Won by Charles L. McClave, N. Y. A. C.; second, James Drury, Montreal A. A. A.; third, F. R. Sager, West Point. Time, 10m. 22 3-58.

Two miles, handicap.—Won by A. E. Pilkie, Montreal A. A. A., scratch; second, Fred Hoffman, Cohoes, 150 yards; third, F. R. Sager, West Point, scratch. Time, 6m. 38 4-58.

One mile pursuit race.—Won by A. E. Pilkie; time, 3m. 13 2-58; second, Charles McClave; time, 3m. 18 2-58.

One mile, championship of the Hudson River Valley.—Won by E. A. Thomas, Newburgh; second, F. R. Sager, West Point; third, F. D. Gibbs, Newburgh. Time, 3m. 12s.

One mile match race—Fred Hemment defeated George Hare, both of Brooklyn. Time, 3m. 32 4-58.

Ten thousand metres (10,936 11-100 yards), national championship.—Won by Charles L. McClave, N. Y. A. C.; second, F. R. Sager, West Point; third, Harry Perkins, Hamlin, Minn. Time, 21m. 36s.

The Canadian amateur championship skating contests were held Febr. 4th, on the open rink of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association. The weather and ice were all that could be desired, and favorable for the best possible skating, yet strange to say no new records were made. Over five thousand enthusiasts gathered to watch the races. The American skaters who crossed the border for the meeting were repaid in their own coin, for, like the Canadians who visited them the week previous, they had to journey home without a single championship. Even McClave, of whom the Montrealers expected much, could do no better than second place. J. Drury proved his ability as a remarkable skater by taking no less than four championship honors. His racing in the mile was fine throughout and he finished up a winner by a foot. In the three miles he defeated his club-mate, Pilkie, by about a yard. In the five miles he judged his field remarkably well, and just managed to pull out ahead of Sudheimer, who was a close second.

220 yards championship—Won by J. Branner, Shamrock A. A. A.; C. L. McClave, New York A. C., 2; F. J. Robson, Crescent B. C. Toronto, 3. Time, 21s.
Half-mile backward—Won by Frank Stephen, Montreal A. A. A.; W. Thibault, Montagnard S. C., 2; R. T. R. Holcombe, Montreal A. A. A., 3. Time, 1m. 39s.
880 yards championship; time limit, 1.25—Won by Jas. Drury, Montreal A. A. A.; A. E. Pilkie, Montreal

A. A. A., 2; A. Briere, Prince Arthur S. C., 3. Time, 1m. 23s.
 Half-mile, boys, 12 years—Won by Harry Denwood; Albert Brownie, 2; A. Morrison, 3. Time, 1m. 53s.
 One mile championship—Won by Jas. Drury, Montreal A. A. A.; Geo. Sudheim, St. Paul, Minn., 2; Bert. Spooner, Montreal A. A. A., 3. Time, 2m. 50s.
 Three miles championship; time limit, 10.00—Won by Jas. Drury, Montreal A. A. A.; A. E. Pikkie, Montreal A. A. A., 2; Bert. Spooner, Montreal A. A. A., 3. Time, 9m. 19 4-58.

One mile, boys, 15 years—Won by Peter Alix; Albert Morin, 2; Ino. Stumps, 3. Time, 3m. 26s.
 220 yards hurdles—Won by F. B. Irwin, Montreal A. A. A.; R. S. R. Holcombe, Montreal A. A. A., 2; F. J. Robson, Crescent B. C., Toronto, 3. Time, 26 2-58.
 Five miles, championship; time limit, 17.00—Won by Jas. Drury, Montreal A. A. A.; Geo. Sudheimer, Minneapolis, 2; F. R. Sager, West Point, N. Y., 3. Time, 16m. 04-58.

VIGILANT.

CURLING.

THE fourteenth annual contest for the Mitchel medal, which is played for alternately in the East and the West, was this year played on the Thistle Club rink, at Hoboken, N. J., on January 19th and 20th. Of the local teams Yonkers have always stood high in this contest, having won the medal five times, but this year their team were put out in the semi-final by Van Cortlandt team, that finally won the medal. Eleven teams were on hand to draw for the first round. It was typical curlers' weather and the ice was in splendid condition.

The following are the scores by rinks:

FIRST ROUND.

St. Andrew's (1)..... 18	Jersey City..... 8
Yonkers (2)..... 24	Ivanhoe, N. J..... 8
Thistle (2)..... 22	Empire City..... 9
Yonkers (1)..... 20	Thistle (1)..... 10
Caledonian..... 14	St. Andrew's (2)..... 13

Van Cortlandt drew a bye.

SECOND ROUND.

Yonkers (2)..... 21	Caledonian..... 10
Thistle (2)..... 19	St. Andrew's (1)..... 16
Van Cortlandt..... 15	Yonkers (1)..... 9

SEMI-FINAL ROUND.

Van Cortlandt..... 22	Yonkers (2)..... 9
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Thistle (2) drew the bye.

FINAL ROUND.

<i>Van Cortlandt.</i>	<i>Thistle (2).</i>
G. P. Morosini, Jr.,	Alexander Frassr,
J. Pepper,	T. Watson,
P. F. Gilmartin,	John Watt,
I. Frazier, skip..... 16	J. Thaw, skip..... 13

The seventh annual bonspiel of the Northwestern Curling Association was commenced on January 16th, at St. Paul, Minn., and continued for the rest of the week. Twenty-two rinks were entered, Canada being represented with seven. St. Paul supplied eight rinks. The other cities represented were Chicago, Milwaukee, and Baraboo, Wis.

The principal event of the week was the International trophy, in which the Canadians proved easy winners. The preliminary and first two rounds were played during the bonspiel, but the final, resting between two Canadian rinks, was contested for on the Granite rink, at Winnipeg, the week following, the scores follow:

INTERNATIONAL TROPHY—FIRST ROUND.

Assiniboines..... 17	Rat Portage..... 12
Granites (Kelly)..... 10	Thistles..... 7
Thistles..... 13	Killarney..... 12
Granites (Harstone)..... 17	Portage la Prairie..... 15

SECOND ROUND.

Granites (Kelly)..... 13	Assiniboines..... 6
Granites (Harstone)..... 12	Thistles..... 9

FINAL ROUND.

<i>Granites.</i>	<i>Granites.</i>
J. H. Turnbull,	E. Nicholson,
E. G. Barrett,	Thos. Johnson,
J. Lemon,	W. Georgeson,
S. G. Harstone,	Thos. Kelly,
Skip..... 4	Skip..... 10

The St. Paul Curling Club trophy, contested for by American rinks only, was won by S. Hasting's Minneapolis rink, who defeated E. J. Marriott's Baraboo rink, by a score of 11 to 11.

The Championship medal for the "skip" winning the greatest number of games was won by S. G. Harstone, of Granite rink, Winnipeg, with a total of nine games.

For the first time in three years the curlers of New York and New Jersey met in the Interstate championship, and the Hamilton medal. The games were contested on the Hoboken rink, on February 1st.

Under the conditions on which Mr. J. L. Hamilton presented the medal in 1876, the "skip" on the winning side whose team makes the highest score is entitled to the trophy for one year, or until played for again, and this year it goes to T. Archibald, skip of Caledonian (No. 1).

Nine teams from each State were in the contest. It was the first match played indoors. The championship has been contested for eleven times, New York having six victories and New Jersey four, one of the matches won by New York not being counted.

A summary of the games by rinks follows:

<i>New York.</i>	<i>New Jersey.</i>
Caledonian (No. 1)..... 25	Newark (No. 1)..... 17
St. Andrew's (No. 1)..... 24	Jersey City (No. 1)..... 14
Thistles (No. 1)..... 18	Hoboken..... 12
John o' Groats..... 22	Jersey City (No. 2)..... 16
Thistles (No. 2)..... 12	Newark (No. 2)..... 13
Yonkers..... 20	Ivanhoe (No. 1)..... 11
Empire City..... 18	Ivanhoe (No. 2)..... 10
Caledonian (No. 2)..... 15	N. J. B. & C. C. (No. 1)..... 11
Manhattan..... 19	N. J. B. & C. C. (No. 2)..... 14

Total score.....173 Total score.....118

VIGILANT.

ICE HOCKEY.

THE Intercollegiate League has furnished some of the best games of the year, and the colleges will probably furnish plenty of championship material in future years, much of it equal to the imported variety. It is unfortunate that Harvard is so far

from the rinks used for the intercollegiate games that she could not be represented in the championship series; but her outside games against Yale and Brown will probably furnish opportunity for comparison of her skill with that of the best teams in the organization.