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HAILEYBURY LADY CURLERS SEND GREETINGS

By Gertrude MacArthur
We the ladies curling club would like to take this opportunity to welcome the Scottish Curlers to our club. We indeed are happy to have them here in this year our fiftieth anniversary of the club.
The ladies section first started in 1924 with Mrs. Adair being the first president of the ladies section.

There were four rinks as only members wives were allowed to curl at first later they decided others could join and make it more interesting. They curled at this time for three years. Ness McAulay and Tess Austin curled at that time. Not until 1943 was the club formed again, great interest was shown at this time and we have been steadily increasing since.

Our first bonspiel was held here in 1950, at the old rink with four sheets of ice. It was a very successful 'spiel'. The ladies from Cobalt joined the club in 1950 and each year there are more joining.

With the building of the new rink in 1951 the members became more enthusiastic than ever, and this year with artificial ice longer and better curling is certainly assured and we are very happy with the increased membership.

The tankard play downs for the ladies is being held here January 25, and 26, when we hope to see some fine curling.

The ladies of the curling club hope the Scottish Curlers enjoy their visit to Haileybury and

will carry back pleasant memories when they return to Scotland.

Looking up old records we came across an item in March 12th issue 1925 of the Haileyburian where a team of lady curlers visited New Liskeard and played with a rink of ladies from that town meeting defeat to the tune of 4-1 in a six end.

In those days six end games were the popular number to play for the Ladies.

In February 1926 the Ladies decided to organize a club and Mrs. Wm. Adair was elected president.

Played for three years when the club disbanded.

Re-organized in 1943 with Mrs. E. McDonough being elected president.

These games were in the old rink on the shore of the Lake.

Built new rink in 1951 with Mrs. N. McAulay president that year.

Mr. Fred Thompson and son Roy Thompson spent many hours assisting the Ladies learn the roaring game beside several of the Ladies husbands helping also.

1926—Local rinks won the three events in the bonspiel here with E. E. Smith's four taking the Lee and Moysey trophies and F. W. Thompson, the consolation. At the same bonspiel two rinks from North Bay defeated two local rinks and carried off the Englehart trophy.

1936—Haileybury rinks won many prizes at a bonspiel in New Liskeard where 60 rinks from North Bay, Timmins South Porcupine, Noranda, Kirkland Lake, Englehart, Haileybury and New Liskeard competed.

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