

Hon. E. F. Willis To Open Rossmere's Fine New Curling Club Saturday

At exactly 3.05 p.m. on Saturday, January 23, His Honour The Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, The Hon. Errick F. Willis, will throw the first rock to the broom of His Worship, Mayor Suttie of East Kildonan, to officially open Rossmere's magnificent new curling rink.

Among the many guests present will be the executive of the Manitoba Curling Association, the presidents of the associated rinks of Greater Winnipeg and past presidents of Rossmere itself. President Jim Cartlidge of Rossmere expects to get things under way at 2.30 p.m. in welcoming His Honour and club guests to the premises where refreshments will be served in the upper lounge.

The construction of the Rossmere Curling Rink represents a further step in the building of a social and sporting centre for the people of East Kildonan and is of Cantilever design with a hipped roof built on 12 laminated beams, 96 feet long, hinged at the apex extending over the side walls and anchored to a cement base by a heavy steel cable with turn buckle adjustment, this extension being enclosed within vertical V-joint frames. The walls and ends of the rink are of large cement blocks with fire-proof asphalt shingles covering a roof completely decked with four car loads of 4x6 timbers, three large ventilating fans are cut into this decking to ensure a frost free interior.

Moving inside, it is evident that several features of construction are unique in curling circles. Mercury are lamps spaced with incandescent lights give a completely shadow-free surface to the six sheets of gleaming ice that show the club

colours in the green and white circles, and an emerald tinge to the area between the hog lines.

Underneath this ice lie 8½ miles of piping full of the modern freezing liquid "Frion", resting on a floating slab of concrete eight inches thick and 18 inches above ground level — seated on 84 cardboard-tipped reinforced concrete piles that go down to bed rock, some to a depth of 63 feet. No longer is it necessary to "throw an inturn to a rock in an out turn position."

Rossmere members have not been forgotten — a new annex joining the new rink to the present clubhouse is now completed and every modern appliance has been installed to ensure the comfort of the devotees of the "roarin' game".

A basement capable of holding up to 300 lockers, and a main floor with coffee bar, luncheon tables, and solid walls of floor-length glass

give a clear view of the playing surface from any angle.

Plans are under way to create a parking area, treed and hard-topped, that will accommodate up to 250 cars.

With a new 18-hole championship golf course to open in the spring, new clubhouse annex and curling rink, Rossmere has indeed come a long way from its shoe-string beginning in a tent on Roche — less than a decade ago.



HON. ERRICK F. WILLIS



J. A. CARTLIDGE



DAY'S RECEIPTS GO TO MARCH OF DIMES

Mike Kindyball, who owns the Lockport Riverbend Haven toboggan slides, will donate his "take" of Sunday, Jan. 31st, to the March of Dimes. There

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