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both played almost faultless games, but showed their lack of practice in this match.

Notwithstanding, they gave Massey and Wisener a hard battle, and the final scores of 15-11, 15-12, testify the way the match went. Purcell seemed to be everywhere and brought off many brilliant shots. Sheard utilized every inch of his height to drive home unanswerable smashes. But against the polished combination of their opponents, they went down to defeat. Not that Massey and Wisener cannot cover the courts or smash. Probably Wisener has the hardest drive in Canada; Massey is not far behind him. Both played a flashing game and deserved their win. Their team-work was a thing worth watching, and it took all of Purcell's courtcraft to find undefended spots on the Massey-Wisener side of the net.

A less brilliant but no less sound game was that shown by Miss Crossley, of Oakville, and Miss Muriel Purkis, of the Granite Club, in the final of the ladies' singles which was won by the former 14-10, 11-4. Miss Purkis had her arm bandaged and seemed to find playing painful. Her gradual weakening is reflected in the score. She played hard and came within an ace of winning the first set, which was set at nine all, but she was unable to withstand the deadly accuracy of Miss Crossley's play. Both ladies played a very precise game, each forcing her opponent backward and angling for an opening for a drop over the net. It is not so spectacular a game as that played by the men, but difficult to encounter and takes a great deal of skill to use successfully. Both ladies used it to perfection and, but for Miss Purkis' bad arm, the score might have been closer. She is a clever young player who will bear watching, and should certainly be taken into account when forecasting the ranking of the ladies.

Miss Crossley also featured as the co-winner of the ladies' doubles. With Mrs. Whittington, she defeated the strong team of Mrs. J. L. Gooderham and Miss Elmsley from the Badminton and Racquets Club. The battle was not one sided and was the only final not won in straight sets, the final score being 15-7, 7-15, 15-6. The Oakville team always looked the better of the two, even when they were losing the second set. The Badminton and Racquets team played to their limit but were somewhat handicapped by the fact that Mrs. Gooderham was suffering from a sore foot which became more noticeable as the match progressed. Miss Elmsley

played heroically in an endeavor to make up for her partner's disability, while Mrs. Gooderham herself fought gamely even when it became apparent that the title was going to the Oakville ladies.

The tournament felt keenly the loss of Mrs. Coke who, although recovering from her recent illness, was unable to participate. Her absence gave a chance to some of the contestants who would otherwise have fallen into the discard at an earlier stage, had she been playing in the singles or with Mrs. Boone in the ladies' doubles. The latter played in the mixed doubles with Colonel G. G. Blackstock and got as far as the finals which Miss Betty McCrae and Jack Purcell won in straight games. Jack Purcell played as brilliantly as usual and covered the entire rear half of the court for most of the time—a very good combination as Miss McCrae is a perfect wizard at the net. Colonel Blackstock attempted to beat her at her own game, and discovered that it could not be done. She is not as impressive away from the net, and her service was suicidal against Colonel Blackstock, who delights in killing any shots that come more than half an inch above the net, and rushes forward to take them before they drop too far. Jack Purcell was well acquainted with the Colonel's tactics and careful to keep his service either just skimming the net so closely that it could not be killed or else high to the base-line. Mrs. Boone played her usual steady, hard, clever game and succeeded in pulling off amazing strokes apparently without effort, as she always does. She has certainly learnt the art of making difficult shots look easy—a trick which has deceived more than one opponent.

This match was probably the best of all the finals and both teams played cleverly together. The score at the end of the match was 15-4, 18-15, showing that, the losers were not at all daunted by the loss of the first set and came very close to winning the second, which was set at thirteen all before being decided. Purcell played the major part of the game for the winners as Miss McCrae confined her activities pretty well to the net. The team from Badminton and Racquets divided the play more evenly as Mrs. Boone is more effective toward the base-line than Miss McCrae. Colonel Blackstock again scored many points with his rushing of the service and, played a yeoman game which was hard to lose, although the better team won.



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