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teur player, which could become a real burden if the game is played more intensively. A contest costs between 200 and 400 francs for every participant. Considering that we take part in a contest every two weeks, it needs little imagination to work out the sums...

This brings me to the question of sponsors; do you have any?

Answer: No, unfortunately not so far. We are a women's team, and it is far more difficult for us to find financial support than for men. As one of the twelve teams in Switzerland, we receive a contribution from the Sports Aid Fund, which, however, is not big enough to cover all our expenses. A sponsor would be very welcome also during the season, and not only for the world championship which is supported every year by a different financial donor.

What of your Canadian experience will remain in your memory most clearly?

Answer: Naturally the phantastic feeling of victory. But also the most lavish hospitality of the Canadians with the many social events which allowed us to get in close touch with the local inhabitants.

Would you recommend curling as a sport?

Answer: Definitely. It is a sport



which develops not only the body, but also the mind with regard to concentration, precision, nervous staying power and tactics. It is thus often called «chess on ice», a description which is quite appropriate. And since, apart from world championships, no umpires are ever present, the precept of fairness is of great importance; it is decisive in the strengthening of self-discipline.

What advice would you give to beginners?

Answer: Above all, it seems important to take a good curling course. They are available nowadays in all curling halls. This way, it will soon become clear whether there is any talent for playing the game. Accordingly, one would join one of the many curling clubs.

A beginner must always remember that curling is not an individualistic sport, and in this lies its main attraction.

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