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The History of the Montreal Polo Club. 1900-1940.

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## Historical context

Polo is an equestrian sport that was brought to Canada by British officers stationed in Halifax in 1878. However, the oldest polo club in Canada was founded in Calgary in 1890. In 1899, it was Montreal's turn to have its own club, when the Montreal Polo Club was founded by members of the Canadian Hunt Club. Playing on the fields of Saint-Lambert, thousands of spectators came to see the Montreal club play against clubs from Quebec and Toronto. The Montreal club is also the first to play in the United States, at Saratoga. A sport practiced by the wealthy elite and a social activity for some spectators, matches were played as early as 1903 for charity, notably to benefit the Notre-Dame and Montreal General hospitals.

The book opposite is by author Iris Clendenning and was published in 1987 by First Edition. It tells the story of the Montreal Polo Club from 1900 to 1940.