

Col. Arthur Evans Snell (deceased)



A WW I decorated hero (Croix de Guerre and mentioned in dispatches 4 times) Col. Snell was a military man of distinction as well as a badminton champion.

The military had a marked influence on the development of badminton in Canada as reflected by the number of officers who were champion players, as well as volunteers involved with badminton organization and administration. Many of the early clubs were in armouries. The Ottawa Garrison Club is a good example. Colonel A.E. Snell was a member of that club and was a very fine player. He won the Canadian singles title at the inaugural championships in 1922 in Montreal. He also won the mens doubles title in 1924.

Besides playing, he was active in the organization of the national association and very involved with the organization of the Ontario Badminton Association in 1925. The founding committee concerned themselves with an appropriate constitution and the introduction of a Provincial Championship. Colonel Snell was elected as the first President and served a one-year term. In the inaugural championships in 1925, he won the men's doubles event partnered with W.M. Stewart.