

Ottawa Ski Club News

The first shot is fired. The first race was held and won by **Ted Reid** for the Seniors, and **Ken. West** for the Juniors. Names of contestants and time are as follows: Seniors:—Ted Reid, 38 m. 27 s.; S. Grimes, 40 m. 17 s.; T. Peat, 40 m. 58 s.; J. Fagan, 45 m. 10 s.; S. Robillard, 54 m. 08 s.

Juniors: K. West 39 m. 30 s.; R. Belle, 40 m. 16 s.; L. Audette, 42 m.; F. Ellis, 42 m. 12 s.; G. B. Jost, 42 m. 19 s.; B. Peat, 43 m. 34 s.; B. S. Stanyar, 43 m. 46 s. Length of course $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles. The Club is indebted to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dickson for this beautiful course, that will remain as the "Standard Racing Course" to Ironsides.

Next Preliminary race, for bronze medals, to be given at the Lodge, Saturday, Jan. 19, 3 p.m. Same starting point (Wrightville). Same course. For these Club races, **Juniors** are those who pay **Junior** fees.

On to the Chaudiere Club. We are going again to the Chaudiere Golf Club to-night (Thursday, Jan. 15), and you are coming along with us this time, aren't you? We missed you last week. The trail is not too long, the music is good and the refreshments splendid. Come along!—And by the way, could you not take the first Wrightville care in readiness when you arrive at the station and arrange to meet your friends at the other end of the line? The management of the Hull Electric complain that cars go empty while the whole place is jammed with skiers, waiting for some one or other. Please arrange to meet somewhere else, and when you are at the station, jump in the first car ready, and make way for others. Please look up this morning's papers, to see if there is any change in the trail. Take car at 7.15 p.m.

We are also going to Ironsides on Saturday, (Jan. 17) and to Camp Fortune and Pink Lake by way of Kirk's Ferry and Cascades on Sunday (Jan. 18). You are again reminded that the train leaves at 9.30 instead of 9.05 Creely's hill will be inaugurated on Sunday. Come along!

And we are creeping on towards a membership of 1500, and we will get there if you come along with that friend of yours. Every one of you must bring at least one new member. Your Executive has worked hard to put this Club on good foundations. You can help by increasing our membership. And if you hear any one say that this Club is getting too big, tell him it is not half big enough yet.

The Sympathies of the Club are extended to Mr. J. A. D. Holbrook, whose store was destroyed by fire on Saturday, it is hoped that a new store will soon rise from the ashes of the old one.

Things to Note.—Members in arrears after the 15th of this month cease to be "in good standing". After Feb. 1st, their names will be posted.—Members who paid their fees at Holbrook's store **between 1.30 Thursday and 6 p.m. Saturday** are requested to phone (or write) their names and card numbers to Miss Ashfield (C. 1229-W.)—Old members must not fill in application forms. All they have to do is to give their name and pay. Application forms are for new members only.—New members must deposit their money with their application, but their card and badge are issued by Miss Ashfield only.—Until business is resumed at Holbrook's members may pay at the Royal Bank (receiving wicket) Sparks St., or at Ketchum's.

Are there any Ladies and Gentlemen of Leisure among you? Members on holidays, or real millionaires, having nothing to do? Your Club needs you; the Executive is overworked. Please offer your services. Phone the President (R. 4263).

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Most flattering comments about the new Lodge at Pink Lake reach us every day, and they must be highly gratifying to our friend S. Kidd who designed the structure; they would be far more gratifying to us if they were accompanied by a request for one or more Treasury notes, bearing interest at 6 p. c. Show your appreciation by buying a Treasury Note.

Our Life Members—May we mention their names again in the hope that some one may thereby be induced to follow their example: J. P. Henderson, Frank Bedard, C. E. Mortureux, Sigurd Rolph Lockeberg, Mildren Ashfield. When a 6 year old boy like Sigurd, who must, out of his slender salary, save enough to put himself through College, can afford to purchase a life membership, why not you? Who will be the next Life Member?

Why always pick on me, says Mabel.—"It is a poor thing but mine own." So thought I when I discovered that my name, "Mabel" was again being brought before the public eye, in the Ottawa Ski Club News, in a flippant manner. Hence this protest—Having answered to "Mabel" for the last forty years, more or less, I have become attached to it, or conversely, maybe, it has become attached to me; thus my wounded feelings at this seeming disrespect. Had votes for women been in vogue at the time of my christening I might have elected to become Ermytrude, or something else more euphonic. Do you not think that the name "Snowdrop" might be more suitably adopted in the News when the incognito of any lady member of the Ottawa Ski Club is to be preserved?"

Would that we could shed off the years as easily as you pile them on Mabel, for if you are forty, then we are a hundred and ten. The only excuse we can offer is that, throughout our long and varied experience, we have observed that girls answering to the sweet name of "Mabel" always displayed more genuine and wholesome inquisitiveness than the others. But if it is the same to you Mabel we will call you "Snowflake". Don't you think that it sounds better than "Snowdrop"?)

"There are too many skiers", says Snowflake, "and the hills and trails get so hard and icy that there is no more pleasure in skiing. It is 'bumpy-bump' all the time."—No, Snowflake, there are not too many skiers, but there are too many lazy skiers, too many content to follow the old trails. Get out and find trails for yourself.—"How do you get to those East Templeton hills that you are praising so much?"—That is the trouble, they are not easily accessible. To get there by ski, strike straight across the Ottawa River, from Rockliffe Station to Gatineau Point Village. Slip in between two houses with your skis on if you can, then go through the fields, in a north easterly direction, taking in lanes here and there to avoid fences, until you get there. You may also go by the Quinville road, opposite the head of Kettle Island, or by train to Gatineau Station, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the hills, or by buss to Gatineau Point. The highest of these hills is 300 feet (Dome hill at Ironsides is only 275). You may easily, if you work your way westward, end the day at the Ironsides Lodge, or even eat your lunch there if you start early enough.

Our friend Steve says:—"Every once in a while some anonymous person, evidently suffering from a fixed idea, bursts into print in our News Letter. He (or she) gives vent to rhapsodies of praise for the hills of East Templeton. We take it he is a native of that District longing for a visit to his old haunts among the sand dunes and mud waves, but craving company on the dismal trek across the broad, barren plain that (fortunately) lies between our city and those outlandish parts. If our skiers are to be tempted to forsake, even for one excursion, their familiar and beloved grounds, let them be directed to a spot where the experience will be a pleasure and not a penance for sins never committed. Wakefield is such a spot. There, the means of approach, the hotel accommoda-

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Can you write a good story? A large box of good candy will be offered to the lady writer of the best four or five hundred word story describing a ski trip—your first trip or any other trip. Story must be in before Jan. 24. The two best stories will be published. Address Sec.-Treasurer, Ottawa Ski Club, P.O. Box 65.—Officers of the Club barred.

The Water Supply at Camp Fortune. (Continued from last issue). Then they bored a hole into the plank covering of the well, dropped the suction pipe through and at once set to work the pump, whilst a man ran at full speed to the top of the hill to watch for the coming of the water. He was told to shout loud and long, at the sight of the first drop of moisture, and throw away the first five or six hundred gallons for fear they might be tainted with the red lead of which the threading of the pipe had been generously covered. And the handy men marvelled at the ease with which the handle of the pump went up and down, practically no effort being required to push up to a static height of sixty feet the twenty six gallons of water in the three hundred feet of pipe. And all kinds of pleasant whistling and gurgling noises were heard throughout the length of the pipe, and the hearts of the workers were filled with joy, and the manufacturers were praised for building such a strong little pump. However, no shout from above broke the stillness of the starry night, and one of the workers climbed up to ask the reason of this continued silence, and he wearily trod his way back, reporting that no fluid of any kind had as yet been seen spurting from the upper end. Then the man at the pump was dismissed, and another man was set in his place and told to work the pump harder and faster, and he worked fast and furiously for a long time and yet no water came. Then a horrible fear seized them that the pipe might be leaking somewhere, under the five feet of earth, and they unearthed and tested every union, every joint, every coupling and every nipple, but no leakage was found. Then seized with sudden inspiration one of the handy men grabbed a crow-bar, pried up one of the planks covering the well and looked into the deep hole below. Alas! his presentment was but too true; the bottom of the well was as dry as the desolate land of Ontario, the water had all run out and the pipe was sucking nothing but air and dead leaves. (To be continued.)

Items of interest—The new pump at Ironsides was inaugurated by Cicely Stotesbury, and under her skilful handling, the water that had been a bit muddy previous to that, came out as clear as crystal.—Would some one kindly open again the old Alexander's trail for Dot Weston? The trail that went from Alexander's house on Meache's Lake to Keogan's clearing in the early 80s, and oh my! it was such a nice trail.—It has been figured that if all the stove pipes, at all our lodges, were put together they would reach from one end of George's trail to the other. Would not that make a fine chute for some slim person?—The new trail from the Meach's Lake Road to Camp Fortune has been very much improved by the elimination of all the steep rises at the beginning. It will be marked with red bunting next week-end. Ty it.—Fred Brown's flute and mouth organ orchestra made things very bright and cheerful on the Gatineau train and at Camp Fortune last Sunday. Come again boys!—First aid kits will be available at all the lodges this week end.—At our next hike some members will be wearing arm bands with the word "Aid". Go to them for information, application forms, etc.—The workers at Camp Fortune are indebted to Vice-President Allen Snowden for a splendid double boiler, which make it unnecessary to sit up and stir the porridge all night.

Will the person who, by mistake took a pair of new skis at the end of the car line, Wrightville and left old and battered racing skis in exchange, please phone Miss H. Lambart (R. 274).—A ski pole disappeared half way up Dome Hill. Please return to Jim Barber, Q. 852.—A pair of men's leather mitts were found at Ironsides, Saturday. Please phone Mrs. Semple, Q. 6747.—A pair of ski poles disappeared at Central Station, while owner was purchasing tickets. Please phone R. 4198-W.

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