

Ottawa Ski Club News

A Saturday Special. Endeavours are being made by your Club to run a special train up the Gatineau on Saturday, Feb. 14, to inaugurate the "East Side Gatineau run," from Kirk's Ferry to Ironsides. Train would leave at 2 p.m. Watch the papers for announcement, and make sure to be there.

On the far famed heights of Camp Fortune, and over one of the hardest courses that had perhaps ever been laid, **Jack Bourgault** fought his way to victory through sticky snows and up heart breaking hills, and recovered possession of the much coveted title of **Champion of the Ottawa Ski Club** on Sunday, Feb. 8. Ken. West was only 7 seconds behind and Ted Reid 1 minute and fifty seconds. There were eleven contestants. Names and times are as follows:—1st J. Bourgault, 1 hr. 59 sec.; Ken. West, 1 hr. 1 m. 6 s.; Ted Reid, 1 hr. 2 m. 51 s.; Ken. Fosbery, 1 hr. 4 m. 4 s.; W. Reid, 1 hr. 7 m. 39s; B. Grayson Bell, 1 hr. 10 m. 3 s.; L. Grimes 1 hr. 14 m. 11 s.; J. Ryan, 1 hr. 15 m. 32 s.; Fred Taylor, 1 hr. 25 m. 33 s.; B. Peat, 1 hr. 25 m. 40 s.; F. Amyot, 1 hr. 36 m. 42 s.—There is some mix up about the age of the juniors and until the matter is cleared up, we cannot say definitely who won the Junior championship, but it seems to us that Jack Ryan, who is just past his fourteenth year, is the only real junior of the lot.—On the Ottawa Ski Club hill at Rockcliffe, **J. MacKay** was first with 18 points. Others came in the following order: A. Bambrick, 17.66; J. Neville, 17.09; E. Tellman, 17.06; W. Morrisette & Bud Crain, 16.66; H. Cherry, 16.65; H. Nelson, 16.35; P. Landry, 16.53; L. Descharmes, 14.44.

A very welcome change in the C.P.R. train service, initiated at the suggestion of one of our directors was put into effect last Sunday, and will be continued until the grass grows green again on the slopes of Camp Fortune. There will be two trains going up the Gatineau every Sunday morning, one at 9.30 a.m. and the second at 9.50. One of these trains returns in time to reach the City by 5.50 p.m. making Wakefield at 4.43 p.m., Cascades at 5 p.m., Kirk's Ferry at 5.10 and Chelsea at 5.23. The other train returns at the regular time. This opens up new and wonderful possibilities of which it is hoped our members will take full advantage. For instance, after partaking of lunch at Camp Fortune, parties might go to Cascades by McClosky's hill or the Blanchette's slopes—the best and longest slopes with a northern exposure in the country—or to Kirk's Ferry by the Cooper's trail, which also affords wonderful sliding. Should they be delayed on the way, they could still make the 8 p.m. train and would have ample time to prepare a reasonable excuse for missing that evening party.



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Coming events. On Saturday, 14th inst. Boys race for Glebe Collegiate, over Standard racing course to Ironsides. Start at 2.15 sharp from Wrightville.—Same day, Girls' race for Lisgar and Glebe Collegiates. Start at 2.45 sharp from top of first hill on Ironsides lane.—Same day, Ontario championship race, Cliffside. **Sunday, 15th,** Ski jumping championships, Ontario and City, Juniors, Intermediate and Senior, at Fairy Lake, Cliffside.

To-night (Thursday, Feb. 12) Usual full moon-light hike to the Chaudiere Gold Club. The hostesses for to-night will be Mrs. Howard Kennedy and Mrs. A. D. Watson. Those wishing to volunteer as waiters will please report to G. W. Ross at 9.15. Members will please note that a **badge** or a **membership card** must be presented at the door. If your badge is on your coat, and if it is inconvenient to bring your coat, your card will do, but one or the other **must be shown**. Remember also that the steel trail (Aylmer car) is always in shape when the snow trail may not be.

A quelque chose, malheur est bon!—In other words, "It is an ill wind that blows nobody good" and the thaw that is still going on as we pen these lines, will help to pack the snow in the bush and in the field, and make a firm bottom that will greatly facilitate the laying of new trails. The snow had no bottom this year, and old fashioned skiers who still practice the sitting down stop, often found to their sorrow that they had one.



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Get your copy of the Ski Annual—The Canadian Ski Annual does great credit to the President of the Canadian Ski Association, H. P. Douglas, who edited it—even though he left out the picture of your Editor—and to the printers, John Lovell & Son. It is a beautiful magazine. Call at Ketchum's any day within the next ten days between 5 and 6 p.m., present your membership card and get your **copy**. Free of any charge to members. Twenty-five cents a copy to non-members.

To Mr. E. S. Archibald, the Director of the Dominion Experimental farms, the skiers of the City and the Ottawa Ski Club in particular owe a deep debt of gratitude for having reopened the farm hills, at the request of your Club. Let every skier who enjoys these slides do his share in preventing abuse, otherwise this privilege may again be taken away.

Special items. For members in arrears and those who think they have paid their fees.—If we do not hear from you, your name will be posted in all our lodges this week-end. Please spare your poor family this disgrace.—Some girls who got married this year, and who forgot to invite the Membership Secretary or the Editor to their wedding, paid their fees under their new name, which is generally different from their maiden name, and we do not know who has paid and who has not. Please send in your maiden name to Miss Ashfield (150 Third Ave.) and don't

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do it again.—Some two score people who paid at Holbrook's between Thursday noon and Saturday 6 p.m. before the fire, have not as yet given the number of their membership card to Miss Ashfield. Please do not delay any longer.

What a trail blazer should know—There is something radically wrong with the trail blazer who fails to satisfy each and every competitor in a race. Competitors want but little on the heights of Camp Fortune, and this little can easily be supplied. If trail blazers only took the trouble of consulting competitors before laying the trail and guide themselves on their advice, a lot of ill feeling would be prevented. For instance, they would find that climbing of any sort is not, as a rule, liked by contestants, so cut out the climbs. They would also note that slopes of any description are not looked upon with favour, because there is always the risk of an upset, and an upset means delay, so cut out all slopes. A flat course is generally condemned, and rightly so, because poling on the flat is hard on the small of the back, so cut out the flats. A bush trail is no good on account of the twigs, always in the way, and an open trail is no better on account of the wind. These five aggravating things being done away with:—climbs, slides, poling on the flat, twigs and wind, competitors would have nothing but smiles and congratulations to offer after a race—except of course the few who do not come in first and who therefore have a very good reason for condemning the course. In any case, the trail blazers should have sufficient discretion to retire before the competitors come in, so that the latter may feel at liberty to express their opinion freely. Most competitors are gentle, kind hearted creatures, who would hate to hurt the feelings of a trail blazer, but such restraint after a race is very hard on them.

Gossip of the ski trail.—It is bad enough that Toronto—the good should be sliding on Sunday, but when these wet snow artists take advantage of a sticky day to capture a championship in the East, as Merritt Putman did at Shawbridge this week-end then it is time that something should be done. Can't the police stop it? And this reminds us, by the way, that Merritt learned to ski on the slopes of Camp Fortune!—James Ericksen, fresh from New York, and with no other previous training than a little sky-scraping in Gotham, came over the night trail on skis, and ended fresh and happy at the Chaudiere Club. When asked if he had any sore spots the next day, he said "No particular place that I could mention." Who said there is nothing in a name?—A new use for butter has at last been found. Hikers report that it is a good substitute for wax on a sticky day. It will last about three bumps of George's. A 50 lb. tub should be just about enough for an average trip.—"You don't wish to make complaint about the wax, too, yes?" said an old bushman mounted on snowshoes to the last competitor, wearily poling his way up the last steep hill.—A new book is out "Ski-ing taught in a few sittings" by F.B.—It is seldom that things or people are twice mentioned in this circular, but the mouth organ orchestra at Camp Fortune deserves more than a passing word of praise.—Collegiate skiers have done invaluable service by helping Alex. Haultain at the Ironsides cafeteria. Your editor had the privilege of seeing the Glebe crew in action behind the pie counter, and he greatly admired their efficiency and willingness.

Our Suggestion Box.—"I would suggest" says one of our members with a practical turn of mind "that you put a two cent stamp on each copy of the Canadian Ski Annual and forward it to the members."—You win! Alderman. Here is hoping that you may become Post Master General some day. The present one wants to charge us 4 cents a copy.—"I would suggest" says one critically inclined, "that you stop boasting about this new trail to Camp Fortune, and show us where it is."—Right you are. Our trail blazers were too busy last week-end arranging elevator service up the hill for the competitors, but the new trail will be tracked and marked right to the centre of Dunlop's field this week end—provided there is snow left.

About Long Skis.—"You are a nice one" says Snowflake, "Just after I purchased the longest skis I could find, at the suggestion of a friend of mine, you come and tell us that short skis are the best for turning. Why could not you speak before this, or hold your tongue?"—We were not quite sure of it ourselves, Snowflake, but know now. The shorter the ski, and the shallower the groove in the ski, the easier it is to turn. It does not matter so very much on a hike over a beaten trail, because the trail will "take you there" anyhow, but it would if you were making your own trail. No ski should reach higher than the middle of the fingers and for bush work they should not extend beyond the base of the wrist. Remember, however, that all ease in turning is only bought at the price of unsteadiness in straight running—and don't discard your long skis before you break them.

Lost on train or at Camp Fortune, Balaklava dark grey cap, Phone Q. 2742—Ext. 18.—Found on first Gatineau train, pair leather Gauntlets, Phone S. 810. Found on Laurier Bridge a 24-25 badge, Phone Q. 6747, stating day when lost. Found at Ironsides—Bunch of keys, one cap, one knife, Phone R. 3440. Lost at Camp Fortune, Feb. 8, Leather mitts, Phone Q. 3103.—A white wool cap, Q. 3109-W. For Sale—Ash Skis, 7' 6", never used, with poles, R. 4139-W.—Skis, racing, Finland, Q. 5654-W. between 5 and 6 p.m.—Ladies Ski suit, size 36, Skis 6' 6" and poles, boots No. 5, Q. 6400—L. 594.

Ski Jumping Championships—Now that we have all seen the "Fox" jumping over barns and peaks in the Swiss Alps, how about seeing our own Shieks of the blades competing at the Eastern Provincial Tournament to be held under the auspices of the Cliffside Ski Club at Fairy Lake Sunday afternoon next, (15th February). The performance starts at 3 p.m. sharp and the City Ski-Jumping Championship for Juniors, Intermediate and Senior classes for the Devonshire Cup will be run in conjunction with the Tournament. We should all be there to support our own entries and see what they can do against crack ski-riders like Berger, Monson and other celebrities from outside points. The admission fee is 50c. Sigurd Lockeberg and C. Tollefsen will act as judges.

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