

# Ottawa Ski Club News

And it came to pass in the year of our Lord, 1925 that a wonderous thaw visited the country in mid-winter; warm winds and warm rains took away most of the snow; the creeks threw off their coating of ice and overflowed their banks, and ski-jumps went a-floating; butterflies were seen, the voice of the frog was heard in the land, and minor prophets arose predicting the end of the winter; then the winds blew from the north again, snow came back, covering the hills, zero weather again gripped the land, and for six more weeks the winter went on as of old, and the children of men went a-skiing, and were again happy.

**Results of the Glebe Collegiate Boys' Race**, held on Feb. 14, Wrightville to Ironsides: First, Fred Ellis, 35 m. 47 s.; 2nd, K. Campbell, 41 m. 6s.; 3rd, S. Stayner, 41 m. 31 s.; 4th G. Slee, 41 m. 47 s.; 5th, G. Kerr, 41 m. 47 s. 6th, J. Ross, 43 m. 25 s.; 7th, D. Keddie 43 m. 26 s.; 8th, C. Hendrie, 44 m. 8 s.; 9th, G. Ely, 45 m. 3 s.; 10th, H. Shepard, 46 m. 47 s.

**Girls' Race, Lisgar and Glebe Collegiates:** 1st, M. Macdonald, 43 m. 23 s. (G.); 2nd, H. Lambart, 45 m. 36 s. (L.); 3rd, H. Linegar, 49 m. 22 s. (L.); 4th, M. Donnelly, 50 m. 20 s. (L.); 5th, W. Grant, 50 m. 35 s. (L.); 6th, H. London, 51 m. 5 s. (G.); 7th, M. Imlach, 54 m. 43 s. (G.); 8th, O. Bashen, 57 m. 2 s. (L.); 9th, W. Winter, 60 m. 17 s. (L.); 10 th, M. Wedd, 67 m. 50 s. (L.)—It is to be noted that the first of the girls beat five of the boys, which explains why so many boys are anxious to see the girls going back to the long skirt.

**Ken. West**, having supplied satisfactory evidence as to age, and having congratulated the trail blazers on the course they laid, is declared Junior Champion of the Ottawa Ski Club.

**About Sugary Snow and Doubting Thomases.** The last week-end was by long odds the best that it has been our privilege to enjoy this winter, and it is a great pity that so many stayed home, thinking that bare sidewalks meant icy trails in the bush and bare fields in the open country. The old trails were hard, to be sure, but no one followed them, as the firm and "sugary snow" gave ample opportunity for making new ones anywhere. It was the first day of the winter when the well packed snow afforded relief from the drudgery and slavery of the beaten trail. Such ideal conditions are not generally available before the end of March and had they been better understood, the whole club would surely have turned out. There were open creeks here and there, but snow bridges could be found at many places. Some day, we hope, Camp Fortune will be able to broadcast news about "Snow conditions" early on Sunday morning, and there will be no more hesitation about turning out or staying in—but to those who stayed in we may say "You missed one of the best Sundays in a thousand"—but will they believe us?

**What about that long trip.**—Now or never is the time for that long ski trip you have been planning for years. The going is good everywhere, and the whole Gatineau country is yours with the exception of a few fences that you may not take. The loose and bottomless snow of the early winter made any long trips out of the question, but now you are free to go wherever you like. Please report any such trip to the Editor, for the enjoyment of the poor unfortunates who have to say at home.

**Coming events.**—There is only one coming event, but which throws all future and past ones into the shade:—The Dominion Ski Jumping Championships will be held in Montreal this Saturday (Feb. 21st) and the ski running championships in Shawbridge this Sunday (Feb. 22nd). Your Club is sending a small army of competitors at both events, and expect you to be there to cheer them. Our friends in Montreal have a very good jumping hill on Cote des Neiges (Take Guy St. Car), where they claim to be making extremely spectacular jumps, over 130 feet long, but we want to be shown. There is no open creek at the bottom of the hill, but in all other respects it is quite good. A grave yard is there, quite handy. The best ski-jumpers in Northern America—some forty of them—will be there. Our Montreal friends also claim to have a wonderful place for ski-ing in their little backyard—the country around Shawbridge—big hills—no fences no trees, or barns, and that we want to see also. So, let us go! We are travelling C. P. R. on account of the direct line to Shawbridge, and return tickets to Montreal may be had from the C. P. R. Spark's St., office, after 12 (noon) Friday for \$5.90, and to Shawbridge for \$8.10, with stop over in Montreal. Any ten of our members wishing to travel C. N. R. may get the same reduction. Twenty may get a reserved parlor car, on C. N. R.

**Race for the Southam Trophy**—It is proposed to run off this event on Saturday, Feb. 28. Further announcement will be given. Watch the sporting page in newspapers.

**This circular** being written on Monday, and your Editor not being able to foretell the future quite so well as he can tell the past, no positive assurance can be given that there will be a good fresh snow trail to the Chaudiere Club for to-night, but you are advised to watch the weather reports and this morning's (Thursday) papers for fresh news on the subject. Possibly a new trail may be laid, from somewhere on the Aylmer road, across the field, which still has a good covering of snow; if so you will be notified. In any case, snow or no snow, let us meet at the Chaudiere Club at 9 p.m. to-day. Where else could you get a good supper and good music, with such cheerful surroundings, for so little money? We are paying a large sum for the use of the Club house, why not enjoy it? Come along with your badge, but **watch this morning's paper** (sporting page) for announcement on the subject. The hostesses for this week-end will be Mrs. Melville Johnston, and Mrs. Frank Hermann.

**Gossip of the trail.**—Snakes, frogs, caterpillars, butterflies, worms and wild turkeys were alleged to have been seen on the Cascades trail last week-end by a big party who was out celebrating the return of Spring, but as the only evidence they had to offer was five "dead soldiers" not much credence was given to their wild stories—There is a fortune in store for the man who will invent a bush mask, to prevent twigs from running up your nose and coming out through your eyes, says Captain T. J. Morrin.—Has anybody seen those new trekking skis with the graceful R on the tips this week-end, or it is true that they have been laid in lavender?—What was wrong with the young lady who refused a seat in the Wrightville car on Saturday evening?—Who is the cave man, all plastered with badges, who addresses his lady thus:—"Come now, drink all you want, and don't be bothering me for more on the trail?—A correspondent criticizes the water at Ironsides, saying, in a very sarcastic manner, "When will it be fit to wash in." Where and when did this correspondent get his knowledge of water, we would like to know—Why do you persist in calling the Chaudiere Club a "Gold" Club instead of a "Golf" Club?—(There is no accounting for the tastes of the Printer's Devil, Snowflake, and in a well edited sheet like ours, he is always held responsible for anything that happens.)

**Items of Interest.**—Any member of the Ottawa Ski Club may join the swimming throng at the Plant bath on Friday night (8.30 p.m.) Admission 25c—Arrangements are being made to have prints of all photos taken during the season by our members shown at the Kodak and Art Shop (opp. Chateau) and any one of our members may, on presentation of his card, order as many of these prints as he likes at regular prices. George Audette's prints will be there on Friday. Will you bring your films if you have any, so that prints of these may also be taken and displayed?—Did not think we would ever have again to state official and actual length of our trails. Here they are however: Kirk's Ferry to Camp Fortune by McAllister's trail, 4¾ miles; Cascades to Camp Fortune, 6¾ miles; Cascades to Ottawa, via McClosky's, Crilley's hill, Black Lake and Pink Lake, 18½ miles; Camp Fortune to Pink Lake, (via George's trail) 5 miles; Pink Lake to car line 4½ miles. Don't know the length of Cooper's trail.—No satisfactory arrangements for a Saturday afternoon train could be made with the C.P.R. The Company is not quite sure yet that ski-ing has come to stay. Never mind, we will have a good buss line next year.—

**Suggestion Box.**—"I have seen fifty people standing up at Camp Fortune, whilst haversacks and clothes, piled on tables and benches, took places for a hundred at least. Could not these things be put under the tables and benches or on shelves?"—The point is well taken, and until shelves are put up, which will be in the near future, our members are requested to put their haversacks **under** the tables and benches, not on top of them.—"At the present time, when there is congestion at the top of a hill, it is a scramble among the members as to who shall take it first, without any regard as to the time of arrival. Is there no etiquette among skiers, and if one wishes to pass another at the top of a hill, should

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he not ask permission to do so?"—Quite right, no one should pass ahead of another, on the trail or at the top of a hill, without asking permission to do so, and the skier at the head of the line who does not desire to go any faster, and who is being asked the right of way, should put one ski out of the track to let the skier behind him pass ahead.

Tickets for the Canadian Championship Figure Skating Competition and the Connaught Cup Competition (International) can be had at the C.N.R. office, Sparks St. These two outstanding events, which no one of our members should fail to see, will be held at the Minto Rink on Friday and Saturday nights (20th and 21st inst.).

Lost at Chaudiere Club, One pair new goloshes, with name of owner inside, taken by mistake by someone who left her old ones. Phone Q. 7023-W.

The following thrilling story comes from Revelstoke:—

Ski history that may never be repeated was made here Wednesday afternoon, when every one of the world's ski jumping records, both amateur and professional, were broken during the closing hours of the world's championship contests on the famous Mount Revelstoke Hill, the largest in existence. Nels Nelson, amateur champion of Canada, broke the world's professional record by 11 feet. He left the dangerous take-off at a speed of 130 miles an hour and came to earth again 240 feet away, thus breaking the world's record of 229 feet, made here in 1921 by Henry Hall, of Detroit. Ten minutes before establishing this new professional record Nelson had broken the world's amateur record by 10 feet, having raised the mark of 202 feet made by Hans Hansen at Steamboat Springs, Colo., last year up to 212 feet.

The new champion, who is a 30-year-old Canadian Pacific Railway brakeman, made one of the most sensational leaps ever witnessed. When he left the take-off at 130 miles an hour his body was pointed straight forward like a bullet, in order to withstand the terrific pressure of the air against his body. His nose was resting practically on the points of his skis. When he reached the apex of the arc, 140 feet above the earth, his body started to twist sideways one of his skis turning almost at right angles to the direction in which he was travelling, but with a supreme effort he righted himself, only to be turned again by the tremendous air pressure just before he struck the earth again like a huge bird. He jerked up his legs and gave himself a tremendous twist, just in time to strike the snow with skis pointing forward, and save himself from a terrific fall.

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