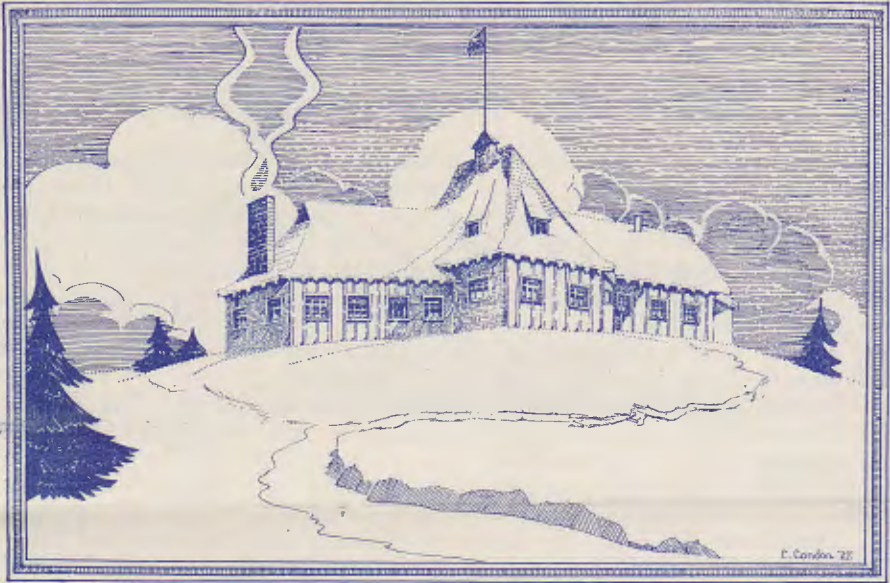


# Ottawa Ski Club News

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THE NEW CAMP FORTUNE

## AN EXTENSION TO CAMP FORTUNE

Your Board of Directors has decided to enlarge Camp Fortune at once, for the third time.

This new extension had been in the minds of the Directors for some time, but it was thought that the best that could be done this year would be to get the lumber on the spot during the winter, and start building operations in the early spring before fly-time, or in the fall, before the rainy season. The unprecedented influx of new members has compelled the Directors to take action at once; the lumber is up and eight carpenters are now at work; the new wing should be available before February 1st.

This new extension will be 60' x 26' inside measurements; it will be equipped with twenty-four tables eight feet long, and four kitchen ranges of five lids each; it will provide seating capacity for nearly 250 more.

The first Lodge, on the top of Camp Fortune hill, across the creek, was 14' x 12' giving 268 feet of floor space; the second Lodge, on the present site, was 36' x 24' giving 864 feet; the addition built in 1925 (46' x 26') with the dormitory (40' x 20') provided 2000 feet additional space making a total of 2864 sq. feet, not including 400 sq. feet in boiler room and porch. The new wing (60' x 26') will add 1560 sq. feet making a grand total of 4424 sq. feet of floor surface. These figures show the progress of our Club.

The Club has purchased in addition some seventy acres of heavily wooded land surrounding the Club house, for the purpose of securing a wood supply that

should last for all time, and of saving the natural beauty of the surroundings. The mountain is being rapidly stripped of its trees all around us, and our members, especially those who have been frequent visitors during the fall, may well imagine what a ghastly sight Camp Fortune would present if these beautiful clumps of pines and maples that adorn the slopes of Traveler's hill were to disappear. Would they forgive us if, through lack of foresight, we allowed this heritage to be squandered?

With this new building program and this purchase of land, we have exceeded by a considerable amount our usual yearly appropriation for purposes of construction. We may need money. Those of our members who may feel disposed to help us by purchasing a few Treasury notes, redeemable in three years and bearing interest at 6 per cent., are invited to write to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Ottawa Ski Club, P.O. box 65. Money invested with us is safe.

**Last week's race** was won by B. Grayson Bell (Sr.) B. Oliver (Jr.) and A. Heggveidt (Ladies).—Alex. Olsen (Sr.) H. Bagguley (Int.) and A. Belanger won the ski jumping.

**Events this week—Moonlight hike to the Chaudiere Club**, on Thursday, Jan. 20.—Leave Wrightville car at corner Montcalm and St. Joseph and follow the crowd. Hostesses, Mrs. G. W. Ross, Mrs. A. G. Fisher.—**Third Preliminary Race**, Wrightville to Dome Hill, over long trail, for Seniors, Juniors and Novices, (boys and girls). Report to Geo. Audette, Wrightville at 3 p.m.—On Sunday, Jan. 23rd, first hike of the season to the East Side Lodge, Tenaga, over the Rolling Trail, starting from Old Chelsea, at the arrival of the 9 a.m. bus. Those coming later may pick up trail by inquiring from John Ryan, who will be there. The right trail, from the Lodge in, will be shown by J. R. Dickson.

**On to a membership of 2500!** Have you done your bit yet? There is not one of our members who cannot get at least half a dozen to join the Club if he but takes the trouble. Get after them while the snow is good! You will make a friend for life of any one you induce to go out on the trail. Remember, we want 2500!

**Those Dome Hill Tots.**—Ten below and a bitterly cold north wind last Saturday, and yet there were forty-two and no one got nipped by the frost, but my! how good it felt to sit by the fire place in the Dome Hill Lodge and plan a trip to the Arctic in search of polar bears! When hot cocoa had raised new ambitions, a three ring circus was conducted in the sunshine by Jerry Loa, Doug. Coleman and Charlie Easdale, with the new snow flying like powder. Next week's head instructor will be Ed. Condon.

**Let us learn to ski.**—Jerry Loa will take a class of seniors on the Dome Hill this coming Saturday at 3.30, and show them the stops and turns, and Bernard Pliske will do the same every Saturday after that. Arrangements are being made to secure additional teachers. Instruction will be given on the Western slopes of Dome Hill.

**Conditions never better.**—A bit cold on Saturday perhaps, a few ears got nipped but Sunday was glorious, and while people on the streets of the city hurriedly exchanged words of sympathy about the "frightful" cold, your Editor along with several others, roamed through the bush around Camp Fortune, sleeves rolled up and head bare. The snow was a bit gritty in the early morning but ideal in the afternoon. George's was never swifter and the long slopes of the Mica trail ran in unison. Evidence of this could be supplied by over a thousand who passed through Camp Fortune and Pink Lake.—Say when are you coming out? We are beginning to worry about you.

**All aboard for the East-Side Lodge.**—We are going to open the East-Side Lodge this Sunday, and we invite you to come with us. We have a splendid trail starting from Old Chelsea, and the party will leave as soon as the last 9 a.m. bus has arrived. Some one will be there to show the way to those who may come later. President Mortureux and several of the Directors will be along, and the hikers will be received by the Officer in charge of the Lodge, our old friend Dick Lewis. We know it is hard to tear away from the old haunts, but if you are not satisfied with



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this trail, we will send you back to Camp Fortune at our expense. Come along, everybody and let us make a day of it! The trail from Tenaga to Dome Hill Lodge will be opened by J. R. Dickson.

**Why not pay in the City?** A suggestion has been received to the effect that some one should be on hand to receive fees at the Dome Hill Lodge. To this, our devoted Membership Secretary makes the counter suggestion that would-be members pay their fees at one or the other of the five allotted places, viz., Miss Ashfield's, 150 Third Avenue; Holbrook's (above McGiffin's); Byshe's, Bank St.; The Dominion Bank, the Royal Bank, the Bank of Toronto, Union Station. It is not fair to ask one of the Executive to sit all day waiting for fees at a Lodge when there are so many facilities for paying these fees in the city. Please do not forget that the work done by your Executive is work of love, and if there should be a little inconvenience for you in paying in the city, well, smile and bear it.

**Those night-hikes.**—While the last night hike to the Chaudiere Golf Club was, on a whole, very enjoyable, there was just a bit of "restlessness" that was not altogether pleasant. Please cut it out. If the trail is too short for you, work off your surplus energy by taking a few slides on the hill near the Club house, so that you may let other people quietly enjoy their dance or their rest. Complaints have been received that the ball-room was too hot. This can be and will be easily remedied. The bus service was poor and some had to take taxis home. Arrangements will be made to have a couple of street cars waiting for the crowd at 11.15 p.m. next time. It is only a very short distance from the Club house to the car station. Put on your skis, push on a dozen times with your poles and you are there! No doubt the bus is handier, but why wait for a bus that is not coming when there is a car there?

**Guests.** The situation, as regards guests is very clear this year, and there should be no misunderstanding whatever.

Do you want to bring a guest? Fill in the coupon on page 11 of this circular, giving your name as introducer, and the name and address of your guest. Bring this coupon with you and your guest, and leave it with the checkers at the first lodge you go to. Should you want to stop at more than one lodge, say so, and the checker will initial it and return it to you. For instance should you visit Camp Fortune, Pink Lake and Dome Hill, all in one day, your coupon will be initialed at Camp Fortune and again at Pink Lake, and collected at Dome Hill.

Only one guest may be introduced at a time unless they are "out-of-town" guests. The same guest may not be brought more than **once**. If a guest pays us two visits, with different introducers, the said guest will receive a courteous letter from the Club intimating that our badges are very pretty and becoming, and cost very little.

**Positively no guests** at the Chaudiere Club night hikes. Quite useless to phone any of the Executive for permission. **They have not the power to grant it.**

If you hear that any of your friends non-members propose to take a chance of being admitted at a lodge, please dissuade them. They would have a very good chance of staying out in the cold. If we admit one, there is no reason why we should not admit a thousand.

**Tid-bits.** Our old friend Frank Bedard, one of the fathers of the Ottawa Ski Club, just recovering from a long and severe illness, contracted in some southern clime, where germs keep alive from one year's end to another owing to the absence of cold weather, paid a visit to your editor the other day chiefly to make the suggestion that **iron cages** for golf clubs be used to carry skis on the running board of motor cars. Frank says they are ideal for the purpose. There should be quite a few available at Keyes' Fire Sale.—People using "Push button lighters" that latest infernal contrivance that never works when you want it to, are advised **not** to carry them in their hip pockets. A young man set fire to George's trail the other day when he sat down and incidentally got a bad cold by going home in a half naked condition.—"Do I have to show my badge" said a snow covered man to the checker at Camp Fortune. On being told that there was no alternative, he sadly exhibited badge No. 1313.—A "nicely undulating" trail, in the direction of



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the famous Creely's Hill is being cut by Captain T. J. Morin. Couple that statement with that other official statement, from the same man, that the "Canyon trail is now practically flat" and you will have a faint idea of what the "gentle undulations" are like.—Mrs. Senator A. Hardy, first time on skis, made the Dome Hill Lodge on Saturday. Congratulations.—And they want your Editor to mention the fact that Ivor Texy and Walley Reid went to bed at 7.30 at Murphy's on Saturday and were up bright and early by nine a.m. the next day.—An irate young lady wants to know "how G.W.R. (whoever he is) manages to miss the bus on Sunday morning when he gets up at 5 a.m. We don't know. Maybe he is slow, or else he has a lot of chores to attend to.—An inquisitive member, having noticed that Joe has a new suit, wants to know if the accounts of the Club are carefully audited.—They do not speak openly about it, but it is whispered around that Jack and George did not know their own Cascades trail last Sunday.—If you want to know all about the 6 a.m. bus and the effect of fruit cake on an empty stomach at 1 p.m., ask Ed. Burpee, and And. McPhail.

**Little trips around Camp Fortune.**—To a seasoned skier the trip from Chelsea to Camp Fortune, by the Canyon trail, does not take much more than an hour. It is hardly long enough to work up an appetite for lunch. Why not take another little trip around Camp Fortune, before sitting down to the table? Come with us this Sunday. We will leave the Camp at 11 a.m. for a little jaunt over the corkscrew slopes. We will guarantee to bring you back at 12. The chairman of the Trail Committee will be in charge.

**Help, Help, Help!** So great is the crowd that flocks to Ironsides to taste of the good things supplied by the cafeteria that the best efforts of the willing workers are not sufficient to keep the table clear of debris and dishes. Please help us! Let each one of you throw the remains of his repast in the garbage can and return the dishes and trays to the left end of the counter. It only means a few steps for each individual but a saving of thousands of steps for our over worked "workers",

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and it will make for greater comfort and cleanliness.—We have been able to side step a great many suggestions for increased variety of food, but there are two members who are more importunate than the proverbial widow, and we have in desperation, decided to listen to their plea. We are going to have a **hot dog Saturday** (Hurrah!) with the West family officiating, and an **Ice cream and pine apple Saturday** (Hurrah, Hurrah!) in charge of our President. We expect you to eat till it hurts on these two days.—The helpers will be supplied by the Glebe Collegiate this coming Saturday, and it has been suggested that every one should pay a cover charge of 25c., for the amount of food they consume. We do not agree with the suggestion, as we consider that the labourer is worthy of his hire.—All found articles at Ironsides are supposed to be handed to the cashier; if you have lost anything, go to him.

**A bon entendeur, Salut!**—Which means "If the cap fits you, put it on," and don't be sore.—With the exception of Dome Hill Lodge, which has a resident caretaker, our lodges are attended by caretakers only during the week-end. At any other time during the week visitors are expected to see to the cleaning of the dishes and the sweeping of the floors; in other words, to leave the place cheerful and inviting. Judging by the filthy condition in which some of our lodges were found on Saturday, it appears that some boys and girls are sadly in need of a little home education. Have they no elder sisters or mothers who could show them how to handle a broom or a dish mop? While our institutions of learning are turning out dietitians and household administrators by the score, the simple arts of sweeping and dish washing appear to be neglected. Visitors to the British Ski Club or the French Alpine Club huts in the Alps who leave in a dirty condition any lodge where they have received hospitality are debarred from the privileges of membership. The same penalty will have to be applied in this club if this sort of thing goes on. **Please clean your frying pans and tea pots, empty the water pail and garbage cans, burn the refuse and sweep the floor before leaving.** If several parties



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happen to be in the same lodge together, let the leaders confer together as to the division of the work, but see that the lodge and equipment are left clean, for the next party. If you find the lodge dirty, please do not add any more dirt to it; clean it, and report to us. We have ways of our own of finding the culprits, and the latter will hear from us.

**Some Gems from a Toronto Paper** attempting to describe ski-ing in Ottawa: "Skiers may be seen . . . bearing the pole that looks as absurd as a drum major's wand." (You are fifteen years behind, old chap, the monumental pole you speak of disappeared in 1910)—"Ottawa merchants have waxed wealthy supplying this ski trade." (So has your old man, says Sigurd)—"This strange ski-ing obsession that has seized the capital" (What is "obsession"? Is it a new kind of ski wax? Let us have it) "Lying at the door of the capital are gentle slopes that run for 30, 40, 50 miles" (Good, but the trouble is, you can't catch them. They run too fast.) "It did not require great labour to cut ski trails through the forest." (It did not, eh! Just come and spend a day with Joe on the Canyon.)

**Are they down to that in Chicago!** Hear what they do for ski-jumping in the salt-pork city:

"Ski riders competing in the Forest Preserve tournament at Palos Park will find an entirely new kind of snow packed on the slide and landing hill, snow scraped from the ammonia pipes of cold storage plants of the city. And, in the judgment of E. O. Sundberg, sports director of the All-Sports club of the Forest Preserve, the snow will pack into an exceptionally speedy surface.

Lack of snow for a time threatened the tournament and bringing snow down from northern Wisconsin was discussed, until some one suggested the possibility of getting snow from the cold storage plants. The frost snow which gathers on the ammonia pipes must be scraped off to avoid impairing the chilling efficiency and the plants are forced to dispose of it by hauling it to dumps.

Sundberg inspected this snow and found it soft and easily packed and telephone calls to a dozen of the bigger cold storage plants brought offers of anywhere from a couple of wagonloads to a carload. So whether it snows before Sunday or not, the ski riders will have their snow."—(Our old friend Sundberg has our sympathy.)

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## SKI-ITIS OR SKI LUNACY

By HERB A. WETMORE

A form of recurring insanity peculiar to northern climates. Scientists differ as to the actual cause of the malady, the prevalent opinion being that it is due to "something in the air" (possibly snowflakes).

### **Primary Symptoms.**

1. Early in the fall the unfortunate victim exhibits an intense interest in weather conditions. A cold wind from the north causes restlessness and the first flake of snow induces intense excitement, which if the snow-fall continues, amounts almost to frenzy.

2. The victim evidences an impulse to the performance of mysterious rites (known among ski lunatics as "ski-ing") with two planks and a pair of light sticks.—invariably indulged in in the open air and when possible in the company of other victims of the disease.

3. The patient develops abrasions on the nose and face and exhibits a disinclination to sit in other than a well cushioned chair.

### **Secondary Symptoms**

1. A very strong odor of pine tar.

2. An unbalanced attitude towards the normal affairs of life. The unfortunate victim is possessed of a delusion that all activities are of secondary importance to ski-ing. He neglects social engagements, business and all other normal activities. A ski lunatic in the more advanced stages will desert his family, his employer and his best friend while the seizure lasts. He develops a furtiveness in avoiding all responsibilities and engagements except those connected with his malady.

3. In the secondary stages the abnormal interest in the weather continues and is aggravated by a peculiar delusion. The ski lunatic will then stoutly maintain that a bitterly cold day is "Ideal weather" and that "One doesn't notice the wind in the



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bush" while should the weather turn delightfully warm with a bright sun indicating an early spring he passes into a mental depression, becomes sullen and at times dangerous.

4. The victim in the advanced stages is possessed with the obsession that ski lunatics only are sane and that those who do not suffer from the disease are crazy. His adherence to this attitude in the face of all argument is one of the most distressing symptoms of the disease.

5. In very advanced cases a ski lunatic even during his lapses into normalcy will produce the implements of his rites and spend hours dusting and oiling them and when possible discussing them with a fellow lunatic. When this symptom appears the case is beyond hope.

**Treatment.**

In the early stages of the disease a cure will possibly be effected by placing the patient under restraint in close confinement during the winter months, although this method causes intense suffering.

No authentic instance is recorded of the cure of an advanced case of ski lunacy. The victim is afforded temporary relief by indulging in the mysterious rites of the malady. Caution should be observed never to place an advanced case of ski lunacy under restraint. The unfortunate victim will unquestionably become violent and do injury to everyone and everything with which he comes in contact, break up all the furniture and take to the woods on his planks. In such a case it is impossible to recapture the poor lunatic until the last patch of snow has melted.

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