

much to their regret, to abandon them. The Club in Montreal had given a handsome Cup, and several other fine prizes had been promised, so that there is no doubt, had we been able to carry out our plans, a most successful meeting would have taken place. The Club had some 15 meetings; of these 10 were on shoes, and the rest at the rooms, owing to the stormy weather. As to the attendance at the tramps, I am sorry to say it was not so good as it might have been, only an average of 18 turning out, but that at the rooms was always good. However, this year we hope to have a much better attendance, as from the quantity of snow that has already fallen, we may expect to have excellent shoeing before the season closes. Great difficulty was experienced in securing a suitable club room, and the Committee were compelled to engage the one used, and this year, having been unable to do better, have again rented the same room, the one we meet in to-night.

From Montreal we hear there is a good chance of a branch being formed in Ottawa, and our President has been making an effort to start another in St. Paul, and with good prospects of success, and should both succeed as well as the "Winnipeg Infant," the "Purple Tuque" will be worn in the three most important cities of our Dominion, and one of our American cousins, and the St. George Snow Shoe Club be the largest organization of its kind in existence. But of one thing I feel sure, that come what may, the Winnipeg Branch will always lead the van.

From the Treasurer's Report, which is attached, it will be seen that in spite of the heavy expense the Club had to incur, it has been able to pay its way, and carry forward a small balance to next year, but from the increased membership we look for, it ought to do still better, and have plenty of funds to help to make the Races the success they ought to be, and I have no doubt will be.

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