CANADIAN SPORTS IN NEW YORK.

Tobogganing and Snowshoeing all the Rage — "Echoes from Old Acadia."

New York, Dec. 31.—Nothing is more unmistakeably the fashion in New York this winter than Canadian sports, and in their train the Canadian costume and Canadian affairs generally. I have seen several children of the dressiest class attired in blanket coats with little capotes, and have heard such conversation as went to show a growing suspicion in the American mind—not so quick a mind as it has the reputation of being—that Canada covered more than an acre, that snow did not lie on the ground all the year, and that there was a real political life there that had nothing to do with English politics. The Canada Pacific has had something to do with this, the fishery matter something, the extradition matter something, but snowshoes and toboggans and ice palaces more than all.

It is not unimportant news, therefore, that on Jan. 6 New York will be invaded by some 600 Canadian snowshoers; take a tramp in Central Park (if there be any snow, which Heaven grant) and give an exhibition at Steinway Hall in the evening. The Oritain Snowshoe Club of New York (composed chiefly of Canadians) will be the hosts. Mr. Fairchild, the President, is the man to make a success of such an undertaking if energy and money can do it; and he is sided and abetted by the unwearied Mr. Wiman. Mr. T. T. Willing is preparing a program which will be a work of art worth having. Mr. Bengough will take part in the evening entertainment and poke fun at Uncle Sam.

This evening at the Canadian Club Prof. Chas. G. D. Roberts read a delicate essay called "Echoes from Old Acadia," and Mr. W. A. Shortt read Prof. Roberts' ode for the Canadian Confederacy. It is unfortunately necessary to admit that these lectures at the Canadian Club are very poorly attended—they are a little too good for the majority of New York Canucks.

On the other hand another Canadian enterprise which lately came here—the Canadian American of Chicago—was not up to the metropolitan standard, and has gone back to the prairie. Mr. Jaffray, the manager here, was liked and respected; but the East is not as the West.

Our countrymen we have long known were numerous in this land; but it is astonishing to mark the number of Canadian women here. The greater number of students in the nurses' training schools are Canadians; in every second house is a Canadian governess or companion; and they are sought after for their good sense, lady-like ways, and a speech that steers well between the extremes of Yankee and "very English."

A proposition is presented in the Canadian-American this week to form a general "Canadian Association for the United States." But the vagueness of the proposal to form a society "with laudable objects" alone shows how unnecessary such an organization is. It is plausibly suspected of being merely an advertising scheme. S.A.W.

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Brother Gardner on Two-sided People.

From the Detroit Free Press.

"When you come to size mankind up in all de details, de result am sumthin' to make you feel miserable," said Brother Gardner as the meeting was called to order.

"In my time I has known a post whose verses brought tears to my eyes an' made de heart bulge out, an' yet dat post left de snow on his sidewalk fur de public to wade frew, an' he sot across legged on de street kyar an spit terbacker all ober the floo'.

"I has known a philanthropist to send off his check to an orfan asylum, an' to send coal an' flour to desarvin' but destitoot fam'lies, an' on dat same day he would give his hired man twelve cents fur a shillin' an' charge de hired gal fur breakin' a tea-cup.

"I has known a statesman whose influence could make or unmake a party—whose speeches war' read an' re-read—whose dignity in public was dat of an iceberg—I has known sich a man to climb up on de alley fence an' wrangle wid an' sell pedler who had taken two bushels and a half of ashes and wanted to pay fur only two bushels.

"I hev read de writin's of an author who seemed to feel a sympathy fur de hull world, an' yit I seen dat same pursou threaten de arrest of a seben-year-ole boy on de street who axed him fur alms.

"I hev read de writin's of a man who claimed to git on de pedestal of complacency an' look down upon de turmoils of de world widout a shade of annoyance. I hev met dat same pusson in de alley at night wid a lighted candle in hand to look for a tickle which his child lost, an' de way he took on about dat trifle was 'nuff to bust de biler of a twenty hoss-power engine.

"We am all hypocrites. We am all two sided. We hev got one face fur de public an' anoder fur private life. To sum us all up an' bile us down, we am all poo' critters an' a mighty long ways off from anythin' like perfeckshun."

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Men of Coarse Fibre Get Along Best.

From the Pittsburg Chronicle.

It seems a pity to say it, but observation sustains the statement that men of coarse fibre, obtuseness of feeling and cold-headed circumspection in dealing with their fellows get along better than men of chivalrous instincts, delicate sensibilities and that generous credulity which those practice who, never meditating wrong themselves, never suspect it in others. The gentleman in the best acceptation of that term finds Jordan an embarrassing road to travel, and often sighs to be at the end of the journey. He is annoyed by impertinent inquisitiveness, saddened by meanness, and often robbed by rascals who have taken his measure as the hawk does of some gentler bird it selects for prey. The public men in this country who have had a high code of ethics have been constantly misunderstood. The rough and ready mass will not understand reserve, and the schemers and scamps laugh at honesty. Even in the very domestic circle too fine a sense of the proprieties misses its mark, and society only recognizes surface manners. It does not care to go deeper. In fact it dare not do so. It is a melancholy thing that the man who educates his children as nearly as possible to an ideal plane of thought and conduct simply prepares them for sorrow and mishaps. What a transition from the ingenuous, confiding and noble-spirited young man of 21 and the sobered and hardened man of 50, who has seen all illusions trampled in the mire. Still, for all this, it is better to aim high, live purely and sincerely, and, even at the cost of isolation, preserve your own soul from stigma or stain. Even the world does late justice over the graves of those who had the courage to speak and act the truth.

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THE TORONTO MEDICAL SCHOOLS.

Alleged Short-Sighted Policy on the Part of the University Authorities.

From the Canadian Practitioner for January.

On a previous occasion we alluded to the changes which must necessarily take place in our medical schools, when the confederation of the universities is completed. We then spoke of the manner in which the whole subject of medicine had been overlooked by the original committee on confederation. No representation from the affiliated medical schools was asked for on that committee, nor have we since even heard, from any one in authority, of the appointment of a medical faculty in connection with the new university.

It is well known that some of the greatest universities of Europe owe their reputation to the powerful medical faculties in connection with them.

We have often been surprised at the short-sighted policy which the authorities of the University of Toronto have shown with regard to its medical department. We hope that a change will now be made, and that instead of having two medical schools in affiliation, both of which are in more or less sympathy with rival institutions, it shall be the future policy to have one powerful medical faculty as part of the university system.

The great defect of the medical schools as they are now constituted is their want of permanency. They are merely joint stock companies made up of medical men for the purpose of educating students. If one half of the faculty should disagree with the other half, a collapse of the school would ensue, and in all probability the result would be the formation of another school.

Again, under the present system, we can never expect to get any legacies or bequests to form an endowment. Every one knows that the more students the greater the lecturer's pay, and unless given for a special motive, any endowment would have the effect of augmenting the salaries of the teachers, rather than of increasing the educational advantages of the college.

As a remedy for these deficiencies, our scheme would be as follows: "The formation of a joint school or college, which would be controlled by a board made up of the following: the trustees of the General Hospital, a certain number of representatives of the University Senate, and a certain number of representatives from the college faculty. The governing board should make all appointments at the recommendation of the college faculty. Professors might be paid certain stated sums as salaries, and any income over and above the running expenses might be appropriated to improving the facilities of the college, or to the formation of an endowment. The college would then be in intimate relationship with the hospital and with the University of Toronto.

The medical schools of Toronto have done good work, and the increase of educational facilities has been marvellous. We are convinced, however, that the time has come for a radical change in the system, if we wish to make further progress.

We feel certain that we have the profession of the province with us in this matter. The establishment of such a school as we propose, would mark an era in the progress of medical science in Canada. It would be a credit to the city, and we might in time expect to possess an institution which would not only educate our own young men, who wish to enter the profession, but would draw from all parts of the continent those who desire to obtain a thorough medical education.

We thus briefly outline a scheme which would require to be worked out in detail, so as not to interfere with the rights of those already engaged in the medical schools.

We know that this would be considered by some to be an impossible task. If, however, a thoroughly active and enthusiastic committee were appointed who would patiently work out a scheme similar to that proposed, we are confident that neither the rights nor reasonable prejudices of those now acting as medical teachers, would necessarily be interfered with.

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—Kate—"What in the world did you tell Charley that you were 21 for. You know that you are not a day older than 17." Effie—"Yes, but you don't understand. I heard pa say the other day that a minor can't be sued, and I didn't want to discourage Charley, you know."

—Thos. Sabin of Eglington says: "I have removed ten corns from my feet with Holloway's Corn Cure." Reader, go thou and do likewise.

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