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"In the winter when the swamps and muskegs and barrens harden in the cold, and the lakes congeal into ice, and the ground is covered with a thick mantle of snow, then the Wendigo, the cannibal frost-fiend, holds sway, and he skims swiftly over the surface of the snow on his fleet snowshoes carrying cold and terror wherever he goes" . . . Thus runs an old Indian legend. However, this winter not only the Wendigo will rely on snowshoes for transportation but also many foresters and surveyors whose lot it is to work in the Canadian North during the long winter months. Even in this age of machines there is still a place for this simple but efficient piece of footwear.

Where did the snowshoe come from? How is it made? Why the varying sizes and shapes?

The first records about snowshoes date back only as far as the first white settlers but there is no doubt that they have formed a part of the Indians' way of life for hundreds of years. The evolution to the present day snowshoe is a long one for some of the earlier and more primitive efforts were very crude indeed.

Snowshoes consist of three parts: the frame, the crossbars, and the netting. The frame is usually made from ash which is steamed into shape. The crossbars, also of ash, help to keep the frame in shape and form an anchorage for the netting. The netting consists of long strips of hide (cow, moose, deer or elk) which are woven into the frame while wet. On drying the thonging shrinks forming a hard but resilient mesh.

As made by the Indians, snowshoes come in a host of shapes and sizes; these being dictated by the conditions of travel, the materials available and the customs of various tribes. Four basic shapes are used by the white. The *bear-paw* which is either round or oval is used largely in mountainous areas where the slopes are steep and on the heavy, crusty snow of early spring. The *Ojibwa* which is large, round and has a tail or point at the rear is suited to open country and where the snow is light. The *Algonkian* which is narrow and pointed at both ends, the front end being turned up, is an ideal shoe for dense bush. The last is the modern club snowshoe which is similar to the *Ojibwa* but much narrower. The origin of this shoe is not known but it was developed for racing which was popular in the 1920's.

Thus, snowshoes still form part of Northern Canadian life and in fact it is only through their use that the more remote communities are kept from total isolation during the winter months.

Do You Know? . . .

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A recent article in the Financial Post stated that student borrowers are good risks. This statement may come as a shock to most students — who after being brow-beaten by the derogatory remarks of parents and professors, wonder if they are anything else but a risk.

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To date the organization's loans total \$820,000 and of the 2,335 loans made only one has had to be written off—due to the death of the borrower.

Besides having good academic standing, applicants for loans are required to pass a "means test" — taking into account family income, number of children in the family, the prospective borrower's summer and part time earnings, etc.

In addition to meeting ordinary requirements, Students' Loans has given financial assistance to

students already on scholarships, has loaned money for dental students to purchase instruments and has helped applicants to go to Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, MIT and the Sorbonne to pursue postgraduate studies.

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1,250 loans outstanding (\$520,000) because beneficiaries are completing studies.

This fund is open to students attending Montreal institutions of learning.

The question for us is: Why can't we, too, have a similar loan plan available to students of New Brunswick. Admittedly there are scholarships available — but these quite often are not sufficient to meet a student's expenses.

The Loan Fund at UNB is limited. Post graduate scholarships could and should definitely be supplemented by the establishment of such an organization.

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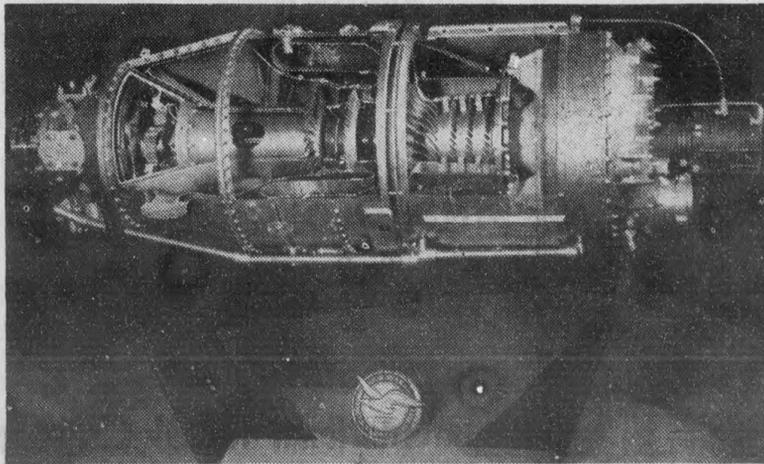
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