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THE NEWER CANADIAN SPORTS



Ski-ing and Ski-jumping, Sports Which Provide all Sorts of Thrills, Are Becoming More Popular in Canada Every Year. This is Evidenced by the Big Attendance When Dartmouth College (N.H.) Went to Montreal for the International Ski-jumping Competition. The Jump Was Won by Oscar Anderson, M.S.C., Shown in the Picture in Mid-air, With a Jump of 81 Feet. Other Near Jumps Were 80 and 79 Feet.

STYLES are changing in sports as in dances and other diversions. Once shinny-on-the-ice was quite adventurous and scientific enough to satisfy anybody. Hockey grew out of shinny. Now ice-crosse has been produced by a cross-breed between hockey and lacrosse, as shown in one of the photographs on this page. Ice-crosse is really lacrosse played on skates. We do not know whether this is a compliment more to hockey or to lacrosse. Ice-crosse will lengthen the lacrosse season to about ten months in the year. The rules of each game being similar, there is no difficulty in making an ice-crosse player of a lacrosse player on skates. There is, however, some handicap. The ice-crosse player who yearns to deliver an opponent a deadly blow on the back of the neck, just as he used to do in lacrosse, may find the ice suddenly rearing to hit him behind the ears. The comparatively gentle tactics of ice-crosse may have the effect of softening the manners of lacrosse players. The possibilities for scrimmage, however, are not lessened by the fact that a player does a mile a minute with the puck in his net and a pack on his heels. Some day it may be found possible to play hockey without skates; which following the method of name-making used in ice-crosse may be called sod-hockey.

Ski-ing is almost as popular in Canada now as it is in Norway, where it



Something New in Winter Sports is "Ice-crosse," the Game Devised by the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association. "Ice-crosse" is a Combination of Hockey and Lacrosse, and is as Swift as the Former and as Exciting as the Latter. The First Game, Played on February 21, Was Pronounced a Great Success, and "Ice-crosse" Promises to Become Very Popular in Canada.

was born. There is no reason why the ski should not become almost a national emblem in this country. We have as many varieties of hills and snowscapes and just as much snow as they have in Norway. There are already several ski-ing associations, which grew naturally out of the snowshoe club; and we have always understood that the ski is only a glorified snow shoe without the net. The snowshoe is as indigenous to Canada as the lacrosse stick. The ski is still imported; but with the development of the ski-ing pastime it should be possible to make as good skis in Canada as they make in Norway.

The newer Canadian sports are largely an evolution of older forms, just as the tango and the turkey-trot and the bunny-hug were all developed out of the old dances that served to satisfy our forefathers.

In fifty years from now it may be possible to still farther develop this genial cross-breeding among the sports. Now that we have lacrosse on skates, water-polo and motor-polo and indoor baseball, why not ice-crosse played on skis and baseball on snowshoes? Ski-crosse would probably require a little more ice than hockey; but the tackles and the scrimmages and the get-aways would be simply immense. Ice-crosse should furnish excitement enough even for this excitable twentieth century.