

advantage of, and any board that has a surface that will be liable to become smooth with a little wear is converted into a toboggan. No matter how deep the snow is, it isn't very long until a hard path is worn down the hillside and in this way the velocity of the toboggan in its course down the hill increased. For it is speed that the tobogganist likes best, and this is why country boys and girls so ardently pray for the formation of a thick icy crust on the top of the snow. This is the ideal condition of things for tobogganing. While it lasts the youth and his sled are inseparable friends. The downward slope of every little knoll and field can be utilized, and what greater joy than to start from the top of a high hill, rush down the icy incline, and glide away out into the valley below. There is quite a lot of excitement, too, for the danger is always present that the sled may run against a rock, or some other obstacle that careful guiding cannot avoid. Such an accident would mean disaster to the toboggan and perhaps bodily injury to its owner, the extent of both of course being proportionate to the rate of speed at the time of collision.

In the towns and cities the young boys and girls make use of all the hills upon which the traffic is not too congested. They have as a rule better toboggans than they have in the country, and the further advantage of a surface that is always beaten hard, but they never possess those icy areas that bring such joy to the heart of the rustic tobogganist. They have also in urban communities artificial toboggan-slides where those who do not wish to have their movements restricted by street traffic or the objections of the officers of the law can pursue their favorite pastime.

It can thus be seen that from the standpoint of ourdoor amusement, Canada is not at all an undesirable place to live in during our winter months. "Our Lady of the Snows" treats us very kindly in so bountifully providing the means of entertainment. If our friends who say her face at that time has a very forbidding aspect, will overcome the prejudice which this appearance gives and become thoroughly acquainted with the person herself, they will find her a very kindly, genial individual, indeed.

Our winter sports have done an immense amount of good in fostering the virtues of fearlessness, uprightness, cheerfulness, patience, diligence and self-confidence that are so characteristic of our Canadian youth.

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