

Then there is snow-shoeing, which has always been a distinctive feature of our winter sports. The Association supplies plenty of snowshoes, and sufficient skill is easily acquired. In years gone by, many a pleasant day has been spent roaming over the deep snows on snowshoes. After a week's confinement at hard study, a good long tramp of an afternoon puts new vigor into one, makes one appreciate Canadian winter, and feel that "though it nip, 'tis not unkind."

What about that winter field day?—someone has asked. Yes, a winter field-day. Why not? A shiver is no argument contra, nor is there anything new in the idea. In ye olden time, this was one of the annual fêtes. We have a long winter before us, cannot something of the sort be started to relieve the tedium. Skating races, fast and fancy, snow-shoe races, a polar seige, skye races, ice jacking, a storming, trap racing, hockey, a snow-shoe tramp by torchlight, and a supper—surely it could be made a great day's enjoyment.

And speaking of field-days, let it not be forgotten that this is the year for a spring field-day. There should have been one last year, but since there was not, all the more reason for holding it this year, and for making it a good one. Magnificent prizes will be offered, and the spectacle will be largely attended. It is an occasion of some moment, and contestants should begin early to prepare for it: the race is to the swiftest, and competition is keen. Let no one who intends to enter, wait for dry ground—the spring is too late. The gymnasium should be the resort of all who covet honors on the great field day. Let everyone prepare, and enter at least one event. More of this later.

During the past fortnight, a much felt want has been satisfied by the extensive improvements made in the gymnasium, which is now open for public use. And in regard to the gymnasium it may be remarked that it is not used as much as it should be. It seems to be regarded more as an instrument of particular training than a means to regular development

and refreshing exercise. All games are good in their own sphere, but there is nothing like the gym for general building up, and for strengthening weak parts of the body. If those who so bemoan the passing of football, would devote themselves to gymnasium training, preparatory for field day, they would find a panacea for the "general deadness" about which there is so much complaint at present.

It is rather early to begin to talk about spring sports, but it is not a bad thing to keep intentions in view. Among spring sports, baseball should hold first place. It is sad to see how the game has been deteriorating here for the past few years. Has it been from lack of interest, or lack of players, or lack of competition from outside teams? It is not the latter, for there are victories yet to be won. If it is the two former, they will not hold this year, unless enthusiasm vanishes with the snows, and the prospects of early September prove deceptive. Baseball, like everything else, however, requires practice. The season is too short in these latitude to rely on practice on the sward. The men should be in perfect condition by the time the ground is dry, so that the time otherwise devoted to primary training, may be given to actual baseball. Baseballers, do not let the winter slip by too fast; begin early to practice.

To those who have just tasted football this season, and are anxious to win a name before the close of the year, it may be a consolation to know that another opportunity will be offered in the spring series.

What promises to be the most important addition to the Association since its founding is the prospective bicycle club. This would indeed be a valuable accessory and would be an accommodation to many students who have wheels at home and are anxious to use them, and to many others who would get them if there were an organization which would secure privileges for riders. Some forty or fifty students have signified their intention of joining the club, and with this number as a nucleus the membership would rapidly