

Many startling stories are told of the partisan leaders on both sides

Wild was the life they led,
Many the souls that sped,
Many the hearts that bled,
By their stern orders.

Father Lafiteau, a learned Jesuit who wrote in 1724, goes back a long way further in his discourse upon snow-shoes. He never could forget his classics; and he quotes Strabo to prove that the inhabitants of the Caucasus and Taurus ranges in Asia wore snow-shoes. Then he says, on the authority of Suidas and Arrian, that the soldiers of Alexander the Great wore them in their winter campaign in Bactria. Of all which learned matter the young athletes of the Montreal clubs will be found very ignorant, and strangers may safely join their excursions without fear of being bored with such useless information.

SNOW-SHOE CLUBS.

Montreal Snow-shoe Club.—This is the oldest existing club. It was organized in 1840, and has a very large membership. It now forms a part of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association, and has its headquarters at the Gymnasium in Mansfield Street. (See p. 120.) On Wednesdays during the winter, at 8 P.M., the Club assembles there and starts for the weekly tramp over the mountain to