

by rival owners of boats as in the great sister sport when boats are hurried along through the water by the same motive power. The qualities such as coolness, steadiness, readiness in arranging sails, and many others, that are required for the winner of one kind of racing are necessary for the other.

In Canada, in winter time, ice takes the place of turf in horse-racing, and just as much interest is aroused as when the contests are held on the latter surface. Besides, the wintriness of the scene lends a little more animation to the sport.

At present a movement is on foot to revive interest in our national game—lacrosse—by playing it on ice, in much the same way as when played in the summer time. The extra speed that skating would give might make it more attractive, but as yet the success of the movement is very problematical.

In turning to a new field of amusement, I refer to our vast areas of snow, it is found that there the sports, although not quite so varied, are just as interesting. Snowshoeing, tobogganing and skiing are the most popular of these. The two first named have the greater number of followers, but skiing is by far the more exciting sport, and according as it becomes better known is more appreciated.

For the novice snowshoeing doesn't hold very many charms. It costs considerable exertion to lift one of the broad shoes and step forward far enough, in order not to come in contact with the other, and in spite of the work and all the precaution imaginable, the toe of one of the shoes will persist in digging into the snow or one shoe will land on top of the other, with the result that the beginner is precipitated headlong into a snow drift. After considerable difficulty the upright position is attained again, the snow shaken out of the mitts, and a fresh start made. In spite of the greater caution taken and the benefit of the slight experience, he will meet with many more such accidents before he has become very proficient in the art of snowshoeing. But the troubles gone through in learning are forgotten when one is able to step along on top of the snow without any thought of falling. There is a feeling of triumph in being able to so easily overcome the obstacles of nature, and this feeling encourages one to wander far out over the country and through the woods, and to visit many places of interest that without the snowshoes would have been inaccessible. In nearly every community snowshoe clubs have been formed, with the result that a very great number of our citizens take a more lively interest in that excellent sport than they otherwise would.

The person learning to travel on skis meets with plenty of