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Re Miss Barbara Ann Scott

In early years of this century, when Minto Club was still comparatively in its infancy, Sir Wilfrid Laurier made a comment on Kipling's poem "Our Lady of the Snows" which may interest all here.

Kipling, travelling across Canada in a bright warm autumn in 1907, had been gently laughed at in many newspapers for having described Canada as "Our Lady of the Snows".

Sir Wilfrid, in thanking Kipling for his address at the Canadian Club in Ottawa that October, deftly turned the tables - "The Canadian winter is the glory of Canada", said Sir Wilfrid. "In summertime Canada has many rivals, but in winter it stands alone." With characteristic chivalry and charm, Sir Wilfrid proceeded to pay tribute to Kipling's famous poem as well as to Kipling himself. "Canada," said Sir Wilfrid, "will always be proud of the compliment involved in 'Our Lady of the Snows'."