



THE wonderful increase in settlement, the building of railways from Coast to Coast, and the wider knowledge of climatic conditions in Canada, has entirely changed the old preconceived ideas of the northern half of the American continent. Canada is now found to be a country not of one, but of many climates, with roses blooming at Christmas on Vancouver Island, while Winnipeg is getting ready for curling and its annual bonspiel upon the ice. Moreover, the snowy winter of the colder areas proves not to be so formidable after all. It is the gay social season of the year, in which

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dances and concerts and entertainments of every kind crowd every evening of the week. If there are no roses on the trees, there are roses on the cheeks of the cosily clad Canadian girls, while to the children in particular the winter of snows is the most glorious of all times in the year. The snow problem no longer disturbs the railway engineer. He has devised the means of keeping the tracks clear, and the heaviest traffic of all travels over the lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway in the winter months. These are the months when the great harvest of the West is moved overland to the seaboard, and the steady procession of freight trains laden with lumber glide over the passes of the Rockies. Comfortably warm in the up-to-date transcontinental trains, the passengers see these glorious mountains in their most fairy-like beauty.

There are some, indeed, to whom zero weather does not appeal, but these are finding in Victoria, Vancouver Island, and in Vancouver itself, winter resorts of mild and equable climate with comfortable hotels and opportunities for golf and motoring, which help to pass the time very pleasantly. The Vancouver Hotel, with its five hundred rooms, and spacious Empress Hotel, at Victoria, are gay indeed with winter visitors recuperating after strenuous summers, while the stream of travellers through these year-round open ports adds a cosmopolitan flavor.

The Eastbound transcontinental train, however, brings you overnight into majestic snow-clad valleys of a different atmosphere. Here one enters the home of winter sport—still in its infancy, as settlement in this part of the country is still sparse, but lusty and vigorous. Revelstoke, for instance, has winter sport rapidly growing in popularity, with a particularly fine reputation for its ski-jumping, while Banff, the capital of the Canadian Rockies, is ambitious to attract as many visitors to its winter carnival as it has attracted summer tourists to its pine-scented mountain trails.

For four years now, Banff has had its Winter Carnival, each more successful than the last, and the Ski-jumping Tournament has become one of the most important on this continent. Last February, the championship jump for amateurs was won by Nels Nelson, of Revelstoke, the amateur champion of Canada, over Stein Steinwell, the amateur champion of the United States. Little Iven Nelson, of Revelstoke, only 14 years of age, made the boys' world's record of 114 feet 6