



Winter Sports—Tobogganing in High Park, Toronto.

hauts Hill and Paul Street were the hills most frequented."

Be the historical facts as they may, the artificial toboggan slide is comparatively modern. From a single slide, it has come to have a series of chutes divided by ridges of snow and ice, so that steering dangers are lessened. This sort of track-slide is said to have been first built at Saratoga, N.Y., in 1887. It was a three-track iced slide, with a length of 2,300 feet and a fall of 112 feet in the first 600 feet.

At Montmorency Falls near Quebec is perhaps the most famous of all Canadian natural slides. The spray is there frozen into huge cones, 150 feet or more in height. To go down one of these and then across the frozen surface of the river is rare sport. There swiftness of movement is attainable under the most natural conditions.

At St. Moritz in Switzerland, there is wonderful tobogganing. But the toboggan most popular there is a light steel sled which carries only one person. At Parliament Hill, London, England, and other points in Great Britain, short, flat toboggans are used for one person. The Canadian toboggan runs best with three persons on board. The greater weight of the load adds to the speed. The Canadian toboggan is used in Switzerland but has not been able to hold its place in racing against the American sled with round steel spring runners.

The thrilling, breath-taking dash down a toboggan slide paved with ice is terrifying to the inexperienced, but gloriously exhilarating to those who have learned to love it. It is a sport which leads the young people out

into the open, fresh air; strengthens their lungs and develops their muscles, teaches them self-control—and as such it may safely and sanely be encouraged.

Hockey

THIS week there will be more than a hundred hockey matches in Canada between the Rocky Mountains and the shores of Cape Breton. There is hardly a city or town in that three thousand miles of territory which has not an ambitious hockey team. In the larger cities there are scores of teams. Hockey is skating with a purpose and yet it is something more. It is an ice-game into which goes much that makes football and lacrosse popular. Seven young men face seven other young men in a struggle for fame and renown. The little rubber puck is mercilessly tossed and driven about the ice in a series of vain or successful attempts to drive it between two stakes at either end of the open or covered rink. Why? Mainly to prove that the boys of Smithville are smarter and cleverer than the boys of Jonesville.

There are junior matches, intermediate matches and senior matches, there are local leagues, provincial leagues, inter-provincial leagues, and intermediate leagues, and then, greatest of all, there are Stanley Cup matches. For further particulars see the sporting page of any Canadian daily newspaper.

Snow-Shoeing

IN the West, snowshoeing is a matter of business; in the East it is a question of pleasure. The trapper, the engineer and the bushman use the raquets in their



Winter Sports—Hockey Practice on McGill Campus.