

Enjoying the Winter in Old Quebec



(1) Chateau Frontenac, Quebec.
(2) Toboggan Slide, Citadel Hill, Quebec.

Mayor Lavigne of Quebec has announced that the official opening of the Winter Sport Season in that City will open on Tuesday, January 20th, with a grand parade of the Snowshoe and kindred Clubs. The season will last a month, and an attractive programme of week-end races and sports has been arranged, ending with a grand carnival from February 14th to 17th.

Since Winter Sports have become as popular as those of Summer, there is no need for anyone to dread the dreariness of December, January and February. To skate rhythmically upon an open-air rink; to tramp on one's snowshoes over fields which are impassable for the ordinary pedestrian; to jump from an immense height and yet to land upright and graceful, on one's skis; to toboggan at the rate of an express train and, most fascinating of all, perhaps, to slide on the Swiss bob-sleighs which are still a novelty on this side of the Atlantic,—all this and more does Winter offer to her devotees.

Skating and skiing require some practice before one is an adept, but sliding and snowshoeing are perfectly simple; all one needs is "the will to do, the soul to dare." Where winter's icy mantle covers the waters and spreads a blanket of snow over the land—there winter sports are at their best. In Canada, "Our Lady of the Snows," every type of winter pastime flourishes; and in Quebec, Canada's oldest City, the outdoor life takes on a new character. Situated on the St. Lawrence River, easily accessible by train, Quebec offers to her guests an unfeigned welcome. At the Chateau Frontenac, the huge hotel which the C.P.R. has built on Dufferin Terrace, the winter guest will find that his indoor comfort and outdoor sport have alike been considered. Two rinks, one in the courtyard for the skaters, the other in the summer cafe for the curlers; a toboggan slide built on Dufferin Terrace, and perhaps, greatest attraction of all, the Swiss bob-sleighs—these are but a few of the inducements offered to those who love an outdoor life. The hills which surround the city make it ideal for skiing, and the broad countryside is as easy to traverse on



snowshoes today, as when the Indians swept over it three hundred long winters ago. After a day out of doors, one is ready to return to the hotel for an evening of dancing and other allied amusements. The Chateau Frontenac is the centre of Quebec's social life, the magnet which draws to it all that is vivacious and charming of her society. No one who has been present at her New Year's Dance in the Chateau Frontenac can ever forget it; and this season the social life

in the Ancient Capital bids fair to eclipse even its own brilliant past. To the guest, the "Chambre Canadienne" are sure to make a strong appeal. They form one of the several Period Suites in the hotel, and, as the name implies, are typically French-Canadian. In naming them after Jacques Cartier, Champlain, and Montcalm, heroes of the Company have spared no effort to make them represent rooms in the manoir of a French-Canadian seigneur.—J. I. T.

The Heathen English

A Chinaman describes the English people in this wise:

"They live months without eating a mouthful of rice; they eat bullocks and sheep in enormous quantities; they have to bathe frequently."

"The men dress alike, and to judge from their appearance they are all coolies; neither are they ever to be seen carrying a fan or an umbrella, for they manifest their ignorant contempt of these insignia of a gentleman by leaving them entirely to women."

None of them have finger nails more than an eighth of an inch long; they eat meat with knives and prongs; they never enjoy themselves by sitting quietly on their ancestors' graves, but jump around and kick balls as if paid to do it, and they have no dignity, for they may be found walking with women."

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