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TOBOGGING IN UPPER CANADA.

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TOBOGGING (from the Indian word toboggin) is very nearly the same thing as coasting, the exception being that your Toboggin is constructed so as to slide on the surface of the snow, and consequently requires no runners. It is simply a flat board, about six feet long by two, and half an inch in thickness, curled up at one end and fastened by deer thongs. The steering is done, with a short stick in either hand, by the steersman who sits behind.

Those intending to slide down the hill having taken their seats, the Toboggin is gently urged to the edge, when, at first slowly, but in a few seconds at an alarming pace, it flies smoothly and almost noiselessly down the mountain side, almost taking away your breath.