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Dome Hill Juniors' Graduates at Camp Fortune

THE DOME HILL JUNIORS

Six years ago, when a long distance trip on skis was still looked upon as a feat worth recording, and when a boy of twelve venturing as far as Camp Fortune would forthwith get his name in print in the circular, Mrs. F. G. Semple undertook to guide a bunch of youngsters over the long and perilous trail from Wrightville to Dome Hill Lodge on a Saturday afternoon. They all came back safe and sound, and the outing was so much enjoyed that Mrs. Semple decided to repeat the performance the following Saturday. She has now been at it, with her lieutenants, for six years, every Saturday of the ski-ing season, and the "Dome Hill Juniors" as they style themselves, have become one of the most important and the most useful of the Club's activities. As many as ninety boys and girls, from eight to twelve years of age have been on the trail at one time and during these six years over one thousand children from the Dome Hill Juniors have graduated into long distance skiers. The great majority of those who may be seen to-day jumping with such consummate ease, around the trees on the wooded slopes of Camp Fortune, started their ski-ing career under Mrs. Semple's care, and were put through their first paces by the special instructors of the Dome Hill Juniors.

The organization is still very much alive, and the Dome Hill Juniors may be seen boarding the Wrightville car at the foot of the Chateau Laurier every Saturday morning at 10.30.

At Wrightville, the caravan starts across the rolling country, on its way to the Dome Hill, one lady guide in the front, one in the rear, and three or four on the

flanks. The distance is covered in about an hour and a half. As there is a resident caretaker at the Dome Hill Lodge, the lodge is always warm and comfortable when the children arrive there. Instruction on turns and swings, etc. is given on the hill by a competent instructor.

For some reason or other the girls, who, at one time outnumbered the boys, have not turned out so well lately; Mrs. Semple desires to see more of them. It is not often that girls are wanted on a ski trip; here is their chance.

All children from eight to twelve who are already Junior members of the Club are eligible as Dome Hill Juniors without extra charge. Non-members will be **welcomed** once; after that they must join the club by paying the regular Junior fee of one dollar.

For information regarding lunches, carfare, clothing, etc., telephone Mrs. Semple, Q. 6747.

The Gatineau Girls.—This organization, also composed of graduates from the Dome Hill Juniors, and including girls from 14 to 18 years of age, goes in for long distance ski trips, to Camp Fortune, the Pink Lake Lodge, etc. The Gatineau Girls are in charge of Miss Belle Roger who will supply information on request. Telephone Q. 936.

Results of competitions.—At a special meet, at Murray Bay, in connection with the opening of Manoir Richelieu as a Winter resort, and to which four members of Ottawa Ski Club had been delegated, viz., W. G. Clark, W. Poitras, H. Bagguley and Roger Vincent, the race was won by Clark, while Vincent made the longest standing jump.—At a special meet held by the Ottawa Ski Club in Rockcliffe Park on Dec. 29, the first five were: A. Finsberg, Montreal S.C.; M. Nelson, M.S.C.; C. Clark, O.S.C.; L. Coté, M.S.C.; Bob Wallace, O.S.C.

Races for 1930—Director Louis Grimes, in charge of racing, has prepared the following programme for the season 1930—

Saturday, Jan. 11.—Starting from the end of the Wrightville car line, to Dome Hill, at 3 p.m. sharp, **Preliminary race** for boys and girls. Three prizes will be given; one for **Seniors** (Those who have already won a race) one for **Juniors** (Those who have already competed but have never won a race) one for **Novices** (Those who have never competed in any race.) **This race will be in charge of Glebe Collegiate.**

Saturday, Jan. 18.—Second Preliminary race, same course, same conditions. If this race is won by the same Senior who won the first, the prize will be given to the next senior in line. **This race will be in charge of Lisgar Collegiate.**

Sunday, January 26.—At Camp Fortune, Race for the Championship of the Ottawa Ski Club. Two prizes will be given, one for a Senior Champion, and one for a Junior Champion. In this race, "Seniors" are competitors over eighteen, and "Juniors" under eighteen.

Saturday, Feb. 1.—Ontario Championship race (Cliffside). Details to be given later.

Saturday, Feb. 8.—Southam Intercollegiate Race.—Also Three Rivers Valley Championship Race.

Sunday, Feb. 9.—Ladies Club Championship, at Camp Fortune.

Sunday, Feb. 16.—At Shawbridge—Quebec Championship Race. Montreal Ski Club.

Sunday, Feb. 23.—At Camp Fortune. Dominion Championship Race held by Ottawa Ski Club.

City Championship Race—Sunday, March 2nd, at Camp Fortune.

Geo. Audette, Ivor Tesky and Gerhard Loa will act as officials for all Championship races.

A list of ski-jumping events will appear in next issue.

Thursday Jan. 9—First Night Hike to Glen Lea Club House. Start from Wrightville station at 8 p.m. Admission at Glen Lea, 50c including refreshments. If there is no fresh snow, come along in the bus.



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ABOUT SNOWSHOERS AND SNOWSHOEING

"Joe" said the President, as he stood at the top of the Great Divide at Camp Fortune, waiting for a clear track, "how long have you been living in these parts?"

"Oh, about fifteen years" said Joe. "Before that, I was merely vegetating. I only started to live when I joined the Ottawa Ski Club and took up ski-ing, you know."

"I don't doubt it a bit, Joe. Now, tell me, during all those years, living or vegetating, did you ever see a human being on snowshoes, in the act of snowshoeing?"

"I can't say that I did. Of course, my sight is not so keen as it used to be, but I could almost swear that of all those I saw shooting my great Canyon or that bum trail of George's in recent years, not one had snowshoes on. Oh, coming to think of it, I saw the Governor General climbing up to Camp Fortune on things that looked like snowshoes, but they were so narrow that they could have passed for skis. He could never have made it if he had not been on a hard ski track, anyway."

"This being the case, and snowshoeing being deader than a door nail, can you tell me why the City should spend hundreds and thousands of dollars in equipping snowshoers for Carnival week, when nobody wants to snowshoe and when hundreds of kids in this city who would like to get out on skis don't do it because they can't afford the price of a pair of skis?"

"Probably because the City Council is made up of old snowshoers. Perhaps they have not noticed the sport has gone out of fashion, and perhaps again they think they can revive it by distributing a few pairs of snowshoes.

"This is just what is worrying me. Don't you think this wholesale distribution of snowshoes is going to hurt ski-ing?"

"Don't worry. The day after Carnival is over, the snowshoes will be used for interior decorations, and the woolen suits for blankets. Snowshoes look very pretty hanging on the walls of a den, you know, and a snowshoer's suit makes a good comforter."

"But is it not an awful waste of money, just for a few days' show?"

"In a way it is, and then again it is not. You want the picturesque touch in a Carnival. Snowshoers wandering around the streets of the city in their pretty togs and with snowshoes on their backs, or holding their little sports on Cartier Square, make a very picturesque sight. Your snowshoer is a congenial bird; he never goes far from the haunts of man, while your skier makes a bee line for the bush and turns up at James Bay or somewhere where no one can see him. Supposing the City were to donate a thousand pairs of skis, there would be that many more people tearing down the fences on the Dome Hill trail, or damaging the bush around Camp Fortune and that many less in the City. That would be a fine Carnival, wouldn't it?"

"There is something in what you say, Joe, but I do think our skiers, and especially the girl skiers, look quite as picturesque as any snowshoer, even though the seats of their trousers may be a bit faded at times. The question is, how could we get them out in the streets of the city?"

"The President of the Ottawa Ski Club might issue an order making compulsory the wearing of ski togs and the use of skis when there is no sand on the sidewalks from the 1st to the 11th of February, and the Police might co-operate by arresting and fining all civilians."

"It sounds a bit drastic, Joe."

"You will never get anywhere unless you use drastic methods. You will have a real carnival when you get twenty thousand people going around on skis. That would make your two hundred snowshoers look sick!"

"We will have to talk it over with Magistrate Hopewell. He is a friend of the skiers That fellow has picked himself up at the bottom of the hill, I see. Let us shoot it. Watch for that hole!"

General information & Tid-bits.—The little thaw that we have had has spoiled the Christmas holidays of many young people, and that is to be regretted; on the other hand it has helped to refill our wells and springs which were getting distressingly low, and for this we are thankful. Hauling water from the city to Camp Fortune would be no joke.—Let it be jotted down for purposes of record, that the descent to Camp Fortune by way of the Lane on Sunday, Jan. 5, was marvellously good; Little Switzerland was fair, but the Canyon was simply abominable. What are the Night Riders doing?—President Mortureux and Bill Reeve were out sharp at 12 a.m. on New Year's night, and took the Great Divide in five instalments. "The night was dark like one black cat." They saw one of the alligators from Luna Park at the bottom; it had turned white.—Secretary Herbert Marshall reports a splendid response to the call for funds for a Western Lodge. Better hurry with your subscription if you want to be in this.—Bob Wallace who had the misfortune of breaking his leg at the last ski jumping meet says he does not want any sympathy; he will be out, on crutches if necessary, to compete in the Dominion Championship. Easy Bob!—"Why don't you get the Experimental farm hills reopened as you did three years ago," writes Mabel. (Wait till we get expropriating powers, Mabel, then we will expropriate the blooming farm).—"I understand Captain Joe Morin has been threatening to improve George's trail" writes another fair correspondant. "Will you please tell him to keep off, he and his Night Devils. He may know something about road making, judging by his Canyon, but he does not know the first thing about trails." Take that Joe!—A strong party of Bostonians—those cultured people who never split their infinitives, but who sometimes cross their skis—paid a visit to Camp Fortune under the guidance of Ted Burpee, who came down on purpose from Toronto. They had Joe Morin paged all over the hotel when they came back, but Joe was not to be found. What did they want to do to him?—There is no more a ski column in the sporting page of the newspapers. Our sport is now looked upon as a social activity, and ski news will be found in the social column. "Miss so & so entertained at Dome Hill, and her party had a spill in the Houtchi-Koutchi, etc."—All the same, that famous sporting Editor, Basil O'Meara, has discovered ski-ing; he had no less

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than four lines at the bottom of a page on athletics, but Grattan O'Leary has not yet discovered the Ottawa Ski Club; our name does not appear once in a two page article signed by him in McLean's. What's the use being the biggest ski club in the world!

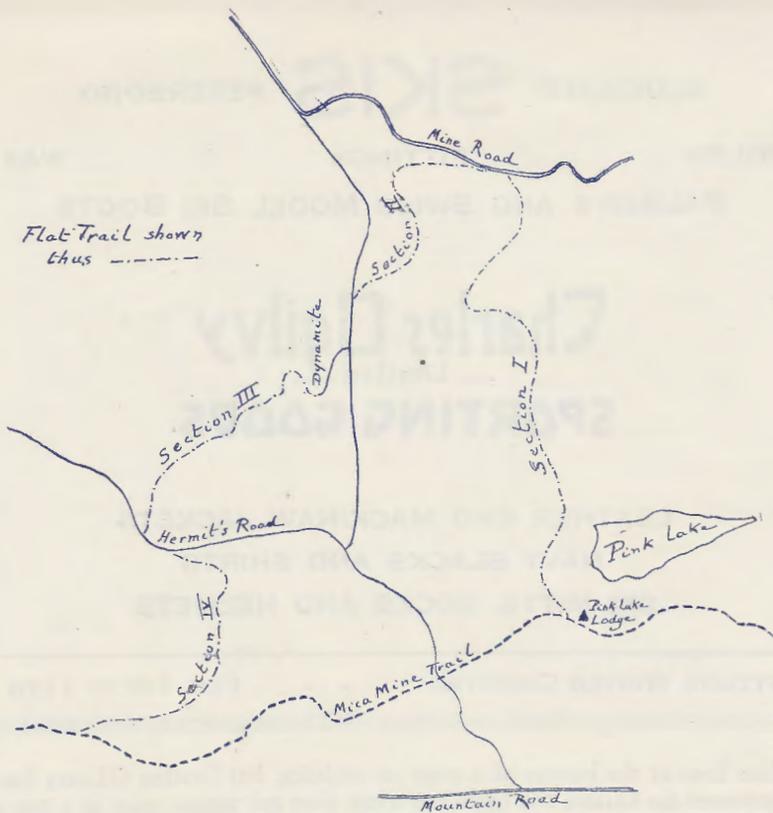
THE CALL OF THE TRAIL

There's a windin' trail a-callin'
A-callin' you and me; out yon where snow is fallin'
As white as white can be.
An' my heart goes out to that windin' trail
An' the mountain top and vale
The twistin', turnin' little breaks
And the dash 'cross wind-swept swale.

I want to answer the call of the wild,—a-sittin' here at my desk
I hate to delay my answer long—I wanto follow a quest
A quest as stern as that of the Grail,
On this mountainous, windin', snowswept trail.
Then Ho! for the climbs and the swift down-flash,
The half-hid stumps and the coming crash—
The swing of a hard-ried hickory ski—
And you, alone on the trail with me.

Together we'll swing 'long side-by-side
Out there in the "Great white snows,"
And your thoughts, perhaps, will be of me
As o'er the trails we go.
And staunch pal, true, may you always be, as good a pal o' mine,
As when together we followed those old ski-trails,
Those trails that twist and wind.

—John Osbert.



"Flat Trail."—This trail has recently been opened among the hills North and North West of Pink lake by our friend H de Miffonis. We recommend it to old ladies and Gatineau juniors, who having reached Pink lake lodge feel that they should not go home without wandering a little through this pretty district. They will find "Flat Trail" agreeable and well suited for their purpose. We cannot recommend it to real skiers because all fallen dead logs, face whipping branches, bumps and associated holes, stubbles of 1" canes cut on a clean slant 18" above ground, and other amenities that all skiers worthy of this name associate with a perfect trail on their dutiful Sunday dash to Camp Fortune and return, have been carefully eliminated from this trail. The trail marker has even provided bridges over brooks where one would be in danger of wetting one's skis!!!

As shown on the accompanying sketch, the trail is divided in four sections. To go from I to II follow the Mine road north for a few hundred feet; from II to III follow the Dynamite road west as far as a point between the brick shack and the one immediately east of it; from III to IV follow the Hermit's road south as far as the beginning of the first clearing on the right. "Flat Trail" joins the Mica Mine trail slightly below the highest point on the latter.

When the snow is fast it is advisable to take the trail in the order of description and come back to Pink lake lodge by the Mica Mine trail; on a slow day the opposite direction is preferable; some skiers may prefer, however, to follow "Flat Trail" going and coming back.

(Not so flat as you would think. Try it.—The Editor.)

Ski-Exchange.—Lost on Wrightville Car, knapsack containing thermos & cups. Finder please phone Bob McGiffin, C. 59.—Lost on Canyon, Dec. 29, man's wrist watch, R. 1878.—For Sale one pair boy's ski boots, one pair poles, 3' 6". Phone R. 1878.

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