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## MONTREAL SKI CLUB PROGRAMME

Season Will Open on January  
10 With a Relay Race at  
Shawbridge

If the members of the Montreal Ski Club do not enjoy their full of the Norwegian pastime this season, it will not be the fault of the committee who have drawn up the 1914 programme on a scale never attempted before. The club, which has been only in existence three winters, has showed a gratifying increase in membership since being formed, but there has been one factor that has prevented the growth from being even larger and that was the lack of competitions for non-jumpers. Hence the enlarging of the out-of-town programme for the coming winter.

Heretofore ski-ing competitions in Canada have been entirely restricted to jumping, and this has naturally debarred a large number of Canadians, who are good runners but who have neither the experience nor time to attain proficiency in this branch of the sport, from taking part. It is felt that this has rather handicapped the growth of the game, making it appear that ski-ing is a difficult and dangerous art, open only to a select few. The committee of the Montreal Ski Club are therefore desirous of encouraging not only jumping, but also to bring into prominence that side of the sport which is within the possibility of the average skier and open to all.

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With this end in view the club will this year organize cross-country relay races and a championship long-distance run in which prizes will be competed for. This latter event will be held on February 22 and will be over a course of some ten miles. Entries will be received from any skier in Canada, and in order to make the race a fair competition, the runners will be divided into two classes, Norwegian and Canadian, prizes being offered for both. While only two trips were made up north last winter, there will be something doing every week-end at Shawbridge this season, where Mr. G. Marshall's cottage has been secured as a rendezvous for the followers of ski-ing. Tours will be arranged for the week-end visitors, and, when possible, will be of a day's duration, the skiers taking lunch in a rucksack. The committee wish to make it plain that they desire to cater to the skier of little experience as much as to the practiced jumper, so every member no matter what his ability is urged to take part in some of the events scheduled.

Another new departure is to be given a trial this winter which should also be a boon to non-jumpers, and that is a relay race open to teams from outside clubs and cities. It is expected that entries will be received from Ottawa, Quebec and Three Rivers, as the scheme has received favorable consideration in these places. The race would be limited to Canadians only.

Two second-class tests for members of the club have been planned, the first to take place in conjunction with the officers' supper on January 24-25, while others may be held if the demand warrants it. For the benefit of new members, or those interested, the second-class test consists of two parts as follows:

1. A cross-country run over a course not less than four and not greater than six miles in length. The time of the competitor who completes this run in the shortest time shall be taken as scratch, provided it falls within a certain minimum to be determined by the judges beforehand. To qualify, all others must cover the course within a prescribed number of minutes of the "scratch man's" elapsed time, this limit to be fixed by the judges beforehand, according to the difficulties of the course and the condition of the snow. It may under no circumstances be greater than ten minutes. The use of sticks is permitted.

2. Swings—The candidate must convince judges of his ability to make a Telemark and Christiania swing, in one of either directions, when running at a considerable speed and on a moderate slope. These swings must be made in good style, but as many attempts may be made as the judges think warranted. The candidate must also make three consecutive swings or turns without stop and at fair speed.

A silver badge may be worn by any person passing both parts of the second-class test, three members of the club having passed to date.

A member must have passed the second-class test before trying the first which is as follows:

Jumping Test—The candidate is required to make two standing jumps of not less than a fixed minimum length. The judges shall decide the minimum length for the jump, according to the state of the snow and the character of the hill, but such length shall not exceed 60 feet or be less than 50 feet. The jumping is to be carried on and judged according to the regular rules of the club on such occasions. Gold badges may be worn by those passing this test and five members of the club have qualified for premier honors in this respect.

As it is only an hour's run on the train to Shawbridge, it is expected that the cottage will be taxed to capacity each week-end, most of the members going by either the 8.45 a.m. or 1.45 p.m. trains Saturday and returning at 7.40 Sunday night.

The programme for this winter, including both the Montreal and out-of-town events, is as follows:

#### MONTREAL FIXTURES.

January 24—Green jumping competition, Cote des Neiges road.

January 31—Green jumping competition, Cote des Neiges road.

February 7—Cross-country race on Mount Royal.

February 14—Final green and intermediate jumping competitions, Cote des Neiges road.

February 21—Class "B" and championship jumping competition, Cote des Neiges road.

#### OUT-OF-TOWN FIXTURES.

January 10-11—Trial relay races, Shawbridge.

January 24-25—Officers' supper and second-class test, Shawbridge.

January 31-February 1—Long tour, starting from Shawbridge.

February 8—Relay race, Shawbridge.

February 15—Long tour, announcement later.

February 22—Championship cross-country race, Shawbridge.

February 28-29—Second-class test, Shawbridge.

March 7-8—Final relay race, Shawbridge.

March 14—Meet at St. Archa