

furs we soon all slept, well sheltered from the cold outside. The only thing that in any way disturbed us was the thought that L. was still alone in the Kebnekaise hut.

The next day we started early. The weather was fine. Sarri returned at once to Nikkulahti to fetch his sled, while all we others went up to the Kebnekaise hut. We found L. in bed in a very cold room. He had preferred to keep warm by putting on a new blanket now and then instead of making a fire.

In the afternoon Sarri came with his sled to the river beneath the hut and fetched L. down to Nikkulahti. From there to Kiruna Sarri's wife drove L. in a large sled with a little horse. L., who had always been feeble for the fair sex, tried to be entertaining to the sweet young Lap woman, but during the eight hours they sat, or rather lay, together in the sled, she never answered him one word. L. complained himself to me about this when I met him and he could not understand the reason for her silence. I found it out later. She understood Swedish but could only speak her native language, the Lapsish.

There is not much to say about the rest of this tour. The delay caused by the above mentioned circumstances made it impossible for me to fulfil my first plan. Therefore I stayed at Kebnekaise and made an unsuccessful attempt on the mountain and then skied to Kiruna under normal conditions and without any adventures.

Thus my first visit to Lapland was not very successful, but I learned how serious ski-touring is in that country and I was caught by the charms of this wildest part of Scandinavia, a paradise for skiers who are prepared to rough it.

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## THREE RIVERS SKI CLUB

**I**MPROVEMENTS to the jumping hill of the Three Rivers Ski Club now place this organization in the front rank with older Canadian clubs, despite the fact that it is only now entering upon its third season. This, it may be stated, is due in no small measure to the energy and enthusiasm of the members who make up for their laxity of numbers by the interest displayed in their Club's rapid progress.

Through the construction by the Club of a crib on the St. Maurice River, its rise and fall, due to the operation of sluices at the power dams, will no longer interfere with the landing surface. Jumping may be carried on continuously during the winter season, ordinary weather conditions permitting, without the anxiety from the river surface, which was often damp last year. The angle at which jumpers will land has been altered, and a leap of at least 130 feet should be easily accomplished.

The take-off is being extended downwards so that a jumper will not have to fall through as great distance as previously. A judges' stand, from which a perfect view of the whole course may be had, is also being built.

The junior jump, erected last year, proved a welcome innovation and has produced a number of promising younger jumpers. After practising on the small jump for several weeks they have graduated to the senior and shown much promise. Many of the seniors have assisted the juniors and their interest has been sustained and encouraged.

On Sunday, February 13, an exhibition jump was held on the senior jump, and a large crowd turned out to watch the Three Rivers jumpers perform. There were about twenty-five competitors, but G. Sundt, the Norwegian expert, and K. Moen, from the same country, were the outstanding jumpers, being the sole entries to go from the top of the jump, because of the speed of the hill.

On February 27 the St. Maurice Valley Championship was held, and at this meeting the Club was favored with a visit by a number of ski experts from the Montreal and Quebec Ski Clubs. It was felt by the Three Rivers Ski Club that the good sportsmanship and excellent ski-ing by its guests did

more for the good of the sport in one afternoon than could have been otherwise done in a whole season. Gustav Sundt, of the Three Rivers Ski Club, obtained first prize, with K. Moen, of the same Club, second.

Three Rivers being comparatively flat, this is the only place for skiers to slide, but it is just twenty minutes' walk from the city, which makes it convenient for everyone. There is a comfortable club house, where it is possible to buy all the usual provisions, and this year it will be under the direction of Mr. G. Guay, who is having the place painted, and a large fire-place built, which will add to the comfort of the skier when he comes in out of the cold.

The St. Maurice Valley Championship will be held the end of February, and it is hoped that many jumpers as well as runners from other Clubs will compete in this. This year an eight-mile race will be run in conjunction with the jump.



THREE RIVERS CLUB HOUSE

On Monday, October 17, a general meeting of the Three Rivers Ski Club was held to elect the officers for the coming year. Great interest was shown by all, and it is hoped that the Club will have a very prosperous year.

Captain W. F. Koren, a brother-in-law of Mr. Iversen, is now President, and is taking an active part in the Club's activities. The officers are: *President*, Captain W. F. Koren; *Vice-President*, L. P. Goulet; *Secretary-Treasurer*, L. P. Britten; *Committee*: Gustav Sundt, A. Grant, Captain W. F. Koren, M. T. Iversen, J. B. Hebert, L. T. Goulet, H. P. Britten.

The members much regret that Mr. Iversen, former Vice-President, will not be in attendance this winter, as he is spending the next few months in Vancouver. He was responsible for the erection of the club house, having built it during his spare time with a few of his associates. He was the Club's most enthusiastic supporter, and instilled all and sundry with great interest in Canada's great winter sport.

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