

"Sorry to trouble you." A face appeared in the doorway, smiling through a large patch of adhesive tape. "But do either of you chaps happen to have some arnica handy?"

"Hurt yourself?" we asked weakly.

"Oh, no," he laughed. "I did *this* last week—ran into a pine-tree, that was all—no, this is for my friend here. He just ran a ski-pole through his cheek."

"I s-saw some arnica in the bathroom," said Perc.

"Oh, *that* was all used up this morning," smiled the face. "Some chap got tangled up with the barbed wire on the big hill . . ."

Perc poured himself another glass of brandy.

The next morning Chrys stuck his head in the doorway of the bedroom for a moment. "Bill and I are going cross-country to St. Sauveur," he explained briefly, "and we won't be back before supper. You'll find your skis right out in the hall, as usual," pointedly, "in case you want to put them on for a moment to take some pictures of each other."

He reappeared a second later in the window. "I've ordered you another case of ale," he added coldly.

They put us on the New York train Tuesday night; and we both vowed to Chrys as we left that it was the best weekend we had ever enjoyed. There is no sport like ski-ing, Perc and I agreed. There's no sport that gives you such rosy cheeks, sparkling eyes, and a feeling of fitness and exuberance with which to face the task on the morrow.

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"THE RED BIRDS"

THE year 1928 marked the graduation from McGill University of a number of ski enthusiasts who had represented their Alma Mater during the previous three or four years in most of the important winter meets held in the Eastern United States and Canada. Their spirit of comradeship and desire to continue their activities in winter sports, and ski-ing in particular, led to the formation of this new organization.

Membership is open to past students of McGill and their friends. Application for affiliation with the Canadian Amateur Ski Association will be made at the next annual meeting of that body. The club house is situated in the heart of the best ski-ing ground in the Laurentians, just at the foot of the famous St. Sauveur hill. The house has been suitably decorated and is fully equipped to accommodate good sized week-end parties. It is intended to erect new and larger premises with increased membership.

The Club was fortunate this year in being awarded the Championship Meet of the Intercollegiate Winter Sports Union, which is to be held on Monday and Tuesday, February 18 and 19. The cross-country ski and snowshoe races, slalom and downhill ski races will be held at St. Sauveur, with the ski jumping, speed and fancy skating events scheduled for the following day in Montreal. Competitions of various natures are to be arranged at regular intervals throughout the winter and in this way it is hoped to bring the members closer together and thus make the majority actively interested in the affairs of the Club. A "News Letter" will be inaugurated with the object of keeping the doings of the Club before the entire membership.

The first year of "The Red Birds" has been completed and it is with great satisfaction that those responsible for its formation look to the future. The Club is a small one, but with proper management there is no doubt but that it will grow rapidly. The membership is one hundred per cent active and it is aimed to keep it so.

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