

wide swings to include the maximum of good ski-ing. While the heat on these days interfered somewhat with this plan the interest kept up to the end, and under the slow conditions unbelievably steep slopes were run as safely as the great, relatively flat hills earlier in the week, the numerous bloody scratches and cuts from the crust of those days being replaced by an occasional heavy bruise when a second and much heavier ice-crust four inches below the surface was punctured.

Piedmont appeared to be the approximate centre of the most picturesque section of partly broken ski country. Nearby to the south the famous great hill of St. Sauveur was ascended upon snow found in a melting condition. Later in the day, with the snow hardened, Sugar-tree Hill at Shawbridge proved to be far too fast to run straight down into the bottom of the gully. While these great hills attract most of the Canadian skiers, much interesting ski-ing is to be found in the steep-sided and often corniced little lateral ravines which intersect each side of the main river valley. Such a week could easily be expanded into two and still not half the fine ski-ing terrain would have been explored.

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## LAUREL, A NEW LAURENTIAN SKI-ING CENTRE

**I**T WILL be welcome news to all Montreal ski-runners to hear that a new ski-ing centre will be opened up this coming season near Laurel, the third station above St. Sauveur, on the C.N.R. The Saturday two o'clock train from the Tunnel Station, reaches Laurel at 4.48 p.m. and a short three-mile run, practically all downhill, brings one to Black Lake Lodge, a new and attractive hotel opening early in January for skiers. Every possible comfort and convenience will be provided; electric lights, running water, a big open fireplace in the attractive living-room, comfortable beds and excellent meals at reasonable prices.

From the Lodge many delightful tours are available, the immediate terrain, very rolling with large bold hills, open country and hardwood bush, making perfect touring country. Three trails are being opened up and plainly marked and will be kept clear all winter. Starting from the Lodge, to Morin Heights, ten miles; to St. Sauveur, fifteen miles; and to Shawbridge, twenty miles; making it possible to spend the night at the Lodge and in the morning, start south on the trail picking up the train at any one of the above stations.

There will be on the hotel staff an experienced Norwegian ski instructor qualified to give free instructions and expert assistance to the guests at the Lodge.

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## LUCERNE-IN-QUEBEC

**T**HE creation of a year round resort in the valley of the Ottawa River is another blow at those among us who still think that winter is the time for generation stagnation and the addition of inches to the waist line. Lucerne-in-Quebec was officially opened in July and thus enters its first winter sports season in the winter of 1930-31

Lucerne-in-Quebec is not, strictly speaking, a resort. It is an estate of 80,000 acres, 75 miles from Montreal and 45 miles from Ottawa. It includes an old seigneurie and embraces typical Laurentian country. It is being developed, under the direction of Hon. Charles Dunning, former Minister of Finance, as a club community. The official club residence is the former home of the Seigneur, Louis Joseph Papineau, and the organization bears the appropriate name of the Seigniorie Club. Most of the members are building