

sation, directly or indirectly, for using the ski equipment of any person, firm, manufacturer or agent.

Any skier breaking the above rules shall be immediately reported by his club to the secretary of the division of which his club is a member, together with the full report of the circumstances. If after full consideration he be found guilty, the board of directors or the executive committee of the divisional association shall declare him ineligible as an amateur."

Skiers from foreign countries upon entering the territory of our association should immediately contact our ski-ing association either directly by presenting his credentials to the national secretary, or by getting in touch with the officers of one of the five divisional associations. To be eligible to compete in our tournaments a foreign skier must meet our amateur requirements, noting that we have two classifications of amateurs; (1) "FIS Amateurs," an amateur according to the minimum requirements of the FIS, which includes ski teachers, (2) "Amateur by United States standards," an amateur according to the domestic rules of the National Ski Association of America, which excludes ski teachers.

A skier who has been declared ineligible as an amateur by his divisional association cannot be reinstated as an amateur until two years have elapsed from the time he was declared ineligible, and then only on favourable action by the body which took the original action declaring him ineligible. In the case of a skier who is an "FIS Amateur" and wishes to be reinstated as an amateur to U.S. Standards, the same rules apply excepting that according to a precedent ruling an "FIS Amateur" must wait one year before he may be reinstated as regular amateur. No skier may regain his amateur standing more than once. And a point to note in this connection is that an amateur once disbarred may not become a member of an Olympic Team.

Amateur standing is something rather sacred and worth while, a badge of true sportsmanship, for into the amateur code has been incorporated, through the years, all the laws of good sportsmanship, and if amateur ski-ing is not marked by fair play and courtesy, by an honest observance of the rules, and if it is not conducted on a lofty plane, it falls short of its object.

While the amateur rules of our association seem quite clear and are working in a very healthful manner, if a skier should have any question about the interpretation of any rule, rather than take a chance and possibly get into difficulties, it is advisable for the skier to obtain a ruling from the officers of a divisional association or from the National Committee on Precedent Amateur Interpretations, a committee set up by the Association to interpret authoritatively any question concerning amateur rules.

## Sixty Years Ago

Extract from "Canadian Illustrated News,"  
Montreal, February 8, 1879.



A SNOWSHOE TRIP TO QUEBEC

Mr. A. Birch, a Norwegian gentleman of Montreal, has a pair of patent Norwegian snowshoes upon which he has taken a trip to Quebec, starting on Friday last. The snowshoes are composed entirely of wood, are about nine feet long, six inches broad, and have a foot board and toe-strap. He walks with the aid of a pole, and crosses ice not strong enough to bear a good sized dog, so buoyant are these shoes in their action.

## Fifty Years Ago

Extract from the "Montreal Gazette," 1887.

On Saturday evening some of our ubiquitous athletes attacked the Priests' Farm near the Montreal toboggan slide, with the "jimpactony" (Jim Paton?) shoe, as it is known in this civilized state, and in more barbarous climes as the ski or Norwegian snowshoe. The start was made from the highest point on the ground on the other side of the stone wall which separates it from Cote des Neiges Road. Of the party two were worse than greenhorns, while a third claimed experience, which, however, helped him but little—at least so far as the other two could see. The athletes met with all sorts of difficulties and the guiding staffs were of little help. After many adventures they returned homeward, exhibiting their newly-acquired skill on St. Catherine Street, under the full glare of the electric light, to a large and appreciative audience.