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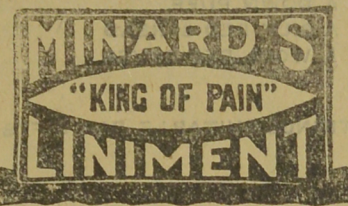
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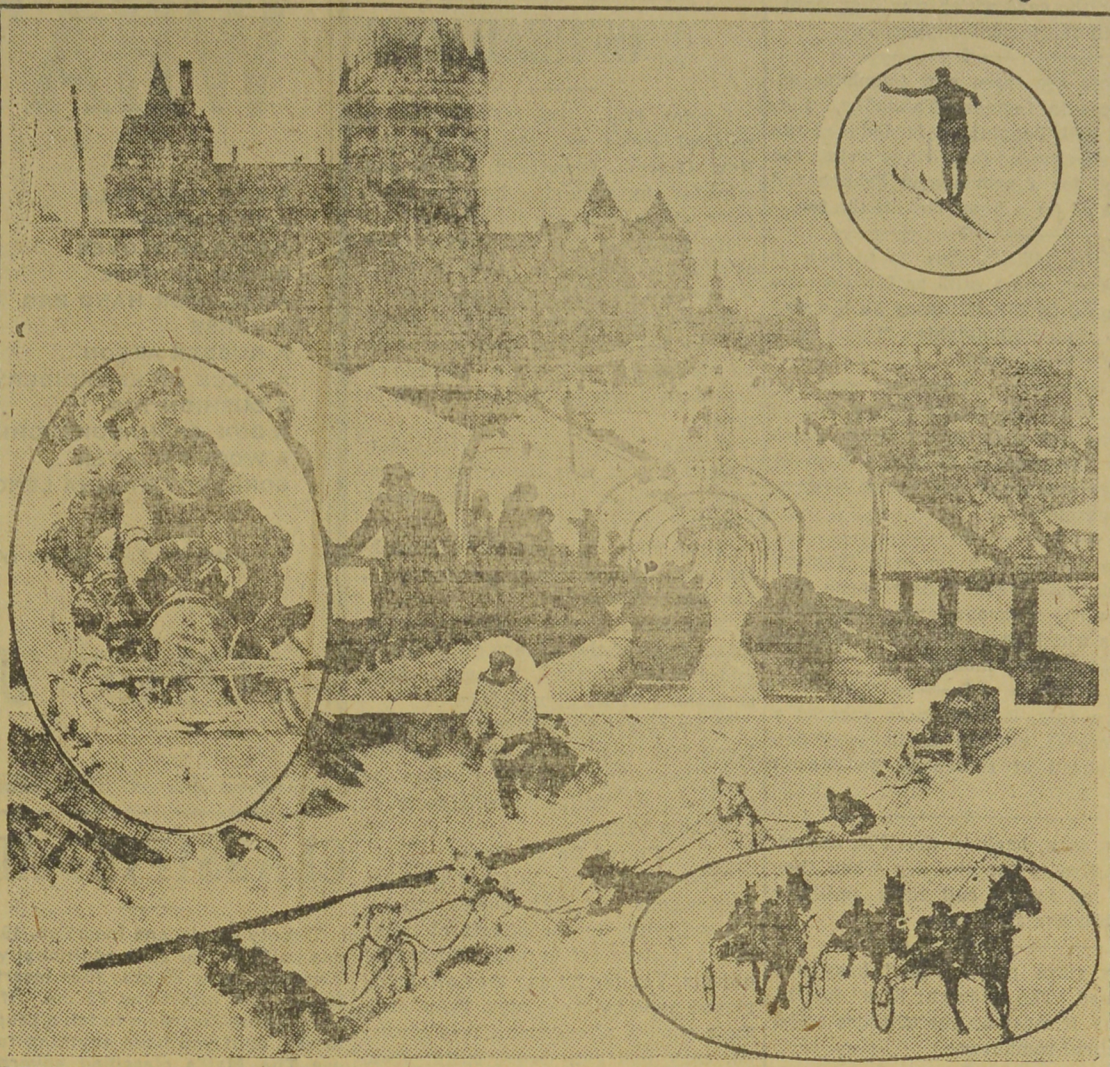
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Winter reigns supreme in Quebec once again. The romantic and historic city of Quebec gives itself up as in former years to the invigorating joy of winter sports. They take it seriously there and they have every reason for doing so. Perhaps at no other centre on the continent are the conditions so ideal.

Plenty of snow, a keen steady climate, hills to ski down and great slides for toboggans. The Chateau Frontenac, owned by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, is undoubtedly the great centre of winter sports in Quebec. The above photograph shows the huge slide that provides endless amusement for all. To the left on the heights stands the Chateau, and to this famous hostelry visitors come from far and wide to take part in the winter festivities.

The first outstanding events are scheduled to take place during the last week in December. In January the inter-collegiate ski meet will be held, at which it is expected, as was the case last season, teams from many of the Canadian and American universities will take part. The open championship ski jumping contest of the Frontenac Winter Sports Association will be held in the third week of February, the silver trophy of which is now in the possession of the Ottawa Ski Club. There will also be held in February the ski championship meet of the city of Quebec.

Skating is being specially catered to. There are being built at present a dozen large open air rinks in the city, while the Canadian (open to the world) speed skating championships, set for February 4 and 5, will bring the cream of Canadian and American speed skaters to Quebec.

Entries are already coming in from eastern Canada and the United States for the fourth eastern international dog sled derby to be held February 21-23. Among those already received are H. I. Sutton, of Chicago; Ontario Paper Co., Quebec; Price Bros., of

Quebec (two teams); P. J. Molloy, Berlin, N.H.; and the Paquet Company, Quebec. Officials of the Eastern International Dog Sled Derby Club expect at least 25 of the finest teams on the continent will be entered this year.

Much earlier than this, however, the famous Dufferin Terrace toboggan slide will be in full operation well in advance of the Christmas season. A new attraction in the form of a sled and bob-sled run will be built by the Frontenac Winter Sports Association on the old city walls and will finish on the Esplanade. Visitors will, therefore, be able to enjoy this exhilarating sport without even going outside the limits of Old Quebec.

Hockey will provide the most rabid fan with all he can desire. The new Quebec team, "The Bulldogs," will put a strong line-up in action against a United States circuit, including New Haven, Springfield, Mass., Providence and Boston, in the new Quebec-American League. "Sons of Ireland," old favorites in the amateur ranks, and a sterling team, will be playing when the "Bulldogs" are out of town, while there are also teams running in the Quebec City League, Nationale League and others.

The curling bonspiel in February will bring rinks from all over the continent to "sweep" for the handsome trophies up for competition. Nor should the snowshoe clubs be forgotten, of which Quebec City possesses eight. Their spectacular appearance in the old-time French-Canadian costumes add greatly to the picturesque quality of the city and to its appeal to visitors.

The Quebec Winter Sports Association, under whose auspices the season will be operated, have already subscriptions in excess of \$13,000 to date from citizens, which will go far towards assuring a successful season.

RICHES FOUND HIDDEN IN RAGS OF BEGGARS

Now and then a beggar is heard of in America who has money in the bank, owns real estate and maintains an automobile. But such are usually of the male sex. Only the other day there was reported the case of a beggar woman in Paris who left a fortune of 2,000,000 francs. And other women in Europe have been known to lead this double life.

Thus in Saaz, Bohemia, a woman of 70 was found insensible on the floor of her apartment. She was wrapped in nothing but rags and was obviously in the last stages of starvation. She was conveyed to a hospital, where she died a few days later. Her neighbors made it known that for some time she had subsisted on crusts and scraps; yet it was found on investigation that she possessed a fortune of 100,000 kronen and that she had apparently starved herself to death through sheer avarice.

From Berlin is reported another case. Dwellers in the same building complained that the smell proceeding from one of the tenant's rooms was intolerable. The police accordingly went thither and when they opened the door a woman was found literally wallowing in filth. Yet in the straw mattress which served as a bed were found 30,000 marks in gold 4000 marks in silver 42,000 marks in government bonds of the war loan and a savings bank book showing deposits of 116,000 marks.—New York Times.

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A SALESGIRL SAYS WOMEN BEAT OUT MEN AS CUSTOMERS; SOME EXPERIENCES RELATED

(Vera Brown in Detroit News.)
When is the next train to Owosso? Where is the best place to eat near here?

What can I buy for a girl of 20 who has everything in the world?

Where can I leave my little girl while I shop?

What street car do I take to East Grand boulevard?

What color should I buy for a brunet who hates red?

These questions are not part of an intelligence test. They are just samples of inquiries made in one day of one salesgirl trying to satisfy all her customers during Christmas shopping days.

"Seventh floor to the left," replied Miss Madeline Baker to another customer as she sold a green sweater to the woman whose brunette friend hates red. She thought hard for a present for the 20-year-old spoiled beauty, figured out the street car for the confused purchaser who was trying to get home, and steered the tired mother and her child toward the nursery. And all the time she quoted prices, asked the sizes of sweaters, advised uncertain buyers and made out sales slips.

"But the train for Owosso stumped me," Miss Baker confessed. "I had to send her on to the travel bureau." Then Miss Baker pushed back her smartly bobbed hair from her forehead, and made some startling comments.

"I'd rather wait on women than on men," she remarked crisply as she sold a blue beret with a matching scarf right from France, to a discriminating matron. "Women shop with lists. They know what they want. Men are like frightened rabbits. It is silly to say men shop better than women. That's a left-over from the Victorian age."

More Inquiries.

Here came some more inquiries. "Yes, madam, there's a taxi stand

near the door," she replied to one. "There's a city directory with the telephones on the third floor. No, madam, we haven't that in purple, but here it is in a nice violet shade."

Miss Baker stopped for breath—and smiled. There was another breathing space for a few seconds.

"Women don't like this rush any better than we salesgirls do," she confided. "They are anxious to get it over, and the more purchases an hour they can make the better it suits them. They know the value of early shopping, and of shopping early in the day when the stores aren't so crowded. In the old days we used to loaf until almost noon before the crowds came in, and they flooded us. Now there is a crowd waiting when the doors open, and we are moderately busy all the time."

Then Miss Baker sold five sweaters to an undecided male who wanted to get "something for five nieces." She found out the color of their hair, their eyes, their sizes, and then picked the garments accordingly. The man meekly took the large package, paid his bill and departed.

Men Late Shoppers.

Miss Baker again took up the male shopper.

"He's responsible for the last-minute rush in many cases," she declared. "He sends out his stenographer or the girl in his office with a handful of money to buy something for \$50 for Mrs. X and something for \$25 for his daughter. The harassed girls come in here and ask what they can get for the amount allotted and then we put our heads together."

More customers interrupted the conversation. A few minutes later Miss Baker resumed.

"I have one test for a gift when I am making suggestions. If it is something I'd adore to have myself, I feel we can't go wrong on it. Girls are a lot alike no matter what their circumstances. When they are accustomed to everything, we just suggest they buy

the best that can be bought of the article we select. Then we're safe and so is the donor."

The noon rush stopped all conversation, and cries of "Cash," and of "Mr. Blank, please," when the floor-walker was needed, were the only diversions from the sales talk and the string of questions from shoppers.

Those High Heels.

"I don't see how we stand high heels, but we do," Miss Baker went on, later. It was now mid-afternoon, and the pretty girl who presided over the sweaters looked tired. "Silly of us to wear them, but you know when we're through work and going home it is a comfort to think your feet look nice, even if they do ache terribly."

A woman inquired about interurbans to Pontiac. Another asked where the Mayor lived. It seemed incredible that the women in one city could possibly want the number of sweaters Miss Baker was selling.

"After work?" Miss Baker smiled. "Well, I am going to night school, and I certainly will be grateful for the holiday—Christmas shopping and school don't fit in at all."

"Do you think my wife would like this?" demanded an elderly gentleman holding on to a brilliant red leather sport jacket. Miss Baker gasped, smiled charmingly and chatted with him. She tactfully showed him a jacket of gray suede trimmed with dull green.

"Why Sarah has a skirt that color," the man pointed at the jacket, "I think she'd like it better."

Miss Baker smiled again. "Why not take the gray and then if she'd rather have the red she can change it afterward?" That satisfied the man perfectly.

"I always like red, but I guess at that Sarah doesn't like it much," and he trudged away with his purchase.

"My idea of Christmas?" Miss Baker laughed. "To stay in bed until noon and read a new novel."

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