

# MONTREAL WINTER CARNIVAL

1889

Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>



# THE GREAT CARNIVAL OF THE NORTH.

If the question were asked, "What is the most striking characteristic of Canada?" the answer would undoubtedly be—its Winter Carnival. It has about it a picturesqueness that is distinctively Canadian, a freedom that well comports with our institutions, and a sense of enjoyment such as only obtains in a climate where winter occupations and winter pastimes are possible. The Ice Palace, fashioned by the hands of skilful workmen, may be said to represent the strength and beauty and rugged grandeur of the Canadian character, while the varied pleasures in which our people take part during the winter months, lend tone and color and warmth to a picture which has left its impress on the minds of multitudes of men from other lands. If nature has been lavish in her distribution of keen frosts and snowfalls in these northern latitudes, she has, with due regard for the law of compensation, been equally lavish in her distribution of the physical qualities which enable our people to make the most of them. The outdoor enjoyments of a Canadian winter are a perpetual tonic, and play an important part in building up a community of men and women, whose ancestors came from beyond the sea to found a new nation and unfold for the records of civilization the pages of half a continent. Of such a land Whittier must have spoken with inspired thought when he said,

"I hear the tread of pioneers  
Of nations yet to be,  
The first low wash of waves where soon  
Shall roll a human sea."

Our people display the true philosophical spirit when they make the best of the conditions by which they are environed, and the Winter Carnival, with its Ice Palace and concomitant pastimes, proves to the world that climatic conditions which at first appear to be harsh and inhospitable, can be made subservient to the purposes and pleasures of a progressive people. During the winter months Montreal becomes the Mecca of pleasure seekers from sunnier climes, and the eagerness with which they look forward to the return of the Carnival season, and the zeal with which they enter into the enjoyments pertaining to it, reflect the feelings which dominate our people, and give buoyancy and brightness to the rule of the Frost King in his Canadian Kingdom. People who have never been in Canada during the winter season have but vague and ill-defined ideas of the enjoyment that is had in snowshoeing, tobogganing and sleigh-riding, and a visit to Montreal serves to dissipate the absurd ideas that prevail in some countries, that our people can see the North Pole from their back windows, and that they rarely ever venture out of doors while the snow is on the ground. Winter is really the most delightful and exhilarating season of the year in Canada, and the denizens of warmer climes who visit the Carnival have ample opportunities of determining for themselves, by practical experience, how much enjoyment is to be taken out of our winter pastimes. The climax of the Winter Carnival is seen in the storming of the Ice Palace, a sight which is in its way a thing of beauty, and a fitting conclusion of a season of merriment and picturesqueness, of which the early pioneers, whose bark canoes floated languidly on the placid waters of the St. Lawrence, little dreamed, but which their successors have crystallized into a glowing reality, instinct with life and movement, while Mount Royal looks down from its Olympian heights, wrapped in its mantle of purity, and keeps watch and ward, lending the grandeur and beauty of its proportions to a scene which lives in the memory forever after.

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Montreal, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th & 9th February.

*Under the distinguished patronage of*

*Their Excellencies THE GOVERNOR GENERAL*

*and THE LADY STANLEY OF PRESTON.*

## OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

First Day—MONDAY, 4th February.

### FORENOON.

10 o'clock. Opening of the Park and Tuque Bleue Tobogganing Slides—the finest slides in the world—furnishing to strangers an opportunity to enjoy the Royal sport in all its glory. Visitors welcome.

### AFTERNOON.

Arrival of Their Excellencies the Governor General and The Lady Stanley of Preston. Manning of the living Arch in Their Excellencies' honor. Band and 5 o'clock Tea at Victoria Skating Rink; the largest and finest rink in America. Skating at the Dominion Rink, and tobogganing at the Park and Tuque Bleue Slides.

### EVENING.

Formal opening of the Ice Palace, by Their Excellencies. Electric illumination of the Ice Palace and grand pyrotechnic display. Band and Hockey Matches at the Victoria Skating Rink. Commencement of the 10 mile Amateur Skating Championship Races, at Dominion Rink. Emerald and Le Trappeur Snowshoe Clubs' Tramp to the Athletic Club House, at 8 o'clock. Brilliant illumination of Park and Tuque Bleue Toboggan Slides. First night of the "Pearl of Pekin" at the Academy of Music, to run all week.

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Second Day—TUESDAY, 5th February.

## FORENOON.

Band and Skating at Victoria Skating Rink, from 10 to 12.  
Tobogganing at Park and Tuque Bleue Slides, commencing at 10 a.m.

## AFTERNOON.

2 o'clock. 1st day of Trotting Races on the river ice—  
opposite Jacques Cartier Square. Tobogganing at Park Slides.  
3 o'clock. Grand official opening of Tuque Bleue Slides by  
Their Excellencies.

## EVENING.

Children's Fancy Dress Skating Carnival at Victoria Club Rink  
—introducing many novel and amusing features—from 8 to  
10.30 p.m. St. George's Snowshoe Club Tramp, to their Club  
House at Côte St. Antoine, with illumination—start to be  
made at 8 o'clock from Windsor Hotel. Brilliant illumination of  
tobogganing slides. Grand display of Fireworks at the Park  
Slides. Continuation of 10 mile Championship Skating Race at  
Dominion Rink. Illumination of Ice Palace and public buildings.

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## Third Day—WEDNESDAY, 6th February.

### FORENOON.

Championship Fancy Skating Tournament, at Victoria Skating Rink, commencing at 10 o'clock. Tobogganing at Park and Tuque Bleue Slides, commencing at 10 o'clock.

### AFTERNOON.

Second day of Trotting Races on the river ice—opposite Jacques Cartier Square—commencing at 2 o'clock.

3 o'clock. Grand official opening of Park Club Toboggan Slides by Their Excellencies, and Fancy Dress Toboggan Carnival, with 5 o'clock Tea. Band, Skating, and 5 o'clock Tea at Victoria Skating Rink. Carnival Snowshoe Races on the Montreal Club Grounds—west end of Sherbrooke Street—under the patronage of Their Excellencies, commencing at 2.30 o'clock.

### EVENING.

Commencing at 9 o'clock. Storming, defence and capitulation of the Ice Palace by the allied Snowshoe clubs, advancing from the mountain, under cover of the guns of the Montreal Field Battery; the besieging host commence the attack simultaneously from all sides of the palace; the defence by the Garrison, and onslaught of the invaders, with the dissolving illumination of the palace, previous to the capitulation, forms the grandest spectacular event to be witnessed in any part of the world. Continuation of 10 mile Championship Races at Dominion Skating Rink. Illumination of public buildings.

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Fourth Day—THURSDAY, 7th February.

## FORENOON.

Skating at Victoria and Dominion Skating Rinks, from 10 to 12 o'clock. Tobogganing at Park and Tuque Bleue Slides, commencing at 10 o'clock.

## AFTERNOON.

**CIVIC HOLIDAY.** Tobogganing at Park and Tuque Bleue Slides. Grand Fancy Carnival Drive, or winter Mardi-Gras, moving westward on Sherbrooke Street from Union Avenue, at 2.30; introducing equipages of all sorts and conditions, ancient and modern; allegorical cars and club cars, manned by the different clubs in costume, with private sleighs of fantastic design; the whole presenting a wondrous scene of life and merriment, never before approached for ludicrous and suggestive incidents by any similar event.

## EVENING.

Tobogganing. Brilliant illumination of the Park and Tuque Bleue Slides. Grand special display of Fireworks at the Park Slides. Grand Fancy Dress Carnival at Victoria Rink—introducing novel electric effects—commencing at 8 o'clock. Fancy Dress Carnival at Dominion Skating Rink, commencing at 8 o'clock. Illumination of Ice Palace and public buildings.

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Fifth Day—FRIDAY, 8th February.

## FORENOON.

Tobogganing at Park and Tuque Bleue Slides, commencing at 10 o'clock. Visit to McGill University, and address to His Excellency by the University, 11 a.m. Skating at Victoria and Dominion Rinks, from 10 to 12 o'clock.

## AFTERNOON.

Band and skating at the Victoria Rink, commencing at 3 o'clock. Tobogganing at Park and Tuque Bleue Slides. Toboggan Races at 3 o'clock at the Tuque Bleue Slides. Grand Citizens' Drive, headed and guided by the Montreal Tandem Club; starting from Dominion Square at 2.30 o'clock. This drive will embrace the largest turnout of private winter equipages to be seen in any city on the continent.

## EVENING.

Carnival Skating Races and Games at Victoria Skating Rink, at 8 o'clock.

Tobogganing. Brilliant illumination of the Park and Tuque Bleue Slides. Continuation of 10 mile Championship Race at Dominion Rink. The Argyle and Garrison Artillery Snowshoe Clubs' tramp to the Athletic Club House, starting at 8 o'clock from McGill College Gate. Grand Ball at Windsor Hotel. Illumination of Ice Palace and public buildings.

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Sixth Day—SATURDAY, 9th February.

## FORENOON.

Tobogganing. Park and Tuque Bleue Slides, commencing at 10 o'clock.

## AFTERNOON.

Tobogganing at Park and Tuque Bleue Slides. Montreal Snowshoe Club's Annual Races, at their grounds, 2.30 o'clock. Band and 5 o'clock Tea at Victoria Rink. Third day's Trotting Races on the river ice—opposite Jacques Cartier Square—commencing at 2 o'clock.

## EVENING.

Hockey Matches at Victoria Skating Rink, at 8 o'clock. Tobogganing. Park and Tuque Bleue Slides brilliantly illuminated. Montreal Snowshoe Club's Annual Dinner and presentation of prizes at Windsor Hotel. Final Race for the 10 mile Skating Championship at Dominion Rink. Illumination of Ice Palace and public buildings, with pyrotechnic display.

## THE CITY OF MONTREAL.

VISITORS to our Winter Carnival must not hastily conclude that we are a Hyperborean people, of cheerful disposition in outward seeming, but, in reality, wrestling for our living with an unfavourable climate and holding Carnivals to keep our spirits up. A glance from the Mountain Park over the substantial buildings of the city, and the costly villas of the suburbs will convince any stranger that we are a people with a surplus of material comforts. The numerous tall chimneys, which are obscuring the clear sky with smoke, only partially explain our resources. Nor will our position be explained by remembering that Montreal is the pivot of two immense railway systems. For not only does the Grand Trunk centre here, extending from Portland and Quebec to Chicago and through the West—a system with its branches of 4,099 miles, under one management—but the Canadian Pacific system, with an aggregate length of 5,292 miles, the longest railway in the world—reaching, under one management, from the Atlantic to the Great Western Ocean—has its vital centre in Montreal. These two railways span the St. Lawrence here by bridges, each unique of its kind. The Victoria Bridge, 9,184 feet, and the Canadian Pacific Bridge, 3,660 feet in length. Montreal, then, is a very remarkable centre of converging railways; but even this circumstance does not fully explain the whole business of the city, for the exports amounted in the year just closed to \$24,049,638; and the imports for the year ending September 30th, 1888 (the latest date attainable now) to \$41,481,330; while the aggregate banking capital, of those banks only which have been originated and have their head offices here, amounts (with the accrued rest) to \$32,000,000.

Nature, at Montreal, runs through a wider cycle of change than in any other city of similar size in the world. A few short months hence, and the fields, now resting invisible under the snow, will start into life, and under a summer temperature, the same as that of Central France, even semi-tropical crops such as maize, tomatoes and tobacco will ripen in the open air. Wharves, now invisible under the ice, will be encumbered with freight discharged all day long from great black-hulled ocean steamers, while at night, aided by the artificial daylight of electric lamps, long trains of cars will roll over these now hidden wharves, and distribute the freight over the country as far as the Pacific Ocean. It is difficult to realize this in winter. The large elevators seem useless on the margin of our icy river, over which the *habitants* are drawing their produce to market; but the figures of last summer's business, in our now silent harbour, will help our visitors to realize it. Last season, 655 ocean vessels, nearly all steamers

of the largest size, measuring 782,473 tons, arrived at our port. To meet these there came from the western lakes 5,500 inland vessels, with an aggregate of 863,014 tons. The leading items of export during the same period, were : Wheat, 2,033,325 bushels ; Corn, 2,721,282 bushels ; Peas, 895,314 bushels ; Flour, 585,602 barrels ; Cheese, 1,116,627 boxes ; Lumber, 120,979,881 feet ; Phosphates, 16,133 tons ; Apples, 264, 113 barrels ; Cattle, 61,003 ; Sheep, 46,223. These are some only of the items which make up our summer business.

But our winter visitor should know that Montreal is not only a port, but also a *free* port ; free from all tonnage and harbour dues ; and moreover that it is accessible to the largest ocean steamships. At Liverpool there is a depth of only 9 feet at low water on the bar of the Mersey ; vessels can be docked only when the tide is at its height. At New York, the depth over the bar at Sandy Hook during low water is 21 feet, at highest tide, 29 feet. At Boston the range is from 21 feet at low tide to 29½ feet at highest ; but from Montreal there is always a depth of 27½ feet of water from the wharves at lowest river level to the ocean. Thanks, then, to natural advantages of situation and to the energy of some of her citizens, living and dead, Montreal sits enthroned the Queen of the waters of the North.

The future of Montreal as a manufacturing centre is bright, because of the orderly and industrious habits of the working classes. The population in 1888 was 195,864, and it is difficult to foresee to what extent that number may grow when all the natural advantages of the city are utilized. The assessed value of the real estate in 1887 was \$102,641,720, and the municipal revenue was \$1,948,393. A glance at the map will show the magnitude of the basin of the River St. Lawrence with its tributaries, and a glance at the distant shore across the river will show the volume of its waters. All this water drops 45 feet in 8½ miles, just above the city. The Connecticut River at Holyoke affords 60,000 horse-power, and this is leased at \$4.62 per horse power per annum, so that each mill privilege of 65 horse-power costs \$300 per annum. Compare the basin of the Connecticut with the basin of the St. Lawrence, and calculate the number of horse-power running to waste at Montreal ; bear in mind the qualities of the working population, and the possibilities of the city will begin to appear. The day may arrive when the Queen of the waterways of the North will cease to obscure her clear skies with the unconsumed residues of coal imported from a distance, when a portion of the unused power of the river may be utilized, and the annual cost of a horse-power may sink to five dollars ; then the natural advantages of Montreal will stand clearly revealed, even during a Winter Carnival.

S. E. DAWSON.

## NOTES

The foregoing Programme is subject to revision and addition.

Specially reduced rates prevail on all the railroads leading to Montreal.

Lists of hotels, restaurants, boarding and lodging houses, may be had on application at Carnival Office, Mechanics' Building, 204 St. James Street, Montreal—personally or by letter.

Special membership tickets. (Gentlemen, \$3.00, Ladies, \$2.00,) good for all entertainments Carnival Week, in the Victoria Rink, will be issued to strangers by the Victoria Skating Club. Holders of these tickets are cordially invited to take part in Fancy Dress Festivals—subject to costume regulations of the Board.

The electric illumination will be supplied by the Royal Electric Company.

Messrs Wm. Notman & Son, with the co-operation of the various athletic clubs, will publish combination photographs of the principal events of the Carnival.

Among the objects of interest, open to all during the Carnival, are the superb club-house, kennels and stables of the Montreal Hunt; the new and spacious Athletic Club-House, Côte des Neiges; St. George's Club-House, Côte St. Antoine; and McGill College Library and Museum.

St. Peter's Cathedral, Dominion Square, in construction, will be open to visitors.

All the drives in Mount Royal Park, will be in excellent order during Carnival week, affording famous views of Montreal and its environs.

Hackmen wearing Carnival Badges are under the patronage of the Carnival Committee, and are respectfully recommended to the consideration of visitors.

The Park and Tuque Bleue Toboggan Slides will be at the disposal of strangers during Carnival Week, and members of these clubs will give a cordial welcome to visitors. Members of both clubs will be at their slides during the week to pilot guests.

The Park Slide is situated at a beautiful spot on top of Mount Royal, commanding a splendid view, and has a fine Club House adjoining. This slide is about 15 minutes' drive from city. The Park club has return chutes, bringing sliders back to opposite chute—a feature no other club in America can boast of.

The Tuque Bleue Slide is situated at West End of Sherbrooke Street; has a nice Club House, and is also about 15 minutes' drive from city.

At the Academy of Music, Rice & Dixey's "Pearl of Pekin" will run during the week.

Bishop's mammoth view of Montreal will be on exhibition at the Natural History Society's Rooms, daily, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and from 7 to 10 p.m.

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