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President
Hochgebirge Ski Club.

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Dear Charlie;

On behalf of my fellow members of the Red Birds Ski Club, I want to offer our sincere regrets at the tragic death of John Sherburne last month. All of us who knew him both liked and respected him, and I am sure that skiing at least will feel his loss. It is real sportsman like himself that we can least afford to lose these days, and I know that I for one will miss him this winter during our ski meets.

We are thinking about the skiing season already up here, as some three inches of snow was reported in the Laurentians last week. However it did not stay.

I expect that you will all be up again this New Years. If so we can continue our friendly rivalry. The only trouble is that New Years day being on a Tuesday this year, most of our members will probably have to work on Monday, and as competitions are not apt to be very efficient on New Years day itself that leaves us only Sunday, Dec. 30th.

If your party is coming up Saturday p.m., that is leaving Boston Friday night, what do you think of the idea of us all going up to St. Jovite on Saturday and having a downhill race on the new Quebec-Kandahar course on Sunday. If we get a winter like last year, there will be plenty of snow at that time of year, and even if the snow is scarce near the bottom, the race could finish higher up. We could stay at Grey Rocks Inn Saturday night, then return to St. Sauveur Sunday night or Monday morning.

I think you will like the new course. Whereas in former years it was really only a narrow trail, somewhat similar to the old Mossilauki carriage road; now it looks like a boulevard down the side of the mountain. Width varies from 25 to 80 feet. Total drop is 2090 feet in 1.71 miles. While the steepest drop is only a bit over thirty degrees, there are a number of these, separated by more level bits. The last drop of all consists of a hill very similar to the big hill at St. Sauveur and makes a marvellous finish-if your legs will hold.

I think we could make an excellent party out of it, especially Saturday night. Ladies would of course be necessary, and the whole event would be a regular get-together. We might manage a slalom race also, besides

the downhill.

Think it over and let me know. There is no hurry, so take your time in answering.

I am enclosing a letter to Miss Alice Sherburne as I do not know her address. Would you mind putting the correct address on and dropping it in the mail.

Sincerely

Harry Pargman