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"Ski Tow" Is Here to Make Downhill Skiing Easy

Minneapolis is getting ready strap on its skis.

The sport which made an unprecedented advance in number of participants last year, foresees even a greater advance this year. And one of the chief spurs to increased popular interest will be the "Ski Tow." There will be two ski tows in the neighborhood of Minneapolis this winter. One will be the Gokey Tow out south Lyndale near Orchard Gardens. The other will be the Moon Valley Tow near Shakopee. The ski tow is a spur and an aid to downhill skiing and is simply a cable operated by a donkey engine running continuously. Having glided down the hill, ski riders attach themselves to the cable and are hauled back to the top. Each of these new downhill ski clubs has selected tracts of land which afford a variety of tests, gentle slopes for the novices, more difficult slopes for advanced riders. At Moon Valley, on a tract of 40 acres, there are 20 possible courses from the top of the hill, each suitable to skiers at certain stages of proficiency. Each hill has a vertical drop of over 200 feet. At the Gokey tow there will be a possible run of 1,500 feet. At Moon Valley the more daring riders will have an opportunity to take a 125-foot drop in a run of 300 feet. Grading down from there are courses that any novice can ride. In other sections of the country where ski tows have been installed, the sport has been immediately stimulated, has doubled or trebled in number of participants. The same or greater increase is anticipated in Minneapolis. Here, sporting goods firms predict, a wave of enthusiasm is forming which will soon bring the number of downhill ski fans up close to the number of skaters. Both ski tows, it is promised, will be ready for service by the time enough snow has fallen to make skiing possible.

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