

## Northern Ski Club Using Old Mine Site

HAILEYBURY, Ont. (CP)—Folks around Haileybury are skiing on abandoned mine shafts.

The Northern Ski Club which dates from 1946 stands on three mine properties just south of this town, 70 miles north of North Bay. It has four 1,800-foot ski runs on what once was an active mine property and last summer club members built a junior jump over an abandoned mine mill on the slope of a 300-foot hill.

### FLAVORED WITH HISTORY

The growing ski centre is flavored with mining history. A mine car filled with rock is used to keep the long ski tow rope taut while skiers are hoisted to the top of the hill.

The electrically-powered tow itself, worth about \$10,000, was donated by P. M. Fleming, a local miner.

Club members also boast the youngest skier on record. He is Bobby Gough, 7, son of the club's founder, Saskatchewan-born Leo Gough.

Bobby started to ski when he was 22 months old.

The older Gough, president of the local chamber of commerce, came to this district as a mining man in 1946. A hockey enthusiast all his life, he decided it was time to quit playing hockey but didn't want to give up outdoor sports.

### YAS LOGICAL ANSWER

"Skiing was the logical answer," he says, "but where was I to ski?"

Looking over the countryside he settled on a spot on a winding road near the abandoned mine shafts, where a hill drops sharply to the edge of Cross Lake.

Today a large modern chalet has been built there for members and visitors.