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CARNIVAL BELOW ZERO

Depth of winter it may be in Quebec, but it's carnival time none the less, and with the right spirit, Canadians were not to be put off by the snow and ice, nor a temperature of upteen below freezing. They enjoyed themselves every bit as much as the folk in the South of France, whose carnivals are blessed with sunshine.

Thousands pour into Quebec for Carnival week, and one of the big attractions is the five-man ice-canoe race. The swift St. Lawrence was covered with ice-floes, and the course was the turbulent mile between Quebec and Levis; a boat race with more than a spice of danger. Near the Levis side of the river the floating ice almost packed itself solid. They had no choice but to get out and push. The know-how means everything, so not surprisingly the winners were the Montagny crew, first home for the fifth time running. It's one of the conditions that the crew must haul the boat ashore. They were tired, but the boat had quite a new lease of life.