

## THE OUTLOOK FOR THE SEASON

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**B**Y THE time this reaches the eye of the reader several things, now in their initial stages, will be accomplished facts. The new Club House, now on paper, will be on the hill; the out-of-town house at Shawbridge, now a tentative proposition, will be open to members; and the increased membership, now devoutly to be wished for, will be in evidence in the tangible form of funds to help pay for the new undertakings.

To my mind this will be the crucial year in the growth of this Club. I think every member—Senior, Lady and Junior—should realize that a great responsibility rests upon it, the responsibility of maintaining for the sport of skiing that high standard which has already been achieved and which has



"AT THE TOP OF THE HILL"

made the Montreal Ski Club, both in years and in efficiency, a leader among the clubs of America. In order to do this and to give young Montreal an opportunity to match its prowess against that of other clubs and other lands, we must maintain, at considerable cost, the fine jumping hill we have. We must, therefore, view this phase of our work in a spirit of unselfishness as well as of pride.

After a great deal of study and thought, the directors decided to erect a new Club House upon the property at Cote des Neiges, known as the jumping hill. Although for the purpose of some members this location may not be as suitable as Mount Royal, and no doubt the Club will at a later date secure such accommodation there, yet the new location has many obvious advantages. It is easy of access by car line from all parts of the city. Members may leave their skis at the Club House and step on or off the car at the door. On

skis, it is but a few minutes run from Mount Royal down the Shakespeare Road, while from Westmount it is but a short and pleasant run over the Crescent Heights and down the valley to the hill. And, by the way, the Westmount mountain now offers the best skiing and snow conditions this side of the Laurentians.

Again, is it not but reasonable that upon a property representing an investment of almost \$50,000, and which is the centre of the Club's activities, there should be a club house? The need of such accommodation has long been felt.

Finally, its utility upon the occasions of the competitions whereby members and the paying public may obtain warmth and refreshments when visiting the hill is very obvious. Its effect in popularizing attendance at these meets, and thereby putting the revenues of the Club on a more reliable basis, should be magical.



FRANK MCKINNON MAKING 125 FEET, 1924

The directors feel confident that this location will prove of such a lasting benefit to the Club that their decision will be justified. Let me bespeak on their behalf the unstinted support of every member of the Club. Let us look forward, then, to a period of progress and a policy of expansion. It is the intention of the executive to encourage and to popularize excursions to the lovely Laurentians, where the skier is in his glory. To that end we have secured a fine hostelry at Shawbridge, under excellent management. At the moment of writing, it would appear that the Canadian Amateur Championships, awarded to Ottawa upon certain conditions, will be held in Montreal this year. Surely these three activities will furnish sufficient incentive to every member to help make this a banner year.