

SEASON 1923-1924

THIS season was characterized by several features worthy of mention. On account of the very late appearance of sufficient snow, the earlier jumping features could not be held upon our own hill, but were carried out under difficulties upon what is known as Bremner's jump. Again, the extremely cold weather at practically every week-end feature made it very difficult for both competitors and officials, and also resulted in a very small attendance and revenue. Every feature was carried out, however, according to schedule. For the same reason the entries in the Mount Royal Race were very small, much to the regret of the committee. It is to be sincerely hoped that more of the younger runners will come out this season and prepare for this classic.

The first important event was the Club Tournament of February 9, at which Frank McKinnon came back by defeating Norman Berger, who suffered a fall. The big event was the Quebec Championship, since the Canadian Amateur was held by Cliffside at Ottawa. It proved one of the best ski-jumping exhibitions ever staged in this country. Although no records were broken, the jumping was consistent and the competition keen between men from all over America. In addition to our own worthy representatives and those from Ottawa, we had the former champion, Monsen, and the famous Nels Nelsen, and his brother, Ivind. The honors were carried off by young Ivind, representing Quebec, who kept good style and also made the longest distance, 128 feet. Berger and Monsen came very close for second place—so close as to raise some doubt as to the finding of the judges. Altogether it was a wonderful exhibition of ski-ing. Out of 120 jumps there were but five falls. This speaks volumes for both the men and the perfection of our hill. The Canadian Amateur event, at which our Norman Berger was easily first, is reviewed on another page.

In the Cross-Country Race at Shawbridge, two former members, Monsen and Putman, led the field, with Reid, of Berlin Mills, third. The Schoolboy Race and the Inter-School Relay Race were, as usual, most interesting and closely contested.

The season was marked by a steady and healthy growth of the Club, the membership being the largest to date. In spite of the very poor attendance at the meets and the lack of the Canadian Amateur event, the careful and economical management of the Club's finances resulted in a stronger position in that respect than heretofore.

The week-end trips to the Laurentians were very poorly attended, and this is one feature of our activities where there is much room for improvement.

On behalf of the executive, I wish to thank the management of the Windsor Hotel for the favors shown, the judges for their painstaking work, and all members who assisted in this somewhat arduous work.

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