

BY THE EDITOR

THE scope of THE ANNUAL is enlarged this year by cutting down the local Club news and publishing more general articles that should be of interest and service to the readers. Next season still greater improvement is hoped for, but this can only come through co-operation, and anyone having some interesting trip or ski experience to relate should write it up and send it in early. Technical articles are particularly welcome and desired.

There was only a fairly good response to my call for copy, sent out early in the summer, and I am particularly indebted to the Ottawa Ski Club for their prompt and generous support; in fact, only a part of their very excellent contributions can be published owing to lack of space this year; also to the Hawkesbury Ski Club.

We are very weak on good photographs suitable for production. There is so much lovely country and so many interesting happenings that can be photographed during the season that I particularly ask you all this winter to "Kodak as You Ski." The photos must be clear and sharp, and watch your composition.

The question of advertising is one of great importance, as without it THE ANNUAL cannot carry on another year. Local clubs should appoint committees to co-operate with the publishers and secure their proportion of advertising from local concerns. We cannot expect the publishers to continue to lose money each year, whereas, with local support and organization, THE ANNUAL should easily be made more than self-supporting.

The "British Ski Year Book," the official annual publication of the British Ski Clubs, edited by Mr. Arnold Lunn, should be read by every ski enthusiast. It is a most interesting magazine, full of good ski reading and wonderful illustrations. Mr. Lunn has very kindly given us permission to reprint from his Annual, and we have reciprocated, and he has sent us a most interesting article for this number. As a result of our correspondence, in future yearly letters will be exchanged, keeping us closely in touch with our ski cousins across the water, a most excellent idea. The "British Ski Year Book" can be obtained through your local bookstore, and I would recommend that a good number of copies be ordered, as they will have a ready sale. Price, five shillings the copy.

The Ski Club of Great Britain has honored the Canadian Amateur Ski Association and their President by electing me an Honorary Member of their distinguished organization. Watch out for the snappy badge.

Mr. Arnold Lunn sends for review copies of his latest ski books, "Ski-ing for Beginners" and "Cross-Country Ski-ing." The author is one of the great authorities of the sport, and writes most entertainingly both from a practical and a theoretical viewpoint, and while he writes of Alpine ski-ing, the books are full of helpful advice that we can well use in Canada. The chapters on turns are so plainly written and so well illustrated with diagrams and cuts that any novice by following out his instructions can master them. They

should be in the library of every ski-er, and are published by Methune & Co., 36 Essex Street, London, or can be obtained through your local bookstore.

Our former Montreal Ski Club mate, Howard Bird, now living in London and the head of a large corporation there, has found time in his business trips across Europe to indulge in his favorite sport, and his article in this issue will be enjoyed and read with envy by his many friends in Montreal and Ottawa, and we hope he will be a regular contributor.

The article by Mr. W. L. Paul, reprinted from "The British Ski Year Book," is of special interest, as he was one of the original members of the Montreal Ski Club, and a great cross-country enthusiast. He now spends a great part of his time ski-ing abroad.

I have had this summer some interesting correspondence with Mr. Carl Swenson, of Stockholm, the Secretary of The Federation International de Ski, the governing body of the ski sport in Europe, and by the time this ANNUAL goes to press I hope the Canadian Amateur Ski Association will be formally associated with them. They hope that Canada sends a representative team to Europe this winter to compete in the International Tournament to be held in Norway in February. Plans are already being discussed in a preliminary way to see if this cannot be arranged for, and I am quite hopeful it will be made possible.

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