

In the person of its French Secretary, Leon Duchastel de Montrouge, the Club was ably represented at one of the monthly meetings of the Alpine Club of France, the first time in the history of that well-known body that a Club from this side of the ocean has attended one of the sittings. Such an interchange of ideas cannot do otherwise than react to the advantage of Club management and general ski-ing policy, and this will benefit French Canada and the Dominion as a whole.

To return nearer home, there are the results of the usual competitions to record. In the Canadian Cross-Country Championship at Shawbridge, Joseph Beaubien, Jr., finished fifth, being the first French-Canadian to cross the line. As usual, the Junior and Juvenile Cross-Country events over Mount Royal attracted many participants.

The Senior Cross-Country Race, as in former years, was staged on President Champlain Provencher's estate near Ivry, in the Laurentians.

Results of the various events held in 1925 were:

Club Cross-Country Championships, held March 4: Junior, 1st, Norman Farrell; 2nd, Norman Gagne; 3rd, P. Lefebvre.

Juvenile Class: 1st, Richard Crooks; 2nd, Leonard Burpel; 3rd, Leonard Sayer.

Club Senior Cross-Country Championships, held March 8: 1st, Joseph Beaubien, Jr.; 2nd, Leon Duchastel de Montrouge; 3rd, W. Mattson; 4th, Leslie Atkins.

Aggregate total for season, taken from Club Championship events only: Joseph Beaubien, Jr., 1st, holder Ald. E. W. Sayer, M.L.A. Trophy; W. A. Mattson, 2nd, winner, holder Champlain Provencher Trophy; Norman Farrell, 3rd, holder Henry Heckman Trophy.

The officers for 1924-25 were: *President*, Champlain Provencher; *Vice-President*, Joseph Beaubien, Jr.; *English Corresponding Secretary*, Laurence Sessenwein; *French Corresponding Secretary*, Leon Duchastel de Montrouge; *Treasurer*, Paul Duhamel; *Directors*, Champlain Provencher, Joseph Beaubien, Jr., Raoul Gareau, Lucien McAvoy, Henry Heckman, W. A. Mattson, Lester Sayer, R. Rousseau.

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IN LOOKING over last year's SKI ANNUAL, one heading especially attracted the attention of the writer, "Who We Are and Why." Again we have a new Club joining the Association, and I think it an admirable idea to have each new Club in turn follow this example, stating as clearly as possible who they are, where they are, and under what organization they exist, so that Clubs already in the organization may get to know them more readily.

As a club with an active membership of 78, and with every possibility of increasing this to a large extent this ensuing year, we feel that in joining the Canadian Amateur Association now we are enabled to enlarge our Club along good sound lines, embodying in our Constitution all that may constitute an up-to-date organization.

Situated as we are, midway between Montreal and Ottawa, we have received applications for membership from the surrounding country in a radius of fifteen miles. These are all voluntary enlistments of persons, both girls and boys, who are keenly alive to the glorious opportunities of this sport, and who are not situated sufficiently close to either city to join the larger clubs. Members of this calibre are our one great asset. Following their lead,

practically all the young people of the community have taken up ski-ing, and it is our chief aim to promote and foster the good fellowship and sportsmanship which this sport offers our young people.

Well may this be called "Canada's National Sport." It has no equal. It is purely a sport for the individual, Through it he or she personally gets the actual enjoyment of an outdoor life. It is my firm belief that we, as Canadians, must do everything we can to further the art of ski-ing.

It was my pleasure to be present at the Annual Meeting of the Association, held last February in Montreal, and I wish to extend the Club's thanks for



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the courteous reception given its representative and the consideration given our application for membership.

From the point of view of a partial outsider, not only was this meeting a success, but it was a pleasure to see that we have at present in Canada, and at the head of the Ski Association, men who are not afraid to take a stand against the highly organized advertising element which exists to-day and to guard jealously the amateur element which the Association fosters.

C. S. MACRAE,
President.