

cases during rainy weather. I did not hear of a slalom that was ever cancelled for any reason. It makes no difference how bad the conditions are, a slalom can always be held. If there is insufficient snow to hold a soft snow slalom, you may replace this and hold two hard snow slaloms, and it is indeed rare that this can not be arranged.

At the British Championship at Gstaad this year, owing to unfavorable conditions existing, it was necessary to hold two hard snow slaloms, while the downhill race was transferred to the Lauberhorn, where snow conditions were considerably better.

The International University Ski-ing Meet was held at St. Moritz on January 18-19. I was very happy to accompany Mr. Walter Amstutz from Murren, one of the Swiss representatives. He made an excellent showing there, winning the downhill race, the hard snow slalom, and was fourth in the soft snow slalom, while on the combined results he was second, which is a very credible showing.

Mackintosh, the crack British runner, came second to Amstutz in the downhill race and seventh and sixth in the hard and soft snow slaloms respectively, and in the combined result, sixth. R. B. McConnell, a former resident of Ottawa, running under the colors of McGill University, came tenth in the race and seventh and eighth in the slaloms and eighth on the combined results.

There were eight different countries represented and twenty-three entries in each event.

The return to Murren after the Championship at St. Moritz was planned so that I could spend the last of my trip there, the place I enjoyed most of all in Switzerland. It is very hard to summarize the pleasant memories which will remain with me to the last days of my life, that glorious trip to the top of the world. The friendships made there convinced me that wherever skiers get together there exists a bond of friendship which is universal, and I hope I may have the pleasure of welcoming some of those British skiers to Canada in the near future. The badge of the Ski Club of Great Britain and the "K" of the Kandahar Ski Club will be worn by me always with pride and in memory of the many happy days I spent with our British ski cousins.

As the train pulled out from Murren my heart was full as I realized that the curtain was closing down on this memorable trip and though my mountain romance was finished, the memories of it will linger ever in the years to come.

HOW FAST DO WE SKI?

In the last issue of the "British Ski Year Book" there is an interesting account of the speed of an expert ski-runner. Various guesses have been made from time to time as to the speeds attained in ski-ing. Last winter an attempt was made to estimate the speed at which a ski-runner travels down a steep slope. A starting mark was placed near the top of what is known as Lone Tree Slope at Murren, and a measured distance of about seventy-five metres down the steep slope marked out by flags. The observers, with carefully synchronized stop watches stationed at the pairs of flags, did the timing. Walter Amstutz, a famous runner, was chosen for the experiment and made a flying start, but probably did not attain his maximum speed until twenty metres below the first flag, and probably began to decrease some distance before he passed the finishing flags. Two descents were made and the result arrived at agreed very closely. The snow was about average fast, but not particularly keen. The average speed worked out just a shade under forty miles per hour, from which it seems a fair deduction that ski-runners might conceivably touch fifty miles an hour under exceptional circumstances.