

## BY THE EDITOR

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**I**N RETROSPECT 1926-27 was a most satisfactory ski year. The snow came in November and remained until well on into April, one lovely weekend after another, few thaws and little really severe weather. All the ski-ing centres were thronged throughout the season, and all clubs enjoyed a successful year. Several new ski clubs were organized and we wish them a long and prosperous career. Three new Canadian Champions were crowned after well earned victories and our men abroad brought us credit through the excellence of their performance.

For the first time in history Canada will be represented at the Olympic Winter Games in the Ski-ing events. In hockey and skating our teams have done well and we look to our ski team with every confidence. They are meeting however the strongest competition in the world and will perhaps be at a disadvantage on account of foreign conditions. It will be interesting to see how they make out against the pick of the Ski World. Our thanks are due to the Canadian Olympic Games Committee for their cooperation in making the trip possible, and for the financial support they have given.

The official Ski Tests of the Association are fully detailed in this Annual. In the general plan we have been guided by The Ski Club of Great Britain, but have had to modify our tests to conform with our local conditions. They will probably be amended from time to time as we see the need, but will serve well as a start. It is hoped that all clubs will at once form Test Committees and arrange courses of instruction. The Tests should result in an improvement in style and efficiency and offer an added incentive for club members to work for and a new interest in their club life.

Canada is a country of great distances and it is impossible for we in the East to keep our fingers on the pulse of the Western ski world and this has been a problem ever since the Association was formed. This year however, we can report real progress through the capable offices of Mr. Rudolph J. Verne, our new Western Vice-President. Mr. Verne lives in Vancouver, is himself an enthusiastic old country ski expert, and the founder and President of the Hollyburn Pacific Ski Club, whom we are welcoming this year as our latest member club. We expect to see this year a Western branch of our Association formed by Mr. Verne and we wish him every success.

My personal thanks are extended to all our contributors, particularly to Count Hamilton, Honorary Secretary of the International Ski Federation, and to our old friend and former club mate, Wendel Paul for their fine articles. A number of the clubs have again failed to send in reports of their years activities, although repeatedly reminded. This is not playing the game, and does not show a very commendable spirit in their executive. We are again indebted to Walter Lovell for undertaking the publication of this Annual, and to our advertisers for their renewed support.

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