

Canada will be represented as formerly in the hockey and skating events, and for the first time in the ski-ing events, as this year the Canadian Amateur Ski Association, thanks to the co-operation of the Canadian Olympic Committee, are sending over a team of four skiers to compete. Early in the summer the Association took the matter up with the Olympic Committee through Dr. A. S. Lamb, and largely due to his personal interest received in the fall a favourable response. Notices were at once sent out to all the leading ski clubs in Canada, whether members of the Association or not, asking for nominations to the Olympic Team, it being specified that all candidates must be strictly amateurs, and residents of Canada. From the names submitted the following representative team has been chosen by the Canadian Amateur Ski Association.

Leonard Lehan, captain, Montreal, Montreal Ski Club. Lehan was born, raised and trained in Montreal and is one of the best jumpers ever developed in Canada. He did well in Norway two winters ago, competing in several of the leading tournaments there, and this experience will be of great value to him on his forthcoming trip. He has won many jumping competitions in Canada and the United States the past few years and now holds the Canadian Amateur Ski Jumping Championship won last February in Montreal.

W. B. Thompson, Montreal, McGill University Ski Club. Thompson is a fine all round young ski man, and the best cross country runner in Eastern Canada to-day. In 1927 he won the Intercollegiate Cross Country Championship, and was second in the Canadian Amateur Championships at Shawbridge last February. This year he has again won the Intercollegiate Championship at Lake Placid.

Meritt Putnam, Toronto, Toronto Ski Club. Putnam has been competing in both jumping and running events for the past ten years and has always been a dependable performer.

G. Dupuis, Ottawa, Cliffside Ski Club. Dupuis is a French Canadian, and has held for two years the Ottawa City and District Jumping Championship, and is considered to be the best jumper in the Ottawa district.

St. Moritz is a world famous winter sports centre, and for many years the favourite playground of ski enthusiasts. The Cresta Bob Sled run is located there, the most noted in the world. For the Olympic games there has been built a new jumping hill on which it is expected over 250 feet records will be made. There are many fine hotels open throughout the winter season and every form of amusement and gaiety is provided.

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## LONDON LETTER

**L**AST winter, so far as snow and weather conditions were concerned, was one of the best that I have ever known, and certainly the best since the war.

The British Ski Championship Meeting was clouded by the tragic death of Mr. J. Frazer, a fine ski-runner and a great athlete. He was awarded on the same day a first class in history and a blue for cricket. He was killed at Davos as the result of a severe fall on to a hidden rock while taking a steep slope straight.

The Championship was won by Captain B. J. Marden, who will be in the United States this winter. Miss W. McConnell, a young Canadian, sister of R. B. McConnell, three times runner-up for the British Ski Championship, won the Ladies' Championship.

The Anglo-Swiss Race was spoiled by illness and accident. The British team had no less than four captains on four successive days. Mackintosh, Ford and Ian Bowater were all stricken down by influenza. The Swiss team also suffered losses. The match resulted in a fairly easy victory for the Swiss, who thus avenged themselves for their defeat in the previous year. This match is no longer a match between Great Britain and Switzerland, but between the British Universities Ski Club and the Swiss Universities Ski Club.

The beginning of the season was marred by the terrible accident in the Arlberg (Austria) in which seven victims, including three British runners, lost their lives. The Ski Club of Great Britain sent a commission to investigate the accident on the spot, and the report is published in the current issue of the Year Book.

At the next International Ski Congress, which will be held at St. Moritz after the Winter Olympic Games, the British representative will propose that downhill races and Slalom races be officially recognised and included in the programme of all forthcoming winter Olympic Games. The Norwegians, Swedes and Finns have had a meeting in Stockholm and have decided not to oppose this motion, a generous gesture on their part, as they stand to gain far less than the Swiss, Germans or British by the official recognition of downhill races and Slalom races.

An interesting innovation in ski racing was tried out last winter at Wengen. A race was held under the condition that a single fall disqualified. This race was won by Barry Caulfield, who defeated both Walter Amstutz and C. E. W. Mackintosh. Barry is, of course, the son of the famous ski-runner, Vivian Caulfield, and he is perhaps the most graceful and accomplished ski-runner that I have ever seen. He is not in the same class as Mackintosh as far as ordinary racing is concerned. The no-fall race is an admirable education in safe running. Every ski-runner should aim at increasing not only his normal speed, but also his absolute safety no-fall speed. No-fall races are particularly useful for second class runners and for young people.

We tried out at Murren another interesting type of race, the so-called controlled cross-country race. This race includes a stiff climb within a controlled time limit. Those who exceed this time limit are handicapped by losing time, those who finish within the time limit enjoy a longer rest. If the time limit is sufficiently short a good hill climber has every opportunity of profiting by his technique, but the climbing element does not dominate the race to the detriment of downhill running technique. The man who completes his time in 30 minutes does not score against the man who completes it in thirty-five, provided the thirty-five minutes does not exceed the official time limit for this controlled ascent.

The current issue of the British Ski Year Book contains a review of various racing innovations that have been tried out since the war.

We are all delighted to hear of the introduction of Slalom racing into Canada. We have found it a magnificent education in technique, and the present high standard of British ski-ing is not a little due to the cult of the Slalom. We thank our Canadian friends for the compliment they have paid to British ski-ing by trying out our Slaloms.

Among forthcoming books I might mention "Modern Ski-ing and its Mastery," by A. H. d'Egville, one of our leading ski-runners. The present writer's "History of Ski-ing" will also be published this autumn by the Oxford University Press.

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## THE SKI CLUB OF GREAT BRITAIN

**T**HE Ski Club of Great Britain has appointed H. P. Douglas, 507 McGill Building, Montreal, their representative for Canada. All ski enthusiasts are invited to become members of this Club that has done so much to advance the interests of ski-ing. Their annual publication, The British Ski Year Book, should be read by every follower of the sport, and is issued only to Club members. Edited by Arnold Lunn, the great ski expert and authority, it is by far the leading ski publication, and contains most interesting articles on all phases of ski-ing and splendid photographs. A membership in this Club is of particular value to all those contemplating a ski trip on the continent. The cost of a yearly membership, including The Year Book and club badge, is \$2.50. Send in your subscriptions and receive a copy of the last edition just published.