

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

ANOTHER successful season in Canada was enjoyed by the Canadian Amateur Ski Association in general and our member Clubs in particular. All will heartily welcome our new President, Mr. C. Allan Snowdon, to his important office and pledge him our hearty support; he is a fine fellow, an able executive and organizer, and an enthusiastic, active ski man of many years' experience. We also welcome two new Vice-Presidents, Mr. Clifford White and Mr. Gordon Dunn.

The membership roll of the Association shows a net increase of five, bringing the total number of member clubs up to seventeen, representing an individual body of some 6,500 active skiers, and year by year this great ski army may be expected to steadily increase and multiply.

Two Dominion Tournaments were held—the Canadian Open in Ottawa on February 22 and 23, and the Western Open at Revelstoke on February 4 and 6. Mr. Jostin Nordmoe of the Camrose Ski Club is to be congratulated for winning twice in succession the highest ski honors in the Dominion, the Canadian All Round Championship and the Sir Henry Thornton Challenge Cup. We also congratulate Mr. Rolf Sivertsen of the Montreal Ski Club for winning for the second time the Canadian Amateur Open Jumping Championship.

We in the East are glad to see the Canadian Open move to the West, as it should encourage greatly the sport in that section. No greater natural ski hill exists than the famous one at Revelstoke, B.C., on which some outstanding records have been made, and the long experience of the Revelstoke Ski Club in successfully conducting tournaments for many years, presages well for their first Canadian Championship event. On account of local snow and weather conditions, the date, perforce, has been advanced to February 3 and 4, 1931.

This coming winter is a most important one as in February, 1932, the Olympic Winter Games will be held at Lake Placid, the full program of which is published in this issue. All clubs should bring their good jumpers and runners to the highest point of training and efficiency, as their showing in the 1931 Tournaments will be considered in choosing the Ski Team to represent the Dominion at the Olympic Games.

The Annual Meeting of the C.A.S.A. will be held in Montreal on February 28 in conjunction with the holding of the Eastern Canadian Amateur Ski Tournament by the Montreal Ski Club.

For the first time we publish a list of those qualifying for the C.A.S.A. Test Badges. The Toronto Ski Club is to be particularly commended for the successful way they have conducted the tests and the large number qualifying. The Ottawa Ski Club, as will be noted in their Annual Report, also qualified a good number, but as they were not officially reported to the Secretary of the Association, no official badges were issued. We would like to see other clubs take up this most important and necessary work, as nothing will do more to create a keen club interest and the ambition to improve one's self in the style of ski-ing than the C.A.S.A. tests.

There is a tendency, particularly in the West, to belittle style. As a matter of fact, style, proper form, or whatever else you may call it, is the real basis of all success in sports—running, skating, golf, tennis, etc. So it is in ski-ing, the good stylist on the jumping hill gets long distances and top marks. In cross-country racing, style is also an important factor coupled with endurance. Slalom racing, now so popular in Eastern Canada, should be taken up at once by the Western clubs, as no other form of competition develops and proves out so thoroughly a man's all round ski ability and technique.

To the Judges who at the different Tournaments so ably carried out their difficult and often thankless duties, we extend our thanks. Looking back over many years, we are proud that very rarely indeed has the decision of any official judge ever been questioned, and in these extremely few cases upon investigation his decision has always been backed up by the executive.

The work of the Technical Board has been this past season, as usual, most efficient and satisfactory, and a vote of thanks is tendered to them by the Association.

Mr. Alexander Keiller has done a great service by his translation into English of the International Ski-ing Rules—extracts from which are given in this Annual.

We recommend to everyone the British Ski Year Book, edited by Arnold Lunn. This is the leading publication of the ski world and this year's edition is of even greater interest than ever. Articles on all branches of ski-ing, beautifully illustrated. It should be read by all Canadian skiers.

We have also received the Australian Ski Year Book for 1930, a well edited and interesting publication. In that far away Southern country they have a surprisingly large number of ski enthusiasts and Dr. Schlink's article in this issue well describes the conditions there.

To our advertisers and publisher we again express our appreciation.

H. P. DOUGLAS.

SONG OF THE TRAIL

Up with the dawn and away to the hill,
Toss back Earth's white blanket all gleaming and still,
Fresh snow falling softly each ripple to fill—
 Drifting—drifting—drifting.

Fast to my ski bind the wings of the morning,
The Frost King's bright jewels all the trees are adorning,
Swift west wind to guide me, danger all scorning—
 Trailing—trailing—trailing.

Oh, wide flings the trail that my spirit would follow!
Proudly poised on the mountain, then fleet as the swallow
Dart swift to the track swooping low to the hollow—
 Gliding—gliding—gliding.

Who shall mark my free course as I race with the daylight?
Blithe and gallant the hours until cloak of the grey night
Veils weary returning, while stars make the way bright.
 Homing—homing—homing.

EDITH O'CONNOR.