

To the Rev. Hinchcliffe of the Church of England, and to the Rev. Ashford of the Union Church, many thanks are due, both rectory and parsonage being opened to those unable to procure accommodation.

We, of the West find that the Ski Annual has been of great help, and in one of the articles of that splendid sportsman, the late Mr. J. B. Marden, he remarked regarding the rough going in his Eastern ski experiences.

In the southern part of our Lakes District principally Ootsa, White Sail and Eulsuk Lakes, where the hills attain a modest 6,000 feet, are many long slopes, carrying for miles, utterly devoid of timber or brush, where any choice of grade may be made and where the snow lingers to sufficient depth until late June, and for the more intrepid skier are ranges where the snow is perpetual.

The caribou feeding range is the playground of some of our most enthusiastic club members, such as Schjelderup, Pete Sandnes, Nysven, Trousdell and Brunell of Burns Lake and Norman Schreiber or Bill McNeil of Ootsa Lake, British Columbia.

Anyone wishing a trip where they may slalom to their heart's content may arrange dates by corresponding with the Omineca Ski Club, the itinerary being as follows:—Canadian National Railway to Burns Lake, British Columbia; motor to Ootsa Lake, 42 miles; motor boat to any adjacent range, 10 to 200 miles; trails innumerable to the land of June snow (3 to 5 miles.)

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## CAMROSE SKI CLUB

THE ski-ing season 1929-30 was a very successful one for the Camrose Ski Club. Our ski hill has no scaffold so the boys have had no training in jumping for the past three years, but in spite of that they have been doing very well. The snow conditions throughout the whole season were also very poor.

The Club have not held a tournament for the last three years on account of insufficient funds for the erection of a new tower, but we fully understand that the Club cannot exist without a ski hill, and are hoping for a good year soon to enable us to get an up-to-date tower.

In spite of this drawback our boys did remarkably well last season at the different tournaments. The Western Canadian champion long distance ski runner, P. Gotaas, came second in Burns Lake, B.C. 50-kilometre race; he also got the cup for the third time in the Jasper Park 30-mile race. J. Nordmoe, the Canadian all-round champion, gave a good account of himself by finishing third in the Western Canadian Championship at Revelstoke, close behind first and second; in Banff he captured first in jumping and combined, and also the prize for best style. At Ottawa he again won the Canadian all-round championship for the second successive time for his Club and the West. He was also awarded the first-class gold test badge of the Association due to his performances at the last two Dominion Championship meets.

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## APRIL AT MOUNT ASSINIBOINE

By G. CAMERON STOCKAND

THE last mile of the steep climb up the pass had been sweaty, strenuous ski-ing in a fall of fresh spring snow, but at that, it was far more pleasant than the raging blizzard that stung our faces and momentarily caught our breaths as we rounded the final high shoulder and attained the summit. We stood resting on our sticks, panting for breath, and looked out on a veritable sea of dead white—the white of deep, wind-smoothed drifts, and the opaque whiteness of swirling, snow-filled air which effectually hid from view all landmarks save a few scattered timberline larches close at hand. Our location was a total mystery to me until Cliff spoke:—