

Laurentian Cross-Country Ski Club



A GAIN the Laurentian mountain region about St. Marguerites Station demonstrated its superiority as a rendezvous for discriminating skiers with an entire season of excellent snow and no rain. The long, fine season was fully appreciated by the many members who came back to the Chalet for the winter sports.

Our membership is drawn about equally from the Dominion and the States and consists very largely of week-enders from Montreal and those who come from greater distances for a longer winter

holiday. While we cannot boast of champions in any field of ski-ing, we do claim to derive as much genuine pleasure from the sport as any group of skiers in the Northern country. We have well over 60 miles of trails, one or more fresh ones for each day of the week, traversing forests, through picturesque valleys, over gentle and steep slopes, several of them leading to mountain tops from which excellent views are obtained. Others terminate at lean-tos or farm-houses, where hot meals can be secured.

New trails, blazed during the ski-ing season, have been cut this autumn to a uniform width of eight feet. These include *Stone* trail, cut from the Richard to Lake Cochand; a return route from Grand View Mt. called *Ganette* trail, which was only partially cut last year, a widening and improvement of the *Cork Screw* trail, with its devious windings; a cut-off on the *Bleke* trail, and, best of all, the continuation of the *Ommanne*y trail, over the shoulder of West Margaret Mt. down to Lake Craven.

Permission was secured from the property-owners for a new route for the *Diefendorf* trail, and this has been cut this autumn. A new, spacious log-cabin, with stove and other equipment, has been built in the hemlock grove on the shores of Lake Elizabeth, to be used for mid-day picnics. The *Speedway*, a broad, precipitous run, cut from the summit of Twin Mountain opposite the Chalet, has been still further broadened to accommodate racing.

Our membership continues to show a steady growth, including more and more persons who have discovered that middle-aged people can have just as much fun on skis, with comparative safety, as the

The officers of the Club are: Dr. A. R. Diefendorf, President; Clarence A. Munson, Secretary; William T. Gilbert, Financial-Secretary; Emile Cochand, Secretary-Treasurer.