

## BY THE EDITOR

THE 1932 SEASON lacked two important essentials, snow and money; and as a result many of our ski clubs experienced rather a difficult year. Present indications point to a more normal winter as far as the former is concerned, and we hope that better financial conditions will improve the latter.

We all will welcome Gordon Dunn as our new President. His experience as Vice-President for the past two years will be of service; and as he is an active and popular ski man with executive ability, I am sure he will receive the support and co-operation he deserves, and do well.

At the last Annual Meeting of the Association, Mr. Chr. Tollefsen submitted a revision of the present constitution of the Association, which represented much careful thought on his part and contained some excellent ideas.

After general discussion, a Committee was appointed by the President to study this whole question and to submit a report. This Committee had several meetings and Mr. Tollefsen's and other revisions were discussed, but definite action is made impossible by the present Western situation.

For some time, the Western clubs of the Association have to all intents been operating as a separate Western branch, with their own President, Mr. R. J. Verne, and their own executive officers. From my own experience, it seems to me, considering the geographical difficulties and the entirely different ski-ing conditions, that this is the most satisfactory and practical way for the C.A.S.A. to function in the future.

The Association all over Canada would operate under the name Canadian Amateur Ski Association, and under the F.I.S. International Rules. East of Winnipeg would be known as the Eastern Branch and Winnipeg and the West as the Western Branch. Each Branch would have its own President, Executive Officers and By-laws, the Western clubs paying smaller dues to the Association.

In order to establish liason between the East and the West, it would be advisable to have a special joint committee appointed each year at the annual meetings of each association.

To bring this about in the proper way, I recommend that a revised constitution for the Canadian Amateur Ski Association be drafted along these lines and to meet these conditions.

The question of selecting, training and providing properly qualified judges for ski tournaments is a matter of greatest importance. I have had some interesting correspondence with Mr. Gustave Lindboe, President of the National Ski Association, and with Mr. Fred Harris, formerly President of the Eastern United States Ski Association, and in the United States they are giving this subject the attention it deserves, in a most systematic way, and have developed a practical plan. I would like to see this taken up also by our Association and a similar plan put in operation here without delay.

The Olympic Winter Games in February at Lake Placid were the major event of our 1932 Ski Season. Mr. Sigurd Lockeberg, long a valued hard-working member of The Technical Board and one of the Association's judges always to be depended upon, volunteered at considerable personal sacrifice and at the eleventh hour to take charge of the Canadian Ski Team and he performed his difficult task to everyone's satisfaction. The Association and all interested in ski-ing owe him a debt of gratitude, and in this are included Messrs. Snowden, Johannsen, Grimes, and others who gave largely of their personal time and assistance. Our team, considering their entirely too late selection, lack of training, and generally adverse conditions, did, against the world's best, as well as could be expected. They certainly all "played the game" and brought us credit. It will be many years before the Olympics come again to this Continent, but when they do let us hope and pray that the Canadian Olympic Committee give far more consideration to ski-ing, and that starting well in advance get a proper organization working, backed up with the necessary funds. The great wonder is that any Canadian ski team turned up at all at Lake Placid; it certainly was but little due to the assistance of the 1932 Canadian Olympic Committee.

Instead of going as usual to Switzerland, the Oxford-Cambridge Ski Teams spent their Christmas holidays in Quebec. Lack of snow and mild weather interfered seriously with their sport, but they did get some; defeated our best ski men, met our prettiest girls, and we trust carried away as pleasant recollections of their visit as they left behind. We hope they will come again and that we may reciprocate by sending over to Europe a representative Canadian University Ski Team.

The interest in Slalom and Downhill racing grows apace around Montreal and is now quite the most popular branch of the sport, and the serious question is how to handle the large number of entries. Up to the present time we have been using the Slalom rules of the Ski Club of Great Britain, but on account of our different conditions, it is apparent that they should be modified. Accordingly, I suggest that a Committee be appointed by the Association to do this. The graceful gesture of the Kandahar Ski Club in presenting a valuable annual trophy for Slalom and Downhill competition resulted in the most successful race of the year down Mont Tremblant. The entry of the Toronto Ski Club was particularly appreciated. We hope that this event will be the big race of the winter for many years to come, and I suggest that we in turn reciprocate by presenting to them a Canadian cup for annual competition.

Bob Lymburne's achievement in jumping 269 feet at Revelstoke was a magnificent performance and is recognized as such all over the world as I have noted it commented upon in many European ski journals. The only question is—Where are these long jumpers going to stop? There must be a human safety limit somewhere.

A while ago I talked with a world-famous ski man who has skied in every European country. He had just returned from a month in the Banff country and was terribly enthusiastic, stating that unquestionably the sport in the Rockies is equal to the best in Europe, and the facilities offered by Messrs. J. C. Stockand and Clifford White at Banff, most complete and reasonable.

Anyone wishing to enjoy ski-ing in that wonderful country should communicate with Mr. Stockand and he will acquaint them with all particulars.

Mr. Frederick B. Taylor, architect, etcher and ski ace, who contributed that excellent article "A Fortnight with the Downhill Experts" in last year's Annual, sent me some lovely etchings and dry prints, all ski subjects, most delightfully done, for reproduction in this Annual. Unfortunately, we had to leave them out as we were unable to do them justice; but I cannot imagine a more welcome and appropriate holiday gift to send a ski friend than one of Fred Taylor's etchings. His address is 451 Wellington Street, Ottawa.

The 1932 Year Book of the Ski Club of Great Britain, edited by Arnold Lunn, is, as usual, a publication of great excellence and value, beautifully illustrated, and should be read by everyone. Articles on Canadian ski-ing give it more than usual local interest this year. The Ski Club of Great Britain wish to increase their Canadian membership and as a special inducement have waived their entrance fee, and Canadians can now join that organization on payment of the annual fee of ten shillings. This includes a copy of their Year Book and subscription to their quarterly "Ski Notes and Queries" edited by Gerald Seligman. Anyone contemplating a winter ski trip abroad will find the services of the Ski Club of Great Britain invaluable. Those interested please address the Secretary of the C.A.S.A.

Down in Australia and New Zealand where, strange to say, they enjoy the best of sport, they have amalgamated all the ski clubs into one strong organization and under the editorship of Percy Hunter have published the 1932 Australian Ski Year Book, a large fine magazine, one of the best I have read. Copies may be had by writing to Mr. Percy Hunter, 29 Alberta Street, Sydney, Australia, price 3s. 6d.

"Sketchy Ski-ing" one of the Sports Chats of The Associated Screen News of Montreal will be released in December and shown in Canadian Theatres. It is of great practical value: the snow "shots" were taken at the Signiory Club, Lucerne-in-Quebec, and the animated cartoons that ingeniously blend into and form part of the moving picture were made by Captain A. H. d'Egville.

The proper positions for straight running, stems, telemarks, christianas and jump turns, are all visually shown and accompanying is a witty but practical dialogue between the artist who is sketching on his easel, the cartoon mannikins who come to life on his paper, and the young skier who comes to him for information on the subject.

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