

successful with fifteen skiers representing many of the schools on the Island. The winners of first, second and third places are: 1 Albert Shipman, Bancroft School, 2 S. Tenenbaum, 3 S. Dale.

The three-mile race over Mount Royal open to Junior club members was capably captured by Lester Sayer, and while the entry list was small the contest was a close one. The winners in this race were:—1 Stanley Dale, 2 Harold Bartlett, 3 Leonard Sayer, 4 Ian McCuaig, 5 J. Lyons.

Our genial founder and president, Champlain Provencher, who is himself a keen skier, is much pleased with the progress the French-Canadians are making and hopes before long to see a future Canadian

Olympic prospect among them.

Officers of the Club de Ski Mont Royal d'Amerique for 1932-33 are:—Hon. Patron—Hon. L. A. Taschereau, Premier of Quebec Province; Hon. Presidents—Sir H. Laporte, Albert Laberge, Norman Moffat, Dr. Edmond Lavigne, Thomas Wall; President—Champlain Provencher; Vice-Presidents—R. Rousseau and L. Sessenwein; English Secretary—L. Sessenwein; Corresponding Secretaries—Jean St. Pierre and Claude Berard; Hon. Treasurer—Champlain Provencher; Directors—Champlain Provencher, Joseph Beaubien, Jr., Henry Heckman, Herbert Brabander, Lester Sayer.

Prospects for the coming season look to be very bright.

TORONTO SKI CLUB

THE past season was, in many respects, a very poor one, at least as far as snow conditions were concerned, but, in spite of the many disappointing features we feel that we have suffered comparatively little as compared with some of the other clubs in Canada and other parts of the world. The reason for this was perhaps almost entirely due to the efforts of the weekly publication, "The Ski Runner," which told the members of conditions other ski clubs were experiencing in other parts of the country, and it was a decidedly bright spot in an otherwise dull season which was the means of keeping the members ski-conscious and loyal to the club.

We closed the season with a total of 1,326 paid-up members, which was a decrease of only 176 members from the previous year, which we think is very creditable in view of conditions.

For a long time we have felt that much undue criticism has been directed at our club, to the effect that we discourage jumping amongst our members. On the contrary we are not against jumping but are doing our best to encourage it. In the first place less than two per cent of our members are interested in jumping. We, therefore, feel that the greater part of time and effort should be spent for the benefit of the other ninety-eight per cent who after all are the backbone of the club.

Ski tests have in the past proven very successful in developing the general technique of ski running and we feel that the same result could be brought about by instituting ski jumping tests to further the interest in this branch of the sport.

The Jumping Committee have, therefore, drafted a set of three jumping tests which will be tried out this coming season. The requirements for the three classes will be

very similar in principle to the ski running test in that the candidate will be started at a very young age and brought along through the three tests very gradually, which will give him sufficient time to acquire a very sound jumping style. It is also the plan of the committee to have three separate hills constructed alongside each other, so that the Juniors will get an inspiration from watching the Seniors and they will also get help and instructions from them that will be invaluable.

The Jumping Committee of our club is endeavouring to popularize jumping among the members this year and they think that a very good way to break down the resistance to this branch of the sport is to place it before all of the members, especially the Juniors, who would acquire a knowledge of it at a very young age and thus be attracted to ski jumping as one of the regular branches of the sport.

We are planning to make a film which will deal with all departments of jumping. It will take each phase separately, show normal and slow motion pictures, and point out the faults that should be guarded against for which the judges deduct marks for style in executing the jump. The first phase will be the run down the take-off.

The next phase will be the method of how to employ the spring from the take-off to give the longest and most graceful jump consistent with good style, showing the old form of jumping with seats very low and also the jack-knife style that is used today, which is more graceful. These could also be illustrated by line sketches to show the faults and differences of the two styles.

The position in the air would come next showing the position of the arms, general carriage of body and any other features to be brought out.

The landing could be treated in slow motion pictures which would define very definitely a good landing.

We feel sure that such a film would prove invaluable to the jumpers, as they would then know what points are deducted by the judges for the various faults. They could then correct these faults in practice which would greatly increase their marks in the future. This film would also be valuable to the judges as they would all be working along the same line and the jumpers would follow their judging with more interest.

One of the qualifications in the second class jumping is that a candidate must qualify as a third class judge. The wisdom of this is apparent, as it would create more qualified judges to get at the club competitions, a situation so lacking at the present time.

We feel that this film would give ski jumping a greater prominence instead of keeping it in the heads of a few people who have been very loath in the past to pass on any information to their fellow jumpers.

The test committee is also working on a similar film which will embrace the ski running tests and will, we hope, achieve the same results that the jumping film will in developing jumping.

If there are any ski clubs in Canada or other parts of the world who are interested in these tests we will be pleased to send them copies of the rules and requirements governing them.

In conjunction with the instructional jumping film we are developing a complete motion picture library of films to illustrate all branches of the sport. We have at present about 1,000 feet of excellent films which have been shown at general meetings. We are now re-arranging these to serve a new purpose. In other words, to classify them according to the subject, such as, slalom racing, cross-country and downhill racing, jumping, running tests, jumping tests, trail running, special tours, etc. These will be circulated among the public, high schools and ski clubs in Ontario. We realize from experience how valuable these films will be to new ski clubs in the first stages of organization and feel that it will give a great impetus to the sport in general. This idea was forcibly brought to mind last season when the snow famine drove some of our members to seek their ski-ing in more northerly districts where small ski clubs were being organized. A few films of this nature could start them off in the right direction which would save at least two or three years of wasted effort.

We would be glad to loan or exchange any of these films as soon as they are completed. They are all made on the 16mm. film.

We note with interest in a recent letter from Mr. Arnold Lunn that the Ski Club of Great Britain is bringing a proposal before a special meeting to eliminate the initiation fee for members from Canada. This will mean that a membership in the Ski Club of Great Britain may be had for the yearly fee alone, which at present exchange is less than \$2.00. This includes a free copy of the British Ski Year Book, which is worth twice that amount, and the quarterly issues of "Ski Notes and Queries," an up-to-the-minute booklet on all current ski-ing questions and ideas.

The representative of the Ski Club of Great Britain in Toronto will be glad to receive any applications for membership through the Secretary of the Toronto Ski Club, 74 Church Street, Toronto, Canada.

Our club is always anxious to make friendly contacts with other clubs in any part of the world, as we feel that ski-ing is one sport where we are all working for the common good and the problems that we are confronted with are similar. With the exchange of views on all matters pertaining to ski-ing we will all, no doubt, gain a great deal of benefit in comparing the various problems. Your problem of today may be ours of tomorrow. Help us to deal with it by passing along your method. It will give us a great deal of satisfaction if we can reciprocate at some future date.

We were pleased to hear from the Ruapheau Ski Club, at Wanganui, New Zealand, through the hon. secretary, W. S. Rennie, and were glad to forward copies of our trail map, blue prints of lodges and other information that they were interested in receiving. Mr. S. Jamieson, editor of the Australian Year Book, was very kind to us by sending a copy of the Year Book which we admired and enjoyed very much.

The "Ski Runner" is the official publication of our club and the editor, F. A. Hall, 1 Inglewood Drive, Toronto, will be pleased to have communications concerning the activities of various ski-ing centres throughout the world.

We wish to extend to the members of every ski club in Canada, the Ski Club of Great Britain and its affiliated clubs, and to the ski clubs of Australia and New Zealand, a hearty invitation to visit our club if they are visiting in this vicinity and we will endeavour to make your stay with us pleasant. We have not the precipitous slopes of many of the ski clubs in Canada to offer but we have some trail-running that is at least unique. We sincerely hope that skiers in all parts of the world will be blessed with an abundance of snow this season and that it will be the most prosperous in the history of the sport.