

THREE RIVERS SKI CLUB

THE THREE RIVERS SKI CLUB was founded in the fall of 1923 at the initiative of Mr. Wallace Argall with a membership of around twenty-five. In those early years, our activities consisted chiefly of excursions to Shawinigan Falls, Grand'Mere, and other surrounding towns, and a weekly meeting at Cap aux Corneilles.

During the summer of 1925, some of our jumping members, Messrs. Iversen, Larsen and Dubord, constructed the first ski jump in Three Rivers at Cap aux Corneilles and also a small hut, and this added attraction resulted in a considerable increase in membership and the public much enjoyed their first sight of ski jumping.

The subsequent seasons were active ones; tournaments were held and some of the best ski jumpers in the East performed on our Hill.

Messrs. Gustav Sundt and Bertel Paaskee represented our club in those days at Lake Placid, Montreal, Ottawa, and other tournaments, and always finished in the first division.

In 1931, the Provincial Championships

were held in Three Rivers on our new jumping hill, Mr. Paaskee winning the Championship.

In 1930, our jump was destroyed by a very heavy storm, but it was immediately reconstructed and gives us one of the best jumping hills in Eastern Canada.

At the present time, the Club has a membership of approximately two hundred and twenty-five members and we are looking forward to a successful year this coming winter.

On our junior jump we are bringing along a number of youngsters who are developing well and later they will add their names to the several champions we have developed through our club.

The club has always been fortunate in having the hearty support of the people of Three Rivers who have helped and assisted in many ways, for which we are truly grateful.

The present executive of the club is as follows:—Fr. Fred House, President; Ls. Ph. Goulet, Vice-President; H. P. Britten, Secretary-Treasurer.

LAURENTIAN CROSS-COUNTRY SKI CLUB

THE TERRAIN of the Laurentian Cross Country Ski Club, lying in the heart of the Laurentian Mountains between Ste. Marguerite's Station and Lac Masson, is pronounced by those who know as exceptionally ideal for ski-ing. It is the highest elevation of equal distance to Montreal, and is in a belt where the soft spells which frequently interrupt the ski-ing to the south seldom interfere with our continuous enjoyment of winter sports.

Moreover, the severe north winds that blow so bitterly over the long exposures to the north are cut off by the mountains immediately back of the Chalet. The ski-ing available at the very door of our headquarters is most varied in character.

There are practice slopes, an interesting ski jump, a speedway with a drop of 400 feet, to test the most expert skier; but the unique feature of the Laurentian Cross-Country Ski Club is its trails, penetrating the forest and climbing the hills and mountains for views unsurpassed anywhere. One may spend a fortnight and still have a new trail to follow with each succeeding day, so laid out that the average skier may enjoy them.

The air is particularly invigorating and on sunny days it has become popular to take lunches for all day trips. Mr. Cochand has kindly donated a cabin at the end of the

Richard Trail at Lake Elizabeth, and the Club is building a lean-to in the notch of Mount Margaret, near the junction of the Ommanney, Goddard, Lapres and Munson Trails. The Munson Trail is the new trail to Lake Craven and opens up a very lovely valley entirely enclosed by mountains, in a district which has hitherto been thought impenetrable.

Another lean-to is to be constructed near the far end of the Diefendorf Trail in the Garden of the Gods, a place of wonderful natural scenic beauty.

All the trails are being re-cut preparatory to next winter, and already our members and their friends are making plans for the coming winter vacations; for those who come once seem to gravitate back each season to the spots that they love and the sport that they enjoy beyond compare.

Our membership has grown steadily from year to year since the Club's organization in 1928 and now numbers over one hundred paid-up members.

The Laurentian Cross-Country Ski Club is particularly fortunate in having its headquarters at the "Chalet Cochand" which sets a superb table of great variety and of a quantity to satisfy the most ravenous appetite, which we all enjoy after a return from a vigorous ski trip. The rooms—steam-

heated and electric lighted—are attractive and comfortable, and the large reception room a place of comfort and social attraction, where the adventures of the day are rehearsed before the cheery open fire.

Last year the ski-ing was good practically the entire winter from Christmas to mid-April, and a most popular season is anticipated this year.

The officers of the Laurentian Cross-Country Ski Club are as follows:—A. R. Diefendorf, President; Clarence A. Munson, Secretary; William T. Gilbert, Financial Secretary; Emile Cochand, Treasurer.

The directors are Harold L. Blakeslee, Huntley Christie, Conrad Goddard, J. A. Lapres, G. G. Ommanney, Mme. E. Richard, Charles L. Wilson, and J. H. Beaton.

STE. AGATHE SKI CLUB

ALTHOUGH the season of 1931-32 had a most unpropitious beginning, heavy snow in late January and February created ideal conditions, which needless to say were enjoyed by everyone in this community.

For a few days at the New Year conditions here were splendid, while other ski centres were much less fortunate. After a few days, however, mild weather made ski-ing impossible until about January 15, from which date onward there was ample snow.

The Ste. Agathe Ski Club numbers some forty odd members, and is the only club in the mountains maintained for and by permanent local residents. Its purpose has been to foster ski-ing among the growing children, and it is a great satisfaction to the officers that the local residents are rapidly becoming "ski conscious" from the youngest child to his grandparents. It is confidently expected that in a very few years serious competition

for all amateur events will be found in our ranks. Not the least enthusiastic amongst our members are some Montreal and New Jersey skiers.

During the past season a full program of races and jumps was carried out, and with some very gratifying results. The interest of the younger boys is a particularly marked feature. This coming season it is hoped to have a number of outside competitors.

At present the club maintains about twenty miles of marked trails through a thrilling and picturesque variety of country. It is the present purpose of the club to add more miles this winter, more particularly into the interesting district northwest of Lake Manitou.

A novel feature of the past winter was the wonderful sport during the bright days of early April. Snow was very plentiful and good ski-ing was enjoyed until April 20.

SEIGNIORY SKI CLUB

IT SEEMS to the writer that something went wrong with the weather last winter, but in spite of that, the Seignior Club managed to go through with its program, notwithstanding a few postponements. Organizers of sporting events usually get a few kicks from someone, but it is gratifying to think that at least no one can blame us for the weather.

The first event of the season was the visit of the Oxford and Cambridge University Ski Teams, who spent two days at the Seignior Club prior to going north for the contest with McGill.

Conditions were a little strange to them at first and the snow was bad. Nevertheless, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and put in two hard days' training. I have received many letters from the teams since their departure, and I think they would make you feel quite proud if you could read them.

The Inter-Collegiate Winter Sports Union Meet took place on February 26, 27 and 28. The ski jumping contest was won by our old friend Landry, who hurled himself into space with considerable dash and success, his

jumps being 199 and 206 feet. E. J. Blood, of New Hampshire, was hard at his heels, and as an all-round athlete is to be heartily congratulated. He competed in jumping, slalom, downhill racing and snowshoeing. His jumps were 188 and 193; and third came W. L. Ball, McGill, 174 and 175.

The slalom was held on a slope running parallel to the jumping hill, and was, I think, a pretty good test of control. The finishing order at least justifies this pious hope, since the leading men were just the ones who should have been the leading men. Nothing is worse than setting a slalom so that some fourth rate runner wins. The standard was very high, and many of the leading competitors would be hard to beat anywhere. McGill and Dartmouth (U.S.A.) were remarkably good, and their technique exceedingly finished.

The race was won by Campbell of McGill, who thoroughly deserved his place, G. Jost (McGill) second and E. J. Blood (New Hampshire) third.

The 18-kilometre race was won by E. J.