

was won by a comparative newcomer to competitive running, John Blair, of the Wocs of Ste. Adele. Hal Cave-Brown-Cave, of the Montreal Ski Club, and also a Woc, came in second, with Jack Houghton, of McGill, third. Billy Ball, of McGill, was the all-round champion, scoring the greatest number of points in jumping, cross-country and slalom racing.

Late in March an invitation meet was held, which drew a great number of skiers into competition. The downhill race on the winding wooded trail of Mount Baldy was the featured event, and drew nearly sixty entries. Arthur Gravel, 1932 Olympic runner, won the event in 6 minutes, 25 seconds. Billy Ball, of McGill, was second; Rolf Seivertsen, former Canadian ski jumping champion, third; Peter Gillespie, Marabous, fourth; Walter Ryan, of the Montreal Ski Club, another Olympic runner, fifth. Gravel proved a double winner in this meet, taking the slalom race as well. Dickie Ball, of Westmount High School, was second; Peter Gillespie, Marabous, third; George Sumner, McGill, fourth, and Percy Bott, Montreal Ski Club, fifth. Karl Baadsvick,

of the Viking Sports Club, placed first in the jumping, outdistancing such celebrated performers as Art. Gravel, H. Morin, T. Hogan, A. Almon, R. Bradbury, P. Bott, R. Seivertsen, who finished in the order mentioned.

The first annual meeting of the St. Margarets Ski Club was held at the Windsor Hotel on December 1, 1931, at which it was decided for the time being to operate as a non-competing club, sponsoring invitation meets, and co-operating with other organizations in the Montreal and Laurentian Mountain districts.

The officers for the 1931-32 season were as follows:—Honorary Patrons, Mr. A. B. Purvis, Mrs. King and Mr. Black of St. Margarets; Honorary President, Mr. E. W. Beatty, K.C.; President, Lieut.-Colonel Wilfred Bovey; Vice-President, Mr. C. C. Ronalds; Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. C. F. Ritchie; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. William D. Taylor; Directors, Messrs. E. Wilson Mellen, Allen Tiffin, H. Smith Johanssen, Arthur L. Gravel, R. D. Forster, Joseph Beaubien, Jr., William D. Thompson, J. H. Dunlop, Morris Peiler, Harry Pangman, George Sumner and G. T. Berthon.

REVELSTOKE SKI CLUB

THE unusual interest in ski sport prevalent throughout this season, and wholly due to the Olympic Games being held on the American continent, together with the continued breaking of long distance jump records reaching from Nelsen's 240 feet and ranging up to the world's official amateur record of 264.75 feet held by Sigmund Ruud of Norway, had much to do with the exceptional success of the Revelstoke Club's presentation on February 23 and 24, 1932.

Due to slow business conditions, a heavy attendance was not expected, and it was considered good policy not to expend large amounts in bringing representatives from other clubs hundreds of miles distant. Nevertheless, a total of eighty-seven entries were recorded, all local with the exception of four members from the Banff Ski Club, who made a creditable showing on the big hill.

Every section of this well-known sport event proved a sporting and financial success, due largely to the return of local patronage, which had become somewhat apathetic over a period of years, and the return of Bob Lymburne fresh from Olympic Games participation. It should be noted that this youngster has a peculiar determination. He is a simon pure amateur, and practically lives on his skis. A large attendance anticipated his breaking of all world's records at this event, but hill con-

ditions would not permit of his doing so, despite his many valiant efforts. He did, however, finally make an unofficial world's record leap of the tremendous distance of 269 feet at a later date and in the presence of C.A.S.A. judges and hundreds of witnesses. Sworn affidavits support this performance.

Hans Gunnarson, a very clever jumper with fine style and consistency, took the honours of this tournament by winning the Combined "A" events, whilst Eino Maki, also of this Club, won the eleven-mile ski race. There were nine entries in this latter event.

In the "B" Class jumping Herb Jamieson, also a consistent winner, made a clean sweep of all honours.

To meet existing business conditions, and rather than cancel a presentation, all revenue producing channels were carefully given consideration with a view to registering success. The result, financially, of the entire presentation shows a splendid credit balance in Club funds, amply sufficient for the first time to start next year's proceedings off without a care.

This ski sport section of the Dominion played a very active part in fostering the sport by sending Nels Nelsen to Salt Lake City, U.S.A., against the professional champion, Alf Engen. Through injury, Nelsen was compelled to withdraw, after

staging previous exhibitions in Utah, which gained him many recommendations as a ski rider. This Club was also represented at the Olympic Games, Lake Placid, by Robert Lymburne, who unquestionably proved himself worthy of selection at that event. He is such an ardent skier, that only twelve months winter each year satisfies him. Several professional skiers also accompanied Nels Nelsen on a Provincial tour, and Secretary Dave Orr and J. H. Mohr took twenty-two ski tots of tender age to Vernon, B.C., to give that coming Club a start. The amateur contingent of five members sent to Banff gave splendid satisfaction, and it is claimed made a success of that well-known winter sport event.

From a press publicity standpoint, the sport in the West never before had greater support, and was merited by the final per-

formance of Bob Lymburne by his 269-foot leap.

A European tour of Canada's best skiers has also met with a splendid response from both the press of Canada and leading ski sport associations throughout the world. The idea was first mooted by Dave Orr, secretary of the Revelstoke Ski Club, who will likely conduct the team should it materialize. Several continental ski clubs are enthusiastic about the idea, and five countries are desirous of presenting the Canadian team. Individual selection in this regard has not yet been given publicity, as the greatest care is being exercised in the matter of choosing men who will prove a credit to Canada in every sense of the word. The outlook for a prosperous ski sport season in 1932-33 in the West is indeed promising.

OMINECA SKI CLUB

THE SEASON OF 1931-32 will go down in the annals of the Omineca Ski Club as a most fortunate one. Although many of the club members were in the far north, Dan Trousdell, the assistant club captain injured in the early part of the season, and our remaining champion all-round ski expert gone to organize the Smithers Ski Club, still we were able to send Kaare Engstad to the Olympic trials, where he rendered such a good account of himself as to justify the somewhat boastful statement, appearing in the Ski Annual of 1927-28, which prophesied as follows: "We are aiming high, for we intend bringing the Sir Henry Thornton Cup to Burns' Lake for a twelve months' visit."

On his return from Lake Placid and other Eastern tournaments Engstad expressed his appreciation of the courtesy extended to him and all members of the Canadian Olympic Team.

He was loud in his praise of the arrangements at the Lucerne training camp, and the general hospitality of all the Eastern clubs.

Other club representatives did well at the Prince George meet, and also at the initial tournament of the latest addition to the Western Branch of the C.A.S.A., as the Smithers Ski Club have one of the best and fastest hills in the West, beautifully situated on the south slope of Hudson Bay Mountain, a fine terrain with good snow conditions from the end of November till the first of April.

Our local meet, favoured with perfect weather, was held as usual on St. Valentine's Day. The articles of Captain Alan d'Egville, H. T. Cliff and others had created such an interest in slalom and downhill racing that the first competition of the kind

held here brought forward many unsuspected starters.

Under the tutelage of Mr. H. D. McNeil, who had himself adapted the extreme crouch position and emulated Mr. E. H. Cousens in the perfection of the jump turn, many club members showed great improvement in technique, this being especially noticeable among the ladies. This combined event, which was an impromptu one and not scheduled, was won by Mr. McNeill with James Rush second, the stop watch giving McNeill a speed of sixty-two miles between the 150-metre flags.

Assuredly the slalom and downhill racing have come to stay and it is hoped will always be included as a separate combined event at all ski meets. The Omineca-Kandahar, if we may borrow half of a most appropriate title, is a possibility looked forward to at the annual meet of the Omineca Ski Club in February, 1933, and will be run under the direction of our sports director, Mr. McNeill, who will arrange for the improvement of the course.

Some dissension among the Western clubs appeared to be gaining ground and the intention of breaking away from the parent association was voiced, but any such dissension has apparently died a natural and merited death.

Votes of thanks were passed in appreciation of the impartial and efficient work of the officers of the C.A.S.A. and also of the Western Branch. A better understanding between the ski clubs of the East and West is anticipated, and long may they meet, both in the East and West and may the best man always win.