



OTTAWA SKI CLUB

TRUDGING up to Camp Fortune in the midst of a snowstorm in the afternoon of October 24, 1933, the writer met Fred Laflamme and John Taylor practising turns on the Cote du Nord; he met them again on the same spot doing the same turns, but with considerably more finish, on May 1; and in the meantime, during the intervening six months, he had seen the snow gradually rise until all but the top rung of a fourteen foot ladder that had been left standing in the fall against the walls of Camp Fortune lodge had disappeared. He had seen the mercury drop to depths yet unknown on a dozen different occasions, and thermometers blow up; he had met on trails converging towards one or the other of the lodges of the Club practically every one worth meeting in or about Ottawa. He heard of two men meeting one another on the trail seventy-two different times on seventy-two different days, which shows that the winter was consistently good and that some people had a whole lot of spare time for ski-ing. A dozen Sundays during the winter, he saw from thirty to fifty men and women tearing down the long and twisty mile of the short downhill course, cutting seconds off their time at each descent until the record for the long mile stood at a little more than two minutes. He saw hundreds of people turning around the flags planted on the slalom hill. He saw our men carry the colours of the Ottawa Ski Club to victory on every field or slope where competitions were held in Eastern Canada—at Toronto, Shawbridge, Shawinigan and Camp Fortune. He saw car after car loaded with trophies won by the men of the Ottawa Ski Club come in almost every weekend of the season. Truly it was a good winter and "the hunting was good."

The winter, coming practically four weeks ahead of the usual time, found our sixty miles of trails only half cleaned of their shrubs, and Sigurd Lockeberg's new jumping hill at Camp Fortune—the best hope for a three hundred-foot jump in North America—still without a proper take-off or landing, but the unusual depth of snow compensated for most of those shortcomings. The year was singularly free from accidents, owing to the thick carpet of snow.

Five cross country races were held by the Club during the season, as follows—

Preliminary Race, Wrightville—Dome Hill, for Seniors and Juniors. The winners were J. Veit, Sr. (28 mins. 46 secs.), and P. Lochnan, Jr. (32 min. 21 secs.)

Relay Race, Wrightville—Dome Hill, won by Team No. 1, composed of J. Taylor, F. Laflamme, B. Heggveit and P. O'Connor.

The Interscholastic Race for the Southam trophy, won by a team from the Glebe Collegiate for the third successive time. Winning team: B. Hammond, B. Heggveit, H. Kihl, K. Mickleborough. Eight teams took part.

The Club Championship Race, over an eleven-mile course, won by Halvor Heggveit, in the remarkable time of 1 hr. 13 mins. 15 secs., exactly one minute and ten seconds faster than Bud Clark who was second, while John Taylor came 13 seconds behind Bud. Junior Champion: Ernie Ryan.

The City Championship Race, won by Halvor Heggveit, Billy Burke second and George Brittain third.

Our men also took part in three cross-country races held under the auspices of other clubs with the following results:—

Ontario Championship Race, held by the Toronto Ski Club at Caledon, near Toronto, won by Halvor Heggveit (1 hr. 27 mins. 50 secs.), Fred Laflamme was third (1 hr. 34 mins. 23 secs.), and H. Bagguley fifth (1 hr. 36 mins. 25 secs.) Bagguley was second in the Combined Championship.

Quebec Championship Race, held at Shawbridge by the Montreal Ski Club, Heggveit, Taylor and Laflamme came first, second and third respectively, while John Veit came sixth and Bagguley seventh. Bagguley was second in the Combined, and Veit fifth in the Slalom.

Dominion Championship Race, held at Shawinigan by the Three Rivers Ski Club, Heggveit was first (1 hr. 19 mins. 52 secs.), Taylor second (1 hr. 20 mins. 16 secs.), and Bud Clark, competing for St. Patrick's College, third (1 hr. 22 mins. 43 secs.), F. Laflamme lost his way and came tenth.

Three jumping competitions were held by the Club on Rockcliffe Ski Tower, with the following results:—

Preliminary—Senior Class:—J. Landry, E. Fillman, B. Burke. Junior Class:—Brian Burke, K. Davidson, J. Therien.

Club Championship:—J. Landry, Billy Burke and E. Fillman. J. Landry made a new record of 141 feet for the hill (previous record, 135 feet, made by E. Couture, Berlin Mills, N.H.) The combined championship was won by Bud Clark.

City Championship:—J. Landry, E. Fillman, R. Vincent.

Other jumping competitions participated in by the Club were as follows:—

Ontario Championship, Toronto:—J. Landry was first, making a record for the hill of 128 feet. Bagguley came seventh and R. Vincent thirteenth.

Quebec Championship at Shawbridge:—Bagguley came sixth and Vincent tenth.

Dominion Championship at Three Rivers:—Landry lost the Championship by one fall but made the longest standing jump (133 feet), a record for the hill.

Two downhill races over a mile course, were held at Camp Fortune with the following results:—

First Downhill Race, 38 contestants. First ten men:—Clark (2.43 mins.), Currie (2.47 mins.), Taylor (3.00 mins.), Oliver, Veit, Cruikshank, Laflamme, Lochnan, B. Heggveit, Bagguley. First seven ladies:—R. O'Halloran, Peggy Silver, D. Charbonneau, M. Gauthier, A. Harvey, B. Tarte, F. Runge.

Second Downhill Race, 32 contestants. Class A:—E. Ryan (2.50 2/5 mins.), Jos. Oliver (2.56 3/5 mins.), P. Lochnan (3.02 mins.) Class B:—B. McGiffin, S. Ryan, P. Blais. Ladies:—D. Charbonneau (4.33 mins.), P. Silver, J. Larocque.

There were two Slalom races, the results of which were as follows:—

Bud Clark turned all the flags in the remarkable time of 1 min. 53 4/5 secs. Jack Taylor was second (2 mins. 4 4/5 secs.), and E. Ryan third (2 mins. 9 4/5 secs.), Currie, O'Connor, Cruikshank, Douglas, Bagguley, Burke, Lochnan were among the first ten.

Second Slalom, for girls, won by Gwen Barnes, J. Larocque, P. Silver, R. O'Halloran, D. Charbonneau, K. O'Callaghan, P. Wetzel.

Proficiency tests for third class badges were held at various intervals during the season, under the direction of Sigurd Lockeberg and Louis Grimes, and the following qualified in all the tests:—R. McGiffin, J. Lucas, J. Dyment, K. Tupper, Gwen Barnes.

Give us another winter like the past one, leaving out the 40 degrees below zero weather, which is really not absolutely necessary, and the Ottawa Ski Club will soon have again a membership of 2,500.

May 1, in concluding, invite every reader of the Canadian Ski Annual to pay a visit to the Gatineau District, and particularly Camp Fortune Heights during the coming winter and share our fun. Though we cannot boast of hills quite so high perhaps as our friends of the Laurentian District, yet our wooded trails, with comfortable lodges every five or six miles, are very enticing. With a slope of 35 degrees and a length of 1,200 feet, our slalom hill is easily one of the best in Eastern Canada, and in a year or so we hope that the distances made on our new jumping hill, at Camp Fortune, will not be far behind the records made at Revelstoke in the Rockies.

The men in charge of the activities of the Club during the season 1933-34 were as follows:—Jumping, Sigurd Lockeberg; Lodges, Ken Tupper and J. Lucas; Membership, Jas. C. Leslie; Competitions, Louis Grimes and H. Douglas; Trails, George Brittain; Legal Adviser, George McHugh; Secretary-Treasurer, Herbert Marshall; Vice-President, J. A. Wilson; President, C. E. Mortureux.

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