

The following Tournaments were awarded for 1936:— *Dominion Championships*, Toronto Ski Club (last weekend in February); *Quebec Championships*, Montreal Ski Club (third weekend in February); *Ontario Championships*, Ottawa Ski Club (second weekend in February); *St. Maurice Valley Championships*, Three Rivers Ski Club (first weekend in February). The Kandahar race was awarded to the Red Birds Ski Club.

The President advised the meeting that Sir Eric Holt-Wilson, President of the Ski Club of Great Britain, had awarded a trophy to be competed for annually by ladies throughout the Dominion. He advised that the Executive had left the arrangements for the 1935 competition to the Penguin Ski Club. A unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Sir Eric Holt-Wilson for his generosity.

#### *New Business*

A number of important matters relating to competitions were discussed and many suggestions were submitted for improving cross-country races, age limits, etc. In connection with age limits it was found that an entry for the Dominion Championships had been accepted from a competitor who was under the age of 18. After a conference between the Technical Board and Association officials it was decided that in view of existing conditions any competitor under 18 years of age would be accepted for the 1935 championships. However, the F.I.S. age rules for all events will in future be adhered to.

In view of the ruling regarding age limit for competitors, it was considered advisable to inaugurate Junior Championships and the matter was referred to the Executive for attention.

The question of the eligibility of competitors for the 1936 Olympic Games was discussed and the meeting went on record to the effect that no Canadian citizens shall be denied the privileges of the citizenship to which he has subscribed.

Letters from Mr. B. Meredith relating to the many important phases of ski educational work and from Mr. K. Hague in connection with the organization of the Western Clubs were read to the meeting.

The Meeting then adjourned.

## Technical Board Report

### *S. R. Lockeberg, Chairman*

ALL THE major competitions which so far have been completed this season, and which come under the jurisdiction of the C.A.S.A., have been very successful. The first one of these was the Open Competition held in Toronto, January 26 and 27, and living up to the reputation of last year, they had everything organized in a very efficient manner. Again they were short of snow and had to manufacture a hundred odd tons to cover the jumping hill. Sub-zero weather kept many fans at home but the well organized campaign brought over 5,000 spectators to their rebuilt tower at Thorncliffe. The Cross-Country Race, as well as the Downhill and Slalom Races, were run off smoothly at Caledon the next day and on their return to Toronto, competitors and officials were royally entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pease, where prizes for all events were presented.

During the same weekend the Inter-City Team Competition was staged at Montebello where all concerned enjoyed the usual hospitality of the Seigniory Club. Due to mild weather, the hill was rather hard and very fast, and the increased speed resulted in unusually long jumps and, therefore, many falls. No one was hurt, however, as the hill is always kept in fine condition.

The St. Maurice Valley Championship was held at Three Rivers, icy conditions somewhat hampering the jumpers in performing to the best of their ability. The Three Rivers Ski Club had done everything they could to insure success and their enthusiasm for ski-ing is well known among members of the Association.

On February 9 and 10, the Ottawa Ski Club held the Ontario Championships at Rockcliffe and Camp Fortune. Ideal weather prevailed the afternoon of the jumping, which made good distances possible and also made it pleasant for the more than 3,000 spectators. The tempera-

ture dropped considerably over night and the Cross-Country Race and the Slalom were run off at Camp Fortune in zero weather. Again the skiers were slightly handicapped by hard snow, as the greater part of the race was laid over the well packed trails of the Ottawa Ski Club.

The Viking Ski Club made a great success with the Quebec Championships, held at Shawbridge, where their new jumping hill was used for the first time. A fair amount of new snow produced good conditions both for the cross-country race and the jumping, although during the early stage of the latter, a light snowfall partly blinded the jumpers, causing many falls with a few mishaps. This hill when finished should be good for jumps of up to 200 feet and will be an ideal place of training for the skiers who patronize the Laurentians. The racers spoke very highly of the careful manner in which the trails had been marked and were unanimous in complimenting the Viking Ski Club for their conscientious preparation of the course. Returning to Montreal, competitors and officials were entertained at the Scandinavian Club where the prizes were presented.

The Technical Ski Board have kept a watchful eye on all skiers who are competing for places on the 1936 Olympic Team and will present their finding towards the end of the present ski season. We wish to emphasize very strongly that anyone trying for a place on the team, must train very conscientiously and abstain from tobacco, alcohol, and late hours, or anything else detrimental to physical and mental fitness. Competition in the 1936 Olympic Games will be considerably keener than at any previous international competition and the fact that we are competing away from home is to our disadvantage. No stone must be left unturned to produce a team of the highest calibre, that Canada may be honourably represented at the ski competitions in Germany, 1936.

Considerable work has been done in transforming the F.I.S. jumping tables from metres into feet. On account of a smaller unit the new tables will be considerably larger than the international tables in metres, entailing considerable expense in printing. As the International Tables do not provide a proportionately uniform deduction in points, we suggest that the matter of adjustment be taken up with the F.I.S. at their next meeting.

Present tables punish shorter jumps too severely on smaller hills and not sufficiently on larger hills. It is the opinion of the Technical Ski Board that distance points should be proportionately the same for all sizes of hills. Evidently the present tables have simply been an enlargement of the old ones and when further extended, with the punishment for shorter jumps still further decreased, they appear to be unjust. At present the deduction is on a straight percentage basis where the longest standing jump is 28 metres (92 feet), that is for one half of this distance 10 points are given. When the longest jump is less than 28 metres, the percentage of reduction in points is increased so that with a 20 metre jump only 8.9 points are given for half of the distance. Above 28 metres the reduction in percentage is decreased until at 79 metres 11.3 points are allowed for half of the distance. This appears to be unreasonable and an explanation is often requested.

As the new table based on a smaller unit of measure would contain three times as many figures for the same range as the metric table, we deem it advisable to have the foregoing question settled before going any further. In the meantime, we have made up a table converting feet into metres and with the aid of this, the F.I.S. metric tables can be used, although it means a little extra work in figuring out the results of a competition.

We find that many competitors, as well as some officials, are not sufficiently familiar with the F.I.S. rules and regulations simply because these publications have not been available to the desired extent. In order to remedy this situation and to promote competitions on this side of the Atlantic according to the latest F.I.S. rules and regulations at all times, it is necessary to have a sufficient number of these publications printed in English available for distribution within reasonable time.

We trust that arrangements will be made with F.I.S. to have all important publications available simultaneously with the French and German edition.

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