

What The C.A.S.A. is Doing—

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THE ever increasing popularity of ski-ing has necessitated a corresponding expansion in the governing ski body—the Canadian Amateur Ski Association. During the past year many changes have been made necessary to provide better facilities to direct the development of the sport, and we now have a really strong, efficient organization on a firm foundation.

Membership in the C.A.S.A. is for clubs, and there are now fifty-one members in all parts of Canada, from Halifax to Vancouver. We are a National body with a Dominion Charter, holding membership in the Federation Internationale de Ski (F.I.S.) and affiliated with the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, and have representation on the Canadian Olympic Committee.

We conduct the Annual Dominion Championship Tournament and the various Provincial Championships are held under our supervision. Canada's representation at the Olympic games is sponsored by the C.A.S.A. and details of our 1936 Team are given elsewhere in this Year Book.

We recognize the fact that the competitive side of ski-ing is but one phase of the sport and that the majority are pleasure skiers with little interest in organized competitions. The C.A.S.A. is doing all possible with the facilities at its disposal to cater to these skiers and to work for the advantage of the sport at large. Only a small percentage are members of ski clubs and we urge membership in a C.A.S.A. club for the many benefits a strong club can offer and at the same time your individual membership strengthens the governing ski body.

The Canadian Ski Year Book serves to draw our member clubs together and acquaint skiers everywhere with recent developments in ski technique and equipment, results of major competitions, news items and articles of interest. We invite you all to send in articles for publication; good action pictures are always acceptable. This coming winter is the time to secure material for the 1936 Year Book and the Editors will be most happy to hear from anyone who will co-operate.

The formation and operation of Ski Zones is the most important major development under way. Matters such as publicity, ski instruction, transportation, ski tests, competitions, etc., all come under Local Zone direction and it is in the interest of all clubs to promote and encourage the activities of their Zone Committees. In a country as vast as Canada it is impossible for any single group to direct ski activities from Halifax to Vancouver; Ski Zones are the solution, I bespeak your co-operation and the Association offers all possible advice and help.

The C.A.S.A. has executive committees now functioning with the object of co-ordinating sub-



committees located in each Zone. There is a C.A.S.A. Vice-President in charge of Ski Zones to keep in constant touch with the various Zone Chairmen, to regulate in a general way the work of the Zone and facilitate inter-zone correspondence and affairs.

Matters pertaining to transportation are being centrally handled by the Chairman of our transportation committee. Such matters as train schedules, excursion rates, traffic arrangements for the big tournaments, etc., come under his jurisdiction. The Chairman in charge of "promotion and education" handles all publicity and acts as intermediary with the press. Under this committee comes motion pictures, both instructional and otherwise. The Association has several films which are at the disposal of member clubs and we hope this year to enlarge our library by the addition of several good instructional reels. The Committee on "Ski Instruction" aims to organize and unify instruction and instructors in much the same manner as is being done in Europe.

In short, we are planning to develop a permanent organization able to carry on with each change of executive. We are no longer an Eastern Association but composed of clubs from coast to coast, each one of our members with a voice in its affairs, and I am confident that with the tremendous enthusiasm in the sport all over Canada great advancement will inevitably result during the coming few years and through the C.A.S.A. the sport and the individual skier will directly benefit.