

remodelled to provide jumps of at least 70 feet, but it will be necessary to have the profile built out and a tower constructed. Short downhill runs of about 1,000 feet in length with a drop of 100 feet are found on the club grounds, but longer and steeper runs are to be cut ready for next year and these runs, it is hoped, will be suitable for stiff competition. There are also several scenic trails suitable for cross-country racing which have been marked and many more will be cut during the summer.

Each Sunday during the winter the club collects and starts out over one of the trails in a group for the club house or probably some farm house where coffee is on the boil and lunch prepared for them. Great interest is taken in these hikes as in this way the novice as well as the better skier is given an opportunity to learn a great deal about ordinary cross-country ski-ing. The country around Bracebridge is fairly open. The forests are not very thick and the fields come at convenient intervals.

No competitions of any importance were held last year, but a team of five entered in the Huntsville district events. E. Loosli entered the jumping although he had not jumped for seven years. Mr. Loosli, J. Bird and Art Fry also entered the slalom and downhill races, Loosli taking third place. John Bird and Phil Bennett surprised themselves by covering the twelve-mile cross-country race in one hour forty-three and one hour forty-five minutes, coming in sixth and seventh. A. Weaver did some nice jumping in the junior jump but was not up to his usual form.

Our hopes for next year are for more jumping on our improved hill, bigger records, better cross-country trips and more slalom and downhill practice. To achieve this purpose weekly competitions will be held if possible, which will embrace all branches of the sport.

JOHN BIRD, President.



Julian Sale, Toronto Ski Club, in the Slalom of the Huntsville Ski Club at Huntsville, Ontario

### Huntsville Ski Club

THE HUNTSVILLE SKI CLUB may, with justifiable pride, review some of its history.

Organized for less than three years it has nevertheless established itself as one of the foremost clubs in Ontario. Over this short period the club membership has increased from the original twenty members to over two hundred. Miles of trails have been cut and maintained, a shelter hut has been built and two jumping hills have been constructed.

The club has been very fortunate in being able to secure ski-ing terrain so close to the town. Part of this terrain is on park property owned by the municipality, but the greater part of it is on private property and we are deeply indebted to such people as Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Watson, Thos. Forbes and Harry Snowden for the use of their property.

The large jump which is our particular pride has been constructed as close to F.I.S. standards as the hill would permit; while slightly steeper on the landing than most hills of its size it provides a safe landing for jumps up to 150 feet, and with slight alteration the distance can be increased to 150 feet. The smaller hill which is used for practice and junior events has excellent landing for jumps up to 60 feet.

Last year a downhill run was cut out from the crest of Mica Mine Hill to Fairy Lake. While not a long run, about 700 yards, it descends about 300 feet and provides plenty of thrills for anyone who cares to open up on it. The slalom hill, also cut out of the bush on Mica Mine Hill, makes a real test of ski-ing ability and any type of course, for novice or expert, can be set on this hill.

By close co-operation with the Town Council, the Board of Trade and the other sports bodies, winter carnivals are staged twice during the winter and ski-ing forms a major part of the program of these events. The Canadian National Railways make special rates from all over Ontario for these weekends and hundreds of people attend to take part in the sports. The ski-ing events at these carnivals form the major events of the season. They are open events and the program consists of jumping, cross-country, downhill and slalom races with suitable trophies



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for each. These events give the members of the local club an excellent chance to study the technique of more experienced skiers.

The junior members of the club are fast developing into excellent skiers. The members are kept informed of the club's activities through a mimeographed sheet and a small magazine, "Sunshine and Snow," published in the interest of winter sports in the district. The cost of these sheets has been more than offset by their value to the club. They have been the means of promoting a great deal of enthusiasm and spirit of co-operation without which the club could not exist.

No report of this club would be complete without some reference to those stalwarts of the Toronto Ski Club who have always been so ready and willing to lend us a helping hand. The Huntsville Club owe them much and hope we can in some small measure repay them.

B. C. SIMMONS, *President.*

### Parry Sound Ski Club

THE GATEWAY to the Thirty Thousand Islands, Parry Sound is a tourist centre in winter as well as summer. One hundred and fifty miles north of Toronto, on the Georgian Bay, Parry Sound is one of the beautiful towns in the North. The natural ruggedness of the country is ideal for winter sports—ski-ing, skating and tobogganing—of which ski-ing is the favourite of them all.

The Club started in 1933 with a membership of twenty-seven and has made steady progress until this year when the membership rose to 51 members for the 1934-35 season.

Trails were laid out and cut and the loan of cabins secured through the courtesy of the Ontario Forestry Branch. The Club now has about fifty miles of excellent trails. A hike is sponsored each Sunday for the seniors and one on Saturday for the juniors. Instructions are given by the club members to beginners.

The country surrounding the town is ideal for ski-ing, there being some excellent hills within a short distance. The club sponsors competitions every year and this adds enthusiasm to the sport. Each contestant must be a club member.

Ski-joring on the Bay with a car is quite a favourite sport also. Heavy winds usually blow most of the snow off the ice so a car may be used. Cross-country ski-ing is well liked by the club members.

The following are the Club Officers:—*President*, Mr. D. P. K. Bolton; *Vice-President*, Miss Irene Scarth; *Secretary*, Miss M. Zeigler; *Treasurer*, Mr. Thomas Thompson.

### Port Carling Ski Club

SKI-ING, the King of Winter Sports, has visited the hub of Muskoka Lakes in mid winter 1935. The interest was so great that in six weeks after being organized, a jump with a 14-foot tower was erected, on which jumps of 65 feet were made.

The Town Council very obligingly supplied men which enabled us to build the jump in time for our meet which was held on March 9. Skiers from Bracebridge and Toronto favoured us by visiting Port Carling on that Sunday, and over 400 people turned out to see the opening events.

Great effort is being made this summer to get properly organized and make preparations for next winter. A new jump designed on F.I.S. standards will be erected this fall and 10 or 15 miles of new trails will be ready for the winter activities. Port Carling and the surrounding country is well suited for all types of ski-ing and several summer hotels have been already altered to accommodate winter tourists.

Our skiers did not have enough experience to take part in any event held in the Muskoka District last winter, but they did attend all the competitions as spectators to gain experience by watching the more expert skiers during the meets at Huntsville and Bracebridge.

The officers and members of the club are thankful to the Toronto Ski Club and Mr. H. T. Cliff, personally, for

the assistance given so that we could get properly organized.

At the annual meeting held in April it was unanimously decided to join the C.A.S.A. this year. The following officers were elected for 1935-36:—*President*, R. E. Foreman; *Vice-President*, G. D. Brooks; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Lorraine Cope; *Technical Adviser*, E. Loosli; *Captains*, A. Duke and L. Cope; *Social Activities*, L. Amey and Alva Duke.

The Port Carling Ski Club joined the C.A.S.A. on May 26, 1935, and closed the season with 55 enthusiastic members.

### Chicopee Ski Club

ONE of Western Ontario's contributions to the C.A.S.A. this year is in the form of the newly organized Chicopee Ski Club of Kitchener, Ontario. It can hardly be said that this club "grew up" because it literally "sprang up" into a full fledged unit in one winter season.

Action has been the keynote: the first organization meeting was held in late November, 1934; in December the club was incorporated under a Provincial charter; and before the end of that month had leased for its exclusiv-



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