

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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use all of the property known as Chicopee Heights. Included is a lovely old stone farm-house that was converted into an ideal club house complete with canteen, lounge, facilities for ski-waxing and accommodation for checking skis and equipment. In January the club boasted 256 members and had constructed an intermediate jumping hill. In February an Invitation Ski Meet was conducted featuring jumping, downhill and slalom racing, attended by over 2,000 spectators. Later in the same month the Chicopee Club Championship Races were run. At the February C.A.S.A. Meeting in Montreal the Chicopee Ski Club was admitted to membership in that body. The season was closed with all expenses paid and a small surplus in the treasury.

In view of the scarcity of deep snow in this locality, the lack of extensive hill country, and the almost complete absence of "ski consciousness" among the folks in the community, surely all this must be considered a real accomplishment and an encouragement to other groups wishing to develop the sport of skiing under similar adverse circumstances.

But all this is not enough. During the summer the jump hill will be lengthened for distances up to 150 feet. A new short but fast and difficult downhill course will be laid. Furthermore, the board of directors have endorsed the policies of the C.A.S.A. and the Ontario Zone Association, and will energetically promote the development of technique among members, the standardization of classes of ski runners and the regulation of competitions in which it hopes to eventually take an important part.

To the Toronto Ski Club goes the unreserved expression of gratitude for their unstinted support, advice and actual assistance on many occasions during the season without which this club could not possibly have progressed so well.

The facilities of the Chicopee Ski Club are offered to the surrounding towns and cities, and all C.A.S.A. members who find themselves in this district during the ski season are cordially invited to be our guests.

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find some members of the Chicopee Ski Club of Kitchener, Ontario, placing high in the ranks of Canadian ski runners.

Officers of the club are as follows:—*President*, W. Clare Duffus; *Vice-President*, Murray Snyder; *Secretary*, Jerry Eastman; *Treasurer*, Brian Barrett; *Directors*, Frowde Seagram, Mait Newman, Wilf Bitzer, North Kennedy, Phil. Breithaupt, John Goldie.

Limberlost Ski Club

THE LIMBERLOST SKI CLUB was organized on January 1, 1932, by a group of ski-minded guests spending the Christmas-New Year holiday at Limberlost lodge. The first president was Clarence Robinson of Rochester, N.Y. Thirty-six charter members joined the club at the initial meeting. Since then the club has increased its membership to a total of one hundred and thirty-two.

The object of the Limberlost Ski Club is to unite all those who have enjoyed ski-ing at Limberlost. By joining skiers indicate their desire to further the development of ski-ing in this district and by accepting these memberships Limberlost pledges its support to provide the best possible facilities. Since the resident community of Limberlost is very small the majority of members are transient guests of the Lodge, many of whom make a ski-ing vacation at Limberlost an annual event. Limberlost Ski Club members are also members in many other clubs throughout Ontario. The Toronto Ski Club, the Chicopee Club of Kitchener, the Pickering College group at Newmarket and the Huntsville Ski Club all contribute enthusiastic skiers to the Limberlost Club. Membership is drawn from territory west to British Columbia, south to Virginia, east to Prince Edward Island and north to Quebec. Distinctive club pins and badges, showing the Limberlost owl and crescent moon, serve to identify Limberlost skiers in any company and to introduce, wherever they may meet, members whose visits to the Lodge have not chanced to co-incide. Accommodation for skiers is available in the main lodge and separate log bungalows, all well heated and modernly equipped.

Located in the bush and lake country of Northern Muskoka, bordering Algonquin Park Reserve, the property includes three thousand acres, with thirty lakes within a two-mile radius of the Lodge. Networks of abandoned clearings, old pioneer roads, trappers' trails and ice-bound lakes invite exploration. Lake trout fishing through the ice, ski-joring and riding, winter picnics and aeroplaning afford varied sport. Ski tours lead far afield to secluded lakes. At intervals through the bush, cabins provide rest and a hot lunch on all day tours. Expert instruction, without extra charge, enables the novice to begin correctly and the more experienced to check faults that hinder progress. Instructors are qualified judges for recognized tests. Frequent trials, slalom and downhill races are held.

Adjacent to the Lodge are cleared practice slopes. "Old Baldy" and extensive clearings are excellent for all

types of open hill ski-ing. Millar Hill offers nearly a mile of continuous downhill running. The "Top of the World," "Hickory Tom's Tote Road," and "Interlaken Trail" are runs to test the adept. The slalom hill, near the Lodge, has a vertical drop of about 350 feet, averaging 20 feet in gradient. The high altitude and bush location of Limberlost bring heavy snowfalls and practically constant ski-ing conditions from early winter until April, while 150 miles of mapped trails through rolling country indicates unlimited ski-ing terrain.

GORDON HILL, *President*.

Laurentian Ski Club—North Bay

IT WAS not until the year 1925 that ski-ing as an organized sport made its appearance in North Bay. In that year a few enthusiasts formed a club to foster the pastime and establish it on a stable footing. From this feeble beginning, with a membership of 22, the organization has expanded until with the close of the season 1934-35 242 members wore the badge of the Laurentian Ski Club and included in their number many very active and proficient skiers.

The club takes its name from the Laurentian hills, which extend eastward from North Bay to the Quebec boundary and thence enter the province of Quebec to form the playground of some of Canada's foremost ski clubs. The hills in the vicinity of North Bay are less rugged than they are farther east, but nevertheless provide a ski-ing terrain sufficient for all general purposes. Trails and slopes are available for all types of skiers. The country is particularly well adapted to cross-country running, and the club in its activities devotes considerable attention to this branch of the sport. The downhill runs are comparatively short, the longest not exceeding six or seven hundred yards, but the descents are fairly sharp which make the runs exciting enough for the average skier.

The past season was highly successful from many points of view. Perhaps most important was the progress made by those skiers who favoured slalom racing. Downhill and slalom racing were first introduced by a party of skiers from the Toronto Ski Club which visited our club in 1932. This type of ski-ing met with popular favour at once and undoubtedly has elevated itself to first place in the events which are conducted from time to time during the season.

The annual meet at North Bay is commencing to assume importance in the community and nearby towns and should within a few years be a major gathering in Northern Ontario. It at present includes events for juniors, ladies and men seniors. The outstanding events, of course, are the senior cross-country race, senior downhill and slalom races. To date the club has not produced locally any cross-country runners of real ability but it has among its out of town membership (from points North and West of North Bay) several more than average racers, who require only stiff competition to bring out ability which should enable them to compete in fast company. Insofar as slalom racing is concerned the club

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