

people are busy with exams and so any real organizing is difficult before this.

Practices were held almost every week on Mount Royal under the guidance of our coach, Robert Townsend. Four girls had to be hurriedly chosen for the Inter-City Invitation Meet at Lucerne. These were Phyllis McKenna, Kay Weeks, Barbara Barker and Peggy MacKay.

Six girls were later sent to the Quebec Provincial Ladies Championship at St. Sauveur held by the Penguin Club. The same four went with two additions—Phyllis Jackson and Helen McMaster. We were by no means outstanding but did our best. Phyllis McKenna was, unquestionably, our best skier.

Beginners have also had some excellent opportunities. They have met twice a week on Mount Royal with Miss Wain, also several week-ends were enjoyed at St. Sauveur organized by Miss Wain.

Unfortunately, there is no individual champion in our sport due to the unfavourable March conditions, which month was the only time left us to have held a meet for McGill alone.

I should like to thank Phyllis McKenna for her assistance, and say that I appointed her assistant manager in the middle of the year as I felt that one person was insufficient. Altogether prospects for next year ought to be very good especially if energetic practising and enthusiasm will be our guide.

Penguin Ski Club

A GENERAL MEETING of the club was held on October 2, 1935, when certain changes in the By-Laws were voted upon.

Our previous quarters in St. Sauveur having been too cramped, we moved this year to Piedmont, where we found a house eminently suited to our needs. With very little trouble and at small expense we decorated and furnished it, and the result was most satisfactory.

The Zone Committee honoured us by awarding us the job of running the Quebec Ladies' Championships in Slalom and Downhill. A member who wishes to remain anonymous gave a trophy to be presented on this occasion by the Penguin Ski Club to the winner of the Combined Event; the trophy is for annual competition, a small replica being given the winner to keep. We held the meet on February 16 at St. Sauveur and Piedmont, the Downhill being run down the Redbird Trail, and the Slalom on the Molson Hill. The entries numbered well over fifty, and included ladies, third class men and juniors. Extraordinarily good times were turned in in both events. The Combined was won by Alice MacFarlane, of The Ski Club of Montreal. After the races were finished, competitors, officials and spectators adjourned to the clubhouse for coffee and sandwiches, and the prizes were presented to the winners.

The Club Championships were held on January 19 and on March 7. The Slalom and Downhill were run on January 19 at St. Sauveur and Piedmont. Madeleine McNicholls won the Slalom and the Combined and Helene McNicholls won the Downhill. On March 7, Peggy Johannsen won the Cross-Country and Barbara Mactaggart the Bushwhack. Peggy Johannsen, with a total of 380.9 points out of a possible 400 won the Club Championship. Francoise and Helene McNicholls placed second and third respectively. It had been intended to hold a competition in jumping as part of the Club Championships, but we, unfortunately, left it until too late and were unable to do so.

During the season members have competed in open meets with the following results:—

January 11 in Montreal, the Barry Morton Trophy cross-country, won by Peggy Johannsen.

January 25 and 26 at the Seignior Club, the Ladies' Inter-City Invitation Meet, in which our two teams placed second and fourth. Our first team won the Relay Race.

February 1 and 2 at Ottawa, Ladies' Inter-City, in which Francoise and Helene McNicholls placed third

and sixth in the Downhill, and second and fifth in the Slalom.

February 16 at St. Sauveur and Piedmont, the Quebec Ladies' Championships, in the Combined of which Francoise and Madeleine McNicholls placed fourth and fifth respectively and Barbara Mactaggart seventh.

February 23 at Mont Tremblant, the Taschereau Downhill, in which Madeleine McNicholls placed first of the ladies and bettered the times of many of the men.

March 15 at St. Sauveur, the St. Sauveur Sports Club Slalom and Downhill, in which first place in both events was captured by Francoise McNicholls.

Although we did not repeat last year's performance of a first in every competition entered—that would have been almost impossible—we nevertheless feel that the standard of skiing has been consistently good, and one with which we may well be pleased.

In the middle of the season we bought a stop-watch and a complete set of slalom flags with part of our not yet excessive surplus. We hope, ultimately, to have complete equipment for running a meet. At present we are most indebted to kind friends who lent us stop-watches and such-like; and in particular we are grateful to those who gave their time and effort in helping us run our meets. Without the assistance and advice of our Honorary President, Mr. Douglas, and of our Honorary Vice-President, Mr. Johannsen, and of many others we would undoubtedly have fumbled badly on these important occasions.

Ski Club of Montreal

THE SKI CLUB OF MONTREAL was organized in the fall of 1935, as successor to the old Montreal Ski Club, that through an unfortunate chain of happenings, was forced after many years of fine and useful activity to retire. We had a most successful season from a financial, social and competitive standpoint.

The Club conducted three schoolboy events in Montreal, the City of Montreal Jumping Championship and the Zone Cross-Country and Jumping Championships which were held at St. Margarets. We joined the Cote de Neiges Ski Jump Association and took an active part in efforts to keep this jump in operation.

Representatives of the club took part in all the competitions in this district and the jumping team consisting of "Punch" Bott, Jimmy Riddell, Alain Almon and Ted Hogan also took part in the Ontario and Dominion Championships. "Punch" Bott and Jimmy Riddell placed first and second in the Dominion Jumping Championships.

Our Ladies' team, consisting of the Misses A. MacFarlane, E. McKenna, D. Michaels and E. Benning won most of the events in which they entered and Miss Alice MacFarlane won the Quebec Championship. We have been awarded the first Dominion Ladies' Championship, to be held on Mount Baldy at St. Margaret's towards the end of February, 1937.

We made the St. Margaret's Lodge, St. Margaret's, our headquarters in the Laurentians and were very well satisfied with the good food, comfortable quarters and reasonable prices they charged club members.

We are looking forward to another successful season and as our membership grows we intend to expand our activities.

St. Margaret's Ski Club

THE gradual development of downhill racing on the steep wooded slopes of Mount Baldy can be closely linked with the conservative advancement of the St. Margaret's Ski Club, which since its organization has given much thought to this phase of skiing in the St. Margaret's district.

Very definite progress was noted in the club during the 1935-36 season under the direction of President W. J. A. "Bud" Veitch, when the club showed its

most successful year from all angles. It was during this period also that downhill racing on Mount Baldy reached its highest point of efficiency, both from a competitive and also from an organization standpoint, with one of the finest races in the country taking place in the holding of the Laurentian Zone championships on this slope by the club.

A policy of developing the wooded trails in the St. Margaret's neighborhood was arrived at, and carried out to a considerable extent, with new runs being opened up, and a safer "speedway" prepared on Mount Baldy. The trail development program was considerably furthered during the past summer and Fall, with Director Walter Klaus as chairman of trails drawing up a pretentious plan for the off-season. The Fall week-ends were devoted to work by the members, both in grooming the already established trails, and cutting new ones.

The creation of a new trail connecting Val Morin and St. Margaret's was one of the main items of importance on the trail development program, furnishing a run that not only shortened the distance between these two points, but also provided a beautiful and very enjoyable downhill coast of close to a mile and a half to Lac Gascon, from Val Morin on the way to St. Margaret's.

As a further means of aiding the skier in the St. Margaret's region, the St. Margaret's Ski Club adopted metal trail markers to indicate the runs, with trail names stencilled on them, and direction signs placed in strategic positions. It indicates a new departure in trail marking, the "arrow" signs being calculated to far outlast the wooden ones so commonly employed.

Financially, the St. Margaret's Ski Club came through the 1935-36 season in fine shape, showing a comfortable balance at the end of the season, part of which was designated for the improvement and creation of trails. A substantial increase in membership was shown over the previous season.

Competitively, St. Margaret's moved ahead over previous years during the various championships in the Province of Quebec, two of its members, Jess Baldwin and Tom Gilday, also doing impressively in the slalom and downhill events in the Canadian championships at Toronto.

The club was well represented in the zone meets, and in the Quebec downhill championships Franz Hofer was successful in taking second place, with Jess Baldwin being fourth. In the Kandahar, also, St. Margaret's members acquitted themselves well, while in the Taschereau race on Mont Tremblant, Tom "Red" O'Dell dashed in first place.

The Zone competitions held a lot of interest, but the club's own meet was an event which was one of the highlights of the season, with a large proportion of the members participating in all three events. The Baldwin brothers pretty well dominated, Jess winning the downhill with Dick in second place; Dick winning the slalom with Tom O'Dell second, and Dick also taking the jumping, with Wallie Ryan second.

Although many members had their own private quarters at St. Margaret's, the club again operated a clubhouse, where overnight accommodation was provided. The house is again available for the members.

During the early Fall the club held its annual golf championships at St. Margaret's, a goodly field participating. Bill Taylor won the tournament with the fine score of a gross 70, while Paul Sampson carded the best net. A special team match with the Red Birds enlivened the proceedings, with the host club outscoring the visitors.

At the annual meeting of the club the following were elected to office for the 1936-37 season:—*Honorary President*, W. J. A. Veitch; *President*, Robert D. Forster; *Vice-President*, James Carnegie; *Honorary Secretary*, R. D. Baldwin; *Honorary Treasurer*, Deane Nesbitt; *Chairman of Trails*, Walter Klaus; *Chairman of the House Committee*, T. P. Gilday; *Chairman of Competitions*, T. T. O'Dell; *Directors*, Clarence Honey, William D. Taylor, W. J. A. Veitch and William E. Parker.

Laurentian Cross-Country Ski Club

SNOW conditions in the Laurentians were above the average and except for a soft day now and then our skiers were continuously on our trails and "nursery hills."

Our Club came to the front this year in the field of competition and demonstrated that the rugged country boy can compete with his city rivals. Viateur Cousineau won the Quebec Kandahar, the greatest annual downhill race in Eastern Canada ski-ing, in the astonishing time of three minutes and thirty-one and four-tenths seconds, and in the afternoon of the same day placed fourth in the slalom contest, thereby winning the Kandahar trophy. In this race he bettered the record set by Art Gravel the year before by one minute and seven seconds. Included among the competitors were the best of the skiers of Eastern Canada. In the same event Louis Cochand ran eighth in the Downhill Race but placed first in the Slalom; thereby winning second place in the combined events. At the Red Birds Annual Competition at St. Sauveur one week later Viateur Cousineau again captured the award for the combined Downhill and Cross-Country, thereby winning the Nymark Cup. Louis Cochand placed eighth in the second class Downhill and first in Class II in Slalom as well as first place in Class II in Jumping.

In the annual competitions of the Laurentian Village Ski League held at Shawbridge the first place in Jumping was taken by R. Ouimet of our Club and the fifth place by Roger Emond. In the Slalom, Ouimet took sixteenth place and L. Racette eighteenth place. In the Downhill, R. Ouimet was third and R. Emond fifth.

In our own Club Juvenile Races held March 1, Bronson Culver and Kenneth Porter divided honors for first place in the Downhill Race, second place also being tied between Paul Munson and Emile Cochand, Jr. In the Slalom, Emile Cochand, Jr., won first place and Pierre Cochand second place.

This year much time has been spent in making a thorough clearing of all trails including repairs in bad spots. Two new trails are being cut, namely, the Cook Trail and an extension of the Stone Trail to Bleke Trail. In addition the mountain side opposite the Chalet has been cleared for a width of one hundred feet preparatory to building much longer Downhill and Slalom Race courses.

Our work in the Village Ski League has proved both interesting and inspiring and gives promise of developing material which in a few years will place high in the Dominion competitions.

But most gratifying of all has been the increasing interest and proficiency shown by our average middle-aged skier who seems to derive limitless joy in running the trails, traversing the modest slopes and practicing turns.

The present officers are:—*President*, Dr. A. R. Diefendorf; *Secretary*, Clarence A. Munson; *Treasurer*, Emile Cochand; *Financial Secretary*, William T. Gilbert; *Directors*, J. H. Beaton, Jack Bourgault, K. C. Christie, Russell Cowans, T. C. Gardiner, Conrad Goddard, James O'Donnell, Dr. James Pigot, H. H. Pike, Jr., D. A. Pritchard, Dr. Ernest Sharron, Carl Taylor.

Mont Tremblant Ski Club

THE 1935-36 SEASON was a rather encouraging one for the club, although the membership list was not quite as numerous as the preceeding year. The enthusiasm of the members more than made up for the slight loss in numbers.

We take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. W. B. Sifton for the beautiful trophy that she donated, Mr. Charles Whitley for the "Pioneer Trophy," and Mr. G. de L. Selby.

Several local competitions, in which the members of the Labelle Ski Club took an active part, were held,