

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,