

activities and presented trophies and prizes to the winners of club events for the past season.

The officers elected for the 1936-37 season are as follows:—*President*, R. A. Landry; *Vice-President*, H. H. Rakestraw; *Secretary-Treasurer*, R. E. Manson; *Club Captain*, Ed. Clark; *Assistants*, E. Zinniger and Miss K. Hutchin.

Ottawa Ski Club

THE WINTER OF 1935-36 was about as good as a normal, well-behaved Canadian winter can be. It did not, perhaps, start as early nor linger as long as one might have wished, but outside of that it was perfect. There were no extremes of temperatures, no sudden dips to 40 degrees below or rises to 40 degrees above; there was not a day's thaw between December 1 and March 15. There was enough snow to cover all the asperities of the Gatineau land. Everybody thought there was a great deal more snow than usual, but as a matter of fact there was less, a total fall of some 70 inches instead of the usual 90, but none of it was wasted during the four months. The winter, however, had a failing in common with all winters: it ended much too soon, leaving only a blurred memory of a brief moment of supreme happiness—one long glide through pines and under blue skies.

One thing stands out, however, among the doings of the season: there appears to be a return to saner ski-ing; to ski-ing for health and pleasure more than for thrills—"hiking" on skis if one wishes to call it that. Not so much is heard about flying kilometres, precipitous downhill courses, with their annual crop of broken and twisted limbs, but more about "Easy Ways" or "Pleasant Valley Trails," and the main endeavour of the trail makers of the club during the last season has been to make easier trails for the average skier—for those people who want to get out and enjoy the snow and sunshine without having to dislocate themselves in so doing.

This tendency is again to the fore this coming season; the programme of operations adopted by the Club provides for the opening of easier slopes and easier trails; the general feeling is that sufficient attention has been given, for a while at least, to the acrobacy of ski-ing; that the duty of a ski club is not so much to make Olympic skiers as to make it easy for every one to come out on skis.

It is to be recorded with regret, however, that while spending the days to make ski-ing safe for the masses, our chief trail maker, George Brittain, and his committee, applied their leisure time at night to the opening up of a new trail which for sheer devilment, steepness of grade and sharpness of curves leaves far behind anything that has yet been devised in the Gatineau hills. The trail which has been known so far as the "Sans Nom Trail" (the trail-without-a-name) starts from a point three miles north of Kingsmere, at the junction of the Hum Dinger Ravine and the Little Switzerland Trail and runs down to the road connecting Meach Lake and Chelsea. The length of the "Sans Nom Trail" is about a mile. If Canadian skiers from Ottawa are heard from in the next Olympics, it will be due largely to their training on the "Sans Nom Trail."

In addition to the Ontario Championships, in which practically all ski clubs in Eastern Canada were represented, the Ottawa Ski Club held the usual number of competitions during the season. There were two preliminary races won by Bruce Heggveit and John Veit, respectively; two major downhill races, won by Joe Oliver and Bruce Heggveit; the Club Championship Race went to John Veit, while Bob Hammond was Junior Champion; the Club Combined was won by Bryan Burke; John Weir was City Champion and Bryan Burke again Combined Champion; the Ontario Championship Race was won by Fred Laflamme of the Toronto Ski Club, the Ontario Slalom Race by George Jost, John Blair and Bud Patterson; and the Combined by Bryan Burke.

Sigurd's Jumping Hill at Camp Fortune, and the



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ski jump at Rockliffe were also the scene of many competitions. On the first, the Club Championship was won by Howard Bagguley, with George Fillman, second; the City Championship, by Lucien Lafleur and George McMartin, Cliffside. In the Ontario Jumping Championship, held at Rockliffe, Percy Bott, of the Ski Club of Montreal was first, followed by Jack Riddels of the Ski Club of Montreal and K. Evenson of the Vikings Ski Club.

The opening of a large number of new hills in the vicinity of Camp Fortune, and the rebuilding of the Camp Fortune Lodge are on the programme of operations for the season of 1936-37.

Cliffside Ski Club

IN COMPETITIVE competition Cliffside Ski Club jumpers and ski-runners made a splendid showing during the 1935-36 season. At the city championship meet of the Capital City, George McMartin finished in second place with a total of 132.16 points, while Will Wright, also of the blue and gold, placed in third position.

Wilfred Gauthier was just beaten out of the city championship senior title for jumping, when he fell on his second jump of 105 feet, and in the two extra jumps was only over-shadowed by one foot. J. Bisson, another Cliffsider, captured the junior city jumping title with a total of 129.50 points, making jumps of 89 and 96 feet, and an extra jump of 100 feet.

At the Canadian championships at Toronto, Wilfred Gauthier made record jumps of 109 and 115 feet, and placed sixth in the large list of entries. Will Wright, as well as making a good showing in the city jumping championships, established a new hill record at Watertown, N.Y., and won the ski-riding tourna-

ment. In the slalom event, Rene Dufresne flashed down the course in good time to capture first place under the blue and gold colors of the Cliffside Ski Club.

The new downhill ski run of the Cliffside Club, which was started in the 1934-35 season, was well used during the past season, and has proved decidedly popular with the members of the club, and also by many of the Ottawa Ski Club members. The 700-foot run gives plenty of thrills in its tricky slopes.

The past winter was probably the best in this district for some time, with perfect conditions prevailing for over three months, and when not perfect the skiing was still good, and above the average. Club membership showed an increase, which was very encouraging, indeed, to the executive.

At the annual meeting held last fall for the past season, the following officers were elected to office:— *President*, Stewart Bruce, re-elected; *Vice-President*, Edwin Charleson; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Robert Delahay; *Publicity*, Thomas H. Turner; *Trails*, Thomas Seaton, Gordon Ross; *Membership*, Charles Blair, Irenus Mix; *Lodge*, Dave Kirby, Donald Beresford; *Entertainment*, Halen Charleson, Mary Parr.

Calgary Ski Club

THE 1935-36 season was the first as an incorporated body and was extremely successful throughout. Several factors were, undoubtedly, responsible for this, among which the following are outstanding:—(1) The co-operation of the Canadian Pacific Railway in securing train and bus transportation to Banff and the Ski Camp respectively at reasonable rates; (2) The completing of the motor road up Stony Squaw Mountain to the Ski Camp; (3) The excellent management of the Mount Norquay Ski Camp and the competent

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