

form and sent to all member clubs as suggestions to be adopted if valuable for their own use.

As I have mentioned, the majority of recreational skiers in Canada are unorganized. I believe this is particularly true of the Laurentian district, and while my foregoing suggestions may attract some of these as members of clubs there will still be a great many who will be hard to convince that there is any benefit in supporting organized ski-ing. May I urge all clubs, both individually and through their Zone Committees, to again give serious consideration to the enlargement of their respective memberships.

It is also gratifying to note that the financial position of the C.A.S.A. is much improved. This is due to the increase in membership and to an increase of revenue from Dominion Championships which, together with a curtailment in expenses, gives us a little brighter outlook for the future.

I would like particularly to pay tribute to the Western Section of the C.A.S.A. for the manner in which they organized and despatched the championship events at Banff. The Meet was possibly the best in every respect that has ever been held on this continent and did much to elevate the status of Canadian ski-ing both

in our own regard and also that of our honoured guests from the United States, Norway and Switzerland.

Due to the concentrated effort of both Eastern and Western clubs and with the co-operation of the railways and Mr. Ross Larway who organized the tour, we were able for the first time to send a strong representation of nearly sixty Eastern competitors and spectators to Banff. This gesture, I am sure, did more to unite the Eastern and Western Clubs and individuals than any other thing.

The decision of the Executive to split the Annual Meeting into an Eastern and Western Session was also a move in the right direction. I know that the Western Clubs feel now that they have a recognized voice in the affairs of the Association and I am assured of their whole-hearted support.

In closing I wish to acknowledge my deepest appreciation of the support given to me by the officers and clubs of the Association, and of the assistance Sigurd Lockeberg has consistently given me. His wide knowledge of Association affairs, his level-headed judgment when advice or interpretation of the rules is sought, his impartiality and his never-failing courtesy are so invaluable an asset to the Association.

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The Decline in Ski Jumping

WHILE none too conversant with the situation in Western Canada we deplore the fact that in the East ski jumping no longer holds its old time popularity. In Montreal it looks now as if the famous hill on Cote des Neiges, where week-end competitions have been for thirty years witnessed by thousands will have to be abandoned due to lack of interest and support. This means that the leading winter sports city in North America will have no ski jumping as an attraction for our thousands of winter visitors. Jumping has always been one of Montreal's most popular branches of the sport, and year after year our local men have won at home and abroad. In Ottawa a great jumping centre for years, the hill of the Ottawa Ski Club at Rockcliff was torn down last summer, and their present hill instead of being convenient to the city is miles away up the Gatineau at Camp Fortune. Ski

jumping is so much a vital part of ski-ing that we must view with grave concern what is taking place. The modern trend seems to be speed as emphasized in Downhill and Slalom racing, and there is so much importance now placed on racing technique that the young men of today have little inclination to practice on the jumping hill. Nothing trains better for all-round proficiency than jumping experience; a good jumper is an expert skier, as in the case with the Rudds and other famous jumpers. The public have also lost their interest. At our open championships in Montreal we would have a turn-out of several thousand spectators, but in late years but a handful pay the small admission fee, until we are no longer able to carry the load, and last year the hill perforce was sold. What are we going to do about it, that's the question.