

Canadian Ski School Association of the Laurentian Zone

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THE Director of the Association is Heinz Von Allmen, one of the foremost Swiss skiers and teachers, accredited by the Swiss Ski School Association. Twenty-five years old, he was Swiss champion last year, and Champion of France the year before, with a long record of brilliant achievements in Europe. Speaking French and English he will quickly adapt himself to his new environment. His coming to Canada is due entirely to Henry Morgan & Company, and to Mr. Bartlett Morgan goes the credit for the Association, he touring Europe last spring interviewing instructors in Austria and Switzerland. The Ski Instruction Committee of the Laurentian Zone, co-operating with Mr. Von Allmen, consists of Dr. W. Ball, chairman; H. S. Johannsen, Victor Gagné and A. H. Pangman. Ski schools will be established in the leading Laurentian resorts, all under competent instructors whose objects will be— instruction of the general public, instruction and coaching of competitors, instruction of recruits desiring to become ski instructors. All these schools will work under the direction of Mr. Von Allmen, and a course will be developed embracing the best points of the Swiss, Austrian and American school technique and adapted particularly to the Laurentian type of country. Those desiring to become ski instructors will pass final tests to the satisfaction of the director before receiving instructors' certificates. All present instructors will be required to qualify, and the passing of tests will be compulsory each year. Under this system in a few years the Laurentians will have a chain of ski schools with instructors equal to any in the world, and most important, all teaching the same routine and technique. This is something long looked forward to and will result in greatly improved and safer ski-ing and better qualified ski teams in competitions.

Ski schools will be established in the following centres:—

St. Jovite Ski School, Gray Rocks Inn, under the direction of Hannes Falkner, formerly in charge at Ober-Gurgl, Austria. Assisting him will be Josel Gstrein and Hermann Gadner, also from Austria. This school will take in the Mount Tremblant area, and the new development there.



Good ski-ing in the rolling Laurentians. This beautiful slope deeply covered by snow, is part of Mount Loup-Garou, near Ste-Adèle

St. Marguerite Ski School, Alpine Inn, under the personal direction of Heinz Von Allmen with an assistant.

St. Sauveur Ski School, under the Duke of Leuchtenberg and Lugi Foeger, formerly Hannes Schneider's first assistant at St. Anton, Austria. This was the first qualified ski school in Canada.

It is expected that ski schools will also be established at Ste. Agathe, Ste. Adele, Cochand's and Domaine d'Esterel. At Shawbridge, Mario Gabriell has again been engaged by the Laurentian Lodge Club and will be of great assistance. Classes for ski instruction will also be held in Montreal during the winter at convenient points.

It is interesting to note that Von Allmen is the only one being guaranteed a definite sum for his services, the others are coming out to settle eventually in Canada. The Canadian immigration officials will co-operate to keep out the expected influx of instructors from the United States as otherwise the proposed control by the Association would be difficult.

The development in the Laurentians is amazing. At Mount Tremblant Mr. Ryan has let the contract for a chair type of ski tow to the left of the Kandahar Trail running up 1,300 feet. This is only the start of a project that will include hotels, further tows, etc. Ste. Agathe district will have two tows. Hill 60 at St. Margarets will have a ski tow this winter. Cochand is installing a chair tow from Lake Lucerne to the top of twin mountain, a lift of 500 feet, 1,700 feet long. At Domaine d'Esterel two ski tows and a log ski chalet, to be the headquarters of their ski school. At St. Sauveur three additional ski tows are contemplated for the coming season. New hotels are under construction, all available accommodation being taken up. All we pray for is early snow and lots of it.