

C.A.S.A. Zones and Club Reports

Laurentian Zone

THE SEASON 1937-38 was an excellent one for the Laurentian Zone, as with an abundance of snow from early December till late in March, sufficient skiing was enjoyed by everyone and the Zone organization also grew to keep pace with the fast developing Laurentians.

The number of clubs grew from twenty-two at the start of the season to twenty-seven at the present time, with some ten others about to join. The work of the Zone was divided up more and more into sub-committees to look after the various branches of the sport.

A new interest is developing south of Montreal in the Eastern Townships, and a number of towns are forming ski clubs, clearing trails, etc.; most of which has been on their own initiative, although helped by various members of the committee. In fact the large number of new ski centres that are starting up is forming a problem for the Zone, for as soon as they get partially established they desire to hold a competition in order to attract outside skiers, and there simply are not enough weekends to go around.

Ski Instruction—The registering of qualified ski instructors was begun and six men were issued certificates. The teaching of new instructors was begun by the Duke of Leuchtenberg in St. Sauveur, but in other centres it was not found practical to hold schools. However, this summer, Mr. Bartlett Morgan, one of the committee, visited Switzerland and Austria, interviewing ski instructors and picking up notes on the organizing and running of ski schools, with the result that this winter the Swiss Ski Association has given us Heinz Von Allmen as technical advisor to the Laurentian Zone for the establishing of ski schools for instructors throughout the district.

First Aid Committee—Five stations in the Laurentians were equipped with men from the volunteer brigade of the St. John Ambulance Association. Transportation was provided by the railways every weekend during the season, and the local hotels gave these men free accommodation, to both of whom we are grateful. But there is still a lot more that could be done. The first first aid class was held last winter and some sixteen men passed their examinations. The Zone should not rest content, however, until every member of every ski club has taken first aid.

Ski Trail Committee—Ski touring, taking the train up the line and skiing down to a lower station or vice versa, is becoming more and more a favourite pastime of the ski enthusiast. With the help of the Laurentian Resorts Association the new Maple Leaf Trail, an 80-mile highway for skiers, was last year marked and cut. Running from Mont Tremblant to Shawbridge the trail passes through all the main villages or ski centres between these two, and passes over some of the best ski hills in the mountains. The marking of such a run meant a great deal of time and work and it is entirely due to Mr. H. S. Johannsen's untiring efforts.

Besides this main trail new ones have been cut by the individual clubs, as well as the clearing of new slalom hills and downhill runs.

Of interest is the fact that this year their will be some seventeen ski tows in the Laurentians, whereas last year there were only three.

Competitions and Rating Committee—Some three hundred competitors were rated and took out their amateur cards, including about thirty ladies. Successful competitions were run every weekend by different clubs, as well as a couple of informal races by the Zone for rating. While only one meet was run per weekend the time is coming when there will have to be more than one. This will be due to the number of competitors and the many new clubs that want to hold competitions, but mainly due to the fact that the individual skier

that wants to specialize in any one event or type of events can not do so because there are only three or four of his races in his class during the whole winter.

Cote des Neiges Ski Jump Association had the most successful year in its history. Open jumping meets were held every Saturday from January to March, and the skiing public began to get interested again, as there were always large crowds on hand to view the above. The first Dominion Junior Championship was held in March and was won by P. Drolet of Three Rivers Ski Club.

Finances—The Zone activities were financed by the sale of competitors' cards and by refund of club fees. Total receipts showed \$144.89 and total expenditures \$58.02 and the 1938-39 season is being started off with \$101.85 in the bank.

Officers and Committee Chairmen for the Season 1938-39:—*Chairman*, Victor Gagné, 3170 Maplewood Ave., Montreal; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Fred Lamoureux, 620 Cathcart St., Montreal; *Committees*—*Competition and Rating*, Jack Houghton, chairman; *Ski Trails*, H. S. Johannsen, chairman; *Ski Instruction*, Dr. W. L. Ball, Chairman; *Technical Adviser*, Heinz Von Allmen; *Publicity*, L. Baxter.

Bishop's College School Ski Club

WHILE there has been much enthusiasm for skiing at Bishop's College School for many years, it was only in the season 1937-38 that the Bishop's College School Ski Club, with well over a hundred members, was formed as a member club of the C.A.S.A. The Club was formed with two main objects, the first being that skiing should become recognized as one of the major school sports, and the second that Bishop's College School boys should be able to ski on Mont Tremblant or the Parsenn without damaging themselves, the innocent bystanders, or the scenery.

Owing to hockey practice in the afternoons, not all the older boys can turn out as regularly as the younger, but there is a powerful turnout of skiers in the Upper School, which put four members through the C.A.S.A. Third Class Test last winter, a number which, it is hoped, will be greatly increased next season.

The 8-13 year olds have their hockey practice in the morning, and so have several hours free for skiing every winter afternoon. On four afternoons a week there is a class on the practice hills, and each boy must attend at least one of these classes a week, and often more than one if he and his boards seem to have conflicting ideas, until he reaches the standard required by the C.A.S.A. Third Class Test. In these classes beginners struggle with stem turns and christies, while those who have mastered these turns practice telemarks, jump turns, etc., and try to speed up and perfect their technique on a short slalom course which is changed daily. On the afternoons when he is not required to attend a ski class a boy can run the hills in the vicinity of the school. On half-holidays and Sunday afternoons cross-country hikes with some new hill as the goal, and slalom and downhill competitions teach him to turn his turns into "control."

From the above it will be seen that any week of skiing at the school includes instruction and practice in the fundamentals of the sport, opportunity to put those fundamentals into full use, and a chance to compare one's prowess with that of others—an introduction to competitive skiing.

Both the Upper and the Preparatory Schools entered teams in the Eastern Townships Interscholastic Meet at North Hatley, obtaining second place in the Senior, and first, second and third places in the Junior Aggregate. Upper Canada College, Toronto, sent a team to

compete with the Upper School in a weekend meet, also held at North Hatley, which Bishop's College School won by a narrow margin of points.

The Whittall Cups, for the best all-round skier in the Upper and in the Preparatory School, are competed for in contests held at intervals throughout the season. The first eight in these competitions are given team colors in each school.

The Club is looking forward to the day when it will be as usual for school ski teams to compete with other schools as it is for the hockey teams at the present time.

Connaught Ski Club

THE Connaught Ski Club, with headquarters at North Hatley, a town bordering Lake Massawippi, is just a bit different in its aim. The Club, which was formed two years ago by skiers residing in Sherbrooke, Que., has a limited membership of active skiers. Its aim is to promote ski-ing in the Eastern Townships. It is for this reason that we chose North Hatley as our centre of activities, it being only twelve miles from Sherbrooke, connected by a highway kept open all winter through the efforts of the citizens of North Hatley.

The Club took its name from the Connaught Inn, located at North Hatley, an attractive winter resort hotel of ample accommodation, which caters to skiers, placing at their disposal a large playroom where old-fashioned and square dances are enjoyed on Saturday nights, music being furnished by a real French-Canadian orchestra.

The town of North Hatley contributes money each year, which is used to cut new trails and improve slopes for downhill and slalom races. There is now a sporty downhill course, the finish being in the centre of the town, therefore accessible to all spectators. During these contests a loud-speaker is installed as well as a telephone circuit from the starting point to finish line. In the evening the town itself looks like fairyland with strings of multi-colored lights along the main street bordering the lake, all supplied by North Hatley as a welcome to their many visitors from Montreal and the United States.

During 1938 the Club held three important events: The Eastern Townships Championship Tournament, won by T. W. Haughton, of Windsor Mills, formerly of Montreal; the Connaught Ski Championship, which resulted in a tie between John Blue and Norman Welsh, both of Sherbrooke; and the Eastern Townships School Boys Championship. For this a perpetual challenge trophy donated by W. L. McGannon was won by R. Stuart, St. Johnsbury Academy, St. Johnsbury, Vt. Stuart proved his superiority over 66 other entrants by coming first in all three events: downhill, slalom and cross-country. Through the generosity of J. P. Wells, K.C., of Sherbrooke, a cup has been donated for Junior School Boys Championship which will be competed for in 1939.

North Hatley is a ski-ing centre well worth a visit; from its many hills and mountains bordering the lake, this attractive village can always be seen, making an ideal terrain for the beginner or expert, where excellent accommodations and a hearty welcome await you.

The officers for the 1937-1938 season were:—*Honorary President*, John McKay, North Hatley; *President*, W. L. McGannon, Sherbrooke; *Vice-President*, M. C. Soles, Sherbrooke; *Secretary-Treasurer*, John Blue, Sherbrooke.

Club de Ski Labelle.

LE CLUB DE SKI DE LABELLE entre dans sa quatrième année d'existence. Le Club a beaucoup fait l'an dernier pour améliorer ses pistes de ski. Un bon nombre de pistes s'ajoute à notre réseau tel que les nouvelles pistes communiquant du village de Labelle aux Lacs Grand et Petit Caribou, Lac Blanc et Lac Vert.

Le Club entend bien pouvoir faire cet automne une piste du Lac Baptiste au Lac Brochet donnant une piste plus directe par la forest jusqu'au Lac-Mercier et Mont Tremblant.

Le Club de Ski de Labelle terminait la dernière saison avec 22 membres senior et 45 membres junior. Dans les concours de l'an dernier les coupes de saison furent gagnées par:—Section Féminine, Melle Lucienne Paradis; Senior, M. Conrad Gratton; Intermédiaire, M. Raymond Ménard; Junior, M. Gustave Paradis.

Les officiers du Club de Ski de Labelle pour la prochaine saison sont:—*Présidents Honoraire*, Révérend M. D. Guay, Ptre Curé, M. Come Bertrand, M. P. E. Forget; *Président Actif*, M. Oscar Godard; *Vice-Présidents*, M. J. A. Gratton, M. Alf. Bélisle, M. Geo. Forget, M. Emile Vernier, M. Fernande Machabée; *Secrétaire-Trésorier*, M. R. Rainville; *Directeurs*, M. Ubald Marinier, M. Alp. Labelle, M. W. Machabée.

Club de Ski Mont Tremblant.

LE CLUB MONT TREMBLANT est né en automne 1935, l'initiative de sa formation revient à M. Kenneth Harrison, alors gérant de Shady Nook Inn; encouragé et secondé par le Rév. C. H. Deslauriers, Curé de la localité, Président actif du Club depuis sa fondation.

Dès le début, une enthousiaste sympathie a été témoignée au Club de la part de nombreux personnages influents qui habitent ou visitent notre localité. Mentionnons entre autres:—Col. J. J. Creelman, K.C., notre Président Honoraire; Wm. St. Pierre, Vice-Président Honoraire; A. M. Terroux, E. Dubois, O. Robitaille, P. Meilleur, L. Pinoteau, C. Whitley, Geo. Whitley, etc.

Le nombre des membres a connu une augmentation toujours grandissante qui permet d'espérer pour le Club dans un avenir rapproché des succès dignes de mention, grâce au travail persistant et à la coopération de tous, en particulier des jeunes membres très prometteurs qui se préparent à remplacer avec honneur leurs aînés. Des exercices quotidiens, un tournoi régulier hebdomadaire sous l'habile direction de Raoul Meilleur, comportant toutes les courses régulières du ski, plus concours de sauts sur le tremblin construit par le Club dès 1935, permettent aux membres de démontrer leur habileté tout en les entraînant à la formation de cet esprit sportif si nécessaire. Un site enchanteur—les slopes naturelles de nos montagnes du Mont Tremblant en particulier, favorisent ici un développement intensif du ski, et dans un avenir rapproché, grâce à l'initiative d'un enthousiaste Américain qui a su se rendre compte des possibilités des sports d'hiver, notre localité pourra rivaliser avec avantage avec Sun Valley ou tout autre Winter Sports Resort du même genre. Pour mieux diriger les randonnées du skieur, le Club Mont Tremblant a ouvert plusieurs trails qu'il a indiqué au moyen d'indicateurs de différentes couleurs et numéros. Nous espérons que la nouvelle saison du ski sera couronnée de succès.

Les officiers sont:—*Président Honoraire*, J. J. Creelman, K.C.; *Président*, Rev. C. H. Deslauriers; *Vice-Président*, E. Dubois; *Directeurs*, O. Robitaille, J. Meilleur, Raoul Meilleur, J. R. Lavigne, L. Dubois, E. St. Pierre, G. Whitley, L. Pinoteau, P. Lapointe, A. Richer.

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1937-38 notre cinquième saison, a été sans contredit l'année par excellence. Avec un actif de 150 membres, de la neige en abondance, il ne pouvait en être autrement. Nous avons cette année visité plusieurs nouveaux sites pour le ski et avons obtenu un très beau succès dans toutes nos excursions. Notre premier voyage eut lieu à St. Sauveur, température idéale, environ 100 membres prirent part à ce voyage et s'en donnèrent à coeur joie. Rawdon fut le but de notre