

Nous eûmes aussi des représentants aux championnats du pays tenus à Camp Fortune.

Les concours inter-facultés ont eu lieu à St-Sauveur aux quartiers d'hiver de notre club, et furent gagnés par la faculté de droit. L'opposition serrée rencontrée par les vainqueurs fait bien augurer quant à l'avenir du club.

Nos activités sociales pour la saison se sont limitées à quelques réunions officielles des officiers du club et de l'équipe, et à notre diner-causerie tenu à l'hôtel Péninsulaire.

Le Président au nom de tous les membres tient à remercier les clubs McGill, St-Sauveur et Red Birds de leur amabilité et de l'aide qu'ils ont apportée à l'expansion de notre club.

Les élections ont donné le résultat suivant pour l'année 1938-39:—*Président*, Antoine Paré; *Vice-Président*, Jean Lalonde; *Secrétaire*, Yves Brassard; *Publiciste*, Hector Asselin; *Aviseur*, Alex Casgrain.

### St. Maurice Valley Ski Zone

THE ST. MAURICE VALLEY SKI ZONE has probably the distinction of being the smallest zone of the Association, grouping only four member clubs, namely:—The Cap Madeleine Ski Club, Grand'Mère Ski Club, Shawinigan Ski Club and the Trois-Rivières Ski Club, with a total combined membership of approximately 800.

The three last-mentioned have been members of the Association for many years. The Cap Madeleine Ski Club was formed and became a member of the Association only last season. In spite of its brief history, it has shown itself to be quite active, which bespeaks well for its future.

The Zone membership being so limited, the duties of the Zone Committee are correspondingly light and usually consist of a general meeting in the Fall where zone competitions are allocated, competitors rated, judges appointed and matters of general interest discussed. During the active season, meetings are held from time to time as conditions warrant.

The competition event which evokes the most interest in this Zone is, undoubtedly, Jumping. All of the four clubs have ski jumps and many fine jumpers. Enthusiasm for this branch of the sport is particularly keen, as can be judged by the fact that more than the half of the entries in the Provincial Jumping Meet at Lac Beauport last season, were from this Zone.

Slalom and downhill racing which was formerly greatly handicapped by lack of suitable terrain has made great headway here during the last two seasons. A fine downhill terrain has now been opened near the village of St. Jacques des Piles, some thirty miles north of Trois-Rivières. Credit for this is due to the Trois-Rivières Ski Club, and particularly President Paul Desilets who conducted the necessary negotiations. Downhill runs with 800 to 900 feet of vertical drop are possible, and for the coming season, we hope to have downhill runs cleared, which will compare favourably with any in the Laurentians.

Cross-country racing which was quite a popular sport here some years ago, now has very few followers; this lack of interest can partly be attributed to the fact that the new rule which requires a runner to be 21 years old before competing in a major race has had the effect of discouraging the younger skiers from taking up this branch of the sport; the second reason is that very few of the older skiers have time for the long and strenuous training it requires. Last season, no Zone championship was held for this event, this being due to the lack of sufficient competitors.

During the last years, the Zone Committee has been somewhat financially embarrassed as the only funds at its disposal was the modest sum realized from the sale of competitors' cards, which was barely sufficient to buy a few small things for the Zone competitors. Publicity and educational work has been necessarily neglected, due to the lack of funds. With the refund of 50 per

cent of the Zone club fees from the C.A.S.A., it is now possible to report a surplus to start the new season with, and it is intended to give more attention to this branch of activity.

Interest in the sport is steadily growing in the Zone, as is the case everywhere. The Zone Committee, therefore, expects the coming season to be a record one and is confident that before long it will have new member clubs to report.

Officers:—*Chairman*, Harry Olsen, Three Rivers Ski Club; *Technical Advisor*, W. B. Thompson, Shawinigan Falls; *Secretary-Treasurer*, Roland Burdon, Three Rivers Ski Club.

### Shawinigan Falls Ski Club

THE Shawinigan Falls Ski Club, having been founded in 1910, is one of the oldest ski clubs in Canada. As such it has enjoyed many prosperous years and has expanded in line with the progress of the sport in this country. The organization has been the winter section of the Shawinigan Falls Country Club since October, 1934.

Characteristic of the older clubs it may be observed that cross-country skiing is the most popular among the members. In view of this tendency it is planned to map the trails of the surrounding country during the coming season.

Until recently downhill and slalom running have not received the attention they merit. Owing to limited facilities, efforts in these branches of the sport must be confined to comparatively small hills. However, considerable work has been done to improve the hills in the vicinity of the clubhouse, which should aid the development of these branches.

During the autumn improvements were also effected on the medium-sized jump which was constructed last season to replace previous jumps. Distances of 85 feet were obtained from this jump last winter.

Events sponsored by the Club during the 1937-38 season include the St. Maurice Valley Jumping and Slalom Championships, each of which attracted some forty participants. Due to the interest displayed in slalom running, particularly by the juniors, it is planned to sponsor more of these competitions in the future.

A trail that will, undoubtedly, be the best downhill run in the Valley is being cut by the Three Rivers Club at St. Jacques des Piles, about fifteen miles from Shawinigan Falls. This run, which will have a drop of 900 feet over a distance of three quarters of a mile, should give all clubs in the Zone an added interest in the sport and opportunity for their members to practise on a real down-mountain trail. It is hoped that clubs in Three Rivers, Shawinigan Falls and Grand'Mère will be able to arrange joint excursions to this district during the coming season.

The Shawinigan Club is proud to be able to record on its membership list the name of Bill Thompson, ex-president of the Canadian Amateur Ski Association. Bill has done much to inspire enthusiasm among the members and as a result of his experience has been able to offer many invaluable suggestions to the local skiers.

Names of those who will guide the destiny of the Club during the 1938-39 season follow:—*Honorary President*, C. N. Crutchfield; *President*, J. P. Walsh; *Vice-President*, C. B. Brown; *Secretary-Treasurer*, A. Taylor; *Directors*, C. P. Beaubien, J. Dauncey, R. Houle, C. Hicks, W. Thompson, M. Weber.

### Trois-Rivières Ski Club Inc.

UNE TEMPERATURE généralement favorable, de la neige en abondance, un actif de près de 400 membres enthousiastes, du succès dans les compétitions, l'inauguration d'un "snow-train," telles furent les principales caractéristiques responsables d'une saison fructueuse à tous points de vue