

held on our hill, our members competed at Quebec and North Bay, also the Dominion meet at Camp Fortune. Ladies teams were sent to Lake Placid and the Seigniory Quebec.

Spring was greeted with regret by our skiers and the season wound up with a successful moving picture show. The Executive were laying plans for an improved ski tower to give greater distance, when fate struck a severe blow. Our ski tower was demolished by a spring tornado. This was very disheartening for a time, but work started at once on our new hill. Working all summer, our landing hill has been lengthened to take jumps of 165 feet, leaving ample safety run on the hill. Today the tower under construction has reached 55 feet, and when completed will reach 85 feet in height. Built to Olympic specifications, this hill will be one of the finest in Eastern Canada. We can point to this with pride, as the work of alterations and construction has been done entirely by the members of our executive.

We look forward to the winter of 1938. Plans have been laid for classes in all types of ski-ing, competitive and otherwise. Weekly night hikes and many other interesting events will be held. All we need is snow—here's hoping!

Ottawa Ski Club

THE ONLY thing that stands out clearly in the writer's memory out of the winter of 1937-38, which is fast receding into the dim past, is the Canadian Ski Championships. It was not the first time the Ottawa Ski Club held the Championships, but it was the first time it was made so conscious of them. The elaborate program of Slalom, Downhill, Cross-Country and Jumping, the almost staggering number of competitors entered, the fact that for the first time all the events were held in the wilds of Camp Fortune, raised new and complicated problems and made the staging of the Championships altogether a new venture.

The coming Championships were the all absorbing topic at all meetings of the Ottawa Ski Club executive; from the moment the last mosquito folded its wings in the bush under the touch of the first autumnal frost, to that when the last competitor, out of some ninety, faced the raging blizzard on Sigurd's jump on that memorable afternoon of February 27, the Championships were the sole object of the Club's talks and activities. There was no pleasure ski-ing of any sort until the events were over. Anyone caught without a machette or an axe or some bunting in his hands, any one heard talking of anything else but the coming Championships, was stared at in such a manner that he felt like crawling into a hole.

The first shock to the Committee was the engineer's report that some six thousand dollars would be required to fill up the gap in Sigurd's jumping hill, and a couple of thousand more to give the landing a proper slant. The second was the blizzard which came two hours too soon and simply swallowed up the jumping competition and about a thousand cars which were on their way to Kingsmere or Dunlop's farm; the third, and worst perhaps, was a letter of criticism from an "observer" who complained that the Downhill was not as good a test of skimanship as the Banff or Innsbruck courses and that the events were not run with as much precision as they might have been. Ye Gods! Some observer that man was!

The question of the hill was solved by Sigurd, who took himself there with pick and crow-bar, practically camped on his jump the whole fall and winter and showed what determination and will to work can accomplish. The services of everyone who came along were commandeered. Every one was made to take a stone up or bring one down. The hill was completed with one-tenth of the expenditure foreseen by the engineer. The first trial jump was well over the 150 feet regulation mark, and had it not been for the blizzard, it is certain that a record would have been established for Eastern Canada.

The Downhill was the result of the combined efforts of a number of chaps among whom John Taylor, Huby Douglas, Tod Laflamme and Geo. Brittain deserve special mention. It was a sane and practical course and it is to be hoped that no stiffer one will ever be offered for competition. With its many turns and steep passes, it afforded all possible opportunities for a display of the highest sort of skimanship, while reducing to a minimum the number of accidents. There were no broken bones, and no call for the ambulance that stood at the bottom.

The Cross-Country run was an outstanding example of perfect organization. No one went astray over the long ten mile trail, and every contestant of the forty or so who took part in the event had nothing but the highest praise for the course.

The Slalom hill, much enlarged and smoothed over, was the scene of the most dazzling display of ski-manship ever seen, and the thousands of spectators who had gathered at the foot of the hill got full value for their money there.

The number of spectators was simply amazing and exceeded by far all expectations. Although enlarged to accommodate five hundred cars at both points of approach, at Kingsmere and Dunlop's Farm, the parking space was lamentably insufficient. Early in the afternoon of Sunday, when the blizzard broke, there was a line of cars extending over two miles long from Dunlop's to Old Chelsea and beyond. Some of them did not get home until late at night, but everybody was happy and good-humored, even those who had seen nothing of the Championships. Secretary Jim Leslie, who bore the brunt of the organization, was particularly glad when it was over.

The rebuilding and remodelling of the lodges of the Ottawa Ski Club is the main item on the program for the coming season. Camp Fortune and the Dome Hill Lodge are being turned into cozier and more comfortable places, and extensive repairs are being made to the other lodges. A banner year is expected for the season of 1938-39. The membership of the Ottawa Ski Club took a big jump last year and promises soon to equal if not go over the high water mark of 1930.

The present executive of the Ottawa Ski Club is composed as follows: *President*, E. Mortureux; *Vice-Presidents*, Herbert Marshall and Sigurd Lockeberg; *Legal Adviser*, Geo. McHugh; *Secretary-Treasurer*, J. C. Leslie; *Directors*, John P. Taylor, Tod Laflamme, Howard Bagguley, Geo. Brittain, Bruce Lyon, Ted Burpee, H. Douglas.

Seigniory Ski Club

THE history of the Seigniory Ski Club dates back to 1930-31 and since that time it has played an important part in Eastern Canadian ski-ing. The first annual women's inter-city ski meet was held at the Seigniory Club in 1933 when girl skiers from Ottawa and Montreal competed in downhill, slalom and cross-country races. Since that time this event has grown steadily, with a larger number of entries being received each season from leading ski clubs in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal, and it is hoped that in the very near future feminine ski experts from below the border will enlarge the entry list still further.

The Seigniory Ski Club has also encouraged school-boy ski meets, and potential champions from local preparatory schools compete each year in jumping, cross-country, slalom and downhill racing. Club members have presented trophies to encourage the sport among the French Canadian children in the village of Montebello where the Seigniory Club is located and annual races are given for their benefit.

Snow conditions were nearly perfect last winter and our Club had a long and active season from early December until late in March. The practice slopes on the golf course near the Log Chateau were in constant use and many important competitive events were held in the district around Valley Farm, five miles north of