

halfway up the downhill course and another cabin in Whistler Creek basin, directly behind Whistler Mountain.

The area opened up by the development on Whistler offers wonderful ski terrain, with runs with a 2,000-foot vertical drop. The Tonquin Valley offers unexcelled ski-ing conditions. The Alpine Club of Canada have a ski hut there. The Maligne Lake country offers the tourist skier a trip of more than 70 miles through the Alps and this country is well supplied with ski chalets at intervals, operated by Fred Brewster, Ltd. and the Maligne Lake Ski Club. Summer ski-ing is also available on the glaciers on the Maligne Lake Mountains. The Columbia Icefields offer wonderful ski-ing for twelve months of the year with a Chalet operated by the Brewster Transport Co.

This summer, while the Youth Trainees were busy clearing the runs, the club members constructed a ski cabin at the half-way mark on the downhill run. The camp in Whistler Creek basin was enlarged and improved. The executives of the club were busy working with Peter Vajda planning this new run.

The Jasper Park Ski Club made plans for the first summer ski race to be held in Canada, on the slopes of Mount Athabasca at the Columbia Icefields. This meet was cancelled on account of the war in Europe. If conditions will permit, this meet will be staged during the summer of 1940, during the first week in July. Even though

the meet was cancelled, more than fifty skiers drove up from Edmonton, and with a good representation from Jasper, Edson and Banff Ski Clubs enjoyed the ski-ing on the glacier, and a banquet was held in the evening.

The developments on Whistler Mountain were so rapid during the last three years, that some 500 to 600 skiers can now be accommodated on the practice slopes and runs. Plans are being made in Edmonton to run ski trains this winter. The Jasper Park Ski Club executive are planning on building a ski tow on the practice slope to be completed in the near future.

A closed tournament for Jasper skiers only is held annually for the Creelman-McNicholl and J. A. Wood trophies. Later on there will be the Jasper, Edson and Blue River meet; also Zone competitions during the winter, and we hope to be able to hold the Dominion Championships here in the very near future.

The future plans of development call for six more downhill runs on Whistler; a cabin site on Macarrib Pass; a road from Jasper village to Whistler Creek basin; ski tow from the end of the road to the summit of Whistler Mountain, which will enable the skier to make a complete traverse of the Whistler Range; a chalet is also to be built in Whistler Creek basin. A race could also be run from Indian Ridge, giving a vertical drop of 5,700 feet, which would be the largest in the world with the exception of the 6,000-foot Parsen course at Davos, Switzerland.

Hostelling on Skis

By Phil Tyas, National Secretary, Canadian Youth Hostels Association

SKI TIME is Hostel time because the facilities provided by the Canadian Youth Hostels Association tie in so closely with the fun of ski-ing.

Youth Hostels were established to encourage young people to get out and about in the great outdoors—to go hiking and biking in the warmer months and ski-ing in the winter. When locating hostel sites attention is always given to insure that the picturesque kiking country for summer time shall also provide suitable ski runs when the snow falls.

Canadian Youth Hostels are now firmly established in regions across Canada. Nova Scotia is well away with a loop through the Annapolis Valley which stretches out to the chain through New Brunswick. The Monteregian Trail running south from Montreal through the picturesque villages of the Eastern Townships links up with the American Hostels in the State of Vermont, and makes the marvellous Green and White Mountains ski-ing districts of New England within easy reach of Canadian enthusiasts. Another chain runs north to the Laurentians through Shawbridge as far as Lac Mercier where great ski-ing developments have taken place

recently and a ski lift on Mont Tremblant is to be open this year.

In Ontario too, full advantage is taken of the ski trails with hostels at Summit, the ever popular Glenville, and for this season a new hostel is being opened at Chalk Lake right in the heart of the Dagmar Ski district. The hostels are not confined to Toronto vicinity alone, for they stretch up through Muskoka and as far as North Bay.

The hardy soul who ventures further afield will find hostels inviting him to the skiers' paradise of Banff and all the famous foothill country of the Rockies, and a chain of excellent hostels on the other side of the mountains runs down to the Pacific coast.

Accommodation at the Canadian Youth Hostels is always clean, comfortable and well supervised. The rules of membership are few and simple, and are based on self-service and consideration for others. Charges are within the reach of all; the standard twenty-five cent overnight fee and twenty-five cent meals do not overtax even the slimmest pocket-book. For those who choose to carry their own lunch cooking facilities are provided.