

ERKKI PENTTILA, Cross-Country Amateur Champion of Canada in 1930, was born in Finland in 1905, and was a member of the Savanlinnan Club of Helsinki, Finland. He started ski-ing as a child, winning his first race, an open school competition, at age 13. At 16 years, he won his first important race, a 10-kilometre open club race. In 1928, he won the 10- and 50- kilometre open championship races in Finland, open to Norwegian and Swedish skiers at Lahti. In addition he has won many important races in his country before coming to Canada in 1929. Since competing in Canada, Mr. Penttila has the remarkable record of never having been defeated in the many races in which he has entered, and on March 2, 1930, he won by a margin of about twenty minutes, the first 50-kilometre race, from Shawbridge to Ste. Marguerite and return, run in Eastern Canada. Mr. Penttila is a member of the Montreal Ski Club.



Unfortunately the weather was so bad that the annual Slalom Race had to be called off, much to the regret of all those present.

It is interesting to mention here that the first official 50-Kilometre Race held in Eastern Canada was run over the Shawbridge-St. Margaret's country on March 2. The course was closely 32 miles over very stiff country with two control stations. Penttila won, this being his fifth straight victory of the season in five hours thirteen minutes, finishing as fresh as if just in from a short afternoon's workout. C. Wright of the Cliffside Club was nine minutes behind. The score was as follows:

			Hrs.	Min.	Sec.
1.	E Penttila	Montreal Ski Club	5	13	15
2.	C. Wright	Cliffside Ski Club	5	32	05
3.	Cave-Brown-Cave	Montreal Ski Club	6	11	05
4.	A. Kelly	Montreal Ski Club	6	26	15
5.	H. Pangman	McGill Ski Club	7	03	13
6.	P. Sheppard	Montreal Ski Club	7	05	53
7.	T. Sinclair	McGill Ski Club	7	38	10

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