

CAMROSE SKI CLUB

A SKI CLUB called the Fram Ski Club was formed in Camrose, Alberta, in 1912, its first President, J. R. Engelbreston. In January of that year, the first Tournament was held, the winner of the jumping being Adolph Maland with jumps of 69 and 74 feet, which in those days and on the small hill available was quite an achievement.

It is interesting to note that that year an attempt was made to form a Western Ski Organization, the National Ski Association of Western Canada, whose President was T. Iversen. In 1913 a Western Canadian Championship Tournament was held at Camrose, Adolph Maland being the winner of the same. This Association, however, had a short life and soon disbanded.

The Fram Ski Club, however, continued to function, thanks to local support, although ski-ing in those days was an entirely new sport and received



PAUL GOTAAS, Camrose, finishing the 40-mile Marathon, Lake Louise to Banff

but little local aid except from a few enthusiasts. Among the early members of the Fram Ski Club were Adolph and Lars Maland, O. Evenson, the Engel-Bretson brothers, P. Meikkelson, and others, and these men at tournaments in Edmonton, Calgary, Banff, and Revelstoke, brought many trophies back to their club.

Adolph Maland in the jumping and O. Evenson in the cross-country races particularly competed most creditably against the very best ski men in Western Canada in those days.

As the years passed improvements were made on the local jumping hill although the Club was always handicapped through the need of funds. In 1920 the Club was reorganized and the name changed to Camrose Ski Club. From then on, with the co-operation of public-spirited citizens it has progressed steadily to the strong position it holds today. From the start this Club has

endeavoured to promote the interest in ski-ing among the boys and girls of the locality and today their representative competitors are those who have been brought up from their early ski days in the Club.

This past year the Club was greatly honored when J. Nordmoe journeyed all the way to Montreal to win the Dominion All-round Championship, also winning the same honor in the Western Canada Tournament at Banff, Engstad of the same Club securing second place, while P. Gotaas finished first in the forty mile marathon race from Lake Louise to Banff, with Engstad a close second. Gotaas also won the thirty mile race for the second time at Jasper Park.

Arrangements are now being made to erect a steel structure which will give the Club one of the finest jumping hills in Canada where long distance records will undoubtedly be made. At the same time great interest is being taken in the training and schooling of cross-country runners.

The Camrose Ski Club looks back with great pride over its many years of success in ski-ing, and the splendid influence it has exercised in the sport in the West should be continued and strengthened in the future years.