

materially assisted local skiers at Yamachiche, Que. Claude Beaubien, another member, did some very nice work in the Inter-Collegiate Tournament at Quebec City, as did also his brother, Joseph.

The annual cross-country and jumping competitions for the members of the Club took place at Mont Rolland, in the Laurentian Mountain, on February 9, 1926, and resulted as follows:

Cross-Country Championship—Joseph Beaubien, Jr., first; Norman Farrell, second; Lester Sayer, third; F. A. Curry, fourth.

Ladies' Cross-Country Championship—Miss N. Shackell, first; Miss N. Cook, second; Miss A. Howell, third; Miss E. Rousseau, fourth.

Jumping Championship—Claude Beaubien, first; Norman Farrell, second; Joseph Beaubien, Jr., third; Lester Sayer, fourth.

Junior and School Cross-Country Race—The annual Junior and School Cross-Country Race took place on March 5, 1926, resulting as follows: J. G. Stewart, M.H.S., first; Norman Farrell, M.R.S.C., second; George Summer, W.H.S., third; D. Loucks, S.S., fourth.

Aggregate total for season (taken from Club Championship events only): Joseph Beaubien, Jr., first (holder Alderman E. W. Sayer, M.L.A., Trophy and Champlain Provencher Trophy); Norman Farrell, second (winner Henry Heckman Trophy); Lester Sayer, third (winner W. A. Mattson Trophy).

The Officers for 1925-1926 were: Hon. L. A. Taschereau, Hon. Mederic Martin and Mayor Joseph Beaubien, *Honorary Patrons*; Alderman E. W. Sayer, M.L.A., *Honorary President*; Champlain Provencher, *President*; R. Rousseau, *Vice-President*; Leon Duchastel de Montrouge, *French Secretary*; Laurence Sessenwein, *English Secretary*; Paul Duhamel, *Treasurer*; Joseph Beaubien, Jr., Lester Sayer, Henry Heckman, W. A. Mattson, Norman Farrell, *Committee*.

THE DOINGS OF THE OTTAWA SKI CLUB

SEASON 1925-1926

ON NOVEMBER 29, 1925, just as the last flight of wild geese, southward bound, was passing over the city in search of warmer climes, a small party was ascending on skis the northern slopes of Camp Fortune, looking for deeper snows and colder weather. They were: Jos. Amyot, Marie Amyot, Cliff Herbert and Mabel Rainboth. Almost five months later, on April 24, 1926, just as the first birds heralded the arrival of spring, the President and Captain T. J. Morin left Old Chelsea at 8 p.m. and made the Camp after four weary hours of alternate walking, swimming and ski-ing. They were joined later by a strong party who had been through the same tribulations. It was the last day of the longest and most enjoyable winter that has been recorded since the population of Ottawa took to ski-ing. Between those two dates—November 29 and April 25—practically every day was good.

Strange as it may seem, however, it was not before January 17 that the migratory movement northward was in full swing, and as that day was abominably sticky, many of those who had donned the blades for the first time, laid them away in disgust for another fortnight or so. However, gradually, the crowds increased, until two trains of ten coaches each, a whole fleet of buses, street cars and motor cars were barely sufficient to accommodate all those who wanted to fry their own bacon or cook their own beans at one or the other of the five lodges of the Club, covering a thousand square miles of territory,—Dome Hill, Camp Fortune, East Side Lodge, Western Lodge or Pink Lake. To show how strong the movement was, let us record here that between February 1 and March 15 over twelve hundred guests, in addition to the regular members, were officially recorded at the Lodges of the Ottawa Ski Club.

Two causes were mainly responsible for this delay in coming out; the mad dog scare, which originated in the Gatineau district and prevented many from venturing out on the trails, and the scarcity of snow over the pavements of the city. People have yet to learn that the depth of snow increases by about two inches for every hundred feet in altitude, and that the heights of the Gatineau hills stand at some 1,200 feet above the level of the Ottawa River.

The chief events of the season were the opening of the new lodge on the east side of the river, near Tenaga, making accessible a new and hitherto almost virgin territory; the inauguration of the new ski jumping tower, built by a Joint Committee, in Rockcliffe Park, after a three years' ban, lifted through the sole efforts of the Ottawa Ski Club; the inauguration of the Kingsmere Heights Trail and the Canyon Trail on January 31, and the holding of the Dominion Ski-Jumping and Ski-Running Championships, in their usual splendour and amidst a tremendous concourse of spectators, on February 27 and 28.

The ski-running and ski-jumping departments were very active and competitions were held every week-end. The winners in the main Club events were as follows:



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First Preliminary Race, Louis Grimes (Senior) and Allan Gordon (Junior); *Second Preliminary*, Ken West (Senior), Kay West (Ladies), A. Grant (Novice); *Third Preliminary*, B. Grayson-Bell (Senior), G. Ken (Junior), Jos. Amyot (Novice), Marjorie Dillon (Ladies); *Fourth Preliminary*, J. Bourgault (Senior), B. Martin (Junior), Marie Amyot (Ladies); *Lisgar Collegiate Race*, A. Gordon, *Glebe Collegiate Race*, F. Ellis; *Lisgar and Glebe Girls' Race*, M. MacDonald. *Ontario Championships*, Louis Audette, 2nd, and Frank Amyot, 3rd; *Club Championships*, J. Bourgault (Senior), Ed. Godwin (Junior); *City Championships*, Louis Grimes; *Ladies' Club Championships*, Edith O'Connor; *Inter-collegiate Race for Southam Trophy*, Lisgar Team, made up of Geo. Jost, Allan Gordon, Frank Bennet and Wm. Clark.

Ski-Jumping Events: C. Denis won the Club Championship, with 112 feet; A. Bambrick, was first in the Intermediates and E. Fillman in the Juniors. C. Clark came sixth in the Quebec Championships in Montreal. C. Denis

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first in the Chateau Frontenac competition. D. Powers and C. Clark, fourth and fifth at Lake Placid. D. Powers second at the Dominion Championship.

The Club treasure has been enriched by a magnificent trophy, donated by Frank Bedard for the longest standing-jump made during the season on the Rockcliffe hill. The first competitor to have his name engraved on the trophy was D. Couture, of Berlin Mills, who covered a distance of 135 feet at the Dominion Competition.

The Club had the pleasure of entertaining the President of the Canadian Ski Association and practically all the Presidents of Clubs affiliated with the Association at the banquet given by the High Lea Tennis Club, in connection with the Dominion Championships.

The last social events of the year were the Annual Dance and the Banquet, for the presentation of prizes both held, as usual, at the Chateau Laurier, and, as usual, highly successful.

A new venture this year was the opening of the Dome Hill Lodge, three afternoons a week, in addition to the regular week-ends. The results of this move were so gratifying that it was decided to place the lodge in charge of a permanent caretaker for the coming year, and enlarge it to double its present capacity. This lodge is only two miles from the end of the car line, at the foot of the highest hill to be found in the whole district. The trail leading to it affords many splendid slopes. A new lodge is also planned for the western end of the ridge.

There are no signs of waning enthusiasm among the skiers of Ottawa or among the Directors of the Ottawa Ski Club. Visitors in ever-increasing numbers are being received from other cities every week-end, and the Capital is fast becoming the ski centre of the Dominion.

CLIFFSIDE SKI CLUB

CONCLUDING one of the most successful seasons in its history, the Cliffside Ski Club, during the year 1925-1926, again had a substantial increase in membership, the total numerical strength of this popular organization being well over 400. This Club has produced some of the best ski-ing talent in Canada, and last year was no exception. For some reason it has always attracted a fine class of ski enthusiasts, and has always been able to develop superior skiers, largely due to the fact that the more expert of its members make it a point to give of their time and experience in coaching the tyros. This is not always possible in some of the larger organizations.

Ski-ing has rapidly come into its own in Ottawa as the chief outdoor pastime of the winter season. Consequently, in a city where nearly every household has one or two ski-ing enthusiasts, and with a constantly increasing number of newcomers to the sport, becoming ardent devotees of the Gatineau Trails, there is plenty of material upon which to work in the development of experts.

A great amount of hard and efficient work, resulting in splendid trails, was done by various parties of members under the leadership of President Ted Devlin, Ernie Brockington and George Hamilton, who with axe and cross-cut saw, worked all through the fall and early winter making new trails and improving old ones. On the famous Sunset Trail, which runs from Keogan's to Kingsmere Lake, the chutes and runs were all cleverly arranged and smoothed out. This trail affords a panorama of wild rugged grandeur, overlooking vistas of scenic beauty, which in Europe would be featured as wonders of nature. A new trail was also cut through from Chelsea to Birch Valley.

The Saturday hikes to Birch Valley were very popular, especially with the younger members, who were usually led on these outings by Mrs. Gordon Blackader. The Sunday hikes were also well patronized, the skiers meeting at the 9.05 train at the Union Station, and, after an hour's run, landed in the heart of the Gatineau Hills. The fifteen or twenty miles back to town were