

staging previous exhibitions in Utah, which gained him many recommendations as a ski rider. This Club was also represented at the Olympic Games, Lake Placid, by Robert Lymburne, who unquestionably proved himself worthy of selection at that event. He is such an ardent skier, that only twelve months winter each year satisfies him. Several professional skiers also accompanied Nels Nelsen on a Provincial tour, and Secretary Dave Orr and J. H. Mohr took twenty-two ski tots of tender age to Vernon, B.C., to give that coming Club a start. The amateur contingent of five members sent to Banff gave splendid satisfaction, and it is claimed made a success of that well-known winter sport event.

From a press publicity standpoint, the sport in the West never before had greater support, and was merited by the final per-

formance of Bob Lymburne by his 269-foot leap.

A European tour of Canada's best skiers has also met with a splendid response from both the press of Canada and leading ski sport associations throughout the world. The idea was first mooted by Dave Orr, secretary of the Revelstoke Ski Club, who will likely conduct the team should it materialize. Several continental ski clubs are enthusiastic about the idea, and five countries are desirous of presenting the Canadian team. Individual selection in this regard has not yet been given publicity, as the greatest care is being exercised in the matter of choosing men who will prove a credit to Canada in every sense of the word. The outlook for a prosperous ski sport season in 1932-33 in the West is indeed promising.

OMINECA SKI CLUB

THE SEASON OF 1931-32 will go down in the annals of the Omineca Ski Club as a most fortunate one. Although many of the club members were in the far north, Dan Trousdell, the assistant club captain injured in the early part of the season, and our remaining champion all-round ski expert gone to organize the Smithers Ski Club, still we were able to send Kaare Engstad to the Olympic trials, where he rendered such a good account of himself as to justify the somewhat boastful statement, appearing in the Ski Annual of 1927-28, which prophesied as follows: "We are aiming high, for we intend bringing the Sir Henry Thornton Cup to Burns' Lake for a twelve months' visit."

On his return from Lake Placid and other Eastern tournaments Engstad expressed his appreciation of the courtesy extended to him and all members of the Canadian Olympic Team.

He was loud in his praise of the arrangements at the Lucerne training camp, and the general hospitality of all the Eastern clubs.

Other club representatives did well at the Prince George meet, and also at the initial tournament of the latest addition to the Western Branch of the C.A.S.A., as the Smithers Ski Club have one of the best and fastest hills in the West, beautifully situated on the south slope of Hudson Bay Mountain, a fine terrain with good snow conditions from the end of November till the first of April.

Our local meet, favoured with perfect weather, was held as usual on St. Valentine's Day. The articles of Captain Alan d'Egville, H. T. Cliff and others had created such an interest in slalom and downhill racing that the first competition of the kind

held here brought forward many unsuspected starters.

Under the tutelage of Mr. H. D. McNeil, who had himself adapted the extreme crouch position and emulated Mr. E. H. Cousens in the perfection of the jump turn, many club members showed great improvement in technique, this being especially noticeable among the ladies. This combined event, which was an impromptu one and not scheduled, was won by Mr. McNeill with James Rush second, the stop watch giving McNeill a speed of sixty-two miles between the 150-metre flags.

Assuredly the slalom and downhill racing have come to stay and it is hoped will always be included as a separate combined event at all ski meets. The Omineca-Kandahar, if we may borrow half of a most appropriate title, is a possibility looked forward to at the annual meet of the Omineca Ski Club in February, 1933, and will be run under the direction of our sports director, Mr. McNeill, who will arrange for the improvement of the course.

Some dissension among the Western clubs appeared to be gaining ground and the intention of breaking away from the parent association was voiced, but any such dissension has apparently died a natural and merited death.

Votes of thanks were passed in appreciation of the impartial and efficient work of the officers of the C.A.S.A. and also of the Western Branch. A better understanding between the ski clubs of the East and West is anticipated, and long may they meet, both in the East and West and may the best man always win.