

SLATS' DIARY

(By Oliver N. Warren)

Sunday: Well, I & Jake & Blisters are agen in fer it so it seems. Skool presumes opera-shens tomorro. The plesher it are to me are that Jane & Elsy are also gotto be there. They disserve it. Monday: The 1st thing the teacher sprang was that she hoped all us kids had a fine holliday time & ave glad to be back with each another. I had the former but as to the later theys a lotta them kids I have had all the looken at I need for menny moons.

Tuesday: Pa was reading the Bible—bleeve it or not—sed he wants to be redly to jump when Gabriel blows his horn. Unkel Hen the dum egg sed he diddent no he was coming in no ottomobel. I node bettern that.

Wednesday: The teacher ast Jake how can he prove the world are round and Jake replide becos his Pa says it aint on the level & his uncle Geo. says it aint on the sqr. The teacher shuk her hed & sed no but the ancer was under stood by me.

Thursday: I & Blisters & Jake got to tellen what are we a goen to be when we growed up & I got even with Blisters for hornin in on my affair with Jane. He sed he was a goen to be a dokter & a bone spe-shelst & I sed well youve got the rite hed for that profeshen.

Friday: We are a goen to raze some hens & roosters in 19 and 37 & Pa has bot sum for seed & also got some shells & loded the gun. Why do you lode the gun sed Ma, dont you think the nabers honest. Pa sed yes & it wont hurt to keep them thataway.

Saturday: I xpect Ive got Jane aceming my way. At the partie last evning she bet me a kiss I cooddent solv I of the riddles & I won. Later I sed I wanted her to pay & she sed she diddent remember owen me no thing & besides sum boddie might see us.

TESTON

The annual meeting of the Y.P.U. and S. S. was held in the S. S. room Tuesday evening, Dec. 29. The officers and teachers of the S. S. were reinstated for 1937. Mr. Ed. Bowen, superintendent and house corr. sec'y. The following is the report and list of officers for the Y.P.U. for 1937: Secretary's Report for 1936

Year ended Sunday, Dec. 27th Secretary, Miss Eleanor Heacock There were 46 Young People's meetings held during the year 1936. The total attendance during the year 1936 was 1,795 with an average attendance of 39.

The collections totalled \$80.74 with an average collection of \$1.75. On account of bad roads the contest this year was not as successful as last year. This accounts for the decrease of 177 in attendance and a decrease of \$23.72 in collection from last year.

During the year 18 guest speakers spoke on interesting subjects. The speakers were: Miss Jean McKinnon, Miss Lillian Jessop, Miss Alexander, Miss Elma Farr, Mr. Douglas Percy, Mr. Heise, Miss Doris Cook, Mr. W. Wilson, Mr. McBride, Mrs. E. Luesby, Rev. Bowman, Mr. A. Forrest, Mr. Bateman, Mr. M. Kinnee, Miss Montgomery, Mr. Whittle, Miss M. Eard, Mrs. Dr. Berry.

Slides were shown 7 times during the year. Social activities of the society were: Teston visited Wesley on Jan. 16th, Maple on Oct. 27th, King on Nov. 30th. The contest closed with a social evening on May 1st. Teston entertained Laskow at a Hallowe'en Social on November 4th.

The convenors are to be congratulated on the success of the meetings held during the year.

Officers for year 1937 are: President, Roy Bowen; vice-Pres., Hattie Deisman; secretary, Marion Robson; assistant secretary, Wilbert Hadwen; treasurer, Howard Heacock; convenors—Christian Fellowship, Sadie Winans; assistant, L. Carson; Missionary, Frank Robson; assistant, Mr. Hitchcock; Citizenship, Eleanor Heacock; assistant, Mary Carson; Literary and Music, Charlie Robson; assistant, Irene Hadwen; Social and Recreation, Munro Stimers; assistant, Eddie James.

The Y.P.U. Sunday evening was well attended with Lorne Carson in charge. C. Robson read a paper "What can the ordinary person do?" Munro Stimers gave a paper, "Despair in Disappointment" and Mary Carson a poem "Giving Thanks." A duet by Munro Stimers and Roy Bowen was much appreciated.

Next Sunday evening, January 10 will be missionary evening. Mrs. Small, Toronto, returned missionary from North China, will speak and will show curios brought from China. There will also be a set of slides on the Yukon and Mr. C. Roberts, Maple, will give violin selections. Come one and all and enjoy this full evening.

Sunday visitors at Castator's were Roy Bowen, Audrey Murray and C. Robson.

Dorothy Castator was home over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Copeland of Toronto were also visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Castator.

Last Sunday was Communion Sunday at Teston.

Mr. E. Castator is an invalid at present. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Miss Flossie Marwood, Toronto, Miss Luella Dibb and Mr. Harry Cunningham called on Mrs. Alex. McDonald New Year's Day.

Mr. E. J. Hitchcock attended the funeral of the late Charles Hall in Richmond Hill on Monday.

The annual official meeting of the Teston United Church congregation will be held on Monday, January 11. A full attendance is requested.

SUCCESSFUL EUCHRE AND DRAW

On Wednesday evening, December 23rd, a large crowd attended the regular Euchre and Dance held by the Richvale Social Club in Richvale School. Twenty-three tables played euchre and the prizes (poultry) were won by ladies, Miss Helen Bolton, Mrs. Patterson; gents, G. Heustis, James Fisk. In the lucky number ticket poultry draw the winners were: William Perry, Toronto, No. 64A; Mrs. Courtney, Toronto, No. 8; Mr. Lively, Toronto, No. 43B; Mrs. Bailey, Richvale, No. 14; Mr. W. Norris, Richvale, No. 50. Also the draw sponsored by the Richvale Athletic Club was held, the prize being a registered Cocker Spaniel Puppy and was won by Mr. Ed. Smith of Richvale.

BOLTON (accl.)

Reeve, P. W. McMurter; Council, Messrs. Townrow, Westlake, Armstrong and Henderson; School Trustees, Herb Elliott, Claude Wilson and Cecil Gott.

Ottawa Spotlight

By Wilfrid Eggleston

Ottawa, Jan. 5th—Whether we like the idea or not, it is inevitable that much time will be taken up in the coming session talking about the threat of war and Canada's national defence policy.

It is quite possible that nothing much will be done about it. But the more likely event is that some concession will be made to those who feel Canada should at least have a modern nucleus of fighting equipment, especially in the air. More attention is almost certain to be paid to the defences of the East and West coasts.

There are those who take it for granted that Canada's position is so strong that we have no reason to be alarmed, even though world armament goes madly on. We are reminded of the strength of the British commonwealth, of the British navy. Our contiguity with the might and extent of the United States is also stressed. Who would attack Canada?

It would mean taking on the United Kingdom and the United States, which, combined, are perhaps the two most powerful nations in the world in resources if not in actual fighting equipment. Again, what enemies has Canada? Those who are to argue against doing anything in the coming session will be able to put up a strong case.

(Canada's Armament)

There is, too, the idea that a good deal of Canada's strength lies in her careful avoidance of any military gestures. Canada has next to nothing in the way of war machine. You can summarize our armaments in one sentence. Two destroyers in action, two more ordered, seven fighting planes, five more ordered, 140 training and other peacetime airships, less than 4,000 of a permanent militia, a non-permanent militia newly organized but possessing no equipment, to speak of. Practically no anti-aircraft guns.

People who have worked these things out say that it would cost 100 million dollars to give Canada six modern divisions of militia, with equipment, plus a small fleet of destroyers on each coast, and a 100 modern fighting aeroplanes. In addition there would be a heavy annual upkeep. At present the whole cost of our national defence department is about 20 million dollars a year.

(Sure To Be Criticized)

No matter what policy the government works out—and it may decide not to formulate anything definite until parliament has had time to mull over the matter—there will be groups and parties to criticize it. If nothing is done, the jingoes and imperialists will hold up our leaders to ridicule for their pacifist and unpreparedness tactics. If the government goes the whole hog, and asks parliament to vote sufficient to create a small modern fighting machine for the defence of Canada, there will be a great outcry from other quarters. The government will be asked why, if it can so easily produce 100 millions for such a purpose, why it cannot find work for all, or start old age pensions at sixty, or build the terminal at Montreal, or half a dozen other things. And if, seeking to compromise, the government just does a few of the most obvious things, it will probably not please anybody.

No doubt the government's defence policy is being moulded with an eye both to the sentiment of the Canadian people, and the world situation. If the latter grows more tense, drastic action may be forced upon a government which is essentially peaceful and realistic in its intentions. If the tension eases off in Europe, it will be easier to resume our habitual friendly non-military attitude.

(Probable Action)

Pending official forecast, I would expect that the defences of Halifax and Saint John, of the Pacific Coast, and of other strategic points will be strengthened, that coastal batteries will be increased, that anti-aircraft guns will be installed. The recent purchase of seven bombers and the ordering of five modern flying boats suggests that attention is to be paid the aerial defence of Canada, which, the experts say, must come mainly from flying craft rather than from stationary guns. The equipment of the militia will almost certainly receive some attention at the coming session. The appropriations for the Minister of National Defence are bound to be increased. My own guess would be that fleets of destroyers will not be purchased, although as against this there has been at least one dispatch from London which reports this to be on the government agenda.

It is a sad commentary on world developments when a country naturally so friendly and pacific as Canada has to be even considering such things. We have no quarrel with anyone.

DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENT OF CANADA MODERNIZED

Mobility of all Units to be Assured under Re-organization

Hon. Ian MacKenzie, Canada's Minister of National Defence, has announced far-reaching changes in the establishment of the country's defence forces. The new plans, which become effective immediately, call for complete modernization and mechanization of every branch of Canada's forces. Mobility will be the distinctive feature of the Dominion's military units in the future, and the compact little military organization which Parliament authorizes will be capable of rapid, fully equipped movement at short notice.

Famous Units Fade Out

The reorganization, involving, as it does, consolidation of personnel and reduction of man-power, makes necessary the discontinuance of a number of non-permanent militia units which have established fame and tradition during past years. Referring to this regrettable feature of the defence re-organization, Hon. Ian MacKenzie said:—

"The members of the militia have rendered a public service in sinking their personal emotions for the good of the service and their country. In recognition that such a sacrifice would be called for, instructions were issued that the traditions, battle honours and names of the old militia regiments should be preserved as far as possible. The greatest care has been taken to carry out this instruction in the case of regiments which have had to be amalgamated or converted to other forms."

Far-reaching Changes

Under the re-organization the following changes will be effective:—

Cavalry:—Thirty-six cavalry regiments have been reduced to sixteen regiments of cavalry combined with four armoured-car regiments; twenty units in all.

Infantry and Machine Guns:—One hundred and thirty-five infantry and

machine-gun battalions are reduced to ninety-one units; 59 rifle battalions, 26 machine-gun battalions and 6 tank battalions.

Artillery:—By conversion of cavalry and infantry units, and by formation of new units, the Royal Canadian Artillery has been increased by 41 field batteries, 6 medium batteries and 5 anti-aircraft batteries.

Royal Canadian Engineers:—Twenty-six additional companies are to be established.

Signals:—After re-organization the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals consists of:—One cavalry signals, six divisional signals, 2 corps signals and several minor units.

Medical corps:—Thirteen surplus units, most of them inactive, have been disbanded. Personnel is being distributed among remaining units.

Here and There

A gift to the Province of Ontario from the Kerry Hill Flock Book Society, in North Wales, ten ewes and one ram, of the world famous Kerry Hill sheep are now at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. The gift was arranged through W. Rupert Davies, President and Editor of the Kingston "Whig-Standard", and the sheep, known in Wales as "speckle-faced rentpayers", are expected to prove extremely popular with stock breeders across Canada. Experts consider the Kerry Hill sheep an outstanding breed, noted for their adaptability to any environment, and for their general utility.

Canadian Pacific semi-streamlined, air-conditioned trains which have been a feature of railway development this year, have had a big reaction on Christmas presents and are now being shown in many of the big department stores in the form of models. These miniature trains are having great success with the kiddies who are given rides in them in the stores and then have the opportunity of getting a toy train for Christmas, built on the same lines as the miniature.

At one end of the Dominion the Eastern International Dog Sled Derby at Quebec, Feb. 20-22 hit the high spots in winter sport and at the other end was the Empress Golf Tournament at Victoria, February 17-22, both sponsored by the Canadian Pacific Railway and each showing the versatility of the Canadian climate, since both were indubitably and entirely successful.

Ski-ing has reached unprecedentedly levels this winter with an average of 5,000 skiers taking week-end trips from Montreal to nearby mountain resorts all season and with similar figures available from all over the Dominion.

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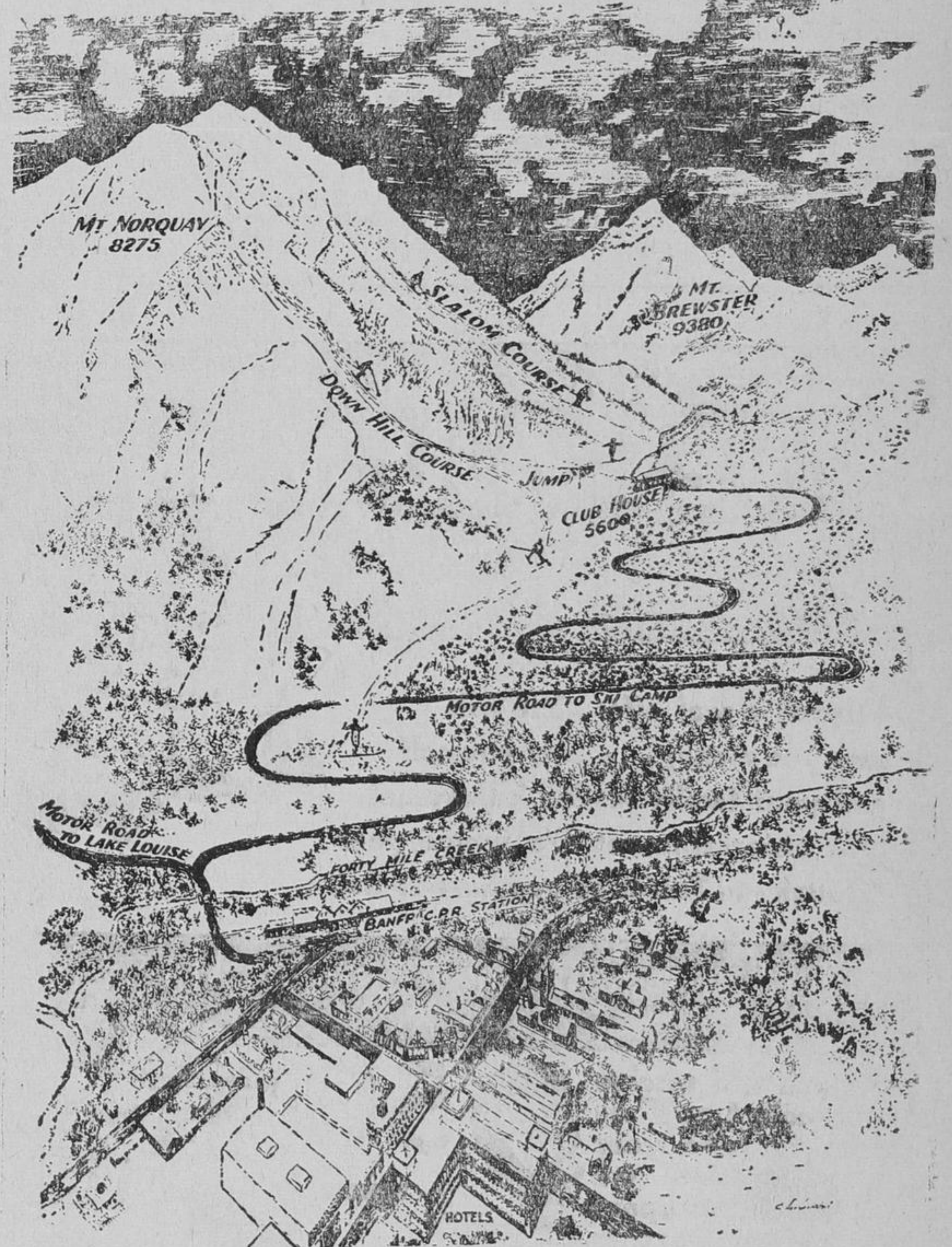
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Banff Prepares for Ski Championships



The spectacular skiing depicted in the above drawing of Mount Norquay near Banff in the Canadian Rockies will become an accomplished fact at the Dominion Championships of the Canadian Amateur Ski Association to be held there from March 5 to 8. Only four miles by good motor road from Banff, which is situated 4,500 feet above sea level on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Mount Norquay is but one of the many fine skiing districts which is earning a worldwide reputation for the Canadian Rockies. Competitors and visitors to Banff for the men's Dominion championships and the women's Western Canadian championships have some pleasant surprises in

store for them. The best Canadian and American skiers will compete on trails and jumps difficult enough to try the nerve of the best of them. Pleasure skiing is particularly attractive throughout the beautiful mountain district. All the local and many imported amusements will fill in the spare hours.

With the assistance of the Dominion Government, the slopes of 8,275 Mount Norquay have had jumps, downhill runs, and slalom courses built on them equalling the best in the world. The downhill run, starting 7,500 feet up the mountain, drops 3,000 feet in a mile and a half. Jumps of 250 feet or more are expected from the new jump built on the style of the ones at Garmisch, Germany, and Lake Placid. The

slalom course is at angle of 39 to 40 degrees. Entertainment for visitors, after the day's skiing programme has been completed, will include skating, hockey matches, curling, moonlight sleighing and tobogganing, snow-shoeing, dancing, and — of all things for a winter resort — outdoor swimming in a naturally warm sulphur pool.

Plans are also being made to detain some of the competitors as guests of Banff to show them other less accessible but possibly better skiing grounds, notably Skoki, which is 14 miles from Lake Louise by ski trail; Sunshine, which is eight miles by motor and eight miles by ski from Banff; and Assiniboine, which is 25 miles by ski trail from Banff.

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