

Herbert Marshall President Of Ski Club

Retirement of C. E. Mortureux, and election of Herbert Marshall to the office of president, featured the annual general meeting of the Ottawa Ski Club at the Chateau Laurier Tuesday night. Mr. Marshall, Dominion Statistician, has served as first vice-president of the club for a number of years.

In announcing his retirement, Mr. Mortureux referred to his long term of office, extending over 27 years, and stated that it was time that a more physically active president take over. George McHugh, KC, paid tribute to Mr. Mortureux's long years of ardent service, and on his motion, the retiring president was unanimously elected president emeritus of the club for life, and a member, ex-officio, of the executive.

In a brief review of the past year's activities, the retiring president announced that steps were being taken by the club to relieve the congestion that was so apparent on both hills and in the club lodges last year. A new downhill slope has been opened just east of Mort's Hill, and will be available for use after the first heavy snowfall.

The former waxing room beneath Fortune Lodge has been remodelled to provide additional dining accommodation. During the past summer, the former Western Lodge was dismantled and moved to the foot of the Slalom Hill. Scarcity of essential building materials, however, including nails and cement, had prevented its reconstruction in time for use this year. A site had been selected and prepared for erection of the building next spring. It was also announced that a parking lot at Dunlop's had been improved by the club.

Mr. Mortureux also made a strong appeal for support of the sale of first aid buttons, the proceeds of which are used to defray expenses in connection with the club's service to injured skiers.

The financial statement, presented by the treasurer, Sylvain Bernier, showed the club's finances to be in a satisfactory condition. Reports of the past years activities were read by various directors as follows: competitions, Harvey Clifford; ski patrol, Fred Hanna; Pink Lake Lodge, Elmer Cassell; The secretary, J. S. Patrick, announced that the club year book was on the press, and would be mailed to club members soon.

Reference was made to the outstanding achievement of John Clifford, a member of the club, in winning the South American ski championship in Chile last summer. Harvey Clifford and Audrey Dunne also came in for commendation for their showings at Canadian and Eastern United States competitions last year.

The balance of the slate elected to guide the club for 1946-47 included Sigurd Lockeberg, first vice-president; Elmer Cassell, second vice-president; J. S. Patrick, secretary; Sylvain Bernier, treasurer; Viola Smith, president of women's executive; and Lloyd Greer, Fred Richardson, Bill Irving, Jim Russell, Fred Hanna, Bruce Heggveit, and Fred Clifford, directors.

The evening was concluded by the screening of a Kodachrome motion picture depicting Gatineau Park in summer and winter. The film, photographed by Herbert Marshall, was screened by W. Arthur Steel.