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## More facilities

Tom Wrangell heads down the slope to officially open YM-YWCA ski centre facilities near Constance Bay

# Y ski centre opened

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The National Capital region welcomed another ski area to its ranks Sunday with the official opening of the Y ski centre near Constance Bay.

R. A. Bell, QC, Carleton MP, and Mrs. Bell participated in the opening ceremonies as the twin slope, T-bar serviced centre became fact. A crowd of close to 150 was on hand despite bitter cold winds.

The raw weather was an instrumental factor in reducing attendance at areas throughout the region. Camp Fortune, for example, where slope conditions ranged from good to very good, saw only 8,000 hearty souls brave the elements on the weekend. This was far off the normal 18,000-20,000

skiers usually found on the Fortune facilities.

The story was the same throughout the Edelweiss reporting a weekend turnout of about 1,500. The same was true at Vorlage. Mont Ste. Marie had about 1,000 skiers and Carlington about 500. Mont Caron had about 300 skiers testing their talents.

Although the current cold spell is expected to persist for a while, winds should drop reducing the chill factor and providing good skiing for those who rate as more than "fair weather" board buffs.

### Night skiing

Fortune will have night skiing on five slopes tonight through Saturday from 6:30-10:30 although the main lodge will remain open from morning through closing.

After sundown fans can enjoy their pursuits at Edelweiss, Vorlage and Carlington as well. Edelweiss re-

mains open from morning until the 11 o'clock closing and the chalet remains open until midnight Monday through Saturday.

Competitively next weekend the Gatineau Ski Zone calendar shows the Charles Ogilvy Juvenile Combined championships at Camp Fortune next Saturday. Scheduled for the Skyline at 11 a.m., the race will consist of downhill and giant slalom. Numbers can be picked up at Skyline Lodge at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Next Sunday on Marshall hill, the zone's Class "B" midgets will compete in a giant slalom at 11 o'clock and a slalom at 2 p.m.

All entries for this race and the Ogilvy should be phoned to 733-2872 before midnight Wednesday.

Further afield, The Owl's Head inter-zone competitions are slated for Owl's Head, Quebec next Saturday.