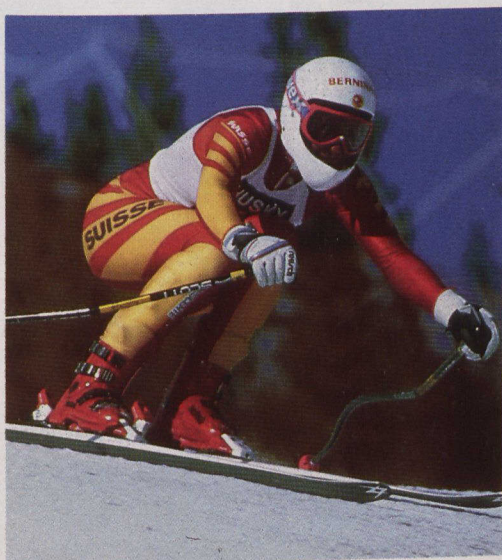


THE TWENTIETH CENTURY: CANADA JOINS THE GAMES



Speed skating, alpine skiing, hockey and bobsledding: sports in which Canada has won Olympic gold.



Canada has a long history of involvement in the Olympic movement. In 1844, Montreal staged a sporting event that was unofficially named the "Olympic Games" and set some precedents in size, organization and diversity.

By 1904, the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada had organized a National Olympic Committee and was able to participate in the Olympic Games of that year. Since then, Canadian athletes have participated in most Olympic Games.

Since the Winter Games began in 1924, Canadians have been participants and medal winners setting standards for international hockey, speed skating and

figure skating. In addition, Canada has won gold with its bobsleigh team and has led the world in alpine skiing.

Gold medal winners such as figure skater Barbara Ann Scott, skier Nancy Greene and speed skater Gaétan Boucher are not just known to Canadians alone: their names and their achievements are recognized in many countries throughout the world.

In 1976, Canada showed the world what it could do when it hosted the Olympic Games in Montreal. In 1988, Canada is once again looking forward to hosting Olympic Games — this time the XV Olympic Winter Games in Calgary.