

Every summer, however, holds its regular late in the season. This combined canoe competition with a social get-together, and the whole includes everything from regatta on "flat" events, where small crews compete in flat-bottomed rowboats, to full-scale competitions in canoe, outboard motorboats and high-powered launches.

Swimming has developed some great competition and an annual regatta was a part of the sports background of the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. Marilyn Bell brought fame to Canada when, in 1955, she became the first swimmer to complete Lake Ontario, making the difficult 32-mile crossing from New York side to Toronto, where she received a triumphant welcome. In 1957, Miss Bell, then 17, swam the Hudson River English Channel. She later added new laurels to her list of achievements by swimming the Straits of Juan de Fuca, a 16-kilometre stretch of water between the straits of Washington and Vancouver Island.

Practically every large city has its athletic clubs or other institutions possessing recreation-oriented swimming pools where speed-swimming is a part of the winter programme. In the summer, the swimmers switch to distance stars and the long distance swimmers switch their attention to the out-of-door, water-polo and water-skiing are natural developments to provide added thrills for the winter and summer.

The largest lakes and coastal waters and numerous sailing in all sizes and classes, and those who never tire of racing under canvas expand their horizons to ice-skiing in the winter-time, though their numbers are less than those who are zealous for the more orthodox type of sailing.

Other summer sports introduced to Canada by British immigrants are lawn bowling and lawn bowling. Interest in cricket is increasing with the growing numbers of newcomers from the British Isles, and growing numbers of native Canadians have taken up the game. Occasional tournaments from England and Scotland provide incentives to this sport. Splitting competition is enjoyed by the members of the many lawn bowling clubs in Canada.

All-year Sports

Amateur boxing has long attracted many sports fans, and interest reaches its height in the trials for Olympic representation. From these amateurs have been developed a few outstanding pugilists. Noted professionals of the present era are Patrice Baillie of Montreal, a bantam-weight; Yvon Doreille of Belle Ste. Anne, a light-heavy-weight; Bob Clonoux a Montreal bantam of whom much is expected in the heavy-weight class; and Guy Pollock, featherweight, and another Montrealer, wrestling attracts many spectators throughout Canada.

Of course, not every sport enjoyed by Canadians in outlined here, and some enthusiasts may feel that some of their choice has been overlooked. Scores of fully equipped gymnasia and hundreds of private and public football fields, and municipal golf courses in such cities as Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver offer complete facilities for the fact that Canadians are sports-loving people.