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July 21st, 6.

The Commissioner,
National Parks of Canada,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge your letter J.16 of the 7th inst. regarding the erection of cabins in the Maligne Lake area for the purpose of winter skiing operations.

I have talked over this question again with the local ski-enthusiasts, particularly Mr. C. V. Jeffery, and these gentlemen have now formed themselves into a club for the purpose of erecting the proposed cabins and carrying on winter sports. It has been given the name of the Maligne Lake Ski Club, and has the following officers:

President:	J. A. Weiss
Vice President:	W. S. Jeffery
Secretary:	C. V. Jeffery
Treasurer	A. D. Jeffery

and ten members.

Numerous enquiries come in during the winter to the Canadian National Railways asking what skiing facilities are available at Jasper, and we can only reply that there are no conveniences for this type of winter enjoyment. The local valleys have not sufficient snow-fall and either the Maligne Area or Tonquin Valley are the nearest places where conditions are satisfactory, but such outside points need cabins where food can be stored for winter use.

It is desired to erect the main cabin this year at Little Shovel Pass and have it stocked with groceries before the pack trains finish for the summer.

I should be glad to hear, therefore, if this scheme is now approved.

The Jeffery family are thoroughly reliable, both financially and otherwise, and Mr. J. A. Weiss is quite an experienced Swiss guide and has a very favourable local reputation.

I am satisfied under this guidance the scheme should receive our favourable consideration.

Yours faithfully,
A. C. Wright,
Superintendent.

Per:

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Mr. A.C.Wright

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Enclosed is a photograph showing the proposed camp site in the Little Shovel Pass, also one showing the amount of surrounding timber, so that the few cuttings necessary for a cabin would not in anyway mar the scenery ^{for} parties passing through.

In conclusion we wish to state that we are not embarking on this venture without strong encouragement from tourists visiting Jasper during the summer season who are keen to try the place for winter sports. Also our experience is wide and varied dating back to 1922 when we first introduced skiing into the park.

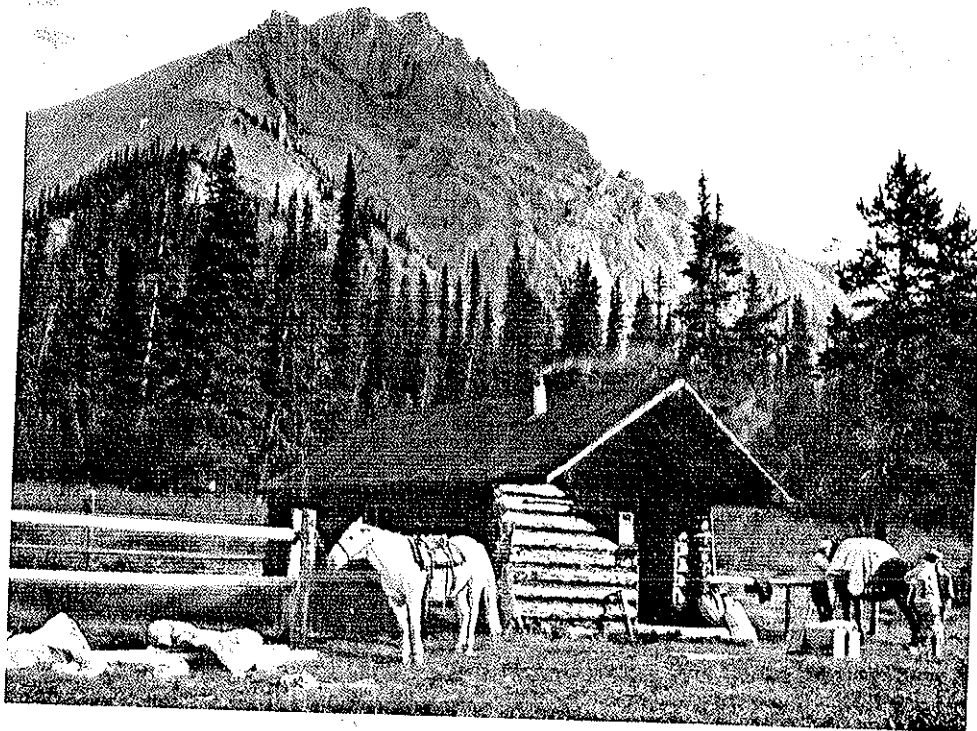
Trusting this application will be approved, we are,

Yours respectfully,

C.D. Jeffery
A.D. Jeffery
J. A. Weiss.

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Warden's Cabin, Cascade Valley

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A. J. Wright,
Supt. Jasper Park,
Dear Mr. Wright—

During the past several years my brother and I have made quite a few long ski-trips throughout Jasper Park, sometimes even going outside its boundaries. These trips would not have been possible except for the wardens very kindly allowing us to stop over night in their cabins. We realize this is too great a favor to be continually asking of them so we want to build a small ski-hut of our own, situated inconspicuously within a reasonable distance of town and adjacent to good ski-ing country.

The spot we have in mind is in a belt of timber between Little and Big Snow Pass as shown by the sketch map enclosed. This letter is to ask your permission to build such a ski-hut at the place indicated on the map.

Also enclosed is a picture of a typical cabin which I cut from a Trail Rider's pamphlet from Banff. I think our cabin

will perhaps be better finished than this one - peeled logs, plaster chinking, double windows on the sides, single back and front. Following are the approximate dimensions -

Length 20' x width 16'

Height to the eave 6 1/2'

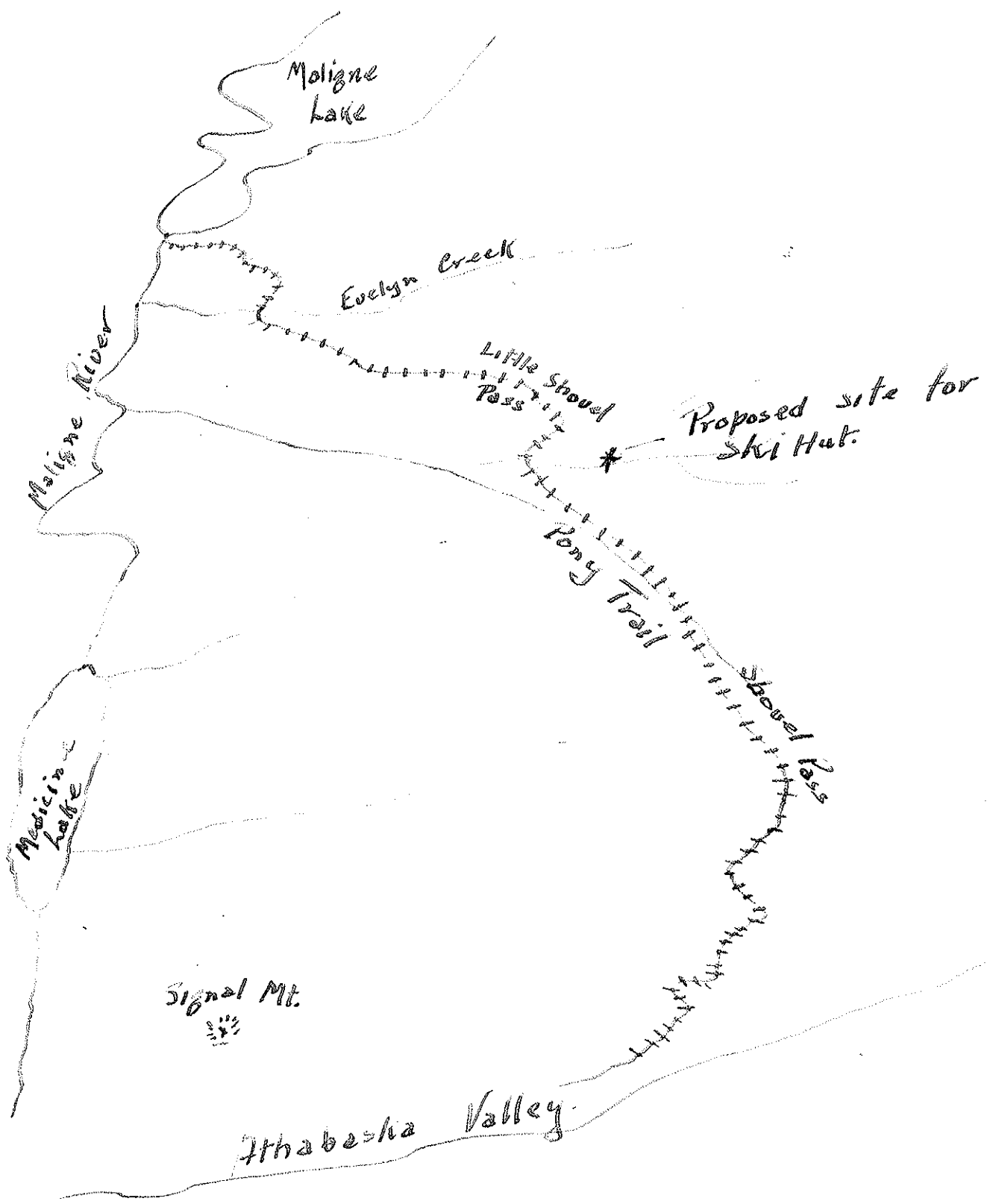
Veranda in front 4'

Gable roof with sufficient pitch to shed most of the snow.

A winter cabin of this type is best when built in fairly heavy timber to protect it from wind, and also close to good firewood and water. Such a place is usually off the summer trails, which follow the more open country, and consequently quite inconspicuous. We would also want it this way to safeguard against summer parties finding and breaking into it. If however any of your wardens should want to use it in making a patrol they would be quite welcome to do so.

Hoping you will grant us permission to start building early this spring so that the logs may dry during the summer, I am yours truly
C. V. Jeffery

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