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ROCKY MOUNTAIN RESCUE.

Canada's magnificent rocky mountain resort at the Banff National Park will soon be crowded with sky enthusiasts from all over the world - and it's the job of the National Park Wardens to make their sport as safe as possible. So before the season begins, and while the white slopes are still more or less empty, except for wild life, it's back to school for the Wardens - to learn the latest methods of mountain rescue and avalanche control.

Avalanches are a constant danger - and one way to deal with them is to set them off yourself, instead of leaving Nature to choose its own time.

Tons of snow hurtle down the mountainside - and sometimes the fall is bigger than the Wardens expect - so they have to keep their wits about them.

Rescue parties practice the drill for locating casualties buried under deep snow. Instructors have placed a dummy in the drift, and the rescuers have to find it and deal with it as though it were a real man - a job they may be called upon to do at any time.

Bringing a casualty down the mountainside can be a very tricky operation. The blanket-wrapped figure is secured to a sledge made of two skis linked together, so that it can be towed to the ambulance as smoothly as possible.

The ambulance is a track-driven "snowmobile". Waiting to meet the rescuers and hurry the patient to hospital. All part of the service by which Canada makes this one of the safest winter playgrounds in the world.