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Official Report of the III Olympique Winter Games

The III Olympic Winter Games were opened with the customary ceremony on Thursday morning, February 4th at 10 o'clock, by Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor of the state of New York. After the marching past of the athletes, in which seventeen nations were represented by 323 contestants. Dr Godfrey Dewey, President of the Organizing Committee surrounded by members of the International Olympic Committee and his colleagues, gave a brief speech to which the Governor responded and proclaimed the III Olympic Winter Games open. The Olympic flag was hoisted on the central mast a salute was fired and the Games commenced forthwith.

The weather was very changeable and the thaw on Thursday made the situation critical. The four-man bobsleigh events had to be postponed.

The prizes were awarded to the three winners of all the races held in the Stadium, immediately after the official announcement of the results. The awarding of the prizes to the winners of the events held outside of the Stadium took place on Saturday, February 13th. The President of the I.O.C., after having thanked the Organizing Committee and the town of Lake Placid.

in the name of the I.O.C., then pronounced the closing of the III Olympic Winter Games. Before leaving Lake Placid, Count de Baillet-Latour congratulated Dr. Godfrey Dewey on the excellence of the arrangements and the perfect organization of the Games. He expressed to him the satisfaction he felt over the fact that at each Olympiade the athletes gave proof of a better spirit of sportsmanship.

The Winter Games augur well for the Olympic Games which will take place in Los Angeles next summer, of which they will have been a happy fore-runner.

Secretary of the I.O.C.

A. G. Berdez

President of the I.O.C.

Baillet-Latour

RECEPTIONS

On the opening day of the III Olympic Winter Games, the Organizing Committee gave a banquet at the Lake Placid Club in honor of the Governor of the state of New York and the members of the I.O.C. to which were invited the Presidents of the National Olympic Committees, representatives of the International Federations, members of the various Committees and their families.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dr. Godfrey Dewey and Col. W. May Garland extended a welcome to the

members of the I.O.C. and to the representatives of the participating countries, respectively in the name of the state of New York, of the Organizing Committee and of the delegates of the I.O.C. in the United States. Count de Baillet-Latour thanked the Governor, the legislature and the Commission of New York state for the support they had given the Organizing Committee, without which it would have been impossible to have built the Stadium, the Arena, the bob-run and the ski jump. After having again mentioned the advantageous cooperation of the American Olympic Committee, he congratulated the Organizing Committee and especially Dr. Dewey, for the work they did and expressed his gratitude to the town of Lake Placid for having undertaken such a heavy burden, proving thereby its sporting spirit and its enthusiasm for the Olympic idea. In closing, Count de Baillet-Latour acclaimed Pierre de Coubertin, whose name should be honored and esteemed by all. Following the banquet a telegram was sent to the one who revived the Olympic Games, conveying to him the sentiments expressed, as well as the enthusiasm with which they had been received.

The dinner was followed by a reception to which all the officials, as well as the notables of the country, had been invited.

Sunday, February 8th, the President of the Organizing Committee and Mrs. Dewey gave a tea to all the athletes, in the salons of the Lake Placid Club.

