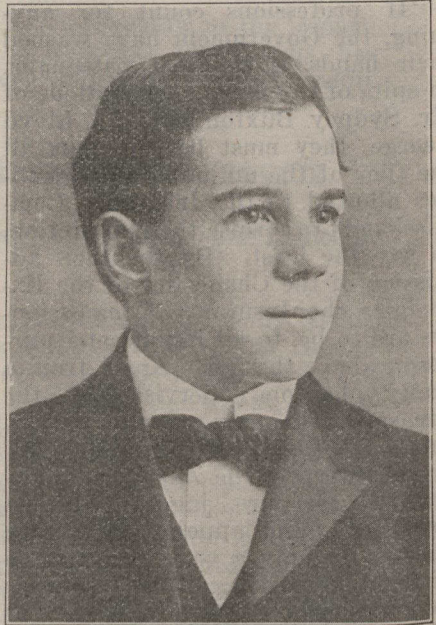


provements. The parcel post was first started in 1883. Amusing instances of phonetic directions are given: Sir Nicolas Dustyschool, was St. Nicholas Industrial School. Letters and parcels imperfectly addressed, and consequently undelivered, during the year ending March, 1910, reached the amazing total of 31,241,000. Among them nearly 400,000 contained money in cheques, stamps, and postal orders, jewellery, and articles of value. The foreign and colonial branch of the Post Office is a very complicated affair, the difficulties being increased by the inability of many of the holders to understand our system. The extra work entailed by "Limericks" may be gauged by the increase of 23,000,000 postal orders in 1908, and the falling off of 10,000,000 in 1909. The Post Office Savings Bank has been of immense value to the country, and, with the introduction of home safes, has done much to foster thrift. The chapter on the telegraph and telephone are very interesting, and the history of the colonial post, from the days when letters were left under stones to be taken to Europe by the next fleet, reads like a story-book. A pigeon post in New Zealand attained a high degree of efficiency, but is now superseded by wireless telegraphy. A large proportion of the post office clerks are women, and the general efficiency of the staff has justified their appointment. Space only allows us to mention the chapters on head postmen, old-age pensions, &c., and the amusing letters we should like to quote. Enough has been written to show that this history of a great department, tells also of its influence in distant places of the Empire, and the civilizing power it maintains.—*The Contemporary Review*.

THE FORTNIGHT IN SPORT.

The photo included in this article is that of Mr. T. J. Morin, one

of the staff of the Immigration Branch, of the Department of the Interior. Mr. Morin is the Hon. Secretary-Treasurer of the Ottawa Ski Club, an organization which lately brought off a most successful meet



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of ski runners at the club's slide. Rockeliffe, on Saturday afternoon, March 9th. A great deal of labor devolved on Mr. Morin in arranging this enjoyable exhibition. It is estimated that fully 10,000 spectators were present on an ideal Canadian winter afternoon. Olsen, the Norwegian resident of Montreal, who had on the previous Saturday won the championship of Canada, was present and again distinguished himself. There were also competitors from Berlin Mills, N.H. The results were:

Style and distance — S. R. Lockberg, Ottawa, 58-64-320 pts.; 2nd, Alex. Olsen, Montreal; 3rd, H. Lockberg, Ottawa.

Longest standing competition —