

memorials to the government." This report was adopted.

Mr. Alexander, from the same sub-committee, reported regarding the recommendations of Sir George Murray as to appointments, promotions, organization and salaries, as follows:—

Pars. 1 and 2. *Appointments* — Approving of the suggestions contained in par. (61) b, c and d of the Murray report; concurred in by the Executive.

Par. 3. *Promotions* — Par. (86) Murray report, recommending that certificate from C. S. Commissioners be not required, and that promotions be left to the Head and his Deputy, or to a Composite Promotion Board of ministers and officials. The committee recommended that the power now vested in C. S. Commissioners be adhered to, and *developed*, possibly by making three C. S. Commissioners the Promotion Board.

This recommendation provoked considerable discussion, and further consideration was adjourned till the next meeting.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed under this heading.

The Ski Club.

Editors of *The Civilian*:

The service residing in Ottawa will no doubt remember that about this time last year an organization known as "The Ottawa Ski Club" was formed in Ottawa. The object of the Club being the development of skiing in all its phases, viz., the promotion of touring on skis, ski-jumping tournaments, and the promotion of goodfellowship among ski-runners in this and other countries.

It is still fresh in our memory that shortly after the Club got into working order this organization gained prestige in sporting circles by introducing into the Capital a phase of the ski sport which, figuratively speaking, was almost unknown in this district. A huge ski-jumping competition was held at Rockcliffe Park on March 9th last, before a crowd estimated at 10,000 by the press. The clubs who took part in the tournament were the "Montreal Ski Club," "Berlin Mills," "New Hampshire," and the "Ot-

tawa Ski Club." The daring feats accomplished by these intrepid ski-jumpers created a furore of enthusiasm amongst the spectators who thronged to the snow-covered hillocks, and in addition it was certainly a source of gratification when it was announced at the end of the contests that the Ottawa boys had carried off the lion's share of the prizes. Taking into consideration the fact that the local talent had to match their ability and endurance against the crack jumpers from the visiting clubs including the redoubtable Alex. Olsen, of Montreal, who holds the championship of Canada, the boys from this city certainly did meritorious work. It may not be out of place to remark at this juncture that in the person of William Ross, the Ottawa Ski Club and the Civil Service possess a jumper of no mean ability. Mr. Ross is employed in the Rural Mail Service of the Post Office Department, and in winning a prize in the important "style and distance" contest the sporting banner of the civil servants was kept to the front rank. The success which the club met with last year has spurred the enthusiasts on to greater things. During the summer months the jumping grounds were surveyed with a view to putting up a permanent steel structure which will rank second to none in America. The drawings for the proposed slide have just been received and a committee is busily engaged in arranging the financial end of the scheme. The slide will stand 100 feet in the air, and will be so constructed as to permit a jumper who has the necessary qualifications to clear a distance of 185 feet. The world's record is 164 feet made by Harold Smith. The structure while being on a higher scale will closely resemble the big Norge slide erected at Cary, Illinois, where every winter the best ski riders of all nations compete for world records. The executive of the "Ottawa Ski Club" have received assurance from several of the best clubs in Canada and the States that they will make it a point to have their colours represented when an International tournament is announced here. The sporting public should, however, bear in mind that unlike other sports the club derives no revenue from the attendance. The sport is purely amateur, and the exhibition is gratis to all who are willing to "loosen up" to the extent of two car tickets on the Ottawa Electric Railway. The proposed slide will cost in the neighbourhood of \$3,000. An appeal is made to civil servants and to those who have witnessed the club's performances, to help this organization in their worthy enterprise by becoming members of the "Ottawa Ski Club." The annual fee is \$1.00. Membership cards and silk badges can be obtained from Mr. T. J. Morin, Immigration Branch, Department of the Interior.

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