

## OBITUARY

**D**R. Lennox Teece played a prominent part for many years in the development of skiing in Australia. He was the leader of many of the earlier touring parties on the Main Range and was directly responsible for the first real downhill racing in Australia.

In 1929 he led the second cross-country skiing expedition from Kiandra to Kosciusko. With him were two fellow Ski Club of Australia members, W. A. Gordon and A. O. Davy, and Bill Hughes of Kiandra. In 1930 he made a detailed exploration of Mt. Twynam, his account of which appeared in the Year Book. In this he described two alternative race-courses from the summit of Twynam to the Snowy River.

In 1930 he also presented the Teece Cup for the S.C.A. downhill championship, stipulating a minimum vertical descent of 1,200 ft. He set the course from Carruther's Peak to a point near the Snowy Crossing. Next year the race was run on a course which he set from the summit of Twynam to Blue Lake. In 1932 the course was from Little Twynam ("Blister Gap") to the Snowy.

Dr. Teece was referee for the First National Championships in 1930 and also for the first Interstate Races.

In 1933 he refereed the National Championships and Interstate Races which were run concurrently. The downhill race was run in bad weather with sensational results. With the weather worsening, the competitors "by mutual consent and intimidation of the starter" (quoted from the official report) selected a starting point considerably lower than that marked by the course starter, and proceeded to run from there. Dr. Teece declared it "no race" and insisted that the downhill be re-run later. Needless to say, his decision was correct.

Dr. Teece was a leading orthopaedic surgeon, and readily gave his expert services to injured skiers. He was Vice-President of the Ski Club of Australia for over thirty years. He continued to



The late Dr. Lennox Teece.

lead parties on tours of his beloved Range until five years ago.

He was a keen poker player, not his cheerful imperturbability. However, during a game at the he drew a card and thereby filled Routine Flush. His voice and expression were still unchanged but his pipe came out of his mouth on to the table.

Lennox Teece's ability as a dinner speaker was widely known. At Kosciusko his wit was at its vertex and his speech at the annual Pa dinner was a delightful and memorable feature of Club Seasons.

### John Gamm.

It is with regret that we record the death late last year of John Gamm. He was killed in a motor accident on Hume Highway while returning to Buller, where he had been supervising road construction.

This young engineer was an employee of the firm responsible for building the Thredbo Chairlift, and in this capacity he acted as supervisor of the work. He later played a big part in the construction of the T-bar lifts at Buller, and in the development of Kiandra.

He was a keen skier and a most agreeable personality. He will be sadly missed by his many friends in the mountain