

*THE ANNUAL SLEIGH RIDE.*

On Dec. 26th, the annual sleigh ride took place, this time Aylmer proved to be the chosen place.

"Who are these, where can they be going, and what song is that they are singing?" was the remark of a Rideau street merchant to a friend, as he noticed five well-loaded busses glide past his store. "These are the College students out for a drive," replied his friend. There is "big Dunc" the renowned centre scrimmager, the hero of a hundred hard-fought battles, and there is Masson the little fellow who made the first touch down against Queen's at Brockville, and that gentleman in snow-shoe costume, with the red mustache, standing up, is leader of the College Glee Club. Surely you must have read the Christmas number of *THE OWL*. And as the last words "Hurrah! for our glorious old Varsity," were echoed to the ears of the astonished merchant, he exclaimed: "What jovial, light-hearted fellows College students are!" On they sped down Wellington street with song and laughter despite the piercing blast and thick falling snow. The very horses as they pranced gayly along seemed to understand the many jokes that passed among that happy throng. Hull was reached while our amiable young friend Dick was most eloquently exhorting his fellow students to buy his medicine, the only infallible cure for corns, warts, bruises, etc. Songs, speeches and jokes were the order of the day and rendered the drive rather short.

At last Aylmer was reached, and the inhabitants, many of whom had not as yet recovered from the effects of their Christmas festivities, were fully aroused from their lethargy by the sound of three rousing varsities for the College glee club. At the convent a most sumptuous feast awaited them, furnished by Mr. C. Devlin, one of Aylmer's most respected citizens.

After justice was done to the good things all withdrew to the parlors, where two most pleasant hours were spent in singing. Mr. F. S. French discharging most successfully the duties of pianist. After expressing their thanks to Mr. Devlin for the hospitable manner in which he had treated them, and also to the good nuns who had used them so well, they departed for Ottawa.

The success of the drive is almost entirely due to Father Jacob, together with Rev. Messrs. Quinn and Graton, who accompanied the boys and did all in their power to make the trip enjoyable.

This complete success it was that led to the organization of another ride. Through the kindness and energy of Rev. J. Quinn, arrangements were made for a trip to Chelsea, and the day after New Year's saw a jolly crowd of students on the way thither. The journey was a duplication of the pleasing features of the previous one.

At Chelsea mine host O'Neil of the Union House catered to the wants of the party, and considering the short notice he had been given, acquitted himself creditably of the onerous task. After lunch, the students wandered out to inspect the village and, meeting a youth of about twelve, one of them enquired where he might find some cigarettes. "Cigarettes," replied the native, "what's them for, to feed chickens?" That settled it. The sleighs were ordered out and the party started in all haste, eager to reach civilization once more. During the ride back, the member from Picton went through a circus performance on the top of the rear bus much to the enjoyment of those in the other sleighs but to the extreme terror of those below him, who expected every minute to see him come through the roof. After a pleasant drive in the twilight through the Laurentian Hills, the lights of the capital began to twinkle in the distance and soon the students found themselves once more in the College well satisfied with their day's pleasure, and only sorry that it had come to an end so soon.

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*THE JUNIORS' RIDE.*

In previous years the juniors took their sleigh ride along with the seniors; this year, however, they concluded to have one of their own. Accordingly on the day after New Year's they started for Aylmer, where they too experienced the hospitality of the Grey Nuns. After a pleasant time they returned, just in time to engage in an exciting race with the seniors on their way back from Chelsea and in which they were fortunate enough to win.