

Cameroon. There are no fixed whistles or signals. The Gomero can carry on any conversation by means of whistling, and be understood by the person with whom he is conversing a mile off. The whistling is quite articulate, and is a kind of translation of common speech into whistling, each syllable having its peculiar tone, so that even foreign words can be whistled. The vowels *e*, *i*, *y*, are more loudly whistled than *a*, *o* and *u*; and if a consonant is at the end of a word, for example, "Juan," the *a* is whistled in a rising tone. The Gomero either uses his fingers or his lips when whistling. The practice is only common on the Gomero Island, and is not found in the other six islands of the Archipelago. The reason may be the peculiar geological construction of the island, which is traversed by many deep ravines and gullies, which run out in all directions from the central plateau. They are not bridged, and can often only be crossed with great difficulty; so that people who really live very near to each other in a straight line, have to make a circuit of hours when they wish to meet. Whistling has, therefore, become an excellent means of communication, and gradually assumed the proportions of a true substitute for speech.

—The new Model School at Portage du Fort is all but completed. The people of this active little town are to be congratulated on the neat appearance of the structure, which consists of a two-storied brick building with a tower in front. The two school-rooms with porches and cloak-rooms attached, will be very comfortable. The Chairman of the Board, Dr. Purvis, and the teacher, Mr. N. T. Truoll, are to be congratulated on the success of their activity in behalf of education in Portage.

—The account given in the *Montreal Star* of the late reception at McGill University, bears testimony to its success:—"From four o'clock until seven on Saturday afternoon the approaches to the Redpath Museum, at McGill University, presented an animated scene. for in that building an "At Home" was being held by the lady undergraduates of the University. This "At Home," though the first ever given by them, was successful in the extreme, and will, doubtless, become an annual affair, to be looked forward to as eagerly as the Hunt Club dances or the St. Andrew's ball. During these three hours, hired and private sleighs were coming and going and mingling with the throng of pedestrians, and as