

The Rockwood Review.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. John Redmond has been ill for several days.

The barbers have experienced a revival of trade since the football season closed.

During the Excursion weeks, nearly all of the Officials at Rockwood went west.

The Curling and Hockey Clubs have organized for the year, and promise to make things interesting for their opponents.

The Hon. Chas. Clarke came to Kingston to see the final match in Championship Series, between the Granites and Tigers, and says that this is his first Rugby match. He is now an enthusiast, and sees much to admire in the game, has become possessed of a copy of the rules, and begins to scent the difference between a rouge and a touchdown.

All readers of the REVIEW will be sorry to learn that Mr. William Shea met with an accident on the evening of the 25th Nov. There was a sleet storm at the time, and Mr. Shea slipped on the stairs at the main entrance to Rockwood, and fell heavily fracturing a rib. If Billy had been a football player, he would have received less sympathy.

Portsmouth has not too many shade trees on its streets, in fact—trees do not flourish there—for that reason the disappearance of the fine old elm at the foot of the hill is to be regretted. In an ice storm a few years ago it was badly broken, and since that time has rapidly decayed, and of late has been a source of danger, so much so that our village Solons ordered its removal.

The "Whig" says that "Mr. Cochran and the Rockwood REVIEW are making Portsmouth famous." Its geese and cows have a counteracting influence, for they are making it infamous.

Mr. George Sexton, one of the oldest and best known of the residents of Portsmouth, has passed away. He was possessed of a good education, and was an indefatigable and successful fisherman. Some of his recollections of Portsmouth in the early days were very interesting. One incident, confirmed by others, referred to the capture of a fine deer in the lake, near the foot of the forty foot road.

On the evening of November 19th, the Granite Football Club were dined at Rockwood House, and the Trophy was presented to the heroes. A very jolly evening was spent in mutual admiration and general speechifying. The boys were lined up in football style to drink (nothing stronger than cider,) out of the Cup, which was handed over to Dr. Clarke for safe keeping, let us hope for some years. Mr. Chas. Webster came in for a great deal of praise, for the part he has played in the Granite victory this year.

The winter entertainments are to be unique. Already many Tuesday evenings are claimed by the following attractions: Musical Cox and Box, Cinderella; Musical Pantomime, Poor Pillicoddy; The Wizard of the East, Signor Smartshea; Electric Light Stereoptican Views, 1,500 new slides, &c. It looks as if the At Homes will be few and far between. Two or three Skating Carnivals, in fancy costume, are also noted.