

DOMINION DAY.

EXCURSIONS—PIC-NICS—MATCHES, ETC.

Yesterday was loyally observed by the citizens of Montreal as a holiday in commemoration of our National Birthday. We were glad to notice that the day was better kept than we ever remember it to have been in this city, in the way of shops being closed, and even on the wharves there was little business doing. Most of our citizens took trips on the excursion steamers, but enough were left in town to patronize the home amusements. We have not heard of any serious disturbances, and think the day yesterday was what it ought to be, a day of rest and enjoyment for all. Below will be found an account of the different attractions of the day :

ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY'S PIC-NIC.

The St. Patrick's Society had a very successful pic-nic on St. Helen's Island. The steamer "Montarville" was chartered for the occasion, and from an early hour in the day carried over crowds of passengers. A couple of brass bands, in addition to a very good string band, were in attendance. The chief point of attraction on the island was the dancing floor, a large area having been planked over, with raised seats surrounding it, and upon which those disposed, in spite of the heat of the day, to indulge in dancing had their wishes fully gratified. Here, too, a competition in *pas seuls* was had, greatly to the amusement and interest of on-lookers, who gazed with wonderment at the skill with which double shuffles, in spite of a broiling sun, were executed. Enterprising caterers were there in numbers, selling ice-cold lemonade, ginger pop, ginger ale, soda water, and all the other tempting beverages which cool without inebriating, and private parties, who had evidently resolved to make a day of it, were scattered in shady nooks and corners, enjoying the contents of their own hamper. Altogether the pic-nic was a most enjoyable one, the arrangements being in all respects creditable to the officers of the Society. The "Montarville" crossed and re-crossed during the entire day, and the pic-nickers were all safely landed in the city at a comparatively early hour in the evening, without any mishap or accident having occurred.

THE LACROSSE MATCH.

A large number of people attended the Lacrosse match yesterday between the St. Regis Indians and Montreal Club. The defeat of the Montreal Club on Saturday had made it doubtful as to their success in the match of yesterday, but any who entertained that doubt had it soon dispelled.

Evidently determined to retrieve their lost honours the Montreal Club, had put several better players into their team, and the effect of the change was at once apparent. Among the players of yesterday was the veteran Maltby, and he proved, although without any practice this year, to have still retained all his old skill at the game. The ball was faced for the first game at half-past three. For a few minutes the Indians appeared to have the advantage, as the ball was uncomfortably near the Montreal goal several times, but as soon as the white men settled down to their work they altered the state of affairs, and quickly sent the ball to the other end of the field, where it was kept till it was put through, and the first game was scored in favour of the Montreal Club; time, 10 minutes. The white men showed in the game much better hand to hand play, and seemed to dodge past the Indians very easily; they also proved themselves the fleetest runners, so that the Indians had to depend greatly upon their throwing, which was excellent. The second game opened in favour of the Montreal Club, and was of short duration. After a little lively play the ball was again put through by the Montrealers; time, 6 minutes. The third game was the best contested of the three, as the Indians seemed determined, if possible, to win at least one game, but all their efforts availed them nothing, though had it not been for the splendid goal-keeping of Beckett, the ball might have been put through by them. Davy in this game displayed some excellent throwing. Three times the ball shot from his lacrosse half way up the field, straight for the flags, and the third time he succeeded in getting it through by a beautiful throw, thus securing three straight games for the Montreal Club.

The following are the names of the Montreal Club and their positions:—Beckett, goal; Crosbie, point; Maltby, cover point; Green, Davy and Carnegie, home; Joseph, Bowle, Allan, Struthers and Flannery, field. It will be seen that the Montreal Team were one man short, which makes their victory the greater.

CRICKET MATCH.

A cricket match was played between the Grand Trunk and Montreal Cricket Clubs. A fair sprinkling of spectators was on the ground in the afternoon, but the match did not excite much interest. It will be seen from the score that the match proved a very uneven one, as the Montreal Club had it pretty much their own way. The ground was in excellent condition. The following is the score:—

MONTREAL CRICKET CLUB.

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| Bristow, et Marsden, b Pinkney..... | 10 |
| Campbell, b Pinkney..... | 8 |
| Smith, b Rogerson..... | 14 |
| Murray, et Pinkney, b Rogerson..... | 0 |
| Pocklington, et Marsden, b Pinkney..... | 1 |
| Grant, run out..... | 4 |
| Holmes, not out..... | 2 |
| Butler, run out..... | 21 |
| Carter, b Rogerson..... | 2 |
| Colson, b Rogerson..... | 4 |
| Sowdon, run out..... | 0 |
| Extras..... | 9 |
| Total..... | 75 |

GRAND TRUNK CLUB.

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| Pinkney, run out..... | 2 |
| Beavor, b Smith..... | 0 |
| Jackson, b..... | 0 |
| Ropley, run out..... | 0 |
| Rogerson, l b w, b Butler..... | 9 |
| Maclean, b Butler..... | 0 |
| Ferris, b..... | 11 |
| Smith, run out..... | 4 |
| Haig, run out..... | 3 |
| Marsden, et Smith, b Butler..... | 4 |
| Brotherton, b Smith..... | 0 |
| Extras..... | 10 |
| Total..... | 54 |

A second innings was begun and the Montreal Club scored 170 runs, to which by steady play, Bristow contributed 41, Pocklington, 24, Grant 33 and Colson 21, but as it was too late to finish the innings, the match was decided by the first.

BASE BALL MATCH.

A game of base ball was played on the Lacrosse Grounds between the Dominion and Excelsior Base Ball Clubs. The match resulted in an easy victory for the Excelsiors, the score standing: Excelsior, 46; Dominion, 19. An idea of the fielding can be formed from the number of runs made.

INSPECTION OF THE FIRE BRIGADE.

It having been announced through the press that the annual inspection of the Fire Brigade would take place on the Champ de Mars at three o'clock, an immense crowd, intent on sight-seeing, early took up its position along the elevated terrace—on the steps, or wherever the trees afforded a chance of protection from the broiling heat of the sun. The crowd, which was variously estimated at from 5,000 to 8,000 persons, was essentially a holiday crowd. The *gamin* was there of course. He was, as usual on such occasions, conspicuous, enthusiastic, and devoted to rapid locomotion. Woe to the toes of the unfortunate adult who stood in the way of that *gamin*! The youth of both sexes—who had doubtless missed the morning train or the early steamboats—ranged themselves demurely under the leafy poplars, seeking such consolation for their enforced absence from the pic-nic or the excursion as a civic pageant can offer. The townsman of convivial proclivities, the country bumpkin of frugal aspect, the aristocratic cook and the experienced operator on the sewing machine, were all represented; and turn where you might the gaping youngster or the curious grey-bearded denizen could be seen feasting his eyes on the dazzling helmets and brass-work of the brigade, its engines, steamers, and Babcocks.

THE INSPECTION.

Shortly before the appointed hour the Skinner ladder, hook and ladder and reels arrived on the ground, and they were immediately afterwards followed by the rest of the Brigade, which formed in the following order facing westward, or toward the buildings occupied by the Geological Survey:—

The Skinner Ladder first; then the Hook and Ladder and Hose Reel from the Central Station; Hose Reels from Stations Nos. 2, 3, and 6; the Shand and Mason Steamer; Babcock Chemical Engine; The Salvage Corps; Hook and Ladder and Hose Reel from Wellington-street Station; Hose Reel from No. 4 Station; Hose Reel from St. Gabriel-street Station; Hose Reel from No. 7 Station; the Hook and Ladder and Reel from No. 8 Station bringing up the rear.

The reels and waggons were decorated with bouquets, and the well groomed and highly fed horses of the force were resplendent in their new harness and characteristic trappings. The men wore their brass helmets, and looked quite neat and fireman-like in their serviceable uniforms. The engines, waggons and hose reels were driven by their respective guardians, who were easily distinguishable from the rest of the brigade by their navy jackets and fatigue caps. Altogether the force appeared to be in a high state of efficiency and ready to do good service whenever its services may be required. Its personnel is of the right material and includes men of great experience and pluck. The system is what must be looked to. In this connection we may notice that no exhibition was made yesterday of their skill in handling their apparatus, a part of the discipline of the brigade which is of far more importance than mere appearance on parade, and which it is well to keep constantly in view. Of the apparatus itself, it may be said that if the perfect order in which it is kept affords any guarantee that it will be put to good use whenever it should be required for active duty, then the citizens may give themselves no anxiety on that score, for the care bestowed on the various machines and other apparatus was strikingly evident yesterday. The hose is perfectly new and of the best quality. Among the novelties exhibited to the Fire Committee was a long pole of ash which, separating along its entire length, becomes a ladder whose sides are connected together by iron rings. Chief Bertram, accompanied by the Assistant Chief, the members of the Fire Committee, Messrs. Alexander, Mullin, Hood, McGauvran, Stephens, and one or two others, arrived on the ground shortly after three o'clock, and at once proceeded to the inspection of the Brigade. The party passed along the line from the place occupied by the Skinner Ladder at the head of the train to the hook and ladder wagon, which brought up the rear, stopping to inspect the men of each station and to examine the apparatus under their charge. This ceremony being over, Ald. Alexander complimented the Brigade on their appearance and the manner in which they performed their arduous duties. He was followed by the other members of the Committee, who each addressed a few words expressive of their satisfaction to the men. It was suggested by the speakers that as the cost of maintaining the Brigade in its present high state of efficiency was very great, and as among those mainly benefited were the insurance companies, these companies should bear a share of the expense.

Three cheers were then given for the worthy Chairman of the Fire Committee and the venerable Chief of the Brigade; after which the force was commanded to march past, which was done in very good order. When marching past a second time, a horse, attached to the salvage wagon, became unmanageable, and very soon a crowd collected around him; another horse, drawing a hook and ladder wagon, also broke away and galloped among the people. This created some confusion, and for a time a lively stampede ensued; the excitement however, very soon subsided, and the line of march having been reformed, the whole Brigade proceeded along Notre Dame street to McGill street, where the men were dismissed to their several stations.—*Gazette*, 2nd.

A GREEN-ROOM TRAGEDY.

A Paris correspondent writes: "I was passing by La Porte St. Martin Theatre early some few nights since. A crowd of people was gathered round one of the side doors. I asked what was the matter, but could receive no information. I soon obtained, through interest, permission to enter. The theatre was brilliantly lighted and the curtain was up. They were rehearsing the new fairy piece, 'Le Pied de Mouton.' I followed a doctor of my acquaintance into a little dressing-room occupied by the ballet girls. There lay upon an old sofa,

dressed up in all her finery, a poor girl of eighteen, just dead. This is her history: She was very poor and very honest—*très honnête*. That means virtuous as well as honest in French. In the afternoon she had been ironing the pink gauze frock she still wore, and her fire was of charcoal. The fumes of the charcoal had gone to her head, and, although during the early part of the evening she said she felt a slight drowsiness, still, just before going on the stage, she suddenly turned giddy and a few moments after expired. Her sister was still dancing when she gave up the ghost. You can imagine nothing sadder than this scene. At the foot of the body knelt the sister weeping bitterly, but still wearing her fairy costume. How powerless was her glittering fairy wand! The head of the dead girl rested on her mother's breast, who had been suddenly called in. She was in an agony of grief. The director of the theatre stood by the door anxious to do all he could for the poor people, and a crowd of other folk belonging to the theatre kept coming now and again to see of what service they might be. Several ballet girls were grouped about, expressing pity and smearing their painted cheeks with tears. By and by a stretcher was brought and a little procession formed, which carried the poor child of nineteen to the miserable room which had doubtless been often cheered by her merry laughter, and kindly ways. Who knows? she may be a saint now. All the time this melancholy scene lasted we could hear the music going on as merrily as ever and the painted girls twirling round and round on one toe, as if death had not just visited the room in which they changed their poor every-day rags of reality for the gorgeous trappings of the stage."

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

JUNE 23.—A Government order prohibits the distribution in France of photographs of the Prince Imperial.

Three Prussian dioceses—Cologne, Posen, and Treves—send deputies to the Fulda Conference, their bishops being in prison. The failure of the bricklayers' strike to advance the rate of wages is likely to give an impetus to building enterprise in New York and Brooklyn.

Strangers flocked from all parts of the State to witness the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the new Government building at Chicago yesterday.

The Imperial House of Commons yesterday rejected, by a vote of 173 to 170, Mr. Pilsoll's bill requiring the official survey of merchant vessels prior to sailing.

Hon. Mr. Bass has declined the Assistant-Secretaryship of the United States Treasury. Postmaster-General Creswell has tendered his resignation, which the President has accepted.

JUNE 24.—The celebration of St. Jean Baptiste Day, at Montreal, was a brilliant success.

Great Britain has waved her objections concerning the Brussels Congress.

The Franco-United States Postal Treaty has been ratified by the French Assembly.

The report that Her Majesty was to visit St. Petersburg this September is authoritatively denied.

Members of Bonapartist committees in the Departments have been arrested by the Government.

A fifteen-year contract has been completed to place Pullman palace cars on the Upper Italy railroads.

Rome was in a state of excitement yesterday on account of Anti-Papal demonstrations, the ringleaders of which have been arrested.

Congressman Hale has refused the Postmaster-Generalship of the United States, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Creswell.

The late superintendent of the Union Pacific Express Company has been sentenced to one year in the Penitentiary for embezzlement.

It is not unlikely the King of Bavaria will be ousted from his throne to make room for a monarch more easily managed by the German Powers.

The idea obtains for a five years' Consulate for Spain, which would be conferred on Marshal Serrano on condition of his appointing a coalition ministry.

JUNE 25.—Mr. Howard Staunton, the well-known chess-player and Shaksperian editor, died to-day, aged 64 years.

The Carlists report that they have raised the siege of Figueras, near the French frontier. General Concha's attack on Estella is hourly expected. Don Carlos directs the defence in person.

The Budget Committee have rejected the bill submitted by M. Magas, Minister of Finance, providing for an increase of direct taxation, and have declared in favour of reducing the payments to the Bank of France.

At the sitting of the Committee of Thirty to-day, M. Tallon, of the Right Centre, proposed the extension of President MacMahon's term of office to ten years, and the appointment of a Vice-President. M. Dufour opposed the project, on which no vote was taken.

La Liberté says that after the budget has been voted, President MacMahon will recommend that the Assembly confer upon him the power of finally dissolving it, and then adjourn.

News of an *émeute* in Central Asia, arising out of the seizure by the Ameer of Cashgar of a Russian Envoy, is creating great excitement in St. Petersburg.

It is said that Beecher is willing to exonerate Tilton from the charges of misrepresentation, but declines to go into the matter on the ground of its being purely personal, and nothing to do with the public. If the church insists on an explanation he will resign his pastorate.

The Rio Grande has overflowed, doing damage to the amount of some two million dollars.

General Concha has gained several important positions from the Carlists, and Estella is hourly expected to fall.

The President of the Argentine Confederation, upon his retirement, is to receive the appointment of Minister to Washington.

The report of a tour round the world by the Japanese Embassy is concluded, and is to be published.

A leading London paper states that the Czar has punished his nephew for the theft of his mother's diamonds by banishment for life to the Caucasus, and deprived him of the Cross of the Order of St. George.

Police Commissioners Charlick and Gardner, of New York, have resigned their offices.

There is a clever lad in Aberdeen who will get his living in this world. For playing truant, maternal authority cut off his supper. Casting one fond look at the authoress of his existence, he paused at the door to say, "Mother, I am going to die, and when I am no more I wish the doctor to cut me open and look at my stomach." The maternal mind was filled with awful forebodings, and the maternal heart asked what he meant. "I wish it to be known," he answered, "that I died from starvation." This was enough. The small boy was triumphant, and retired to his little bed gorged to repletion.