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THE CANADIAN MUTE.

LOCAL REPORTS.
 WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 1894.

How disappointment tracks the steps of hope.

Sickness in the Institution.

In the last week or ten days we have had more sickness among the pupils in the Institution than at any time during the season. We can only account for it by the constant wet weather preventing them from obtaining needed out door exercise and fresh air. A malarial type of fever which developed into a mild attack of typhoid seized upon five or six of our children and necessitated their removal to the Gibson Hospital, where they have had the best of care under the charge of our Physician, matron and trained hospital nurses. One or two of them were very seriously ill in some of the stages of the disease but at the present writing all are doing well and we hope will make good recoveries. When school closes on Wednesday next several of them will not be well enough to go home, but as soon as they are they will be forwarded.

Our Annual Field Day.

The long looked-for holiday that was to be devoted to field sports was granted us June 11th. The 24th of May has generally been devoted to that purpose, but the preparations for the Governor-General's visit necessitated its postponement until this date and it was just as well, as the 24th was a cold, stormy day, whereas Wednesday was a perfect day for the purpose. At noon the flag was hoisted and waved gayly high above the heads of the assembled children collected in eager expectancy around the ropes that marked permissible bounds. All the participants entered upon their allotted tasks with a vim good to see. The boys crowded themselves with glory and dirt in the various races. The girls displayed all degrees of gracefulness and the reverse.

In the polo vaulting we were greatly tempted to join, remembering the delicious sensation of flying through the air we had experienced in days past, all the more because forbidden, in swinging over the back yard fence using the hollow pine poles as vaulting-poles, until one day came to grief by landing in the neighbor's pigsty instead of upon one side of it. The vaulting that followed was short, rapid and final.

The most amusing scene was the running contest, in which only boys with mouths of certain sizes were allowed to participate, and speedily found them selves much stuck up in spite of an unfortunate necessity which compelled them to bite the dust repeatedly. But to quote: "All flesh is grass," hence the natural transition to grass and dust. The programme given below will show

the order of arrangements and the prize winners:

Half mile Run (large boys) - 1st, James Chambers; 2nd, John Ishister; 3rd, John Patrick.
 100 yards Run (large girls) - 1st, Maggie Noonan; 2nd, Annie McPhail; 3rd, Annie Henderson.
 100 yards Run (small boys) - 1st, Burke Lett; 2nd, Beny Kelsler; 3rd, Frank Harzle.
 50 yards Run (small girls) - 1st, Elizabeth Scott; 2nd, Mabel Hodgson; 3rd, Edith Wylio.
 Running Hop, Step and Jump - 1st, Michael Noonan; 2nd, James Chambers; 3rd, N. Labelle.
 Standing Wide Jump - 1st, Michael Noonan; 2nd, Emile Simard; 3rd, James Chambers.
 Standing High Kick - 1st, Will. Harold; 2nd, David Laddy; 3rd, Michael Noonan.
 Running High Jump - 1st, James Chambers; 2nd, John Ishister; 3rd, Emile Simard.
 Skipping Contest - 1st, Maggie Phillimore; 2nd, Mary A. Leguille; 3rd, Mary Justice.
 Three Legged Race - 1st, Michael Noonan and Noah Labelle; 2nd, J. Chambers and J. Patrick.
 Sack Race - 1st, Donald McDonald; 2nd, H. Corbiero; 3rd, Wm. J. Smallton.
 Polo Vaulting - 1st, Jas. Chambers; 2nd, John Ishister; 3rd, Michael Noonan.
 Falling Contest - 1st, George Henry; 2nd, Albert Leguille; 3rd, Benoni Bordenau.
 Foot Race - 1st, Matthew Kavanagh; 2nd, M. Noonan; 3rd, James Chambers.
 Egg Race (for Girls) - 1st, Maggie Noonan; 2nd, Annie McPhail; 3rd, Eva Jamieson.
 Orange and Spoon Race (Girls) - 1st, Annie McPhail; 2nd, Annie Henderson; 3rd, Maggie Noonan.
 Tug of War (large boys) - Captain Patrick's team.
 Skirt Race - 1st, James Chambers; 2nd, Benoni Bordenau; 3rd, Michael Noonan.
 Small Girls Race, under 10 years - 1st, Cora Pierce; 2nd, May McCormick; 3rd, Olive Hartwick.
 Small Boys Race, under 10 years - 1st, Dalton Gardner; 2nd, Fred Terrell; 3rd, Stephen Edwards.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

All the small girls and small boys races were pretty sights and were well contested.

The three-legged race was the only one in which a tie was made and even at the second trial the decision was very close.

Our girls will know how to climb fences after this. In the skirt race the boys gave a practical exhibition of the feat.

Jas. Chambers won the largest amount in prizes, his winnings amounted to \$2.80. Michael Noonan followed with \$1.40 and several books.

Little Marie Leguille made a good second in the skipping contest against larger girls than herself. She was well applauded for her effort.

The tug of war was a grand exhibition of muscle and the strain was long and stubborn. Three trials had to be taken to decide the victors for the special prize.

The records made were not as good as usual, our pupils did very little training for the events. They were not after records, but fun and the cash and they got it.

Wm. Harold's long limbs stood him good for a half dollar in the high kick. Judging from the ease with which he lifted off the bar, he was good for several inches higher.

For a wonder, all the girls succeeded in nesting all the eggs in the egg race without breakage. Last year the way they pitched them into the baskets set Miss Walker's teeth on edge.

The polo vaulting was one of the most interesting contests. Jas. Chambers cleared the bar at six feet ten inches with ease, and could have went much higher for a record, but time pressed.

In the sack race, R. McDonald was the only one who kept on his feet, all the others went down within a few yards of the start. A. A. McGillivray came in second but was ruled out for letting his sack slip.

In the eating contest, our coloured jester, Geo. Henry, gave an amusing exhibition, for weeks past he had been predicting that he would win like he did last year. How was suspected of stretching his mouth for the occasion.

"Wee Willie Winkle."

Were anything necessary to perpetuate in our midst the memory of Lord and Lady Aberdeen and their clever children we know not how better it could be done than by having *Wee Willie Winkle* to speak tons of their excellencies. Our pupils were delighted with the copies they received, the compliments of Lady Marjorie Gordon adding much to their pride. *THE CANADIAN MUTE*, itself a pretty wide-awake youngster, has nothing but smiles and caresses for cute little brother Will.

Mrs. H. Corby, Miss Barker, of Toronto, and Miss Helen Corby were the last of our visitors for this session.

HOME NEWS

A piece of poetry - *The Battle of Life*, will appear in issue of July 2nd.

The last copy of our paper was a souvenir and well worth preserving. Over two thousand copies were sent out.

Our Institution will probably be well represented at the Convention to be held at Chautauqua in July. Mr. and Mrs. Bais and Mr. McAloney have signified their intention to be present, and several others will also probably attend.

A walk composed of Portland cement is being laid from the road to the steps of the Gibson Hospital. It would perhaps be the cheapest in the end if all our wooden plank walks were replaced by the same material. Pine lumber is expensive and wears out quickly.

The Convention will have to get a new photographer as our friend Mr. Mason writes that he cannot as hitherto fore take the group, as he has sold his camera, so a local artist will have to be obtained if we wish to place a photograph of the gathering among our members.

The first and second foot ball clubs were photographed before going home. It was also intended to get some interior views of the class rooms and work-shops taken, but the photographer failed to arrange the matter in time. The ten pupils who recited before Lord Aberdeen were also taken in a group, and a nice photo is looked for.

Mr. Flynn of our carpenter shop, received an invitation to be present at the 33rd reunion of the surviving members of the 28th Regiment of New York; that went through the Revolutionary War. Mr. Flynn attained the rank of sergeant during the war, and at its close came to Canada. Nothing would have given Mr. Flynn greater pleasure than to meet with his old comrades at Lockport but business of distance prevented his acceptance.

A well beaten track runs the length of our play ground, and will be visible for some time. It was cut by the tread of twelve of our lads, who drilled up and down its weary length for a late breach of the rules. One of the party occupied his mind with a little mental arithmetic and computed that he travelled over fifteen miles. The conduct record of our boys is generally excellent, and it is the first time this season that discipline of the kind had to be enforced.

PERSONALITIES.

Miss Mabel Ball was the first patient in the new Gibson Hospital.

Two of our teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Bais, have joined the Methodist communion and were recently received into the Bridge street church of Belleville.

Mr. James Somerville, of Dundas, and Mr. N. Grove, of North Perth, both members of the House of Commons spent Sunday with our Superintendent. We hope they enjoyed their visit.

Mrs. C. W. Gustin regrets very much that on account of the press of domestic duties she will not be able to attend the Convention. Miss A. McFarland and Mrs. R. McLachlan, of Flint, Mich., have been on a visit to her. She sends kind remembrances to old friends.

Mrs. McLeod and Miss Aggie White, of Woodstock, are visitors at Bursar Matheson's. We hope they will enjoy their stay in our midst and we cannot see how they can fail to do so, as this locality just now is one of the most beautiful and favored on this continent.

Charley Holton had a party at his home on Saturday afternoon and evening last, and the following named pupils enjoyed his courteous hospitality and attention - Miss Flossie Gardner, Miss Mary McMillivray, Miss Lizzie Muckle, Miss Annie Henderson, M. Noonan, Alex. Swanson and Willie McHay.

Mrs. Forster, of Hamilton, passed through Belleville on the 14th, on her way to Montreal. At the station she was met by her mother, Mrs. Terrill, who accompanied her as far as Napanee. On the train they met Sir Oliver Mowat, and enjoyed a pleasant interview with Ontario's veteran Premier, who pined them with questions about our boys and girls, evincing a deep interest in all that concerns the deaf. At parting, he told Mrs. Terrill to deliver to the pupils the very sweet message from him that she could link together and he would endorse every word of it. Three cheers for Sir Oliver.

A Tribute to the Original Teachers of the Deaf.

From the *Intelligencer*

Not less their praise nor less their high reward
 The unequalled heroes of a task more hard
 Enthusiasts, who labored to bridge o'er
 The gulf of silence, never passed before.
 To reach the *solitaires*, who lived apart,
 Cut off from commerce with the human heart
 To whom had been, all souls on below,
 A ceremonious and unmeaning show.
 Men met in council, on occasions proud,
 Nought but a mouthful and grimacing crowd
 And all the great transactions of the time
 An idle scene or puzzling pantomime.
 Children of silence, deaf to every sound
 That trembles in the atmosphere around,
 Now far more happy, dancing ripples break
 Upon the margin of that once stagnant lake.
 Eye by fresh breezes overswept and stirred
 With the vibrations of new thoughts conferred
 No more your minds are heathenish and dumb,
 Now that the word of truth and grace has come.
 - ABRAHAM COLEMAN, M. D.

PUPILS' LOCALS.

From the Girls' Side of the Institution

[BY ANNIE MCPHAIL.]

It rained hard for many days, but it is getting fine and warm now.

One afternoon Miss Walker took a few girls to town to buy hats for them.

Donella Beatty went home on the 7th inst., she lives only twelve miles from the city.

Mr. Robert Mathison, jr., the son of our Superintendent, came home for the summer on the 4th ult.

Lord Aberdeen is the first Governor-General, we ever saw, and we think he is a very handsome gentleman.

Some of the English pupils took the Lord's Supper on Sunday, June 10th, in the English Church in the city.

Rev. Mr. Burko gave the confirmed English pupils each a common prayer book. He is very kind to them, and helps them to become good christians.

Annie Butler's sister, Blanche, and her mother came here to see her some time ago. We know Annie was glad to see them both again, because she loves them dearly.

A trained nurse from Kingston, named Miss Draper, came here to take care of the sick girls in the new hospital a few days ago. We hope the girls will be better soon.

Mr. Coleman, and his pupils had their photographs taken on the 4th. There are sixteen girls, and two boys in Mr. Coleman's class-room. They hope their photos will be good.

Maud Thomas went home on the last day of last month. We like her very much, and we are sorry we will not see her again, because she said she would not return to school next session.

Mrs. Young came here on Sunday with her husband, Mr. Geo. Young, and they looked pleased to see the pupils. They probably will be here again for the Convention. They live about five miles from the city.

On the 6th, we had a half-holiday and played various kinds of games. They had a good time that afternoon. The reason that we had a half holiday, and played games is that we did not play any on the Queen's birthday, because it was a rainy day.

To the Editor of the *Intelligencer*

DEAR SIR, - In the notice of the confirmation at St. Thomas's church on Sunday last, you mentioned the name of Mr. Bais as interpreting the service for the Deaf and Dumb candidates. It was Mr. Coleman, not Mr. Bais, who so kindly and efficiently acted as interpreter and I take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Coleman, and expressing my gratitude to him for his constant and valuable assistance in my class at the Institution. His aid in my somewhat difficult task, has been so freely and cheerfully given, that I can never forget it. I would also thank Mr. Mathison, the worthy Superintendent, for the constant kindness and courtesy he has shown to me, and the facilities he has afforded me for instructing and preparing my dear pupils at his Institution for confirmation. I would also cordially thank all the other officials who, in connection with this matter and on all other occasions, have been invariably kind and helpful to me. I remain, yours very truly,

J. W. BURKE, Canon.
 Rectory, 29th May, 1894.

Virtue is the first title to nobility.
 No evil is without its compensation.