

The Rockwood Review.

The question whether Chipmonks hibernate has never been satisfactorily settled, although much evidence pro and con has been offered. The fact that these little animals stow away immense quantities of food during the fall, would seem to indicate that they are very much awake nearly all winter although seldom seen. The writer who has observed animals and birds all his life, never saw a chipmonk in mid-winter until this year; but this season Mr. Stripes was very much in evidence at different parts of our grounds early in February, the mild winter evidently tempting him to come out of his hole. This goes to prove that the chipmonk does not hibernate. The red Squirrel is active all winter.

Mr. Hugh Walkem, new goatee and all, has been transferred to the head office of the Bank of B. N. A. in Montreal. We shall miss Hugh, as he was one of the most popular of the Kingston boys, and an enthusiast in anything he undertook. We congratulate him on his promotion.

Bluebirds were very plentiful during the season of migration. At one time it looked as if the "hat bird craze" would cause the extermination of these exquisite birds, but they are evidently on the increase again.

Miss Elsie Lockie left for Toronto early in April, after a six weeks visit at Rockwood House.

C. M. Clarke will ride in local bicycle races, and will use a "Perfect" racer.

Capt. Craig will be missed by the patrons of the Richelieu Steamers. He was the most popular captain on the route, a favorite with all, but the particular pet of the unmarried ladies. He will not be lost to Kingstonians though, and as Captain of the Paul Smith will have ample opportunity to give full swing to his social accomplishments. A successful season Captain.

The Pierrepont made a very early start this year, crossing to Garden Island with little difficulty on April 1st.

Where has the Game Warden been all spring? Irresponsible boys by the dozen have carried on a cruel warfare against every living thing in field and marsh, and young men have slaughtered wild ducks without restraint. Sport at any time is cruel, but in proper season has something to be said in its favor—in spring it is not only cruel but inexcusable, as the birds are just commencing the breeding season. The argument that if we do not shoot the ducks the Americans will, because they allow spring shooting, is too paltry to consider. As a matter of fact the Americans have long ago spoiled their hunting territories by their wanton destruction of game, and we should be warned by their failure to appreciate the gifts of nature.

Mr. John Shea is a very promising artist, and when it is remarked that he is absolutely without training, his results are remarkable. His last effort is his best, as it embodies more originality than his preceding pictures. The subject is called "A Modern Strad," and the likeness of a well known amateur violin maker is excellent. The Luthier is engaged in making a violin, and the surroundings are well done and in proper keeping with the rest of the picture.

Mr. Albert Shannon secured many excellent snap shots of local ice yachts during the races. He has kindly placed the negatives at the disposal of Rockwood Hospital, and a unique set of lantern slides is being made from them. As the Kingston boats are beautifully finished they make fine pictures.

The Cinematograph people might get excellent subjects for pictures at an iceboat "start" or a hockey match.