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A RETROSPECT.

GREEN HEAD, ON ST. JOHN RIVER, NEAR CARLETON, N. B.

How often still in memory I tread,
Thy sylvan slopes, magnificent Green Head,
And catch the scene which bursts upon my view
When, passed at length, the cedar avenue ;
I stand entranc'd upon the rocky brow,
Whose image glitters in the depths below ;
Here charms that only Canada can claim,
Transpire the bosom and the soul inflame ;
Fair Nature revels in her wildest mood,
And pours her wealth of foliage and flood.
Neat rural villas nestle at my feet,
Beside the wigwam of the "Milicete."
Adown the stream, in swift succession go,
The gilded steamer and the bark canoe,
And fancy's wing, in sweet sequester'd coves,
Takes on the crimson of the maple groves.
Descending fast, St. John's blue waters kiss
Thy verdant banks enchanting Nerepis ;
And snow-white sails upon the spreading bay
Flash back the glories of the parting day.
O'er yonder cape, so fitly named "the Boar,"
(From rugged outline, and from savage shore),
These sadden'd eyes the noble river trace,
Where gallant "Renforth" perished in the race,
And jealous death rode o'er the lumped tide
To snatch the laurels from aquatic pride.
No noxious drug dissolved the "silver cord,"
(Be such a crime by Canada abhor'd.)
At God's decree the British champion falls—
His sudden fate the stoutest heart appalls ;
And ringing cheers to frantic sorrow turn,
Along thy banks, romantic "Torryburn."
E'en Tiny seems with more than canine glee,
To wag her tail, and caper at my knee,
As though it were dogmatically clear
That even brutes should be inspired here.
Ah ! "little bridge," ah ! fair "Mosquito Cove,"
Ah ! Zoe valley, and the paths I love,
Say, hear ye yet the print of little feet
Re-ound ye still with voices soft and sweet ?
From "Sutton's mill" there comes a me'low'd tone—
"To other lands the children's feet have flown."

There is a rumor afloat that the electric light is to be introduced into St. John by an enterprising company here. We hope that this report has some foundation.

It gives us much pleasure to learn, that notwithstanding the strenuous opposition brought to bear against it, the English Channel tunnel is being carried on, and that the work of excavation is being busily prosecuted at the rate of not less than seventy-three yards within seven days. More than 440 yards had been bored at Sangatte about the end of last November.

COASTING.

Several weeks ago there appeared in the city warnings of the punishment which would be visited on any one caught coasting. The absurdity of punishing a boy for the crime of putting to the use for which it was intended, a sled which the law allows him to purchase, called forth several letters from the Rev. Mr. Mather, who proposed that a hill should be given for coasting between certain hours. The city papers favoured his plan, and the result was a meeting of the boys on the Queen's Square, and the drawing up of a petition to the Common Council. It is of course particularly desired that every scholar will sign the petition, and there can be but little doubt but that the Common Council will grant the very reasonable request contained therein. There is the more hope of this since the gentleman, who so worthily fills the office of Mayor, has several times advocated the providing of some place where the boys could enjoy their sports. The street which, it is said, could be used with the least inconvenience to traffic is Pitt street, though there are several other streets which would do equally well. The granting of the petition, while being no extra expence to the city, would be a great favor to the boys, as it is a sport for which St. John is, by nature, well adapted. Under the present law, the boys have either to walk into the country or indulge in coasting when the form of the vigilant St. John policeman can not be seen. No interference from roughs need be feared, if the authorities showed them that they (the roughs) were not going to "run" the hill, and that they must either respect certain rules or keep away. In the use of "double-runners," to which some objections have been made, there could be nothing dangerous, if they were not allowed to take complete possession of the hill. In American cities they are not prohibited, and no complaints seem to be made. We do not, however, on this account object to the petition. In conclusion the writer would state for the benefit of those concerned that the first mention of coasting, which has fallen under his notice, was in 101 B. C., when the Cimbric, a Germanic tribe, coasted down the Brenner Pass on their shields.

TO OUR CORRESPONDENTS.—We received a communication signed J. M. S., but we cannot take any notice of it unless the writer sends us his name in confidence. As it is, the epistle went the way of all such anonymous matter—into our waste paper basket.

We are very sorry to see that the University paper is so backward in exchanging with us, although they have acknowledged the receipt of our paper.

As the public will notice, W. G. Knowlton has withdrawn from the list of editors. This was not on account of any disturbance, but solely on account of pressure of business matter. We take great pleasure in bringing before the public his successor, G. G. Ruel, who we are confident will ably support the paper and fulfil all our expectations.