## OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

#### MR. W. G. GRACE AT THE WICKET.

The portrait of the champion cricketer of the world is one which will prove very welcome to the readers of the ILLUSTRATED NEWS. As a batter and a fielder Mr. W. G. Grace is unsurpassed, while his bowling-medium pace-is very much above the average. Below we give his record for the seasons of 1870 and 1871 ;

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The following is Lillywhite's account of the largest scorer and safest bat that ever played :--- "Whether we consider his aggregate, his average, or the ten three-figure innings played by him in first-class matches, each is immeasurably superior to by him in hist-class matches, each is indicasurably superior to anything ever recorded. He is not only the largest scorer and safest bat that ever played, but also the quickest run-getter off first-class bowling. His "timing" and "placing" the ball is the feature of his batting in which especially he has no rival, and the number of runs he gets between short-leg and mid-on off difficult balls of a good length which it would puzzle most of even the best batsmen to stop, is almost incredible. A good medium-pace bowler, getting many wickets, but still ex-pensive. A magnificent field anywhere, especially at point; a capital judge of the game."

## THE YORK PIONEERS' CELEBRATION.

Friday, the 16th ult., was a day of great rejoicing among day :the members of the York Pioneers' Association and the other patriotic societies of Centre Ontario. The grounds about Brock's Monument, at Queenstown, were on that day the scene of a festive gathering of Canadian patriots who assembled to do honour to the memory of the great general, and to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the capture of Detroit in 1812. brate the sixtieth anniversary of the capture of Detroit in 1812. The societies represented at the pic-nic were: the York Pioneers, Toronto, Rev. Dr. Richardson, President; the Loyal Canadian Society of Grimsby, Mr. T. C. Mewburn, President; the Loyal Canadian Society of Niagara, Mr. J. T. Kerby, Presi-dent; the Loyal Canadian Society of Chatham, Mr. Thomas McRae, President; the Native Canadian Society of Belleville, Mr. A. Diamond, President; the Native Canadian Society of Hamilton, Mr. W. F. McMahon. President; the St. Catherines Historical Society. Mr. J. P. Merritt, President, Among the Hamilton, Mr. W. F. McMahon. President; the St. Catherines Historical Society, Mr. J. P. Merritt, President. Among the gentlemen on the ground were Col. R. L. Denison, Rev. D. Richardson, Rev. Dr. Ryerson, Rev. George Ryerson, Messrs. R. H. Oates, Alex. Hamilton, Dr. Thorburn, Dr. Can-niff, and Mr. J. G. Hodgins, LL.B., Toronto; Judge George Jarvis, Cornwall; Col. McFarlane, St. Catherines; Mr. T. C. Mewburn, Grimsby; W. E. McMahon, Hamilton; B. Davy, Belleville, &c. Among those on the ground were several who Belleville, &c. Among those on the ground were several who had fought in the war of 1812, and who bore scars that they then received. After lunching in small groups in a beautiful grove near the monument, which, by the way, was decorated with flags, the majority of the pic-nickers assembled around a platform to listen to a number of addresses that constituted a part of the programme of the day's proceedings.

We are indebted to the Art Journal for our illustration, and the following description, of

#### THE RETURN OF THE BUNAWAY.

The painter of this picture is one of our younger school of artists, who, but a comparatively few years since, worked his way into a favourable position as a delineator of *genre* subjects, and has succeeded in maintaining it. In 1863 his name appeared among a series of "British Artists," when we pointed out the "style and character" of his works; and it will be found, on reference to his subsequent productions, that they differ in but little degree, so far as subject is concerned, from one instance, so far as we remember, has Mr. Clark ventured upon anything like new ground; and that is in a picture of "Ruth and Naomi," exhibited last year in the Academy; and even here the domestic character of the subject assimilates so closely, though borrowed from Scripture narrative, to scenes of every-day occurrence among ourselves, that it scarcely stands apart from his other works: it is a domestic incident, and the feeling that traces such on canvas, however different are the costumes, physiognomies, &c., is the same, whether the subject be of ancient Oriental or of modern English

origin. Whatever of success may have attended an artist's labours in Whatever of success may have attended an artist's labours in a particular department, it may be doubted if, as a rule, he does not in some degree at least compromise his indepen-dence and do injustice to himself by keeping so strictly within its limits. If he has already reached a high point of greatness in the most elevated rank of Art-work, he would probably peril his reputation by departing from it. Wilkie did so in a great measure when he brought his Spanish subjects before the umblich the greatness of the painter was far from heing under public: the genius of the painter was far from being undervalued in these pictures, but they added nothing to, and rather detracted from, the honours gained by such works as "Reading the Will." "Distraining for Rent," and a multitude of others of a similar kind. We would kindly drop a hint to Mr. Clark to endeavour to get out of the labourer's cottage, and bid adieu at least for a while, to the family : we are sure he has in him good stuff that would justify a venture in some other field of action.

His "Return of the Runaway," exhibited at the British Institution in 1862, is undoubtedly one of the best works he Institution in 1862, is undoubtedly one of the best works he has painted. When English boys leave their homes clan-destinely it is generally to get to sea; and often one or two voyages curb their wandering spirits. But this "runaway" has evidently been absent for years, and has grown into man-hood, so that when he again seeks the parental roof he is as a stranger to the old folk : the expression of doubt on the father's face, as the seaman declares his relationship, is capitally rendered, while the mother fixes her eyes on him with a kind of half-recognition, as if to trace out some line or mark that would set all uncertainty at rest. The picture, like all Mr. Clark does, is very carefully painted in all its details.

#### A HAY-CART RIDE AT MURRAY BAY

gives a very common scene on the road to that favourite place for pic-nics, Grand Lake, eleven miles from Murray Bay.

# A biographical notice of

### THE HON. J. H. GRAY,

who has recently been appointed to the Bench of British Columbia, will be found on page 149.

# ELECTION SCENES IN MONTREAL.

The results of the elections in Montreal on Wednesday week-the unexpected majorities of both opposition candidates were the cause of much rejoicing among their partisans who celebrated their victory in a most triumphant manner. At the close of the poll every conveyance that could possibly be had was pressed into the service, and an immense procession was formed, headed by two brass bands. After driving through the principal streets, there was an immense gathering at St. Patrick's Hall, where the Hon. John Young spoke in appropriate terms of the honour the electors had conferred upon him. Mr. Jetté also addressed his constituents in another part of the city. A grand torchlight procession was afterwards formed, which marched through the principal streets. Our artist has chosen as subjects for illustration the meeting of Mr. Young's and Mr. Jetté's processions at Viger Square, where the two united, and Mr. Young addressing his supporters. A special article descriptive of the

MANUFACTURE OF PEAT AT LAPIGBONNIÈRE

is given on page 157.

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ast been taken fairly by the throat by the Michigan Legislature. There have probably been nearly as many deaths and injuries from firearms that were known to be unloaded, as there have been murders with firearms aimed with intent to kill, and it is time that pointing firearms at inoffensive persons "in fun" be put a stop to. The Michigan law makes it a misde-meanour, punishable by fine and imprisonment, to aim a firearm at any person, whether it be loaded or not, and if harm comes of such an act, the perpetrator is responsible oriminally and pecuniarily. This is a salutary statute, and should be generally adopted. Then the joke of aiming arms at people's heads would lose its point. been murders with firearms aimed with intent to kill, and it