

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

IN MEMORIAM.

The sad death by drowning of Mr. George Spaight and Mr. C. E. F. Lodge, of the editorial staff of the *Montreal Gazette*, on the 24th May, 1871, will be fresh in the recollection of our readers. Both had been valued contributors to these columns, and were through their writings well known to the patrons of the *CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS*. After their death, a meeting was held of a number of their friends of the Press, at the city office of this paper, at which, in addition to resolutions of sympathy and condolence, it was resolved, as a tribute of respect to their memories, to erect, by subscription, a monument over their graves. The practical carrying out of this work was left to a committee under the presidency of Mr. Thos. White. Circulars were issued to such members of the press as had been personally acquainted with the deceased, and the result was the erection in Mount Royal Cemetery of the very chaste and beautiful monument, the illustration of which will be found in this week's paper. The design and work were by Mr. Mariotti, sculptor of this city. This little episode in the journalistic history of Canada is exceedingly creditable to the profession.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS AT HALIFAX.

Our artist at Halifax has sent us a very interesting sketch—which is reproduced on page 212—of a theatrical performance given by the Officers of the Garrison, assisted by lady amateurs, to inaugurate the reopening of the new Soldiers' Institute, after considerable alterations and improvements. He informs us that no trouble or expense had been spared to render the proceedings worthy of the occasion. The stage, with its parterre of flowers over the orchestra, was simply lovely; and the scenery, which was all new, neat, and appropriate, was deservedly praised. Capt. Haly, A. D. C., had painted a drop, representing a scene in Venice, which from its delicate finish and execution reflected great credit upon his talent as a painter. The performance commenced with the comediatta, "Dearest Mamma," in which all the characters were well sustained. We would specially mention Mr. Anson's clever rendering of Uncle Brown; the spirited acting of this gentleman repeatedly drew forth loud plaudits from the audience. Mrs. Daly as Dearest Mamma, and Miss Mary Kenny as Edith Clinton were also deserving of great praise. "The Lady of Lyons" Burlesque, a scene from which forms the subject of our artist's sketch, was a decided success. Miss Henry's quiet and ladylike rendering of Pauline, Mr. Rowe's clever impersonation of the love-lorn widow, and Capt. Goodeve as the gay and festive Beaumont received from the audience a well-deserved applause. Mr. Mitchell Innes as Claude Melnotte played with the ease and grace of a finished actor. It is the intention of the Garrison Dramatic Club to give frequent performances during the autumn and winter months, and judging from the crowded attendance at its first performance there is no fear of lack of audiences. Mr. Haggarty ably accompanied the various songs at the pianoforte. Much praise is due to Mr. Biddell, of the both Bibles, who, as General Manager, gave universal satisfaction.

VIEW OF ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.

This view of St. John's from the road leading to O'Brien's Bridge, is a companion picture to the view of the city from Quidi Vidi Lake, which appeared in the News three or four weeks ago. The churches and public buildings forming the principal features in the picture, having been already described, will be easily recognized by the reader.

THE ONTARIO PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

Hamilton has this year been the favoured city selected for the holding of the twenty-seventh annual Exhibition of the Province of Ontario. For some little time previous to the opening day the city, and more especially that part of the city lying between the railway depot and the fair grounds, was in a state of unusual turmoil and confusion. The Exhibition was thrown open on Monday, the 23rd ult., and remained open until the following Friday. Our limited space will not allow of our entering into details, so we shall content ourselves in this and the following number with alluding especially to the subjects illustrated by the pencil of our special artist at the Fair. We merely pause to remark that this year's Exhibition has been the most successful yet held, both as regards the number of entries, the excellence of the articles and stock exhibited, and the number of visitors.

Our artist has selected as subjects for illustration in this issue the exhibition of the Hamilton Horticultural Society's fruits, and a scene in the Cattle Ring. The collection of fruits exhibited by the Hamilton Horticultural Society was the finest and most varied on the ground, and took the first prize, as it well deserved to do. It included no less than 147 varieties of apples, from the gigantic Gloria Mundi—one specimen of which measured fifteen inches in circumference—to the most diminutive kind. The collection of pears numbered 67 varieties, ranging from the early Dearborn Seedling to the late Flemish Beauty, Beurree Dief, Duchess d'Angouleme, Beurree Clairgeau, Beurree Rose, &c. There were also some good specimens of the Bartlett and the Siekle. Twelve varieties of crab apples were exhibited, ranging from the little currant crab to the Heaslop and Transcendent. Fine varieties of Quevel were also on the table. In grapes there were 31 varieties of the hardy open air, including the very best varieties grown in Canada. Sixteen varieties of peaches were exhibited, among them being the noble California peach. There were good specimens, 20 in number, grown under glass. Thirty-one varieties of plums were included in this collection. Throughout the whole of this large and fine show, every fruit was correctly named. The Hamilton Horticultural Club and the Galloway Club of the County of Lincoln also exhibited fine collections.

The Hamilton Horticultural Club shows 84 varieties of apples, including 14 varieties of excellent crab apples. In the exhibition of pears there were 44 varieties, and three of quinces. The varieties of plums were 26 in number, and 14 varieties of peaches, and also 37 varieties of grapes. This collection took the second prize.

The Galloway Club of the County of Lincoln exhibited 58 varieties of apples of the leading varieties, and 32 varieties of apples of the leading varieties, and 32 varieties of pears. A very large collection of grapes were exhibited by this club, including every description but two grown in Canada. They

show only 9 bunches of plums and 7 bunches of crab apples. 21 samples of peaches graced this table.

THE STADACONA HUNT CLUB MEET.

The first meet of the Stadacona Hunt Club took place on Thursday, the 19th ult., at No. 2 Fort, Levis, and was attended by a goodly assemblage of the hardest riders of Quebec, among whom was His Excellency the Governor General, with the members of his staff, and several ladies. The Countess of Dufferin was also present in her carriage, with Lady Harriet Fletcher. About half-past twelve, says the *Mercury*, Major Turnbull trotted up, and getting the hunt together proceeded about a quarter of a mile towards No. 3 Fort, when catching sight of the "trail," turned his mare sharp round to the right, and with a ringing "tallyho" cleared the fence and away across the first field, a smooth piece of pasture land. Then began the usual rushing for first over by the forward riders, the "after you, Sir" and "woa hoings" of the less ambitious, but quietly away in front we noticed Lord Dufferin sailing away on a clever little bay mare, taking everything in a way that shewed how little he would make of a really stiff country; next we noticed Colonels Fletcher and Strange closely followed by the ladies, and then the bulk of the field, further behind appeared a long tailed bay horse with an empty saddle, he and his rider having evidently come to bad terms. The "trail" then bore away down to some low meadows with but little jumping, and then leading up to the right, took the hunt round to No. 2 Fort, over a pretty little timber jump—there they came to a check for a few minutes, but Colonel Strange making a scientific cast through the "Spiney," hit off the scent, and with a cheery "tallyho" led off over the post and rails into the road, here some of the Field got away on a wrong trail, when someone on a chestnut mare hit it off, and away they went over the brow of the hill, and were lost to sight. The Countess of Dufferin's carriage, accompanied by the other ladies and gentlemen in carriages, then left their post at No. 2 Fort, from whence they had had a view of the whole run, and drove down the hill to No. 1 Fort, when they again caught sight of the hunt skirting round the old 78th camp, then on by a clump of trees over the fence and ditch into the road, and over the next fence they came, sending their horses along at a racing pace, round by the butte, across the brook at the bottom, sharp to the left over a stiff post and rails, and then with as pretty a finish as one could wish, the field all well together, over a stout 4 feet 5 inch hurdle, landed into the Engineers' croquet ground, where they ran into their fox, Mr. Heigham. The brush, won by Major Montizambert, was then presented to His Excellency. Luncheon was then served at the Engineer Headquarters Mess Room, after which a preliminary meeting was held for the appointment of officers, His Excellency accepting the Presidency of the Club.

A correspondent gives us the following account of the DANCE OF THE PATIENTS AT THE ROCKWOOD LUNATIC ASYLUM, KINGSTON.

of which an illustration appears on another page. This dance was given by Dr. Dickson (with his usual kindness and consideration, to the patients under his care) on the occasion of a German band staying a few days in Kingston. The afternoon was fine, and a large number of the patients assembled underneath the trees in front of the asylum to dance to the inspiring music, or if not so inclined, to watch their more lively companions. Everything was conducted with the greatest propriety, and save for the dancing, (which was now and then rather vigorous) one might almost have fancied oneself in the company of sane people. Coffee and cakes were handed round between the dances. The most conspicuous female dancer calls herself Queen Susan, and decks herself out in a style suited to her supposed sovereignty. It seemed as much as she could do to control herself, and not laugh at the absurd antics of her fierce-looking partner who danced opposite to her. Another dancer worthy of mention, who answers to the name of Jimmy, is seen in the background; he is in his favourite position, for he does not seem to think his dance is perfect unless he begins by hitting himself a resounding blow on the top of his hat. There were a number of ladies and gentlemen present as spectators. The dancing was kept up with great spirit the whole afternoon, and at its close the patients dispersed, and returned to the asylum highly gratified with their afternoon's amusement, as were also the visitors who had been kindly permitted to witness their pleasure.

THE FIRM OF GATES & CO., TORONTO.

Sewing Machine Manufacturers, is one of the most enterprising in the Dominion of Canada, not only for the large amount of business done, but also for the style of workmanship, ingenuity, and finish displayed in the manufacture of their goods. They are now making three kinds of machines, viz: The Family Machine for general purposes, No. 2 Machine for manufacturing purposes, and a Hand Shuttle Machine, being portable and convenient to carry, for travelling. All the above machines are in great demand, both in this country as well as Europe, large shipments being made to the Continent and sold in England, Ireland and Scotland, Germany, and also Australia and South America. They employ the best mechanical skill possible to obtain, determined by producing a first class article to surmount all obstacle, and eventually all opposition, and win a foremost place in the market for their goods, which work on the same principle as the Singer, Howe and other first class machines, and make the Lock or Shuttle Stitch, which is considered the best for all purposes. As a proof of the estimation in which their goods are held, they were awarded the highest Prize Medal at the Workmen's International Exhibition, held in London, England, in 1871, over all competitors. They have also taken prizes at the Provincial Fairs, held at Kingston, Hamilton, London and Toronto, so that their reputation is beyond dispute. Many try the manufacture of Sewing Machines, but few succeed in making an article that will do all the work required of it on all fabrics. In our sketches we give views of a part of their work-rooms. 1st. The Turning Room, in which the various pieces of the machines are prepared. 2nd. The Setting up Room, where certain parts of the machines are put together. 3rd. The Ornamenting, where they are ornamented. 4th. Adjusting Room, in which they are finally arranged and adjusted. Besides these there are large Store Rooms for casting, &c., Stock Room and Plating Room. In addition to the Factory their Show Room on King street, East, is one of the handsomest in the city.

CANADIAN PROGRESS.

The harbour of Dover, Ont., is to be deepened. The branch of the Canada Central to Renfrew village is to be completed by the 15th inst.

The rails have been successfully laid along the Canada Air Line railroad from Canfield Station to Cayuga, a distance of six miles.

The Welland Canal works are being pushed rapidly forward towards completion, under the supervision of Mr. Thomas Monroe.

The culture of the sugar-beet has been suggested as a highly advantageous crop for the lands formed by the delta of Fraser River, B. C.

Application will be made at the next session of the Ontario Legislature for a charter to build a railway from Dresden to Oil Springs.

The Kingston and Pembroke Railway is being pushed forward with the greatest dispatch. Large gangs of labourers are at work.

A company is to be formed in East Zorra, County of Oxford, for the manufacture of cheese and butter. It will be known as the East Zorra and Blandford Cheese Manufacturing Co.; capital, \$4,000.

Application is to be made to the Legislature of Ontario at its next session for an Act to incorporate a Joint Stock Company, to construct a Street Railway in the City of London and adjoining Municipalities.

The contract for the extension of the Intercolonial Railway into Halifax was awarded to Mr. O'Brien, of Halifax. The Intercolonial Railway will be opened for traffic through from St. John to Halifax by the end of the month.

La Minerve states that M. E. Bonnemant, a French agriculturist and a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, has been to Longueuil for the purpose of finding an eligible site for a beet sugar factory. It is expected he will establish one in the village.

A company has been formed in Pictou under the name of the "Pictou Shipbuilding Company," for the purpose of building, purchasing, selling, and sailing vessels. The stock list is being rapidly filled up, and in a very short time active operations will be commenced.

The first issue of Canada Car Company's stock—\$250,000—has been subscribed. It is understood that an arrangement has been made with the Ontario Government for the employment of convict labour for a term of seven and a half years. Employment will be given to 600 men.

Speaking of the Canada Southern Railroad the *Toledo Blade* says:—The work of opening and grading the road-bed between this city and the mouth of the Detroit River is progressing rapidly. The contractors have nearly reached the State line, and at the rate at which they are now moving will reach the city limits within a few days. After entering the city limits the line will be run a short distance south of the new Lake Shore round house, continuing in a southerly direction until it intersects the Toledo, Watash & Western Railway, a short distance above the town. Several bridges on the line, including the one over the River Raisin, at Monroe, which will be the largest between this city and the Detroit River, are in process of construction.

One of the finest vineyards in Canada is said to be that of the Reesor Brothers, of Markham, although, as yet, it is young. They have about six acres of vines in bearing on lot 10, in the 7th con. of Markham. They are all of the best varieties that fully ripen in this climate. There are about 4,000 vines of Delaware, 1,000 Concord, 500 of Hartford Prolific, and other varieties. This is the first year in which the vines are all in bearing; some are already ripe, and during the ensuing two weeks they will all be ready to pick. The *Markham Economist* says to see the rich loads of fruit would well repay a drive of some distance. We are pleased with the success of this enterprise, because it supplies an article that people used to think could only be purchased in the United States, and while it is a most delicious fruit, it is by far the most wholesome in use.

CHESS.

Solutions to problems sent in by Correspondents will be duly acknowledged.

We are happy to be able to announce the complete success of the first Canadian Chess Congress which met on the 24th ultimo in the City Hall, Hamilton, Ont., in response to a circular previously sent far and wide throughout the Dominion.

Veterans, whose only previous acquaintance had been through the post, by telegraph, with mysterious initials of the press which headed their games or problems, had now an opportunity, for the first time, of meeting over the board in friendly rivalry, and fighting their battles over again.

Formalities were, for the most part, dispensed with: the freemasonry which characterizes the lovers of the royal game making introduction easy.

The meeting was opened by J. Taylor, Esq., moving, seconded by F. T. Jones, that T. M. Taylor, Esq., President of the Hamilton Chess Club, take the chair, and that Dr. Ryall act as Secretary.

The chairman with a few appropriate remarks welcomed the visitors to the city, and urged the unity of action in forming laws and regulations for an association.

In the discussion which followed the following gentlemen were unanimously elected officers:

- Prof. CHERRIMAN, of Toronto, President.
- Prof. H. A. HOWE, of Montreal, 1st Vice-President.
- Prof. JAS. DE MILLE, of Halifax, N.S., 2nd Vice-President.
- DR. ALLEN M. KING, of St. John, N. B., 3rd Vice-President.
- DR. RYALL, of Hamilton, Secretary-Treasurer.

Two committees were then chosen, the one to frame a constitution, and to be a permanent committee of the association; the other to draw up rules for the government of games by telegraph: the former consisting of Messrs. F. T. Jones, of Toronto, R. H. Ramsay, Cobourg, J. Henderson, St. Catharines, P. Q., Jas. Taylor, Belleville, F. C. N. Robertson, Hamilton, and John White, of Montreal; for the latter the following were named: Messrs. J. A. Russell, Dr. Ryall, W. Mackay, J. Young, and D. J. Wallace.

It was decided to send a pamphlet containing the laws so framed to the principal clubs and players, and as the assemblage seemed nearly unanimous in all its decisions, they will, no doubt, be generally recognized.

We shall endeavour to give some further particulars and incidents of this very agreeable meeting in a future issue.

The next Congress is called for the second Tuesday in May, 1873, in the city of Toronto.