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**FOOT BALL AND HOCKEY CLUBS.**

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| Capital First Eleven | J. Chambers |
| Second Eleven        | D. Luddy    |
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**THE CANADIAN MUTE.**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1896.

A burst of light and song and stars,  
Of hopes and dreams and some-time glory  
—Day's bequest

A little praise, a little blame,  
A little floating breath of fame,  
A little sitting in the sun, a little sign and  
—Day is done!

**Visit of the County Council.**

On the 30th ult., the members of the County Council, in session at Belleville during the week, made a visit to this institution. The following named gentlemen composed that distinguished body:

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| Arthur P. Clark    | William Fox         |
| John A. Hodge      | August Nicholson    |
| John S. Deak       | Francis J. Thompson |
| Victor Neilson     | Thos. Hicketta      |
| W. A. Galt         | Robert Lancaster    |
| John H. McArthur   | James McFar         |
| George M. Caldwell | Samuel Hargett      |
| John McFarlane     | David Carswell      |
| John McFarlane     | W. J. Douglas       |
| John McFarlane     | Wm. McPherson       |
| John McFarlane     | Thos. Nugent        |
| John McFarlane     | J. Earl Halliwell   |
| John McFarlane     | James Whytock       |
| John McFarlane     | R. P. Houston       |
| John McFarlane     | John Dalton         |
| John McFarlane     | James Dryden        |
| John McFarlane     | James W. Pearce     |
| John McFarlane     | William Hilton      |
| John McFarlane     | James English       |

They arrived here about two o'clock and spent the next hour in a number of the class rooms where they observed with interest the methods employed in teaching the deaf. At three o'clock they all assembled with the pupils in the chapel where some of the girls recited a couple of hymns to the evident delight of the visitors. After chapel the workshops, hospital and other out buildings were visited and duly admired and commended, after which they returned to the city well pleased with all they had seen.

**The Grand Jury.**

On Wednesday afternoon, the 5th inst., the Grand Jury paid an official visit to the Institution when they inspected the buildings as thoroughly as the time at their disposal would allow, and spent some time in the class rooms and shops. They expressed in warm terms their approbation of the cleanliness everywhere displayed and of the nearly perfect arrangements made and accommodations provided for the health and comfort of the pupils. The following is a portion of their presentment which is of reference to their visit here, and which was submitted to the Court through W. P. Hudson, Esq., ex-M. P.P., Foreman. Our visit to the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb revealed to us the high state of efficiency to which it has been brought by the efforts of the principal and his devoted assistants. It is the opinion of the Grand Jury that more room could be provided than is at present available. There are more pupils now attending than the existing buildings can respectfully draw the attention of the Government of the Province to this matter.

**The Carnival.**

A PLEASANT EVENING ON THE ICE.

Our annual carnival at the skating rink, on the 30th ult., was a great success. The ice was in splendid condition which with a bright moon and bracing atmosphere tended to enliven the spirits of all present. That our boys and girls enjoyed themselves was particularly obvious to those who lined the rink as spectators. As the masqueraders glided around the rink in the various costumes the scene was very pretty, while the mistaken surmises as to who was this or that were amusing. Most of the skaters were too well masked to be recognized except by well known peculiarities of figure or action, but by the time set for unmasking most were pretty well known, thanks to the curiosity of some of our young ladies, who made it their business to find out, much to the annoyance of those whose masks had been rudely misplaced. The following are some of the names and characters represented:—

- GIRLS.**
- Jessie Brown—Business Maiden
  - E. Baxter—Italian
  - E. Brown, M. Derocher—School Girls
  - Annie Blackburn—Dutch Frau
  - M. Cunningham, M. Elliott—Twin Maids in blue
  - P. Chamber—Flower Girl
  - A. Gilleland—Puritan Maid
  - M. Graham—Florentine
  - H. Haunell—Winter
  - M. Holton—Grandma
  - M. Hutchinson—La Canallenne
  - J. Lohminger—Turkish Lady
  - M. Lough—Summer
  - M. Lorraine—Japanese
  - J. Munro—Red Riding Hood
  - L. Muecke—College Student
  - Grace Muecke—Yankee Maid
  - M. McKay—Highland Lassie
  - Flora McGregor—Turkish Maiden
  - A. Maltride—Norwegian
  - M. Noonan—Nun
  - E. Scott—Pop Corn
  - L. Wiley—Gipsy
  - M. Matheson—Spanish Lady
  - A. McCord—Farmer's wife
  - Miss Hale—Nun
  - Miss Gibson—Queen of the Isles
  - Miss James—Queen of the Fairies
  - Miss Hall—Sunflower
  - Miss Blake—Grandma

- BOYS.**
- T. Dool—Country Preacher
  - Jack Matheson—Dude
  - A. A. McGillivray—Colored Boy
  - J. Matheson, J. DeLaney, R. McDonald—Trio A. I.
  - M. Noonan—Circus Man
  - H. King—Sitting Bull
  - Wm. Nurse—The Bear
  - D. J. McKillop—Blue Beard
  - D. Luddy—Champion Athlete
  - Wm. Watt—Maple Leaf
  - E. Corbiere—The Ghost
  - S. A. Lett—Pantaloen
  - C. Dool—Clown
  - Jack Chambers—Faust
  - Nelson Wood—Indian Maiden
  - Jack Ross—Grandy
  - H. McKenzie—Brigand
  - F. Ross—Folleeman
  - J. Dubois, W. Brown—Hockeyists
  - G. Leveille—Indian Squaw
  - W. H. Moore—Drummer boy
  - J. T. Shilton—Preacher
  - W. J. Loughheed—Indian Warrior
  - J. Crouch—Doctor
  - H. Melville—Highlander
  - F. Harris—Old Sol
  - Ed. Leslie—Ghost Dancer
  - Geo. Monrose—Two Face Dancer

**NOTES.**

The champion athlete made such a brave display of medals, badges, etc., we fear they were borrowed plumes.

There was quite a crowd of small boys, and small girls too, fantastically dressed up whose names and characters we could not get.

Willie Watt, who hails from Guelph, took on the grey uniform of the champion "Maple Leaf" of that city.

The Belleville Sun, in speaking of our carnival, said that it was very successful. Indeed it was and the pupils will want another if the winter holds out.

**Hockey.**

A friendly game of hockey was played on our rink on Saturday afternoon, the 8th inst., between the Quintes from the city and our first team which resulted in a victory for the Quintes by a score of 3 to 2. The teams lined up as follows:

| QUINTES       | GOAL        | INSTITUTION     |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| D. Wallace    | Goal        | J. A. Matheson  |
| H. Hanwell    | Point       | J. R. Matheson  |
| E. Sutherland | Cover Point | S. A. Lett      |
| H. Brown      | Forward     | J. Chambers     |
| H. Monk       |             | W. Watt         |
| H. McTigue    |             | A. McGillivray  |
| E. Lang, capt |             | J. Dubois, capt |

The game was well contested and exciting at times although the ice was not in a fit state to allow of very fast play. In the last half of the game Chambers of our team was ruled off for rough play and was replaced by M. Noonan. Considerable time was lost in the dispute and but for this interruption the score at the finish would have been different. All our boys played well, but Dubois, as usual, excelled himself by his brilliant plays, and when the return match is played we predict a complete defeat for the Quintes.

**Obituaries.**

Died at the Institution, on the 1st instant, MARGARET BLASHLEY, aged 17 years, 8 mos. and 5 days.

Margaret was of a very amiable disposition, obedient to the teachers and officers, and never gave trouble. Since her first entry into the Institution her health had been delicate, causing frequent interruptions and preventing her pursuing her studies with the necessary vim for great accomplishments. Truthful, straightforward and conscientious she never left a fault unconfessed, while her cheerfulness and sociability made her a general favourite especially with her classmates, and it was a sad day to them when they recognized that she was gone and would never again occupy her usual seat in the class. An attack of pneumonia, attended by other complications, was more than her frail constitution could withstand; the best of medical care and skilful nursing could only alleviate her sufferings and the day before her death she knew that she was dying, but expressed no fear, she had faith that they were forgiven, and so she died happily and cheerfully. Her body was sent home to Aylmer for burial.

Died at his parents' home, in Brockville, on Jan. 24th, ALBERT F. HOWISON, aged 25 years and six months.

The deceased was a former pupil of our Institution and left here about nine years ago. While here he bore an excellent character, his obedience and anxiety to please won the respect of his officers and teachers. With his schoolmates his friendly, obliging, and unassuming disposition in the classrooms, work shops and play-ground, made him a general favorite with all and his early death will be heard of with many regrets. After leaving school he was able for a time, to engage in light employment, but this he had to give up and for the past seven or eight years he has been such a life of suffering and pain as falls to the lot of few. A painful and incurable disease had fastened on him and his days and nights were often spent in agony. We are glad to hear that his end was peace. He was happy to exchange the sorrows of earth for the joys and rest of heaven. To his parents who have so lovingly tended him for so many years we extend our sympathy.

—Miss Martha Baragar has left us and gone home. Her parents thought that her health demanded it, but those here who know think that it did not justify her giving up her studies when she was doing so well. A little more care of her health on her part would soon have made her all right. She will probably not return again as a pupil.

Our correspondence this time brings us the sad news that the home of one of our deaf friends in Toronto has been entered by death and a dear little one taken from the arms of its sorrowing parents. We refer to Mr. J. W. Boughton, whose little son died of diphtheria on Saturday, 8th inst. The child was one of a pair of twins of whom its parents were justly proud. Its mother, formerly Miss F. Fetterly, was, before her marriage, a pupil of our school. To her and her husband we extend our sympathy.

—The quality and amount of gas supplied us for some time has been more unsatisfactory than ever before and much inconvenience and annoyance has been experienced. To have to light up our big building with tallow dips, is not only very unpleasant but positively dangerous, and the greatest care has to be taken to prevent a fire, besides upsetting the regular order for meals, study, etc. We hope before very long that some light we can depend upon for regularity and brilliancy will be substituted, this, all will hail with joy.

—We had an exciting runaway on Sunday week. Dr. Eakins was at the Institution on his usual morning visit leaving his attendant in charge of his horse, which getting restive, swerved round and threw its guardian out of the cutter. The horse rushed at full speed around the building to the side gate and made for home, where it arrived minus the sleigh which was dashed against a tree at the corner of the Quinte Hotel in the city. We are glad that none of our little boys happened to be around at that time, had any been in the way a serious accident might have happened. The doctor still wore his imperturbable smile as his nag dashed off without him.

**PERSONALITIES.**

—Mr. Mathison, the Superintendent, is in Toronto.

—Miss Eva Zingg has been visiting Miss Nellie Cunningham, of Oakville.

—Mrs. McLaren, of St. Mary's, paid a recent visit to her son Thomas in Brantford.

—Miss Charlotte Rice and her mother, of Fullarton, were visiting in Woodstock lately, but have returned to their home.

—Born at Mount Airy, near Philadelphia, on February 6th, 1896, a daughter to Dr. and Mrs. Crouter. Congratulations.

—Willie McKay has joined the Young Men's Christian Association, in Woodstock, and he is much pleased with the work it is doing.

—Miss Elsie McCulloch, of Seaford, has had a steady situation in a tailoring shop in that town for the last four years, and is giving general satisfaction.

—The Rev. M. W. McLean visited the Institution on Wednesday last and addressed the Presbyterian children. They were glad to see him and hope he will often favor them in the time to come.

—A private note from Owen Sound gives us the pleasing intelligence that William Corbet and Thomas Hubbard are prospering, and have the good will of many friends, as they are industriously endeavoring to make a success of life.

—Miss Maggie Fuller, of Mitchell, was favored with a short visit from Elsie McCulloch, they together visited the Misses Claude Moore, Charlotte Rice, Maggie Kennedy, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoy. They all had a grand and glorious time together.

—John J. Jackson, an old pupil of the Belleville School, made us a flying visit recently. Mr. Jackson left school in the seventies, and has for a number of years been residing at Gilby, N. D., where he has had steady employment as carpenter.—*Silent Echo.*

—Michael Madden, '93, is now in Gotha, Orange county, Florida, nursing a frost bitten orange grove back to bearing. He has started in the dairy business, too, with one cow, two heifers and a bull calf, all pure Jersey; and his prospects for crops of rice, corn and tobacco are good.—*Buff and Blue.* [Michael was a pupil here in the 70's.—Ed.]

—One of our teachers was pleasantly surprised to get a nice long letter from Miss Emma Evans in Vancouver. She is a graduate of this school, and a credit to it. Miss Emma has been engaged in sewing at home for six years. Vancouver is a pretty city and its population is about 15,000. Nelson Wood is a cousin of hers. Her relations are proud of him. She has the best wishes of all who know her here. Any of her old classmates wishing to hear from her will by writing, find her at 230 Harris Street, Vancouver, B. C.

—An Interested Subscriber in Toronto, who does not send name, forwards a number of good items; from them we give place to the following—if we knew the name of our correspondent, the other matters noted would be accorded insertion. He says:—"We have a number of our deaf friends out of employment, but the spring is approaching, though not very quickly, and we hope things will brighten up then. We have no old Fagans, like in Oliver Twist, in Toronto and we can get along with the aid and sympathy of our friends, and are pleased to say that the mutes of Toronto join in heart and lives with the poet in:

"Best be the tie that binds,  
Our hearts in Christian love,  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above,  
We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear."

—The ice men have been filling our ice house this week. They have often been compelled to lose a day or two from stormy weather. It is risky to work on slippery ice with a strong wind blowing, so the work is proceeding slowly.

Never fancy you could be something if only you had a different lot and sphere assigned to you. The very things that you most depreciate as fatal limitations or obstructions are probably what you most want. What you call hindrances, obstacles, discouragements, are probably God's opportunities.—*Horace Bushnell.*