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LOCAL ITEMS.

Mrs. Forster visited Belleville recently.

Last year Black Terns increased until a large colony has been established. We supposed that they were safe, and that their beauty would protect them. It seems that they lingered until the shooting season opened, when a coterie of heartless vandals deliberately shot off every bird they could see. Such wanton cruelty is difficult to understand.

On May 29th the Rev. C. J. Young, of Lansdowne, found evidences of the Green Heron breeding in the County of Leeds, and on June 14th he and Dr. Clarke fully investigated the matter, and accurately determined the status of the bird. McIlwraith states that this southern bird is supposed to breed at the mouth of the Grand River. and at the St. Clair Flats, but nothing more than a general statement is offered. The record at Leeds is most interesting, as it marks the highest northern point at which this heron has been found breeding. Mr. Young, Mr. Beaupre and Dr. Clarke are steadily classifying the local birds, and adding many interesting facts to the ornithological literature of Ontario.

Mrs. Keegan, Matron of the Hamilton Asylum, is the guest of Mrs. J. M. Forster. The destruction being caused by tent and other caterpillars north of Lansdowne is astounding, whole forests are stripped almost as bare as in winter time, and if something does not arise to arrest the progress of these pests the result will be serious.

The Indige bird—unknown at Kingston is comparatively common about Lansdowne—the same remark applies to the Rose-breasted Grosbeak.

Mr. Jas. Kent, of Toronto, is visiting at Rockwood House.

MARRIED.

Garner — Ahern. — At St. Mary's Cathedral Kingston, on June 12th, 1899, by the Rev. Fr. Doyle, Frederick Joseph Garner, of Hamilton, to Miss Margaret Ahearn, of this city.

Cowan—Nicholson.—In Kingston, June 14th, by the Rev. E. B. Lanceley, Edward Cowan, of Gananoque, to Miss Emma Nicholson, Portsmouth.

Married in Rochester, on 14th of June, by the Rev. Dr. Hanna, brother of the groom, Frank W. Hanna to M. C. Lonergan.

The Bicycling fever may be called a thing of the past at Rockwood. Only such enthusiasts as Billy Shea do any regular scorching, and the majority of the riders have got into the habit of riding only when it is a matter of convenience to do so.