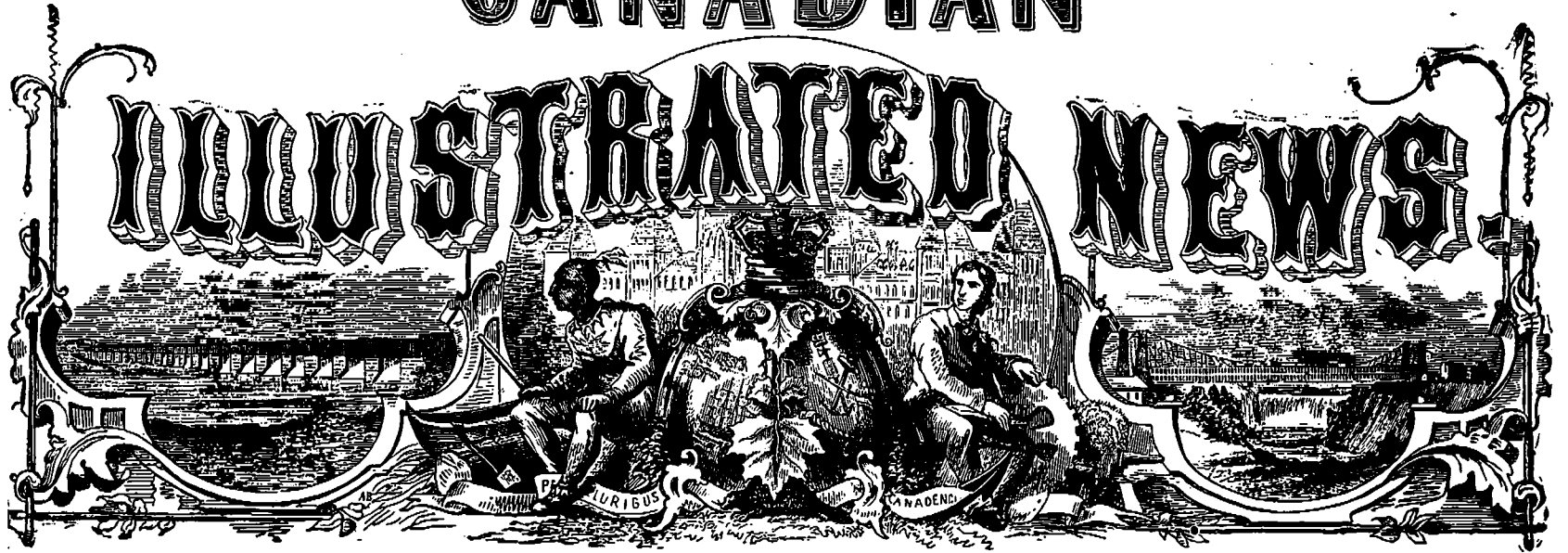


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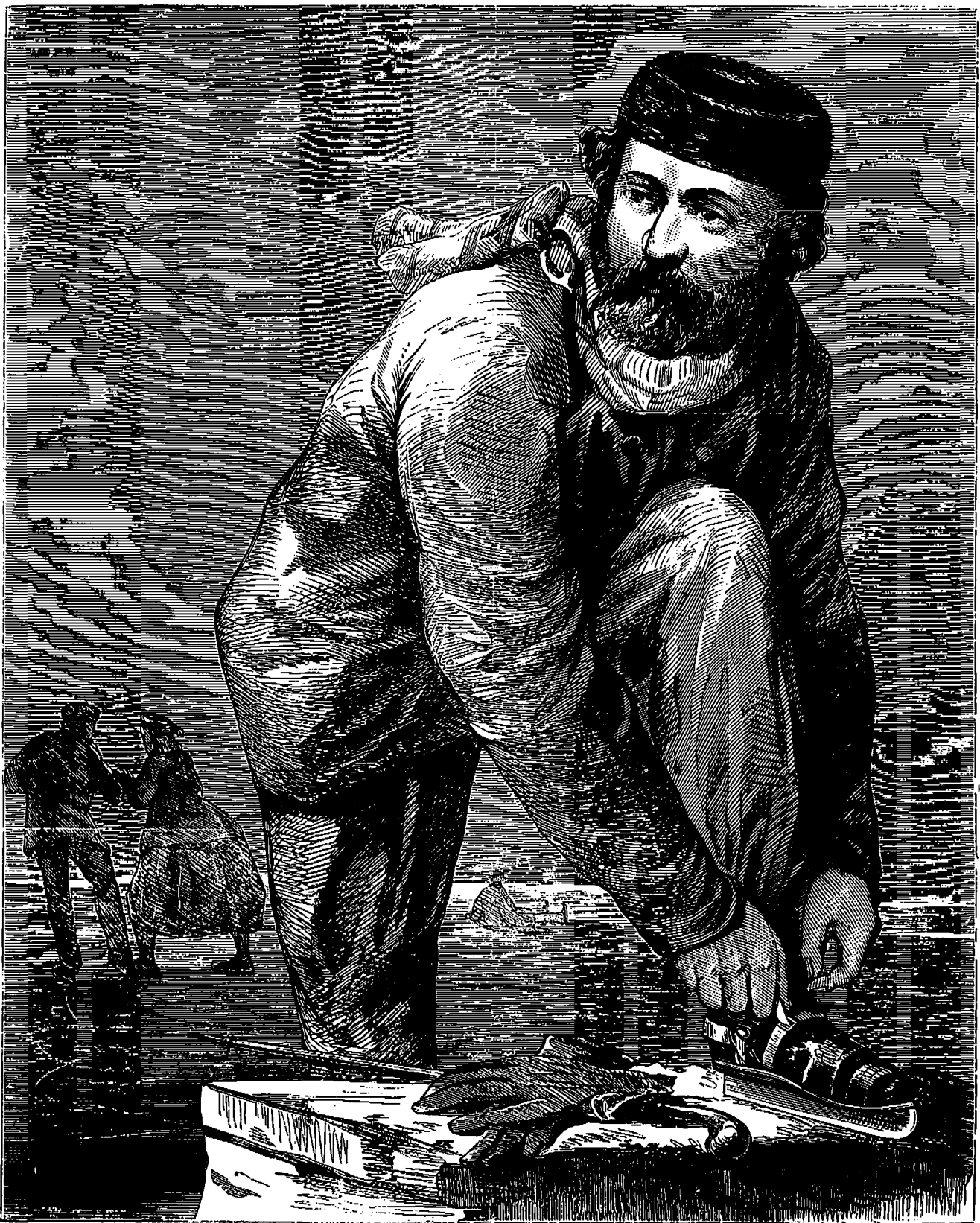
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## "PUTTING ON THE SKATES."

The engraving on this page is from an original design by our artist, Mr. G. A. Binkert, and is suggestive of the season of winter, with its appropriate pastimes. Few things are more remarkable than the recent rise and progress of skating as an "institution" in Canada. It was long since known that we had the ice here in abundance, and that by a skillful use of the little steel runners, a rapid and highly pleasing sort of locomotion could be attained by human locomotives. But the extent to which the skating mania has now spread, and the zest with which the amusement is followed by large numbers of the young and gay of both sexes, is something which is but of yesterday. It is commonly said that demand always creates supply; we may add that the converse of this proposition, that supply creates demand, is sometimes equally true.



But for the skating rink which have been established in most of our Provincial cities and towns, with their convenience of access, and other attractions, we doubt if skating could have become "the rage" which it now is in the community.

We wonder whether skating can be looked upon as a department of "social science," and worthy the attention of an annual Congress. Let the ladies answer this question; if it be not too abstruse for them.

Maximilian has no intention of leaving for Mexico in February next as has been stated. The situation created by his address to the Mexican deputation is in no way changed. No alteration will take place in the position of the Archduke until the conditions then laid down are fulfilled.

Field-Marshal the Duke of Cambridge is officially styled as 'Commanding-in-Chief, not as 'Commander-in-Chief.' So says somebody who professes to know.

"PUTTING ON THE SKATES"—FROM A DESIGN BY MR. G. A. BINKERT.