



MARTELLO TOWER, HALIFAX, N. S.

## OUR ENGRAVING

**THE FIRE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, MONTREAL.**—Elsewhere in this issue our readers will find a view of the scene presented by the fire by which the High School, corner of Metcalfe street and Burnside Place, was destroyed on Friday, the 28th ult. The origin of the fire was at first shrouded in mystery. About four o'clock smoke was seen issuing from the back windows of the upper storeys, and a little later the roof was in a blaze. The fire brigade was promptly on the spot; but, though they worked most assiduously, they could not save the buildings. It was not till after seven o'clock that the fire was got under control. The school, which was of peculiar structure, was erected in 1876 at a cost of \$40,000. The damage done will, it is thought, reach half that amount. The building was insured for \$22,300. The masters and boys lost books and other property. The greatest sufferer is Prof. Donald, whose laboratory, with valuable apparatus and chemicals, was totally destroyed. Some 500 books of the library were saved. The School Commissioners and Fire Commissioners, after investigating the matter, could reach no other conclusion than that the fire was the work of incendiaries. This fact makes the disaster all the more deplorable.

**FALLS OF ST. GEORGE, MAGAQUADABIC RIVER.**—In this engraving our readers have a scene, familiar to some of those of the Maritime Provinces, of rare picturesque charm. The river which bears this name falls into Passamaquaddy Bay, about four miles below the town of St. George. The natural beauty of this sheet of water has reminded travelled visitors of the Bay of Naples. The banks of the river are heavily timbered, and in several places it is diversified by rapids and falls—those represented in our illustration being of exceptional interest.

**DOG TRAIN, N.W.T.**—Those who have read the late Mr. Ballantyne's book, the works of Major (now General) Butler, or any other of the records of travel in our great North-West during the old régime of the fur-kings, will have no difficulty in recognizing a familiar scene in this characteristic view.

**QUEEN'S COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY, KINGSTON, ONT.** The record of the institution illustrated in this engraving is not unknown to many of our readers. In a recent number we gave the portrait of the Rev. Dr. Grant, the present able and esteemed head of the University. The movement out of which Queen's College grew began in 1831, when the Synod of the Presbyterian Church (old Kirk) in Canada

deemed it advisable to have a theological training school for the preparation of its own pastors. The first public meeting to promote that object was held in December, 1839—so that last year was the semi-centennial anniversary of the institution. The first students were not, however, admitted until June, 1843, and for years Queen's had no little difficulty in maintaining its classes. Its visible centre of operations was a comparatively humble building (formerly a private residence) and a small grant of \$5,000 a year was all the regular income on which it had to depend. In 1869 this sum was withdrawn, and other means of support had to be looked for in the generosity of the adherents and friends of the church, and of education. In 1878 the Rev. G. M. Grant, D.D., was appointed Principal, and from that date the progress of Queen's College was assured. The citizens of Kingston subscribed \$60,000 for new college buildings, and, through Dr. Grant's exertions mainly, the endowment fund was increased by \$100,000. The authorities of Queen's found reason to oppose the plan and basis of federation advocated by Toronto University. The Presbyterian and other friends of Queen's set to work, however, to raise a quarter million dollars more for the endowment fund, and on the last day of 1887 every cent of that large sum had been subscribed. The present handsome building was founded in 1879 and opened in 1880. It is commandingly situated and imposing in style.

**MARTELLO TOWERS, HALIFAX, N.S.**—As a military and naval station, Halifax has for more than a century been a place of exceptional interest. The Citadel, a star fort, is one of the finest on the continent, and was begun by the Duke of Kent, father of our gracious Queen; the Wellington Barracks, the Military Prison on Melville Island, Her Majesty's Dockyard, the new dry dock, one of the finest structures of the kind in North America; Fort Charlotte, on St. George's Island; Fort Clarence, just opposite to it; the batteries on MacNab's Island, Fort Massey, near the south end of Queen street, and the Martello Towers on Meagher's Beach and Sambro Island, which are illustrated in our present issue, are all well worthy of examination and are constantly visited by tourists seeing the sights of Halifax. The feature of the fortifications exemplified in our engraving constitutes a fine specimen of this class of defensive works. Martello Towers were first erected by Charles the Fifth to defend the coast of Italy against pirates, and is said to have received their name from the fact that warning of the appearance of a pirate ship was given by striking a bell with a hammer (*martello* in Italian). Others, however, account for the name differently, saying that it was derived from Martella, in Sicily. A number of such towers were built on the British coasts (the southern counties especially) during the time of the Napoleonic wars. The basement storey contains store-room and magazine, the upper storey serves as a casemate for the defenders—the roof being bomb-proof.

**THE ST. JAMES CRICKET CLUB.**—Cricket has few more enthusiastic supporters than are to be found in the ranks of the St. James Cricket Club, whose portraits are presented in this number. It is distinctively a junior club, and the only one in the city, so that to get on a match they are obliged to face their seniors; but the record made by them is a decidedly creditable one, they having won six matches, lost five and drawn two in their favour. The club is only in its third year, and the above will be acknowledged to be better than the average. The past season's work is as follows: One match lost to Bonaventure; one lost to Montreal and one drawn in St. James' favour; one loss and one win to McGill; one loss and one win to West End; one won from Hochelaga and one drawn in St. James' favour; two won from Longueuil; one loss to Lennoxville and one tied, and one win from Point St. Charles. The photograph from which our engraving was taken is of the eleven that played against McGill, and the names are as follow: C. Hill, F. C. King, A. H. Grace, E. W. Archibald, C. J. Harrod, P. D. Lyman, B. Sutherland, C. J. Saxe, G. C. Smith, W. A. Sutherland, N. Grace (captain), M. R. Fromings and Mr. O. Sutherland on that day acted as scorer and umpire respectively.

**BEACON HILL PARK, VICTORIA.**—This is a scene of beauty to which our readers, even of Eastern Canada, are not altogether strangers, as mention was made of its natural charms in our Victoria Number. The view in our engraving shows some features of it which were not illustrated in the issue referred to. They are of exceptional interest.

**THE GORGE, VICTORIA ARM.**—This is one of the most charming spots in the vicinity of British Columbia's capital, and even in a picture such as we present to our readers its rare beauties must meet with appreciation. It is one of the most popular resorts of the citizens of Victoria.

**NOTE.**—Owing to an accident we regret that we have been obliged to defer, until next issue, two of the views in the series illustrating "A" Company R. S. I., as well as those of three of our leading Rugby foot-ball teams, viz., the McGill University, Montreal and Britannia clubs.

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