

## THE ROCKWOOD REVIEW

The Annual Ball was held on the 12th Feb. It was a dizzy success, and it goes without saying far better and more brilliant than any preceding it. At least that is the way the newspapers always put it.

Dr. Clarke visited Ottawa in the early part of February. It is reassuring to learn that the trip was absolutely without political significance.

This is a good winter for studying the habits of the Northern Birds, as they have made Rockwood their feeding ground. The brilliant plumage of the Grosbecks has evidently led many people in the city, who are not close observers, to think that robin redbreast is quite common, and the newspaper reports about the robins being here are probably a mistake. The garrulous but beautiful Bohemian Chat-terers have been with us almost every day, and are a welcome addition to the winter visitors. The poor little English Sparrows have found the winter with its deep snows extremely trying, and many have died from cold and starvation. We are among those who have a kind word for this hairy little foreigner who has, like many immigrants from the older countries, some disagreeable faults. At the same time he is not all bad, and wages war on injurious insects in a way that gives him a claim to consideration. He finds it difficult to struggle along just now, and the thoughtful children will scatter a few crumbs for him every day. Bones with a few shreds of meat left, when tied up in crees out of reach of dogs and cats will be eagerly sought out by woodpeckers, sparrows, nuthatches and occasionally blue jays. This last gentleman is a sight to behold when he has a snow background to show off his fine feathers. Blackbirds are seen in the grounds regularly.

The Annual Children's Carnival took place on the Rockwood Rink on February 7th. It was a beautiful sight, and something like a hundred little folks took part, all in appropriate costumes. The REVIEW would like to give the names of all, but as these appeared in the daily papers, and our space is limited, we have to omit them. As a general rule at children's carnivals the boys run largely to "burnt cork" as a disguise, but this year there were very few in groes, and quaint and picturesque costumes were brought forward. Perhaps the most unique character was that of the new woman as illustrated by Master Hugh Robertson.

Hockey has been played with great success by our teams all winter, and the score of victories is quite imposing. The Seniors stand a good chance to win the City Championship, as they have but one game to win. Their defeat of the Cadets in the series of matches played is extremely creditable when it is remembered that the Cadets have always played as Seniors in the Ontario League until this year. The unfortunate disturbance that took place at one of the matches is to be regretted, but fair minded people agree that Coxworthy was provoked beyond measure when he struck the ill advised blow.

The Rockwood Juniors, I. and II., are undefeated abroad, although the little Beechgroves gave the II. a quiet shake up that will do no harm, as it will teach them that victory does not always come to the mighty when it runs against skill and unselfish combination. The Beechgroves do not shout a great deal, but they play beautiful hockey.

Frankie Hartrick has been severely ill, and is yet confined to bed.