

READING BETWEEN THE LINES.

Speaking of the reported spread of small-pox the *Herald* says:—"Alderman Gray wishes to correct a wrong impression in regard to the small-pox. There has been only one case of small-pox in the Reformatory on Mignonne Street, and that was sent to the Civic Hospital and died there. How such alarming reports get into other papers he cannot imagine. They certainly do not come from the Health Office. With regard to the reported cases in the Reformatory, he thinks they arose out of a paragraph in the *Gazette*, copied in the *Star*, and so circulated." From this it would appear that the *Gazette* has the imagination, while the *Star* has the circulation.

It is said that our popular Master of the Hunt will shortly join the ranks of the benedicts, the bride being a niece of one of our most charming society women, a fair, sweet young girl.

The Hon. Donald A. Smith leaves for England this week. His palatial residence progresses rapidly, and will be probably the finest house in the city. The family meantime occupy the residence of the late Henry Judah.

It is said that the father of a recent bride will shortly re-enter the holy estate, the fair lady being his daughter's sister-in-law. This may complicate the family connections, still the match will be quite suitable, the bride expectant being, though young, of a sweetly sedate disposition, while the gentleman is still a young and handsome man, his married daughter being the eldest of the family and very young even for a bride.

Our Cote St. Antoine young men and maidens, bachelors and widowers, still continue to marry and be given in marriage, two or three fashionable weddings being now on the *tapis*. Probably it is the good example of so much wedded happiness around which leads them to see that it is not good for man to be alone.

•City girls who are verging on the "sere and yellow leaf" should move out this way. Bachelors also. We have already a number of eligible widowers, and one very eligible bachelor.

Many will regret the closing of Lincoln College, but as Mr. Lyall is to become principal of St. Francis College, Richmond, the Lincoln boys will doubtless follow him there. We believe with Emerson that it is not the school nor the studies that influence a boy's life, it is the teacher.

Mr. Lyall is himself a perfect gentleman and treats his pupils as young gentlemen, consequently they grow up courteous and with good principles. Good morals and good manners have more to do with success in life than great learning, and that may accompany them.

We fear Mrs. Annie L. Jack will not thank us for allowing our Pic-nic correspondent to tell about her silver wedding, but if she will be so good to people they can't help telling about it.

Mr. Harry Hutchinson, of Cote St. Antoine, has taken a summer residence at Chateauguay, so that the boys may enjoy the fine boating and bathing.

Vaudreuil is every year becoming more popular as a summer resort for our leading families. The following gentlemen with their families are occupying their own houses:—Chief Justice, Sir A. A. Dorion, C. A. Geoffrion, Q. C., Hon. H. F. Rainville, Alderman Rainville, F. X. Archambault, Q. C., Dr. J. Leduc, the Messrs. Tooke, Rice, Steele, Kinsella, Mrs. A. Prevost, Thos. Allan, and L. Z. Mallette. The Harwood and other cottages have been rented by the Messrs. Baillie, B. Jamieson, Geo. Sadler, H. Hamilton, A. Holden, W. Wright, J. B. Hutchison, N. E. Hamilton and J. Thompson.

Mr. H. Riendeau has just built a fine new house, on one of the prettiest points. There are also a number of eligible bachelors scattered about, ready to become a prey to any designing young woman on matrimony intent, who may visit this rural retreat during the witching days of summer. Among them we find Dr. Berthelet, C. D. Papineau, F. C. DeWitt, A. E. Lalonde and Mr. James Ewan, but the latter is protected by a charming sister, who makes his home so delightful that we fear he has become a confirmed bachelor, beyond hope of married happiness.

Mrs. Peter Christie has taken rooms for herself and family at the Dawson Retreat, Pointe Claire.

The family of Thos. Montgomery, Cote St. Antoine will leave for Peak's Island next week.

The family of Mr. A. F. Gault left for Caccouna to-day. Rokeby, their town residence, is undergoing repairs after the fire and will be ready for occupation by the autumn.

The family of Mr. L. O. David left for their country residence at St. Vincent this week.

Miss Perreault, sister of the Vice-Consul of France, has returned from a visit to Terrebonne.

Miss Noonan, niece of Mrs. Carroll, has just returned from a trip to Europe with some New York relatives.

The annual picnic of the American Presbyterian Church took place June 13th at the Nun's Island, Chateauguay Basin, a lovely spot where the waters of the St. Lawrence and Chateauguay meet, but do not mingle. The steamer Filgate was ample and commodious, but was late reaching the landing-place, though many enjoyed the trip up the picturesque river, that really deserves to be better known. All were determined to make the best of their short stay, and after lunch some indulged in games, and in hunting for floral treasures, while others went to fish on the river that seems a safe and pleasant ground for the purpose. "Barring the mosquitoes that welcomed us with unstinted music, (and as became a church picnic party, said a murmuring grace before indulging their cannibalistic propensity) everything was very enjoyable.

A number of friends went further up the river to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. R. Jack, who celebrated their silver wedding that day. Mrs. Jack needs no introduction, nor does her husband, who is one of our foremost horticulturists. On the downward trip Rev. Mr. Wells and others excited our envy by telling of their pleasant afternoon at Hillside, where a refreshing cup of tea with ice cream and cake had been dispensed with hospitable intent, in a beautiful grove of maple and elm trees that Mr. Jack had planted to beautify and adorn his home many years before. Chateauguay Basin seems a land flowing with all good things, fertile fields, and fine orchards, and fruit gardens, and we only hoped that when they were ripe we might be there to taste the fruits in their season.

The distribution of prizes at the McTavish School, Sherbrooke Street, corner of Guy, took place on Wednesday and the boys were much pleased by the liberal gifts of fine books awarded by the Head Master, Mr. Boodle, who is a great favorite with his pupils, whom he treats as young friends and comrades, thus gaining their love and respect in a measure impossible to the domineering arbitrary teacher.

We give the list of boys to whom prizes were awarded:

First prizes in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Forms were taken by the Masters Dobbin, minor, Wainwright, minor, and Fairman, equal Wand, Birch, and Russel.

Second prizes, the Masters Hamilton, Dobbin, major, Redpath, major, and Buchanan, major.

Mrs. Arthur Graham has opened a Kindergarten for young children, at Cote St. Antoine. Mrs. Graham's residence is a large, airy house with grounds corner of Metcalfe and Western Avenues, and the spacious drawing-rooms are given up to the little ones. This will be a rare opportunity for residents of the West End who intend remaining in town, and may wish to have their children kept out of the hot sun during the warmest part of the day. The Kindergarten system amuses while it instructs and Mrs. Graham understands it as only an educated lady can.

Mr. MacMaster, Q. C., M. P., returned from Ottawa yesterday. Mr. Blake paid Mr. MacMaster's ancestors quite a compliment when he said that "the worst thing that could be said of them was that they had produced Mr. MacMaster."

Most Canadians, doubtless including Mr. Blake himself, consider Mr. MacMaster quite a creditable production.

Mr. Thos. MacDuff is spending the summer at Georgeville on Lake Memphremagog.

The Rev. J. A. Norton and family will leave for their summer residence at Murray Bay next week.

Pointe Claire is not filling up so rapidly this year, and there are still several cottages to let.

The family of Mr. Hartland MacDougall are now occupying their lovely summer residence at Dorval.