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## LOCAL ITEMS.

Mrs. Woodrow was presented with a well filled purse, by the officials of Rockwood, on the eve of her departure.

Wild pigeons which have been by many persons regarded as extinct, have not all gone yet, and at least one colony has succeeded in increasing near Kingston this summer, until it now numbers about twenty birds. Mr. E. Beaupre shot two of the birds to establish their identity, which was thus settled beyond doubt. The exact locality is not given for the reason that we have no desire to aid in the extinction of a beautiful race of birds which was practically exterminated by the heartless greed and cruelty of American market hunters and trap shooters. A law should be passed at once in the different United States and the Provinces of Canada, absolutely prohibiting the shooting of wild pigeons for ten years. As the birds are very prolific they would in this way soon regain their foothold. It is almost too much to expect though in this country, where every wanton boy has the right to carry a gun, and does not fail to slaughter everything he can hit. Wholesale destruction of birds and animals is not confined to boys either. It is to be hoped that local sportsmen who may happen to run across these wild pigeons, will refrain from shooting them in the hope that this little flock may increase.

Master T. Smith, of Portsmouth, was severely injured while playing football on the 24th October. He sustained a dislocation of the index finger, and a surgical operation was necessary before the dislocation could be reduced.

The Rockwood amusement season opened as usual on Halloween, by the customary dance.

Rockwood Orchestra will be strong this season, and will consist of six violins, cello, contra bass, French horn, clarinet, trombone, cornet, piano, aboe and flute. A number of bright selections have already been practiced.

Drs. Forster and Webster have been west lately, and report the football season as far advanced.

Footballers are very much like yacht sailors and dock sailors. The real players have little to say and gain very meagre praise. The self laudatory chaps are the pets of the multitude, and when they condescend to attempt to play the game, are "terrors" in every sense of the word. They never make mistakes, never lose games, never quit, never practice, never even play football as it should be played. If we had fewer of these players in our matches, less would be said about slugging and crooked play generally.

Mr. J. McManus has had the store repainted and generally rejuvenated. It was about time, as it is twenty years since the last coat of paint went on.

Chicken thieves are visiting Portsmouth, if they would confine themselves to geese they might be forgiven. The Fashoda question is not in it with the Portsmouth goose.

Dr. Gage does not forget the interest of the Review in things ornithological. He has added many fine specimens to its oological collection. This collection has also been increased by Mr. W. J. Sheldurne of the Magdalene Islands.