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LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. Alex. Cameron, of Portsmouth, stepped on a loose board in the sidewalk lately and was severely injured, sustaining a fracture of one of his ribs. We are pleased to learn that he is making a good recovery.

Dr. and Mrs. Forster are spending a few weeks at the seaside. They are at present staying at Casco Bay, Me.

It would be a matter of interest to learn how many of the numerous American sportsmen, who visit Ontario in the summer, pay the fee demanded by the Provincial Government. As a matter of fact the law is regularly evaded by the majority of these visitors. This in itself is a mistake, but the thing Canadians in general should take serious objection to, is the wholesale destruction of fish indulged in by these aliens. The Statute says that a day's catch shall be limited to twelve black bass, but as far as the foreigners are concerned such a law might as well be unwritten, as they ignore it with a regularity that is astounding. Some striking examples of fish destruction by foreigners have come before the notice of the writer during the last two weeks, and have only served to emphasize the belief, that if we wish to preserve our fish and game from destruction, by poachers who have no interest in the matter beyond that of satisfying the desire to kill, we must enforce the present laws, even at the risk of being called inhospitable. We have not the slightest objection to Americans visiting Canada, and enjoying a reasonable amount of legitimate sport, but we certainly object to the extinction of our fish and game to gratify the selfish desires of thoughtless visitors. In one instance we saw five hundred black bass thrown on a lake shore to

decay—last week we came across a visiting sportsman, who destroyed forty large bass in an afternoon! He was doing this sort of thing regularly, and seemed to imagine that he was having a good time. These men generally escape the legal punishment they so richly deserve, because few persons care to appear unkind to a visitor; and the boatmen hired are generally so influenced by the liberal fees paid by the strangers, that they will not say anything about the breaking of a law passed in the interests of all true sportsmen. A few sharp lessons here and there will possibly prove beneficial.

Miss Bell, of Toronto, is the guest of Miss F. Wilson, Beechgrove.

Messrs. Cochraue, McGuire, McCammon and Dick went on a fishing expedition a few weeks ago. Varying accounts of the success of the party have been received, and it is difficult to estimate the number of fish caught. The Loughboro Lake party are also accused of giving unsatisfactory returns, the bad effect being heightened in each instance by the failure to produce fish of any kind.

The fact that the Frontneac Baseball Club has won the local championship, is regarded with satisfaction by the Portsmouth small boy, who did his best to aid the players by making as much noise as possible during the progress of each match.

The prospects of Football in Kingston, for the season of '99, are decidedly uncertain. The Granites are unhappy with an unsatisfactory schedule of games, and prospects of financial difficulty. They should get a readjustment of the schedule, and look about for promising youngsters to take the places of those who have dropped out.