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**THE CANADIAN MUTE.**

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 Devote what cheer you may  
 The night is long that never finds the day  
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**THANKSGIVING.**

HOW WE SPENT THE 23RD OF NOVEMBER.

The Executive of our fair Dominion was pleased to select Thursday, 23rd of Nov. as a day for general thanksgiving to the giver of all good things, and source of all blessings, for what He had given our people during the past year. It is not that we should observe one day in the year for such a purpose. As a people we have been greatly blessed, and hence have many reasons to both thank and praise Him. As Christians we recognize God as the author of goodness and mercy, and the giver of every good and perfect gift. He has preserved us from danger and death and has bestowed upon us the richness of His grace in the form of health, food, friends, and many other attributes of Divine love and compassion. The day was chilly, but not altogether unpleasant. A strong west wind made our door leisure somewhat disagreeable, but the big boys did not find it much against their fancy. The forenoon passed quietly, the pupils enjoying themselves as they desired. Mr. Coleman gave an excellent address in the chapel at 10:30 a.m., which was much appreciated. A genuine thanksgiving dinner, consisting of roast turkey, etc., made a gastronomical feast that all enjoyed. A foot ball match was expected in the afternoon between our Senior Team and the Kingston boys but the latter did not come up perhaps on account of the weather much to the disappointment of many here. This made the day a little unpropitious to the boys, who anticipated some rare sport. The usual party in the evening when games and plays were indulged in, and presents distributed brought our Thanksgiving Day to a close.

Now that we come to think of it, Christmas is only three weeks off, and we are to remind friends at home that there are 20 expectant ones here, all looking forward to the festive season, in expectation of something nice from their far away homes. On Christmas morning, when the boxes are distributed, we do not wish to be haunted by a single woebegone, disappointed face. We want to see all happy and contented, each with some little present from their friends, the more useful the better. A light hand-kel or a pair of socks would help materially to make the winter enjoyable. In some homes there may be many other little presents which may be hard, but do not think that because you can only send a little that it is not worth sending at all. It will be prized highly, however small as it may be. So send along your parcels, and in the happiness of your

**Foot-Ball Galore.**

WE CLINCH OUR HOLD ON THE CUP

**INSTITUTION vs. CITY**

Through the result of the match on Saturday 25th ult., our boys have clinched their hold on the Corby Cup for the season. It will be remembered that when our scheduled match with the city was played the game ended in a tie, neither side scoring. The tie should have been played off on the 18th, but the city team put us off. Our boys were so much disgusted that every one of them from big Simard down to the baby of the team, Noah Labelle, vowed to do some "tall" kicking when the match did come off. When the game started on the 25th., both teams went in to win, ours to hold the coveted cup, and the city to grasp it. From the kick off, our defence soon demonstrated that they could hold the visitors in check, while the city defence, although strong, could not keep our "forwards" from an occasional close visit. It was only when our "half-backs" backed up the "forwards" too closely that the city "forwards" were able to slip by and make head way towards our goal. During the first half our boys lost three excellent chances to score, hence being responsible for two, and Chambers, contrary to his usual custom, failing to seize one. Every member of our team worked well, although their combination was not quite so good as usual. Hence dribbled the ball up the left wing to the goal, where he was closely checked by two of the city team. He passed to Webster who was in line with the ball and sent it through. Instantly an howl of "off-side" was raised by the city, who proved themselves adept disputers. The referee was overwhelmed and gave away. Our boys, though disgusted, were still confident that they could beat their opponents, and let this advantage go. Shortly after half time darkness set in and our boys were at a disadvantage, but they stuck to it pluckily, and played in the dark as best they could. The city men were calling to each other in the dark to "pass it here," "kick it there," or "hurry up now," but our boys objected to have the ball hurried anywhere but in the direction of their opponents goal, till at last it was hurried through, Smallton being the motive power. Another howl of "off-side," louder than the first, broke out from our opponents, but it did not work this time, and the referee gave it to our boys. It was only a little one, but enough. The city team left the field with the understanding that they would protest the match, before the Executive Committee of the League. We do not fear the result, as we venture to predict that not a single unprejudiced spectator would consider their claims justifiable, and even two of their own team conceded that we had rightfully gained both goals. One thing is evident, that had our team lost goals under the same circumstances, claims and protests would have been laughed at. The result must have been disappointing to our opponents, who have been tramping hard for the struggle, but we could not show favors; all had to be "tared with the same brush," or we lose the trophy.

**THE JUNIOR ELEVEN'S ALBERT COLLEGE WINS THE VICTORS.**

Albert College's Second Eleven came over to the Institution on the 18th ult., to play off their return match with our Second. Since the last match our lads have been putting in some good practice, and were confident if not of victory, of at least tying the match, or nearly so. During the first half time neither side scored, and honors were about even. Our boys confidently expected during the last half-time to get the advantage, but though they came very near scoring several times they were unable to get the ball through the goal. The Alberts scored three times during the last half hour, twice with the most ridiculous ease. Had our goal-keeper been a player with a gram of foot-ball science about him the ball would never have got past. All the boys like Charlie Holton but he will need a deal more practice before he can fill that position properly, and so the youngsters were told by the seniors before the game started, but they had their way and paid the penalty. Our boys played an excellent game and deserved better luck. The Alberts played well but were too heavy for our young lads, who did the best they could. Our team consisted of the following players:—C. Holton, goal; W. McKay, M. Stuard, backs, M. Ryanough, R. McDonald,

half-backs, D. Luddy, R. King, right wing, W. H. Gould, A. McGillivray, left wing, W. R. Watt, Jos. Dubois, centre.

**NOTES**

Our boys think that Albert gave them the hardest match of the League series. The city team has yet to defeat Albert College before they can lay claim to second place. The "Centrals" have kept up pluckily, without gaining a single game or goal. They deserve honour for their grit in carrying out their engagements. Our Senior Eleven throughout the season has been composed of the following players:—J. Patrick, goal; L. Lewis, Jno. Fisher, backs, M. Noonan, E. Simard, N. Labelle, half backs; Jas. Chambers, J. A. Webster, Henry Hence, John Smallton, wings, C. Gilliam, centre. The foot-ball will soon get a much needed rest. The boys are considering the formation of a hockey club for winter sport. The matter was agitated last winter, but too late to organize properly. The getting of sticks suitable for the game is the chief difficulty. To buy them is expensive, and to make them we must get suitable wood. If the boys set about it at once, they will doubtless find a way to arrange it, and we may look for some matches with the city clubs this winter.



Christmas is the next holiday that invites attention, and it is the best of them all.

This weather makes winter clothing comfortable. The boys' hall is crowded with overcoats.

Apples are scarce in this vicinity this year, but the boys keep up their supply from some source.

Many wished that our Thank-giving Day had been earlier, but our American friends are later than ours the 30th.

When we see the storm windows going up all over the building, we do not need any further hint to look out for cold weather and storms.

Miss Templeton is lonely without her sister and family, who had been living with her for several months, and who left on the 15th ult., for their new home in the State of Texas.

The first real snow storm in this part of Ontario occurred on the evening of Nov. 10th. It was a mild reminder of the coming winter. Snow fell to the depth of about two and a half inches on the level.

Dr. Carlyle, our former examiner, who lately retired from the Toronto Normal School, after thirty six years service, will be presented with an address and a suitable souvenir. He deserves the compliment.

George C. Mathison, who is attending the Dental College in Toronto, was here for Thanksgiving Day. All were glad to see him and he was evidently happy to be at home again. He returned to his studies the following Monday.

Weather prophets predict a severe winter. The signs are propitious. Corn husks are thick, the goose bone has large, white spots, squirrels are storing large quantities of nuts, etc., etc. The snow plow brigade had better get ready for the battle with "the beautiful."

Jam with bread and butter is nice, but when a door gets in its jam on one's fingers it is the reverse of pleasant, and so Miss Bull found it. She got the forefinger of her right hand treated that way, and writing on the slates in her class room was a painful operation for over a week.

Our first fall of snow came on the 19th. It was reported next morning that the tracks of a bear had been seen in the snow around the Institution on the girls' side. We will wager something that that bear did not come from the woods, but was one of our mischievous boys, rehearsing the bear scene in the last Christmas pantomime.

We were pleased to receive a flying visit from our old pupil, John Young, of Madoc. He is now living at Corbyville, five miles from the Institution. He attended the afternoon chapel lecture on the 10th and was an attentive auditor to Prof. Coleman's explanation of the Ten Commandments. John left here 12 years ago, so he is a stranger to our present pupils. He is a sturdy yeoman, whose grasp of hand bespeaks hard toil.

We hope to see him and a large gathering of our old boys and girls at the Convention next summer.

At chapel exercises one morning, John Patrick was called to the Superintendent's office. He pretended to pull a long face when he rejoined the boys, and told them that "he was going." The boys thought from his manner that he received a sudden call home, and boy like they began wondering what the foot-ball club would do, for John is a Go with at goal. Subsequent events proved that he was "going," but it was only to teach in Mr. Balis' class-room during a temporary absence, from sickness.

Howard Davidson brought up a boy of his cousins to see the Institution on the 24th ult. They expressed themselves much interested in their visit. Howard knows the ins and outs of the buildings, so they did not need any other attendant. We are sorry that he is still unable to use his hand, which was injured five weeks ago, by being caught in the biscuit roller at the bakery where he works. It was only by strong resolution in pulling back with all his strength that he saved his arm from being drawn in and crushed. Ho, and we, hope it will improve rapidly after this and be quite restored again.

Recently, at a meeting of the Forest and Stream Club of Belleville, the winners of prizes in the competitions of the past season received their rewards. Mr. Douglas, our boys' Supervisor, who is a member of the Club and a "crack shot," was one of the successful competitors. He won 2nd prize as winner of greatest number of matches in the rifle shooting; 3rd in the aggregate prizes, and 1st for greatest number of bull's eyes in a match, he having scored six in ten shots. We congratulate our genial friend, on this showing of his skill with the rifle. He had "foemen worthy of his steel," as the Club is composed of true sportsmen, with gun and rod.

**PERSONALITIES.**

Joseph C. Johnson, is employed in the Electric Light works at Barrie.

Mrs. Mathison, who was visiting friends in Hamilton and Toronto, has returned home.

Louis J. Koehler, an old Belleville boy, is at present working at shoe-making in the village of Shakespeare.

Mrs. A. R. Sutherland, who has been visiting at her old home in Guelph, returned to Detroit a few days ago.

William Smith, of Shakespeare, did the World's Fair thoroughly and returned home quite satisfied with what he had seen there.

John Trachell, of Perth Co., received 84 prizes for vegetables and poultry at the various shows in his vicinity. John is a successful farmer.

Helen Keller is to contribute the story of her life to the Youth's Companion. This will be one of the special features of that publication next year.

Miss Gertrude Maxwell ("Pansy") writes to the Mirror that she has been afflicted again by the death of a uncle at Simcoe, Ont. She has our sincere sympathy.

We observe that Mr. F. G. Jefferson, known to some of our readers, is now in St. Louis. He wants to sell enough of his books to defray his own and his wife's expenses to California.

Mrs. Pottiford and Miss Maggie Watt, who both live in Guelph, had a pleasant visit with Mrs. Craig, at the Agricultural College, lately. Mrs. Craig was formerly matron of this Institution.

Thos. McGlashan, graduate of this school, has been in the employ of the O. and C. Steamship Co., at Cleveland, during the season of navigation. He returned to Canada when the season closed.

Mr. Henry A. Acheson, an all round printer of Boston, and a Canadian, contemplates the publication of a New England paper for the deaf. He has offered the editorship to "Free Lance," of the Journal.

Our old friend Mr. Chas. H. Cooper, of Watertown, N. Y., was one of the many who visited the World's Fair. While there he bought a machine for turning out ornamental iron work. He is an amateur machinist of some skill.

Willie Minaker, formerly of the Belleville, Ontario, School, is now a pupil in the Michigan School. Willie's taste runs in the line of type-setting and during his leisure hours has learned to set type, and for a beginner is doing very well indeed. - Flint Day Mute Mirror.