



THE COURT HOUSE, KAMOURASKA, P.Q.
(Mr. H. Laurie, Amateur photo.)



One of the prettiest and most successful masquerades took place on the 10th ult. on the M. A. A. grounds at Côte St. Antoine. This is the largest and best kept of any of our open air rinks. The weather was everything one could desire, and the ice in splendid condition. At one end of the rink was a tent made warm and cosy for certain charming young gipsies, who kindly undertook to tell the hidden future to such of the masqueraders who cared to enter. The costumes were, on the whole, rich and striking—two of the most striking were the white and black angels, who made a marked contrast to each other as they skated hither and thither in the crowd. But none looked prettier than did those who were dressed in the college gown of the McGill lady-undergraduates. It has been well said that no one rules so easily and decidedly as does the ice queen, who is never at a loss for attendants, who vie with one another in skimming with her over the frozen surface.

The Musical Score gave one of their delightful gatherings on St. Valentine's Day at the residence of Mr. John Murphy. The programme was unusually attractive and appropriate to the occasion.

Some of our little folks had a very pleasant time at an "At Home" given by Miss Pauline Townsend. The hours from half-past four to seven were quickly passed in dancing, games, etc.

Professor Cox entertained the students of the third year Science of McGill at his house on Thursday evening, 5th inst.

A quiet wedding took place early Saturday morning at the Church of St. James the Apostle. The contracting parties being Miss Marguerite Scott, daughter of Mr. H. C. Scott, to Mr. Norman Rielle. The bride wore her travelling dress, and looked very sweet and pretty.

The marriage of Miss Helen Gregory, B.A., whose

name is well-known in connection with literary work, and who has but recently returned from Japan, took place on the 3rd inst. at Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton. The wedding was witnessed by a large assemblage of invited guests and many interested spectators. The ceremony was performed by Dean Geddes, who was assisted by Rev. W. J. Creighton, of Bobcaygeon. The bridesmaid was Miss Martin, of Hamilton, and the groomsmen Harry Stewart, of Orangeville. The bride wore a travelling costume of terra cotta China silk and terra cotta and old rose brocade, a cloak of old rose velvet and a bonnet of terra cotta and old rose crepe and velvet, with flowers and gold ornaments. She carried a bouquet of roses and orchids. After the ceremony a reception was held at The Willows, Catharine street south, where the great array of beautiful and costly gifts which the bride has received from friends and admirers in several countries were displayed. Among the most admired of these were several exceedingly handsome specimens of Japanese workmanship, presented by Japanese noblemen with whom the bride became acquainted during her recent visit to Japan.

Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Stanley gave one of their always enjoyable "At Homes" on the 28th ult. The principal amusements were skating and tobogganing. The hospitality of Their Excellencies was acknowledged by 750 acceptances. Viewed from the heights of the toboggan slides, both of which were in perfect condition for this exhilarating pastime, the scene was one of a fairy-like character, the grounds being illuminated with thousands of Chinese lanterns and other lights. To the left were seen on the miniature lake the happy skaters circling in graceful curves and waltzes to the music of the Governor General's Guards band. Huge bonfires lit up the grounds at several points, lending an additional charm to an already perfect picture. The slides were admirably worked by red light signalling, and though there were one or two "spills" such only added to the zest and enjoyment, as no injury was sustained. At 10 o'clock supper was served in the curling rinks. One of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent at Rideau Hall came to an end at 11.30, when the National Anthem was sung.

What to Do when Starving.

A survivor of the hardships of Frémont's terrible four expeditions writes as follows in a posthumous narrative of the expedition printed in *The Century* for March, in which he more than hints at the fact of cannibalism :

It was curious to hear different men tell of the workings of the mind when they were starving. Some were constantly dreaming or imagining that they saw before them a bountiful feast, and would make selections of different dishes. Others engaged their minds with other thoughts. For my part, I kept my mind amused by entering continually into all the minutiae of farming, or of some other systematic business which would keep up a train of thought, or by working a mental solution of mathematical problems, bringing in review the rudiments of some science, or by laying out plans for the future, all having a connection with home and after life. So in this way never allowing myself to think upon the hopelessness of our condition, yet always keeping my eyes open to every chance, I kept hope alive and never once suffered myself to despond. And to this course I greatly attribute my support, for there were stronger men who, by worrying themselves, doubtless hastened their death. Ten out of our party of thirty entered the mountains had perished, and a few more would have finished the others.

Napoleon's Treatment of His Creatures.

In the Talleyrand Memoirs in the *March Century*, the following remark is thrown in at the end of his account of Murat's treason, and suggests, if it was not suggested by Talleyrand's personal experience :

"There was in Napoleon's power, at the stage it had now reached, a radical defect which seemed to me necessarily injurious to his stability, and even tending towards his final overthrow. Napoleon took delight in disquieting, in humiliating, in tormenting those that he himself had raised ; and they, placed in a state of continual distrust and irritation, worked underhand against the power that had created them and that they already looked upon as their greatest enemy."