

SEEN AND HEARD AT OTTAWA.

THE spring weather has tempted out a number of Ottawa's equestrians, who may be seen on the principal thoroughfares on any fine afternoon, mounted on spirited steeds, and attired in faultless riding costume. The cavalier *par excellence* of the capital is undoubtedly Sir Adolphe Caron. The bright chestnut he bestrides is a beautiful animal, and the gallant war minister's costumes are of the latest style and worthy of Rotten Row or the Bois de Boulogne. Among the other gentlemen riders are Captain Gourdeau, Mr. Pugsley of the Civil service, Mr. Ferguson the well-known lawyer, Mr. A. Z. Palmer, Mr. Ackers, Hon. Edward Stanley, Capt. Colville, and other members of the vice-regal household.

Among the fair equestriennes of the city who are given to the delights of a morning canter may be mentioned Mrs. Wise, Miss Cluff, Miss Browne, Miss Lyon, Miss Ritchie, daughter of Sir William Ritchie, and Miss Thistle. I hear that a number of other young ladies are taking lessons at Mr. Cardinal's riding school and may very soon be seen in public.

THE members of the Ottawa Club have just held their annual meeting, at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: hon. president, Sir William Ritchie; president, Lieut.—Col. Ross; vice-president, Mr. William Smith; committee, Messrs. J. C. Brown, R. Sinclair, A. F. May, A. D. Décelles, J. Marmett, F. Gourdeau and P. D. Ross.

COLONEL LAY, consul-general for the United States at Ottawa, has, I understand, leased the fine residence belonging to Mr. Richard Nagle, on Wellington street opposite the Parliament grounds. Mr. Nagle recently spent a large sum of money in re-modelling and internally reconstructing the building, so that it is now one of the finest mansions in the city. The Colonel will be enabled to entertain in fitting style next season. Miss Lay, the charming daughter of the consul, lately one of Washington's belles, will, of course, be the chief attraction at these prospective re-unions. Miss Lay created a sensation in Ottawa society last winter, and was a prime favorite at Rideau Hall and Earncliffe.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S departure for his fishing grounds on the river, which takes place immediately after the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught to the capital, will be the signal for the closing of Rideau Hall for the summer and the consequent cessation of vice-regal entertainments until September, or possibly later.

LADY STANLEY will be more than pleased on her return to the Capital to hear that already \$12,000 have been subscribed towards the Lady Stanley Home for Train-

ed Nurses, of which Her Excellency is the patroness. Steps are now being taken to procure a suitable site for the building, and within a few weeks a charter of incorporation will be applied for. Her Excellency has shown herself to be an indefatigable worker in a good cause, and it is mainly owing to her energy that this praiseworthy undertaking has become almost an accomplished fact.

THE latest particulars regarding their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught's visit on June 4th are, that they will be met at the depot by their Excellencies Lord and Lady Stanley and the other members of the vice-regal household, the mayor and civic deputation, and the general mass of citizens, and escorted to the Senate Chamber, where the address will be presented. After the reception, which, at the special request of the Duke will be devoid of anything like state ceremony, the Royal party will drive to Earncliffe, where they will lunch with the Premier and Lady Macdonald. After luncheon their Royal Highnesses will be shown through Rideau Hall grounds, and will then drive through the principal streets of the city, viewing the Chaudière Falls, winding up at the C. P. R. station, where they will board their special train and return to Montreal. Arrangements are being made by the Mayor to have the day declared a holiday, so that the reception may be the more hearty, and citizens and merchants will be asked to decorate their residences and places of business.

BY inadvertance I asserted recently that Sir James and Lady Grant attended worship at the church of St. Alban the Martyr, whereas they should have been mentioned as belonging to the Presbyterian congregation of St. Andrew's church.

THE Capital on Tuesday was given over to the visiting savants, who flocked to the annual meeting of the Royal Society. Among the eminent scientists present were Rev. Abbé Casgrain the learned president, Sir William Dawson, Principal Grant, Sanford Fleming, C. M. G., Dr. Bourinot, C. M. G., Professor Whiteaves, Professor Selwyn, Monseigneur Hamel, Dr. Frechette, Professor J. Clarke Murray, and others whose names are well known in the realms of science, art and literature. Owing to other pressing engagements, His Excellency was unable to be present at the opening.

LORD STANLEY'S movements are not as easily regulated as those of ordinary individuals, which goes to show that rank and high social position have disadvantages unknown to the every-day citizen. His Excellency's brief visit to the ancient capital this week necessitated the sending on in advance of a steward and sixteen servants, together with four carriage horses and other similar paraphernalia. The transfer of the vice-regal household to the Lower St. Lawrence fishing grounds will only be effected at a considerable outlay of time and money.

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One Hundred Dollars in prizes.—See page 9.