

IN MONTREAL SOCIETY.

CONTRARY to the expectation of most people, the Queen's birthday turned out a beautiful day, and judging from the crowd both at the G. T. R. and C. P. R. depots, fashionable people and the world at large were not slow in making use of it. Numbers of well known people took advantage of the holiday and of the fine weather to go and visit their country places, while others left town merely for the sake of having a picnic or of trying their luck at fishing. Amongst those who paid their country houses a visit may be mentioned the Hon. J. J. C. Abbott and the Misses Abbott, Mr. Harry Abbott, Q. C., Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Angus, Mr., Mrs. and the Misses Gillespie; whereas Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Meredith, Mr. Henneker, Mr. Richard White and family, and many more society people too numerous to mention, joined the happy band of pleasure seekers.

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DR. WHEELER has been paying Montreal, the home of his youth, a visit, after having travelled all round the continent in the rôle of the villain in Monte Christo. Dr. Wheeler left Montreal on Tuesday for New York, where he means to continue in his profession as an actor.

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MR. HARRY YATES, the well-known medical student, has gone home to Brantford for a much needed rest and holiday after his arduous labors during the past session. Now that a double has been converted into a single, cases of mistaken identity will not occur so frequently.

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MR. W. R. LARKIN, of the Bank of Montreal, had a narrow escape from being drowned while canoeing at Lachine on the Queen's birthday. It appears that Mr. Larkin and an agriculturist, who had probably never been in a canoe before, had paddled gaily out to a part of the river where the stream runs quickest, when the craft upset. Luckily both of them, by dint of hard swimming and struggling, managed to get within a few yards of shore, and were then bravely rescued by two Frenchmen.

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PROVIDED it does not rain, there will be a large and fashionable assembly of people on Saturday afternoon at the opening tea of the McGill Tennis Club. Last year's play at McGill, ending as it did with a well contested and exciting tournament, has not yet been forgotten by Montrealers; and certainly if the play reaches the same pitch of excellence this year, the Club will easily be able to hold its own against outsiders both in single and double matches. Mr. Charles Martin, last year's champion player, is still on the field, as are also Mr. Jack Campbell and Mr. Yarker, and there must be a number of young players coming on, who will be able to do credit to themselves and to their club during the coming season.

DR. BROWN, one of the best known and most popular physicians in town, has decided to take a rest for three or four months. Dr. Brown will most probably visit England.

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THERE is a rumor going round town that a well-known Montreal young lady is about to be engaged or is engaged to a young Englishman of good family and connections.

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PEOPLE boating and canoeing in Valois Bay last Saturday morning were surprised to see Mr. R. B. Angus' steam yacht being towed along by Mr. Dawes' yacht "Windermere." It appears that everything was in perfect order except the coal, which stubbornly refused to burn, greatly to the disgust of the chief engineer. However, there were plenty of provisions on board, and the party was such a pleasant one that the three hours spent on the voyage from Lachine to St. Annes were thoroughly enjoyed by everybody present.

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SOME ill-natured people assert that the yacht was so loaded with eatables and drinkables that there was no room to stow away any coal, and that the only way she was made to move at all was by the continual popping of champagne corks.

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IT is a great disappointment to theatre-going people that the Kendals do not intend paying Montreal another visit before leaving Canada. However they cannot be blamed, as the reception they received when they were here was none too cordial.

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MRS. J. J. C. Abbott gave a very charming musical evening at her Sherbrooke street residence on Wednesday evening.

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MRS. J. D. Ross gave a dance at her Sherbrooke street residence on Monday evening.

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MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL HIRD celebrated their crystal wedding on the evening of the Queen's birthday.

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MR. AND MRS. DUNCAN of Palace Street celebrated their silver wedding on Friday evening of last week.

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MR. GUS MAY gave another of his select dinner parties on Friday evening last.

THE review of "Brighter Spheres" by "Spiritus" promised this week has been crowded out. It will appear in an early issue.

One Hundred Dollars in prizes.—See page 9.