

THE ROCKWOOD REVIEW

The turtles in the McLeod Basin have stood the season well, and it has been interesting to watch the difference in habits between the three species represented, viz., the snapping turtle (*Chelydra Serpentina*), spotted turtle *Chelopus* *Guttatus*, mud turtle—*Emys*.

The Snapper is a very shy fellow, and is not often to be seen unless before a thunder shower, when he makes his appearance on the rockery, and seems a good deal upset. He has a habit too of swallowing a large quantity of water, and then forcibly ejecting it from his mouth—the Spotted Turtle has the same habit. The snapper delights in sitting where the spray from the fountain will play on him, and is not so particular about sunning himself as the other turtles are. The spotted and mud turtles love to bask in the sun, and not only stretch out their necks to the full extent, but their legs also. All seem to prefer certain resting spots, and the northern rockery is much more favored than the southern. People who use the remark "slow as a tortoise" should see a mud turtle catch a frog in motion, and the phrase will then change to "quick as a tortoise." The spotted turtle is the handsome gentleman of the collection, as well as the most active.

The football season has been enthusiastically welcomed by Kingstonians, as this is essentially a football town. Our interests of course centered in the success of the Granites, who were champions in fact if not in name last year. It is to be hoped the definition of a junior will be stuck to by all teams in the Junior League, and as the Granites can win on their merits, without calling in the aid of boys who are over age, let them show their Toronto opponents an example of true

sport. The Ontario Rugby Union is determined to make the definition of a junior what it professes to be, and this determination meets the approval of all who wish our games to be kept clean and pure. Because others have been dishonest it is no reason why we should endeavor to follow them. It is quite true that a certain so called Junior Toronto team stole the Cup last year, but they won with it nothing more than the contempt of every other club in Canada. The game was not worth the candle. Let our boys take warning, and no matter what the temptation is to even up with the other fellows, avoid wrong doing. Hamilton Juniors were honest last year, and won the admiration of all lovers of football.

In the last two months Rockwood has lost two favorites, viz., Miss Bearance and Miss Forsythe. The former has taken up house-keeping, the latter has been appointed Assistant Matron of Verdun Hospital. Each received a handsome present from the officials.

Among the plants found since last issue are the following:—

Desmodium Acuminatum, Tick Trefoil.

Epilobium Coloratum—two or three varieties of *Epilobium* unnamed by us—several varieties of *Bidens*.

Astragalus Canadensis, Milk Vetch, *Phragmites Communis*, *Cyperus Diandrus*, *Lycopsis*, *Cicuta Maculata*, *Cicuta Bulbifera*, (Water Hemlocks), Several Sedges, several of the *Euphorbiaceæ*, *Gentiana*, *Quinque Flora*, several of the *Polygonum* or Knot Weed family.

Anaphalis Margaritacea, Pearly everlasting.

Gnaphalium Polycephalum.

Common Everlasting, and many others of the *compositæ* family.