

SEEN AND HEARD AT OTTAWA.

BEFORE H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught left the city, he sent for Captain Gourdeau, commanding the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, and personally thanked him for the excellence of the escort furnished, complimenting the men on their neat and soldierly appearance, and expressing his warm approval of the efficiency they had exhibited.

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THE Rideau Club have just completed an elegant and commodious addition to their fishing lodge at Echo Beach lake. A fishing party, composed of Captain G. A. Guion, G. R. Devlin, Captain Waldo, S. G. Flemming, C. R. Hall and Captain Berkeley-Powell, has just returned from spending a week in that pleasant resort. Over three hundred speckled and grey trout were captured.

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MRS. L'ESTRANGE, a musical *artiste* of undoubted ability, who has been spending the winter in the capital, sails by the "Parisian" on the 24th, for a short visit to England. Mrs. L'Estrange has been supervising the musical education of His Excellency the Governor-General's children, and is a great favorite at Rideau Hall.

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THE bazaar in aid of Grace church, which opened in the Drill hall on Wednesday evening, was a grand success, both from an artistic and financial point of view. The immense building was, by the means of flags, flowers and ornaments, metamorphosed into a perfect bower of beauty. Mrs. Crombie, Mrs. MacDougall, and Mrs. Palmer, with a bevy of fair assistants, sold *boutonnieres* to the young men, as well as choice Havana and fragrant cigarettes. They also instructed the young idea how to shoot in a gallery specially adapted for that purpose. Any number of the gilded youth of the Capital had their counterfeit presentment taken by means of the electric light, and the albums of the ladies are consequently assuming a plethoric aspect. The consumption of candy was appalling, and reflects credit upon the business abilities of the ladies who looked after this department.

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REV. RUPERT COCHRANE, rector of Langton Spilsby, Lincolnshire, England, and brother-in-law of Major W. R. Stowe-Wainwright, arrived in the city on a visit a few days ago.

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AN event in fashionable society recently was the marriage of Mr. Horace Pratt, barrister, to Miss Nettie Millen, daughter of Mr. Millen of the Eddy Pulp Works. The interesting ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Smith, rector of St. James church, from the house of the bride's father at Eddyville.

HON. JOHN HAGGART, postmaster-general, was lucky enough to win a magnificent oil painting at a raffle on Thursday. The picture is a view of the gulf of Naples, and is of colossal proportions.

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HON. GEORGE FOSTER, Finance Minister, delivered an address on "The Canadian Experiment Prohibition," in New York, on Thursday, before the National Temperance Congress.

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MR. CHARLES MAGEE, and his son Frederick Magee, sailed for Europe this week from New York on the "Majestic." The latter will spend his university vacation in Switzerland.

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MAJOR GENERAL SIR FRED. MIDDLETON will inspect the Governor General's Foot Guards and the Princess Louise Dragoons next Friday. A report has been circulated, to the effect that owing to recent events, some of the battalions will object to be inspected by this gallant veteran. This rumor, I am happy to say, is entirely baseless.

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MR. ARTHUR SMITH WOODWARD, vertebrate palæontologist at the British South Kensington Museum, was in the city for some days, and made some researches amongst the rare collection of fossil fish and other forms of extinct vertebrates contained in the Geological Survey Museum. Mr. Woodward was greatly delighted with the collection, and made copious notes for use in the preparations of his forthcoming work on Palæontology.

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MISS HELEN GREGORY, Ottawa's charming writer, whose university honors and degrees (Mus. Bac. and B. A.), as well as literary abilities, have been frequently noticed, will have the degree of Master of Arts conferred upon her at the convocation of Trinity College, Toronto, on the 27th inst. Miss Gregory afterwards goes to British Columbia, and while there will write descriptive articles for home and foreign magazines.

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THE question of precedence has greatly excited the members of the Methodist conference, whose session in this city has just closed. In the list of invitations prescribed by vice-regal and official etiquette, the dignitaries of the Roman Catholic church are accorded seniority over their Protestant brethren. *Hinc illae lachrymae.* Canada, however, in this matter is only following the example of England, where Cardinal Manning, as a prince of the church of Rome, is given a position next to dukes. Cardinal Taschereau of Quebec, at the last opening of the legislature, insisted that his throne should be on a level with the representative of the Sovereign, a right which was accorded him. I am informed, however, that probably the only reason why the prelates of the hierarchy rank before the dignitaries of the Protestant church is because their creed, being the most ancient, they consequently hold their position by right of priority.

RIDEAU.

One Hundred Dollars in prizes.—See page 13.