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LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. Archie Mullin, Hamilton, Mr. Norman Lockie, Toronto, Dr. C. K. Clarke and Mr. C. M. Clarke will investigate the mysteries of the Petewawa River in July, and expect to paddle many miles. They will in all probability be absent three weeks.

The enterprising boys about Rockwood have erected a trapeze above the Slip, and gave interesting exhibitions of high and lofty diving. Some of them are almost as clever as the Ontario Park tank artists.

Kingston is up to date in most things, in others far behind the times. Its parks are models for most cities to copy, its streets are mediaeval, its crossings the worst in America. Princess street should be paved with vitrified brick, and double tracked with rails which would not interfere with wheeled vehicles. Other streets should gradually be paved with brick, or other satisfactory pavement. Until this is done strangers cannot be blamed for criticising us. Our street car service is excellent, equal to any, better than most in Canada. Our street car tracks are as bad as can be found anywhere. The rails project above the roadway, and are a source of danger to vehicles. Permanent pavements would remedy this. It may be good theory to praise the memory of Macadam, and claim that his system of road-making is perfection, the trouble is that Macadam has been made to answer for the sins of a hundred other fellows who never understood even his first principles. By all means let us vote for a permanent pavement Council.

For a time Billy Shea was thought to be monarch of all he surveyed, now he surveys the broad fields and pastures green from a Monarch.

The results of the examinations in Rockwood Training School are as follows:—

Graduated—Maude Spriggs and Esther Wilkinson.

Passed primary Examination—Amy Moxley, Fanny Geddes, Margaret A'Hearn.

Bicyclists are an important element in the community, and are not accustomed to hide their light under a bushel, in fact in Kingston object to having a light to hide. At the same time many of the bicyclists are not always reasonable, in that way resembling the other less favored members of the human race. They want good roads and special privileges, but are reluctant to recognize the privileges and rights of others. On dark nights, in the poorly lighted parts of the city, it is certainly dangerous for both those driving rigs and those riding bicycles. The proper remedy would be lights on both rigs and cycles. Then again some bicyclists are extremely careless about going around corners, even at night, and not only take short cuts, but do so at a high rate of speed. The writer has had several narrow escapes when driving, as a result of this careless habit on the part of bicyclists. Bells should not be objected to by anyone, as they are a matter of convenience, almost of necessity.

Some would be campers are taking private lessons in Baking from Rockwood's baker. The different productions are sent to the House of Industry, as a result of which all tramps have fled. The Curtis Stone Pile Scheme is not in the same class.

DIED.—At Portsmouth, on May 22nd, 1898, Mary McManus, widow of the late Hugh McManus, aged 80 years.