

The Rockwood Review.

A good deal of newspaper discussion is going on over the abuse of the franking privilege in Parliament. No doubt there is a tendency to use the mails for purposes never intended by law, and no one can defend the forwarding of political campaign literature by either party. That the abuse is not as great as it was some years ago is very evident. At that time nearly the whole city of Ottawa seemed to be able to use the mails without the necessity of paying postage. Nearly every letter received at the Rockwood Hospital was franked and in many instances written on official paper. It is to be hoped that the present discussion will put an end to the abuse.

THE open declaration of party warfare in the City Council will probably bear good fruit. Party politics have scarcely a reason for existence in Provincial affairs—in things Municipal they are a menace to the best interests of the City. It is scarcely credible that the citizens will not wake to the fact that as long as party politics are permitted to exist the City cannot be cared for as it should. Neither side can lay claim to virtue. The remedy is to elect Aldermen who can rise to greater heights than mere partyism.

MR. McCAMMON is regretting the fact that Minstrel Shows are somewhat out of date at Rockwood. The experiences of the managers of the local incubator seem to afford unbounded opportunities for a first-class end man. If Dr.— and Mr. P— with one incubator and seventy-five eggs can hatch out one chicken in twenty-four days, how long would it take them to supply the Annual Portsmouth flock of geese, might make a good question. There is no end to the possibilities of the situation.

THE music at the Easter Service in O'Reilly Hall was unusually good, the full orchestra taking part.

SWALLOWS came on April 11th.

THE ice left the harbor on the 14th of April.

CADET V. J. KENT spent his Easter Holidays at Rockwood House.

MR. WILLIAM WORKMAN is acting as Clinical at Rockwood. He made a brilliant second at the recent examinations.

MR. C. W. WORKMAN will pass the summer at the Mikado Mine, Rat Portage, assaying, etc.

MR. JOE WORKMAN has joined a Government Surveying party south of Calgary, N.W.T.

MISS EDITH GIBSON, Toronto, spent her Easter Holidays at Rockwood House.

MR. C. Y. FORD carried off many prizes at Toronto with his dogs Athol and Candidate.

MASTER WILLIAM McCAMMON has had an attack of pleurisy. He is making a good recovery.

MANY of the Portsmouth children have been suffering from mumps.

LOVERS of good music were greatly disappointed at the programme offered by the Boston Symphony Club. The young ladies composing this Club are good musicians capable of rendering high-class music in an artistic manner. That they should have offered us nothing better than a programme, consisting largely of Cake Walks and clap trap was not a higher compliment to the musical taste of Kingston.