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LOCAL ITEMS.

Mr. Thos. McCammon and Mr. John Davidson have gone north on a partridge hunt—the partridge have gone still further north.

MARRIED.—Shannahan—O'Brien. On October 7th, 1896, at the Church of the Good Thief, Portsmouth, James Shannahan to Mary O'Brien.

Kingston is football mad.

We belong to Kingston—therefore we are football mad.

The craze is a healthy one, and useful in the development of the crysanthemum fad—human and floral.

For the time being the greatest man in Kingston is the one who can make the most touchdowns.

If the Granites do not win the Junior Football Championship this year, it will not be for want of faithful and honest practice. These boys play beautiful football, their passing being phenomenal, and when playing matches their good temper and fairness to opponents are always remarkable. This is as it should be that they would defeat Brockville easily was regarded as a foregone conclusion, and their victory was not unlooked for. youngsters are a surprise to people who do not know what a big race physically Kingstonians are, and it is doubtful if a finer lot of boys from the athletic standpoint can be found in Ontario.

Single men are disappearing from the Rockwood Staff. The few left seem to be rapidly drifting towards annexation with one of the United States—over which the Star Spangled Banner does not wave. We have to offer congratulations to Mr. Knox Walkem and our Business Manager. These young gentlemen carried off the Chainptonships and the Senior and Junior Medals at the Collegiate sports, and each in his class was far ahead of his competitors.

We regret to say that several children in Portsmouth have been seriously ill. Miss Edith and Miss Gertrude Campbell, Master Stanley Beaupre and Master Saunders have been in the General Hospital, but are now making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

For some years past the Cadets of the R. M. C. have fallen from grace in the athletic world, and have been disliked by our local athletes on account of the hostility they displayed to our own own players. This year a welcome change has taken place, the Cadets have proved themselves "gentle-men" in fact as well as in name, and have shown the "true spirit of sport" in a way, that has won them the praise of all Canada. There football team is an excellent one, and they have played the game as it should have been played, fairly and clearly, under the discouraging circumstances. They have few to select from, and that they should be able to get together a team to stay in the Senior League is a matter for surprise and con-There defeat of the gratulation. much vaunted T. A. C. on Saturday was hailed with delight in every town by Toronto, and if they can do the trick a second time, they will become almost as celebrated a Horatius at the Bridge.