

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

Our Christmas vacation of this year will always be remembered with feelings of the deepest pleasure. Wearied after the arduous labors of the fall term, we contemplated accompanying two of our most intimate friends, Messrs. Phaneuf and Hewett, similarly afflicted, to some calm retreat for a few days of well-earned rest. We had almost decided on going, when our esteemed friend, Hon. T. F. Finnegan, who intended remaining here, invited us to spend the holidays with him. He held that bright and cheerful exercise in our bracing Canadian climate would be far more conducive to the restoration of our lost vigor than a complete lapse into mental calm. We accepted his kind offer with some misgivings, we confess, and we hasten thus to testify to our having received a most agreeable surprise. The two weeks were very pleasantly passed indeed. Our host being an excellent horseman, we, of course, spent a considerable portion of our time in driving about the city and through the rural districts. We had intended visiting Dictator Dempsey in his suburban villa, but a storm occurred the previous evening, and, as nicely expressed in a letter of regret sent by our host, "insurmountable snow-banks rendered the roads impassable." Only one incident happened to mar the pleasure of an otherwise unclouded holiday. On the Saturday prior to the opening of College, while driving through the southern portion of the city, we unexpectedly came upon a toll-gate. Asked by the keeper for the sum of three cents, our host, in a moment of weakness, applied for a reduction of ten per cent. for students. There was no person present to identify us, but the keeper offered to grant the request if we could calculate the amount of reduction. Somewhat rusty in our mental arithmetic, we were completely confused at this unexpected turn of affairs, and our plea of being

students was rejected by the keeper on the ground of insufficient evidence.

When these lines appear the hockey rink will likely be in pretty good running order. We trust that the officers of the Junior Athletic Association will set to work immediately, and endeavor to organize two or three good hockey teams. With first-class accommodations for practicing, and such excellent material, this should be easily done.

The member for Texas is rapidly becoming very popular. Owing to a scarcity of dates he was obliged, he informs us, to cancel several prandial engagements during the holidays.

Felix was given a very cordial reception on his return. He visited, whilst absent, the Plymouth Rock, Brookfield, and other points of historic interest. He promises to throw some new light on the Salem Witchcraft question.

The following is a list of those who held the first places in the different classes of the Commercial Course for the month of December.

First Grade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. J. B. Patry 2. A. Martin 3. A. Bissonnette
Second Grade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. R. Barter 2. J. Neville 3. M. Kennedy
Third Grade B	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. J. Cotè 2. M. O'Brien 3. C. Bastien
Third Grade A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. J. Cassidy 2. B. Girard 3. A. Kehoe
Fourth Grade	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. H. Desrosiers 2. J. O'Neil 3. P. Nolan.