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THE CANADIAN MUTE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1898.

The vine creeps forth the daisy blooms
 The very air is filled with song
 The tall grass bends with graceful curves
 When sweeps the summer breeze along

The Queen's Birthday.

An occasional shower fell in early morning, but after ten o'clock the dark clouds rolled by, followed by the welcome sun with the promise of fair weather for the day. The Institution flag, emblematic of Britain's protection and defence, was hoisted on the pole in front at an early hour amid shouts. At nine o'clock the pupils assembled in the chapel and Mr. Bais spoke on the day and the manner in which we, as loyal subjects, were to celebrate it. He then went on referring in elegant terms to the freedom enjoyed and the progress made under British rule at the present time, showing in comparison the evils of Spanish misgovernment in Cuba and other dependencies. On the blackboard were the words, "God save the Queen," "1819-1898," "300,000,000." After chapel, permission was granted to a number of senior pupils to see the military parade in the city and the raising of a flag by Sir MacKenzie Bowell at Victoria Park. During the day they enjoyed themselves in a quiet way, playing ball, etc., and in the evening witnessed a splendid display of fire works on the grounds. May Her Majesty the Queen live many years to continue her beneficial reign.



Sunshine and showers have made the grass flourish and the mowers have been kept busy on the lawns.

Dan Godfrey's famous band was at Belleville last Thursday and quite a number from the Institution took advantage of the visit and went to hear it.

One of the earliest signs of the coming exodus has set in, it is a stream of trunks and boxes pouring into the carpenter's shop to be made secure against railway baggage smashers.

A few days ago Herbert McKenzie received sad news from home and there will be one less to greet him when he arrives there, his brother William having died. Herbert feels the loss very keenly.

A light hand cart has been provided for the boys while gathering up the rakings, waste paper, etc., around the buildings and is proving of great convenience in the collection and cartage away of refuse.

Mr. Dowrie and his boys have laid a new side-walk along part of the front road facing the Institution, which was a much needed piece of work. The gates and fences have also received required attention.

When the children arrive at Toronto by the 6.50 morning train on June 15th, if the parents will go to the station master there, they will be allowed to go to the lower station to meet their children on arrival, as heretofore.

Some of the parents are dilatory in forwarding money for railway tickets for their children going home. Promptness in this matter would save the Superintendent considerable trouble. Any who have not remitted as per circular will be good enough to do so without delay.

Last week was a busy one in all the class-rooms, the whole week except the Queen's Birthday being taken up with the written examination conducted by the teachers. At the close of the session the papers will be sent home and by comparing them with the previous year, parents will be able to judge how their children have progressed.

Considerable interest was attached to a well appointed equipage that drove up to the Institution one fine day last week after school hours. It had been engaged by one of our gentlemen teachers who had issued invitations to the ladies for an afternoon's outing. Those who went reported a very pleasant drive around the city and returned much pleased with the trip, hoping "Mac," senior, will arrange another excursion before long.

Our base ball team had a picnic last Saturday afternoon. The Shannonville base-ball team came over to play and for nearly four hours the game was extended and supper was late in consequence, but the pupils had what they called a good time. Our boys got ahead of our visitors but they took it all in good part and the game was the most friendly character. At the close of the game the visitors cordially invited our boys to go over to Shannonville next Saturday for a return match. The score by innings was as follows:

Institution	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R
Shannonville	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	27
	2	1	2	1	0	2	0	1	12	27

One of our senior pupils, Geo. Wallace, received a very sudden summons home on the afternoon of the 11th ult. his father being very ill. It was Saturday afternoon and George had gone away to a quiet place to read up for the approaching examinations and could not be readily found. Searchers were sent out for him and, when found, his preparations were hurried and our carriage took him to the station as soon as possible, arriving a little too late to catch the afternoon express and he had to remain until the evening. We fear he arrived home very late, missing the afternoon train would give him a very long drive from Lindsay to Cobscouk. We are all sorry for George.

PERSONALITIES.

Miss Alice Wood, of Madec, is visiting Miss Bella Mathison.

Mr. McLean, Stewart of the Rockwood Asylum, and Mrs. McLean have been for several days the guests of Miss Walker.

Our official examiner this year is Mr. D. Fotheringham, Inspector of Public Schools for West York. He arrived here on Monday and is now busily at work in the class rooms.

Mrs. McLaren, in renewing her subscription to our paper, says she is sorry that her son Thomas will not be at Grimsby. He is now in Manitoba for the benefit of his health.

Mr. Keith has the sympathy of all in the death of his brother, which sad event took place recently in Cleveland. He had been ill for a long time, but Mr. Keith had hoped he would live till vacation when he intended to make him a visit. He leaves a widow and one daughter.

Mr. Fred H. Stover, formerly of Boston, Mass., but now of Truthurst, Ala., sends us a long letter descriptive of the beauties of that place and the excellent opportunities for industrious mutes with a little capital to do well there by raising fruit. The letter is a very interesting one and we would give it space if we could.

Mr. Charles Holton and Mr. Melutosh took a spin out together on the fine road leading to Shannonville, nine miles from Belleville, two weeks ago Saturday. After riding six miles out the rear tire of Charles' bicycle burst, much to his chagrin, this compelling him to return home afoot, along with his companion to comfort him.

Messrs. Patrick and Luddy, of the C. P. R. shops, Perth, and Miss Noonan, of Harper, were the guests of their former friend at the Belleville Institute, Mr. W. Smith, on Sunday. Messrs. Patrick and Luddy are both typos by trade, but being unable to obtain employment in the art preservative, they entered the carshops at Perth.—*Lanark Era.*

From news received from Vancouver, B. C., we regret to hear of the death of Thomas M. Greene, a former pupil of our Institution. He had been ill with that fell disease, consumption, for over two years and succumbed on the 13th of April. He will be kindly remembered by many of his former school mates among whom he was a general favorite while here.

Mr. F. G. Jefferson, who has quite a reputation in the old country, and also in Detroit and Chicago, is at present delighting the mute residents and the citizens of Buffalo generally, by writing items to the newspapers on "What deaf-mutes can do." We thought he had gone to the Klondike, with other kindred spirits, but we were mistaken. If the United States Government wants a reliable and trusty messenger to send to Cuba or the Philippine Islands, he is just the man for the place.

PERTH TOPICS.

The Perth foot ball club drove out to Smith's Falls on the 14th ult., Saturday afternoon, to play a match with the team of that town. Messrs. Patrick, Noonan and Luddy played on the Perth team. Mr. McGillivray accompanied the boys, but there was not a chance to put him on the team. Quite a crowd, including many ladies, gathered to witness the match, which resulted in a victory for Perth by a score of 1 to 0, Luddy sending the ball through the flags. A return match was played on the Collegiate Institute grounds here on the morning of the 24th. The result was another victory for Perth, the score again being 1 to 0, M. Noonan scoring this time. Messrs. Patrick and Luddy were away to Ottawa.

Mr. Luddy went to Toronto on the 21st and remained over Sunday. He had a fine time, meeting many former pupils of our school. He left Toronto the following day and stopped off at Peterboro to do some business there, and took the night express for Perth. Four hours after his arrival in Perth he went to Ottawa to spend the Queen's Birthday.

There was never so many mutes in Ottawa on any occasion as there was on the Queen's Birthday. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Hodgins, Miss Maud Culligan, Messrs. Bayne, Holland, Scissons, Murphy, Lett, Patrick, McGillivray, O'Brien and Luddy, in addition to those living in Ottawa. In the afternoon a picnic was held in Rockliffe and those present had a grand time. Your correspondent regrets that he disappointed those at the picnic. He did not know they were waiting so eagerly for him to turn up. Every electric car was watched to see him make his appearance. He had just returned from Toronto in the morning and the Ottawa mutes were in the hope of meeting him to invite him to the picnic. There, however, was such a big crowd, they failed to see him. He met some of the other mutes and heard a little about the picnic, but did not know that so many of them would be there. He saw the soldiers parade in the forenoon and was at Lansdowne Park in the afternoon. Messrs. Lett and McGillivray were with him. They saw the lacrosse match between the Capitals and Shamrocks. In the evening he had the pleasure of meeting the rest of the mutes, with the exception of three. He remained in Ottawa the following day when he returned to Perth with Mr. Patrick in the evening. Some of the mutes met Dr. Smith and Mr. O'Meara. Your writer saw Dr. Smith, but he did not get a chance to meet him. He, however, was pleased to meet Mr. O'Meara.

Two, perhaps three, of your old boys living here now, will be at the convention if possible. If they go, Mr. Harry Hall, of the Machay Institution, will accompany them.

President Bayne seems to be the only representative of Ottawa and district that will attend the Convention. Many of the other mutes would like to go, but they think it is too far, so they are waiting till it is held in Belleville.

Mr. O'Meara is still attending Ottawa College and the only thing that prevents him from attending the coming Convention is that the examinations at the College are held only a few days after the close of the Convention. He regrets this very much as he would be greatly pleased to see many old friends again. He wishes to be remembered to all those who know him.

Mr. Stephen Lett's sister, Lala, figured

among the mutes in Ottawa on the 24th as if she was a deaf-mute herself. We learn that Mr. Bradshaw, of Toronto, will come to Perth, Ottawa and other places on a visit this summer if he gets a chance. We extend to you a right royal welcome, Tommy. There were about 22 mutes in Ottawa on the Queen's birthday, not including the French mutes. The latter being added would make about 35 in all.

TORONTO TOPICS.

From our own Correspondent
 On enquiring recently as to the possibility of securing a boat to take the Toronto contingent of delegates to the Convention on the 16th inst, it was learned that we would have to guarantee at least 30 tickets. At a meeting held shortly afterwards a list of names was taken down of those who intended to go on the day mentioned and some 21 names were taken down on the spot. There were more than the balance required to make up the requisite number who were not at the meeting. Quite a number of our young friends picniced at the High Park on the 24th ult. Your reporter was not on hand to note the events of the day and is therefore only able to give a glimpse of what took place. It is reported that a stray bomb (firecracker) was thrown into the camp (probably from the Spanish squadron) of our friends and the missile fell directly on the top of one of our popular young ladies. Although not blowing up the parasol and its owner it made such heavy inroads on the parasol as to render it useless. Some elegant lines inspired by the occurrence has been sent us, for which we venture to submit for our friends' entertainment:

FOND MEMORIES OF HIGH PARK,
 24th of May, 1898.
 Fond memories linger round the Park,
 The my parasol caught a spark,
 Which burnt it in the saddest way.
 On that 24th of May,
 When all our hearts were light and gay
 O Charlie Elliott, had you been
 Attending to your little queen,
 In some sweet secluded spot,
 Where all your friends were not,
 But such was not to be your lot,
 When fire-crackers were falling hot
 On the 24th of May,
 Our gracious Queen's birthday!

From various sources we heard that a very lively time was spent all round.

Mr. Chas. Elliott, in renewing his subscription to the Mute, said he was well pleased with the paper and thought it a very creditable journal in every way for the mutes of Ontario. He said it was always a welcome visitor.

Mr. David Luddy, of Perth, Ont., came down to Toronto on the 21st May and staid over Sunday. We are sorry his stay was so short. We are pleased to learn that he intends to be at the Convention.

Miss Mary O'Neil spent the 24th May in Berlin with Miss F. Gardiner and other friends. We hear she had a capital time.

Mrs. H. Mason was suddenly called away the other day to visit her mother in the country, who was reported to be in a critical condition. At the time of writing she has not yet returned home. We hope the fears of the family may not be realized.

Miss F. McGregor has secured a situation at the T. Eaton Co. Who next? Mr. and Mrs. H. Moore are visiting at Detroit and Sarnia for a couple of weeks.

Miss L. Elliott is visiting friends in the city and is looking well after her stay in London for some time.

The Mute's Touch.

It is said that once Mendelssohn came to see the great Freiburg organ. The custodian refused him permission to play upon the instrument, not knowing who he was. At length, however, he reluctantly granted him leave to play a few notes. Mendelssohn took his seat, and soon the most wonderful music was breaking forth from the organ. The custodian was spellbound. He came up beside the great musician and asked his name. Learning it, he stood humiliated, self-condemned, saying, "And I refused you permission to play upon my organ!" There comes One to us and desires to take our lives and play upon them. But we withhold ourselves from Him, and refuse Him permission, when, if we would yield ourselves to Him, He would bring from our souls heavenly music.

Prayer carries us half way to God, fasting brings us to the door of His palace, and alms-giving procures us admission.—*Koran.*