

The Rockwood Review

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Carey have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Mrs. C. K. Clarke is still confined to her room, but is slowly convalescing.

Mr. C. M. Clarke has been adding to his athletic reputation, and in his first appearance with the New York Athletic Hockey team against Yale is said to have carried consternation into the ranks of the Sons of Eli. Kingston was well represented, no less than three of the players, O'Donnell, Carruthers and Clarke being on the team. It will be many years yet before Americans can attain the greatest proficiency in hockey as players of the highest type must be trained from childhood.

Pine Grosbeaks have invaded Ontario in immense numbers this winter and a Great Horned Owl has taken up his residence in the Rockwood grounds. It is to be hoped the man behind the gun will leave this bird alone.

We had a delightful visit from Mr. C. W. Nash, naturalist lately.

Mr. Thos. McCammon's child (Harold) has quite recovered from an attack of diphtheria.

At last the Attendants of Rockwood have received an increase of wages and are correspondingly happy. It was a most satisfactory Xmas present, and although the amount of increase is not large, it is a step in the right direction and perhaps an indication of better things to follow.

Miss Goldie and Miss Margery Clarke returned from a month's holiday in the West on Dec. 12th.

The members of the Editorial staff of THE REVIEW are not honored very frequently with invitations to public dinners, but when they go to such functions they never fail to take notes of the way in which these affairs are conducted. What is most striking in Kingston is the seriousness with which the post prandial speech is regarded it is treated with more gravity than a Sunday sermon, and as for length, well, there are few discourses with twelve headings longer. Geography, history and loyalty are the chief jokes, particularly loyalty and history. There used to be an impression abroad that after dinner speeches should be short, sparkling and witty. We protest against the new custom unless plum pudding is omitted from the Menu. We cannot stand two such solid articles as plum pudding and ponderous lectures in one evening.

Miss Reilly has been appointed Supervisor in place of Miss Ethel Bamford, resigned.

The ice "took" on Dec. 19th. On the 22nd December a south wind of considerable vigor proved that the ice was a "mistake."

Snow-birds, nuthatches, downy woodpeckers, pine siskins, goldfinches and chickadees are all with us in numbers, and crows are plentiful.

The goose question reached a practical solution in Portsmouth a week before Xmas. The harvest was almost as great as that of the wheat crop in Manitoba.

Capt. Fenwick had capital ice for skaters and curlers on December 19th.