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Biggest Bird in The World

The Ostrich, whose feathers have been sought for centuries, is a bird long of leg and short of brain. If it ran in a straight line, a man would require a 60-horse power automobile to catch it. It runs in long curves and men on horseback catch it by cutting corners. The high cost of living does not affect ostrich farming. They like rich grasses and almost any vegetation, but in the hard times eat nails, tin cans, paraffin, and other useless things. A full grown ostrich reaches the height of six to eight feet, and it is the largest bird now extant. The ostrich has wings but they are of no use in flying. In fact, the ostrich is not a flying bird anyway; it belongs to the class of running birds. What wings it has are used chiefly in signalling over the Arabian deserts when the bird is pursued. Running and extending its wings, an ostrich, it is estimated, can cross the sands at the rate of 60 miles an hour.

male bird. It may be seen, therefore, that there is good money in ostrich farming. Colonies of the birds have also subsisted in various parts of the United States and in other countries. The fact that the birds pick up their own living when given wide enough range, that it is necessary only to pluck the feathers and market them, makes ostrich farming an easy and profitable business, albeit somewhat perilous, because the legs of the ostrich, wonderfully strong in running, are dangerous weapons of defence and a blow from the two-toed foot has been known to knock a man down and rip him open. Ostrich farmers use forked sticks to hold the heads of the birds to the earth while they relieve them of their plumage. Ostrich feathers do not come from the ranches fine and white and curly as we see them on my lady's hat. On the contrary they are a dirty gray in color, dirty in texture and coarse appearing. It requires the skill of the feather dresser's art to make of them the gorgeous plumes that are so beautiful and so expensive.

College Hockey.

The boys of St. Bon's College held their annual hockey meeting a day or two ago, preparatory to making arrangements for the coming inter-collegiate contests. The following officers were elected: Captain, N. Duchemin; Vice-Capt. M. Kennedy; Sec.-Treas., W. McGrath. Practice will begin as soon as ice conditions permit. The Methodist boys carried off the trophy last year, and have also a strong seven for the coming season, and on this account the Feildians and St. Bon's will put on extra effort.

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The Christian Brothers of Mount Cashel intend improving their water system by having a service from Winsor Lake installed. There is at present a good local system of supply, but a connection with the town service would be a decided advantage to the institution. The cost of the proposed system will be considerable, as the distance from the main pipe is somewhere about 500 yards. The work will begin as early as possible in the spring.

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Great Detective Story at The Nickel.

The celebrated detective story which has been talked of so much in the city of late was produced at the Nickel Theatre yesterday to crowded houses. It is entitled "The Land Swindlers" and the famous American detective William J. Burns, who has figured in so many big cases is the chief actor, and his work on the stage is equally as good as it is off. The picture was produced by the Kalem Co., and is one of their finest works. The scenes are exceptionally good, and the acting is faultless as may be imagined from the title—the story deals with land swindlers who are captured through the ability of the detective. Everyone was delighted with it, and the manager was highly complimented. This film is greatly in demand all over the States, and Mr. Kieley did well to produce it for St. John's so early. It will be repeated this evening and no one should miss it.

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MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DIPHTHERIA.
The Red Nid. Co's motor express broke down yesterday evening. One of the axles snapped off when opposite S. Miller's Water Street and temporary repairs were effected by a city wheelwright after which the car was taken to the garage for repairs.

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