

## The Rockwood Review.

Mourning Doves are apparently breeding in a wood near the Sydenham Road.

Cuckoos are again unusually common, the black billed variety predominating. As these birds live largely upon the tree caterpillar their increase in numbers can be explained by the existence of a great army of these insect pests. Strange to say very few birds care to eat the hairy caterpillars.

The energetic summer warblers (*Dendroica Aestiva*) will eat tent caterpillars when they are just emerging from the tent, but avoid them later on.

The birds have never been as free from molestation in Rockwood grounds as at present. Most of the boys in the neighborhood have learned to respect our wishes in regard to this matter, and nearly all of the birds are succeeding in rearing their broods undisturbed. A great deal might be done in the schools, to teach boys the importance of the protection of bird life—and after all boys can be taught to be humane and considerate if taken in the right way.

The pheasants which were liberated at Rockwood last year seem to have been successful in getting through the winter. It is not so much a question of ability to withstand cold as to obtain food. These birds are just as hardy as the ruffed grouse, but it is feared cannot obtain a proper food supply in winter, unless helped by kindly farmers. As pheasants live entirely on insects in the summer months, farmers will find it profitable to encourage them.

Mr. W. Dehaney has retired from the Rockwood Staff. Mr. Dehaney had many friends here, all of whom were sorry to see him leave.

Mr. Robt. Christie, Inspector of Public Charities made an inspection of Rockwood on June 14th.

'The Rockwood REVIEW' has at last been vindicated. Of course, Reeve Fisher was influenced by our remarks when he undertook the reconstruction of Aberdeen Park. However, we are willing that he should receive all the glory as he has in reality done all the hard work, and unselfishly given up a lot of valuable time in making the waste places beautiful. In a few years we hope that he will have the satisfaction of seeing the little park a "thing of beauty and a joy forever." Having declined to accept more than a modicum of praise for the Park, in our anxiety to do honor to the Reeve and Councillors, we are naturally driven to something else to flatter ourselves with. Constant readers may remember the fact that from time to time we have referred to the goose question, and incidentally to the cow and horse nuisance. We regret that we shall still have to deal with the goose question, but the other matter has been adjusted as we suggested, and the REVIEW can gaze on itself with inward satisfaction. This is the proper caper with great journals undertaking moral and other reforms. Cows and horses can no longer wander with impunity, but we shall never cease our troubling until the geese are added to the list.

Kingstonians should come to some definite decision regarding one recognized place for athletic sports. We now have the Midland Fair Grounds, the Athletic Grounds and Lake Ontario Park. Many citizens, backed up by Aldermen, seem to wish to have holiday sports take place in the Midland grounds, which are quite unsuited for bicycling, baseball, lacrosse and football, being rough, hilly and unfit in every sense. If they are to be used for such purposes to the exclusion of the Athletic Grounds which really belong to the people—the Athletic Grounds should be sold and the men who have for years most un-