

The Rockwood Review



JAS. DENNISON.

For the past twelve years, James Dennison has occupied the position of master Carpenter at Rockwood Hospital, with credit to himself and the entire satisfaction of those who have the supervision of his work. A short review of his life will tend to show his adaptability for the work in which he is now engaged. Mr. Dennison is a native of Kingston, having been born there July 30th, 1854. At the early age of thirteen, he was bound apprentice to A. McCorkell, to learn the skiff and yacht building trade. Having completed his apprenticeship, he next worked for the Weber Piano Company for about two years, after which he engaged in business for himself at his first trade, but finding it unremunerative he entered the employ of S. Jenkins, with whom he continued for nearly ten years.

We next find him with A. Williamson, Contractor, whom he left to enter upon his present duties, much to the regret of his employer. From the foregoing history it will easily be seen that Mr. Dennison is not lacking in experience, and it is his modest boast that he can just about make anything that is made out of wood, and when questioned by your chronicler if he had ever made any blockheads, immediately replied, "Yes, lots of them—for the hat trade." Though not a very robust man, he has always identified himself with the promotion of sport at Rockwood.

The yachts "Viola" and "Iris" are products of his skill, and he not only can build them but sail them much better than many would-be commodores. He is the holder of the medal for rifle shooting, and has twice come within an ace of capturing the much coveted medal for single competition at Curling. But, speaking of curling, that is where "Jim" shines, and it is no flattery to say that he is the best all round man in the Rockwood Club. The same enthusiasm that characterizes his every day work is, if possible, doubled when he sets foot upon a rink, and to this quality of his may be attributed the success of the rink of which he is skip.

His married life dates from Nov. 1877, and he is the father of seven children, five of whom are now living. He has been quite a society man in his day too, having belonged to the 'Prentice Boys, the I.O.O.F. and the Orangemen—in the latter society attaining to many high offices. In religion, he is a Presbyterian; in politics, needless to state, a staunch Liberal, and altogether he is a rattling good fellow.