

The Rockwood Review.

Marriage Bells are to ring before long near Rockwood. Send in your guesses soon, or you will be too late.

Next month the first installment of the Rev. C. J. Young's interesting article on the Magdalen Islands will appear.

On January 20th Col. Drury kindly had "A" Battery parade before Rockwood Hospital, and the new field guns were exhibited. "A" Battery is a credit to Canada, and if our standing army is small, we have the satisfaction of knowing that from the soldier's standpoint it is highly efficient. The horses, a magnificent lot of animals, looked exceedingly handsome in their new harness. The guns are strictly up to date, and guaranteed to do effective work at three miles. We are quite willing to accept the gallant Colonel's statement in regard to the matter, and trust that occasion will not arise to verify it practically. Canada and the United States have shown the old world a good example in the way of keeping their standing army just as small as actual necessity demands. May the actual necessity long remain not more urgent than at present.

Uncle Sam is sometimes a difficult individual to understand. His magazines and papers never forget that the United States is the land of liberty par excellence, and strange to say many of the laws enacted by the liberty loving people of the great republic smack more of the middle ages than of the nineteenth age. The seal skin jacket law is almost worthy of the genius of a Gilbert and Sullivan, and yet what a howl there would be if the omnipresent Yankee were told that he could not come to Canada in anything more extensive in the way of costume than war paint and feathers. Of course that was the prevailing costume in days gone by, and a return to even more than Jeffersonian simplicity, could not be objected to by the people who will not let us visit them in

seal skin jackets, unless they are made of Yankee seals, captured by Yankee sealers, branded by Yankee brands, and made up in such a way that the American ear mark may be read by him who runs. "Made in Germany" is a legend that has provoked the ridicule of half the civilized world, basswood hams and wooden nutmegs at one time threatened to ruin the commercial reputation of a budding nation. What can we say of the possibilities of protection run mad on sealskin jackets. In the meanwhile if Canadians will remember that the golden rule is still up to date reading, they can afford to laugh at the little pleasantries of Uncle Sam. These things amuse the politicians, and jingoes, do us but little harm, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that they are not approved of by the sensible and wise Americans, who are after all the persons bound to rule in the long run.

This year has proved anything but encouraging to iceboat enthusiasts, and it looks as if it would be impossible to get a satisfactory course for the races before March. In the meanwhile the fleet is being strung up to concert pitch, and many of the boats are as handsomely finished as pianos. It is a pity that such an exciting sport should be limited to a few days in the year.

Crows have been seen all winter long, and appear to be in the best of spirits.

Mr. Billy Shea and Mr. W. Carr are the decoration committee for the Bonspiel. This means flags and flowers in profusion, and the result is sure to be satisfactory.

Klondikicitis is very prevalent among Kingstonians. Carditis is the preventive at Rockwood, and few of our young men are likely to go north. Even government grub and small salaries, with other attractions thrown in, are not always to be despised.