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**THE CANADIAN MUTE.**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1892.

Life honor is my life both grow in one,  
 Life honor from me, and my life is done.  
 RICHARD II., 1

**Some Improvements.**

**HEALTH, COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE.**

The maintenance account of all public institutions is usually a large one, and under that head properly belong the necessary repairs which are annually required to buildings and furniture, enabling the institution to hold the position which originally obtained. In this respect, the Ontario Institution for the Deaf and Dumb is not behind, for each vacation the main buildings, annexes and other belongings are subject to renovation process at the hands of carpenters, plasterers, painters, grainers and others, who have this year done multitudinous works at the mentioned buildings, and to the satisfaction of all concerned. In addition to the ordinary repairs, it became necessary that the steam heating should undergo radical changes, and to this end coils have been removed in places, and radiators substituted, the old steam supply pipes have been made a thing of the past, and a modern system is now being constructed which will without doubt, conduce to the material comfort of teachers, pupils, and officers. Expenditure on these lines, show the wisdom of judicious and careful superintendence, for each addition and each substitution or replacement had necessity of requirement demanding such change, and those experiences, combined with good taste and ability, were brought to conjoin with wise, but not overstrained economy, in all that has been done to improve the internal sanitary and economic properties attached to the Institution. It is necessary to bear in mind that, unless this sort of recuperation is attended to, degeneration, and to behold, and fatal to interest will surely follow.

The buildings having been fully occupied before vacation, it was deemed prudent to erect a new bakery with bed rooms over, for some of the household help. This work is now in hand and progressing toward completion, and it will not be long until it is occupied. This building will contain on the ground floor, new oven, bake shop, store room, flour room, and an addition to the printing office—a something, which now that it has been established, is proving itself of value even at this early day. Its use by the pupils as an educational master, is of incalculable benefit, and fully justifies the expenditure which the Superintendent induced the Government to undertake.

We resume coal vaults and entrances as also on ground floor. An open staircase leads from the lower hall to a long corridor on the first or chamber floor, all which are the parlor, seven bed rooms, bath room, and clothes closets. The bath room with its fixtures, at the end of the corridor, must of necessity meet the approval of the occupants. Attention has also been given to ventilation, lighting, etc.

It is impossible to mention the many other improvements and changes which have been made; suffice it, all has been done to ensure the welfare, health and happiness of those attached to the Institution in the broadest use of the word.

**HOME NEWS**

**The Twenty-third Session.**

**AN AMBICIOUS OPENING ON THE 14TH ULT.**

The pupils came back to the Institution on Wednesday, 14th ult. in large crowds. There were few absentees next morning when the first roll was called, and they reported soon after. A large number of new-comers were also found among the crowd present. They were mostly young applicants for wisdom, and not so happy in appearance as the others. They protested as strongly as possible against the first separation from parents and friends, but only a few days were needed to reconcile them to their new experience. They are now as happy and contented as the older pupils. The total number in attendance at this date is 257, and the accommodation of this Institution is now fully occupied. Classification took place on Monday following the opening, and the work of the session is now well under way. The classes are all necessarily large, few having less than twenty pupils, and some have more. This makes the correction of slates an onerous task, but cannot be avoided at present. The teachers have all returned to their work with invigorated health; and the Superintendent, Matron, Supervisor, and other officers and instructors are at their respective posts looking healthy and happy. The session opens auspiciously, and we hope that nothing may occur to mar the scene before another vacation comes round.

**Extracts only Cholic.**

The editor of the *Juvenile Ranger* thinks we have credited him with virtues he does not possess. He declares that, instead of being able to extract sunbeams from cucumbers, he has been able to extract only cholic. Quite probable, but an emergency has not yet developed the resources of the genial knight of the scissors down in Texas. He can do it if necessary.

We are all glad to see Miss Ostrom with us again, fully restored to health. She has charge of the same class she left when taken ill.

Our Athletic Association has got down to business early. On the 22nd ult., a meeting was held to organize for the season, when the members showed their confidence in the old officers by re-appointing all for another year. J. A. Isbister will still hold control of the senior foot-ball club, with Jas. Chantler assistant Captain. When the club met for practice after school opening several old reliables were missing. Faubert in goal and Bridgford at half back will be especially missed. Faubert's place will probably be taken by Bloom, whose only fault is his small stature, but he is quick on his feet and it is thought he will soon fill the position very acceptably. The boys hope to arrange several matches this fall. They are well aware that they will need to put forth their best efforts if they wish to hold their position as one of the best clubs around here.

On the morning of Saturday, 24th ult., a team of small boys in the city sent up word that they wanted to play a match of base-ball with our little boys. Our lads were taken by surprise as they had never expected to be called on to play at this season, and had not organized. However a scratch team was got up to equal the visitors in size. Our lads were in confusion, and did not know who to put in to pitch or catch, and they lost 16 runs in four innings experimenting with pitchers. A new boy named Dubois, a little chap from Ottawa, who had been on first base, thought that the city boys had done enough run getting and started in to pitch, and he kept the visitors down to 8 runs during the next 4 innings. The following was the score:—

Innings.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Institu.	0	0	2	2	2	2	1	1
City.	0	0	8	8	8	0	0	0

The process for sewer purification, which has been under construction for some time, will be completed soon, and immediately put into operation.

We hear that our old pupil Jas. Duncan, of Winnipeg, is on a brief visit to Ontario. We hope he will give his old friends at Belleville a call while on his way to Nananco.

Miss Lotta Henry, who left school a few years ago, has returned to complete her studies in the senior class. Her many friends in the Institution are pleased to have her with them.

The accommodation of the Institution is again taxed to its fullest extent, as an unusual number of new pupils have been admitted, and comparatively few of the old ones remained at home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Jefferson have removed to Chicago and will remain till the World's Fair is over, as they expect to meet several friends from England. Their address is 1838 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Maggie Phillimore, a pupil of the third class, has the sympathy of all her school mates in her bereavement, caused by the death of her little sister Lulu, who was fatally burned a few days after Maggie left home for school.

Dr. J. H. Brown was seen in Toronto during the summer by several of his friends, but he did not find it convenient to come as far east as Belleville. We understand he continues his teaching in the Kansas Institution.

Miss Ada James, who graduated several years ago, and whose record as a pupil was highly creditable, has been engaged as a monitor teacher, and will have charge of part of the new pupils. We believe she will be successful.

Mr. Francis Hunt, of Chubs Island, writes to the Superintendent as follows:—"I give my most sincere thanks to you and the teachers for your kind instruction to my son while he was at the Institution. May God bless your good work and pupils."

We regret to see this in the *Juvenile Ranger*, and trust the loss is not so heavy as reported.—Mr. Begg met with a misfortune during the summer. The heavy rains spoiled all his hay, which was cut and on the ground. The loss amounted to fully five hundred dollars.

J. C. Walker, an old pupil of the Institution, formerly in the class taught by Miss Wallbridge, is now in Bedford Park, Cheshwick, Middlesex, England. He and his brother Sydney send kind regards to all their old friends. The letter received is a very well type-written one.

The apple crop at the Institution is quite satisfactory this year as regards both quantity and quality. Supervisor Douglas has stringent rules referring to that part of the farm, and the boys must not forget them when tempted to pilfer a few red-coated apples from the orchard.

Dr. Aaron L. Chapin, President of Beloit, Wis. College, and a man of distinction in the state, died at Beloit on 25th of last July. He was for five years a professor in the New York Institution for the deaf, and for a number of years president of the Board of Trustees of the Wisconsin School for the deaf. The deceased was a cousin of Mrs. Balis, a teacher at this school.

There have been many earnest enquiries whether that deferred pleasure excursion to the Murray Canal or some other popular resort will take place this autumn. We are apprehensive that the chilly winds that sweep over our beautiful bay at this season of the year will render such an "outing" rather unpleasant. It may be necessary to further postpone the promised pleasure until next spring.

John Earl, of Brockville, visited the Ontario Exhibition where he met many old friends and former school-mates. He came on to Belleville with the afternoon party and spent the night at the Institution. John keeps a small shoe-shop in Brockville, and is doing a fair business. He finds it much better to be his own master than subject to others. He learned the initial part of his trade in our shop here.

We regret very much to announce that our gardener, Mr. Wills, has been laid up with a painful sickness. It is very sad that the hardy old gentleman has to bow submissively to physical ills and stay at home. A holiday is to the annual Fall Fair is about all the relaxation he can allow himself to take. His flowers and fruits are too precious to be delegated to the care of others. We hope soon to see him in his usual health again.

Another mother writes:—"I am very happy to see that the boys have made such rapid progress in their studies, and through your kindness will be enabled to continue the same benefit."

A mother writes:—"We were pleased to see how much our little Beatrice had improved while away, and feel very grateful to you and the teachers for the kindness shown her. I think we shall have no trouble in getting her back to school, as she generally says she will go back, although sometimes she tells me I am a good mother and she would like to stay with me."

A parent writes about her little boy:—"He seemed to feel a little lonesome at leaving home, and says he is both glad and sorry he is going. He will be all right when he gets among his old school mates again. There seems to be a great sympathy between them. We always like the time to come for him to return home, but when we know he is so well cared for, and more than that receiving a good education, we can gladly wait."

A lady who sent her little girl this session from Ottawa says:—"I was more than surprised to see so many pupils going from Ottawa to Belleville on the 14th. They all seemed so pleased and happy looking that it speaks well for the good care they receive at the Institution. The instructor watched them very closely indeed, and they were pleased to meet him. I miss my little girl very much, but am satisfied she will receive every attention at the Institution."

We should think that the laundry attendants are as much interested in the quick finishing of the new bakery as Mr. Cunningham himself, and will feel relieved when the dough troughs, barrels, bread tins and dishes are moved to the place where they belong. For the past three weeks the bakers have monopolized the laundry ironing room to mix their dough and prepare it for baking. It is then taken to the new bakery where the oven finishes the job. Another three weeks will probably see the new building completed, and Mr. C. should then feel contented with his share of the good things.

Forcy Allan, of Toronto, made a visit to England during the summer in one of the steamers of the Beaver Line. It was very stormy at times on the way over and also on the return, but on the whole he enjoyed the voyage very much. While in England he met a number of deaf-mutes and visited an institution for the deaf and dumb in Liverpool, which can accommodate about 500 pupils. The Institution was erected by the Princess Louise and she takes a very great interest in the success of those being taught there. On his return he visited friends at Cornwall and Belleville, and arrived home after having seen a good deal of the world and well satisfied that he had made the venture.

Syrian Pettit, Stony Creek, says that he takes an interest in farming and fruit growing, and will pursue that avocation for a living. He says:—"I was treated kindly at the Institution and was advanced by the teachers and officers, in fact I was treated like a prince. I am thankful that I can talk and express myself as well as most speaking people, read books and papers especially the Holy Bible. I am trying to do right in the sight of God and walk in the narrow way that leads to Heaven, where I hope all the deaf-mutes will be to join in singing gladly, after a long, long silence, on earth. The country about my home is beautiful and the scenery picturesque. I trust some of my old friends who were at the Institution when I was, will visit me some time."

A fond mother writes:—"We all think our little girl is making rapid progress. She writes such nice letters home. Not only beautifully written but the composition is truly remarkable for one afflicted as she is. The question often arises, What would her life have been without the privileges of the Ontario Institution. I honestly think that those in charge of persons similarly afflicted, who refuse to allow them the only means of communicating with the world and thereby compel them to live in darkness, with the benefits of such an institution at their very doors, are committing an unpardonable sin. We know, too well, what a trial it is to take a child and leave it in the hands of strangers when you cannot even explain to them the reason why they are thus left there, but the thought of their affliction should overcome the pain of separation for a time."