

ARTICLE III.

AMUSEMENTS AND PASTIMES.

HAVING, in the previous article, described the spirit of ruffianism and party faction that prevailed among the lower orders of the community during its infancy, it is grateful to the feelings to turn over the leaf, and recount some of the peaceful and happy scenes indulged in by the citizens of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.

There is, probably, no place in Canada where the people enter with so much zest into the spirit of pic-nics, as in Ottawa. During the summer season this delightful and healthful recreation is participated in by all classes of the community, from the little family social to the numerously attended excursions of public institutions and societies; the surplus proceeds of these latter often exceed the sanguine expectations of their projectors, and thus aid materially the praiseworthy objects for which they were organized.

Among the places of favorite resort for small parties, when the depth of water will permit, Bringham's Creek stands pre-eminent, its propin-