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LOCAL ITEMS.

We regret to say that Mrs. C. K. Clarke has again been seriously ill.

Mrs. Woodrow, Miss Stewart and Miss Smith, and several of the Nurses, have been "under the weather," but are about again.

Mr. Marsh and Mr. W. Mullin have been appointed to positions on the Rockwood Staff.

Curling on the 1st April, at Rockwood. "What fools these mortals be!"

March 24, Song Sparrows and Lesser Redpolls. April 1st, Juncos. April 5th, Yellow-legs, Meadow Larks and Blue-birds. April 7th, Phebes and Summer Wrens. The first dandelion in bloom. April 8th, earth worms in abundance on sidewalks. April 13th, Pierreport and Walker, open navigation. April 14th, swallows, first violet, and Killdeer Plover; ice moving out of harbor.

The Bohemian Chatterers visited many parts of Ontario this winter, and we have received notes of their appearance in Stratford on the second of March. They were in Kingston during January and February, as the following clipping from the *WHIG* of April 4th shows:—"Mr. H. J. LeHup, of Barrifield, says that during the months of January and February, he saw on his farm flocks of Bohemian Chatterers or Cedar Birds. They are seldom seen in this district." We expected that they would be found among the cedars and junipers near Barrifield.

At last the Sanitary Works are finished, and Messrs. Horetzky and Wilson are wearing happy smiles, although like Othello their occupation's gone. We have reason to believe that the contractors regard these gentlemen as thorough and painstaking officials, who know exactly what they want and how to get it.

One of the landmarks in front of Rockwood has disappeared, and the gigantic rockery no longer blocks the way. There was a difference of opinion regarding its beauty, or want of beauty, but all are agreed that the beautiful stone basin, cut last summer by Peter McLeod, will when finished be a great addition to the grounds. The basin is 46 ft. by 24 ft., and at the centre will be placed a large "jet d'eau." The stone cutting was done by Peter as a labor of love, and as his heart was in the work, the result has been an artistic and chaste production. It goes without saying that this will be called the McLeod Basin. The plants growing on the rockery will be missed, especially the fine specimens of *Celastrus Scandens*. Already the juveniles in the vicinity are making contracts to supply the Fountain with fish, as well as figuring on surreptitious piscatorial expeditions to the Basin itself.

Time waits for no man, but since Columbine played with the Harmony Club, he says the leader can beat time.

The Gerda is being prepared for the water, and will be in sailing trim early in the season.