

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

In a few days the class-rooms and corridors will again be silent and our young readers will be gathered around the family fireside. To most persons the Xmas season is a time of joy, but to the average junior student it is especially so. The dreary shadow of the approaching exams, which he has been watching for several weeks past will soon be dispelled, and the prospects of its not returning for six months at least is comforting in the extreme. The slight increase of interest manifested by some of the most optimistic of the juniors must not be interpreted as indicating a radical change in their ideas as regards the advantages accruing from mental exertion. This outburst of enthusiasm is inspired rather by a consciousness of the fact that their chances of remaining here during the coming holidays are in indirect proportion to the advance made in class during the term. The Junior Editor wishes his young readers a very pleasant vacation, and trusts that they may return to their studies materially improved by their brief rest, and free from any digestive ailments so prevalent during the festive season.

It has been customary in the Xmas number to publish the records made during the fall term by the different teams of the Athletic Association. This feature of the Junior Department is wanting this year, for the simple reason that there are no records to record. Why this is we are unable to understand. The material in the "little yard" is as good as ever. In view of the extraordinary activity displayed this year by the seniors, the non-progressiveness of the juniors is all the more surprising. If affairs do not take a rapid change, this department must cease to be the Official Gazette of the Junior Athletic Association. We trust that we shall not be constrained to take this step; and we hereby warn the members of the J. A. A. that, at the beginning of the next term, a livelier interest must be manifested.

Dictator Dempsey has appointed Messrs. Balfe, Pigeon, Gosselin and McMahon to act as Royal Commission

to examine into the causes of the inactivity of the juniors and to devise some means of changing the aspect of affairs.

The member for Texas has given notice that, at the reopening of College, he will move a vote of censure against the Hon. T. F. Finnegan for refusing to accept the invitation extended to him by the Seniors to give a harmonica solo at the latter's entertainment on the afternoon of December 8.

Messrs. Hewitt, McNulty, Sherman, O'Neil and Herr Phaneuf, who are suffering from nervous prostration brought about by their arduous labors of the closing term, have been ordered by the attending physician to take complete rest during the holidays.

Architect Bisillon reports a very busy season. He will spend the next two weeks on the plans for the snow fort and hockey rink.

Some of the Third Grade historians made a remarkable showing at the recent oral examination. As our space is limited and so many are deserving of honorable mention it would be unfair to single out any names.

We regret very much that it has been deemed necessary to reorganize the objectionable P. P. A. We are pleased to note, however, that the society is not as strong numerically as it formerly was.

The following held the first places in the different classes of the Commercial Course for the month of November, They are deserving of praise for having resisted the allurements of the infirmary table, and for the good example in perseverance they have shown.

First Grade	{	1. A. Bissonnette.
		2. J. B. Patry.
		3. A. Martin.

Second Grade	{	1. M. Kennedy.
		2. J. Neville.
		3. E. Valin.