

The Carnival.

The modern carnivals of Canada have become almost as conspicuous and important events of midwinter reveling as were the carnivals of ancient Italian cities, and the Christmas pantomimes of old England, and cannot fail to prove both instructive and entertaining as well as good for the trade.

The carnival last evening in the spacious Excelsior Skating Rink was quite a success, financially and otherwise, and expectations were more than fully realized. The rink was tastefully decorated with flags, Chinese lanterns, etc., and the ice was crowded with maidens and young men in countless numbers, who figured in exceedingly picturesque characters. The scene was graceful and glittering, producing a remarkably brilliant effect. The effect, however, would to our mind, be greatly enhanced if the gas jets and lanterns had been placed a little higher up above the heads of the skaters.

To describe the best costumes and most grotesque characters at this political period, would more than exhaust our available space. We may say, however, that altogether the getting up was excellent, and did credit as well to the care and skill of the participants as to those who had the management.

For originality, the sweet Christmas Pyramid certainly "took the cake." We were not at all surprised that the tall specimen of the Weeker sex, Sweet Sixteen, had never been kissed—she was certainly too tall to be reached. The Lady Undergraduate was very good, but we would like to have seen several other ladies that we might mention in this very becoming Portia-like costume. The Farmer or Haymaker was excellent. We believe he succeeded in raking up several fish skates. The Bear was good, but needed a new skin. The Gondolier was very true to life, but wanting a scull to complete the character; and should also have brought his oar. The Spanish Donna looked well, but her mantilla was certainly not Spanish; it may possibly have been Canadian.

The Siamese Twins were twins in appearance, but certainly not Siamese; the Siamese do not wear turbans or elastic boots—the Moors do. The Esquimaux was good as far as the costume went; but was not complete—the bear looked more like a real Esquimaux. To the Squaw we can not give higher praise than to say that she seemed to be "to the manner born." The Page ranked with the best, and did not require, as regards taste, to turn over a new leaf. The Roman Warrior, which we at first mistook for a ship, was excellent—little certainly was armor plated. Mary's Little Lamb was mis-taken for her puppy. The Matador, not having any bulls to operate upon, might have tried his hand on the bear.

Music was a very good impersonation, but would have looked much more brilliant had she been dressed in a chromatic scale or attired in a chromatic dress. The Banjo Girl looked remarkably well; but she should have had her guitar and called herself Gitana (gypsy). Several other characters were taken to be Horse Marines, judging from their mixed and eccentric uniforms, and various blue jackets in hand-lubber pants. The Clowns and Helequinade were numerous and grotesque, and some of their dialogues and puns brilliant, keeping the audience in rare good humor. Some of the most grotesque characters present were members of the Band, their characters being remarkably good, and their masks, devices, dances and actions very comic. The music was well selected and up to the standard. Madame Polichonelle was very tastily attired, but wanting a few bells, as did also various other Follies.

We would suggest that more decided characters be represented in future with less gilt paper, gold lace, tinsel, etc. For instance, the muses or fabled goddesses who presided over literary, artistic and scientific matter and labor could be very effectively brought out, viz., Diana, Hygeia, Urania, Clio, Calliope, Niobe, Vesta, Urania, Mimeria, Tepeichore, Thalia, etc. Then, for the gentlemen, Apollo, Atlas, Neptune, Vulcan, Mercury, Jupiter, Mars, and many others—gods in mythology—also historic characters, representing Greek, Etruscan, Roman, Jewish, Syrian (the modern Syrian costume of women being very graceful), the Bedouin, Oriental, Academic—modern and middle ages—early European and Medieval costumes.

We have only to add that the rink was crowded with spectators, every part of the building being occupied. The performance terminated at eleven o'clock.

Following is a list of those who handed in their names, but many did not—

- LADIES.
Batt, E.M.—Zingara.
Binns, Jane—Berry Pickor.
Connolly, Maggie—St Valentine.
Chandler, G.—Gir Graduate.
Dougherty, Dollie—Swiss Peasant.
Dalziel, Gussie—Dante Girl.
Davison, Maggie—Huntress.
Ferguson, Miss—Little Buttercup.
Harper, Janie—Music.
Harper, Leah—Squaw.
Jones, Mrs.—Maclean.
Knight, Jessie M.—Tambourine Girl.
Leigh, Lily—Cherry.
Leigh, Alice—Harvest.
Maloney, Lizzie—Piccolo.
Messervy, Belle—Snow Shoer.
Mason, Helen—Indian Princess.
Mason, Gertrude—Fabiola.
Murphy, Annie—Little Imp.
Mitchell, F.T.—Starlight.
McKay, Ada—Harvest.
McNeill, Mrs. C.H.—Harvest.
McNeill, Annie—Mary and her Little Lamb.
McWade, Lottie—Milkmaid.
McLeod, Ina—Swiss Girl.
Nash, Clara—Zingara.
Newbery, Belle—Snow Shoer.
Pickard, Sarah—February.
Peebles, Minnie—Astrologer.
Peebles, Jessie—Young Lady of the Reign of Louis XV.
Smith, Florence, A.D.—Carnival Cake.
Sellers, Harriet—Sw Jockey.
Stambak, Nellie—Meditable Green.
Vanderstine, Florrie—Flower Girl.
Webb, Alice A.—Folly.
Wester, Annie—February.
Waddell, Minnie—Alyna Silimmens.
Wilson, Sadie—Madam Polichonelle.
White, Mary—Hearts are Trumps.
Watersfield, Jessie—Grossey Queen.
Watersfield, Annie—Dame Crump.
GENTLEMEN.
Alley, Arthur—Siamese Twin, No. 1.
Allen, John A.—Yachtman.
Bagnall—Horse Marine.
Brown, Eugene W.—Stars and Stripes.
Brown, E.E.—Salvage Corps.
Buxfield, G.E.—Roman Warrior.
Burns, J.H.—Hook and Ladder.
Byron, Fred—Colored Gent.
Bartlett, J.E.—Page.
Bartlett, Harry—Young Prince.
Brocken, E.—Go-as-you-please.
Brockie, W.—Snow Shoer.
Reynolds, A.A.—Venetian Gondolier.
Cameron, D.A.—Clown.
Cameron, Jas.—Bear.
Clarke, Pope—A. Italiane.
Carroll, P.P.—Salvage Corps.
Dault, J.S.—Colored Gent.
Deller, James—Irish Swell.
Davies, W.H.—Hindpaugh's Clown and Mystic Diver.
Davies, J.B.—Esquimaux.

- Duncan, T.H.—Nanki Poo.
Dixon, Geo.—Haymaker.
Davies, F.—Dude.
Farquharson, J.A.—Uncle from the Country.
Farquharson, R.S.—Rush Ranger.
Farquharson, Theo.—Salvage Corps.
Fraser, Palmer—Warrior.
Foster, F.W.—Astronomer.
Gordon, D.S.—King of Spades.
Good, J.H.—Barber, &c.
Goddin, Geo.—Fancy.
Gill, Fenwick—Correspondence.
Harper, E.—Shepherd.
Harris, W.C.—Northwest Wind, Esq.
Huey's, Geo.—Member B.O.B.
Hertz, F.A.—Whiskers.
Higgs, R.D.—Lawyer.
Large, Albert—Mexican.
Large, H.P.—English Swell.
Lavender, David—Yachtman.
Murray, John P.—Salvage Corps.
Murray, Wm., Jr.—Turkish Officer.
Mason, Geo.—Outlaw.
Moore, Fritz—
Moore, John—Horse Marine.
Mason, Geo.—Zingaree.
Macdonald, Frank—Zoe-de-Pop.
Macdonald, S.A.—Sailor H.M.S. Colossus.
Macdonald, Reginald H.—Matador.
MacNeill, Jos.H.—Zemipolski.
MacNeill, C.B.—Tobogganer.
MacNeill, Arthur—Domino.
MacEachern, A.E.—Salvage Corps.
MacLeod, Charles—Siamese Twin, No. 2.
MacLennan, A.—Sailor H.M.S. century.
Newson, Art.—Arizona Joe.
Nash, F.J.—Negro Minstrel.
Newbery, R.R.—Dude.
Nesh, C.H.—Negro Minstrel.
O'Rielly, Jas.W.—Candidate for Parliament.
Phillips, Lemuel—Colored Gent.
Pidgeon, John—Brogan.
Prowse, Cornelius—Correspondence.
Rattray, Fred—Clown.
Rogers, Willie—Member B.O.B.
Robertson, T.H.—Uncle from the country.
D.H. Robinson—Costume 17th century.
Smith, Geo.—Go-as-you-please.
Smith, Frank E.—Clown.
Sullivan, Cleaver—Snowshoer.
Stanley, Dorsey—Colored Gent.
Stewart, M.C.—Dick Deadee.
Stewart, W.—Jago.
Strickland W.—Horse Marine.
Smallwood, Gay—Negro Minstrel.
Scott, Geo.—Maidoom.
Unsworth, Jas.A.—Irish Car Driver.
Whear, John F.—Page, time of Louis XII.
Whear, Hammond J.—Fantine Teller.
Womont, John H.—King of Clubs.
Wilson, Herbert C.—Tatters.
Worth, Fred—Hindpaugh's Clown.
Worthy, L.—Negro Minstrel.
Webb, Geo.H.—Pierrot.
Waugh, D.M.—Texan Ranger.
Webster, John—Wandering Daco.
Weeks, A.—Sweet Sixteen Never Kissed.
Young, R.M.—Vicar of Kalamazoo.

St. Dunstan's College.

The usual semi-annual examination of the pupils of St. Dunstan's College took place yesterday in the presence of His Lordship, Bishop McIntyre, and the Revs. James McDonald, V.G., A.E. Burke, A. McDonald, A.J. McIntyre, R.P. McPhee, Allan McDonald, Dr. Grant, M.J. McMillen, James Aeneas McDonald and Mr. Montgomery, Superintendent of Education, Mr. Foley, of the Savings Bank and Mr. Roche, Provincial Librarian.

The curriculum of the College is a most extensive one, comprehending mental and natural philosophy, the languages, mathematics, natural sciences, English in all its branches, bookkeeping and actual business, telegraphy, drawing, etc., etc.

In the different branches the students were subjected to a searching examination, conducted by the Revs. Angus McDonald, A.E. Burke, Dr. Grant, A.J. McIntyre and Messrs. Montgomery, Roche and Foley. The result proved the institution to be doing first class work, the answers of the boys being in almost every case prompt and exact. At the close the examiners expressed their great satisfaction at the manner in which the students acquitted themselves.

Librarian Roach particularly was happy in his remarks, and upon resuming his seat, received such a hearty cheer as would indicate that "the next to Old Euclid himself," is not unpopular with the students of St. Dunstan's.

We are happy to be able to state that St. Dunstan's College was never in a more flourishing condition than at present, its register containing sixty-four boarders and a large number of day scholars. When so many of our farmers are able to send their sons to an institution such as this, the old cry "hard times" should not be heard in the land. We congratulate St. Dunstan's and its management on the well deserved success.

Successful Artillerymen.

From the *Militia Gazette*, Ottawa, we learn with great pleasure that the Governor General's prize for General Efficiency has been won by No. 2 Battery, Garrison Artillery, of this city. We heartily congratulate Captain Moore and his officers and men on their success, as this is the third year for this Battery to stand at the head of the Garrison Artillery of Canada. The prize is awarded to the Battery obtaining the greatest number of points for state of clothing, arms and accoutrements, manual and firing exercises, company drills, standing gun drill, discipline and interior economy, and answers to questions by officers and N. C. officers. The competition this year was very keen, 25 Batteries having entered. It is gratifying to have the credit of our Island upheld by our boys in blue. The result of the shifting ordnance competition is not yet known.

The Grand Chief of the I. O. G. Templars installed the following officers of Charlotte-town Lodge No. 1, that meets in the Hall, over J. D. McLeod's store, on Thursday evening of each week, on the evening of the 3rd inst., and at which time and place the officers and members will be pleased to meet any one, male or female, who is ready and willing to enroll himself or herself as one of a band of men or women who are determined not to stay proceedings till this mighty quest of intemperance is driven from Charlotte town and our native land, viz:

- Vice Templar—Edith Squires.
Secretary—Bruce Shaw.
Financial Sec.—W. H. Harris.
Treasurer—T. L. Aitkin.
Chaplain—W. P. Colwill.
Marshal—Jennie Jenkins.
Guard—Ada P. Lawson.
Sentinel—J. Warren.
Assistant Marshal—Sister Currie.
Right Supporter—Robert Norton.
Left do—Charles Davy.
The Lodge Deputy, R. Smallwood, installed J. A. Lawson into the Chief Templar's Chair.—COM.

In the case of Robert Crabbe, for violation of the Scott Act—proceedings in which were stayed by a writ of prohibition from the Supreme Court—the Stipendiary Magistrate gave judgment this morning. The fine was promptly paid.

The officers and non-commissioned officers of the City Militia Corps are requested to meet at the office of McLeod, Morson & McQuarrie, on Thursday evening next, the 10th inst., at 7.30, for the purpose of taking steps to hold a Military Concert.

Mr. WELSH denies the allegations of our correspondent.

Hos. D. DAVIES' letter—continued.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.]

The Campaign!

LATEST DESPATCHES.

Reports from the Great West.

THE CONSERVATIVE CAUSE BOOMING.

DISCUSTED GRI S.

Chapleau's Address.

Grit Party Facing Both Ways.

MONTREAL, Feb. 4.

Mr. Girouard writes to his constituents at Lachine and says that the only difficulty with the "bolters" is on the question of Riel, whom they believe to have been insane. In everything else they heartily agree with Sir John and in everything else they will support the Government.

Intelligent workmen attending the meetings of Mr. Curran declare that whoever put up the Rielite Clorans will probably lose their money.

Messrs. Mercier and McShane arrived here last night, but the expected "big demonstration" failed to connect.

They made speeches to a slim and tame audience. The Minister of Public Works, Mr. McShane said his portfolio was one of the most important because "I have a great deal of patronage, and I will do all I can for the people that sent me there." This is a fair sample of Grit political morality in this region.

L'Achareve, a political journal, states that Prefontaine, the Rielite, called a meeting at Chambly, but nobody turned up and the Grit speakers went home disgusted.

The Gazette publishes to-day the Hon. Mr. Chapleau's address, which shows the progress the country has made under a sensible Government; the rapid colonization which has followed the successful railway policy, and the industrial prosperity which has resulted from the National Policy. He refers to the letters of Bishop Laflèche, and Archbishop Tache's endorsement of his course in the Riel matter.

At Valleyfield, Mr. Pelletier, the Conservative candidate, is fast destroying the chances of Mr. Bergeron, the Liberal.

LA CHUTE, Que., Feb. 4. Enthusiastic meetings have been held all over the county, in favor of Mr. J. C. Wilson, a large employer of labor, who knows the value of the N. P.

TORONTO, Feb. 4.

The Globe wants the electors of this city to vote for the Liberals, because the Liberals supported Confederation. It forgets that Jones Secession and Ellis wants Annexation.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 4.

At meetings held in St. Boniface, (Matin Liberal) sympathized with the rebels and said that in case of further trouble he would fight with them. On the other hand, Watson, the Liberal candidate for Marquette, publicly approves of Riel's execution.

MONTREAL, Feb. 4.

Glengarry is booming Mr. Mackintosh, the Conservative candidate, and he will be elected by an increased majority, notwithstanding "Purcell's Liberality Campaign Fund."

The Winter Steamers.]

GEORGETOWN, Feb. 4.

The Northern Light could not make Georgetown this morning and bore up for Souris. The Neptune has since made it out, and is now steaming up the harbor in good shape.

A Panic Expected.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

A panic is expected next week, when it is said that upwards of seventy-two thousand German reserves are to join colors with General Boulanger, who is again suspected of meditating a coup of his own.

The Irish Parliament.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

The round table conference has finally broken up. Chamberlain wants legislatures in Dublin and Belfast, and Gladstone says that whatever scheme is sanctioned it must have the support of the Irish people.

The Great Strike.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.

The coal handlers' strike is growing worse each day, but as yet there is no disturbance. All the piers are choked with freight, owing to there being no handlers to work.

An Empty Exchequer.

TORONTO, Feb. 4.

Fifteen hundred returning officers in Ontario elections are not paid yet. It is said that Mowat's surplus can't be found, and that the Provincial exchequer is empty.

Parnell III.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

Charles Stewart Parnell, the Irish Leader, is reported to be suffering from Bright's disease, and is unable to stand the Parliamentary strain.

Quebec News.

QUEBEC, Feb. 4.

Lieut.-Governor Masson will be made Chief Justice of this Province. Mr. Dorian will probably replace him. Lord Lansdowne has subscribed \$100 towards the Jacques Cartier monument. Judge Caron has given judgment for \$82,500 for defendant in the case of McGreevy vs. McDougall.

Warlike Work.

PARIS, Feb. 3.

Despatches from Suez state that the Abyssinians captured all the Italian guns, and that out of four hundred and eighty Italians but fifty escaped alive. The Abyssinians carried the first line. The trenches around Massowah are not expected to be able to hold out.

Toronto News.

TORONTO, Feb. 4.

Mr. Burns, coal dealer, has failed, with liabilities of \$400,000; and two wealthy citizens holding Burns' paper have assigned. The Queen's Own, of this city, are preparing for the jubilee trip to England.

Caught and Executed.

OMAHA, Feb. 4.

Boschen Thissen, who escaped from Siberia three years since and settled here, returned to Russia some time since for a legacy, and was arrested and executed.

The Hamilton Carnival.

HAMILTON, Feb. 4.

The Carnival was successful yesterday. During the progress of the procession with long allegorical cars, an ice boat accident killed one man. Hanlan, the oarsman, had a narrow escape of his life.

The War Scare.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

Despatches from the continental cities say that the Bourses are all demoralized and excited, and that securities are sinking because of the war scare.

Murder Most Foul.

BRESLAU, Feb. 4.

A man and woman living in the back-woods near here, were yesterday found murdered. Robbery was the object of the criminals.

Criminal Proceedings.

WILKESBARRE, PA., Feb. 3.

Criminal proceedings have been instituted against thirty-six Democratic and twenty-three Republican delegates for bribery.

Fatal Fight With a Bear.

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., Feb. 4.

In a conflict with a bear, Julius Harley had his ears and nose bitten off, was disembowled and died. He fought with a penknife.

An Ice Gorge.

BELVIDERE, N. J., Feb. 3.

An ice gorge has choked up the Delaware River. The ice is said to be fifty feet high. Many dwelling houses have been submerged.

Mob Rule.

DENVER, Col., Feb. 4.

Pagosa Springs are in the hands of a mob who drove the county commissioner out of the town and burned several houses.

Imprisoned.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.

Professor Deleon, for inducing girls to go to places for immoral purposes, has been sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment.

Gone to Algiers.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

Lord Randolph Churchill has gone to Algiers for the benefit of his health, which has been failing for some time past.

A Lively Lawsuit.

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.

There are prospects of a lively lawsuit between the Canadian Pacific and the Grand Trunk Railway Companies.

To Maintain Prestige.

ATHENS, Feb. 3.

King George, in opening Parliament, urged that financial measures be taken to maintain the prestige of Greece.

Navy Appropriations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.

In the Senate yesterday Senator Evarts submitted an appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the United States navy.

A Proxy in Trouble.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.

Henry Spies, who stood proxy at his brother's marriage to Miss VanZant, has been arrested for bigamy.

A Capture Effected.

LONDON, Feb. 3.

Advices from Mandalay are to the effect that the British forces have captured the camp of Boshway.

An Unwilling Council.

BERLIN, Ont. Feb. 4.

The County Council here don't want to pay for enforcing the Scott Act.

Cremated.

ST. MARIQUE, Que., Feb. 4.

Four persons were cremated in a school-house at this place.

LONDON HOUSE.

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Jan. 18, 1887.

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Ch'town, Jan. 12, 1887.

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Ch'town, Dec. 14—W&Y