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DRAMATICS

New zest for the stage filled the boys when they watched and listened to the comical mock trial of Cecil King for the killing of a harmless robin with "so fiendish and brutal an instrument as a sling-shot." "Birdslaughter", the name of this amusing stage-play was written and directed by Mr. J. Sammon. Enacted by the Senior Dramatic Club, this court scene won the attention of the audience from beginning to end. The very appearance of the actors was amusing. Adam Commanda, the judge, appeared in a dark gown with a cream-coloured shoulder cape; it was fun to see him restoring order with his huge mallet and peering from his throne through steel-rimmed glasses. Mounted police would have been shocked to see themselves mimicked by Henry Deere and Maxie Simon; but for us who watched these two constables cut corners and give the salute, it was another laugh. Did you see the dead robin? It, too, was a laugh. It was born, bred and killed in the tailor-shop. Of course Basil Johnston, the prosecuting attorney, never breathed a word to the jury about that! And you'll remember Peter Cooper for his acting the clerk of court. He it was who swore in the witnesses with the mock oath: "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help yourself, and put your hand on the dictionary." The whole cast did a fine piece of acting with a cleverly written script. Compliments to both director and cast.

Altogether another theme than that of hunting and haunting to death a bird-killer, was the second part of the evening's entertainment: the one-act play entitled, "The Princess and the Woodcutter." This playlet from the class reader is about a supposedly humble woodsman on a king's estate, who after making fun of three suitors of princely station, wins the hand of the king's daughter. Perhaps because the

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HOCKEY

With the weather down to zero, the rink boards up and the light installed, it doesn't look as if we shall have to wait much longer for the opening of the favourite sport at Garnier. Hockey is the most popular of all games in this North Country and every village and town boasts of a strong team.

This should be a banner year for our boys for the entire Senior Team of last year will be together again. Harold Belleau will be in the goal and with such stalwart defencemen as Alvin Nas-kiwe, Gene Fox, Alphonse Trudeau and Joe Cameron, he will have plenty of protection out in front. Our powerful scoring line with Frankie Commanda centering for Adam Commanda and Maxie Simon, proved to be one of the best forward lines along the North Shore last year. It is a safe bet that these lads will provide many thrills for the coming hockey season. Other forwards as Alfie Cooper, Eli Commanda, Paddy Jocko and Basil Johnston help to make a first class Juvenile Team for Garnier. Mr. Johnson, S.J., and Mrs. Deschamps, two fast forwards, will be held in reserve for senior competition.

Congratulations to the Boys' Athletic Club. This organization earned enough to buy new hockey sweaters, pants, gloves, shin pads, stockings, the very best equipment, in the familiar snappy black and white, for each member of the Senior Team.

We are proud of the record set by our teams in the past few years under the coaching of Father Hannin. Father Johnson will have the assignment this year and, under his experienced direction, the Seniors are sure to come through with records no less worthy of our admiration. Good luck to the new coach and his team.

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BOXING

Well, we figured the boys would put up a good fight and we hoped the large crowd would enjoy it. Both surpassed our fondest hopes. It is impossible to do justice to the boxers in the limited space assigned to this column. However, we can give you some of the highlights and a few words on the fights that particularly caught the fancy of the audience. The last fight on the card was a rugged, hard-hitting bout between the two Commandas, Adam and Frankie. Both lads had trained well and were in top form. Frank started with a terrific barrage that had Adam dazed and floundering. Recovering rather quickly, Adam floored his opponent with a hard left to the jaw that kept him down for the count of nine. On his feet again, Frankie set the pace with stinging body blows that really counted. It looked as if Frankie, who kept pushing the fight, was gaining on points till the long vicious left of Adam's had him down again in the third round for the count of five. At the final gong both fighters were exchanging solid blows and it was obvious that it would be difficult for the judges to choose the winner. They announced a draw; a popular decision with the fans.

Gene Fox scored a t.k.o. over the fast but inexperienced Peter Deere. Due to an injury to one of the regular boxers, Peter stepped in to fill the gap. He was game as they come but the hard-hitting Gene was just too much for him. Better luck another time, Pete.

When the smiling Paddy Jocko and the strong, sturdy Henry Deere stepped into the ring, the crowd sensed the possibility of a keen rivalry here and greeted the lads with an enthusiastic applause. They were not to be disappointed. With the opening gong, they came out cautiously, each having a healthy respect for his opponent. Paddy drove a damaging right to the jaw of Henry and this touched off the fireworks. It was give and take and the round developed into a thriller.

There was little to choose between them in the first round. In the second, Henry became careless and let his guard down often enough to give Paddy the chance to land some very hard blows to the chest and jaw. Both lads have an equally hard punch but Paddy was the smarter boxer and won an unanimous decision. It was a good, clean, hard fight all the way and a very popular bout.

Eli Commanda and Adam Roy staged a furious battle that had the crowd cheering wildly waiting for a knockout. Both very clever in the ring, it turned out to be a fine exhibition of skill. Adam has a long fast right that packs dynamite, but Eli wasn't letting him connect. Faster and more damaging in the in-fighting, Eli won a very close decision.

Alvin Naskiwe, a very determined fighter, and Chancey Benedict, a more finished boxer, put on a classy show. These boys have made very rapid progress and are climbing to the top very quickly. Alvin won the fight, a split decision, it was that close to the final gong.

Clement Trudeau, Arnold Belleau, Arnold Nadjiwan and Ken Antoine deserve special mention for a very fine fight. Congratulations to all the boxers, who trained well, and made an excellent showing for their School.

Father Skillen, Boxing Instructor, was again in the ring as referee and kept the boys fighting clean and hard all the way. We are most grateful to him for the fine job he is doing in training the boys and for his generous donation of boxing gloves and punching bag.

The fine sportsmanship of the Mayor of Blind River, Mr. Louis Berthelot, who announced the bouts from the ring-side, added greatly to the evening's program. Mr. Thomas Cassidy and Mr. William McGrath very capably handled the assignment as judges. Mr. Alex Berthelot announcing the last few bouts was exceptionally good.

It was a most successful boxing show, and as always much of the success is due to the men behind the scenes. In this case credit goes to Julius Neganigijig and Cecil King for their professional work on the ring. Harold Belleau handled the tickets and ushering. Basil Johnston and Bob Syrette did a smart job as seconds in the ring.

RESULTS

Jimmy Kitchikeg won the decision over Teddy Jacobs.

Albert Bonaparte won the decision over Eddie Norton.

Ken Antoine won the decision over Billy Shawanis.

Jimmy Norton won the decision over Jimmy Bell.

Dominic Contin won the decision over Russell Jocko.

Arnold Belleau won the decision over Arnold Nadjiwan.

Clement Trudeau won the decision over Bobby Daybutch.

Eli Commanda won the decision over Adam Roy.

Alvin Naskiwe won the decision over Chancey Benedict.

Paddy Jocko won the decision over Henry Deere.

Eugene Fox scored a t.k.o. over Peter Deere.

Adam Commanda fought a draw with Frankie Commanda.

Judges: Mr. Thomas Cassidy and Mr. William McGrath.

Timekeeper: Brother Laflamme.

Seconds: Basil Johnston, Robert Syrette.

Ushers: Julius Neganigijig, Cecil King.

Tickets: Harold Belleau, Alfie Cooper.

BASKETBALL

The in-between season at Garnier does not mean a rest from sports, for, as soon as the wet, chilly November days put an end to the "Touch Rugby" games, Basketball begins. A round robin tournament of exhibition games was run off to give the players a chance to brush up on the rules and also to induct all newcomers into the game.

At present, the type of play is a little ragged, but the season is still young, and a few weeks practice will produce a smooth and speedy brand of basketball as can be seen anywhere. Personal interest and pride in one's team run high as each player trots onto the floor in his smartly coloured uniform. The games, so far, have been fairly close with the Maple Leafs and Black Hawks, among the Intermediates, showing the best form and scoring power. Eddie Corbiere, Peter Cooper, and L. Ewiiwe are the high scorers of the Intermediates.

The Seniors play a fast, passing game and there is plenty of rivalry and competition in this section.

| Seniors: | Won | Lost | Pts. |
|-------------------|-----|------|------|
| Maple Leafs | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| Red Wings | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Canadians | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Black Hawks | 0 | 3 | 0 |

| Intermediates: | Won | Lost | Pts. |
|-------------------|-----|------|------|
| Maple Leafs | 6 | 0 | 12 |
| Black Hawks | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Canadians | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Red Wings | 1 | 5 | 2 |



THE ROVING REPORTER REPORTS

The boys answers to the question: "Why do you like snow?" . . . Energetic Alphonse Shawana replies: "Because I can make snowballs and shoot the other boys and, maybe, even the Prefect." . . . Basil Johnston says: "I don't; at least not too much of it, till after Jan. 3rd." "Why so, Basil?" "I want to make sure of going home for Christmas and getting back on time for school." . . . Jimmy "Snaff" Bell "likes to sit in the house and watch the snow falling outside and think how warm it is inside and how cold it is out in the snow." . . . Stanley Petawanakat likes to see snow because: "It is so white and bright and clean." . . . Bruce "I can beat anyone in the Midgets") McComber is happy to see the first fall of snow because: "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas" . . . Our up and coming crooner, Sylvester Osswabine, likes snow because it means: "Santa Claus is coming to town."

Some howlers from the "Progressive Tests" which Grades 4, 5 and 6 wrote last week:

Mary weighs 85 lbs., Ruth, 65, Ethel, 90.

What is the average weight?

Answer: 240 lbs.

Camels are useful as food in large cities.

The stomach and hump of the camel contain fur.

The nations of the earth is round.

DRAMATICS

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players were a bit shy in taking the female parts, their voices failed to carry much beyond the footlights, and the audience was somewhat disappointed.

Some roles were good. Peter Deere played his part very well. And oh boy, wasn't his wood-splitting on stage good? Say Peter did you win any bets by your never-miss axemanship? Where did you get that masterful stroke? Too bad you didn't win a more charming prize; you would have been better repaid for your successfully handled parts in both performances of the evening; the audience too would have been delighted.

WINTER SPORTS

The season of winter sports has already opened. Hard frosts two weeks ago sealed the drains and ponds in low-lying fields, and now after a thick blanket of the fluffiest snow, the temperature has spiralled to a low of fifteen below zero. The morning of the thirtieth of November the river was covered with a glass-like surface of ice. The Junior and Midget groups have ransacked the scrap piles for sheets of tin and cardboard to serve as toboggans and so long as the ice is declared unsafe, these boys are enjoying themselves sliding down the gentler slopes of the rock ridges nearby. Percy Whiteduck, the champion skier, who is surpassed in the art of skiing only by Leslie Day, Clement Kitchiegy and a few others, is simply delighted to hear others say: Gujewampe, gedomidges Percy. To him this is like: Nice going, neat sliding, Percy. So many other boys deserve compliments for their skill at sliding that we pat them also on the back and say to them: Gujewampe, gedomiges.

HA HA—Sudbury is only a small hole in the ground, said Fr. Rushman.

—Oh no it isn't. It's a big hole in the ground, retorted Gerry Nadjiwan.

Happiness is found not in doing what you like, but in liking what you do.

Read quickly: Still the sinking steamer sunk.

True? Thirty-three trees are ninety-nine.

