

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

SOCIETY EVENTS OF THE WEEK IN THE CITY

And Towns of the Province—Celestial Gossip—Moncton Society—Woodstock Whippersnappers and St. Stephen Sayings.

So far, this season, we have not had to complain of the intense heat, yet many wish to migrate to their country homes. I hope the ladies will not neglect to take with them innumerable white costumes, as our fashion tyrant declares everything will be white, as you must appear in the morning with your airy-fairy white breakfast gown—festooned, if you like, with fluffy lace and ribbons. Then your parasol, gloves and chapeau must correspond with your dainty white afternoon toilet. It will be vastly becoming to a few, but the unfortunate complexions will have to console themselves with the idea that the purity of the costume is perhaps typical of the wearer.

I'm glad to know that the men are at last striving to adopt a less funeral-like evening dress. It always strikes me as rather grotesque, and gives me a creepy sensation to dance with a man who is arrayed in what might be his coffin clothes.

When the fog is not holding high carnival, the Bay Shore already presents quite a gay appearance, and every fine day a merry gathering is to be seen at "Saints' Rest," which is one of the most delightful picnic spots imaginable.

Rooms at all the available boarding-houses along the shore are now engaged.

Mrs. F. A. Jones and family are at "The Ferns," which they have taken for the summer, and near them Mr. and Mrs. Ward-roper are domiciled.

Mr. John M. Taylor's family will again occupy the McLaren cottage.

Mr. W. Rainnie and family will in a few days remove to their lovely summer residence at Campbellton, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Arnold to their Welsford home.

Mrs. Macrae leaves Monday to visit her daughter, Mrs. McKenzie.

English letters tell of Miss Fellows, formerly of St. John, being presented and looking charming.

Mr. Edwin Frost still remembers St. John in his generous and kindly way. The Missionary society in connection with Centenary church have to thank him for a substantial cheque.

The hymenial fever bids fair to continue through next week. A Fredericton gentleman will take the lead by coming to St. John for his bride Monday morning.

While Mr. Cotton is receiving numerous congratulations, the many friends of his bride-elect cannot but feel a little jealous at Halifax robbing them of such a favorite.

The M. D.'s are feeling happy at the prospect of a training school for nurses in connection with the General Public hospital, which will be conducted similarly to the American institutions. Many would-be nurses have already applied and I'm sure the school will prove a happy success, under the management of so excellent a matron as Miss Purdy.

Monday having proved such a very disagreeable day, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McLeod kindly remained at home Tuesday and Wednesday to receive their friends. Of course, the ladies are all anxious to know what the bride received in—but really I was so charmed with the lady herself that I'm afraid I cannot do justice to her adornments. Let me see: the dress was of rich corded silk; somebody said it was a peculiar shade of electric blue; the front draperies were composed of lovely embossed velvet, while heavy folds of the rich silk fell at the back in a long and graceful train; the bodice was cut V shape and filled in with lace; long undressed gloves met the lace sleeve. I thought the holding of a few choice roses a very pretty idea. The ornaments were diamonds, and especially pretty was the delicate spiral hair ornament.

The reception room looked as though some artistic fairies had been at work; rare and beautiful flowers greeted the eye from every imaginable nook. After a short and very interesting conversation with the pleasing host and hostess, we were shown to an adjoining room, where Miss McLeod (sister of the groom) and Miss McLean entertained us, while a delicious collation was being served. The most pleasing feature of the reception was the delightful, home-like atmosphere that seemed to pervade everything.

Mr. and Mrs. McLeod will remain in the city until July, when they will remove to Hampton for a couple of months. Society is in a flutter over the lately announced engagement of one of the favorites and the son of a prominent King street merchant.

I should like to lighten my culinary labors during the warm weather by indulging in bakers bread, but how can I when I view a man at my neighbors door lovingly embracing three loafs while he gossips with the domestic between his expectorations. I wish the ladies would leave the anti-tobacco societies alone and devote their superfluous time and energy in educating the bakers to the proper use of the basket and shovel—don't you?

Rev. John de Soyre, rector of St. John's, went to Grand Falls, Monday morning, and returned Wednesday. It was a flying visit to see the falls and the country. Prof. Stockley, of the University, accompanied him from Fredericton.

Mr. F. T. G. Burpee went to New York, Tuesday, to meet Mrs. Burpee and his

daughter, Miss Katie Burpee, who sailed from Liverpool on the 9th. Mrs. and Miss Burpee have been absent more than a year, the greater portion of which was spent on the continent.

Sir Leonard and Lady Tilley will arrive in St. John in a few days, and pass the remainder of the summer in their residence on Germain street.

Mr. A. P. Tippet sailed Tuesday evening for Yarmouth. He will spend a week in Nova Scotia. Mrs. Tippet is also out of town.

Miss Helen Marshall and Mr. S. Blake Edson, of Brockton, Mass., were united in marriage at Brockton on the 3rd June, and have arrived in Newcastle for a short visit.

Attorney-General Blair and a party of friends are to go salmon fishing on the Durgarvon about the 26th.

Sir Leonard and Lady Tilley, during their residence in the city, will attend St. John's church.

Mrs. Hazen Grimmer, of St. Stephen, and Miss Gore, of St. Andrew's, were in the city this week.

CELESTIAL GOSSIP.

FREDERICTON, June 14.—The Metropolitan left this morning for Rimouski, en route to England. A number of ladies and gentlemen went to Gibson to say good-bye to his lordship, who took the N. & W. train for Chatham Junction, where he will be joined by Canon Medley of Sussex. His friends wish him a pleasant trip and a safe return.

Rev. A. J. Mowatt, of St. Paul's church, and Mr. Leonard W. Johnstone have gone to Halifax to attend the Presbyterian General assembly.

Mrs. Albert W. Edgcombe, with her children, will go to the country in a few days to spend several weeks.

There was a large party at the residence of Mr. Samuel Akerly, on Brunswick street, last Friday evening. It was a very enjoyable affair. The verandah and lawn were prettily illuminated with Chinese lanterns, and the young ladies flitting around through the shrubs and trees, in their handsome evening dresses, made a very attractive scene. The evening was all that could be desired for an affair of this kind.

I hear there is to be another large party some time the last of this month. The people of Fredericton are just waking up to the fact that parties this season of the year, where there are pleasant grounds for the dancers to promenade, are very delightful things.

Mr. George R. Parkin left this city on Wednesday for England, via New York. Mr. H. V. B. Bridges will be acting principal of the high school during his absence.

Mrs. George R. Parkin, with her children, will spend a part of the summer in Digby, Nova Scotia.

The leading physicians of this city met in consultation at the Victoria hospital Wednesday morning, by request of Lady Tilley, to make arrangements in regard to their attendance after the opening of that building.

Mr. George Marguald, from New York, who has been the guest of Dr. Brown for a week or two, leaves this city Thursday for Houlton, Me., where he will visit friends.

Mrs. F. B. Edgcombe has been called to St. Stephen by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Eaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Todd and Miss Todd, of St. Stephen, are visiting their friends in the Celestial city.

Mrs. Byron Coulthard has returned from New York, where she has been spending a month with her mother and brothers.

Mrs. H. B. Ketchum, Elm Croft, intends spending some weeks in Digby, Nova Scotia, this summer. Digby is a favorite summer resort for Frederictonians. I hear a number of other ladies intend spending some weeks there.

Mrs. Charles Burpee, from Springfield, formerly Miss Barker, has been spending a few days with her friends in this city. Her friends are all delighted to see her looking so well and happy.

The remains of Mr. John R. C. Wetmore, who died at Gibson, were interred, Saturday afternoon, with masonic honors, a number of the Fredericton brethren attending with the Fredericton brass band.

Mrs. H. Flood, of Brookline, and Mrs. A. Faunce, of Boston, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Murray, King street.

Rev. Messrs. Dobson and Payson, of the Methodist church, will officiate in St. Paul's church next Sunday.

A collection will be taken up in all the churches in the city next Sunday in aid of the Victoria hospital.

Mr. John Black has gone to Richibucto on business. His little son has accompanied him.

Mr. Gilmor Brown and his bride arrived in this city Wednesday afternoon, from Montreal. They will stay at the Queen hotel for a time.

The railway bridge extension arbitrators have awarded Mr. R. Pennyfather \$3,100 for his property, on the corner of Sumbury and Brunswick streets, recently occupied by Mr. G. R. Parkin.

Messrs. A. W. Straton and R. B. Straton, C. Es, of Fredericton, have gone to Machias, Me., where, with others, they will proceed with the work of locating the Shore line, a road to run from Machias to Sullivan, Me., where connection is to be made with the Maine Central for Bar Harbor.

Mrs. Smith and Miss Smith from St. Stephen, are the guests of Mrs. Phair, King street.

The friends of Mrs. George Y. Dibblee are very pleased to see her out again, after her long illness. It was a year last February since she was out of her room.

Mr. James McNally has been improving his place on Brunswick street very much, by painting his house and fence a beautiful cream with chocolate trimmings. He has now one of the handsomest residences in Fredericton.

The Rescue Duett of Ont., have left Fredericton, after having very successful meetings here for several weeks.

I am sure many who like to attend the University Encenia, will be glad to hear it will be held in the evening, instead of the afternoon of Thursday, June 21st, at 7.30 o'clock, as it has always been invariably a very hot day. Dr. Dyde will deliver the addresses for the faculty, Judge King for the alumni, and W. K. Hatt the valedictory for the class of '87.

Mr. Albert E. Wilson of the Fredericton post office, has been transferred to the St. John office. Mr. Wilson leaves this city on Friday, and will carry with him the good wishes of a large circle of friends, who regret his departure. His successor is Mr. Robinson Gardner.

Prof. Charles G. D. Roberts of King's College, Windsor Nova Scotia, arrived in this city, with his two little sons, on Friday.

MONCTON SOCIETY.

MONCTON, June 13.—Now, PROGRESS, in strict confidence, I am going to tell you all about that meeting that took place at the "Brunswick," on Tuesday afternoon, as one of the preliminaries of the cricketers' fair, to be held in July. I must tell you, in the first place, that some of my communication may be slightly inaccurate. I was obliged to get it second-hand, for I was not asked to be present, in fact, though it grieves me to write it of them. You must know that Dr. McCully and Mr. Joseph Harris, as captain and secretary of the club, actually monopolized the attention of twenty ladies for an entire afternoon. Selfish, was it not, PROGRESS? Well, after an animated conversation among the ladies, as to the successful termination of house-cleaning and the terrible labor involved in getting a trustworthy servant, the meeting was called to order, and the doctor took the floor. His remarks were few, but well chosen. (The doctor's conversation reminds one of the inevitable working of the "mill of the gods," slow, but exceeding sure.) Then the appointment of officers and committees was made. Mrs. John Harris, president; Mrs. E. M. Estey, vice-president; Miss Agnes McSweeney, secretary. Then committees of all kinds, decorative, floral, refreshment, etc., etc. The cricketers should feel highly flattered, for, judging from the list of names of those present, the *creme de la creme* have taken the affair in hand, and will no doubt make it a success, for many of the ladies have earned a reputation of being most energetic workers in church fairs. May all possible luck attend the present enterprise!

You will be glad to know PROGRESS that our mutual friend, "Mr. Joseph Bruce," auditor I. C. R., has obtained leave of absence; and sailed last week for the "land of the heather." Mr. Bruce is one of the Scotchmen who thinks a brighter sun shines on "the bonnie hills of Scotland than anywhere else," and I don't know but he is right; "two months at home" being one of the brightest memories I have; so I wish him a pleasant journey and a safe return; and trust we may find that and acquaintance ne'er forget.

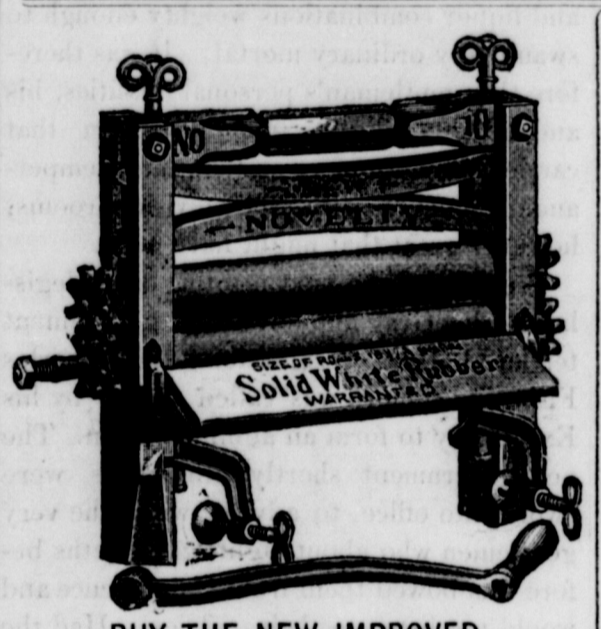
Miss Annie Wright, only daughter of Captain Wright, is spending a week or two with her friend, Miss Harris; Miss Wright has just returned from Germany, where she has spent the last two years completing her musical education. Mr. Hudson, of the Merchants bank, is in Pictou spending his leave at home; two weeks I believe he has, but do you know PROGRESS I am afraid he can't stay that length of time. The tennis nets are all out now; the summer campaign has commenced; I have noticed some very pretty play on the Brunswick court, this week, and also noticed some pretty dresses; one I liked extremely, cream tenniss flannel, with dashes of scarlet, worked with rackets in cream silk, scarlet and white cap. On Queen street, Messrs. Estey and Harris are to be seen each evening after tea, serving and volleying, rushing and jumping, in fact working with an energy that will be delightful if they go in the same frame of mind to the Presbyterian picnic on Saturday.

The farewell picnic to Rev. Mr. Hogg takes place on Saturday. They go to the Point, not being able to get sufficient cars on the M. & B. railway to carry the large party over. It being the first excursion of the season, no doubt many of other denominations will accompany the party. I wish them a pleasant day.

By-the-way, PROGRESS, I have still another wedding to tell you about. It takes place next week, I believe, in the Methodist church. The happy groom is a young clergyman of that denomination, now on his way from England, and the fair bride is the daughter of a former I. C. R. official.

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