

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

"MARY" WRITES OF TEA, TALK AND TENNIS.

And Concludes with Fashion and Cooking—Lynn's Interesting Moncton Gossip—News from Fredericton, Woodstock and St. Stephen.

MY DEAR JANET: I feel that your last letter must have thoroughly frightened any incipient terrors of woman's-rights out of your head, so that you will be in a more happy frame of mind to receive news from me of a less oppressively solemn nature.

The tea, talk and tennis came off last Saturday afternoon to everybody's entire satisfaction, at least apparently so. By the way, if it were not for the alliteration one might add coffee to the list; indeed the coffee was far too excellent to be omitted from any account of the proceedings.

Mr. Gubb's benefit concert came off last Friday night, and drew a fair house—only fair, though. Somehow people's enthusiasm for amateur concerts seems to be distinctly on the decline, even though they come with added attractions such as May Day, which is a very pretty thing, and which in the case of Mr. Gubb's concert was prepared with great care, and sung nicely.

You ask if our amateur opera companies are likely to fade away altogether? I don't think so somehow or other. A little while ago Dorothy was talked of by the "Sorcerer" company, but since then silence. I have been hoping that the "St. John Amateur Opera Company" would do something.

I hear that the new organ at the Mission church is now nearly complete—now for the recitals!

By-the-way, have you read the wonderful book, by Miss Amelie Rives, that is creating so much interest, mostly in the way of adverse criticism? Quite a novel way of making a book popular, isn't it? and a trifle severe on the critics, who seem, in this case, to lead the public—inversely.

I hear that the dramatized version of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde is to be played here soon. Isn't it curious how all the methods of the stage are being adapted to the realistic production of this sort of grotesquerie? I should think, though, that after putting Haggard's She on the stage Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde would be a mere nothing.

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MONCTON SOCIETY.

MONCTON, May 30.—I received your letter, PROGRESS, asking me to keep my eyes open and tell you what all the people did and how the day was spent in "the railroad city" on the 24th. I did my best: stayed in town all day so I could post you, but the result is poor.

There seems to be very little change in white dresses. They are rather pretty made of dotted muslin, in large coin dots, with plain muslin fan-fronts, hemmed and finished with a group of tucks at the bottom.

I have at last found something that will clean frosted silver ornaments and know

you will be as glad to hear of it as I was. Dissolve a lump of soda in a saucepan of boiling water and put the things in it, and leave them for a few moments; then add a small piece of yellow soap and rub them with a soft tooth-brush. When you take them out of the water put them in a hot oven on a brick until they look all right.

IN TOWN AND OUT.

Miss Maggie McLean returned home from England and the continent via New York, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Jones and the Misses Jones sailed for England from the Argentine republic May 15. The steamer touches at Portugal and it is very probable they will land there and go to London overland. They will reach St. John about July 15.

Mr. Hugh Balkam, C. E., of St. Stephen, was married in Newcastle, Wednesday, to Miss Agnes Marshall, of Newcastle. Mr. A. A. Davidson was groomsman and Miss Morrison bridesmaid. Mr. and Mrs. Balkam will reside in Chatham, where Mr. Balkam is employed as engineer on the extension of the Chatham branch railway to the deep water terminus.

Sydney, New South Wales, newspapers contain long descriptions of the marriage in St. James' church there, on April 11th, of John Kingdon Cleeve and Miss Olive Alice Watson. The bride is a daughter of Richard A. Watson, who left Halifax for Australia a quarter of a century ago and has made a fortune in that country. He was a printer here, but after reaching New South Wales went gold mining and afterwards started in hotel business in Sydney. The bridegroom is the son of a wealthy gentleman living in Sydney. The wedding was the occasion of a big flutter in society circles and the gifts to the bride aggregated a large sum in value. The ceremony took place in the afternoon and in the evening the bride's parents gave a grand ball, which was attended by 250 guests, several Canadians being among those present.—Halifax Echo.

CELESTIAL GOSSIP.

FREDERICTON, May 31.—Judge and Mrs. Fraser have returned from their trip. They have given up housekeeping for the summer and are boarding at Miss Perley's, on George street.

The Metropolitan will sail for England June 14th, in the same steamer the coadjutor went over in a few weeks ago, and will occupy the same state room. Canon Medley will accompany him. The Metropolitan will spend next Sunday in Houlton, Maine, by invitation from Bishop Nealy, to assist in the consecration of a church in that town. During the absence of the bishops the Rev. Mr. Simonds will assist Mr. Alexander with the services in the cathedral.

On Sunday morning, Mr. Scovil Neales was ordained priest in the cathedral and preached in St. Ann's in the afternoon. The Rev. Mr. Neales, rector of Woodstock, was in this city Sunday and returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. Major Gordon has returned from Kingston, Ont., her former home, where she has been for several months for the benefit of her health. Mrs. Gordon's friends are pleased to see her looking so much better than when she left Fredericton.

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Miss Tucker, of Boston, is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. H. Randolph, Waterloo row.

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spending a few weeks with his relatives here. Mr. A. L. Wright, Miss McKean, Mr. Ivin Cook and several others were with the party, and all declare the day delightful and predict for Buctouche a brilliant future as a summer resort.

Mr. John Harris, Dr. McCully, Mr. Willet and a few other friends went "a-fishing." The excursion was, in itself, pleasant; but the object of it was hardly successful, as the small boy from whom the trout were to be bought did not come to time. Better luck next time.

Mr. Cotton's many friends were pleased to catch a passing glimpse of him last week, he remaining in town a few hours, en route for St. John, where, if reports be true, an extremely interesting mission required his immediate attention. We offer our congratulations, and assure Mr. Cotton that the vacancy left by his removal to Halifax has never been filled, while the memory of his first speech on the amateur stage will long be lovingly remembered by the Monctonians who, in feelings of regret for his departure, were *cor unum via una*.

Mr. Henry Hanington's lady friends were delighted to see his sun-lit countenance this afternoon, as he drove through the town with "Jack." He is a great favorite here.

We have the promise of a dance, soon, that will be out of the ordinary run of parties. Picture to yourself a broad veranda running round three sides of a charming residence, terminating in a dining-room on one side and a library on the other, and you have a view of the dancing-room. The idea, I have been informed, is to wait for a moonlight night and dance out of doors. Won't it be delightful, PROGRESS? Pray I may be invited, so I can tell you all about it.

Mr. John C. Brown was in town today, looking as irresistible as of old. I can't see how it is he has not been captured long ago. You know it's dangerous to have these good looking bachelors floating around in such an unprotected condition, and I sincerely hope, before leap year is over some one will persuade him that he requires a guardian angel quite as much as his brother Gilmore, to whom I extend most hearty congratulations.

Mrs. John McSweeney has returned home, after a visit of some weeks in Amherst. I am glad to know her health is quite improved. Mrs. McSweeney has made a great many friends during her short stay here.

Mrs. Beddome has gone to St. John for a short visit.

Capt. Gordon, of Montreal, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Harris, last week.

Mrs. Robertson, of St. Andrews, has been spending a few days with her friend, Mrs. Williams, Highfield street.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hogg leave the last Monday in June for their new home.

I hope next week to be able to furnish you with some tennis notes. I noticed an excellent court being made at "Ravenswood," the handsome residence of Mr. G. McKean. The other courts in town are looking well, and no doubt the nets will all be up soon. Perhaps in my next letter, I will be able to tell you what some of the new tennis dresses are like. This being leap year, the ladies are talking of forming a leap year club, to be in two divisions, east and west end. The Moncton Athletic club will give the ground. Each division would use it two afternoons in each week, and then have a match once a month, and finish with a dance.

I don't think I told you the latest theory in regard to these letters. They accredit that wonderfully good-looking and unmarried lawyer, who lives on Botsford street, with being the correspondent of PROGRESS. If it really is him, PROGRESS, laugh, but never tell.

We have had a few warm days, and now the people are beginning to wonder where they will migrate. Mrs. P. S. Archibald and children go for two months to Mr. Phair's splendid new hotel, "The Beeches." Mr. Cushing and family leave in a week or two to spend the summer in their pretty country house. Mrs. Galt has rented a cottage in Buctouche; they go the first of July. Mr. and Mrs. McAllister will spend July in Fredericton. Mrs. Estey goes North next week to spend a week or two. Miss Harris will visit her aunt, Mrs. Edwin Record, in July. Mrs. Williamson is expected in town next week; she will remain a few days, and then accompany Mr. Williamson to Fredericton. LYNN.

WOODSTOCK WHISPERINGS.

WOODSTOCK, May 30.—Canoeing parties are becoming very fashionable with us now, and justly, too, for a more agreeable recreation is difficult to find. On the Queen's birthday, a party of 20, in five Indian barks, floated pleasantly down the swift-flowing river to Eel River, where they landed. Lunch was enjoyed under the trees, and after a pleasant *te-a-tete* the happy party returned on the steamer *Florenceville*.

On Tuesday morning next, the wedding bells will ring out a joyful peal from the Methodist church. One of our beautiful and much-loved young ladies will be led to the altar by a young gentleman who has a good position in a large business concern in Chatham.

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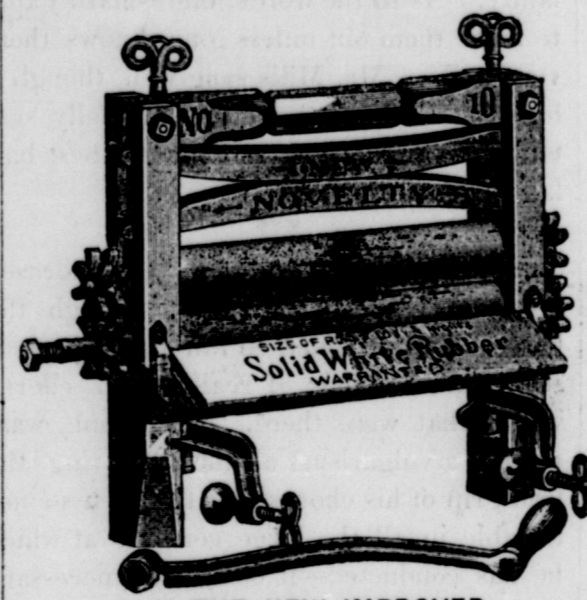
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