

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK IN CITY SOCIETY CIRCLES

And the Happenings Elsewhere in New Brunswick—Celestial Talk—Moncton Society—St. Stephen, Chatham, Woodstock, Richibucto and Calais News.

Socially, this week has been very quiet. The young people are all busy with their Christmas shopping. It's amusing to watch about half a dozen of our lovely maidens congregated in a corner of some popular store, exhibiting, or asking the opinion or advice of each other regarding their many mysterious parcels. Judging from some of the contents of these parcels, the fair investors have made exceedingly pretty and appropriate purchases.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Morrissy have taken a house on Orange street, where they will reside.

Miss Alice Deever has returned to the city, after a lengthy visit among her friends in Portland, Me.

Progressive teas now claim attention as the latest social fad. Four or five tables are spread and two and two couples seated at each. At the end of every course the gentlemen "progress." When they have made the round they retire to another room to gossip—or smoke—while the ladies vote the prizes to the one who is fortunate enough to have proved the most original and the one who displayed the least egotism, etc.

Miss Ada Jones left by the evening train last Monday for Boston, to enter the Massachusetts general hospital, where she will probably devote two years to study and caring for the sick. Her legion of friends regret parting with her for so long a time, but wish her every success in her noble undertaking.

Mrs. James Jack leaves this evening for Halifax, to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ruddock have been spending the week in Boston.

Mr. J. Boak, of St. Paul, Minn., arrived in the city yesterday, and leaves this evening for Halifax.

Mr. Hazen Drury is spending the holidays with his parents, on Coburg street.

Members of the Keewaydin Toboggan club are looking forward to the opening of the slide, next week. The Neenemooshas also will shortly have a merry opening. Some of the blanket costumes to be worn at these slides are exceedingly artistic and beautiful, without in any way detracting from their comfortable and warm appearance.

A number of young folks have formed a quadrille club, to meet at the homes of the different members during the winter. Last Wednesday evening they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Jones at the Dufferin, and enjoyed a very delightful dance in the spacious dining hall.

Carleton's rumor says that Mr. E. Dunn, son of Mr. E. J. Dunn, who has been bidding his friends here farewell, left last week for California, where he spends the winter.

Miss Burnham is visiting Mrs. Herbert Olive, Guildford street.

The many friends of Mr. W. A. Kerr will be sorry to learn that he intends deserting them shortly, to seek a home in Minnesota.

Mr. J. V. Ellis, jr. came home last Thursday to spend his vacation.

The principal amusement of the inhabitants of Carleton for the last week has been practicing the Indian File.

Providing for the poor has become a popular fad among society people and many charitably disposed ladies have two and three families under their supervision for the winter. To these kind ladies, the needy families and the world in general are extended sincere wishes for a bright and joyous Christmas and prosperous and glad new year from THE TATTER.

CELESTIAL TALK.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 19.—I have very little news to tell you in this letter as every one is far too busy preparing for Christmas and its festivities to think of entering into any kind of amusements this week, and the weddings, I think, are about all over for the present, with the exception of one which will take place in Portland, Me., between Christmas and New Year, and in which Frederictonians will feel an interest, the contracting parties being Mr. Fred Robinson, and Miss Georgie Gregory, both of this city. Miss Gregory has been spending a few months with her brother in Portland, and will be married from his residence. The happy couple will go to Amherst, N. S., where they will make their home for the present. Miss Janie Gregory leaves Fredericton tomorrow for Portland to be present at her sister's wedding.

Mr. W. A. Kerr, who graduated from the university in 1887, and who has since been studying law in St. John, leaves next week for Minneapolis, where he will probably make his home. He is at present visiting friends in this city.

Mr. Nelson Cliff will leave for his winter quarters in Florida tomorrow. The university closed today for the holidays and the dear girls will have to say good bye to the students for a few weeks.

Mrs. Sewell receives at her home at Springhill on Tuesday of each week. Mrs. Capt. George Maunsell also receives on the same day. Mr. and Mrs. Sewell were in town today and will remain for the night at the Barker house.

Mrs. George F. Gregory returned from St. John last week.

Miss Hanington and Miss Johnstone, who are attending the Normal school here, will leave for their homes in St. John this week to spend the Christmas holidays.

Fredericton society has been greatly agitated of late over the engagement of a gentleman recently settled in the Celestial city and one of St. John's fair daughters.

There is a rumor floating around of a tin wedding, to take place at the lower end of the town, some evening this week. If it comes off I will tell you more about it next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cookson, who were married in St. John last week, have been visiting friends in this city. They returned to St. John Monday morning.

Miss Nellie Randolph is expected home from Mount Holyoke to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Ned Smith, of St. John, was in Fredericton this week. He stayed at the Queen.

Dr. Andrew Archer has gone to Ottawa to fill an appointment.

Mr. John H. Small, of St. John, brother of Mrs. A. S. Murray, of this city, is to be

the manager of the C. P. R. telegraph office in Fredericton.

The curling rink is very soon to be opened for skaters one evening in each week, but I have heard nothing of the toboggan slide being opened this winter.

MONCTON SOCIETY.

MONCTON, Dec. 19.—"A prophet shall not be without honor, save in his own country," and those unfortunate seers who predicted a snowless Christmas, with the usual accompaniment of the probable overcrowding of the cemeteries thrown in, are feeling very small indeed, for unless something unusual in the way of rain should occur, we have certainly enough snow to last for at least a week, and after that—the deluge.

The work of Christmas decorations is progressing very favorably in all the churches. St. George's has always been noted for its elaborate Christmas garbure, and we trust that this year it will as nearly as possible come up to its traditions of former grandeur. Of course each year we miss the tireless energy and artistic taste of the former organist, Mr. Rankin, and think regretfully of him in his far away home, with a sigh of envy for the fortunate Saratogans who have secured his services; but we could not expect to keep him forever. Blessings will take their flight in this world, and there are still willing, if less skillful, hands to help in the work; but I am sorry to say that our sex are very apt to render themselves conspicuous by their absence, most of them having pressing business which demands their entire attention, just now, and keeps them away from St. George's school-house every evening. I must speak of one bright exception to the above rule, in the person of Mr. E. S. Jarvis, of the bank of Montreal, of whom the ladies speak most gratefully, for his frequent attendance, and kind assistance at the school house. Many fair fingers have been saved from the task of cutting their own spruce twigs, for wreaths, and valiant work has been done with the tack hammer, proving that the age of chivalry has not passed away.

Mrs. S. F. McKean, and Miss Addie McKean paid a visit to St. John last week.

Dr. De Bertram, of the St. Martins and Central railways, has been spending some days in town during the past week. The doctor is an immense favorite with all those who have the pleasure of his acquaintance, and his welcome to Moncton is always a warm one.

Mr. Jas. Taylor, C. E., of the Short Line railway, paid a short visit to Moncton, Thursday.

Mrs. James Dickey, and Mrs. Dr. Bliss, of Amherst, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. John McSweeney, last week.

I regret to say that Mr. Edward Allen, of the firm of Allen & Chapman, met with a very severe accident last week; he slipped on the icy sidewalk, and fell, fracturing his ankle in two places. The injury is especially serious, as the bone was not only broken, but splintered, and Mr. Allen's age adds to the gravity of the accident.

Miss Harris and Mr. Jack Harris returned from Boston last Thursday, and the former looks so more than usually charming, after her long visit, that we can almost forgive her for remaining away such a length of time.

Mr. Arthur Charters of Dorchester, was in town Saturday.

Miss McLeod, of Charlottetown, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Thompson.

Mr. Edgar Wilson, of Dorchester, paid a visit to Moncton, Monday.

Mr. L. B. Archibald, of Truro, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Stanley Chandler, eldest son of Dr. A. H. Chandler, of Dorchester, who has made his home in Boston for some years past, has come back to spend Christmas among his relatives at Dorchester. Mr. Chandler was in Moncton Tuesday, and seems little changed by his residence in the states.

I see that Mr. F. M. Cotton, former manager of the Bank of Montreal here, but now of Halifax, has been made treasurer of the Halifax Dramatic club. Mr. Cotton was a zealous member of the Moncton Dramatic club, and the Haligonians are fortunate in securing him as a member.

Speaking of dramatic clubs reminds me that tomorrow night the "theatrical season" opens in Moncton, with Hazel Kirke, and that next week I shall be able to tell you all about it. There is a great deal of interest manifested in the play and the seats in the Opera house are selling rapidly. The proceeds—after the debt on the scenery and properties of the club is paid off—are to go to St. George's church; so I trust that the receipts may be large.

Mr. Cotton feels such an interest in his old club that he is coming up to witness the performance.

Mr. Will Harris, who has been attending Mount Allison college for the past term, is at home for his Christmas vacation.

Miss Holden of Summerside is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Harris.

Mrs. Thompson, of Newcastle, paid a short visit to her daughter, Mrs. Stavert, last week. Mrs. Thompson was on her return from a visit to Truro, and left for her home, Monday.

I fear that our Christmas will be somewhat dull, in Moncton, so many of our society friends will be absent. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Borden will spend Christmas at Sackville, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Borden, of Sackville academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Stavert, and Mr. and Mrs. Butcher, will spend their holidays at Newcastle with Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

Mrs. J. V. Cooke will remain in Boston, instead of returning for Christmas, as her friends hoped she might.

Misses Maggie and Lucy Whitney are at home from Sackville academy for their holidays. CECIL GWYNNE.

BORDER JOTTINGS.

ST. STEPHEN, Dec. 19.—The excellent sleighing has quite changed the aspect of our streets, and the horses are now compelled to pay up for their forced vacation. The remark has often been made by strangers, and I am confident in saying that not a place of its size in the provinces can boast of more fast horses or stylish turnouts than St. Stephen, or, I might add, people who know better how to enjoy them.

Miss Keith of Portland is spending the Christmas season with her sister, Mrs. Chas. Eaton of Milltown.

Rev. Mr. Barry of Milltown made a trip to Woodstock last week, remaining over Sunday.

Mr. James Meredith is spending some time in town.

Mr. John Thomas of St. John is the guest of Mr. Clifford Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Grimmer spend Christmas at St. Andrews, the guests of Mr. Chas. Gove.

Sir Leonard and Lady Tilley are to spend Christmas at St. Stephen, the guests of Mrs. J. Chipman, and on their return will be accompanied by Miss Margaret Todd who is to visit at Government House.

The Misses Cullinen return from St. John Saturday next.

Although every one declares themselves to be just as busy as busy can be, yet a party always seems to bring time for its enjoyment, and the invitations for Friday evening next, at Mr. George King's, will doubtless bring all the recluses to light.

I noticed, the other day, in the studio of Mr. W. H. Edwards a most admirable crayon portrait of Dr. Todd, which has come from the pencil of Mr. Chester V. Chesley, of Boston, now in town. It is a true and pleasing likeness, most artistic in finish, and has won most favorable comment from all who have seen it.

The usual number of absentees are gathering home for the Christmas vacation. Among those expected this week, or who have already arrived, are Miss Annie Bonness and Miss Sullivan, from St. John; Miss Bertie Taylor, and Arthur and Fred Murchie, from Sackville, and Mr. Harry DeWolfe, from Wolfville.

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RICHIBUCTO, Dec. 20.—Mr. John McMillan, teacher of the advanced department, leaves this week for New Mills, where he has accepted a lucrative position. Although Mr. McMillan has only been here a short time he has made many friends. Mr. George Wathen will likely be appointed to the position made vacant by the resignation of Mr. McMillan. He is a competent and efficient teacher.

Mr. John Harrison, principal of the Grammar school, will spend his Christmas holidays at his home in Ormoco.

Mr. F. Lazarus, of London, England, will visit our town on or about January 5. While here he will be the guest of Mr. Percival Booth.

Mrs. Sarah Forster, now of Dorchester, has been summoned home on account of the serious illness of her father, Mr. James Forster.

Mr. Archy Irving has returned home from the Pictou academy, where he has been taking a special course, and will spend the holiday season in Buctouche.

Miss McMinn and Miss Bella McMinn will leave for Moncton this week to permanently reside there.

Colonel Mordaunt Samuel, of Manchester, England, will visit Richibucto this winter.

The many friends of Mr. James N. Forster will be pleased to learn that he has so far recovered as to be able to sit up.

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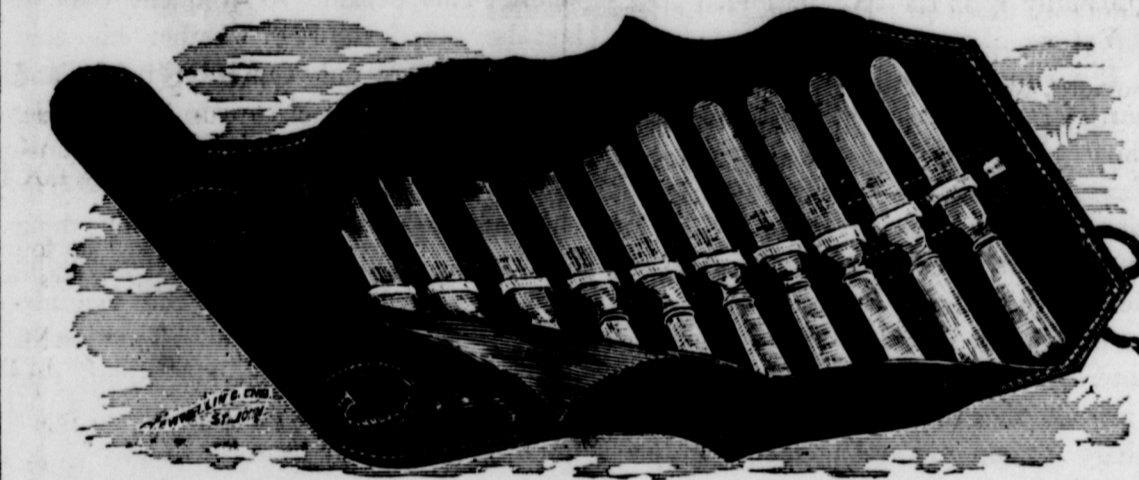
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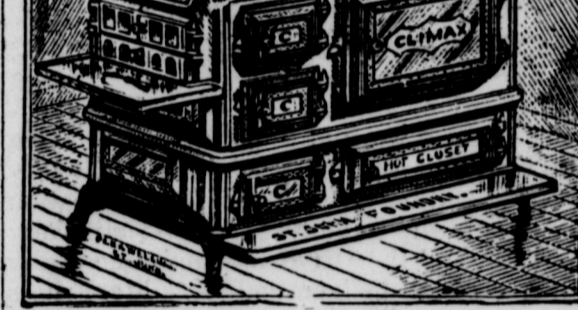
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