

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK IN ST. JOHN AND HALIFAX

And the Happenings in Social Circles of Fredericton, Moncton, Woodstock, Dorchester, Bathurst, Newcastle, Tracadie, Kingston and Amherst.

The craze or fancy which so many young girls have had of late years for becoming hospital nurses, though ridiculed and tabooed at the outset, is now beginning to show itself as a want long felt, and also a great comfort to many who are able to procure ladylike and experienced women to nurse and tend their suffering ones, especially in diseases of a contagious nature, when their friends and relations are debarred from being near them.

Another death from scarlet fever took place this week, when Mr. and Mrs. S. McLaren were called upon to part with their eldest child, a bright, engaging little boy, 18 months old. Like most cases of this kind, it was very sudden, the child only being ill three days, and, according to the law enforced by the board of health, obliged to be buried on the day of its death, making the sorrow harder for the bereaved parents to bear.

A young child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Palmer has been very seriously ill with this disease, but I am glad to say is now slowly recovering. The reception on board the City of Monticello attracted a large number of people on Saturday afternoon, and all seemed to enjoy this novel form of entertainment and admired the new steamer in a manner calculated to lead one to suppose them all well versed in nautical matters.

The band of the 92d Fusiliers, having had their rooms altered and renovated generally, held a reception for their friends on Wednesday evening when a good musical programme was carried out when the evening much enjoyed by all. I wonder if our new mayor, whoever he may be, will not be able to arrange matters so that we may have the pleasure of listening to some of the many good bands our city can boast of playing in the squares this summer.

It is not only that we derive pleasure from hearing good music, but it affords us a place of meeting with our friends, something St. John greatly stands in need of, not having "public gardens" like our Halifax neighbors. This want is most noticeable when "showing off" our city to strangers when they visit us. Another thing that is very obvious to a stranger's eye is the absence of pretty "turnouts," and this often surprises me that so few of our monied people seem willing to expend anything on good horses and pretty, stylish little "traps," that meet one's eye in so many other cities and what we so sorely lack.

I heard of a new form of entertainment at small dancing parties, much in vogue in upper Canada, and this new fad is to have sheets hung across one end of the drawing room, behind which all the girls of the party conceal themselves, only the toes of their shoes being visible. Then the male portion of the guests are asked to choose their partners by guessing at each "light fantastic toe" peeping from beneath the linen. As I hear there are a great many entertainments coming off after Easter, I am describing this novel arrangement in case some would like to adopt it.

Speaking of dancing, I was very well pleased one short time ago, to notice how well some of the younger members of our community are progressing in this art. I mean boys and girls from 16 to 17 years of age upwards. I understand that for the past winter two enterprising young ladies have jointly held a class for the instruction of dancers, and that accounted for the finished way these young people showed their skill, very easily putting some of their elders to the blush, who regularly frequent the ball room and bore their unhappy victims with their clumsy attempts.

Miss Fenell and Miss Furlong are visiting Boston. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Kingston, coadjutor bishop of the diocese, was in town this week the guest of Mr. G. Herbert Lee.

Mrs. George McLeod and Mrs. George F. Smith returned home on Saturday from Pictou, where they have been spending a short time. Mrs. C. D. Corey is ill with a severe attack of neuralgia.

Count and Mme. de Bury and family leave on Sunday, April 7, by one of the Furness line of steamers to spend a few months on the other side. Mr. J. de Wolfe Spurr has been confined to his house for the past week by illness, but is now convalescent.

The Misses Nicholson have returned from their visit to Boston. HALIFAX, N. S.

"Progress" is for sale in Halifax every Saturday noon, at Knoles' bookstore, corner George and Granville streets.

MARCH 27.—We are in the midst of the Lenten season and Halifax is very dull socially. True, we have had one wedding that has caused considerable excitement, and are promised another before Easter. But until the arrival of that joyous season I expect but little of interest to send PROGRESS.

The marriage of Miss Katherine Thomson, daughter of Mr. Cathart Thomson, to Rev. Mr. Bouchier, on Saturday, crowded old St. Paul's with the youth, beauty and middle age of Halifax. One of the young bridesmaids, Miss Maud Ritchie, will figure as one of the principals in a similar event on Tuesday next. Her trousseau, I understand, is exceedingly rich, and was imported from England.

Lady Thompson is in the city visiting her mother, who has been seriously ill. Hon. and Rev. H. Moreton will, it is said, shortly return to Halifax to reside permanently.

Bishop Courtney and family will immediately take possession of his new residence on Tobin street. His Lordship has just returned from a confirmation tour through the province. Capt. and Mrs. Black have gone to England. Capt. Black made many friends during his stay here.

Among the well known Halifaxians who left by the Alpha, on her last trip to Bermuda, were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doull, Mrs. Alex. Doull, Mr. Alex. Keith and the two Misses Keith. Prime Dhuicop Singh, A. D. C. to General Sir John Ross, has just returned from New York, where he signed largely in society. The New York society journals paid particular attention to the case. Sir John Ross will soon occupy his new residence in Spring Garden road. Then look out for a big stir.

Mrs. Sawyer and family, who were burnt out on this street, a short time ago, will soon leave for the country to spend the summer. I extend congratulations to Maj. Weston, of the Princess Louise Fusiliers, who will be off soon for England, with the Wimbledon team. He is a good fellow and a good soldier.

Miss Laura McLaughlin is the guest of Rev. Mr. WELBY. FREDERICTON.

"Progress" is for sale in Fredericton at the bookstores of W. T. H. Fenety and James Haethorn.

MARCH 27.—It will never do to allow Cecil Wynne to imagine that Moncton is the only town in New Brunswick that can boast of beautiful scenery. If I only had the courage, I could bring

such an array of beauty before the readers of PROGRESS that even Cecil Wynne himself would feel compelled to take a back seat. It was said a few years ago that St. John held the palm for the beauty of her young ladies, but I have been told by competent judges that Fredericton has taken this honor from the sister city during the past few years, and, judging from the number of very pretty young girls attending our schools, who in a few years will be the young ladies of the city, we will continue to hold the palm for some time to come.

There is a rumor of a large ball, to be given in the university, very soon after Lent is over. There will be three drive-whist parties this week—one this evening, at the residence of Mr. Henry Fair, and one tomorrow evening, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Long, and Friday another will be given by Mrs. David Hatt.

Mrs. Montgomery Campbell had a ladies' lunch party on Monday. Miss May Johnston had a small dancing party last evening. A very enjoyable evening was spent and dancing was kept up with unabated zeal until 2 o'clock this morning.

Miss Louise Fisher is spending a week with Mrs. Capt. Gregory. Mrs. F. B. Edgecomb will leave home on Monday to go to St. Stephen, where she will spend a month with her parents.

Mrs. Medley is quite ill with a very bad cold. The last carnival of the season will be held in the Marysville rink next Friday evening. Prof. Stockley will lecture in St. Dunstan's hall, next Sunday evening, under the auspices of the A. O. H.

Miss Louise McLaughlin, who has been here for some weeks visiting her aunt, Mrs. Capt. Akery, will return to her home in St. John next week. Lady Tilley's many friends will be sorry to hear that she sprained her ankle last Saturday coming out of the cathedral.

Hon. F. G. Ryan was called to his home at Carleton Place, Friday, by the death of Mrs. Ryan's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Clerk, of St. Stephen, are staying at the Queen.

Mr. A. B. Connell, of Woodstock, and Rev. M. F. Richards, of Rogersville, are among the guests of the Queen. Mr. Harry McNally has returned home from McGill college, Montreal, at his vacation.

Mrs. John Johnston, of Douglas, is visiting Mrs. Thos. Tibbits. MONCTON.

"Progress" is for sale in Moncton, at the bookstores of W. H. Murray and W. W. Black, Main street. [Our usual complete and interesting letter from Cecil Wynne has failed for some reason to come to hand this week. THE EDITORS.]

ST. STEPHEN. "Progress" is for sale in St. Stephen at the bookstores of C. H. Smith & Co. and G. S. Wall.

MARCH 27.—The town election, on Monday last, passed off very quietly. Most of the candidates were nominated and took their seats without opposition, only two of the old members offering for reelection. Mayor Chipman is succeeded in office by one of St. Stephen's well known and popular lawyers, Mr. W. C. Hazen Grimmer, and the choice gives general satisfaction.

On Tuesday last week, after the conclusion of business, Mayor Chipman entertained the members of the retiring council and the town officials with an oyster supper, in the coffee-house. One of the most thoroughly enjoyable drive-whist parties of the winter was given, on Friday evening last, by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Murchie. A large number of guests were present, and no pains were spared by their host and hostess to make one and all spend a pleasant evening. A most elaborate and "recherche" supper added its quota to the evening's enjoyment; and when thoughts turned homeward, the many expressions of appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Murchie's hospitality were most hearty and sincere.

On Saturday evening last, a merry party of young people, in honor of Mr. Walter Fairweather, of St. John. Two strolling sons of Italy, with harp and violin, furnished excellent and novel music to the feet of the happy young folks kept a lively accompaniment. Light refreshments were served, and when the party reluctantly separated, it was the unanimous verdict, "a perfectly delightful evening."

The concert in the new R. C. church on Wednesday evening last, was a complete success and was enjoyed by a large audience. Some of the voices were familiar to St. Stephen audiences, and several new ones made a most favorable impression. Particular mention is made of an "Ave Maria" by Miss Walker of Calais, and Dr. Kelley of St. Stephen. Mrs. Cullinan and Mrs. W. C. H. Grimmer were heartily applauded, as well as several selections by Father Dollard, and the old St. George favorites, Mr. Wetmore and Mr. Lynott.

Mr. A. C. Fairweather spent several days in town last week, returning to St. John on Wednesday. Mr. J. D. Chipman left this morning for a brief visit to Fredericton.

Mr. F. Whitney of Hartford, Conn., spent a few days in town recently, the guest of his brother, Dr. Seth Whitney.

Mr. John Thomas spent several days in St. Stephen last week. Rev. G. Shore is absent from town on a few weeks vacation.

Mr. Harry Stevenson leaves his position with Mr. G. F. Pinder on Monday next, and intends going to St. Andrews to make a change in his business. "Stevie" will be greatly missed by the boys.

DORCHESTER. "Progress" is for sale in Dorchester at George M. Fairweather's drugstore. MARCH 27.—Hon. Mr. Pugsley, speaker of the Assembly, was in Dorchester on Saturday, engaged in the Probate court.

Mr. F. W. MacDougal, of the Merchants bank, Sackville, was in town on Tuesday. Messrs. John H. Hickman and George F. Wallace left for Fredericton, Monday evening, to attend the Government stock sale.

Mr. M. G. Teed spent Saturday in Moncton. Mr. Frank Allwood, of St. John, is in town today and yesterday. The Misses Stronach, of Moncton, spent Sunday in Dorchester, the guest of Mrs. J. F. Teed.

Miss Hanington returned on Tuesday from Moncton, where she has been visiting Mrs. C. F. Hanington for the past six weeks. She was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Trixie Hanington. Miss Miliken, of St. John, has been making a short visit to Mrs. J. F. Teed.

Miss Annie Cook, daughter of Mr. T. V. Cook, of Moncton, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. B. Foster at the penitentiary. Mr. Allan W. Chapman has gone to New York to arrange for the sale of one of his Nova Scotia gold mines.

Messrs. G. B. Fowler and J. F. Teed, M. D., are absent at Spring Hill, Nova Scotia, visiting the sugar camps. Mr. H. C. Hanington spent Saturday and Sunday in Moncton with his friend Mr. J. H. Harris.

There has been a good joke going the rounds here at the expense of PROGRESS, and it would be a pity not to give you the benefit of it as well as your subscribers. It seems that a certain young man, whom we will call Smith for short, was engaged, in a fit of absent mindedness, in scribbling over the clean pages of the proprietor he dropped the pen and moved away from the counter, leaving there one of our well known merchants, whom we will call Brown.

"Now, who on earth has gone and written all over this?" asked the irate proprietor. "Brown did it," sweetly responded Smith. Brown fiercely disclaimed

any knowledge of the affair, at the same time casting a deep shade over Smith's reputation for veracity. "Come, now, Brown," said Smith, rubbing it in, "what's the use of you trying to get out of it in that way? You know very well you did it." Thereupon Brown waxed exceedingly wroth, and unbridled his tongue as follows: "You miserable liar! You mean, miserable sneak!! You blanked Halifax dude!!! You blanked, blanked CORRESPONDENT FOR PROGRESS!!!!" His revenge was accomplished. Language could go no further. Smith's reputation was irretrievably ruined, his business prospects blasted. He has never since been seen to smile, and is visibly withering under the foul breath of suspicion. Brown meanwhile, lives and thrives. Likewise Pansy.

The many friends of Miss Jane Gilbert were pained to hear of her sudden death on Monday morning. Miss Gilbert has been in rather feeble health for the past year or two, but her death was quite unexpected. She was seized with paralysis, Sunday evening, and remained unconscious until her death the following morning. Her funeral took place this afternoon, and was attended by a large number, many coming from a distance.

Although regretting the occasion of his visit, the people of Dorchester were delighted to see Rev. Richard Simonds, of Burton, Sunbury county, once more among them. Mr. Simonds was rector of Dorchester from 1878 to 1883, and still has numbers of warm friends in the parish. He is here in an account of Miss Gilbert's death. PANSY.

BATHURST. "Progress" is for sale in Bathurst at A. C. Smith & Co.'s store. MARCH 27.—Mr. W. R. Raey returned on Wednesday morning from St. John, where he has been spending a few days.

Mr. E. L. O'Brien paid a short visit to his parents during the week. I notice that there are two young gentlemen from your city, in town today—Mr. Cowan and Mr. Fred Reade.

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Mr. E. C. Jarvis arrived in Woodstock yesterday, to take charge of the Merchants' bank. Miss Whitlock, who has been spending a few days here, returned to Fredericton this afternoon. Miss Beveridge returned to her home in Andover today.

Mr. Thomas Murphy made a short visit to St. John, and returned via Fredericton. During his stay in the Celestial city he was the guest of Mr. Owens. (Continued on Eighth Page.)

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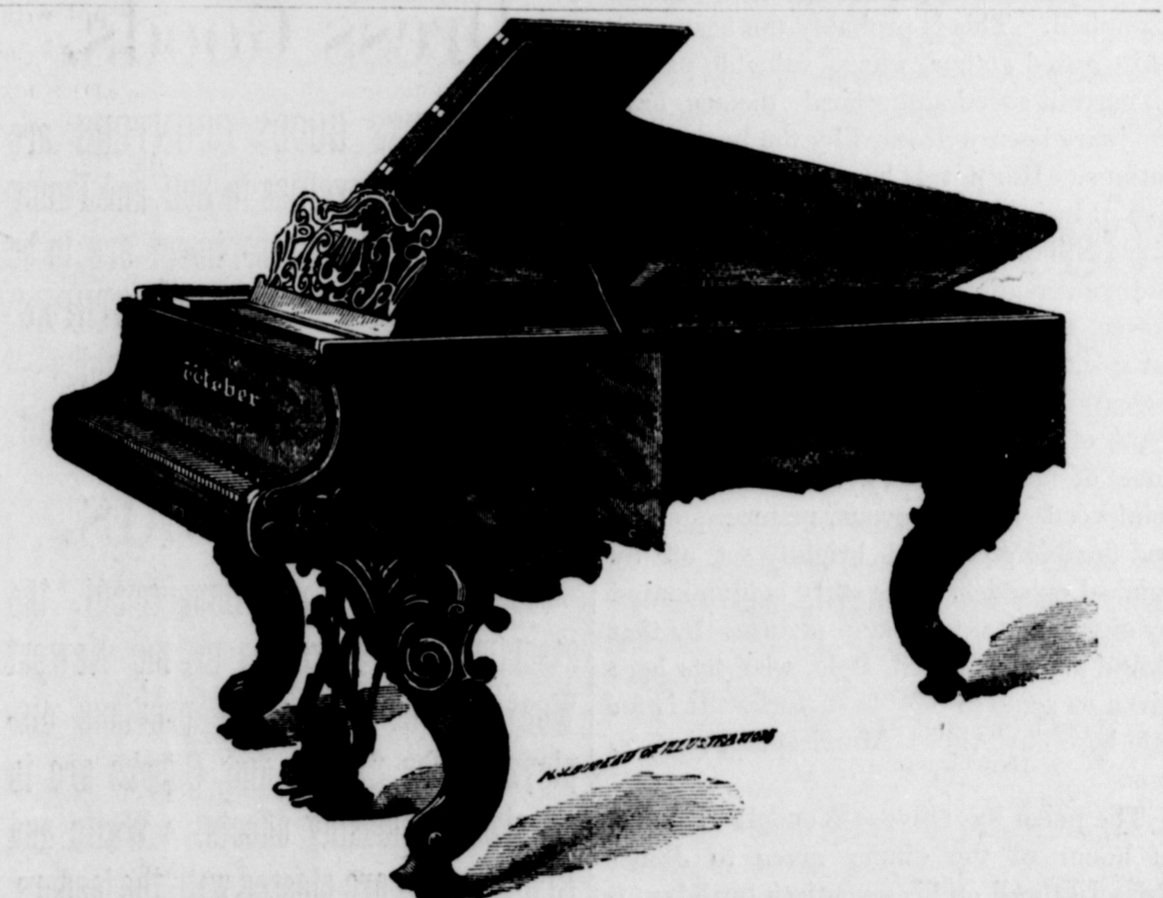
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