

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK IN ST. JOHN AND HALIFAX

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

Easter coming later this year has made it necessary for the florists to force the growth of some plants, while others have to be kept back. We ought to be very proud of our greenhouses, as few know how many well-kept ones we have in the suburbs of our city, there being at least seven or eight of them. It is really well worth while to pay these greenhouses a visit, as the caretakers are only too pleased to show them off to visitors.

The many friends of Mr. H. G. Mills were glad to welcome him back to St. John again this week, his removal not being a permanent one, as was anticipated.

The new bandmaster for the 62nd Fusiliers, Mr. F. H. Jones, has arrived in town, and commenced his duties this week. He is, from all I can learn, a first-rate man, and the band will no doubt receive much benefit from his instruction.

Rev. Mr. Reid, curate of St. Paul's church, who has been in poor health lately, intends leaving shortly for England on three months sick leave. Dr. and Mrs. Walker also leave in about a week's time and will probably be absent about four months.

Mr. A. J. Glazebrook left early this week on a holiday tour through the States.

Miss Fanny Gray, of Nova Scotia, is visiting Mrs. John Burpee, Mount Pleasant.

Mr. B. R. Macaulay has returned from his trip to England.

Mr. J. M. Keator, of the Bank of Montreal, is confined to the house with a slight attack of diphtheria.

Mr. George F. Smith left for England on Wednesday.

Bishop Courtney will preach in Trinity church on Sunday, April 28, at the 11 o'clock service.

Mr. T. Sherman Peters, of Gagetown, who formerly lived in St. John, met with a severe accident lately, lacerating his hands in such a way that three of his fingers had to be amputated.

Mr. A. Cogswell, of the Halifax Banking company, who has been temporary organist of Trinity church, has been ordered to Lunenburg, N. S. Until a permanent organist is engaged, Mr. G. C. Coster has kindly consented to undertake the duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Holden intend leaving their house on Mount Pleasant and will reside at "Nithbank" Marsh road.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jardine will move into town for the summer and have taken the house on King street east lately occupied by Mrs. R. M. Hazen.

Very entertaining lectures were given on Thursday and Friday evening by Mr. Villiers.

Mr. G. C. Coster intends building on the tennis ground facing Union street.

Mr. A. Macaulay has purchased the house on Princess street, at present occupied by Mayor Thorne.

I heard not long ago that a good test of the state your piano is in is that if a plant will flourish in the same room, the atmosphere that suits it will likewise be good for a piano.

MARRIED.

On Monday evening, the 8th inst., at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. Mr. Botterell, Miss Florence M. Baxter to William T. McElwee, of Portland, Me.

HALIFAX, N. S.

APRIL 10.—Mr. John Doull, Mrs. A. Doull and Miss Bigg returned from Bermuda by the Alpha, on her last trip. Mr. Proctor, of Moncton, also returned by the same steamer, much benefited by his holiday.

Prince Victor Dhuleep Singh has gone on a four weeks' visit to England.

We are not to have another performance by the Amateur Dramatic club this season, after all. It is understood, however, that the Wauanders will produce Gilbert's comedy, *Sweethearts*, at an early date.

That was a laughable little incident that happened to Mr. E. A. Seaton the other day. He was on board one of the outward-bound steamers, apparently bidding good bye to some friends, when he suddenly discovered that the ship was half way down the harbor. Mr. S. was, however, landed in the pilot's boat just outside the port, and eventually turned up in the city all right. We were all glad to have the "king" back with us again. Quite a number of his friends would have lamented very deeply any such hurried or unwilling departure on his part.

Mrs. Langley's "at home" last Thursday afternoon was a most enjoyable affair. A very large number were present in spite of the wretched weather and all agreed that it was the most enjoyable "tea fight" the season.

Col. and Mrs. O'Brien have gone on a brief visit to the United States.

Among the engagements recently announced are Mr. John Stairs to Miss Ferrugia and Mr. Bordon, the well known barrister to Miss Bond.

WELBY.

FREDERICTON.

APRIL 10.—The whist party given last Friday evening, by Mrs. Murray, was said to be one of the most enjoyable affairs of the kind given this winter. The genial host and his pleasant wife left nothing undone to insure the enjoyment of their guests. Delicious bon-bons and ice cream were served throughout the evening, and at the usual hour a sumptuous supper. The first prize was won by Mrs. T. Whitehead and Dr. Coulthard.

Another delightful whist party was given last evening, by Mrs. James Tibbitts. About 40 guests were present, and everything was done by the hostess and her daughters to make the evening's entertainment a success. The first prize was won by Mrs. J. K. Hazen and Mr. White, ex-sheriff of Annapolis; the ladies' prize was a handsome button-press card receiver, the gentlemen's a bronze inkstand, which was also very pretty. Ice cream was served through the evening, and a delicious supper later. The ladies were all in full evening dress, some very handsome costumes being as follows:

Mrs. McLellan, St. John: A elegant black satin, heavily trimmed with jet, made with long train, low bodice and short sleeves; ornaments, diamonds. Mrs. Mitchell, St. Stephen: A very rich black velvet, low-cut bodice, jet trimmings. Mrs. J. K. Hazen: Handsome black velvet court train over old gold satin petticoat, covered with rich black lace. Mrs. Forrester: An exceedingly pretty costume of rich brown satin, beautifully trimmed with beaded ornamentation same shade as dress, low-cut corsage and short sleeves; ornaments, diamonds. Mrs. L. S. C. Vanwart, of Montserrat, daughter of Mrs. Tibbitts: Handsome fawn-colored silk trimmed with a darker shade; ornaments, diamonds. Mrs. Douglas Hazen: An elegant costume of minko silk, long train, low corsage and short sleeves. Miss Richards: Handsome black silk with lace trimmings. Mrs. Harry Beckwith: A very pretty grey silk with garnet trimmings.

The sacred concert, last Thursday evening, drew a large and appreciative audience. It was under the patronage of Sir Leonard and Lady Tilley, and the metropolitan of Canada was also present. The singers both sang and looked their best.

Mrs. Black looked exceedingly well in a rich black satin, en train, and trimmed with apple green neck, elbow sleeves and handsome corsege; bouquet of pale roses, long black gloves. Mrs. Cameron wore black brocade satin, with grey drapery and pink trimmings, black gloves. Mrs. Lugrin, wore a very pretty crimson cashmere dress, trimmed with tulle and satin ribbon same shade as dress, corsage cut square, no sleeves, long crimson silk gloves. Miss Lugrin is a handsome brunette, with a tall, willowy figure, and she

looked particularly well in this costume. She is considered one of our best singers, and received a hearty encore after her solo, "The King of Home." Miss Stanger is a very sweet contralto singer. Her solo, "Light in the Darkness," was highly appreciated, and the audience was anxious to hear her again, but she only responded to their encore by a pleasant bow. She wore a pretty dress of cream cashmere and surah, short sleeves and long fastened gloves.

Mrs. Black is certainly to be congratulated upon the success of her concert, which netted \$90.

Col. and Mrs. Mammel gave a small dinner party last Tuesday evening.

Attorney-General and Mrs. Blair gave the last of their series of dinner parties for the season last Saturday evening. There were sixteen couples present.

Mrs. George V. Dibblee had a small lunch party at the Barker house last Tuesday. Miss Jeannie Winslow spent a few days with Mrs. Dibblee at the Barker, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sturdee, of St. John, were at the Barker House for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Nutson, who have been at the Queen for some time, leave this week for their home in New York.

Mr. Wm. Elligood, uncle of Mrs. Wm. Phair of this city, died at his home, Dumfries, last Saturday, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Rivert, daughter of Mr. Howie, is here with her four children from Lowell, Mass., visiting her father. She will remain for a few months.

Mrs. G. R. Parkin has heard of the safe arrival of Mr. Parkin in New Zealand.

Mrs. Beard has returned to her home at Tobique. Mr. James Peak returned home from McGill college last Friday.

Mr. Douglas, M. P. P., was called to his home at Moore's Mills, Charlotte county, last week, by the serious illness of his only son, a young man of 18 years.

Mrs. Nellie Allen has returned home from her trip to Boston.

STELLA.

MONCTON.

APRIL 10.—For the third time, in less than three months, my weekly letter to PROGRESS failed to perform the short journey between Moncton and St. John, in safety, and last week's failure is the more inexcusable one of the three, for—bitter experience having taught me that the letter-box at Moncton station was only for ornament, and that once a letter was committed to its iron embrace, especially if the letter was addressed to St. John, its future fate was shrouded in awful uncertainty—I posted last week's MSS. at the general post office, and listened with a sigh of satisfaction, and misplaced confidence, to the slight "chud" it made as it alighted in the box beneath the slot.

And yet, once more that hapless MSS. "fell among thieves" by the way!

Now, it is a well established fact that the appearance of PROGRESS is awaited each week with great eagerness by the community at large, but there is evidently some ardent, feverish soul, somewhere on the route between the two cities, whose impatience overcomes his prudence, as well as his integrity—if he ever had any—who cannot wait until the popular weekly is printed, but must find out what it is going to contain, in advance, and to this person I would suggest that, in the interest of the editors of PROGRESS, of the general public, who are being disappointed each week, and last—though by no means least—in the interest of the correspondent himself, who writes, not for glory, but cash, he will kindly seal up Cecil Gwynne's packet, as soon as he has mastered its contents, and readdress it to its destination. Surely this is not asking too much? I begin to think there is but one way of getting important letters safely to St. John: the sender had better purchase a railway ticket, and take the letter himself, if he cannot afford to employ a runner, as did the men of old.

But it is useless to reprove, so I had better try to gather up the fragments, give a summary of three weeks news, and endeavor to make up in quantity anything that may be lacking in freshness.

Already there are rumors of Easter gaities floating in the air, vague and undefined as yet, but probably soon to take definite shape.

Among other dissipations, I hear mysterious hints of a ball of some kind, but as yet they have not crystallized into anything certain.

Of the amusements which have passed beyond the realm of speculation and become facts, I must give honorable mention to a grand Easter concert, which is to take place at the Opera house, on Easter Tuesday, under the leadership of Mrs. J. S. Benedict and Mr. Sobieski, announcing which large posters, of highly fashionable colors—ranging from old rose to apple-green—and ornate design already decorate the principal thoroughfares of the town, and attract large crowds to the shop windows.

That the entertainment will be a success goes without saying, the names of those in charge being a sufficient guarantee of its excellence, and as the funds are for a most worthy object—the building fund for the new St. George's rectory—I trust the Opera house will be crowded.

A great many things have happened during the past three weeks, for the march of events has continued with its usual regularity; even though the voice of the Moncton correspondent has been dumb to all but the festive postal clerk. Visitors have come, and, alas! they have also gone. Miss McCurdy, of Chatham, who has been visiting Mrs. Butcher, returned to her home some three weeks ago. Miss Wright, of St. John, who spent some weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Staver, has also left, leaving a track of desolation behind her—a track strewn with masculine hearts in various stages of fracture, whose numerous breaks, I fear, all the patent cement in the dominion will never mend.

And now, last and worst blow of all, Miss Thomson has departed, her natural guardians at Newcastle being selfish enough to want her at home. After all, perhaps we are the selfish ones, for not satisfied with having two sisters—Mrs. Butcher and Mrs. Staver—for ourselves, we want to keep all three.

Dr. Somers, one of Moncton's popular professional men, has been obliged to give up work for a time and take a long vacation, on account of falling health. Dr. Somers never quite recovered from a severe attack of typhoid fever, two years ago, but hopes that a long sea voyage, followed by a sojourn in the south of France, will completely restore his health. His many friends unite in wishing him a prosperous voyage and, above all, a safe return.

By the way, this reminds me Dr. Somers has merely set sail upon the broad waters of the Atlantic with every prospect of returning in the near future; but I have heard lately that another prominent young D. D. S., well known in social circles, contemplates embarking in the near future upon a much more troubled and uncertain sea, even the sea of matrimony, over which there is no returning-untilers, of course, one is fortunate enough to live in Chicago. But the voyager in question has shown such wisdom in his choice of a pilot that I am sure his life voyage will be sailing over a sunny sea, "with joy at the helm and pleasure at the prow."

Mrs. McCleod, of St. John, is in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. Borden.

Miss Thomson, of Newcastle, who has been visiting her niece, Mrs. C. J. Butcher, returned to her home yesterday morning, accompanied by Miss Addie Thomson.

I understand that our Dramatic club, about whose safety there have been serious apprehensions lately, owing to its sudden disappearance from public life, is still alive and will be heard from very shortly, having revived with the flowers that bloom in the spring. Needless to say, we are all rejoiced at the good news, and look forward to something more than usually tempting, after such a long rest.

Telephonic communication has been opened between Moncton and Father Bellevue's residence at Fox Creek. There was a formal opening last Thursday evening, when an address was read over

the telephone to Judge Botsford in his law chambers, from a number of the residents of Fox Creek. The judge represented Westmorland in the legislature in the days prior to Confederation, and is still greatly esteemed by the older French electors. The address, which was in most flattering and affectionate terms, was distinctly heard by the recipient, who also replied over the telephone, the reply being received by Mr. A. D. LeBlanc, and by him translated into French for the assembled Acadians, of whom there were a large number present. Judge Botsford is greatly pleased at this mark of kindly remembrance from his old friends.

Mrs. C. J. Osman, of Hillsboro, paid a short visit to Moncton on Thursday.

Mr. H. A. Price, private secretary to Mr. Pottier, and Mr. W. F. Proctor, of the Bank of Montreal, Moncton, arrived at Halifax on Friday last, by the Alpha, from their trip to Bermuda. Mr. Price returned at once to Moncton, Mr. Proctor remaining over Sunday with relatives in Halifax. Both gentlemen are slightly embrowned by the tropical sun, and look all the better for their voyage.

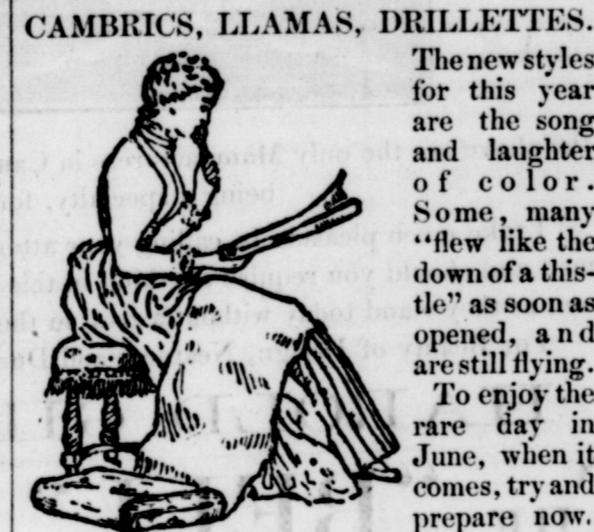
Mr. W. C. Milner, of Sackville, was in town Thursday. Just at present, Mr. Milner's time is chiefly occupied in shaking hands, and responding in such graceful terms as occur to him at the moment to the warm congratulations of his numerous friends, in which Cecil Gwynne begs the privilege of joining most cordially. May this latest blossom on the family tree grow up to be as popular a newspaper man as his father was before him. I can give him no better wish.

Mrs. P. S. Archibald left town on Friday, for Antigonish, where she will spend some days. Mrs. Archibald has been suffering from a slight attack of scarlet fever, and will no doubt find the change beneficial.

The second of a series of popular entertainments by the young people of St. John's Presbyterian church, was given, in the basement of the church, on Wednesday evening. The programme, which is too lengthy to be given in full here, was well carried

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Messrs. Kelly & Sobieski, the ever popular photographers, are with us once more, and everybody who is anybody is flocking to their studio.

I noticed such a number of Dorchester people on Main street, last Thursday that, for a moment, I was uncertain whether I was in Dorchester or Moncton. Among others were Mr. Forster, warden of the penitentiary, Mr. E. B. Chandler, Mr. M. G. Teed, and Mr. W. B. Chandler.

Mrs. H. H. Schaeffer, of Point du Cheu, paid a short visit to Moncton on Friday.

And now, let me assure my fair contemporary, Stella, that I have never for one moment doubted Fredericton's ability to challenge all competition as regards the beauty of its ladies, and I only wish she had as much confidence in her own powers of description as her readers have, and would take up her facile pen, at once, and tell us about them. But when it comes to speaking of the younger nymphs, those who are not yet quite out of the schoolroom, who are standing on the brink as it were of society, I would be almost inclined to dispute the supremacy of the Celestial city over Moncton. In fact, my pen fairly aches to describe some of them, they are so very, very pretty.

I think that in the congregation of St. George's church alone, there are two or three who are charming enough to make even that insufferable prude,

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