

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK IN ST. JOHN AND HALIFAX

And the Happenings in Social Circles of Fredericton, St. Stephen, Woodstock, Dorchester, Chatham, Newcastle and Miramichi.

Miss Lucy Jaffrey, daughter of Rev. Wm. Jaffrey of St. Mary's, is visiting relatives on Princess street.

Rev. Niels Hansen, quite well known in St. John, where he attended the Grammar school some years ago, paid a flying visit to town this week.

Rev. Rector Roberts' beaming countenance greeted his friends Wednesday and Thursday. The rector finds St. John's muddy elevations and mild weather pleasant changes, accustomed as he is to Fredericton's snow covered flats.

The bangle bracelet has become a thing of history, and for three or four years the numismatians have pursued their coin-collecting way quietly and unmolested by the attention of humorous paragraphers.

It would be difficult to find an Episcopalian who takes a greater interest in the work of his church than Hon. D. L. Hanington. He was attending some meetings of important committees in the city, Thursday.

I heard, some days ago, that the metropolitan's sight was failing him. One would not think of it to see the confidence and firmness of his tread along the street.

The whist party at Hon. D. McLellan's, Thursday evening, was a very genial, happy gathering. Every guest enjoyed himself exceedingly, and the ladies have given up the idea that men's parties are stupid affairs.

Miss Gertrude Scovil is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Chas. McDonald.

Miss Magee went to Boston Thursday evening, to spend some time in the rushing New England city.

St. Paul's church choir was pleasantly entertained, Tuesday evening, at the residence of Mr. G. Merritt, Germain street.

I heard two ladies trying to count the brides that St. John would see before spring. They had not finished the list an hour later, and the prospects are that PROGRESS' readers will have a surfeit of such news.

Mr. J. Roy Campbell returned from Dorchester, where he has been spending his vacation at his father's, Rev. J. Roy Campbell, Wednesday evening. He proposes to practice his profession in St. John and is at present in Dr. I. Allen Jack's office.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Chandler returned to Dorchester last Saturday. Mrs. Chandler was visiting at her mother's, Mrs. MacNanara, Sydney street.

The "tea gown" seems to have come up and possessed the land. As being the most artistic dress of modern times, offering a wide choice of rich material, exquisite combination of color, and originality of design, and affording an opportunity for the use of long, graceful folds, somewhat similar to those so much admired in the ancient Greek costume, it bears its honors thick upon it, and deserves them. It is charitable toward the defects of an angular figure and adds to the beauty of a graceful figure and carriage.

The arbiters of fashion have decided that a woman who cannot look pretty in a tea gown could not possibly look pretty in any costume. One of the latest fancies is the Edward VI sleeves, which fall nearly to the edge of the skirt.

Two social events of next week that promise enjoyment and pleasure, are parties at Mrs. Judge Watters', Wednesday, and at Mrs. H. D. Troop's, Thursday evenings.

A large number of St. John ladies are preparing for the ball at Government house and I hear of some magnificent dresses that are being gotten up for the occasion.

An early wedding at Stone church the first of the week will try the late risers who wouldn't miss seeing such an event for the world.

Mrs. W. McLaughlin leaves tomorrow evening for a trip to New York and Philadelphia.

Miss Odell, of St. Andrews, is visiting friends in the city.

A marriage in Trinity church, in the near future, is awaited with considerable interest. The young lady is handsome and popular, and the gentleman—well, he is to be congratulated.

HALIFAX, N. S.

JANUARY 9.—The Orpheus club's production of The Bohemian Girl is being looked forward to with interest. Rehearsals have not been going on vigorously since a while before Christmas, owing to Conductor Porter's absence. The latter, I think, is beginning to realize that there is a lot of hard work and worry connected with the presentation of an opera, especially when one has only raw material to work with. Not that the Orpheus singers are not the best in the city, but they have had no operatic experience. The chorus will be, to the audience, the strong attraction, as some of our prettiest girls will be in it. As gypsies they will have to don the regulation dress—13 inches from the instep, and if there is anything Halifax masculinity has a weakness for, it is pretty ankles. Halifax dudedom and Halifax bald-headism will be strongly to the front on this interesting occasion.

Last night's fancy dress ball at the residence of Mr. George E. Franklyn, was attended largely. The object of the dance was to raise money for a mission. It is not often that we trip the light fantastic for the good of the church; but the pockets of the people must be reached, and this seems to have been an excellent method of getting the dollars from a number who might otherwise have held on to them. The assembly was mixed, but was select for all that. There was a sprinkling of blue blood more or less aristocracy. A real live prince—Victor Dhuleep Singh—dressed as

a baby, allowed the throng to have as much fun with him as it wished; and Sir John Ross, the commander of her majesty's forces in British North America, danced and enjoyed himself the same as an ordinary everyday sort of a person. Among the ladies, Miss Bayard, of St. John, attracted attention. She was attired in a black lace and satin dress, with maize colored sash. The lady also made a liberal display of diamonds.

Mr. William Miller, Halifax's only millionaire, lives with his family, in the fine residence on the banks of the North-West Arm, formerly occupied by the province. Hill, at one time premier of the province. Mr. Miller has several daughters, and entertains liberally, although balls are never indulged in at his house. His son, who is in his father's business, is a tall, clean-faced young man, very English in his dress and manners.

At the academy of music, Jay Hunt and company, whom you have seen are attracting large audiences. Our good archbishop, a few days ago, unintentionally gave the show a good advertisement. His grace had occasion to recommend to his flock an entertainment at the academy, to be given in aid of a charitable society connected with the church, and in doing so he intimated that it would be far better for the public to buy tickets for charity entertainments than to patronize the company now occupying the academy. Directly opposite the residence of the Archbishop are two large bill boards. On these are flaming pictures of pretty-faced females, liberally displaying bare arms and legs. His Grace perhaps took these as an index of the entertainment to be offered by the Hunt company. At all events the pictures and the Archbishop's remarks served to make the people curious and they flocked to the academy. I need hardly add that the performances are strictly clean and the performers modest, since St. John gave the company a warm welcome.

I shall pay attention next week to some coming society events, for the benefit of PROGRESS.

WELBY.

FREDERICTON.

JANUARY 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Frederick P. Robinson, who were married in Portland, Me., Jan. 1, arrived here last night, and are the guests of Col. Beverly Robinson. They will leave the city tomorrow.

The party at Capt. Powys', last Thursday evening, was a very pleasant affair. About 100 guests were present, and Miss Rachel Maunsell was said to be the belle. She wore a very pretty pale blue silk dress, with tulle draperies of the same shade. Miss Laura Wetmore also looked well, as she always does in pale blue velvet. Mrs. Mayor Hazen wore a handsome black lace dress.

Invitations are out for a ball at government house, to take place Thursday evening, Jan. 31.

Lady Tilley is giving a series of progressive angling parties, at government house. The fourth one will be held tomorrow evening, when there will be eight tables. These parties are something new here, and are very much enjoyed.

The few who went to the City hall, last evening, to hear Miss Daisy Beverly's Shakespearian readings were very much pleased. She certainly deserved a larger audience. Miss Beverly displays great dramatic power, has a pleasant voice, winning manner and fine presence. Her elegant costumes have been quite the theme of conversation today among the ladies who were in last night's audience. For the first part of the entertainment she wore a very handsome cream satin, the front embroidered in pearls, long train. As Lady Macbeth, her dress was an elegant royal purple plush, with side panels of pale pink satin, plaited, long train, and cut square in the neck. She also carried an exquisite fan of pale pink ostrich feathers, with an elegant bird of various bright colors on one side.

Mrs. Beverly gave a large party at Grape cottage, Brunswick street, Monday evening, in honor of her granddaughter, Miss Daisy, whose home is in New York. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed, dancing being the principal amusement.

Mr. and Mrs. George Y. Diblee gave a very pleasant dinner party at the Barker house New Year's day, consisting of six or eight couples. The dinner was served at 1:30 o'clock, in Mr. Colman's best style. Mr. Diblee left home this morning for Montreal.

There is to be a child's party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sewell, Springhill, Friday evening.

I have heard that the curlers are also going to give one of their popular balls this winter.

Miss Bessie Jack will soon be leaving home for St. Andrews, where she will spend the rest of the winter.

In a recent conversation with Lady Tilley about the Victoria hospital, she told me that ever since the opening they had had as many inmates as they could attend to with their present staff of nurses. She also told me that in order to defray some extra expenses in connection with the hospital she intended later in the winter to have an entertainment of some kind, and that Mrs. Temple, from St. John, was coming to assist her in getting it up.

Miss Janey Roberts will leave home about the 15th of this month for Cambridge, Mass., where she will visit her cousin, Mrs. Ganong.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. F. Randolph arrived home this afternoon from Boston, bringing their little son, who has quite recovered from his severe illness.

Hon. A. G. Blair and Hon. F. P. Thompson are in Montreal.

Mr. John Beverly is here visiting his friends after a long absence in the Western states.

Mr. Frank Gregory has returned home from his trip to the United States.

Miss Christine Cameron left home yesterday for Halifax, to attend the Presbyterian college, where she will take a full course. She was accompanied as far as St. John by her mother and sister.

Rev. J. C. McDevitt entertained the choir of St. Dunstan's church at dinner at his residence, Thursday evening. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

The University Y. M. C. A. reading room will be formally opened next Monday evening, when Sir Leonard Tilley will occupy the chair. There will be addresses by Rev. Mr. Mowatt, Rev. D. Sprague and other gentlemen, and musical selections.

Mr. T. G. Brown, surgeon of the I. S. C., met with a painful accident last Wednesday afternoon, which will confine him to his home for some time.

Miss Eva M. Orchard, of St. John, returned home last Saturday, after spending her vacation with the Misses Cropley of this city.

The coadjutor bishop has been suffering from throat trouble, which prevented him from going to St. John this week, and taking part in the deliberations of important church committees.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenety and family and Mrs. Millidge leave in the American train, Tuesday morning, for Boston en route for Tallahassee, Florida. They will spend two days in Boston and board the steamer for Savannah, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. E. L. O'Brien, late of the Normal school teaching staff, and now inspector of schools for Victoria, Madawaska and Kent, was the recipient of a complimentary banquet at the Queen hotel, Monday evening, tendered him by his fellow members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and other friends. Among the guests was Hon. R. J. Ritchie, who came from St. John for the occasion. It was a highly successful and enthusiastic affair.

CHATHAM.

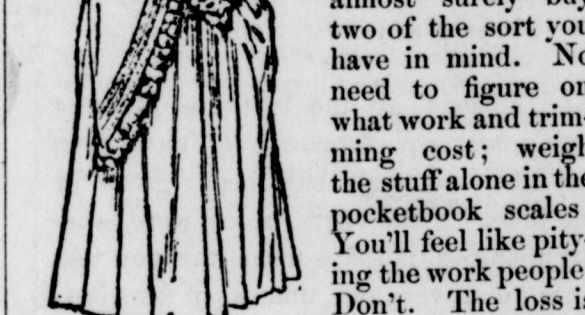
JANUARY 9.—The most interesting event of the New Year took place Tuesday afternoon, when Miss Kate Welsh, daughter of Councillor Welsh of Pokemouche, was united in the bonds of matrimony to Mr. James Clowery. The bride was tastefully dressed in a seal brown travelling suit, with bonnet to match. The happy couple hold an "at home," Jan. 15. The principal topic of conversation, especially among the ladies, is "Are you going to the german this evening?"

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The carnival of bargains is here and to be here. Of course you read what we print? It long since came about that you couldn't afford not to. What has been true will be truer and truer all along this January.

There was a very pleasant levee at the residence of Mr. A. Burr, Tuesday morning.

Miss Edith Sherriff has returned from a lengthy visit to Boston.

Mr. W. B. Snowball and T. DesBrisay have gone on a short visit to Fredericton.

Mr. H. Muirhead has returned from his trip to England, looking hale and hearty as usual.

The ladies are all busily engaged at the new fancy crochet work called Terry, which bids fair soon to rival the famous crazy work.

And now, PROGRESS, your correspondent must bid you farewell, for reasons known to us both as well as to some other parties.

WOODSTOCK.

JANUARY 9.—Miss Mutart, who has been visiting Miss Jones for the last two weeks, left this evening for her home, in Prince Edward Island.

Miss Hunt, of St. Andrews, is in town this week.

Mons. Masson is now in charge of the Berlitz class organized by M. Ingres.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Moore are expected to return from their western trip next week.

Miss Anna Dawson went to St. John, today. While there she will be the guest of Mrs. T. Harrison.

Miss Bessie Howard returned to her home, in St. Andrews, last week.

Miss Gertrude Jones and Miss Shenton will leave for Sackville this week.

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