

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

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MONCTON.

[Our always bright contribution from Moncton failed to reach us this week. PROGRESS' readers will not regret it more than THE EDITORS.]

ST. STEPHEN.

JANUARY 9.—The very general observance of the week of prayer has made the present week a quiet one, and there is positively nothing in a social way to speak of. I should like to tell you of two or three pretty costumes that have been worn in St. Stephen lately. I have frequently heard strangers quoted as saying that St. Stephen ladies were among the best dressed in the province. Dress is an index of thought, and in view of this fact alone no woman can afford to neglect it. One house dress, which has been particularly admired by the wearer's friends, is of very deep blue cashmere, made in the popular directoire style with revers and cuffs of velvet of the same shade, and an old-gold satin vest heavily embroidered in gold.

The ball dress of a charming young debutante, a few weeks ago, was, she assured me, the work of her own fingers. The plain skirt and bodice were of white nun's veiling, the square-cut corsage filled in with dotted tulle, and pale blue ribbons and surah sash of the same delicate shade, together with white undressed gloves, completed a most dainty costume.

The friends of Hon. James Lynott are pained to hear of his serious and continued illness, caused by a painful accident to his ankle.

Mr. P. G. McFarlane spent a few days during vacation at his home near Fredericton.

Rev. W. B. Thomas has been spending a week in town visiting several of his friends.

Mr. Edward Jack, of Fredericton, was in town over Sunday, the guest of Mr. Henry Todd.

Judge Palmer, of St. John, was in town last Monday.

Miss Dienstadt, of St. John, is at present in St. Stephen, the guest of Dr. Dienstadt.

Miss Clara E. Bridges of Fredericton, has succeeded Miss Sands in the King street schools.

Mr. E. Smith spent New Year's in Fredericton.

Miss Lyle has returned from her trip to Boston.

Miss Elva Harrison left last week for her home in St. John. On leaving the choir of the Methodist church, Miss Harrison was presented with a handsome piece of statuary.

Mr. J. W. T. Grant, after spending a pleasant holiday among his old friends, has returned to resume his work for the well-known Boston firm with which he has become deservedly popular.

I have to record the serious illness of Mr. William Grimmer, one of the well-known citizens of St. Stephen, who for a long time held a position in the customs department, but was obliged some time ago to retire, owing to failing health.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Todd made a brief trip to Boston, last week. Mrs. Charles Eaton, jr., of Milltown, accompanied by Miss Alice Todd, left today for Palatka, Fla., where they will spend the winter.

Mr. Louis Dexter is spending a few days in Milltown. Mr. N. W. Brown, of the U. N. B. spent New Year's in town.

DORCHESTER.

JANUARY 10.—A large number turned out on Tuesday to witness the opening of the January session of the supreme court, by Sir J. C. Allen. On the judges' platform I noticed Lady Smith, Mrs. D. L. Hanington, Mrs. P. A. Landry, Mrs. Joshua Chandler, Miss I. S. Chandler, Mrs. T. A. Kinnear, Mrs. J. R. Campbell, Mrs. M. G. Teed, Mrs. H. R. Emmerson, Mrs. Thos. Keillor, Miss Robinson, Miss Maud Hanington, Miss Grierson, and Mrs. David Chapman. His honor Judge Botsford occupied a seat by the chief justice.

Miss Sarah Forster has returned from Richibucto, where she has been visiting her father.

Mr. Fred Fairweather, of Sussex, who is attending the Dalhousie law school, spent a few days here, this week, with his brother, Mr. George M. Fairweather, on his way back to Halifax. Mr. Fairweather's father was also in town for a short visit, last week.

Miss Nellie Robinson returned to St. John on Monday. Miss Kerr returned to Halifax the same day.

Miss S. B. Robinson goes to Sackville tomorrow to visit her sister, Mrs. J. F. Allison. She hopes to return to Dorchester shortly.

Mr. J. R. Campbell, jr., left for St. John yesterday, to enter on the practice of the law, carrying with him the good wishes of his many Dorchester friends.

Mrs. T. A. Kinnear, of Sackville, is in town with Mr. Kinnear, who is engaged in court.

Messrs. J. L. Black, M.P.P., and Geo. E. Ford, of Sackville, were in town on Tuesday.

The Misses Dessie and Etta Chapman returned yesterday from Sackville, where they have been visiting friends at the ladies academy.

Miss Annie Hickman of Amherst, is visiting Miss Teresa Hay, at the residence of Mr. Joseph Hickman, her uncle.

Sir John C. Allen is stopping, during his stay here, with Mr. and Mrs. David Chapman.

Mr. D. L. Hanington is attending court in St. John.

Among the strangers in town attending court, are Messrs. E. A. Charters, of Sussex, R. Barry Smith, Harvey Atkinson, R. A. Borden, C. A. Steeves, D. I. Welsh, J. A. Harris, and R. W. Hewson, of Moncton, and T. A. Kinnear, A. W. Bennett and E. L. Ford, of Sackville.

Miss Grierson, of Kent, and Miss Steeves of Albert, have been engaged to take charge respectively of the primary and intermediate departments of the Superior school, in place of Miss Richardson and Mr. Neales, who have left Dorchester.

Dr. J. F. Teed, of Moncton, spent Sunday at his old home in Dorchester.

FANSY.

NEWCASTLE.

JANUARY 9.—Society has been recuperating after the holiday dissipation and the usually gay shire town has been decidedly quiet.

Miss Haddow is visiting Miss Thomson at the "Rocks."

Mr. John Ferguson made a flying visit to New York, last week, bringing back with him his brother, Dr. Ferguson. A few days' rest will, no doubt, improve his health.

Miss L. Call and her brother left suddenly for Colorado last week.

Mr. E. Sinclair returned from New York, last week, and has been ill since with lumbago.

Mrs. J. Maltby, of Brandon, is visiting Mrs. Maltby, of Pleasant street.

Mr. W. A. Park, of the customs, has bought a new horse. He expects to distance everything on the road in a short time. Men are at work now levelling a track, from the lower end of Castle street to the "Pines," and after such trouble and training, it ought to do something.

The young ladies who enjoy tobogganing are waiting for their gentlemen friends to present them with a ticket, and therefore the opening is postponed indefinitely.

Mr. Clarence Mitchell is in town.

BUTTONS.

CALAIS, MAINE.

I. A little buzz in a city grew.— Listen to my tale of woe— A little buzz of tender hue, At first heard only, by very few But it grew! It grew! Listen to my tale of woe.

II. She heard a word and he heard two— Listen to my tale of woe— Then the trouble began to brew, That your correspondent couldn't subdue, Boo hoo! Boo hoo! Listen to my tale of woe.

III. This little buzz of doleful hue— (Listen to my tale of woe)— Originated from papers two— One the Commercial, the other you. Just two! Just two! Listen to my tale of woe.

IV. The reason is obvious to one's view— Listen to my tale of woe— Friends not mentioned it did not suit, Son grapes is the name of the fruit, The fruit! The fruit! Listen to my tale of woe.

V. I can't please all 'tis very true— Listen to my tale of woe— The number of persons who were put in Pretended to think it a dreadful sin; Too thin! Too thin! Listen to my tale of woe.

VI. Deep under the sod where daisies grow— Listen to my tale of woe— The "Calais Chat" will have to go, 'Twas ever thus, "I told you so," You so. You so. Thus ends my tale of woe.

EPIGRAMS.

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen

MARIA ANNING'S GOLD.

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that she was not interested in any of the corporations for which trusts were made, and did not even know their names or objects.

Ellen McPherson is the mother of Trustee McPherson, and it is charged that she was named in the deed at his solicitation or suggestion.

It is alleged that at the time the deed was made Maria Anning had no legal adviser present, nor had she previously consulted one. That she was of weak mind, subject to hallucinations and not competent to dispose of her property. And that for some time she had been kept and detained at the McPherson house, under the influence of Ellen McPherson and her husband.

Then comes the charge that the trust deed was drawn by A. A. Stockton and executed by Maria Anning while Stockton and Lawrence were acting as attorneys of the Baltimore heirs and Lawrence and McPherson were acting as attorneys of Maria Anning.

The deed was kept secret and not acted on or recorded until after Maria Anning's death. In the meantime, it is charged, Lawrence, McPherson and Stockton continued to talk and act so as to lead her to believe that all the estate was being managed by herself and Lawrence, McPherson and Hopkins as administrators. Nor did Lawrence and McPherson ever intimate to Hopkins that there was any change. Although Hopkins often met them, he knew nothing of the matter until after Maria Anning died.

It is next charged that after the deed was executed Maria Anning remembered having signed a paper, but not knowing what the contents were, she endeavored to find out. Lawrence, McPherson and Stockton, refused to tell her the contents, but led her to believe it was simply a power of attorney. She afterwards applied to Hopkins to ascertain what it was, but the others would give him no information.

When the deed was executed Maria had to her personal credit in the Bank of New Brunswick \$8,880.75, with interest from 1884. It was not taken possession of by the trustees until after death, when it had increased to \$14,183.14. Then the trustees transferred it to themselves. Nor did they ever attempt to collect any rents for her during her lifetime. Some time in August she forbade the tenants to pay to anyone but herself, saying that the administrators had no authority to collect. Some of the tenants did pay rent to her, and the receipt given was signed "T. J. McPherson, J. W. Lawrence, Maria Anning—administrators estate of George W. Anning." The trustees under the deed did not attempt to collect rents as such, but claimed to be acting as administrators.

Maria Anning, persisting in her determination to find out what she had signed, Trustee McPherson, it is charged, burned a paper in her presence and told her it was a power of attorney and was the paper she had signed. It is claimed that if any paper was burned it was the old power of attorney, and it was burned for the purpose of deceiving her into the belief that it was the paper she had signed at the house of Ellen McPherson.

In September, Lawrence and McPherson went to Philadelphia and saw the heirs, and the attorney, Bedell, with whom Stockton had been in constant communication about the affairs of the estate. They did not intimate that any transfer of the property had been made. While there they obtained a new power of attorney to Stockton and Bedell.

Bedell, had often heard from the trustees, but had heard nothing of the trust deed. On the contrary, after the deed had been made, they wrote to him that the Philadelphia heirs would receive from George Anning's estate about \$8,000 each, and that in event of Maria Anning dying without a will the heirs would receive twice as much more. In all their interviews and correspondence, it is alleged, they took every precaution to keep secret the trust deed and to lead to the belief that if Maria Anning made no will all her share would go to the Philadelphia heirs.

Before this suit was begun, the accounts of George Anning's estate were passed in the probate court, and an order was made to pay Maria Anning's representatives \$12,693. This sum is now in the hands of the administrators.

It is alleged that the trustees have already paid Ellen McPherson \$5,000, on account, and that they did so after they had notice that the validity of the deed would be contested.

In conclusion, the plaintiff charges that the deed is a fraudulent conveyance, that it was obtained by deceit and fraud, and that Maria Anning was improperly influenced and did not know its nature. It is also charged that Lawrence and Stockton purposely kept it concealed and secret to prevent her knowing anything about it, and to prevent those who would be legally entitled to her property from learning anything of it. Also, that Lawrence, McPherson and Stockton, or some one of them, deceitfully and fraudulently led her to believe that the said deed had been destroyed in her presence.

devised by the enemy" or whether they are true remains to be seen. Whether, if true, some of the trustees are truly good men who have been plunged into trouble by a wicked partner will doubtless transpire in due time. The "heavy villain," if there be one, will doubtless play a prominent part in the later acts, and be clearly recognized.

There is this to be said of the trustees as a whole: They acted very decently toward the dead Annings by giving them a first-class monument, even if they were allowed five per cent. on the expenditure. Nor was that all, for with a broad and generous spirit they hunted around the old graveyard on the Marsh road, resurrected the bones of all the dead and forgotten Annings and had them transferred to the cemetery, where polished stone commemorates their virtues. "They were lovely and peaceful in their lives, and in death they were not divided."

There is, of course, another side to this story, but it has not yet been told by all the numerous defendants. The answers have begun to come in, however, and when all the accused have justified their acts, the public will be able to judge more fairly than at present.

The court, too, will probably give a decision—some day—unless the suit fails from the same cause as Jarndyce vs. Jarndyce in *Bleak House*. Then doubtless those justly and equitably entitled to the money will get it, if there is any left after the lawyers are satisfied.

In the meantime the beneficiaries feel hungry but hopeful. And the said lawyers do the like.

He Got a Side Degree.

A week ago John Annand applied to the lodge of Good Templars at Fairville for admission to the faithful, hopeful and charitable circle. On ballot being taken he was rejected, but as no one notified him of the fact he presented himself for initiation last Thursday night. While waiting in the ante-room Worthy Chief Stimish approached and asked him for the password. Naturally enough he did not know it, and could not guess it. While the two were talking, brother John McFarlane approached, interrupted the conversation, and deposited a black and blue ballot by hitting the unlucky Annand on the eye. A general fracas followed, in which brother Mealie and others distinguished themselves. The rejected candidate retired.

On a Business Trip.

Mr. Geo. A. Horton, of H. Horton & Sons, went west Wednesday night on a business trip. The old firm has the lead in its line of business and is bound to keep it. It will so long as it continues to buy the best goods right from the manufacturers. Mr. Horton visits Boston, New York and Montreal, and will be gone about a fortnight.

She is a Competent Teacher.

The announcement of Miss Lizzie B. Homer, which appears elsewhere in this paper, is one that should be of interest to all who desire musical instruction. Miss Homer has been the pupil of Madame Rappaldi and Herr Feisher of Dresden, and there can be no question of her ability.

RICHIBUCTO.

JANUARY 8.—In electing Mr. Gordon Livingston warden, the Kent municipal council has done the very best and wisest thing it could.

Mr. William H. Wathen and Miss Fordred, daughter of Mr. Henry Fordred, of Kingston, were married Wednesday evening. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's father, Rev. Silas James officiating. A number of invited guests were present and did justice to the sumptuous repast prepared for them by Mrs. Fordred. Mr. and Mrs. Wathen's friends, and they are many, will heartily join in wishing them much joy.

Mr. Thomas Quilty, the popular station agent at Bathurst, paid a flying visit to his old home last week.

Miss Fenwick, of Apohoqui, is visiting at the manse, the guest of Rev. Silas and Mrs. James.

The trustees of School District No. 1, Richibucto, have engaged Mr. McKay to take charge of the advanced department vice Mr. McMillan, resigned.

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