

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

EVENTS OF THE WEEK IN BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

And the Happenings in Social Circles of Fredericton, Moncton, Woodstock, Dorchester, St. Stephen, Sussex, Amherst, Calais, Etc.

Mr. Stewart Skinner sailed from Halifax for Edinburgh, on Monday last, where he intends taking a medical course. Mr. Skinner graduated this year from the N. B. University.

Mrs. and Miss Powers left on Tuesday last to visit friends in Boston.

Rev. Dr. Macrae is taking a well earned holiday this week. He is visiting Pettitodac.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gregory returned to their home in Fredericton, on Monday last.

Mr. Bois DeVeber, Jr., of the Halifax Banking company (Halifax) is spending his holidays with his parents, Dorchester street.

Miss Carrie Seely is visiting friends at Yarmouth. Mrs. Lawson and her sister, Miss May Harrison, are expected home from Liverpool, Eng., next week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. King have returned home from Calais.

Hon. L. E. Baker and Mrs. Baker, Yarmouth, were registered at the Royal this week.

I regret to learn that Mrs. Simeon Jones is very seriously ill, and fears are entertained for her recovery.

Mr. Thomas S. Adams has purchased the house on Germain street lately occupied by Mr. J. McGreggor Grant, and will move into it very shortly.

A very pleasant family picnic, numbering nearly 30, was given by Mr. and Mrs. James J. Kaye, at the Bay Shore, on Saturday. The day, being the very best ideal of what a summer's day should be, was much enjoyed by both young and old.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Magee, of St. Andrews, spent this week in St. John.

Miss Snider left for Boston on Tuesday last, to visit her brother there.

Mr. and Mrs. George Murray returned from Fredericton on Wednesday.

Mr. E. C. Jones, manager of the bank of Montreal, is away for his holidays.

On Friday last a small card party was given by Mrs. Fred Burpee, at her residence, Orange street, and, like all her entertainments, was most enjoyable.

A pleasant musical gathering consisting of the choir of St. John's church and other friends, was held at the residence of Mr. James Reel, Germain street, on Tuesday last.

After some time spent in listening to musical selections from many of the guests a handsome supper finished up a most enjoyable evening.

Society people are this week much interested over an engagement between a Montreal gentleman and a daughter of one of our oldest and most prominent citizens.

Mr. Gilbert Murdoch, who has been confined to the house through illness for the last few weeks, is able to be out again, though still far from well.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gray, who have resided in St. John for the last year, and lately occupied Count DeBury's house, have left the city to reside in Toronto.

I am sorry to hear of the death of the eldest child of Mr. Thomas Gass, which occurred at his residence, Leinster street, on Wednesday last. The little one was 13 months old. Mr. and Mrs. Gass have many friends who will sympathize with them in their deep sorrow.

Major H. F. Perley, of the public works department, Ottawa, arrived in St. John on Wednesday last, and proceeded to Halifax. He will return to the city today (Saturday).

A wedding in which both St. John and Routhesay people have been much interested in for some time past, took place at Routhesay, Wednesday, at 1 o'clock, when Mr. Stephen S. McAvity, of the well known firm of T. McAvity & Sons, was united in marriage with one of Routhesay's handsomest young ladies, Miss Janet Rankine, daughter of Mr. Alexander Rankine, of Routhesay. The wedding was a very quiet one, only the most intimate friends of the bride and groom being fortunate enough to receive invitations. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's father by Rev. Mr. Macdonald, pastor of the Routhesay Presbyterian church. The house was profusely decorated for the occasion with choice flowers. After the ceremony an elegant lunch was partaken of, after which the bride and groom took the C. P. R. for their bridal tour. When the party arrived at St. John they were met by a number of friends, who not only offered their warm congratulations, but showered the bride and groom with rice and slippers. The happy couple will visit Montreal and Toronto, and will return by way of New York. They received a number of handsome wedding gifts.

There seems to be very little going on in the way of gaiety this week. I suppose people are too busy this month, selecting their autumn outfits, to think of entertainments of any kind. The change from warm to cold weather comes to us so suddenly that summer costumes soon begin to look out of place. There is an effort made every autumn to bring plaid into fashion, and this year it seems as if it really might be accomplished, out of compliment, doubtless, to the Duchess of Fife, so the English papers say. Shepherds plaid, as well as Rob Roy, will be worn this winter. A new idea for evening wear, with a low cut bodice, is a broad shawl sash of wide moire ribbon crossed diagonally from the right shoulder, falling in long ends down the left side of the skirt.

An epaulette bonnet is quite another new fashion, made of well wired flowers worn on one shoulder, with an evening gown. The flowers which are in season being the proper ones to wear.

To ladies wishing to turn the long winter evening to good account, and also to those who wish to utilize odds and ends of silk, I must tell them of a new idea, as crazy work has had its day. Having collected a number of small remnants of silk, satin or ribbon, cut them in pieces about four inches square, making tiny bags of each, like scent sachets. Partial fill these with soft wool, or sachets of silk, just sufficient to make them soft and puffy, but not tightly filled; sew these bags neatly together, and hide the joins by working over them, in gold-colored silk, a row of feather-stitch. This can be made into either a crib coverlet or bed quilt, which will, when finished, be as light and almost as warm as an eiderdown quilt, and have quite as elegant an appearance. This idea may be carried out for a small coverlet, sometimes used on the lower half of the bed by people who suffer from cold feet.

Dr. Greer, of the medical staff, Halifax, and Mrs. Greer are in the city, on their way home from a month's visit to British Columbia.

Mrs. S. A. Akerley and her daughter have returned home from Nova Scotia. Mr. Arthur Akerley leaves for McGill college, Montreal, next week.

Miss Labor has returned home after a lengthy visit to St. John. Her brother, Mr. Will Labor, is also home for a short stay.

Mr. Joe Bailey left on Saturday morning last for Cambridge, Mass.

Mrs. John Richards returned home on Saturday evening.

Miss Mary Campbell has returned to Fredericton after a lengthy visit to Toronto.

The Misses Feney have returned home from St. John.

Mrs. Hilton-Green, who has been in very poor health all summer, is improving slowly.

Mr. W. H. Robinson, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, St. John, is spending his holidays at his home here.

Bishop Sweeney (St. John) came to Fredericton on Tuesday last, and is visiting the Roman Catholic churches in the county.

Rev. W. O. Raymond was here on Thursday.

Miss Sophie Perley has gone to Hampton for a visit.

Dr. J. G. Owens, who is enjoying a lucrative practice at Millville, was in the city this week.

Dr. E. T. Wasgait and wife, of Bangor, are guests of Mrs. Dr. Torrens, St. John street.

Mr. A. S. Murray, manager of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax in this city, has gone away for a couple of weeks holidays. His place is being filled by Mr. W. R. Racy, of the Woodstock branch.

The following gentlemen are attending the Moncton exhibition from this city: Mr. W. P. Flewelling, Mr. Sewell, Mr. J. H. Reid, Mr. C. H. Luginr, Mr. M. Brannan, Mr. F. B. Coleman and Mr. A. G. Edgecombe, and all of whom are exhibitors.

Mr. George E. Stopford's farm, the old Symonds property, below town, has been purchased by Mr. W. H. Boyce, an English gentleman.

MONCTON.

[Progress is for sale in Moncton at the book-stores of W. W. Black and W. H. Murray, Main street.]

Sept. 18.—To attempt to write anything about the doings of Moncton society, without mentioning the exhibition at least once during the course of each line, would prove a futile task. Everything seems to converge towards the one common centre of attraction, the exhibition grounds, at the head of Highfield street. Nobody thinks or talks about anything else. The town is *en fete* from the railway station to the sugar refinery. Strangers are so numerous that to look for one of our townpeople in the crowd would be like searching for a needle in the proverbial bundle of hay. Everybody has a house full of visitors, and yet all seem to be taking a holiday.

For a little while this morning things looked rather blue from a weather point of view. Between 6 and 7 o'clock it rained as if it meant to continue the good work all day, but by 9 o'clock it was quite fine, the dust was laid and the day was charming, in spite of intense heat, and all was in readiness for the various ceremonies.

The programme for the day was opened by the arrival of Sir Leonard Tilley on the morning train from St. John. He was met at the station by a number of the prominent citizens of Moncton. The lieutenant governor was accompanied by Lady Tilley, and the distinguished guests at once proceeded to the residence of Mr. H. T. Stevens, escorted by a mounted body guard from F troop of Princess Louise cavalry. After a brief stay devoted to the discussion of a *recherche* collation, the party moved towards the exhibition grounds, where the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the new school building was performed, the site being close to the exhibition building. As his honor ascended the platform, accompanied by Lady Tilley, Mrs. H. T. Stevens, the mayor and town council, Mr. W. J. Robinson, Mr. J. L. Harris, and other prominent men, 1100 school children, led by Mr. J. H. Wetmore, assisted by Miss Greta Peters with her silver-tongued corset, burst into what was literally a flood of melody, singing a patriotic song entitled "Let the Hills and Vales Resound." Considering that the children were without accompaniment, except the cornet, they performed wonders, and the manner in which so large a number were kept together without discord, reflects the greatest credit upon Mr. Wetmore, who has trained them for their difficult task.

Governor Tilley then laid the corner stone after a brief introductory speech from Mr. W. J. Robinson, and in complimenting the Moncton people on their energy and enterprise, he remarked that he had no recollection whenever Moncton undertook a thing, she invariably carried it out, and then we all looked at each other and smiled complacently. He spoke particularly of the pleasure with which he had listened to the children's singing. His address was necessarily brief, as the real work of the morning was still before him, and after the singing of a verse of the national anthem the procession re-formed and proceeded to the exhibition building, escorted, this time, by No. 2 company of the 74th battalion as a guard of honor.

The building was filled to overflowing with the elite of Moncton, and Sir Leonard could not fail to be impressed by the number of pretty girls we can display on an occasion like this.

Governor Tilley opened the exhibition in an eloquent and stirring speech delivered in his most happy manner.

So much for the opening ceremonies. It is not in my province to enlarge, to any great extent, on the exhibition itself: that I must leave to the "specialist," but I should be lacking in my duty if I did not make some mention of the paintings exhibited by some of our society ladies. Much of the work of Miss Chipman and her pupils, I mentioned last autumn, when that talented artist exhibited some of her own and her pupils' work, and some of the more notable pictures appear among the treasures of the exhibition art gallery. But Miss Chipman herself exhibited an exquisite little show view—I think it is of the Brecon coast—an ideal female head, and a landscape.

Next in order of merit comes a screen by Mrs. J. Butcher; a graceful design of birds flying across a sky through branches of hawthorn. It is an exceedingly charming piece of work and has won a great deal of admiration.

Miss Galt has contributed four water color sketches; marine views, landscape; and an ideal sketch entitled "Highland Music."

Mrs. George McSweeney has several pictures on view, the most noticeable of which are a figure which seems to represent Cleopatra seated by the Nile, and a large plaque representing the head of an Italian shepherd boy.

Mrs. Frank McCully exhibits a landscape, a scene near her former home in King's county, the far famed Dutch Valley; a marvellously clever study of a hound's head in India ink, and a copy of Millais' "Portia."

Miss Laura Humphrey, of Moncton, also sends some rarely good work; several crayon heads and a pair of panels on glass, in imitation of porcelain.

Miss Morrison, of Chatham, and Miss Ogden, of Sackville, both send contributions.

The art gallery also contains some very beautiful fancy work, chief among which may be mentioned a panel in Kensington work, by Miss Hennigar, and a mantel drapey by Mrs. E. M. Estey. A large amount of fancy work must go unmentioned to those whose deft fingers wrought it, as I failed to get all the names, but viewed collectively, it formed a very effective whole. Next week perhaps I may be able to take my notes, as yesterday did not count.

Among our distinguished visitors are Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Wood, and Mr. Charles Fawcett, of Sackville.

Mr. and Mrs. David G. Dickson, of Sackville, are

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visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Chapman, at their beautiful home on Botsford street.

Miss Chandler, of Campbellton, is visiting the Mayor and Mrs. McKenzie.

Miss Fitzpatrick, of St. Andrews, has been in town for the last week or two, visiting her cousin, Miss Chandler, of Moncton.

I think I have written several chapters, from time to time, which might almost be termed, "The Lamentations of 'Cecl Gwynne,'" so often of late have I been called upon to bewail the departure of some beloved and promising youth. The last bereavement we have been called upon to endure is the departure of Mr. Will Harris, who left town last week for Philadelphia, where he intends taking the medical course at the Pennsylvania university. Mr. Harris is a universal favorite, counting his friends by the score, and there are few in our town who will not regret the departure of the *debonnair* lad, who was so well known and so well liked.

Mr. E. W. Jarvis, of the bank of Montreal, left town last Thursday to take a fortnight's well earned holiday. His destination was the historical old city of Halifax, and his friends are lost in wonder at his extraordinary indifference to the attractions of our then-coming exhibition.

Mrs. A. H. Beldome has been spending some time in St. John, at the home of her mother, Mrs. King, but returned last week.

Moncton was the scene of a very sad accident last Thursday, when Winslow Steeves, only son of the late Dr. P. R. Steeves, was drowned in the cotton factory reservoir. The boy, who was a bright lad of 14, was paddling about with another boy, using a plank for a raft, when in some unexplained manner he slipped off. His companions were too frightened to render any aid, and before help arrived he had risen for the last time, and with the pathetic cry, "Good bye all," sank out of sight. It was nearly an hour before the body was recovered, and though every possible effort was made to resuscitate him, he was beyond all human aid. The greatest sympathy is felt for Mrs. Steeves, who lost her husband only nine months ago, and who is now childless as well as widowed.

Mr. James Chandler, of the Chandler Electric Light company, in Halifax, arrived in town on Monday and will, no doubt, remain for the exhibition.

Miss Boggs, of Halifax, who has been spending the summer in Moncton, left us last week to visit friends in Amherst. Miss Boggs is a lady of rare mental attainments, one of those people who never grow old, but who seem to carry the freshness of youth long past the downward turn of life's hill, and

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she made many friends during her stay amongst us, who will long remember her.

Mrs. Joseph Harris still lingers in Boston, not even our exhibition having had power to charm her hence.

The Rev. G. M. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell paid a visit to St. John last week, the object of which was to be present at the wedding of Mrs. Campbell's sister, Miss Bessie McCown, who had consented to brighten the otherwise thorny path of a newspaper man, the fortunate scribe being Mr. Geo. J. Clarke, of the St. Croix Courier.

Many people will regret to hear that Mr. J. C. Crosskill has severed his connection with the Daily Times, after nearly six years service. I do not know, as yet, whether Mr. Crosskill intends leaving our town or not.

Mrs. Stavert and Mr. Henry Stavert, of Summerside, P. E. I., spent last Sunday with Mrs. G. J. Butcher.

Dr. C. T. Purdy, who has been so ill at his home in Amherst, is back again in town quite restored to health and looking little the worse for his illness.

Mrs. David Dickson and family, who have been spending the summer at Shediac, returned last week.

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