

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK IN NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

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

A great interest is always manifested in weddings in St. John, but after the great event is over, and bride and groom leave the city, their whereabouts is very often only known to their immediate friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Taylor (nee Miss Minnie Elder) have made their home at London, Ont. Mr. and Mrs. Cotton (nee Miss Annie Elder) at Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. SaCosta (nee Miss Helen Raymond) at Barbadoes. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Richey (nee Miss F. King) at Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Wilson (nee Miss Belle McLaren) at Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Digby (nee Miss Lucy Jarvis) at Brantford, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Magee (nee Miss Helen McLennan) at Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Gellibrand (nee Miss Belle Dever) at Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee (nee Miss Frye) at Bridgewater, N. S. Mr. and Mrs. George C. Clarke (nee Miss Bessie McKeown) at St. Stephen.

Mr. and Mrs. DeVeber (nee Miss H. Mathers) at Woodstock, N. B. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Glazebrook (nee Miss Lucy MacLaughlan) at Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Puddington (nee Miss Ketchum) at Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. A. S. A. Smith (nee Miss Emily Bayard) at London.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Wickenden (nee Miss Maud Underhill) at Vancouver. Mr. and Mrs. Calloun (nee Miss Ellis) at Boston.

The residence of Mr. James Robertson, Germain street, has been purchased by Mr. Horace King, who will shortly occupy it, when Mr. Robertson and family will remove to their residence at Rochesay.

A pleasant gathering met last week, at the residence of Mr. Dudue Breeze, to witness the christening of their infant daughter, and drink her health.

The Christmas Sewing Bee met last week, at Miss Bayard's, Germain street. The usual party was present, and enjoyed 5 o'clock tea before dispersing.

Miss Jaggard returned to Fredericton on Tuesday. His Honor Judge Palmer returned from New York the first of the week.

Mrs. John Thomson, Germain street, entertained a small luncheon party of ten or twelve one day last week.

Many very pleasant gatherings have taken place this week in the school-rooms connected with the different churches in the city, for making wreaths for decorating them for Christmas.

The many old friends of Mr. R. Joyce were pleased to see him in St. John again. Mr. Joyce, who was formerly in the employ of Messrs. Guy, Bevan & Co., is now residing at Toronto, and arrived here on Wednesday last.

Sir Leonard Tilley spent Tuesday in Fredericton. Mr. J. D. Leary, while in St. John, was the guest of Mr. J. Murray, Orange street. He left for Montreal on Wednesday.

Canon DeVeber's many friends and parishioners will be glad to hear he is recovering from his recent illness, and though able to be out again, will not resume his duties until Christmas day.

A family party met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John McLaren, Queen square, on Tuesday last to celebrate the first birthday of their little daughter and have 5 o'clock tea.

for San Diego, Cal. They will probably be absent from home some weeks, and on their way back will visit several of the large Western cities.

Mr. W. Walker Clark paid a hurried visit to St. Stephen, last Saturday, on business. Mr. J. Harry Scammell, who is studying medicine at McGill college, Montreal, is expected home on Saturday, the 21st, to spend the holiday season with his family.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Alice Marks, sister of Mr. Wilfred Marks, of St. Martins, to Mr. George W. Russell, formerly of the West End, for Jan. 1st, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Miss Edith Peters is expected to return from visiting Moncton on the 24th. She will be heartily welcomed back among her old friends.

Word was received a few days ago that Mrs. Frank Stetson—who is visiting in New York—was quite ill with malaria fever. Mr. Stetson has gone on to see her, Mrs. J. Thompson is stopping at their home until they return.

Mr. Sutton Clark, druggist, of St. George, is spending a few days here. Rev. Mr. Saunders and family, of Westport, Nova Scotia, have moved here, and are residing on Watson street.

Dec. 18.—Rev. Mr. Lancaster, of St. Stephen's chapel, has resigned his charge. Many speculations are rife as to the cause thereof, but no one seems really to know.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalziel have returned from their wedding tour, and Mrs. Dalziel has been receiving her guests this week, at her father's residence, Morris street.

Miss Stephenson leaves for home on Thursday. She is leaving Halifax with good impressions of its hospitable inhabitants, and has made many friends here.

Last Saturday evening the academy was packed to the doors, on the occasion of Miss Arthur's benefit. The announcement, "Standing room only," was up at twenty minutes to eight, and even standing room was valued at 50 cents.

The financial result is not all that was expected. It costs money to buy out a company, and the profit that will accrue to Miss Arthur will not amount to much over \$100.

The play was *Moths*, and Miss Arthur's tragic part suits her to perfection. Miss Haggard, as the American Heiress, was capital, too, and Mr. McDowell, "don't you know," is always good.

On Miss Vincent, who has faithfully sustained every character she represented, a special floral offering was bestowed. Our fourtenth child or else mistook the nature of the offering. On a background of scarlet the letter V. was gracefully buttoned in chrysanthemums, and at the base reposed fair calla lilies, but alas and alack, surmounting the top was a maltese cross composed of everlasting.

Now can you imagine anything more inappropriate!

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the evening the audience was charmed by songs from Mrs. Hagarty, Prof. Currie and others.

Mr. Charles Robson of the C. I. bank has been ordered to New Glasgow to take charge of the new agency there. Mr. Robson will regret the move, as he has during the past year built and occupied a charming home in Dartmouth.

The closing exercises of the School for the Blind were held last Saturday afternoon. Reports were read by the board of managers, and high commendations were passed on Prof. Fraser's attainments.

Prof. Fraser expressed himself as well satisfied with the work of the school under his staff of teachers. More accommodation is urgently required, and appeals will soon be made for government aid, and also that of the public. A number of the pupils will return to their homes for the Christmas vacation, that the teachers may enjoy a well-earned rest.

The fair sex were on the tiptoe of expectation to see the two fair brides who appeared out on Sunday last. Mrs. Bodman looked charming in black silk, with a sealskin jacket and a becoming brown bonnet.

The banns of marriage were published on Sunday, in St. Luke's cathedral, between Mr. F. West and Miss Mary Abbott. The wedding is announced for an early date in the new year.

Two suppers were given after the Academy performance on Saturday. The P. M. O. entertained a select company of friends at the St. Julian. A number of invitations were very properly refused on account of the lateness of the hour. It was half-past two before the party adjourned.

Some of the performers and their friends had a jolly time at the Halifax, and Sunday morning dawned ere they separated.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Humphrey have returned to town. Mrs. Humphrey receives her guests at Mrs. Isaac Wyld's, Hollis street.

An engagement is announced between Mr. Beaumont Boggs and a fair lady residing in Victoria, B. C.

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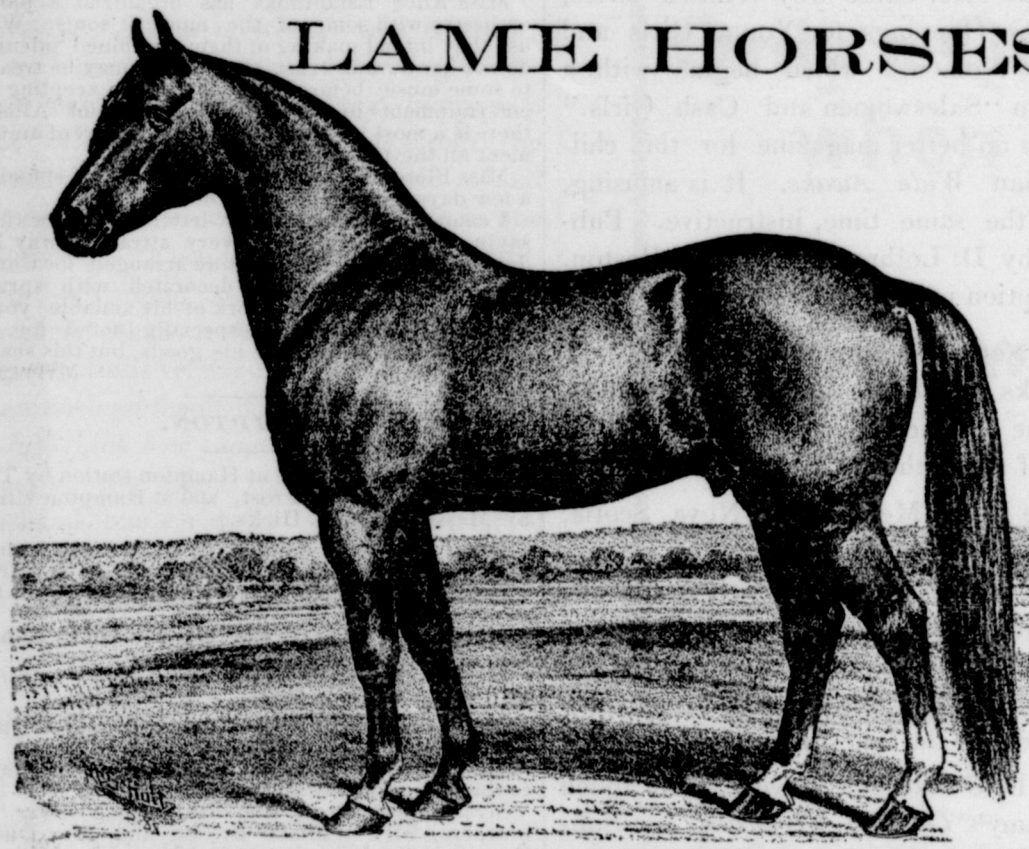
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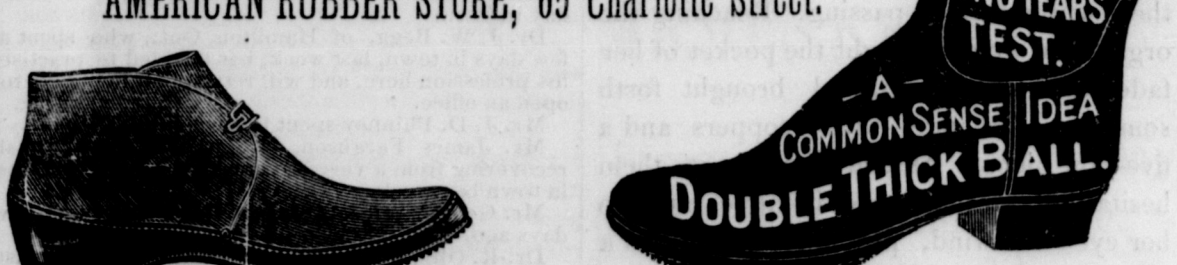
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The pupils at the Conservatory have been giving some very pleasant recitals on Friday evenings. The improvement in both piano and violin is much marked. The pupils are allowed to invite their friends to these recitals, and in consequence the hall is generally crowded.

The Children of Mary held a most successful bazaar in the Masonic hall for two days, last week. The chief attraction in the afternoon was the elegant array of prizes that were to be raffled; \$10 in gold seemed worth while throwing away a quarter for, as also a chest of tea, a barrel of flour, a china tea service and a number of other valuable articles.

Mr. Pottinger, of the I. C. R., and his private secretary, Mr. H. A. Price, are absent on official business in the upper provinces. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beddome, of the Bank of Montreal, entertained a few friends at a whist party on Saturday evening.

Mr. E. W. Jarvis, of the Bank of Montreal, is receiving the condolences of his large circle of friends on account of the adverse decision in the "Society Editor" PROGRESS, St. John.

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