

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

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IRIS TALKS ABOUT HALIFAX.

FEB. 24.—The many recent engagements at present form the most interesting topics of conversation in social circles. It is astonishing how quickly a young lady becomes a subject of interest to her several friends when it is understood that at length young dangles has plucked up sufficient courage to propose the all important question and having received that little "yes," retires a happy man. How the girls crowd about the lovely Julia who, already assuming an air of matronly dignity, accepts their overtures with becoming condescension. Of all delightful times in life, this is the most charming, when all is *content de rose*. Enjoy it, my dears, while you may, so that in after life when cares gather around you will be always able to look back upon this epoch as having been replete with bliss.

Among several about whom Venus has wound her flowery chains and taken captive, we single out the engagement of Miss H. Albro, of Tower Road, to Lieutenant Grant, R. N., of H. M. S. *Forward*. This young officer has been spending several weeks in the city, on leave. As is evidenced by the above announcement the young sailor has made very good use of his furlough. He left by the last Bermuda mail to join his ship.

Another interesting engagement is that of Miss Shannon, daughter of Judge Shannon of the probate court, to Mr. Wallace MacDonald, barrister, and son of the chief justice.

Mrs. Paton gave a large "at home" on Friday evening last at her residence on Inglis street. About 90 guests were present. Among them were: Miss Clara Harris, Miss C. Grahame, Miss Macgregor, Mr. P. and the Misses O'Donnell, Mr. Mahon, Mr. Cameron, and Mrs. Taylor.

As the season advances the zest for coasting instead of abating is rather increasing. The "booby" sled party leading in point of popularity. For this latter diversion Fort Massey and the steep hill on South street are selected, and, here on moonlight nights, are assembled many merry parties.

Mrs. Green gave one of these frolics on Monday last which was quite an event. This lady possesses that tact which prompts her always to select and sort just the right people for these gatherings; consequently they are unanimously voted successful.

Miss Lithgown gave a skating party on Friday evening last. After which at Mrs. Lithgown's residence there was a small dance. Among those present were: Miss Bauld, Messrs. A. and J. Bauld, Mr. Harley, Miss Edna King, Mr. Furness, Miss Currie, Dr. Kirkpatrick.

Among the really pleasant events of the past week was a concert held in the church of England institute. The hall of the institute in which these affairs are held is charmingly adapted to suit the voice both for song and declamation. This entertainment, the second of a series which is to be given during the coming months, passed off very smoothly. Miss Eva Waddell gave a reading and received the applause due to the grace and expression with which it was rendered by the fair elocutionist. Other readings were given by Rev. W. B. King and F. B. N. Norman-Lee, besides vocal solos by Mrs. Clark, Mr. A. E. Hestis, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. R. King. We must not omit Miss Gladys Tremaine's charming violin solos.

On Tuesday last Mrs. Turnbull entertained a large number of guests at her residence, Victoria road. Is it true they tripped "the light fantastic"? What! in Lent!

Sleight parties continue still in vogue. Major and Mrs. Harvie and many of their friends had a large drive one day last week. The party numbering some ten or fifteen sleighs drove out around the arm, then to the Dutch village, and returning drove up to the "Oaks," the residence of the Harvies, where five o'clock tea was served.

Mr. and Mrs. James Morrow also gave a large sleigh drive to Bedford. After dining the party returned to the city by the light of the silver moon. Several of the "turnouts" were stylish indeed, especially Col. Ryan's tandem. Mrs. J. F. Kenny's handsome span, and Dr. McDowell's dashing bays, and last but not the least, the governor's grays. Among the other guests were Major and Mrs. Waldron, Miss K. Kenny, Mr. Marsh, R. A., and Mr. McGowan.

The day is fast approaching which is fixed for the departure of the West Riding regiment. The troopship *Orontes* is now on her way here, with the new regiment, and two days afterwards will embark with the West Riding. Ah! then, what *tristesse* will there not be among the fair ladies! But unheeding all such lamentations, the band will strike up "The Girl I Left Behind Me." Yet so fickle are the fair dames that even while they sigh over the departing friend, they turn with a smile to greet the coming stranger. Owing to the lute season we cannot even send them off with a farewell ball. During their sojourn in this garrison town the West Riding won the good feeling of all classes. Its band is one of the finest in the service, and it will be long ere such dulcet strains are again heard by the public.

The great disaster which occurred a few days ago at Spring Hill has cast its shadow over the whole community. Indeed, hard must be that heart which did not melt upon hearing of the awful accident which caused mothers to become widows and childless in the same moment. But when assistance is needed to alleviate suffering and sorrow the heart of the Halifaxian is always found in the right place. Already a subscription fund has been started, on which list are large sums from the richest firms. They lead, the other citizens follow each with his contribution, until we come to the widow's mite—all given with equal sympathy and meriting an equal recompense, in that time when will be rewarded those who let not the left hand know what the right hand doeth.

To the paragraph devoted to sleighing I omitted mentioning a novel drive which took place on one of those lovely afternoons during the past week. One of "Robinson's" large drags was brought into requisition. This being the gentlemen's affair, the ladies provided baskets of refreshments. This jolly party drove to "Donaldson's," at Birch Cove, where for a short time the ladies divided, one detachment seeing to the arrangement of the tables in Mrs. Donaldson's comfortable dining room, the remaining portion of the ladies, escorted by the sterner sex, repaired to the adjoining field, where a delightful hour spent on flying wings while the young people coasted on the "double runner" with the rapidity of lightning down the steep hill, out across the road, and over on to the smooth frozen surface of the Basin.

Mercury, our new weekly, on Saturday last made its bow to the public. Many of its columns contain much that is interesting, but I hope it is not prejudice which makes me prefer *PROGRESS*. Still, when I reflect that many others coincide with my views, I think I can safely say it is not. *PROGRESS*, like an old and tried friend, holds the foremost place in our affections. But lest mankind, so prone to misinterpret, should accuse us of insincerity, we extend a welcome to all strangers, wishing it however to be understood, that we can never expect the same amount of warmth in our greeting as that which we accord to the oldest and best loved of our acquaintances.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French, or English, with full directions for preparing and using it. Send your address, by post, to W. A. NOTES, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.

MONCTON.

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

FEB. 25.—It is almost superfluous to say that all other subjects have been subordinated this week to the all absorbing interest in the Springfield disaster. No one seems to have time to think of anything else, and even the general election was almost forgotten for two or three days. I believe a great many Moncton people visited the scene of the accident, and came home more impressed than ever with the extent and horror of the calamity. Moncton has responded promptly and generously to the call for help, and at a meeting held in the opera house on Monday evening for the purpose of expressing sympathy for the survivors in a tangible form, something over \$1,200 was subscribed at once; subscription lists were opened, collectors and receivers appointed, and an efficient system adopted for a proper canvass of the town.

The success of the meeting and the generous outpouring of cash, was largely due to the untiring efforts of the Rev. W. B. Hinson, who is ever foremost in working for the poor and distressed. Mr. Hinson, accompanied by Messrs. G. F. Atkinson and William O'Neil, spent yesterday in collecting from house to house, and their effort resulted in a sum of \$400. Mayor Sumner has also been most active in carrying on the good work, and he was able to place the very respectable sum of \$1,000 at the disposal of Mayor Hall of Springfield, yesterday, for the use of destitute families.

Talk about the deadly dullness of mid-winter! Why, it is not a circumstance to the already ditto of mid-winter, when lent has come in early and is testing the field with a general election and getting the worst of it. Politics are the order of the day now; one hears nothing else, and I verily believe the ladies take an interest in the political situation only second to that of their fathers and brothers. The fashionable dissipation consists of attending political meetings, and if a fellow does so far forget what is due to his country as to desert the flag for an evening and make a social call, he is met at the door with the crushing intelligence that "the ladies are all out, sir." They are at the Opera house to hear the politics, sir! And then the fellow in question dashes slowly down the front steps into the dark wherewith of the whither, after requesting the servant with touching earnestness not to say he called, because he feels that to admit having been on the outside of the Opera house at such a time is almost tantamount to a confession of being on the wrong side of politics.

After a rest of some weeks, the bread and butter club have bobbed up serenely and asserted their right to contest the town with "the hon. member for Westmorland" for one night only. They meet this evening at the residence of Mrs. J. L. Harris.

The funeral of the late Z. Lockhart, conductor on the I. C. R., whose long illness terminated fatally on Monday, took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence on Botsford street. The service was read in the Methodist church by Rev. G. M. Campbell, assisted by the Rev. John Prince and the Rev. W. B. Hinson.

The funeral was unusually large, and was under the auspices of the old fellows and the brotherhood of order of railway conductors and railway trainmen, of all of which the deceased had been a member. The solemn ritual of the old fellows was read at the grave by the chaplain of the order, Rev. G. M. Campbell, assisted by the noble grand, Mr. C. E. Northrup. The pallbearers were Messrs. J. McC. Snow, G. R. Sangster, J. E. Evans, G. A. Vye, D. Brownell and Thomas Corbett.

The members of the Cypress Club have offered to repeat their entertainment of the 10th, next Friday evening, for the benefit of the Springfield sufferers. I do not yet know whether their offer has been accepted or not. The amateur dramatic club have also placed their services at the disposal of those in charge of the relief fund, and will give an entertainment in aid of the widows and orphans some time next month.

Mrs. Tupper, of Halifax, who has been spending some weeks with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Borden, left town on Monday, to visit relatives at Sackville.

Mrs. Milledge, of St. John, who has been spending the greater part of the winter with Mrs. W. J. Weldon, left town on Saturday for Fredericton, from where, I understand, she will shortly embark for the sunny south, in company with a party of friends, who intend spending the early spring months in southern Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler, of Halifax, spent a few days in town last week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stevens.

Miss Murray, of Chatham, who has been visiting the Misses Peters, returned home last week.

Miss Constance Chandler, of Dorchester, spent a few days in town last week, visiting her sister, Mr. J. R. W. Hewson.

Mrs. F. J. Lynch, of Ottawa, is visiting her sister Mrs. C. F. Hanington.

Rev. Betram Hooper has accepted the charge of St. George's church, and will enter formally upon his rectorship in about a fortnight. Mr. Hooper preached in St. George's on Sunday morning and evening.

Miss Gilford, of Port Elgin, is spending the winter in town, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Edward Miliken.

Judge Chipman, of Kentville, spent last Monday in town, the guest of Mr. G. R. Sangster.

The Rev. H. F. Adams and Mrs. Adams, of Halifax are in town, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Clarke, of Church street.

Mr. George Robb, deputy town clerk, left town on Monday evening for Boston, on a short holiday trip.

I must rectify an omission in last week's correspondence, by which the wedding of a very popular young lady was passed over in silence, which, was far from intentional. I refer to Miss Brown, eldest daughter of Mr. Harmon Brown, of Main street, who was married on Thursday week to Mr. Oswald J. Peters, youngest brother of Messrs. J. and J. Peters of the Record foundry and machine company. The ceremony was performed in the Methodist church by the Rev. G. M. Campbell.

The bride wore a travelling costume of navy blue cloth and was unattended. Mrs. Peters appeared in the Methodist church on Sunday morning and received her visitors last week.

The young people will reside at Columbia farm, four miles out of town.

The Knights of Pythias en Fete.

The combination entertainment, dance and social given in the Pythian temple, last Thursday evening, by Westmorland Lodge, No. 3, Knights of Pythias, in honor of the 27th anniversary of the formation of the order, was a most pleasing success, reflecting much credit on the committee, Messrs. W. R. Parker, F. G. Gorbett, Thos. Woods, J. G. Wran, W. H. Wetmore, J. H. Wran, W. F. Sherard and D. H. Charters, with M. Flemming, secretary. A great many invitations were issued, of which there was a general acceptance.

The lodge room in which the entertainment was given was decorated with flags, bannettes, Chinese lanterns; also, a large framed picture of Justus H. Rathbone, founder of the order. At the conclusion of the programme refreshments were served, after which those who enjoyed social games rather than tripping the light fantastic, remained, while the others repaired to the room on the first floor set apart for dancing, which was also tastefully decorated. Dancing was indulged in until morning, when they separated, everyone unanimous in the opinion that it was one of the most enjoyable events of the season.

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ST. ANDREWS.

FEB. 24.—Mrs. Sils, daughter of Canon Ketchum, is expected to visit her parents at the rectory next week.

Mr. H. F. Todd, of Stephen, returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Mowatt, wife of Capt. Harry Mowatt, is at Chamcook on a visit to her mother-in-law.

Mrs. Clinch's young lady friend, who has been spending a week with her, returned to her home on Friday.

Friday was a gala day among the horsemen and as the roads were in superb condition all the flyers were out. The event of the day was a trotting match between Capt. Herbert's mare driven by himself and Mr. Mallory's horse driven by the owner. The match took place on Queen street and both sides of the course were lined with spectators. The captain's mare broke badly and Mr. Mallory won easily.

The Whist club met at Mr. Whitlock's on Tuesday evening last. Their next place of meeting will be at the residence of Mr. Howard Grimmer. The third of Mrs. Foster's dancing parties came off last Wednesday evening, and on Saturday evening she had a few friends in to spend a quiet evening. Among those present were Miss Gove, Miss Whitlock, Miss Ketchum, Miss Green and Miss Minnie Odell. The ladies all looked very nice and enjoyed a pleasant evening as they are always sure to do at Mrs. Foster's, where both the host and hostess vie with each other in making things pleasant.

Mr. W. B. Morris has been quite ill for some days and unable to attend to business, but is slowly recovering and in hopes to be about again this week.

C. E. Carmichael has also been suffering from a severe cold.

Mrs. Howard Grimmer has been quite ill for the past week.

Mrs. Charles Gove has returned from St. Stephen, bringing with her, her daughter, Mrs. Warren Grimmer, who has been seriously ill for some weeks, and who expects to renew her health by breathing her native air. Mrs. Gove's many friends are glad to see her among them again.

Mr. Glenn had another painful operation performed the other day, which, it is hoped, will result in his final cure.

Mrs. Dorell Grimmer presented her husband with a young daughter a few days ago. Both mother and child are doing well. Her mother came from St. Stephen and is spending some time with her.

The Concert club met at the residence of Mr. Joseph Lamb on Saturday evening, and at Mr. Fred Stevenson's on Monday evening. They are using their best endeavors to make their concert a success, and if hard work and due diligence with their practice can do the business, they will, no doubt, be satisfied with the result.

I hear rumors of several weddings to take place in the spring. As such an event has not taken place in St. Andrews for some months, the excitement will probably be intense, especially among the young ladies, who generally take a great interest in these "affaires de coeur."

Mr. Odell has had another severe attack, but is again regaining his strength.

The young ladies and gentlemen cannot resist the attractions of the ice hills, and coasting parties are greatly in vogue.

Mr. R. M. Jack left with Mr. H. F. Todd for St. Stephen on Sunday morning.

Miss Rosa Jack is expected shortly to visit her sister, Mrs. Charles Mowatt.

Dr. G. H. Raymond, of Sussex, and Mr. Hazen Grimmer, arrived in town from St. Stephen on Sunday.

Mr. E. B. Snow, of St. Stephen, has been here for the past week on business.

AMHERST.

[*PROGRESS* is for sale at Amherst, by George Douglas, at the Western Union Telegraph office.]

FEB. 26.—There is scarcely anything thought of or talked about, but this terrible disaster at Springfield mines. Our hearts are filled with tenderest sympathy for the families of the sufferers who are so suddenly bereft of husbands, sons and fathers. All the doctors in town were sent for, and went at once to render what assistance they could. The choir of St. Stephen's have, with their practical sympathy, volunteered to give a concert next week, assisted by other local talent, for the benefit of the families of the victims. The Methodist congregation have opened a subscription list for the same purpose, and no doubt the other denominations in town will cheerfully do their part. A meeting of the ratepayers was held last night for the purpose of voting a sum for the relief of the miners' families. All the departments in the county academy are contributing their mite also.

Prof. Sterne and Miss Nellie Kinder, have lately given an entertainment at Springfield Hill, and also at Dorchester. The lovers of that fine art, music, always experience a thrill of delight when they hear the exquisite touch and execution of the professor. Miss Kinder's forte lies in the "recitative," and no doubt her efforts would be well received.

Miss Trevelyan was over from Dorchester for a day or two last week.

Mrs. C. E. Hewson entertained a large party of children on Friday evening for her daughter, Miss Florie, who made a charming little hostess.

Mrs. Nicholson had a small party of boys on Monday for her little son Gordon, it being his birthday.

Dr. White of Shediac, was in town on Sunday, having been up to the scene of the disaster at Springfield Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Medley Townshend spent Sunday in Parrsboro with Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Townshend.

Two brides to town receiving this week, Mrs. J. V. Bourque and Mrs. W. Ganong.

Sir Charles Tupper is expected on nomination day. He represents Mr. Dickey, who is still in New York under medical treatment, and is improving rapidly.

Miss Fannie Bliss, of Westmorland, has been spending ten days in town with her friends.

The choir of the Methodist church took advantage of the beautiful sleighing one day last week and drove up the marsh as far as Long Lake, where, in one of the lumbering camps they spread a table, and enjoyed a meal in true picnic style.

Rev. J. O. Egan, of Halifax, was expected on Sunday last to take the service in Christ church, but was prevented from so doing. This congregation is at present quite dependent upon extraneous aid until their own clergyman is able to fulfil the duties of the parish.

Miss McCully went to Halifax on Tuesday to spend a few weeks with friends.

Miss McKean left for New Glasgow on Tuesday to visit her brother, Mr. James McGrigor. MEX.

SACKVILLE.

[*PROGRESS* is for sale in Sackville at C. H. Moore's bookstore.]

FEB. 25.—When it was ascertained that the B. and C. club was to meet at Miss Knapp's on Tuesday evening, it is needless to say every one made a brave effort to get there, and with but few exceptions they all managed it. A short time was spent in tobogganing, after which, with glowing faces and happy hearts, they wended their way to the cosy parlors of Mrs. Titus Knapp's hospitable residence, where steaming hot coffee was dispensed by the

Women who suffer from nervous and physical debility find great help in the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It produces the rapid effect of a stimulant, without reaction—the result being a permanent increase of strength and vigor, both of mind and body.—Adet.

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hands of her charming young daughter, and more than one stout heart went pit-a-pat as he meekly asked for another cup.

A number of small tea parties were given last week, but as the sterner sex were utterly ignored in the invitations, I of course am in the dark as to whom the fair donors were.

One of the bright young ladies of the academy is the latest coasting victim, having sprained her foot on Friday afternoon.

The friends of Mr. Matheson will be sorry to hear he was obliged to go home on account of ill-health. Miss Minnie Cogswell has returned home. I regret to hear her sister, Miss Cogswell, is suffering from an attack of la grippe.

Dr. J. B. Inch has returned from a business trip to New Brunswick.

Mr. Jack Robinson spent a few days in town last week.

Mrs. Hanford, of Amherst, spent a day at the rectory last week. She was on her way to St. John to visit friends.

One of our most agreeable young ladies, Miss Minnie Estabrooks, has opened a large dancing school in Amherst. Amherst always gets the best of everything.

Mrs. G. Chandler and the Misses Backhouse were in town last week.

To judge from the way Mr. H. Dickson was handling a toboggan, the other evening, I imagine he has quite recovered from his recent accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fawcett leave this week for an extended trip to the United States.

Main street presents a lively appearance these fine moonlight nights, when the high steps have full possession. I wonder if it is the fashion in St. John to yell at your horse when you are racing? If the drivers knew how disagreeable it sounded, they would be a little more moderate.

Mr. Charles Ford, I understand, has started a relief fund for the Springfield sufferers, which I trust will be liberally patronized.

Mr. McKeown, of St. John, spent Friday and Saturday in town.

HAMPTON.

[*PROGRESS* is for sale at Hampton station by T. G. Barnes, and Geo. E. Frost, and at Hampton village by Messrs. A. & W. Hicks.]

FEB. 25.—Dr. John Berryman paid a brief visit to Hampton on Monday, on professional business.

Rev. Drs. Macrae and Bennett and Rev. T. F. Featheringham, of St. John, Rev. James Gray, of Sussex, Rev. J. M. Robinson, of Moncton, Mr. John Willet and Mr. W. J. McCordick, of St. John, arrived in town on Friday to attend the funeral of the late Rev. Andrew Donald, which took place at the village that afternoon.

Mr. Mont McDonald, of St. John, was in town on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Langstroth, Jr., entertained a number of friends on Friday evening. Whist was the feature of the evening.

Mr. A. C. Smith, M. P. P., paid a visit to the village on Saturday.

Judge King opened the Circuit Court here on Tuesday. No causes being entered for trial, the court was adjourned *sine die*.

Mr. A. W. Macrae, of St. John, spent Sunday at the village, the guest of Rev. W. Macdonald.

Mrs. E. G. Evans is, I regret to hear, quite ill at her rooms in the Vendome.

Politicians are on the wing. Among those in town this week I noticed Mr. W. Pugsley, Mr. A. S. White, Mr. Stan Kierstead, Mr. E. H. McAlpine, and Mr. W. W. Stockton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Bent went to the city on Tuesday.