

CANADIAN AND LITERARY NOTES.

The silence of the tomb seems to have been broken, a venerable presence rises before us, and a most welcome, familiar, and powerful voice speaks, as we turn the pages of the Halifax Christmas Chronicle, and read a posthumous paper by Joseph Howe.

There is the old nervous directness and luminousness of style, the old chivalrous patriotism and ardency of spirit, the old heroic indignation, so conspicuous in time past, before the bar, and in the Senate. No mistaking that voice! How can we forget him, who has gazed upon his form and hung upon his accents!

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

[FOR ADDITIONAL SOCIETY NEWS SEE FIFTH AND EIGHTH PAGES.] SUSSEX.

[Progress is for sale in Sussex by R. D. Boal and S. H. White & Co.]

JAN. 14.—For many months those who find the small excitement of village and home life unsatisfying, have been rinding the changes, so to speak on the dullness of Sussex. But the bright days of December and the mystery and pleasure of Christmas preparations infused a little spirit into the dull.

The departure of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel from the place was noticed in your columns, and the arrival of Mr. Richardson to take his place in the bank; many were delighted at the gain of another single man to the small coterie, whilst others regretted that not being a family man, the gap made by the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel would not be filled.

But fortune smiled. In the same public house vacated by the late bank manager, Major MacLellan has established his family. A great advantage socially as all felt who enjoyed their hospitality last Thursday evening—the largest party given in Sussex for years, and the first of the season, except a few quiet dances, notably the one at Mrs. Wall's the Thursday before.

Miss May Arnold's pale blue silk and white net, was a lovely dress and suited her, and that of Miss Florence Arnold, a debutante, cream silk with natural flowers, was much admired. These two young ladies with a third, who will some day exchange the rattle, so it is said, of the ball room, for the quieter pleasures of home life and warlike work, are said to have so nearly carried off the palm of being the belle, that honors are equal.

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ST. STEPHEN.

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JAN. 14.—Mrs. R. K. Ross, on Friday, invited a large number of ladies and gentlemen to drive to Bayside, some 18 miles from here, to celebrate a tin wedding at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Mowatt, it being the tenth anniversary of their wedding day.

Many plans were made for the drive, but to the disappointment of all, the storm of Monday and the icy condition of the roads made it impossible for anyone to accept the invitation. I heard that a number of friends from St. Andrews braved the storm and succeeded in getting there, and enjoyed a very jolly, pleasant evening.

The White club, which was so popular among the young people here the Christmas holidays, will again have their pleasant evenings. I hear it is to meet on Tuesday evening, at the residence of Mrs. John E. Algar.

Mrs. J. E. Algar gave invitations yesterday to a reception at the Windsor hotel, next Monday evening for the entertainment of her niece, Miss Emma Harris, and her friends. I hear some very handsome costumes are being made for the occasion.

At the Sunday school festival at Christ church school on Wednesday evening, the rector, Rev. O. S. Newham, was presented with a hand some carved Young chair, from friends in his congregation.

Miss Marie Young left Calais, on Sunday, for Boston, where she will spend a few days before she goes to Jacksonville, Florida, for the rest of the winter.

Miss Jessie Dustin went to Boston, on Wednesday, where she will visit friends for several weeks. Through the kindness of Mr. Frank Marchie, a number of young ladies and gentlemen drove to Fairhead's, on Friday evening, and enjoyed a dance and supper.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Boardman left, on Monday, for Jacksonville, Florida, where they will remain until spring.

Colonel A. E. Nevill's health is not improving as his friends desire. His physician advises a warmer climate and Colonel Nevill will leave this week for the south to remain several weeks.

Miss Jack, of St. John, is visiting here, the guest of Mrs. Henry Todd.

Hon. James Mitchell is visiting Frederick this week.

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