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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK IN NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

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

Mr. J. Lucien Armstrong arrived from Amherst last week, and spent a few days with his mother, Mrs. George Armstrong, Wellington Row. He left this week for Virginia, where his marriage with Miss Janie Gregory will take place immediately from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Fraser.

Miss Romans, of Halifax, is the guest of Mrs. J. C. Robertson, Paradise Row. Miss Tooker, of Yarmouth, is the guest of Mrs. W. Vroom, St. James street.

Miss Helen J. Macdonald, of Fredericton, is the guest of her uncle, Mr. Hurd Peters, Charles street. Mrs. Charles Kerr and children, who have been ill with diphtheria, are convalescent.

The Misses Forbes, of Liverpool, N. S., spent this week in St. John, the guests of Miss Sturdee, Carmarthen street. Mr. W. Z. Earle is expected to join Mrs. Earle in St. John next week.

Mrs. Hurd Peters spent this week at Fredericton with her daughter, Mrs. Albert Gregory. Rev. Mr. De Soyres is receiving the congratulations of his friends on the birth of a daughter.

Mrs. Newcome (Andover) is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. W. A. MacLachlan. Another very successful "At Home" was given by Lady Tilley at Carlton House on Saturday last, at which over 100 guests were present.

Notwithstanding the down pour on Tuesday afternoon, a number of ladies and gentlemen attended the "At Home" from 4 till 7 o'clock, given by Mr. W. M. and the Misses Jarvis at their residence, King street east.

The dance given by Mrs. J. D. Shatford on Tuesday evening, was a most enjoyable affair. The dancing and supper rooms were prettily decorated and draped with flags. A linen was stretched for dancing, and a long programme was gone through to the music of violin and piano. Ices and light refreshments were served during the evening as well as a handsome supper at 11 o'clock.

With such a charming little hostess as Mrs. Shatford, the guests could not fail to enjoy themselves, and the party did not break up until 2 o'clock on Wednesday morning. Among those present were: Dr. and Mrs. Murray MacLaren, Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Symonds, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Howe, Miss Thelma MacLaren, The Misses Campbell, Miss Shatford, The Misses DeVeber, The Misses Snider, The Misses Seely, Miss Katie Smith, Miss Edna Nicholson, Miss Kings, Miss Ambrose, Miss Steeves, Miss Kate Murphy, Miss Mello Vroom, Miss Tooker (Yarmouth), Miss Gertrude Schofield, Miss Esson, The Misses Walker, Mr. F. Kinnear, Mr. B. Scovill, Mr. C. G. Coster, Mr. Loring Bailey, Mr. Beverly Robinson, Mr. Gordon McLeod, Mr. W. Esson, Mr. F. H. Tippet, Mr. Leslie M. B. Hazen, Mr. McKay, Mr. F. Hart, Mr. B. Scovill, Mr. Steeves, Mr. H. Godard, Mr. W. Lawton, Mr. Short, Mr. F. Campbell and others.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Charles James McDonald entertained a number of her lady friends at an At Home, from five to seven o'clock, and during those hours the rooms were well filled with guests. A table laden with music and the party did not break up until 10 o'clock. Refreshments were handed round by five young ladies who assisted Mrs. McDonald in her charming hostess duties. Miss Beatrice Hatheway, Miss Louie DeVeber, Miss Seely, Miss Neale Robinson, and Miss Tuck. I cannot recall all those who were present, as at the times it is so difficult to see all who are there, but I noticed the following:

Mrs. Gardiner Taylor, Mrs. Chipman Smith, Mrs. Alfred Morrissey, Mrs. M. MacLaren, Mrs. R. P. Starr, Mrs. J. C. Allison, Mrs. Robert Jardine, Mrs. Fred Barker, Mrs. James Robertson, Mrs. J. Jardine, Mrs. John Berryman, Mrs. C. Holden, Mrs. R. C. Grant, Mrs. E. L. Sturdee, Mrs. W. A. MacLachlan, Mrs. H. McLeod, Mrs. W. L. Busby, Mrs. W. L. Harrison, Mrs. F. Smith, Mrs. C. F. Kinnear, Mrs. J. Thomson, Mrs. D. J. Seely, Mrs. Wishart, Mrs. J. de Wolf Spurr, Mrs. Hatheway, Mrs. G. K. McLeod, Mrs. E. Thomson, Mrs. W. L. Busby, Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. John Armstrong, Mrs. Pugsley, Mrs. Wilson.

The same evening, Mrs. McDonald entertained a few friends at a whist party when a very pleasant evening was spent.

On Wednesday evening a small but pleasant tobogganing party was given by the Misses Parks. A hill on the grounds of Mrs. J. H. Parks was lighted up by torches while a large bonfire was kept burning at the foot of the hill. After the tobogganing for some time the party were entertained at supper at their residence.

A surprise party was given by a few of the friends of Mrs. John MacLaren on Wednesday evening it being the fourth anniversary of her marriage. A very jolly party assembled at her residence, Queen square and wooden gifts were the order of the evening. The ball which was to have been given by Mrs. Howard D. Troop on Wednesday evening was postponed in consequence of the weather.

On Thursday evening a delightful dance was given by Mr. W. M. and the Misses Jarvis at which a large number of their young friends were present. Like all entertainments given under this hospitable roof, it was a great success and complete in all arrangements. The large drawing rooms were used for dancing, the floor was carpeted with a well stretched linen while the supper table was spread in the dining room and the library and halls were used for refreshments.

Besides a long programme of dances several extras were called for and the pleasant gathering did not break up until a very late hour.

Mrs. E. S. Carter returned to the city Monday after a lengthy visit in Fredericton. She was accompanied by her mother, who returned home Thursday evening with Mr. Fenety.

Miss Ella Henderson has returned to St. John from Boston where she has been for the past few years. Her sister, Mrs. W. S. Losceller. The opening of the Mechanic's Institute assembly room was one of the pleasant events of the week. Despite the rough and rainy evening, Tuesday, there was a large number present, who enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Much pleasant surprise was excited by the appearance of the rooms, which are a credit to the city. Among those ladies invited and present were:

The Misses Rainnie, Mrs. G. R. Pugsley, Miss Pugsley, Mrs. H. D. Peters, Mrs. Edwin Peters, Mrs. Worrall, Miss E. D. Peters, Mrs. R. A. Payne, Mrs. Geo. H. Oulton, Miss Oulton, Mrs. H. Milligan, Miss Milligan, Mrs. W. H. Merritt, Mrs. D. McLellan, Mrs. Fred J. Harding, Miss Armstrong, Mrs. James Fleming, Miss Fleming, Mrs. John Fielder, the Misses Fisher, Mrs. A. Everett, Mrs. Herbert E. Everett, Mrs. J. K. Dunlop, Miss Dunlop, the Misses Drury, Mrs. W. P. Dole, the Misses Dole, Mrs. George Drury, Mrs. J. N. Thornton, Mrs. H. J. Thorne, Miss Thomas, Miss Parlee, the Misses Symonds, Mrs. W. W. Street, Miss Street, Mrs. J. De Wolf Spurr, Miss Smith, Mrs. R. C. Skinner, Mrs. D. J. Seely, Mrs. Seely, Mrs. E. G. Scovill, Miss Scovill, Mrs. Mowatt, Miss Harris, Mrs. J. G. Robertson, Mrs. Misses Hamilton, Mrs. R. C. McIntyre, Mrs. Foster McFarlane, Miss McFarlane, Mrs. Geo. F. Matthews, Miss Magee, Mrs. A. H. Magee, Mrs. C. F. Kinnear, the Misses Jarvis, Miss Jack, Mrs. Holly, Mrs. L. R. Harrison, Mrs. A. H. Hamilton, Mrs. D. H. Hall, Mrs. A. L. Goodwin, Mrs. B. Goding, Mrs. Barton Gandy, Mrs. Wm. Fleming, Mrs. Harris Allen, Mrs. J. Russell Armstrong, Miss Barbour, Mrs. T. William Bell, Mrs. F. Beverly, Mrs. H. C. Barclay Boyd, Mrs. S. L. T. Burtham, Miss Burpee, Mrs. W. L. Busby, Mrs. W. F. Butt, Miss Butt, Mrs. Cleveland, Miss Cleveland, Mrs. L. Young, Miss Walker, Mrs. Vanwart, Mrs. Tuck, the Misses Tuck, Mrs. A. P. Tippet, and very many others.

St. John—West End. The sudden death of Mrs. Lowe, relict of John Lowe, was a great shock to her many friends. Her funeral took place on Monday and was largely attended. The service in the house, and the grave were conducted by the Rev. Geo. Shore, of the Presbyterian church, which the deceased was a constant member.

Mr. Harry McDuffy has had a relapse, and is dangerously ill at his home, with inflammation of the brain, we sympathize with his parents in their trouble.

Miss Laura Stubbs is convalescent from a severe attack of neuralgia. Miss Beattie, who has been ill with a sore throat, is also getting better.

Mrs. Dr. Purdy, of Moncton, is again with us. She intends stopping three or four weeks at the Montgomery's, King street. We welcome her at West End.

Mr. Thomas Adams, who has been spending several weeks at Prince Edward Island, has returned, having had a most enjoyable and novel trip.

Mr. Ranold Clark spent last week at La Trobe Place.

Mr. E. Sheldon has returned from St. Martin's where he has been for a short time on business.

There is to be a concert in the City on Monday evening by the mission band, in aid of the poor, all should avail themselves of the opportunity of aiding in this good object.

Mr. G. H. Wright left for California last week. Mrs. Wright accompanied him as far as Boston, but returned the last of this week. We hope that when

Mr. Wright returns that his health will be entirely restored.

Mrs. McWilliams is able to be out again. Mrs. Balcomb, who has been in Moncton for two months has returned, and is at her home on Duke street.

Sleighting parties seem to be the only amusement that the West End young people indulge in this winter. On Monday the "Starlight" left here well filled; another party was to go to Mrs. Hatheway's on Tuesday, but the rain disappointed them, and it had to be postponed. I heard of another large party going to South Bay on Thursday, but cannot give particulars until next week.

Rev. G. A. Hartley, who has been visiting his son in Sussex, returned on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker, of Fairville, are receiving the congratulations of their many friends on the arrival of their little daughter, E. Armstrong.

Mr. John Tilton, Deputy Minister of Fisheries arrived from Ottawa the first of the week, and is the guest of his sisters, the Misses Tilton at Fall Side, Lancaster Heights. He leaves today for Ottawa, accompanied by Mrs. Chas. F. Tilton.

Messrs. John and Basil Nealis left last week for college in the United States, where they will pursue their studies.

Mr. Barnabas Tilton one of St. John's oldest and most prominent citizens, died in Moncton, New Brunswick on Lancaster Heights, at the age of 90 years.

Mrs. Nise of Moncton, N. B. is spending a few days with her sister, the Misses Tilton, having come down to be present at the funeral of her father, Mr. Barnabas Tilton.

St. John—North End. FEB. 4.—Mr. Joseph Knight left on Sunday evening for a trip to Montreal and New York.

Mr. Joshua Goodwin, of Lockport, N. S., formerly connected with the Portland Baptist church, spent a few days here last week.

Last week a very pleasant whist party was held at the residence of Mrs. D. Tapley, Douglas Ave. Some very handsome prizes were awarded the winners. Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton carried off the booty prize. The party meets this week at the residence of Mrs. Hayford, Main street.

The attendance at the Holly-Armstrong assembly on Friday evening last was much larger than usual. Among those present were: Miss Annie Turner, Miss Dora Ferguson, Miss Alice Armstrong, Miss Edwards, (Halifax) Miss Gertrude Holly, Miss Nellie Perkins, Miss Betta Tapley, Miss Louise Tapley, Miss May Flemming, Miss Nettie Holly, Miss Mary Shaw, Miss Tilly Shaw, Miss Cassie Tapley, Miss Mary Tapley, Miss Annie MacGregor, Miss Ethel Robertson, Miss Minnie Beverley, Miss Margery Tapley, Miss Willa Peters, Miss Annie Farmer, Miss Alice Rudlock, Miss DeForest, Miss Bertha White, Miss Bessie Eagles, Miss Clark, Miss Ada Tapley, Miss Lizzie Barker, Miss Jeanette Beverley, (Fredericton); Messrs. E. Armstrong, W. Holly, B. Armstrong, A. Farmer, E. Barner, W. Day, H. DeForest, G. Peters, F. Peters, V. McLeelan, Dr. Maher, G. Troop, F. Peters, W. Nasse, F. DeForest, J. Fraser, S. Munro, G. Robertson, G. Flemming, B. McBeath, H. Sullivan, Dunbrack, and Woods. There were several spectators present. Mrs. Charles Miller chaperoned the party.

Mr. Philip Haman, Adelaide street, is seriously ill. Mrs. Haman is also quite ill.

Mr. Herbert Moore, who went to New York some weeks ago, has taken ill, and will not be able to be out for a fortnight.

PEANUTS. FEB. 4.—The driving party given last Wednesday evening by Miss Wetmore and the officers of the barracks, was a very pleasant affair. The party, numbering about 60 drove up to the Springhill hotel, taking with them Hanlon's orchestra to provide music for the dancing. An excellent supper was served, and the party returned to the city about 2:30, a.m.

On Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fisher's delightful party was the great attraction. His is the first large party Mrs. Fisher has ever given, and she proved herself a charming hostess; she was ably assisted by her daughter, Miss Madeline Fisher, Miss Church, Miss Church, Hanlon's orchestra provided excellent music, and the floor was in good condition, consequently the dancing was thoroughly enjoyed. Refreshments were served through the evening, and at midnight a delicious supper was served; the supper table being prettily decorated with flowers. Mrs. Fisher received her guests in a very pretty dress of black lace, while Miss Fisher wore pink silk with natural flowers.

Mrs. Church wore black fish net with cream roses; Mrs. Church wore black fish net with cream roses; Mrs. Charles Beckwith, a handsome pink silk with long train, cream lace draperies.

Mrs. Harry Beckwith, golden brown satin, with gold passementeries. Mrs. Godkin, grey silk. Miss May Whelpley, black fish net with pink sash and pink roses.

Miss Bailey, a lovely green dress of white stripe silk trimmed with a Grecian scroll embroidered in silver braid, which she carried in her hand, a beautiful bouquet of rich garnet roses and carnations, tied with white ribbon.

Mrs. Mary Rainsford, black lace and natural flowers. Miss Harriet Rainsford, white silk and gold trimmings.

Mrs. Akerley, black lace over white silk, white ostrich tip in her hair. Miss Frank Babbitt, cream china silk, carried a bouquet of cream roses.

Mrs. George Y. Dibble, handsome black lace over black satin, elegant corsage bouquet of natural flowers.

Miss Susie Gregory, white silk pink roses. Miss Gertrude Gregory, black fish net. Miss Mabel Gregory, white silk with white ribbon.

Miss Mira Randolph, pink silk trimmed with pink plush. Mrs. John Black, black velvet with long train. Miss Burnside, white Henrietta cloth, with white ribbons.

Mrs. Bailey, grey poplin trimmed with grey plush. Mrs. George Allen, white satin embroidered in gold.

On Friday evening, the bread and butter club met at Mrs. Sherman's, in fancy dress and masks, and had a very jolly time.

On Friday evening, Miss Janie Rainsford had a very pleasant snowshoe party. They remained out until 10 o'clock, when they returned to Miss Rainsford's home, where they had a pleasant and lively supper.

Col. and Mrs. Mansell, gave a dinner party Friday evening, which was much enjoyed. There was a small party at H. B. Rainsford's on Saturday evening from 5 to 10.

Mrs. Montgomery Campbell gave a ladies' lunch last Wednesday.

Mr. Byron Winslow gave a gentlemen's whist party last Monday evening, the guests numbered 24.

Mrs. Hawthorne gave a very large children's party one evening last week. There were 75 little folks there.

Last Monday evening Mr. Lewis Bliss got up a most delightful driving party, and went down to Lincoln to the residence of his sister, Mrs. Parker Glasgow.

Cap. and Mrs. Akerley entertained a number of their friends at a very pleasant party, Monday evening, at their pleasant home, on St. John street.

Mrs. Richard Estey had two large and very pleasant parties this week.

Mrs. Bradford Winslow had a small party last Tuesday evening, in honor of Mr. Norman Winslow, from Woodstock, who was visiting them.

There have been about 500 invitations issued for the conversation, at the College, on Monday evening.

Mrs. Charles Gregory, of Antigonish, N. S., is very ill at the residence of her niece, Miss Byrnes, Mrs. Carney, of Florenceville, is visiting her niece, Miss Byrnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Temple, Mr. and Mrs. Forester, and Mrs. Hillyard, are all going south as soon as Mr. Hillyard is able to travel; he is improving nicely now.

Miss Helen is here from St. John visiting her aunt, Mrs. Fred Richards.

Mrs. Beverley and her daughters, the Misses Beverley, have returned home from St. John, after a two months visit.

Mrs. Wm. Gregory is going to Boston for her health very soon.

[Owing to the letter not reaching Progress office until Friday morning, much that was interesting in it had to be omitted.—EDTOR.]

MARYSVILLE. FEB. 4.—Rev. Douglas Chapman spent part of last week in St. John.

Miss Ella Murray has entirely recovered from her recent illness, and has resumed her duties of teaching.

Miss Estabrooks and Miss L. Beattie, of St. John, who are attending the Normal school in Fredericton spent Sunday in town, the guests of Miss May Rowley.

Mr. Frank Read returned to St. John on Monday last.

The Sandwich club was charmingly entertained by Mrs. F. S. Williams, on Monday evening. The first hour was devoted to a musical and literary entertainment by the club.

"Scribbles" was unable to get a copy of the programme. Miss Alice Gibson gave several selections on the violin, which was greatly enjoyed. An elegant supper was served at 10:30 p.m., after which parlor curling, bagatelle, etc., were indulged in. One of the young ladies present informed me she had a "perfect time," and she did wish some more of the friends would join now.

Mrs. Williams' example and entertain the club occasionally. The next weekly meeting of the club is to be at the Misses Ramezes, and all are looking forward to it with pleasure.

There are to be several races at the rink on Friday evening, the 6th inst., which promise to be very exciting.

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