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IRIS TALKS ABOUT HALIFAX.

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APRIL 15 .- Despite all our murmurs regarding the recent unpleasant weather, and our dismal forbodings, fearful lest Jack Frost should refuse to abdicate and remain with us during the entire year; lo, the scene has changed! Our lamentations are changed to rejoicings, for, here we are in the midst of spring. Suddenly, without warning it has burst

upon us in all its freshness. I come, I come, ye have called me long, I come o'er the mountains with light and song. No climate could boast of any more delightful day than Thursday last; the sky was cloudless, the sun warm enough for June, while the gentle zepher, balmy with the breath of early summer was wafted sweetly from the sunny south. In the afternoon of the day above mentioned, everybody took advantage of the charming weather to have a promenade. Not a sealskin sacque was visible, except perhaps, upon an occasional convalescent from a cold or an attack of "la grippe;" the sunshade replaced the muff, and every lady whose spring costume was home from the hands of the dressmaker, had it on. assure you South Park, Pleasant streets, and Spring gardens cut quite a swell appearance, as is

always the case when beauty takes an airing. As I am on the subject of spring, what is you opinion of the new goods (dry goods, I mean, of course)? Do you not agree with me in thinking some of the shades n the dress materials exceed ingly pretty. Light grey, they tell me, is to be all the rage, and judging by what I have seen I imagine such to be the case; besides most girls look well in this color. It is also (pray don't forget to take this into consideration) a favorite shade with gentlemen. Ask any man you know what kind of dress he likes best for a lady, and you will find that nine out of ten will answer gray. You know there are some fair devotees of society who dress to please their lady acquaintance, others do so to suit the gentlemen. Now which of the two, think you, look the more at tractive? Which possess the greater amount of good taste and sense, also in a larger degree that dear mysterious irrate little virtue called tact? I leave it to you to solve this knotty point.
Continuing the Spring fashions with regard to the

hat, the greater the amount of flowers in it, the more it is a la mode. A rather fetching costume possessed by an acquaintance of mine is composed of a gown of the most delicate shade of grey, close fitting, tailor made, and a tiny hat just covered with violets. The lovely flowers look so shy and natural, I intimated to my young friend that when she appears in town, people may think she has just come from a ramble in the Park, when in some shaded nook, she found the blossoms, and placed them in her bonnet. "What difference!" she exclaimed, laughing. "I always like to look natural!"—and very sweet, and natural you are. I thought, as I looked at the fair young face ! and I know there are many others, who think alike with me, particularly the sterner, sex. But we all can only admire for is she not the chosen bride of a certain gallant young officer? Not many more weeks will elapse before, on one of the lovely mornings in June, we will listen to the sound of the merry wedding bills, announcing that "we must bid adieu to her we've loved so long" as she sails away from her native shores, shall we not feel like exclaiming with the poet!

"Farewell, farewell, fair Inez, That vessel never bore So fair a lady on her deck, Nor danced so light before

As all must have recognized the lady, I shall re-By the way, were you aware that it has been set tled with regard to the Leicestershire band playing in the public gardens during the coming summer months? The regiment has kindly consented, and commencing after the 1st of May the old pleasant Saturday afternoons will be resumed. Our public gardens are universally admired, and when at these Saturday promenade concerts fashion is out en masse, they present a brilliant appearance.

I understand also that the coming summer is to be unprecedented in the number of picnics that are to take place. Now I know you will justly think I am rather previous on the subject of picnics. Likely ou will say, let us get over with the housecleaning before we think about shaking out our boating costumes-yet, directly the weather is sufficiently warm, the steamer Dartmouth, I am told, is to make a weekly trip to Bedford, on Saturday afternoons. This is invariably one of the attractions of the summer season; the sail, or steam, I suppose would be rather a better word, is extremely pleasant. Up the harbor through the narrows, and on the basin, past Rockingham, which is rapidly becoming a favorite summer resort, and boasts of several very pretty villas built on the water side, with lovely sloping gardens and terraces. From the sea its appearance is decidedly picturesque, with its white houses dotted here and there among the fields, while Mount St. Vincent crowns the whole. Further on past Birch cove, near which lies lovely Sherwood, the summer house of the ladies of the Sacred Heart, and the gem of the surrounding country. In a few minutes after Bedford is reached, where the long summer afternoon speeds all too

Apropos of Bedford, I have been informed. there is to be quite an exodus from the city to that little village in the basin. Among others Dr., Mrs., and Miss Cowie and Mr. George Cowie, who have purchased a residence in Bedford. There are at present at Morrison's hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Dalziel Mr. and Mrs. J. Wylde. The permanent residents of Bedford are Mrs. James Butler, "the cedars," Mr. and Pryor, Mr. and Mrs. Gilpin, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Silver, who have lately moved into their charming residence on the hill.

General Herbert left this week for Ottawa. Dur ing his sojourn here he was the guest of the lieutgovernor. Last week there were several dinners given for the general, two at government house, official, besides others which were private. Among these was one given by Mr. J. T. Kenny, at his residence, South street. It is announced that Major Gordon, of the Infantry

school corps has been appointed to replace Colonel Worserly, D. A. G. During the past week gaiety has not been very The opera, to a certain extent, interferes with social assemblages, consequently when there is any opera on for the first time everybody is sure present for who would forego good music when he has only seldom the opportunity of listening to Besides at any time we can get up a dance. Erminie drew large houses and was a decided success. The Gondoliers was produced on Monday ast for the fifth time, but the house was very slim Well, once is enough to see the Gondoliers, at least, rendered by the Grau company. By this do not mean anything derogatory to the merits o the troupe. Taken as a whole they are very fair. Miss Laurens is lovely, possessing a clear, rich soprano. Mr. Dunbar has a fine voice, though to many his peculiar style is not pleasing. Miss Marie Bell is always charming, and in her movements she

is graceful as a nymph. several of our society people have a pleasant occupation in hand just at present. Are you very anxious to ascertain what it may be? Shall I tell you? Well, here goes. Getting ready to move, always a lovely and enviable pastime. Among those who are so fortunate are the Spanish consul, who is about t move into the large residence adjoining that of Mr. Edward Brown on South Park street; Mrs. Chipman, who moves from Pleasant to Morris street Mrs. and the Misses McKinley taking the house now

occupied by Mrs. Chipman. Miss Maud Graham was married on Wednesday of last week at St. John's, three mile church. It had been generally understood that the wedding was to have been fashionable and performed in St. Luke's cathedral, but the young bride preferred a quiet ceremony and solicited this little church in the suburbs. None but the immediate relatives were present. Mr. Ernest Gregory, the young gentleman to whom Miss Graham was married, is the only son of Mr. Gregory, of Antigonish. After the wedding tour, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory intend spending the

summer in Antigonish. Young Master Franklin gave a party to his friends last week at his home, North West Arm. The children spent a delightful afternoon roaming about the beautiful grounds, or playing

n the spacious drawing room. Mr. D. Moren gave, a few evenings ago, a theater party, and afterwards a supper. Wishing in this way to celebrate the attainment of his majority.
When is Mr. Moren going to bring us his fair young bride about whom we have heard so much. We are anxiously awaiting that auspicious event. During these days Mr. M. honors Halifax very little with Miss Frand's friends very pleasantly last Friday his presence, strange to relate, he prefers the sister he deserves to be excused; don't you think so?

A large At Home took place at Mrs. Henry's, South Parker street, on Friday last. On dit that the beauty and the elite were present in full force. There was, perhaps, a little too much crushing, but at a formal "tea" this must be expected. Mr. H. McD. and Mr. W. Henry went among the guests playing the hosts with their usual "bonhomm nearly everybody accepted, for who would think of refusing the invitations of so genial a hostess. Among the throng of guests were: Mrs. J. F. Kenny, Mrs. W. Duffus, Miss Duffus, Dr. Barefoot, Major and Mrs. Waldron, Col. and Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. and the Misses Troope, Dr. McDowell, Mrs. H. H. Fuller, Mr. L. J. Fuller, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kenny, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Tobin, and Capt. and Mrs. Mullins.

The announcement of Mrs. Adam Burns' death

tertained of her thorough recovery. But on Tuesday night she was again suddenly stricken and died on Wednesday. Much sympathy is felt for her husband also for the little daughter, an only child which she leaves behind. The tuneral took place on Satur-

day from "Brookside," her late residence.
The Rev. C. W. McCully, curate of St. Luke's cathedral has, I hear, sent in his resignation. The tickets are out for Prof. Porter's benefit con-We understand that all the best amateurs of the city intend taking part, and it should be a decided success. We should be ungrateful indeed i we did not give the genial professor a good send off in recognition of his indefatigable labors in our midst. It is to be hoped that old members of St.

Paul's will remember this. Miss Lamie's health permitting, the Orphens comes off on Tuesday. As this is the last subscription concert of the season, we expect a treat, the last Orphens at which we shall hear our sweet songstess. Next season she will be far away, doubtless captivating other audiences "with music's dulcet

The flagship is to be a little late arriving this year, not before the 1st or 3rd of June. I heard the other day that it was not as yet decided whether or not Prince George would return for another summer in Halifax. If report speaks correctly, the fleet have had a rather jolly winter of it in the Bermudas—especially at Trinidad, where they have been recently dined, picniced, danced, and entertained right royally. Yet about this time, when the sun's rays begin to burn a little too fiercely, the gallant sailors long for the refreshing breezes blowing off Chebucto
-visions of the pretty Halifax maidens rise up bewitchingly, and the long for time when heralding their arrival by the shricking syren they steam for

The commander of the French steamer Cashar Captain Oscal, and the ship's surgeon were enter-tained at dinner by the Spanish consul. There have been several changes among the offi cials of the different banks, in consequence of which many fair damsels are triste over the fact of losing some of their friends who have been transferred elsewhere, Mr. McGee of the Halifax bank having left for St. John, where he will hold the position of accountant, Mr. Strickland of the Union bank goes to Sydney, having been appointed manager, Mr. R. D. Clarke leaves shortly for North Sydney, where will open a new agency of the Peoples' bank.

Mr. Hariey of the Bank of B. N. A. is to be mar-

ried in the early part of the coming summer to Miss May Bauld. The fair young blonde will make a very charming bride. Mr. H. is one of the fortunate

PICTOU, N. S.

[Progress is for sale in Pictou by Jas. McLean.] APRIL 14 .- The rink is now closed for this season. Tuesday night of last week being the last band night. There were not as many skaters as usual. People will get tired even of the best of things. As the old proverb says, "too much of a good thing is

Mr. C. D. Macdonald. of Dartmouth, spent two or three days in town last week. Colonel and Mrs. Snow, who have been visiting in New York for the last two or three months, arrived home Wednesday evening of last week. They have bought the Webster property on Battery hill, and are going to work at once to have the

Mrs. Davies, of Stellarton, spent a day or two in town last week. Miss Sutherland, of Truro, is staying in town, the guest of Mrs. Pineo.

The old Eureka hotel is being repaired and will

Mis. E. M. Macdonald had a small party Friday

be opened this summer in connection with the Revere house.

Miss Carmichael, who has been ill for two or three months is able to be out again. Mrs. McRoberts, of Truro, intends opening a class

here in elocution in connection with the Pictou Mrs. Calnick, of Westville, was in town last Sat-

Mrs. H. H. Crerar, who has been spending the winter in Pictou with her mother, returned to her home in Antigonish last Thursday. The skating party at the rink last Thursday evenccess. The ice was a little wet, but that was not to be wondered at, as it was so late in the season The supper table, which was spread in the ladies waiting room, looked very pretty indeed. Among those present were Chaperon Mrs. J. S. McKenzie, Mrs. J. Gordon, Mrs. W. Noonan, Mrs. Dustan, Mrs. McMillan, Miss Hudson, Miss Macdonald, Miss Gordon, Misses Simpson, Miss Primrose, Miss

M. Gordon, Miss Lithgow (Halifax), Miss Ferguson, Miss McKay, Miss Murray, Miss Logan, Misses McDonald, Miss Fullerton, Miss McMillan, Miss Fraser, Miss K. Davies, Miss R. Primrose, Misses Crerar, Miss M. Macdonald, Miss McKenzie, Miss Daley, Miss McLennan; Messrs. J. Ferguson, E. Dawson, C. Frazer, J. Primrose, W. Dustan, McPhee, Simpson, W. Ferguson, Cameron, J. Mc-Kean, McLean, Patterson, Yorston, McLennan, Dr.

There has been quite an excitement lately over the census taking. Having to give one's age being rather trying to some.

WOLFVILLE.

APRIL 14 .- The recital given in College hall on Friday evening, April 10, by Mr. H. N. Shaw, assisted by Miss Wallace, Miss Fitch, Miss Jones, and Messrs Burnett, Whidden, Smallman, and Read, was a great success. The programme was

Quartet-"Flow gently Sweet Afton"....Collin Coe Reading—"Charge of the light Brigade".. Tennyson W. H. Smallman.

Violin Solo—"La Rere".....Goltermann Miss Mamie Fitch. a. The Sioux Chief's Daughter...Miller Readings, b. That Fire at Nolan's.....Anon W. B. Burnett. Quintete-"Stars of the Summer Night"....Smart

Obligato by Miss Wallace. a. "How She Farmed,"....Burdette "The Whistling Regiment," .Harvey "Jack the Fisherman," .. E. S. Phelps d. "The Charity Dinner,"..... Mosely H. N. Shaw. Violin Solo—"Au Varie"..........De Beriot Miss Fitch.

Louis XIII...........E. A. Read
Count Bradas.......H. P. Whidden
Duc De Orleans......H. G. Estabrook
Adrien De Mauphrat......W. B. Burnett Francois......W. H. Hutchins Clement.....J. H. McDonald The Quartets were well rendered. The obligato by Miss Wallace in the Quintet "Stars of the sum-mer night" was delightful. Miss Wallace has a very

clear, sweet voice. The violin solos by Miss Mamie Fitch were very much appreciated, Miss Fitch does excellent work. Mr. Shaw's readings were as usual Mrs. Fielding has returned to Wolfville and is staying with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Payzant. Miss Minnie Prat is visiting in Windsor. Mrs. F. A. Dixon has been quite ill for a few

lays, but we all are glad to hear she is improving. Mrs. Fred Brown is also a victim of la grippe. Miss Brown, Miss Clarke and Mr. Boult went from here Friday evening to attend the quadrille dance in Scotia hall, Kentville. Mrs. H. N. Shaw is making a short visit at her

home in Berwick. The Misses Fitch have returned to Wolfville after pending the winter in Halifax. Mr. and Mrs. Archibald have returned from their rip to the Jamaica exhibition.
I regret to learn of the death of the Rev. Walter Baess, who died very suddenly in New York. His family are now in Rochester, N. Y. His aged parents feel his loss very deeply.
Mr. H. W. Brown left last week for Boston, where

he will remain for some time. TRURO. N. S.

[Progress is for sale in Truro at Mr. G. O. Ful-

APRIL 15 .- Mrs. J. H. McKay's party last Thursday evening was one of the most delightful dancing parties of the season.

The Citizens' band concert on the same evening was a very successful affair. The vocal part of the entertainment, under the able supervision of Mr. George B. Faulkner, left nothing to be desired, the loists being all in good voice. Mrs. Arthur Somerville entertained a number of

sionalists last Friday evening at dinner, it being the eve of his departure for Edinboro, Scotland, where he will pursue some special studies. The hymn, "For those at Sea," was sung by the choir of St. John's, of which Dr. Muir is a member, last Sabbath evening.

Col. Curren of Halifax was a guest of friends at Scrivelsby Manor on Tuesday last. Miss Gliske of Halifax is about to inaugurate a dancing class here, and begins on Friday afternoon with a small class of juveniles, who for the after-noon will enjoy the privilege of the ballroom at Miss Florence Tupper's drive whist party on Monday evening last was a very enjoyable affair.

PUTTNER'S EMULSION of Cod Liver Oil still retains was everywhere heard with regret. A few days previous to the last sad event, this lady's health had been so greatly improved that hopes were enofits patrons everywhere.—Advt.

WINDSOR, N. S.

APRIL 14 .- The days are becoming bright and beautiful and the prudent housewife goes forth in the morning early, and summoneth her maiden, and they combine together to make the life of man a burden so long as there remaineth one unmolested corner, or one cherished nook under his roof tree.

I had the pleasure, some time ago, of going over Mr. Clifford Strand's new house on Ferry Hill. This house, which was finished a month or two ago, is much the handsomest in Windsor. The vestibule floor is of richly colored tiles. The hall floor is finished in polished wood; on one side is a handsome tiled fireplace with over mantle, double doors open on either side to the two drawing rooms. The staircase is massive and handsome, of solid mahogany with a panelling extending about two and a half feet up the wall. There are two landings, so that from the hall above a good view may be had of the first floor. The dining room is finished in oak, the curtains and tiles are of dull blue, the sideboard is very handsome, of antique oak with mirrors. The bath-room is perhaps one of the handsomest rooms in the house, being entirely panelled in oak from floor to eiling. The innumerable closets and pantries and places to put things are such as delight the heart of y house keeper. Not one of the least attractions the view from the tower, where one may gaze over the blue Ardise hills in the distance, the St. Croix river and Wentworth, Avondale and the winding Avon river, and milts beyond Falmouth; in short, as far as the eye can reach in every direction. It was of the Avon river that Charles Dudley Warner said that he never before realized what a difference water made in a river. Half the day we have a wide turbulent sheet of water, the other half, a red gorge between high mud banks, with here and there a shrunken pool or two. Then the water rushes in, and again we have a river. This pleasing variety has been going on ever since the Avon river existed, and is likely to continue for some time to come. It may be interesting and instructive have a river like that almost at one's door, but for boating purposes it has its disadvantages. Mrs. Morris' children's party last Thursday even-ing was much appreciated by the little people. Miss Lillie Allison has returned from Halifax,

where she attended the ball given by Misses Gordon and Keith last week.

Miss Nora Blanchard has returned from Truro. Miss Beatrice Blanchard, of Truro, is visiting Mrs. Aubrey Blanchard.

Mr. Hugh Mackenzie, of Truro, was here one day On Friday, declaration day, there were a good many strangers about. The recount caused a little excitement. Mr. Drysdale and Mr. McDougall were both in town. Mr. Russell, Q. C., of Halifax; Mr. A. J. White, Mr. W. B. Almon Ritchie and Mr. Alfred Whitman were here on Friday and Satur-

Mr. J. E. Chipman came down to inspect hiu fin Clydesdale and Percheron horses last week.

Mr. Harry King went to St. John on Monday Mr. S. A. Gourley, of Truro, arrived in Windson on Sunday, via Shubanacadie, whether he returned

Miss Minnie Pratt and Miss May Pratt of Wolfville, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Wilcox.

Mr. T. B. Wood has gone to Halifax, where he will be manager of the Halifax baking and confecionery company. We are all glad to see that Mr. D. P. Allison is

Rev. D. P. Allison, of Weymouth and Mr. R. G. Allison, organist of Trinity church, Yarmouth, were n town last week. Mr. John Blanchard has gone to Antigonish. Rev. T. McCully preached in Christ's church on

Rev. Mr. Anderson was here last week for the purpose of introducing the tonic sol fa system in the Mr. H. D. Ruggles had a flying trip to Kentville Judge de Wolf also visited Kentville one day last

Rev. Mr. Rogers has organized a christian en-The German club has withstood the winter storms nobly, and still flourishes. This class originally consisted of Mrs. Weston Jones, Miss Dimock, Miss Hensley, Miss Carre, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Field. Mrs. Oxford has since become a member, and I understand that Miss Carre and Mr. Field that Mrs. oxford forces. have retired in favor of Greek. Chacun a sou gout. The club are reading a German drama

entitled Die Journalisten. This evening a party have gone to Hantsport to This evening a party have gone to Hamsport to the "Old folks concert." Mrs. Aubrey Blanchard is the chaperone. The party consists of Miss King, Miss Sadie King, Miss White, Miss Graham, Miss Gossip, Miss Thom, Miss Morris, Miss Blanchard, Miss Curry, Mr. Courtney, Mr. Whitman, Mr. Almon and Mr. Andrews. We are looking forward to the Philharmonic concert at Windsor on Friday

The quadrille club had not the longevity of the German club, or is not dead, but only languishing? In the first part of the winter M. D'Ornano organized a French evening, which came around once a tortnight, when his pupils and ex-pupils met to gether for French conversation and reading on these evenings. English was supposed to be a forgotten tongue, and all went merrily in French while they lasted, but these reunions aias are no more. The gay week in Windsor is encoenia week, the frivolity of a year is generally crowded into that short week, but we can't hope for an encœnia like last year again for a hundred years. And I am afraid not many who were at the centennial last year will be in a position to enjoy the next one.

[Progress is for sale at Amherst, by George Douglas, at the Western Union Telegraph office.] APRIL 15 .- It is rumored that the matrimonial wave is to strike this town in the early summer, and that some of our most popular young people will be engulfed in it.

Miss Townshend of Halifax, on her return from Parrsboro where she had officiated as bridesmaid to her cousin, Miss Florence Townshend, spent a week in this her native town, a guest of her uncle, Mr. J. Medley Townshend, and Miss Townshend.

Mrs. A. Stewart Townshead of Parrsboro came to town with the wedding party on Thursday last, and remained until Saturday.

I heard of a very pleasant card party, given by Mr. C. T. Hillson to his gentlemen friends at his residence on Monday evening of last week. Mrs. Albert Chapman gave an afternoon tea on Tuesday, when a number of ladies spent a pleasant

The dancing class opened some weeks ago by Miss Esterbrooks, of Sackville, has closed for the season. Mrs. Symms has very kindly invited the the pupils with their parents and friends for a dance on Friday evening next, when no doubt they will have a very enjoyable time, for both Mr. and Mrs. Symms possess the art of making their guests feel

Miss Nellie Palmer, student at the Ladies colege, Mount Allison, was in town on Saturday with her friend, Miss Lowerison. Rev. Mr. Lutz is in charge of Christ church congregation for the next four or five weeks, and they are to be congratulated upon securing such a talented clergyman. He officiated on Sunday last, and delivered two very able sermons. The vicar,

Rev. V. E. Harris, is expected to return from England about the tenth of May.

Mr. James A. Dickey's hosts of friends in town were delighted to see him last week, when he spent a few days here, returning on Saturday to his work as civil engineer on the Annapolis and Digby railway, better known as the "Missing Link," which t is expected will be completed in June. Mrs. Simeon Armstrong was kept busily engaged receiving her visitors on Monday and Tuesday of last week at her rooms at the Amherst hotel.

received in black velvet, and was assisted by Mrs. James A. Dickey. Mr. A. Wilson, of Pugwash, was in town last week for a day or two.

Mrs. Courtnay Bliss returned from Moncton on Thursday last, where she had been visiting her sisters, Mrs. Nickerson and Mrs. Dickson for ten Miss Ratchford, who is at present residing in Halifax, is spending a week or two in town, a guest of her brother, Mr. C. E. Ratchford, and Mrs. Ratch-

Mr. and Mrs. Barry D. Bent and children returned home on Saturday night, after a pleasant visit Mr. N. Rhodes reached home on Saturday from very delightful trip to Jamaca, W. I.

The musical recital to which we were looking for ward to with much pleasure, had to be postponed for two weeks on account of Prof. Barnaby's Illness. He has had a slight attack of la grippe, but is much better. One of the soloists of the evening, Miss Gates, has also had an attack of the same. MEG.

SHEDIAC.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Shediac at A. Stone's

APRIL 15 .- The chief feature of amusement last week was the concert in Tait's hall on Thursday night. It proved to be a grand success. The committee for stage decorations, deserve a great deal of credit for the able manner in which they carried

Many people who pride themselves on their blue blood would be far happier with pure blood; but, while we cannot choose our ancestors, fortunately, by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, we can transmit pure blood to our posterity .- Adrt.

out their work. Certainly the stage never looked prettier, being unique in design. In the centre, at the back of the stage, being a handsome painted mirror. Set in a crimson plush frame underneath was a mantle draped in crimson, and upon it stood a pretty brass clock. On either side stood a wire flower stand filled with pretty plants. These against the good old Canadian flag for a background presented a very brilliant scene. A large hanging lamp and numerous footlights greatly enhanced the beauty and had the desired effect of showing off the singers

and had the desired elect of showing on the singers to advantage. A handsome piano from Miller Bros. (Moncton) added much to the appearance. The singing was good. Among the choruses "Let the Hills and Vales Resound" was one of the best. A duet "The Gipsy Countess" by Miss Cassie Smith and Mr. Schaefer, called forth a storm of applause. Miss Smith was becomingly arrayed as a gypsey maiden. Dr. E. A. Smith's song "Kilallo," was well executed. Much praise is due Mr. Melaphant for his solos "Anchored," and "I'm Afloat." Mr. M. is the happy possessor of a very fine base voice. Mr. Williams sang that good old song "The Bridge" in his usual pleasing manner. Miss Bourque sang "The Maid of the Mill," and Miss May Smith 'Kathleen." Both songs were well received. After the concert, refreshments, ice cream and oysters were served. About \$90 was realized, making i all about \$125 sent from Shediac to the Springhil

Some of our townspeople talk of getting up a play and devote the proceeds to town improvements such as street lamps and sidewalks, which are badly

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon, and Master Hall are spending a few days in St. John. We were all very pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Benedict in town on Monday. I hear we are going to have them with us again this summer. Miss Webster has gone to Moncton for a day or

Mrs. Sawyer, of Boston, has been at Point du Chene for two or three weeks, waiting for the boat.

WELDFORD STATION.

[PROGRESS is for sale at Mrs. S. J. Livingston's grocery store, Weldford Station.] APRIL 15 .- Miss Annie Black, who, after making a prolonged visit to her sister, Mrs. Dr. Keith, left

for her home in Richibucto on Thursday last. Mrs. Philip Woods, of Richibucto, was at the Eureka on Monday evening on his return from Fredericton, and left for home yesterday morning. Mr. James G. MacDonald, of Albert county, was

at the Central on Friday evening. Mr. John Stevenson, representing the Crown lands department, came up from Richibucto, yes-Mr. William MacDonald, of Sherman, Me., has been visiting his sister, Mrs. M. T. Glenn, who is so

seriously ill, and left for his home this morning. Councillor Murphy and Mrs. Murphy were here n Saturday. The census enumerator, Mr. Gordon Livingston, has been "doing" his district for some days past, and by this time knows the ages of nearly all classes and both sexes. Being sworn to secrecy he

must keep mum, while he casts a wink at the "enumerated" among the "uncalled" of the opposite On Monday evening of last week at the Eureka hotel, a well spread table bountifully laden was pre-sented before a party comprising Mr. James Miller, of Mortimore; Mr. Henry Wathen, of H. M. Postal service; Mr. S. M. Dunn, postmaster; Mr. Jarvis, Moncton; Col. Steven, Mr. George V. McInerney, Mr. S. C. Weeks, of Richibucto, who, with other did ample justice to the good things provided, gotten up in that style for which the Eureka is noted. After an hour, more or less, had been spent in enjoying the liquids and solids the party separated vowing protection to the trout streams of Kent county, and punishment, severe and speedy to all, so-called sportsmen who claim to be tollowers of Isaac

Col. E. B. Beer, census commissioner for New Brunswick, and Mr. V. P. Landry, commissioner avor society among the young people, they meet for Kent county were at the Eureka this morn-Mr. Thomas Delaney returned on Monday from

Nova Scotia where he had been visiting his aged mother whom he had not seen for twenty-eight Mr. Griffith who has been taking stock in Mr. Stephen M. Dunn's store for the past four weeks, returned to St. John by the express train on Sunday morning.

CHATHAM.

[Progress is for sale in Chatham at Edward John ston's bookstore. AXRIL 15 .- Mrs. P. A. Noonan is again boarding at the Adams house, after a trip with her husband

Mrs. Blair gave a very pleasant party for her daughter, Flossie, last Thursday evening, which was immensely enjoyed by the young people, it

being the first party since Lent. The Busy Bees of St. Andrew's church gave a very enjoyable concert in the Masonic hall on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Neales returned home on

Monday last, after spending some weeks in Fred-Miss Minnie Morrison was home on a flying visit Miss Aggie Russel, of Douglastown, who has been spending the winter in town, so as to attend the grammar school, has returned to her home, where she leaves for Vancouver next week, accompanied

week, returning home on Saturday. by her sister and brother. The Orphens orchestra intend giving a concert in the hall next Tuesday. Mr. F. E. Winslow, manager of the bank of Montreal, has returned from Woodstock, where he was attending his mother's funeral. Mr. Lieshman is able to be out again, after being

onfined to the house for some time. GRAND FALLS

APRIL 13 .- The concert under the management of Rev. A. J. Lods, held in Victoria hall, April 9th, was a decided success in every particular. The programme, which consisted of vocal and instrumental music, dialogues, recitations, tableaux, etc., was well rendered. The ladies taking part were Misses Warnock, Wilson, Watson, Fraser, Barnes, Price, Mamie Howard, Sadie Bell, Ethel Wade, Mary McMillian, Helen Hallett and Miss West, who ably assisted with the music. The gentlemen were Messrs. Turner, Wilson, Warnock, Dixon, Merritt, Forbes, West, Hallett and Burpee.

Mrs. Walter Armstrong, who has been spending the winter with her father, Hon. John Cestigan, in Ottawa, returned home April 8th. Mrs. Geo. West, of St. Leonards, was in town Mr. Geo. Leslie, of the C. P. R., met with quite a

serious accident while coupling cars at Edmundston Among the guests at the Grand Falls hotel on Among the guests at the Grand Fais noted on Sunday were: J. S. Thompson, W. C. Wilkins, Benj. N. Fisk, and M. C. Fechill, Montreal; W. F. Fowler, Fredericton; H. L. Cole, F. R. Titus, St. John; J. E. Staples, Patton, Me.; Miss L. Sanford, Fort Fairfield, Me.
Mr. and Mrs W. B. West spent Sunday with
their son, Geo. H. West, of St. Andrews. Rus.

CAMPBELLTON.

[Progress is for sale in Campbellton at the store of A. E. Alexander, wholesale and retail dealer in dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, hardware, school books, stationery, furniture, carriages and

APRIL 15 .- Miss Clara Kerr, who for the past week has been very ill, having fallen a victim of that dreaded epidemic, la grippe, has recovered. Mr. and Mrs. Allan Adams have the deepest

sympathy of the whole community in the loss of one of their handsome children. I regret to hear of the serious illness of Mr. Phil Adams, formerly school teacher in this town. He left here to take a course of studies for the ministry in McGill university, and had to be removed to his father's home at Metapedia, P. Q. in a critical con-

Mrs. Geo. McLeod, of Moncton, is in town, the Mrs. Geo. McLeod, of Molecule, is in town, the guest of Mrs. John Devereaux.

Miss Phoyle, who has been the guest of Mrs. Oakleaf for some months, returned home last week.

Mr. Tom Murphy, of Dalhousie, and Mr. John Hogan, of Charlo, were in town yesterday attending

the annual races. Mr. I. Miller, of Moncton, is in town.

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MONUTON.

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

APRIL 15 .- The social event of last week was the reunion which closed Miss Spencer's dancing class for the season, and which took place in Enman's hall, where the classes have been held all winter. Enman's hall is a very nice place for a dance, and it has frequently been very prettily decorated for the different entertainments given there: but those who had not the pleasure of seeing it on Friday evening, have no idea of its capacity fer looking well. The decorations were almost entirely the work of Mr. A. B. Sweezey, of Loggie & Co.'s, and he should be congratulated upon the success which crowned his labors. The reception room, where Miss Spencer stood to receive her guests was carpeted and arranged as a drawing room, with tasteful decorations, and served as a pleasant lounging place for those who wished to rest after dancing or to enjoy a quiet flirtation. The ball room was hung with flags and draped with art muslin and China silk, artificial flowers were massed everywhere that it was possible to put them, and the effect was inexpressably bright and attractive. The floor was in perfect order, and the music, consisting of five pieces, was sufficiently perfect to make the veriest automaton long to dance. The floor managers were: Mr. H. S. Bell, and Mr. Hugh Hamilton, with Mr. Mills, Mr. A. Metzler, and Mr. A. B. Sweezey as aids. The dresses were very fresh and pretty, and some

Mrs. H. S. Bell of Moncton wore a very elegant dress of black satin silk with velvet bodice and Medeci collar, trimmed with red ponpons, gold or-

Mrs. W. B. McKenzie, nile green cashmere rimmed with garnet velvet. A very effective and striking dress for a brunette. Mrs. Thompson Taylor, who is slight and fair. looked charming in white cashmere with Persian

Mrs. J. D. Ross wore a very handsome dress of maize satin, with black lace overdress. Gold orna-Mrs. Charles Davidson, black silk, with lace trimmings, and gold ornaments.
Mrs. F. H. Risteen, of Fredericton, wore one of the handsomest dresses in the room. It was of black lace, over black silk, with trimmings of shell

pink, Medici collar, lined with pink, and bodice garniture of natural Marcchal neil and tea roses; gold ornaments. A costume admirably suited to set off the extreme fairness of the wearer. Miss Spencer wore a charming dress of black fisher's net, trimmed with lace, and natural flowers. Miss Rubey Spencer, tan surah silk, trimmed with black velvet; natural flowers.

Miss Metzler wore a very pretty gown of old rose cashmere, with apple green trimmings, admirably suited to her fair complexion and brown Miss Maria Metzler, a very simple but fresh look-

ing dress of black lace. Miss Alice Metzler, old rose cashmere with old Miss Ethel Metzler, who is still too young to be looked upon even as a "bud," wore white lawn.

Miss Nase, white cashmere, with satin bodice.

Miss White, white cashmere. Miss Coleman, black silk and lace. Miss McNeill, black lace, prettily trimmed with Miss Sullivan, who is "divinely tall and most divinely fair," wore a charming gown of black lace with silver trimmings. Miss Charters, navy blue velvet, en train; silver

Miss Edna Chapman, white cashmere with satin rimmings. Miss Condon, black silk. Miss May, black and red satin, trimmed with iet and flowers. Miss Marr wore one of the most elegant dresses

dress of black lace. Miss Clara Marr, white lace dress with bodice of Miss Milliken wore cream colored cashmere trimmed with surah silk, high medeci collar lined with cardinal velvet, bodice trimming of natural Mare-

Miss Entwhistle, who is a stately blonde, looked charming in black silk with pale pink trimmings. Miss Maggie Entwhistle, white lawn. The Misses Tomphorde, of New York, black lace, with red trimmings, and Jacqueminot roses. Miss Dick, black lace and silk, with natural

flowers. Miss Rodgers, pale pink cashmere. Miss Hamilton, black lace and natural flowers. Miss Jamieson, black velvet, gold ornaments. The floor managers are deserving of special mention for the efficient manner in which they discharged their duties, for, as everyone knows, the success of a dance depends largely upon those in authority. Dancing was kept up with spirit until after two o'clock, with a brief interval for supper, and at about half-past two the company separated, thus bringing a most enjoyable evening to a close. I am sorry to say we are going to loss Miss Spencer soon, as she intends visiting her home in Springhill next week, after which she will probably

spend the summer in Boston. Miss Spencer seems entirely one of us, that we are loth to lose her even for the summer. Mrs. Courtenaye Bliss, of Amherst, who has been risiting her sisters, Mrs. J. H. Nickerson and Mrs. David Dickson, returned home on Thursday. Mrs. George Chandler, of Dorchester, spent some days with her daughter, Mrs. R. W. Hewson, last

Miss Nealie Robinson, of St. John, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hewson, last I am sorry to say that Mr. E. T. Trites' illness, of which I spoke last week, has developed into typhoid fever, a rather unusual disease for this time of year; I do not think it is a very severe case, however, and I hope that only care and rest may be required to restore Mr. Trites to perfect health.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J Cresswell, of Springfield, Kings county, who have been visiting Mr. George Taylor, returned home on Friday morning. I am sorry to say that Mrs. C. E. Taylor has been very severely ill with congestion and inflammation of the lungs, but I hope to be able to give a better account of her next week. A number of our ladies have left town during the

few days to visit the Centuries exhibition at Mrs. A. H. Beddome and her two little daughters went down on Friday, while Miss Weldon, Miss Wright, and Miss Campbell departed on Monday I understand that Miss Wright, who has been

spending the winter in Moncton, intends going on to New York, at the end of the week, and remaining for the greater part of the summer. Miss Wright is a very charming young lady, and will be greatly missed in Moncton Miss Ruby Spencer, of Springhill, who has been pending a few days in town, returned home on

The children's dancing class met on Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. Arthur Busby, and enjoyed themselves thoroughly. CECIL GWYNNE.

PROGRESS is for sale in Dorchester at George M.

DORCHESTER.

APRIL 15 .- We benighted country folk are envying St. John, its delightful centuries exhibition this week, "and fain would thither flee." Some few lucky spirits have fled, but to the large majority only thoughts of what might be remain. 'Tis a dreary season in the country anyway, and to tell the truth, I think there are only about three months in the year when the city does not offer far greater advantages. My mind, perchance, is frivolous, but I see no charm in dwelling so "far from the madding crowd." I'm rather fond of madding crowds myself, and they certainly tend to drive dull care

Our Easter gaities have fallen to the ground, with a dull and sickening thud, and great is the per turbation of your correspondent. Absolutely nothing has happened during the last week of any account in a social sense. Surely the warm weather will bring us gayer times. When visitors do gather, and "our boys" return from college, there is the sound of music heard, and dances abound. Dorchester can hold its own when a "summer party" is in question with its cool even "summer party" is in question, with its cool evenings, and lovely trees and lawns, so favorable to

quiet walks, and whispered nothings.

There seems to be a painful lack of materialization about our promised band. It is, so far, purely a "band of hope." Mr. J. W. Y. Smith very generously offered to give \$50 towards its getting up, if \$50 more were raised by the public. It seems a pity to lose the benefit of such an offer, and I hope our music-loving inhabitants may brace up and raise to the occasion.

Miss Plant's friends-and their name is legionhear with dismay that she purposes leaving Dor-chester some time this month, to join her brother in St. Paul. Miss Plant has grown to be one of ourselves, and it is with great reluctance we shall bid her good bye, only hoping it may not be for long.

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quirer, McArthur, Ohio .- Advt.

Miss Neilie Robinson returned to St. John last Thursday, whence Mr. J. W. Y. Smith proceeded on Saturday. Dr. Church's friends were very glad to have him

n town on Friday, but his visits are all too brief.
Mrs. A. J. Hickman returned from Moncton on By the way, many of us are anxiously waiting for

Thursday. that promised performance of the Moncton A. D. Club, which was to have come off last week, we thought. Will Cecil Gwynne please rise and

Mr. Will Cooke returned to his home on Monday, ooking very much stronger for his visit. We ho he may repeat it very soon. Mr. W. D. Douglas of Amherst spent Sunday with Mrs. Jos. Hickman. His friends have very encouraging news of Mr. J. H. Hickman, who is improving slowly but surely. The weather even in the sunny South has been most disagreeable and old, which is trying when one goes away to escape

Sheriff McQueen spent part of last week in John and Fredericton, returning on Saturday. Mr. Jos. A. McQueen, the "boy candidate" has been quite ill with the grip. Some one suggested the other day, that the "boy candidate" was getting to be quite an important branch of industry in New Brunswick, which is true I think. Mr. F. Leslie Stavert, once so familiar a figure in Dorchester, passed through on Monday with the body of his brother, which he was taking home to

Summerside for burial. He died in Mexico, where he had gone in search of health, but though he was apparently better, death came, quite suddenly I be lieve. Mr. Stavert's old friends will extend their sympathy in his loss.
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Palmer went to St. John on Monday, to see the Centuries exhibition, and Mrs. Hanington, with her daughter, Mrs. M. G.

Teed, departed yesterday upon the same pleasant Mrs. McDonald, of Sackville, spent Sunday with Mrs. J. F. Teed. Miss Hanington went to Moncton on Monday, returning the same evening. We always maintain that Dorchester has one distinct advantage. We can leave by any one of ten or twelve trains each

day, and of course, the facilities for coming into town are equally good, "should you neel so dis-We are looking forward to a couple of entertainments to be given by the school children, under the able leadership of their principal, Mr. Oulton. His efforts, heretofore, have been so successful that I am sure something really good may be expected. The concerts are to be on Friday and Saturday nights.

You probably will not yearn for a long letter this week while city festivities occupy so much space, and I shall remember the old adage, anent, brevity

SACKVILLE.

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APRIL 14.—Sackville is certainly looking up in the building line during the past year; each one seems to vie with the other as to who will own the handsomest house. Dr. Sangster, I hear, is making extensive preparations for building a palatial residence in the central part of the village. Mr. Powell. M. P. P., has also built a commodious house situated on Academy lane. Dr. Thorne has bought the large house now occupied by Mr. F. Macdougall.

Mr. and Mrs. Shewn are moving into the new house owned by Mr. Thomas Estabrook. Mr. T. A. Kinnear just at present owns the prettiest house. Master Beverly Allison, young son of Mr. J. F. Allison, met with a severe accident on Saturday morning by falling off a swing. The little fellow's face is very much bruised and swollen. Mr. Charles Fawcett went to St. John on Wed-

Mr. W. C. Milner went to Moncton on Thursday to see his mother, Mrs. Christopher Milner. Mrs. Evanson, who has been visiting Mrs. Horatio Smith, returned to her home in Hampton-

The only stranger I noticed in town last week was Mr. Peters of Halifax, who was collecting postage stamps. I understand in one instance this gentleman gave as high as \$20 for a single Mr. T. S. Kirkpatrick went to Moncton on Friday. I noticed Mr. Lemont in town last week. To

judge from the sound of several pianos in the neighborhood, I am inclined to think his presence is sadly needed. Several gentlemen took advantage of the fine weather and good roads, last week to indulge in that exhilarating pastime, riding. One gentleman seems to run his course in the direction of Academy lane, where he rides up and down in a dashing manner, dazzling the eyes of a dozen fair maids. wish I could advise the ladies to ride. I don't think there can be a more becoming costume than a riding habit, and mounted on a handsome steed, it would almost fulfil the picture of Tennyson's "dream of

A few of the more youthful who are learning the mysteries of the mazy dance are making rapid prog-ress under the skillful teaching of Miss Estabrooks. I believe they meet twice a week at the hotel. Wandering slowly to church on Sunday morning my eye met the first glimpse of spring in the shape

of a dainty hat, the first one I have noticed this

spring. It was worn by a miss of some sixteen summers, and the tiny sweet flowers that nestled above the fair wearer's head made one think of the delightful days to come.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Milner, Prof. and Mrs. Mack,
Miss Mack, Miss Landers and Prof. Currey went to Amherst on Monday to attend a grand concert.

Miss Landers and Prof. Currey's names are down on the programme. on the programme. RICHIBUCTO.

APRIL 16 .- Miss Cameron of Riviere du Loup arrived in town last week. She has opened a studio for those who wish to learn the beautiful in art.

Mrs. W. A. Maclaren returned from her visit to-Moncton a few days ago. Mr. H. H. James of Buctouche was in town last

Rev. G. M. Campbell of Moncton discussed the liquor question in the temperance hall last Saturday evening. Rev. Mr. Hackenly, rector of St. Mary's church, presided over the meeting. On Sunday evening Mr. Campbell preached an

eloquent sermon in the methodist church to a large and appreciative congregation. Miss Annie Black returned home last week from an extended visit to Weldford. Mr. and Mr. Henry O'Leary left on Monday for

St. John, to spend a few weeks with friends.

The sound of a locomotive whistle on Monday

afternoon informed us that the iron horse, after a three months' rest, had started to find Kent June-Rev. J. Seller occupied the pulpit of Rev. G. M. Campbell's church, in Moncton, on Sunday.
Mr. W. H. McLeod is visiting his home in St. There was no service in Chalmers church on Sun-

day, Rev. Wm. Hamilton, the pastor, being absent

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