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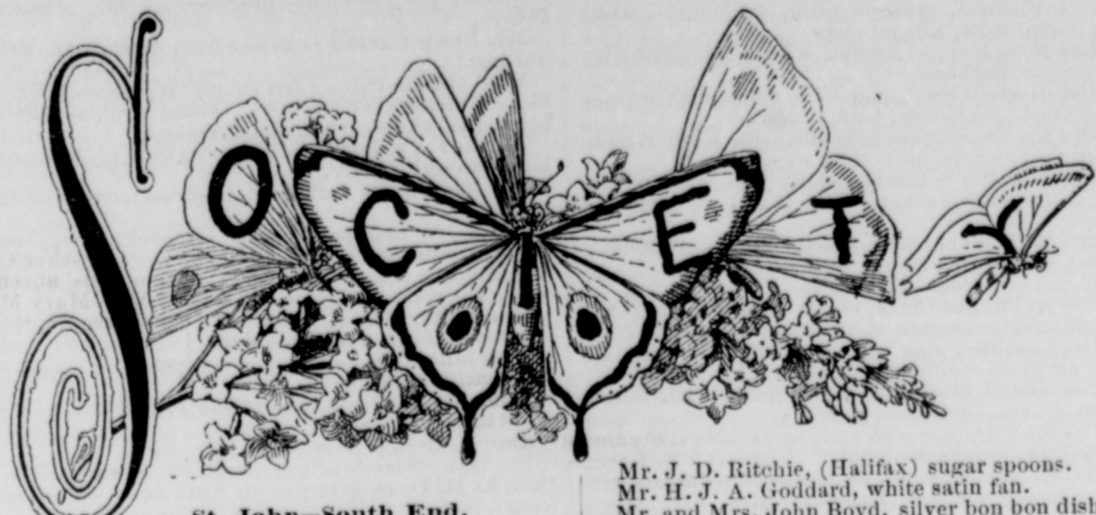
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St. John—South End.

There have been many brilliant weddings in St. John during the last few years, and that of Miss Belle Nicholson and Mr. F. W. Black Barnes, R. N. which was celebrated in Trinity church on Wednesday evening, was no exception.

The front pews were reserved for the guests, who were escorted to their seats by three gentlemen ushers, Mr. Keltie Jones, Dr. Esron and Mr. Chas. Harrison.

Punctually at the hour named for the ceremony, Mr. Barnes entered the church with his best man, Mr. George Jones. Mr. Barnes wore the full court uniform of an assistant paymaster in the royal navy, with Egyptian medal and Khedive star, while Mr. Jones wore the full dress uniform of the N. B. artillery brigade.

The bride soon after walked up the aisle leaning on the arm of her brother-in-law, Dr. Murray MacLaren, and followed by her four bridesmaids—Miss Ida Nicholson, Miss Tina MacLaren, Miss Nan Burpee and Miss Dorothea Nicholson.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon Brigstocke, assisted by his curate, the Rev. Mr. Eatough, the surpliced choir singing appropriate hymns.

The bride was attired in a gown of rich white bengaline, accented with long and long train. The bodice was trimmed with crepe de chene and made high to the throat, a spray of orange blossoms fastened the bridal veil which was of white brussels net. Perhaps the simplicity of this costume was its chief charm, the only ornament worn being an exquisite brooch in the form of a dove, composed entirely of pearls (the gift of the groom).

The bridegroom wore a suit of dark blue cloth, and the bridesmaids were dressed alike in costumes of pale blue bengaline, trimmed with blue crepe de chene, veils of pale blue tulle, fastened with forget-me-nots. They all carried large bouquets of white roses tied with ribbons. Each wore pins of gold, set with pearls, the gift of the groom. The dresses of bride and bridesmaids were imported from England. After the ceremony the wedding party and guests drove to the residence of the Misses Nicholson, Mecklenburg terrace, where a reception was held by Dr. and Mrs. Murray MacLaren. The house had been very prettily decorated for the occasion, with potted plants and cut flowers, and in the centre of the hall hung a large wedding bell composed of May flowers, the tongue of which was a large white lily. After receiving the congratulations of their friends an elegant supper was partaken of. The table was arranged most tastefully. A large wedding cake stood in the center, surrounded by a table scarf of pale blue, on which pink and white roses were strewn, while sprays of orange blossoms were placed on the cake.

According to an old time custom at military and naval weddings, the bride drew her husband's sword and cut the cake.

The bride's health was proposed by Dr. Bayard in a very happy manner, and responded to in a neat little speech by Mr. Barnes.

The bridesmaids were proposed by Mr. Douglas Hazen, and replied to by the groomsmen, Mr. George W. Jones, who called forth much merriment by his witty allusion to the bridesmaids.

Shortly after supper, the bride and groom left the merry party to change their dress for travelling costumes. Mrs. Barnes "going away" dress was of brown cloth, sailor made, with hat to match. At 11 o'clock the bride and groom left by C. P. R. for Montreal and Niagara Falls, where they will spend a few weeks, Mr. Barnes having been granted several months leave from the admiralty. They will return to St. John after their wedding tour to spend a month or two.

It would be impossible to describe the many elegant costumes worn by the guests, and I will only give those of the sisters of the bride, Mrs. Murray MacLaren and Miss Sara Nicholson.

The former was attired in a most becoming costume of buttercup yellow, bengaline, and crepe de chene, with bonnet of the same shade trimmed with yellow roses, with bouquet to match.

Miss Nicholson looked remarkably well in a dress of pale green cashmere embroidered in pink, demi train of green bengaline, bonnet composed of, tinsel of pink roses, and large bouquet of the same flowers, tied with wide pink ribbons.

The wedding gifts which are almost to numerous to remember, were arranged on tables in the library. Costly gifts were received from friends in England and the States, as well as St. John.

From Mr. Simeon Jones, solid silver table and dessert spoons. The Misses Jones, solid silver soup ladle. Mr. G. W. Jones, diamond ring. Mr. Keltie Jones, bracelet set with pearls. Dr. Bayard, gold bracelet. Miss Bayard, worked table centre. Miss Ida Bayard, silver paper knife. Mrs. Bayard, leather calendar. Mr. D. R. Jack, handsome volume of American views. Miss Jack, painted d'oyles. Major Tucker, white plate Dresden china. Miss C. W. Weldon, silver pie knife. Surgeon Major and Mrs. Greer (Halifax), silver perfume bottles. Judge and Mrs. Palmer, silver vase. Mrs. George McLeod, morocco travelling clock. Mrs. G. K. McLeod, brass kettle and stand. Mrs. Warner, fruit spoon. Mrs. W. M. and Miss Jarvis, silver oyster dish. Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre, table mirror, silver mounted. Mrs. Northcote (Halifax), Dresden vase. Mrs. Alward, etching. Mrs. James Jack, Worcester piece. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gizebrook (Montreal), salad bowl. Mrs. Whetsel, hem-stitched handkerchiefs. Mrs. Earle and Miss Nicholson (Boston), silver tea service. Miss Warner, handsome pin cushion. Miss Rowe, purse. Miss Nan Burpee, white silk parasol, silver mounted handle. Mrs. W. A. Henry (Halifax), silver salt cellars. Mr. C. and Miss Troop, asparagus fork. Miss Reid, salt spoons. The Misses MacLaren, silver sauce ladle. Miss Berta MacLaren, tea cosy. Miss Maggie MacLaren, worked table centre. Dr. and Mrs. MacLaren, sr., table lamp. Dr. and Mrs. Murray MacLaren, solid silver large and small forks. Mr. and Mrs. John MacLaren, silver bonbon dish. Mrs. King, gold and silver fruit spoon. Miss King, bonbon spoon. Mrs. Robert Crookshank, silver cake basket. Miss Kitty Crookshank, fruit spoon. Mrs. John Burpee, 3 o'clock tea spoon. Mrs. W. L. Busby, ice spoon. Miss Dora Nicholson, tea spoon and olive fork. Mrs. George Coster, pitcher. Mr. C. G. Coster, lettuce fork. Mrs. Belyea, silver ice spoon. Miss Katie Murray, gravy ladle. Mr. G. Troop, (Halifax) mother of pearl opera glasses. Mrs. Albert Gregory, (Fredericton) coffee spoon.

Mr. J. D. Ritchie, (Halifax) sugar spoons. Mr. H. J. A. Goddard, white satin fan. Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd, silver bon bon dish and tongs. Mr. James Robertson, silver ermb brush and tray. The Misses Robertson, fan. Mrs. R. B. Seeton (Halifax), silver saltcellars. Miss Seeton, gold lace pin. Miss Murray, hand mirror silver mounted. Count and Mile de Bury, picture. The Misses Turnbull, brush and comb, silver mounted. Mr. Ernest Turnbull, handsome piece of Dresden. Mr. Germaine (Ottawa), chocolate spoons, gold bowls. Mrs. Ronne (Halifax), black and gold fan. Mr. I. Allan Jack, silver tea caddy. Mrs. J. D. Shatford, silver card basket. Miss Campbell, vase royal Worcester. Mrs. Mowat, silver fruit spoon. Mrs. Tuck, silver cheese knife. Mrs. C. Tuck (Winnipeg), worked centre piece. Mrs. D. J. Seely, vase royal Worcester. Miss Seely, monochrome case. Miss Devter, robe de nuit case. Miss Gertrude Dever, tea cosy. Miss Clinch, silver spoon. Mrs. Outram, silver egg stand, silver card case and silver purse. Mrs. Magee, silver fruit spoon. Mrs. J. B. Magee, silver sugar spoon. Mr. Charles Burpee, silver cream pitcher and sugar bowl. Mr. Peter Clinch, picture. Mr. C. Harrison, silver shoe horn, button hook and glove buttoner. Mrs. M. H. Harrison, sugar spoon. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Sturdee, silver napkin rings. Mrs. A. L. Trueman, silver cologne bottle. Mrs. Herbert Street, silver card receiver. Mrs. Winslow, silver spoons. Mr. W. H. Lawton, silver card basket. Mrs. G. F. Smith, gold bracelet. Mrs. and Miss Hattersley, gold ring. Mr. and Mrs. Kaye, opal ring. Mrs. W. C. Nicholson, fruit spoon. Rev. Canon Brigstocke, copy of Keble's Christian Year. Mrs. W. H. Scovill, Royal Worcester piece. Mr. Vickers, elegant silver glove box. Mr. W. H. Thorne, silver salt cellars. Mr. A. Thorne, silver scent bottle. Mrs. Stratton, silver almond spoon. Mrs. S. L. Ritchie, Royal Worcester piece. Mrs. Campbell, photo frame and jewel case. Dr. Esron, silver salt cellars. Mr. M. B. Edwards, Dresden plaque. Lady Tilley, lace fan. Mr. Herman Pieler, fruit dish. Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Starr, crystal and silver mounted set. Mr. Frank Starr, oxidized silver tray. Mrs. Boucher, muffineer set. Mr. Coker, triple table mirror. Mrs. A. C. and Miss Thomson (Halifax). The Mrs. C. L. A. Smith, fan. Mrs. Austin (Boston), book. Mrs. Cutler, book (old love letters). Mrs. V. Davidson, picture. Mrs. Gardner Taylor, Dresden and plush plaque. Mrs. Keator, silver card case. Mr. and Mrs. Morrissey, copy of Lallah Rookh. Mrs. Morrissey, sen., silver stamp box. Mrs. R. Jarline, Dresden piece. Mrs. Wilson, china dish. Miss Wagstaff (Boston), fan. Miss Macrae, Worcester bowl. Mrs. John Armstrong, pot pourri jar. Mr. John Sears, royal Worcester vase. Mrs. A. C. Jardine, china plaque. Dr. and Mrs. Travers, silver calendar. The Misses McMillan, rose jar. Miss Adams, rose jar. Miss Furlong, painted picture frame. Mrs. T. Burpee, tea spoon. Mr. M. DeBlots, fruit spoon. Mr. D. C. Robertson, silver hangers. Miss Whitney, hand painted dish. Mrs. Kirkwood, silver scent bottle. Mrs. Walker, silver sugar tongs. Mrs. Cumming, England, cream pitcher and sugar bowl. Mr. John Warner, silver sardine dish. Mrs. H. D. Troop, macaroni spoon. The Misses Nicholson, cheques. Mr. J. M. Davout leaves for Philadelphia on Monday week. His absence will only be temporarily as he has not decided as yet to accept the position offered to him.

The ball given at St. Andrews rink on Tuesday last by the Curling club was another great social event of this week, but as a full account is given by another correspondent, I will only add that much credit is due to the entertainers for the way everything was carried out. Perhaps the only thing to mar the pleasure of the guests was that the Artillery band, who furnished music for dancing, was not up to its usual standard.

The "Eclectic Reading club" met at the residence of Mrs. Walker, Princess street, on Thursday evening, when a large attendance of members and their guests were present. The subject chosen was "Botany." Light refreshments were served by the hostess.

A very brilliant wedding took place in Trinity church on Thursday evening, but as both the bride and groom are residents of the West end, a description will probably be given by the correspondent of that part. Suffice it to say, Miss Clarke made a most charming bride.

Thursday last being St. George's day, the society celebrated it by attending in a body, a special service at Trinity church, when an able address was delivered by Rev. Canon Roberts, of Fredericton, and a dinner at the Dufferin in the evening. Maj. Drury (Kingston, Ont.) spent the last week in St. John with his family, Coburg street. Mr. Bertie Seaton and Mr. J. Ritchie (Halifax) came to St. John this week to attend Miss Nicholson's wedding.

Mr. Geo. Gilbert has been confined to his home at Rothesay the last week with a severe attack of grippe. Miss Nellie Troop, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Troop, left for New York this week to attend the wedding of Miss Parker of that city. Miss Troop will be one of the bridesmaids. Mrs. Murray, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Kate Murray, are visiting New York. Mrs. J. R. Ruel, Miss Belle Ruel and Miss Annie Johnston left yesterday for England. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Starr and infant have gone to Bermuda to spend some months.

Miss Thomson, of Halifax, is the guest of Mrs. Bayard, German street. Mr. and Mrs. DeBrisay, of Bathurst, are the guests of Mrs. C. A. Macdonald, King street east. Mrs. George Ritchie (Boston), is the guest of Mrs. Prescott, Coburg street. Mrs. Ritchie was called to St. John to be with her father, Mr. Gideon Prescott, whose illness terminated fatally on Sunday last. The funeral took place on Wednesday, and was very largely attended. The beautiful floral offerings sent by sorrowing friends, testified to the esteem in which Mr. Prescott was held.

Dr. Holden went to Halifax this week to meet his sister Mrs. Gardner, who arrived there from England. Mrs. Gardner and children are the guests of her mother, Mrs. Holden, "Nithbank."

Miss Nan Maunsell (Fredericton) spent this week in St. John, the guest of Mrs. Mills, Coburg street.

The household furniture belonging to the estate of the late Mrs. Thorne is to be sold by auction on Wednesday next. I understand admission to the sale will be only by ticket.

Mr. Vickers left for Toronto this week. He will be absent some weeks. Mr. W. H. Thorne is visiting New York. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Jones (Digby) spent this week in St. John, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Boyd (Queen square).

The Crinkle, Natty, and Tulon, are the leading shops at American Hat Factory, Cor. Sydney and Leinster Sts., City.

St. John—West End. An interesting event occurred on Thursday evening in Trinity church, when H. Edith Clark, eldest

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