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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

St. John—South End.
On Thursday of last week Mrs. W. H. Thorne gave a lunch at her residence, Wellington row, at which principally old ladies were present. The appointments of the table, as well as the good things provided, were severally admired and enjoyed by those present.
Dr. Bayard entertained a few gentlemen and lady friends at dinner on Friday last, at his residence, Germain street. The dinner was a very elegant one and the floral decorations most tasteful.
An afternoon at home for ladies only was given by Mrs. John McAvity, on Friday last at her residence, Leinster street, which was a very pleasant gathering of friends. Light refreshments were provided for the guests.
On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Troop gave a dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. I. Fellows. Covers were laid for sixteen, most of those present being old friends of the guests of the evening. The pretty and novel idea of a pink dinner was carried out in every detail, the dinner service being of pink china, while the table was decorated with a profusion of pink roses and azalias. The whole effect was most pleasing to the eye, and the dinner itself most recherche.
Mrs. Robert Crookshank entertained a number of lady friends at a parlor entertainment at her residence, Sydney street, on Wednesday afternoon.
Another exciting hockey match was played at the palace rink on Tuesday evening, in the presence of a large gathering of the friends of the players. This match was between the bankers and some of the late students of Lemoxville college. Unlike the previous game, the bankers came off victorious beating their opponents 7 to 1. The latter team consisted of Messrs. Short, Thomson, Wilson, McLean, Mackay, DeVeber and Baxter. The collegians were Messrs. McLeod, D. and W. Fairweather, Puddington, McAvity, Smith and Troop. I hear of another match to be played next week which the public will have an opportunity of witnessing, as it will be in aid of the Springhill sufferers.
Miss Pat Robinson, who has been visiting Mrs. Poynt at Fredericton, returned home this week.
Miss Winslow, (Woodstock), has been visiting St. John for the last few weeks, the guest of Mrs. C. M. Bostwick, Carmathen street.
The bells of Trinity church have tolled a solemn peal three times this week, calling together the friends and relatives of three of the oldest citizens of St. John. The funeral of Mrs. McGrath, whose death occurred on Friday last from paralysis of the brain, took place on Monday and was attended by many sorrowing friends. The quantities of floral tributes which entirely covered the casket testified to the esteem in which she was held. Mrs. McGrath although in her 86th year was up to a few weeks of death most active and energetic.
The death of Mrs. Price occurred at her residence, Queen square, on Monday last, after a long and very trying illness, in the 80th year of her age. The funeral services were held in Trinity church on Wednesday. The floral tributes were many in number. Two daughters survive her, Miss M. E. Price and Mrs. Ira Cornwall, who have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.
The funeral of Mr. Charles Patton took place in Trinity church yesterday afternoon and was very largely attended. Mr. Patton, although in his 91st year, was, until ten days previous to his death, hale and hearty, and his familiar form will be much missed in St. John. He leaves a widow, one son and a daughter.
The funeral of another prominent citizen takes place at half-past two today, Hon. Edward Willis, postmaster of this city, whose death occurred on Thursday morning, at an early hour. A widow and eight children survive him, for whom much sympathy is felt.
The news of the death of Mr. William Thomson, which reached here on Wednesday morning from Asheville, N. C., adds another to the list of St. John's old citizens. Mr. Thomson, who died in the 74th year of his age, was the senior partner of the well-known shipping firm of Wm. Thomson & Co. He retired from business about eight years ago, and has been since travelling abroad. He was twice married, and leaves a widow and two sons and three daughters by his first wife. They are, Mrs. James Robertson, Mrs. Allison Wislart, Mrs. Allan O. Crookshank, and Messrs. Robert and John Thomson. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomson left on Monday last for Bermuda, where they intend spending a few weeks, and the news of their father's death reached them while at New York.
The residence of Mr. V. S. White, No. 36 Colburn street, has, I understand, been purchased by Mr. Fred. Sayre. Mr. and Mrs. V. S. White will, in the spring, occupy the handsome residence built by Dr. White, on the corner of Princess and Sydney streets.
Miss Prince will remove in May to Dr. Harding's residence on Union street.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner will leave St. John early in the spring on account of Mr. Turner's ill health. The house on Germain street, where they now reside, has been taken by Mr. Thomas Temple.
I hear of three weddings coming off immediately after Easter. Two of the ladies, I am sorry to say, will make their homes far away from St. John.

TRINITY CHURCH.
Trinity church has within the past week lost three of the oldest members of its congregation, Mr. Charles Patton, Mrs. Edmund A. Price and Mrs. John McGrath, all of whom were most regular attendants at the services, during their life time, and whose familiar figures will be much missed by the congregation. Mrs. Price leaves only two children living out of a large family, Miss Price and Mrs. Ira Cornwall, and her grandson is the sixth generation of her family who have worshipped in Trinity church. Mr. Price was also a member of the choir of Trinity church, during the time he resided here. The family removed from here to New York, where Mr. Price died in 1857.
Miss Carrie Fairweather is expected home from New York next week, where she has spent a most enjoyable three months.
It was quite an interesting gathering of little folks that assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. David Vincent, Queen street, Wednesday afternoon, to celebrate the fifth birthday of their daughter Mamie. From 4 to 7 o'clock the children made merry, only pausing in their glee to partake of refreshments, which were abundantly supplied. Miss Mamie received a number of pretty presents from her little friends. Among the children present were the following:—Florrie and Nania Hart, Lottie Hamilton, Florrie Essington, Lena and Jennie Dunlavy, Hattie Vincent, Madge Begg, Elma March, Bowman Fisher, John Marsh, Arthur Burns.

St. John—West End.
Mrs. T. B. Millidge, of the East End, was the guest for a short time this week of Mrs. J. Steeves, Lancaster Heights, en route to Fredericton to join a party of friends going south.
I hear that Mrs. Coy will occupy, on the 1st of May, the large and comfortable house on Watson street, which was some years ago the residence of the Rev. Mr. Dowling.
Miss Kate Murphy, who has been visiting at the East End, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Byron G. Taylor, Queen square, has returned home.
Mrs. Isaac Olive, sr., expects to leave in a few days for Boston to visit her son, Mr. Percy Olive, who is doing business there.
Miss Mabel Thompson, who has been quite poorly, is able to be out again.
Among the many weddings on the tapis for the early spring, I hear of that of a young commission merchant whose engagement to a fair and lovely songstress was announced some months ago; also that our popular young newspaper man will about the same time take a trip to New Jersey on very important business, viz: to lead to hymen's altar

the beautiful daughter of a presbyterian clergyman, now residing there. After the usual wedding tour is over they will reside at the West End, where they both have a numerous circle of friends.
Mrs. W. J. Clark, who has been confined to her home on Prince street for a few days, is able to be out again. Mr. Clark, however, is again confined to the house.
Miss Lou Cushing, who has been spending some weeks on Lancaster Heights, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Andre Cushing, returned on Monday to her home in Moncton.
Mr. Rudman Allen is at present in Boston.

PETTS MORS.
Mrs. James Ganong, of St. Stephen, has been paying a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Brittain, Ludlow street.
The many friends of the Rev. G. A. and Mrs. Hartley, will be sorry to hear that their eldest son is ill with scarlet fever.
Mr. John K. Taylor is housed with a bad cold.
Miss Stubbs, who has been ill most all winter, has taken another cold, and is again confined to the house.
Mr. Edward Hickson returned from Sackville last week, where he has been for over a month on business.
Tomorrow will be Miss Wood's last Sunday as organist in the presbyterian church. Her many friends will be sorry to part with her. Miss Woods has been a faithful worker in the church. She as well as her sister will be much missed.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nelson go to the city in April, to live on Coburg street.
Mrs. James Lemon has joined the choir in St. George's church.
Mrs. H. J. Olive has a young lady friend visiting her for a week or two.
Miss Scoboria has been confined to bed for the past week with a severe cold.
I believe Mr. Hunter's new and commodious house is to be occupied by Mr. D. W. Clark.
Mr. Ronald Clark, of St. George, is paying us a short visit this week.
Mr. A. C. Smith spent last week in Hampton.

St. John—North End.
Mr. Harry Miller was confined to the house last week with a bad cold.
Messrs. W. Roberts and W. Vanwart returned home on Saturday, having put in their first term at Bellevue medical college, New York. Messrs. W. Christie and W. Irvine, will return shortly.
The whist party met last week at the residence of Mrs. Fred Tapley, Douglas avenue. The first prizes were won by Mrs. C. Miller and Mr. James Hamilton, and the booby prizes by Mrs. George Tapley and Mr. Hayford.
Miss Mary Shaw has been confined to the house for a few days past with a cold.
Ald. Nash and family will move to the residence of Mrs. Barnhill, Douglas avenue this spring.
Mr. Hugh Stevens spent a few days in Marysville last week, the guest of Mrs. James Gibson.
There was a good attendance at the Holy-Armstrong assembly, Friday evening. Messrs. Holly and Armstrong have changed their idea of having the series close in the institute, as was at first thought of. They will close with a grand ball in the Templars' hall early in April, the exact date of which will be announced later. The idea of having a grand ball in the institute is still in order, however, for the young men, if there are any enterprising enough to carry it through.
On Monday evening about a dozen couple drove in single sleighs to Holly's boom house, South Bay, where an enjoyable dance was held.
Last evening a sleighing party, organized by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Davis, drove to Holly, South Bay. This was a sort of family reunion. About 40 in all were present, and enjoyed themselves. Everything was nicely arranged.
Misses M. Hayford, M. Nase and P. Tapley have issued invitations for a sleighing party on Friday evening.
On Friday evening, Miss Flewelling and Mrs. Bruce entertained a number of their friends at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Christie's, Main street. The whole house was at the disposal of the guests. The older folks enjoyed themselves at progressive whist and euchre, while the young folks tripped the light fantastic in the rooms beneath. During the evening the card tables were converted into so many dining tables, and quickly laden with all the choice delicacies of the season. It was 3 a.m. before the party broke up. Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Bruce and Miss Flewelling received in black silk, with lace trimmings; ornaments, black ostrich feathers and diamonds.
The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Woodman, Mr. and Mrs. Hayford, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Humphrey, Mrs. Wm. Ruddock, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Sanction, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carle, Mr. and Mrs. W. Humphrey, Dr. and Mrs. March, Dr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. Nixon, Dr. and Miss Christie, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brown, Mrs. P. Nase, Mr. and Mrs. F. Flewelling, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Doynt, Mr. and Mrs. G. Tapley, Mr. and Mrs. G. Murray, Mrs. J. Horne, Mr. and Mrs. Wynham Humphrey, Mr. and Mrs. H. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keltie, Mr. and Mrs. S. Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chesley, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wisely, Mrs. Sorel, Harold Climo; Miss Haliburton, Halifax; Misses Holly, Misses Tapley, Miss Mary Tapley, Miss Bertie White, Miss Lottie Belyea, Miss Jule Travis, Miss M. Hayford, Miss B. Harrison, Miss Chalmers, Miss Birdie Patton, Miss Mabel Smith, Miss Sarah Gregory, Misses Farmer, Miss Nellie Haworth, Miss Bessie Eagles, Miss Gerlie Macklin, Miss Gerlie Cleveland, Misses Shaw, Miss Louisa Lawrence, Miss Nellie McGivern, Miss Mamie Christie, Miss Nellie Vaughan, and Messrs. F. E. Sayre, H. Page, C. Ferguson, G. MacDonald, L. Tapley, A. Branscombe, E. Edzcombe, W. Holly, T. E. G. Armstrong, Dr. Maher, R. L. Smith, J. Ruddock, J. Knight, R. Farmer, Walter Smith, B. Cleveland, A. Farmer, C. Tiley, J. Logan, F. Chalmers, H. Harrison, R. Olive, J. Dowling, A. Morrison, R. B. Travis, J. Eagles, R. Cowan, E. Reid and P. Gregory.
There is a progressive whist party at the residence of Mrs. Frank Flewelling this evening.

FREDERICTON.
[PROGRESS is for sale in Fredericton at the bookstore of W. T. H. Fenety and by James H. Hawthorne.]
MAR. 4.—There is nothing thought of or talked about in any circle at present but the coming election. The ladies seem quite as much excited as the gentlemen, and, instead of planning their spring suits and easter bonnets, you hear them discussing the respective merits of restricted and unrestricted reciprocity with as much earnestness as their lords and masters.
The gallery of the City hall was crowded with the fair sex on Saturday evening to hear Hon. George E. Foster, and last evening to hear the premier of New Brunswick.
The only social event of importance during the last week was the parlor concert at the residence of Mr. David Hatt, Monday evening, and this was a grand success in every particular. The drawing room in which the concert was held was crowded, as well as the back room, lower hall and staircase. A fine programme was well carried out. (The particulars of which will be found on the third page—Ed.) After the concert was over the performers were treated to ice cream and cake.
Fredericton has not been behind hand in responding to the call of the Spring Hill sufferers. There has already been over \$600 raised here.
A meeting of St. Paul's church congregation was held Monday evening to choose a pastor. The choice fell upon Rev. Mr. McGregor, of Amherst, who preached in St. Paul's last Sunday. Rev. Mr.

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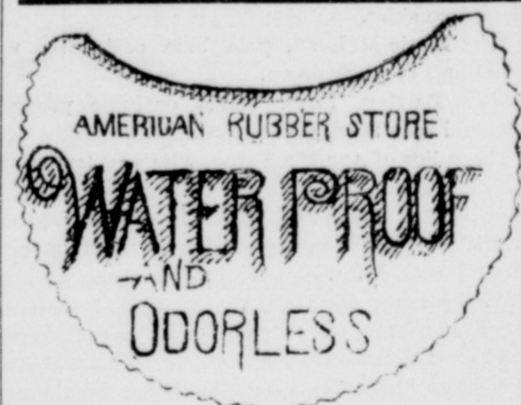
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