

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

MONCTON.

[Progress is for sale in Moncton at the book store of W. W. Black and W. H. Murray, Main street.]

Nov. 11.—I wonder how it is that people seem to get religious towards the autumn? I don't remember ever having spoken of this matter before, but I have given it a good deal of puzzled thought. Perhaps it may be that the cooler weather lowers the temperature of our blood, and thereby wafts us further away from a certain too sultry climate which even the most luxuriously disposed of us, would prefer not to experiment with, since we have become acclimated to the sun to such an extent by a course of Turkish baths would miss the cold douche to which they have become accustomed, as well as the freedom of dress which is so essential a part of any entertainment which we expect to really enjoy.

To return to the starting point, though, perhaps, it may be the near approach of Christmas, which makes us feel religious, but there is no doubt that we get confirmed in the autumn, usually, and we have revival meetings at the same season of the year, but also bazaar and high teas, and tea meetings, the churches begin to fill up with devout worshippers, the various sewing societies reorganize, and the dramatic clubs and glee clubs and philharmonic clubs and oratorio societies gather together and agree in the most unanimous manner that it is time to do something worth doing, so they at once proceed to do it. Only the athletic associations remain in a quiet state and slumber peacefully after their exertions, until the first touch of hard frost galvanizes them into sudden life, when they all with one accord begin to say to one another, "Curing." So they curl, not with the hot tongs of the society belle, but in connection, and also in support of my theory, it may be well to note the fact that the ladies' auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. held a high tea in the Y. M. C. A. building on Monday and Tuesday nights in aid of the building fund; that the younger members of St. George's church are making active preparations for a children's bazaar, to be held before Christmas; the Y. M. C. A. have in rehearsal a cantata, "Under the Palms," which they propose giving on Friday evening next; and the ladies of St. George's church are already making plans for the mammoth bazaar which they intend to have next autumn, from which it will appear that our spiritual welfare is in no danger of being neglected.

Last week was a sort of fete day for the methodists of Moncton, as the previous one was for the Roman Catholics; the occasion being the formal opening of their beautiful little church, the Wesleyan memorial church, on the corner of St. George and Cameron streets. The placing of the new pipe organ had only been completed on Saturday night, so there was no time to tune it, but the congregation were not disposed to be critical, and pronounced it even in its present crude condition a very fine instrument. Rev. Dr. Hamilton preached at both morning and evening service to immense congregations, the church was crowded to the portals, and over 200 chairs being required in addition to the pews. Perhaps it might not sound very well to say that the sermon, particularly the nature of begging sermons, but the fact is that the sermon was of being considered good collectors, I may remark that the two discourses resulted in the amazing harvest of over \$1,000. Truly the good people of the Wesleyan memorial had a harvest service, whether they called it by that name or not, and they brought in a goodly number of sheaves—and sheaves!

Sunday was observed as Harvest Sunday in another sense in St. George's church, thanksgiving services being held. The church was filled with very beautifully decorated by the ladies of the congregation, fruit, flowers and vegetables being laid under tribute, in order to beseech the Lord. The congregations were very large, especially in the evening, when there was scarcely standing room; indeed so large was the concourse of people who gathered, that the thoughtful, if somewhat cynical, mind gave itself up to speculations as to whether the majority of the congregation came to hear the service, which was in no wise different from the ordinary evening service, or merely to see the vegetables, which only differed as far as their artistic grouping was concerned, from the everyday pumpkins and squashes, to be seen in the public market. The arrangement of the fruits and flowers was very novel and attractive, one very original feature being a real plow, which was placed just below the chancel steps, and entirely covered with celery, carrots, beets, and other products of the field. Sheaves of grain, fruits and flowers decorated the chancel. I confess that the plow proved a serious drawback to my own devotion, for the question would naturally occur upon my most solemn moments, and prayerful impulses, "Who carried that implement of agriculture in?" These questions still remain unanswered. The many friends of Mr. H. S. Pethick, formerly of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, but now of St. Stephen, were delighted to see his place of business again last week. Mr. Pethick was on his way to P. E. Island and spent Thursday in town.

Mrs. S. C. Wilbur, formerly of Moncton, was Mrs. J. McC. Snow, Mrs. H. Atkinson, having been appointed delegates from Moncton, to the World's convention of the Y. M. C. A., which will convene on this week, departed on Monday for the modern Athens.

Dr. J. R. Inch, of Fredericton, paid a short visit to Moncton yesterday, on his return from Sackville, where he has been attending the Westmorland county teachers' institute.

Mrs. Archibald, of Antigonish, who has been spending some weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Edward McEwen, and Mrs. McMillan, sister of Mrs. McEwen, returned to their home on Friday.

Mrs. J. L. Harris and Mrs. Joseph A. Harris returned last week from a trip to Boston. I cannot help remarking here that Mrs. Harris' parties are on our hearts to wish the latter lady did not find her former home so attractive since her love of it robs us of so much of her society.

I am glad to be able to announce this week that many of our absent friends have returned, amongst others Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Harrington, who have taken up their abode in Moncton for the winter, and are domiciled on Weldon street. It is needless to say that they have been most cordially welcomed back.

Miss Jessie McEwen has also returned to us after her visit to Winnipeg. Report at one time said that Miss McEwen was not going to return this year, but I am glad to see that report made a mistake.

Mr. Botsford Peters, of Sydney, C. B., is at home spending a week or two amongst his old friends. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gorman returned from their wedding trip last week.

Mrs. J. L. Harris gave a very enjoyable whist party to about 30 guests last Wednesday evening. It is scarcely necessary to say that a delightful evening was spent, since Mrs. Harris' parties are famous for their invariable success.

Miss Blais, of Westmorland, who has been visiting her friend, Mrs. Miliken, returned home on Saturday morning.

Mrs. George B. Willett left town on Thursday last to spend a few weeks in Boston.

Mr. G. W. Daniel, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, who has been so ill at Sussex with rheumatic fever, is now recovering, but is unable to resume his duties in Moncton for many weeks.

Mrs. R. W. Hewson's friends were glad to see her out driving the other day, and to know that she has recovered from her tedious siege of fever.

Mr. J. W. Wortman, of the I. C. R. audit office, who has been seriously ill for the past week with pneumonia, is very much better and will be out again soon.

Mrs. J. J. Walker is recovering slowly from a very severe attack of pleurisy, which at one time threatened to prove fatal, and her many friends will be glad to hear of her recovery.

Mr. W. C. Milner, collector of customs, of Sackville, spent yesterday in town.

Rev. Dr. Hamilton, who was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Sangster, during his stay in Moncton.

The many Moncton friends of Mrs. Milledge of St. John, are glad to see her again. I understand that Mrs. Milledge intends to spend the winter in Moncton and I only hope my delightful friends will be able to "hear" of her management lately, but as it is not "hot" yet, I must not speak of it later.

Mr. George A. Vye, formerly of Moncton, but now of New Glasgow, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. H. A. Powell, M. P. P., spent last Saturday in town.

Mr. Thomas Temple, M. P., for York county, was in Moncton on Monday en route for Quebec.

CECIL GWYNNE.

SACKVILLE.

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Nov. 11.—Our Indian summer seems to have "got here" at last, judging by the lovely weather of the past week. The delegates to the teachers' convention numbering over 70 brought blue skies and balmy air with them; the gales of wind and clouds of dust that usually prevail on such occasions were conspicuous by their absence. The hospitality of the townspeople was abundant, the meetings were of great interest, and even made doubly so by the presence and address of Dr. Inch, superintendent of education, who came up to be present at the convention. The delegates were unanimous in their praise of Sackville as being one of the most pleasant towns they ever visited, and spoke highly of the hospitality they received at the hands of those by whom they were entertained.

Dr. and Mrs. Inch remained in town over Sunday and were guests while here of Prof. and Mrs. Hutton, being warmly welcomed by all their old friends.

A quiet wedding took place at Westcott on Tues-

day the third. The contracting parties were Mr. A. D. Walker, and Miss Carrie Barnes, daughter of Mr. Wm. E. Barnes. Rev. Mr. Warren performed the ceremony, immediately after a collation was served, after which the happy couple took their departure by train for their future home in Minneapolis, U. S. A., followed by the congratulations of several of their friends.

Mr. J. W. Webb has removed from Windsor, N. S., to Sackville, and has taken the house lately occupied by Mrs. Charles Trueman.

Rev. Ralph Brecken, D. D., went to St. John on Saturday to remain a few days.

Mrs. W. C. Milner has returned from her visit to Amherst, and on Saturday evening entertained a few of her friends at her residence, "Thorne cottage."

Miss Maudie Reid is quite seriously ill with typhoid fever.

I understand that Mr. Ernest L. Ford has arrived at Sackville, feeling better, with his general health improved, a fact which is very gratifying to his friends in Sackville.

Mr. C. R. Palmer, secretary of the school board, Moncton, and Mr. George Smith, school inspector, Petitcodiac, were among those who attended the convention of the Teachers' Institute.

Mr. Frank Wheaton, of New York, clerk of the Grand Union hotel there, was spending a few days in Sackville, on his way to Upper Sackville, last week, and leaves soon for his present home.

Miss Forster, of Dorchester, was in Sackville last week the guest of Mrs. H. A. Powell.

Rev. S. C. Wells, whose pleasant and obliging manner makes him such a favorite, has been in Sackville for several days. His many friends hope that the slight improvement which has taken place in his condition will prove permanent.

Inspector King, of the P. & N. department, was in town on Wednesday on official business.

Mr. Seward G. Bowser, of the United States, and his wife, are in Sackville on their wedding tour.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. James Dixon gladly welcome them home again after a year or more spent in the United States, most of which was passed visiting their daughter, Mrs. W. A. Black, in Iowa. While away they also visited Utah, where some relatives and friends reside, and where they have not been for 54 years. On the return journey they "took in" many places of interest in the United States and Canada.

Mr. Charles E. Knapp, of Dorchester, was in town on Friday, attending court held by the Stipendiary Magistrate, Mr. Walter Cahill.

Mrs. James L. Black, who has been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Lucius Dickson at Brooklyn, N. Y., is home again.

Rev. C. F. Wiggins went to Amherst last week to be present at the confirmation in Christ's church.

Those who attended the Japanese entertainment at Beethoven hall, Friday evening, were most pleased with the very excellent illustrations of and lecture on the people and customs of the Japanese, indeed I have heard that those who were not present missed a very pleasant and instructive evening.

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The painting of the court house, the new bell for St. Edward's church, and still another new sidewalk, are signs of progress, and the subject of the ceremony of "blessing" the Roman Catholic graveyard took place on Sunday last. After service at the chapel, including an excellent sermon by Father Gaynor—the appropriate to the subject—the congregation wended its way over the hills to the cemetery, preceded by Father Lefebvre (who officiated in the absence of the bishop), and the three priests walked in their robes, and the choir sang, ground, sprinkling incense, accompanied with prayers by Father Lefebvre. The service was new to many, and was very effective.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fairweather was buried yesterday.

Hon. A. J. D. B. and Dr. Gaudet have gone to Montreal with regret to say, the health of the latter is somewhat impaired.

Mr. Coleman Bowser and family remove to Boston some time this month.

Mr. W. W. Wells was in town on Friday, as general agent.

Mr. Eagles of Fredericton, spent Sunday in Dorchester, the guest of Mr. Willard Wilbur.

Rev. J. R. Campbell attended a confirmation service held by Bishop Kingston in Amherst on Thursday last.

Mrs. T. B. Milledge went to St. John on Monday and expects to return soon to Dorchester for the winter.

Mrs. Record of Moncton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. B. Emerson, who with Mrs. Kellier returned home on Saturday evening.

A new engagement has been announced, and there are rumors of one and another in the near future. Dorchester has certainly done its duty in this particular in the year now drawing to its close.

Congratulations to Mr. Oulton on his appointment as president of the Westmorland county teachers' institute.

Two events of a social nature can be recorded this week. On Thursday evening last some twenty-five or thirty juveniles enjoyed the well-known hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Harrington. Two or three others assisted in the entertainment and, with such good music it is needless to say that dancing was prolonged to a late hour. After a delicious supper and old and young formed a circle and sang "Auld Lang Syne" with great effect. There came kind "good-nights" and regrets that the enjoyment was at an end.

Last evening a small but appreciative audience greeted the "Cowboy" pianist and company on their first appearance in Dorchester. Many of our music-loving people were "conspicuous by their absence." Those who had the good fortune to attend were well repaid.

Mrs. G. W. Chandler and Miss Connie returned from Moncton today.

Mrs. Hewson has almost recovered, and little Miss Hewson (who has been lost sight of during the illness of her mother) is reported as charming as ever.

Mrs. Chandler received a telegram this week from the Far West announcing the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Lee Peters, on Monday, 2nd inst.

Mr. Gray, of the penitentiary staff, has returned from a delightful trip to Montreal and other Canadian cities.

Mrs. George, of Buctouche, was in town last week. Miss Hay has returned from her few days' visit in Amherst.

ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

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Nov. 11.—A pleasant odor of roast turkey, mince pie and Thanksgiving cheer permeates the atmosphere here just now. There will, I presume, be the usual number of family parties and merry makings of which the old time honored English custom so heartily approves.

The season of fairs is upon us again. With the cold weather comes always the "annual sale"—of course we had them with delight—as we do anything out of the usual routine in the otherwise dull and cheerless autumn but "I'll fancy the man who meets the fair at the fair." As our July friend (?) the punster would say. The ladies of Trinity church realized \$200 on their supper and sale, but their Catholic friends "across the border" carried off the palm since they cleared over \$1,500, which sum they will expend towards their new church which they are anxious to have completed in the early spring.

A total eclipse of the moon will occur on Sunday evening next. As it is not consummated until 3 a. m., possibly it will give the young lovers an opportunity of prolonging their visit.

Mr. Harry Morgan, of Montreal, visited St. Stephen last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sloane, of Athol, Mass., are spending Thanksgiving with their daughter, Mrs. Frank E. Ansley, North Milltown street, Calais.

Judge Stevens has been attending court at Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Nelson Skillings, of Winchester, Mass., are the guests of Mrs. Levi L. Lowell, Main street, Calais.

Miss Howard, of Toronto, is visiting friends in St. Stephen.

Miss Clara Jordan has returned to her home in Calais, after a pleasant visit in Boston and New York.

Mr. Harry Pethick is visiting Halifax, Prince Edward Island, and other provincial places. His position in the Bank of Nova Scotia is filled by Mr. H. Anderson during his absence.

Mrs. Walter Osburn is the guest of her mother, Mrs. R. P. Kelly, Main street, Calais.

Mr. McLellan has been registered at the Windsor, St. Stephen.

Mr. Atkinson, M. P. P., has been visiting St. Stephen.

Miss Annie King has gone to St. John, where she will remain for a few weeks.

Miss Alice Stevens is the guest of Miss Popping, Monroe street, Calais.

Mr. Clarence, of Portland, is at his home in Calais for a few days.

The sacred concert held in the Methodist church, St. Stephen, on Tuesday evening last, was attended and well merited the large and appreciative audience present. The concert was given in aid of the public library, to whose shelves many new literary productions will be added. The concert was a great success in every particular. The following excellent programme was rendered: Organ solo, "The town red," or rather scarlet, it is said, in his flaming color was done in honor of the visit of an official in high office, or whether presented as a memento of his first visit to our little town, if the latter, I hope the gift is limited to a single article, because if wholesale, and our citizens are to be treated to a sight of these dazzling affairs every day in the year, they would be in danger of becoming "color blind." Were it not that the aforesaid official is a member of the local church, and a fair belle of society had given him "the mitten?"

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Nov. 10.—The chiefest of last week was the fog so held here Thursday evening in the W. C. T. U. hall, under the auspices of the union. This having been the first time to be held, it was a decided success. Songs, choruses and anthems were well rendered by the choir which consisted of Mrs. C. P. Wilson, Mrs. D. C. Firth, Misses Barnes, M. Kerr, H. Henderson, and Messrs. J. E. Price, F. Matheson, A. Dickie, and D. F. Graham. I hear that quite a snug little sum was realized.

Miss Sarah Murphy, of Dalhousie, spent last week in the guest of her friend Mrs. Conductor McLellan.

Miss Grace Venner, who spent the summer in Quebec, where she has been of friends and relatives, returned home last week.

Mr. William West, formerly of this town but now of Duluth, Wis., was in town the former part of last week, visiting his old friends, and has since returned to his western home.

The many friends of the Rev. Father McDonald will be glad to hear that he has favorably recovered from his recent illness. Although not as well as he should be, the Rev. gentleman occupied his pulpit in the Roman Catholic church, Sunday, and went to Dalhousie by yesterday morning's train.

Mr. Isaac Crawford left here Tuesday morning for Leavenworth, Kan., where he intends going on business with his brother.

Mr. J. H. B. is flying visit from one of Campbellton's most popular councillors, yesterday.

Mr. A. D. McKendrick taking advantage of the early Bay Chaleur train, went home by the morning train returning the same evening.

Miss Mina Farrer has accepted the position of teacher in our public school, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss G. Carter.

A very pleasant gathering took place last evening at the residence of Mr. H. H. Bray, train dispatcher of the I. C. R. here, the occasion being the celebration of their wedding. They were the recipients of many fine presents, as well as hosts of good wishes for many more years of wedded life, in which Sugar Loaf must heartily join. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Price, Mr. and Mrs. James Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Price, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Brown, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Seelye, and Mrs. M. E. Bruce. The party spent a most enjoyable evening.

Mr. Will Moore went to Shediac this morning. Messrs. J. Henderson, W. H. Taylor, W. Murray and W. Mott are in Dalhousie attending court.

Mr. J. D. Phinney returned on Monday from Fredericton.

Mrs. Phinney and family expect to make their home at the capital this winter.

Messrs. B. Bailey and Warren McDermott, of Harcourt Station, were in town last week.

Miss Lulu Robertson presents a novel turnout with her good and wagon.

Miss H. T. Colpitt was called away to St. Martins a few days ago by the illness of her sister.

Miss Martha Powell has returned from her trip to St. John.

Mr. J. H. Robertson, of St. John spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. J. H. Abbott, agent of the merchants' bank of Kingston, was summoned to Halifax last week by the illness of his mother, who has since died.

Messrs. James Ferguson, of Bathurst, and Jack Eagles, of St. John, were in town this week.

Mrs. H. T. Carter, of St. John, is in London, N. S., yesterday.

Mr. Geo. W. Robertson's new steam yacht made her maiden trip to Moncton yesterday, which must have been a pleasant sail, as the weather was more like July than November.

REGINA.

CHATHAM.

[Progress is for sale in Chatham at Edward John's bookstore.]

Nov. 10.—The lake in the vicinity of the town presented an unusual scene of animation and color Saturday afternoon, when the sportive element took advantage of the first ice and made many picturesque scenes on its reflective surface. It was a pretty and inspiring sight viewed in the afternoon sunlight. Indeed, nothing but the first ice skating ever calls out such a gathering of the elect. Very soon our beautiful river will be frozen over and the small army of gaily girls and giggling boys, whose pedal extremities are never exercised on the lake will have a larger area of mirror like surface on which to display their graceful figures, and amuse the onlookers from the Dock Bay windows.

The Bay View hotel, so recently built at Bay Du Vin, was used by Auctioneer Wyse on Monday for the benefit of the creditors of the absconding proprietor. The Bay View had become quite popular as a summer resort, and the many Chathamians who can recall with pleasure a season spent at this beautiful country home, will regret the occurrence of the past week.

The ladies welcome was extended Mr. Neill (formerly with Muirhead & Co. of this place, but now of Pensacola) last week, by his bevy of friends, who were delighted to see him for the first time in years.

Mr. MacDonald Snowball spent a portion of last week in the capital city.

Dr.