

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

SACKVILLE.

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FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT.

SEPT. 23.—Seldom, if ever, has St. Paul's church been the scene of a prettier wedding than that which took place recently, when one of our most popular young ladies, Miss Alice Estabrooks, and Mr. Martin L. Lane, of the Merchants bank of Halifax at Dorchester, N. B., were united in marriage. The occasion was one of exceptional interest to Sackvillians, to most of whom the bride had endeared herself by her kindness of heart and simple unaffected manners; good wishes will follow her to her new home. The ceremony was fixed for nine o'clock, p. m., and long before that hour the church began to fill with invited guests who were met by the four ushers, Messrs Black, Kirkpatrick, Foster, and Rennie, and escorted to the seats reserved for them in the body of the church, while every seat not thus occupied was filled by the aisles were filled to overflowing. St. Paul's church seldom presented a prettier or brighter an aspect, while the altar, the reading desk awaiting the entrance of the bride. The decorations were garlands of green leaves and flowers, chiefly asters. These entwined the lectern, reading desk and pulpit, while the front of the entrance of the church was filled with ferns. A lovely crop was placed over the altar. All this was the loving work of a few friends of the bride. The bright faces of the guests, costumes of so many different hues, and the reflection of the lights over all, made a picture not soon to be forgotten. The music, presided at by the organ, the groom, accompanied by his best man, Mr. Charles Hickman, of Dorchester, awaited the bride with usual place and almost immediately the only bridesmaid, Miss Estabrook, entered on the arm of Mr. Frank Black, one of the ushers. Next came the bride, leaning on the arm of Mr. Rennie. As she entered all present arose, while the choir, of which she was once a member, sang a beautiful and beautiful hymn. The voice that breathed of Eden. I should have said that on entering the church the bride's procession was preceded by a single file of the ushers, who formed a beautiful and beautiful party. The bride looked remarkably well in a lovely dress of white surah silk, trimmed with chignon and lilies, and carried a handsome bouquet of white roses, lilies of the valley, and smilax. Miss Estabrooks was gowned in a becoming costume of pink bengaline, with chiffon trimmings, and her bouquet was in harmony with her dress, being of pale pink ("mermaid") roses and maiden hair ferns. Both were tied with long streams of satin ribbon, and were the gifts of the groom. The marriage service was impressively said by the rector, Rev. Cecil Wiggins. As she passed up the aisle, she was followed by her bridesmaids, who followed her, and heartily wishes were expressed by one and all for her future happiness.

The reception at the bride's home was attended by many of the invited guests, who numbered over 200. The bride's mother, Mrs. Estabrooks, received at the head of the staircase, and the bride's party at the end of the large hall under a handsome belle of immortelles, from which hung and extended to the end of the alcove, green garlands. With its colored Chinese lanterns, pretty draperies of lace, vases of flowers, potted plants, cosy nooks and comfortable seats, and over all the electric light, this little alcove was transformed into an ideal reception room.

After the reception, the bridal party and many of the guests joined in a quadrille in the large dining room that had been made ready for dancing. The bride, groom, bridesmaid, best man and ushers took the head and foot of the room and the guests the sides in double sets. The music was excellent, by the Sackville band.

At twelve p. m. supper was served, and such a supper! Really it was a marvel that so much could be accomplished without a caterer.

The rector proposed the health of the bride in a pertinent and happy speech, to which the groom responded in well chosen terms. After supper, dancing was kept up until the departure of the bride and groom for the station to take the midnight train for St. John, Digby, Pictou and other points in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. On their return they will reside at Dorchester, N. B. In closing this very imperfect account of one of the most enjoyable affairs of the kind ever held in Sackville, I must say a few words in praise of the indefatigable efforts of the boys of the Brunswick, who call themselves the "Bachelors," to make all that pleasant house their home to make all long remember the occasion as one distinguished by an unusual heartiness of welcome and cordial and unfeigned hospitality, seldom met with in these days of formal weddings.

I have endeavored to obtain a correct description of the gifts, as well as the costumes of the guests.

Mrs. Estabrooks, bride's mother, wore black silk trimmed with white lace, and white ostrich feather toque.

Mrs. Norman, seven colored poplin bengaline with lace trimmings and bonnet to match.

Mrs. Jas. Lannan, bronze green silk with gold trimmings and toque of the same.

Mrs. A. E. Oulton, Dorchester, a rich costume of black lace and cream bonnet.

Mrs. Thos. Estabrooks, a starch blue bengaline and natural white flowers.

Mrs. Tupper, Halifax, pale blue silk with ostrich feather trimmings, and toque of pale blue tulle.

Mrs. Mabel Rennie, cream nun's veiling with gold trimmings.

Mrs. Parson, an elegant starch blue silk with trimmings of silk embroidery and fine old lace; ornaments of diamonds.

Mrs. Ryan, a handsome costume of black silk trimmed with white lace, and white ostrich feather toque.

Mrs. Chas. Fawcett, black satin and lace, bonnet cream lace and leathers.

Mrs. Horace Fawcett, gray satin brocade.

Mrs. Henry Fawcett, handsome black silk with cream bonnet.

Mrs. McDougall, white embroidered mull, with garland of white asters and green leaves on a low corsage; long cream gloves.

Mrs. Thorne, black silk with cream chiffon trimmings, bonnet of cream white tulle veil.

Mrs. H. Berton Allison, cream cloth dress, bonnet of cream silk, with trimmings of watered ribbon, marabout and ostrich feathers, tulle stockings; long cream gloves.

Mrs. Amos Ogden, black satin with jet trimmings, and bonnet of the same.

Mrs. Ernest Anderson, handsome costume of black silk with striped aigrette and lace trimmings.

Mrs. Frith Atkinson, handsome costume of fawn colored silk and lace trimmings.

Mrs. Rennie (St. John), elegant costume of black velvet with train lined with old gold satin.

Miss Rennie, (St. John) an elegant costume of white surah silk with train trimmed with ostrich feathers, gainsborough hat of cream silk trimmed with field daisies; long cream gloves, white feather fan.

Miss Black Burnt, orange henrietta cloth costume trimmed with chiffon and jacqueminot, natural roses.

Miss Knapp, dress of pink bengaline.

Picture, Mr. and Mrs. F. Murray, St. John. Set silver tea spoons, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Frites, St. John.

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Stream, after spending two months there, with her friend, Mrs. John Rose.

Mr. George M. Hanson's friends are glad to know he is recovering from his severe illness.

Mr. J. Francis Hayward and Miss Hayward returned to Boston on Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Todd and their daughter Sara, left for Boston on Saturday, where they intend to spend a month.

Rev. T. H. O'Meara, of Weymouth college, Toronto, spent Sunday here and preached to the congregation of Trinity church.

Mrs. Clara Wetmore left on Monday for New York city, to attend the wedding of her niece, Miss Minnie Kozge.

Miss Fogarty, of St. John, is the guest of Mrs. Hugh Cullinan.

Mrs. Henry Todd is visiting in St. Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Todd, accompanied by Mrs. Henry Graham, went to St. John this morning, to remain during the exhibition.

This evening at 8 o'clock Miss Nellie Bridges, second daughter of Mr. Isahab Bridges, is to be married at her father's residence to Mr. C. E. Newell, of Calais. Miss Bridges is one of our most esteemed young ladies, and her many handsome wedding gifts show the number of her friends.

Mr. Wilnot Brown was in town for a short visit yesterday.

Miss Morris, of St. Andrews, is spending a few days with friends here.

Miss Berta Markee went to Woodstock on Thursday to visit her sister, Mrs. Wellington Belyea.

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There was a very