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IRIS TALKS ABOUT HALIFAX.

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The 20th of October brings us well into the autumn doesn't it? Well, though it is said to bid adieu to summer and her floral train let us be thankful for present gifts, for, excepting a few dark and rainy days which usually come in every month, this has been as fine an October as we have ever had. Sunday last was a "pet" day—almost as warm as in August—it seemed as though summer had returned to take another peep at our Chebucto before making her flight to some southern shores. Men, women and children were abroad determined to take advantage of the sunshine while it lasted; the Park was thronged with pedestrians, others extended their walk in the direction of "Fair View," quite a number of people went as far as Bedford, dined at one of the hotels and returned to the city by moonlight via Dartmouth.

Just now on a clear day it looks very pretty in the vicinity of the North West Arm, the ruddy maple leaves glistening in the sunlight, the dark green of the foliage of the birch and the dark firs and pines reflecting their varied tints in the smooth waters below, while the villas and cottages dotted along the shore stand bare and untenanted, looking dismantled of their creepers and vines, and the gardens by which they are surrounded robbed of their summer glories look brown and serious. Yet, be the air ever so balmy there is something plaintive in an autumn day; all nature bespeaks a regretful farewell—a long farewell to the joys of departed summer.

Yet what a capital time for walking is the autumn! On a keen day at this season, when the atmosphere foretells the advent of Jack Frost, a long walk after a little while the healthy exercise sends the blood tingling in every vein. Some people claim that they feel the cold more at this season than in the winter; if they took more exercise in the bracing air this would not be so. Most of our girls, though, are very fair pedestrians, especially those who move in the best society. Hence their splendid complexions.

Appropos of exercise—calling the other afternoon on a friend, I found her seated about as close to a blazing grate as it was possible without catching fire. "You are not really out this freezing day," she said, shivering at the draught of cold air I brought in with me. After not a little coaxing I induced the young lady to don hat and coat and come for a ramble. We started off and took a long tramp almost to the Dingle. After becoming thoroughly warmed up we amused ourselves by way of a rest gathering autumn leaves and returning to the city about dusk. As we sat in the dusk sipping our tea, my companion, who, after her recent exercise, looked brilliant and rosy, said: "I don't know what the autumn was not such a half bad time. After all in summer we have not that enjoyable hour which comes just between daylight and twilight, which to me is the most enjoyable of all the 24. How is it that the poet describes it: "Ere the evening lamps are lighted And, like phantoms bright on tall, Shadings from the fitting lured Dance upon the parlor wall."

On Saturday afternoon last that great rough game known as Rugby was played between the Dalhousie and Wanderers on the latter's grounds. About 700 or 800 spectators assembled to watch the contestants pummel one another. How they punched and rolled over one another and thumped and padded the hair out of one another's heads! I never cared for the game of foot ball. I suppose like everything else that must be done to appreciate the fine points. But nevertheless it is not a ravishing sight to look at a lot of men butting at each other like a parcel of rams, or charging upon one another with their heads. I have seen a number of the Dalhousie players play the 17th regiment at the Royal B's grounds.

Appropos of sports, invitations are out for an at home to be given by the Dalhousie on the 20th. It is expected there will be some good sports, and undoubtedly a pleasant afternoon will be spent. Society will muster in strong force. I am told that some of the prettiest girls are connecting recherche costumes for the occasion.

As we are on the subject of dress, I am reminded to ask—Has it ever struck you as being slightly incongruous the various styles of dress that will attract your gaze should you stroll for a through town on any of these fine mornings? Why, one warm day last week on Barrington street alone I was accosted by a white house and sailor hat; after her came another in a long winter down to her toes with an astrachan storm collar turned up around her ears—reminding me of a below zero—then came the conventional autumn girl dressed in dark blue with a bunch of red in her hat. Now don't you think it is silly to dress up in storm collars and shawls to shiver to think how cold those people will feel in December. Dear girls, don't court the winter, he'll be along soon enough I warrant you without any coaxing.

By the way, how do you like the style of coat that is to be a la mode this winter? I think the long cloaks right down to the hem of the skirt are lovely, but those that just come to the knees are intolerable, if they are of cloth. In sea-skirts they are tolerable. I was wondering if any of you had seen any of these fine mornings? Why, one warm day last week on Barrington street alone I was accosted by a white house and sailor hat; after her came another in a long winter down to her toes with an astrachan storm collar turned up around her ears—reminding me of a below zero—then came the conventional autumn girl dressed in dark blue with a bunch of red in her hat. Now don't you think it is silly to dress up in storm collars and shawls to shiver to think how cold those people will feel in December. Dear girls, don't court the winter, he'll be along soon enough I warrant you without any coaxing.

On Friday evening last, at the Garrison church, Mr. Hutchings gave to a large and appreciative audience another of his popular organ recitals, which was, if anything, more attractive than those that have been given on former occasions. Mr. Hutchings rendered in her pleasing soprano two solos which were greatly enjoyed—"Angels Ever Bright," from Handel, and "Jesu, Christ, My Heavenly Friend," from Herr Doering gave several solos on the violin, and, as usual, charmed his hearers.

The R. A. are giving a dance to-night at their barracks. In my next I will tell you all about it. Preparations have during the past days been carried on on a grand scale—Tents and Pavilions have been erected in the Artillery Park, but the artillery invariably go to such trouble to make their dances successful—it therefore goes without saying that their entertainments are most popular and frank to an official dinner being on for this same evening the ball does not begin until 10 o'clock.

The Grand opera company arrived on the Halifax on Sunday night. They will spend this week in practicing and on Monday next open their season at the academy. We shall expect to have something good—but blessed is the man that expecteth nothing.

Mr. R. J. Gilbert of St. John, is at the Lorne House. Two of our popular medico's, Dr. Farrell and Dr. Curry, who have been enjoying a European tour returned on the *Caspian* last week.

DARTMOUTH. Oct. 21.—Everything was very dull in social circles last week. Quite a number of Dartmouthians attended the ball at government house and of course that was the event of the week with them. It was unfortunate that the weather was so unpleasant as the damp is so detrimental to ball attire and also to bungs, but though the representatives from Dartmouth had the farthest to go they did not appear to have suffered in consequence. Having to stay all night at an hotel with friends, on account of the boat ceasing to run after half past eleven, often deterring many from attending anything like a ball on the Halifax side. The ball given by the governor and Mrs. Daly was a decided success and no doubt the weather having prevented many who would otherwise have been there rather added to the success, by preventing what might have been somewhat of a crush. The dresses were as a rule exceedingly pretty, and it is pleasing to see that the tendency to wear black lace, etc., is on the wane, for while most becoming to nearly all ladies individually, taken as a whole it gives a somewhat sombre effect to a ball room. I have seen lately in some magazine devoted to fashion that the great French milliner thought he not long since decided that black was only suited to the aged, has lately achieved some wonders. The way of black evening dresses, but as Halifax dressmakers are not possessed of his skill and a black gown made by them would lack the one thing needful to make it the success his art, I hope our Halifax maidens will do as they did on the 14th and wear something a little more bright and airy. I was surprised to see at this ball how many young people

especially young men do not dance, it seems a pity for the latter not to cultivate the art as gentlemen are so often in the minority at a party and when all do not dance, there must of necessity be many girls forced to play the role of wallflower, no matter how well they dance or attractive they are. Was this why the Dartmouth young lady danced so often with the same youth. It may be an old-fashioned notion, but in my day it was not considered exactly good taste. The ball has been so well discussed that there is nothing left for me but what it is—your valued correspondent, as so many different people are accused of writing the Dartmouth items for PROGRESS I do not want to say anything to bring down wrath upon an undeserving friend. Tombs has been kept up every Saturday at both clubs so far, but I think last week finished the ten days at both. I believe an amateur photographer from Halifax took two or three very good groups at the Dartmouth lawn tennis club, a fortnight ago, I have not seen them yet, but hear that some of the gentlemen took particularly well.

Miss Ella Hare, who has been staying for the past few weeks at Hazelburn, returned last week to her home at Bedford. Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Allison, Miss Prescott, and Miss Mackenzie, left on Tuesday last for a trip through upper Canada, visiting Niagara, and returning by way of New York.

There was a rumor of a broken engagement going the round of conversation last week, and we all felt sad that so much devotion should have ended in naught, but I am happy to say that matters have been placed on a satisfactory footing, and the "bubbling and cooling" process of before—would say to the young lady who was so eager to engage in a wager with a friend on the matter—do not do that, but let your own good sense be your guide, and in such a case, church member, and does not the Band of Hope forbid it?

When taking my constitutional on Saturday, I encountered a riding party, which is rather a rare thing these days. Two of the gentlemen were mounted on very handsome horses, which seemed to demand a good deal of management, but the riders were able for them, and it was a pretty sight to see the splendid animals rearing and curvetting. The only riding horse I saw especially well, and looked her best on horseback.

Miss Vanbuskirk left on Saturday by the *State of Virginia* for New York, where she will spend the winter. Mr. T. Cutler is expected home next week. Mr. J. Ross, who met with a serious accident some time ago, is slowly improving.

Invitations are out for a large party on the 22nd. It is sure to be a success; parties at this house usually are.

KENTVILLE. Oct. 21.—Our town, which, in the summer, is so full of visitors is now almost forsaken. People are thinking of how to make the interior of their homes warm and attractive, and are generally preparing for the long winter. The woods all about are looking quite gorgeous, and one is constantly meeting pedestrians with their arms full of the bright leaves to press for the Christmas decorations. Talking about the chief pastime now that tennis is over for this year.

The friends of Mr. J. McCully Terry are very glad to welcome him to his old home on Main street. He brings with him his wife, to whom we all extend a hearty welcome. Terry went to Denver, Col., for his bride last year, and we are all only sorry they have decided to make their home under the stars and stripes. Mr. and Mrs. Terry paid a flying visit to the former sisters at Dartmouth and Shubenacadie and will soon return to their home in Watertown, Mass.

Canon Brock was absent last Sunday and Mr. Abbott, of King's College, Windsor, took the services at St. James church. Canon Brock preached in St. Luke's, Halifax, and lectured in Windsor on Monday night.

Miss Chisholm, who has been spending a few weeks with her family, has returned to Truro. H. Price Webber's company has been entertaining in Kentville with some of the old familiar plays, such as *East Lynne*, *Kathleen Mavourneen*, etc., making Scotia Hall the centre of attraction during the past week.

Colonel Wright, of H. M. S. *Bellerophon*, is in town, the guest of the Colonel Chipman. A very successful harvest concert was held in the Baptist church on Sunday evening. The church was most tastefully decorated with fruit, autumn leaves, and the scholars did their parts most admirably.

GRAND FALLS. Oct. 21.—Mr. Hugh Taylor and family arrived in town last week from Woodstock. Mr. Taylor will fill the office as collector of customs, Mr. Walter Armstrong the former collector intends, with his family, to remove to Ottawa, Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. Hume, of Florenceville, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson.

Miss Lawlor, of Fredericton, is the guest of her aunt Mrs. May. Mr. and Mrs. Archibald, the missionaries from India, spent a few days in town last week.

Miss Nellie Estey returned home this week from a long visit in Fredericton. Mrs. Geo. West arrived in town from St. John on Monday. She spent a few days with Miss Celia West, leaving for St. Leonard's today.

Mr. John West returned home from his trip to Boston and St. John last Monday. Miss Bella Forbes and her sister Ida left for Boston last week.

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AMHERST. [PROGRESS is for sale at Amherst, by George Douglas, at the Western Union Telegraph office.] Oct. 21.—Some of the descendants of the late Matthew Crawford have been making quite lively of late, in trying to take possession of private property to which they say belongs to the Crawford estate. They claim a large portion of very valuable property within the town limits and extending towards Nappan for some miles. Further developments are anxiously looked for.

There was a large gathering of friends at the residence of Mr. John Murray on Havelock street, on Wednesday evening to witness the marriage of his daughter Miss Maude E. to Mr. George McLeod, Rev. D. McGrigor officiating.

Mrs. Parker and daughter Miss Helen, returned to town on Wednesday, after spending the summer in Economy. Mrs. A. Masters, of St. John, (not Mrs. Harding as incorrectly reported) has been making Mrs. Jesse Harding a visit.

Mrs. A. Paterson, of Truro, was in town on Friday, and was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Dr. McQueen went to Philadelphia last week, a patient accompanying him, to undergo a difficult operation in one of the leading hospitals there.

Baron M. de Geer, of Stockholm, Sweden, together with Mr. Chalmers, of Ottawa, and Mr. Wilson, of St. John, engaged in a geological survey were in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Freeman celebrated their tenth anniversary, or the wedding, on the 12th inst. with her sister, Mrs. Courtney Bliss. Mr. Turner and Miss Hickman left for England, via Rimouski on Friday night.

Miss Lewis, of Truro, was in town last week, the guest of Mrs. Powell. Miss Fannie Dunlop, who has been spending the summer in Liverpool, Queens, is at home again.

Mr. A. R. Dekey, M. P., of Truro, was in town for two or three days last week, returning on Monday. Miss Isabel Main went to Truro to assist her sister, Mrs. Bishop, in receiving this week. She expects to go to Halifax before she returns and make Mrs. Powell a visit.

Judge Morse entertained Judge Meagher and two or three other gentlemen at dinner on Thursday evening. Mrs. Amos Atkinson, of Sackville, spent Thursday night with her sister, Mrs. Courtney Bliss.

A very bright and hearty thanksgiving service for a bountiful harvest was held at St. Albion's church, on Sunday last, about two miles from town, on Sunday last. The church was appropriately decorated with fruits and grains. Rev. V. E. Harris said the prayers and Rev. C. Wiggins, of Sackville, was the officiating minister.

Mrs. Ketchum spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Binney, at Moncton, returning on Monday. His lordship the Coadjutor Bishop of New Brunswick has signified his intention of administering the rite of confirmation in Christ church on Thursday, Nov. 5.

Messrs. Bliss and Wells, of Chicago, who for the past two weeks have been holding revival meetings at the residence of Mr. Geo. Keel, of Pugwash, were in town on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hazen Chapman, of Dorchester, were in town on Monday. Mr. Burchard, who will leave on Thursday for Quebec, expecting to sail this week for England.

There was a quiet little wedding on Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. Wilbur Freeman, when Miss Hallett of Moncton was united in marriage to Mr. Freeman, brother of the host, Rev. D. Steele officiating at the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman went immediately to their own house after the ceremony.

Miss Maude Purdy leaves quite soon with her uncle and aunt, Mrs. Atkinson, with the intention of spending a year in Omaha. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson have been spending part of the summer at their friends in Cumberland Head. Mrs. Tremaine and infant are home from their visit to Baie Verte.

Mrs. Strathairn, wife of Rev. Mr. Strathairn, is very low from the effects of typhoid fever and grave fears are entertained that she cannot rally.

Mr. Harding, of St. John, is in town today. Mr. A. M. Bond, of Halifax, was in town this week.

PARRSBORO. [PROGRESS is for sale by A. C. Berryman, Parrsboro bookstore.] Oct. 21.—Mr. E. Fairbanks, of the Halifax Banking Co., is off on his vacation. His place in the meantime is taken by Mr. George Lyde, of Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Sutherland, of Sackville, have been visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Copp. They left to return home on Monday.

Rev. S. Gibbons left yesterday for New York and Philadelphia. He will be absent several weeks. Mr. C. M. Muir was at Amherst attending court last week, also Mr. D. J. Taylor and others.

Mrs. White and Mrs. Price, of Apple River, is spending a few days in town. Mrs. White is at the Grand Central, and Mrs. Price is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Price. Miss Agnes Aikman left on Tuesday to return to Boston.

Mrs. B. W. Barker and child, of Amherst, are staying in Parrsboro for awhile. Mrs. C. E. Day returned on Friday from Woodstock. She brought with her her little daughter Aida, who has been there with friends for a year past.

HAMPTON. [PROGRESS is for sale at Hampton station by T. G. Barnes, and Geo. E. Frost, and at Hampton village by Messrs. A. & W. Hicks.] Oct. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Warwick, of St. John, spent Sunday at the village, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hayward.

I regret to hear of the very severe illness of Mrs. Geo. A. Maynard, wife of the rector, at the parsonage in the village. Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McLeod, who have been spending the summer at "Asholm" returned to the city, yesterday.

Mrs. Wm. Langstroth, jr., who was visiting friends at Fredericton arrived home on Saturday. On dit, that Mr. Wallace Ross, of aquatic fame, intends, in the near future, to build and manage a summer hotel within a short distance of the station. This, properly conducted—as no doubt will be the case—will fill a long felt want.

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