

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

SACKVILLE.

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Oct. 14.—The melancholy days are come, the saddest of the year for our house-keepers and our patrons, society belles, and even debutantes are pressed into service, and these shining lights of our society are busily engaged in setting their houses in "apple pie" order, and racking their poor little tired brains with the unsolved problem that has puzzled generations of defunct house-keepers, whether after all by this annual raising of clouds of dust they have found the best way out of it, I fear too many, alas, realize that they have not, and that "the game is not worth the candle." Meanwhile their poor miserable victims, the "man of the house," the fathers and brothers go about with a generally uncareful look, a sort of hopeless-seeming settling down on them as if the astounding fact had at last dawned on them that there were times when they were no longer "Lords of Creation," but poor miserable subjects of a most despotic sovereignty. How are the mighty fallen!

If one goes to call on one of these dear little queens of a period they are told that "she is not at home," but if on very intimate terms a few moments are granted for a kitchen reception, and there the little woman is found, surrounded by all the appliances of her art, and deeply engaged in the mystery of preserving. There is sugar here, sugar there, "heaps of it" everywhere, until the place seems like one vast sugar camp. "Snowdrop" can but rejoice at sight of all the more as she is not in it because all this "hub a dub" means future festivities, and she expects to sample each and every embryo jam, jelly and various "sweets" at the coming high teas, suppers, luncheons, etc., that even now are rumored. As for the high priestess herself, no "lightning change" of costume of the best specialist in his line is complete, and she is not in it because the absence of all the little trinkets of the toilette has changed our little friend from the belle of society into a poor little Cinderella, or shall I say a belle of the kitchen instead of a belle of the drawing room? "fluff" is replaced by a lot of hideous curl papers, and her "stunning costume du bal" by various nondescript bits of apparel. The "tout ensemble" is ludicrous in the extreme. A few hours later! Can it be possible that the dainty little lady we meet is our quondam maid of the morning? A searching eye answered by a nod and smile, tells us it is. The dear little thing herself, arrayed in the most becoming and perfect fitting of visiting costumes, together with the cutest and sanest little toque, her hair coiled up in a bun, and her dress of a simple and elegant material, is the same as the one she wore when she was a girl. The difference is that she is now a woman, and she is a woman who wins her way to her friends that marriage is not a failure, but a very happy state to be in, and that her smart little "better half" can be a good housekeeper, and an affectionate wife, and shine in the society for which she is fitted as well.

I understand that the game supper at Hotel Sears, Midgie, that was to have been given for Mrs. Harrison on Thursday evening had to be postponed on account of the storm, much to the disappointment of everybody concerned, (which included a number of friends from Dorchester), but more especially the recipient of the honor, as she was obliged to leave for her home in Boston on the following morning, having enjoyed a delightful visit of three weeks among us. Her friends were loath to say good-bye, but their regret was tempered by the hope of a longer visit before many months. She was accompanied to the station by a number of her friends who wished her a pleasant journey and a safe arrival at her home.

I am wondering why some of our young people do not inaugurate walking parties this fine autumn weather. Once in a while a pleasant town and made one of these parties. We met every afternoon when fine, sometimes only twice a week, at a convenient rendezvous, and had a pleasant tramp to gather nuts, ferns, or autumn leaves, returning to the home of one of our number (in turn) for tea, no difference being made for us in the cuisine. Afterwards we spent a pleasant evening, and before parting arranged for our next tramp. These little affairs made some of the happiest hours of my existence.

Mrs. Joseph L. Black left on Friday morning last en route to Brooklyn, New York, on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Lucius Dickson. I understand she will be away some weeks.

I am sorry to hear that Mr. Ernest L. Ford finds it necessary to again try a change of climate for the benefit of his health. He left on Tuesday evening for Shafter, Texas.

The deputy minister of marine, Mr. Smith, was in town recently to inspect the reef of the Cape. The lighthouse at Cape Tormentine was inspected as well.

The young ladies of Sackville are to have a sewing club for the benefit of the churches. They meet once a week.

Mr. Joseph W. Dobson of Sackville, was married to Miss Maggie M. Turner on Wednesday evening the seventh inst. in the Methodist church at Port Elgin.

Quite a number of the matrons and young ladies of Sackville as well as several gentlemen, were in Dorchester for the McQueen-Chapman nuptials. I understand that they "held their own" among the brilliant sisters of the shiretown. Among them were Mrs. Ryan and sister in law, Mrs. Horace Fawcett, also Miss Estabrooke coach of these ladies were becoming street costumes; Mr. and Mrs. H. Berton Allison, and last, but not least, "Our fair Bostonian" in a most stylish dress of black homespun with panel and rest of violet red, covered with black silk passementerie, a lovely jet toque and pearl colored suede gloves. I heard several remarks that she looked even better than the day she received with Mrs. Lane, when she wore a handsome gown of black lace trimmed with jet passementerie, one of our gallants (whose bashfulness had passed into a proverb) so far overcome his natural diffidence as to tell her "that she looked beautiful" and was rewarded for his supreme effort by a most gracious smile.

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He was joined a few minutes later by the bride party. The two ushers, Mr. A. J. Chapman, brother of the bride, and Mr. Thos. Murray of Sackville, led the processions followed by the two bridesmaids, Miss Etta Chapman and Miss Weeks of Charlottetown. The bride followed, leaning upon the arm of her brother, Mr. Clarence Chapman, who gave her away. She was attired in a very handsome gown of white bengaline with Valenciennes lace and white ostrich feather trimming, and the usual orange blossoms and veil, and carried bouquet of white roses. Miss Etta Chapman wore white satin merveilleux, trimmed with silver passementerie, white silk toque with velvet and ostrich tips, bouquet of cream roses. The second bridesmaid wore old rose bengaline and chiffon with toque to match, silver garle and bouquet of cream roses. After the solemn service was said by Rev. J. Roy Campbell, the wedding party returned to the home of the bride, while the wedding march was played by Prof. Barnaby, of Amherst, and the bell rang merrily. The guests were very numerous, only relatives of the young couple and a few intimate friends being included.

After delicious refreshments, with the usual toasts and speeches, the bride assumed her traveling dress, a very pretty one of brown, with long cloak, and small felt hat trimmed with birds and velvet; Mr. and Mrs. McQueen took the 7:30 P. M. for Montreal, whence they will go to Niagara and other cities. A large number of friends gathered at the station to bid them farewell, and they went away followed by the good wishes of all.

The usual red throwing fiend was present in force, and it does seem a pity that the last moments that a girl has with her friends should be marred by a torture to all young people who ought to be in bed.

I append a partial list of the presents but there are doubtless many omissions.

Mr. McQueen's gift to his bride, enamel and gold brooch set with diamonds, the brides maid's presents being gold pins set with moonstones.

Miss Chapman, silver cake basket, oxidized silver card receiver and honiton lace handkerchief.

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Mrs. Peters has probably had the most severe attack of the three, but she is now mending rapidly.

Mrs. George Chandler, of Dorchester came up last week to nurse her daughter, Mrs. Hewson, who is improving rapidly under her care, and will soon be quite herself again.

Mrs. David Dickson and Mrs. W. F. Newman, returned on Saturday from Charlottetown, where they had been spending a few days visiting friends and taking in the exhibition. Indeed a large number of Moncton folks did likewise, amongst them Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Gibson, Mr. E. C. Cole, Mr. George Hobbs, Mr. George McSweeney, Mr. George C. Matthews and others.

We intend having an exhibition of our own to-morrow, and we are going to hold it on the Athletic grounds. I suppose it will be a *fresco* entertainment altogether, as, beyond the grand stand, I do not know of any building whatever on the grounds. If one may judge by the indications to-day, there is every prospect of that same Moncton and Coverdale Agricultural exhibition developing into an aquatic display since the rain is coming down in sheets this morning, and the grounds have already been under water more than once this autumn. Seriously, it will be a bad thing for the exhibitors if the wet weather should continue. I have heard very little about the masquerade, which was to have been one of the features of the entertainment, and I am beginning to wonder if it can possibly have fallen through.

Miss Constance Chandler, of Dorchester, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hewson.

Miss Elsie Chandler, of St. John, is visiting Mrs. C. X. Chandler, of Weldon street.

Mr. and Mrs. Hooper and Miss Foster returned last week from their visit to Toronto.

Mrs. Upham, of St. John, is spending a fortnight with her sister, Mrs. J. E. Church.

Mr. R. A. Borden returned on Thursday from a fortnight's trip through Nova Scotia. Mrs. Borden remains in St. John to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. R. Roach.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Benedict are still at Shediac, but fancy they will soon be settling down in Moncton for the winter.

Mr. R. W. Simpson, of the I. C. R. engineering department, left town last week for Halifax, to join Mr. W. B. McKenzie's staff of engineers, who are working on the construction of the new Dartmouth railway bridge. Mr. Simpson will be greatly missed by his Moncton friends, who will doubtless pray for the speedy completion of the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cameron, of Wesley street, Woodstock, held the rapt attention of over 600 people, by his eloquent sermon in the evening. Services were also held in the F. C. B. church and in the hall in the afternoon.

Rev. Douglas Chapman is at Washington, D. C., attending the ecumenical conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gilbert, of St. John, are spending a few days at Mrs. Jas. Gibson's.

Rev. and Mrs. A. B. McIntosh, of Sussex, are the guests of Mr. J. W. Read.

Rev. J. MacLeod, D. D., and Mrs. MacLeod, and Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, of Woodstock, are the guests of Mrs. Alex. Gibson, Sr.

Capt. and Mrs. Robbins, of Yarmouth, N. S., and Rev. B. H. Nobles, of St. John, North End, are the guests of Mrs. John T. Gibson.

Rev. G. T. Currie, of Moncton, is the guest of Mr. Jacob Laidley.

Prof. Cadwallader is receiving congratulations on a certain domestic event. It is a boy.

Mrs. E. A. Tapley gave a very pleasant whist party on Thursday evening last in honor of her guests, Mrs. Dowling, of St. John.

The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Gibson, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Jos. Kirkpatrick, (St. John) Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Williams, Miss Sampson, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Day, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Merritt, Mrs. John T. Gibson, Miss Alice Gibson, Miss Miles, Stella Clayton, and the Misses Ramsey, and Mr. A. Duncan, and others.

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Mrs. C. W. Young, accompanied by Miss Randall, left on Tuesday morning for a visit of a week in Boston.

Mrs. T. M. Boyd and Mrs. C. E. Gilmore returned from Boston on Tuesday, after a pleasant visit of a fortnight.

Mrs. C. Masters left on Saturday for her home in St. John.

Mrs. J. Duestin is spending several weeks with friends in Boston.

Mr. Fred Jones, of St. John, spent Sunday in town and was registered at the Windsor.

Mrs. Waterbury arrived home yesterday, after a fortnight spent pleasantly with friends in Boston and vicinity.

Mr. Harry Morgan has been spending a few days in town.

Mr. W. E. Vaughan, of Vancouver, B. C., is here on a business trip, and will make a short visit among his friends. This week he is the guest of Mr. John Grant.

Miss Maria Todd is visiting her friend, Mrs. Henry Hill, for a few weeks.

Mr. C. M. Gore, of St. Andrews, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. E. H. Grimmer.

Miss Maggie Gilmore has gone to Lynn, Mass., where she will remain for several weeks visiting friends.

Mrs. Howard Grimmer, of St. Andrews, is spending a week in town.

Vicente de Precourt, now of St. John, spent Sunday in St. Stephen and Calais, and was heartily welcomed among those who have lately been his pupils.

The congregation of Christ church celebrated the harvest festival on Sunday. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion with fruits and flowers, and the rector, Rev. O. S. Newnam, preached appropriate sermons to large congregations.

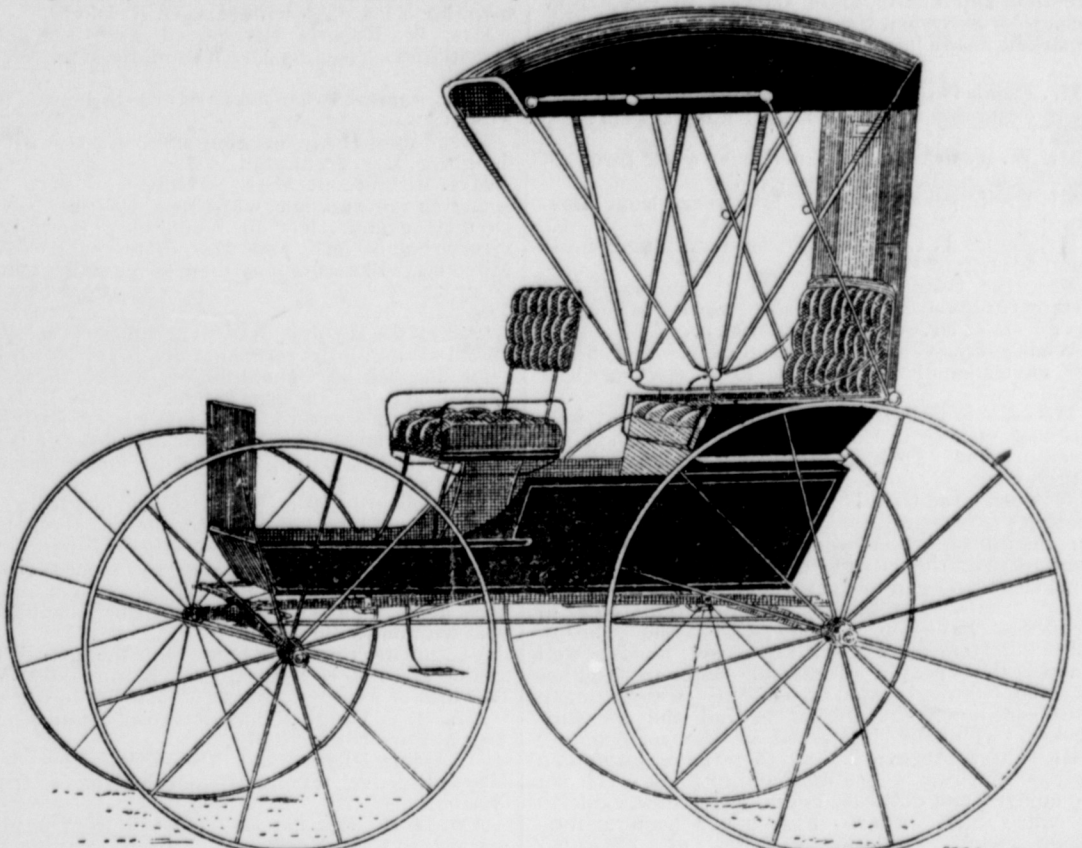
Mr. and Mrs. J. Meredith are visiting in St. John during this week.

MARYSVILLE.

Oct. 14.—The F. C. Baptist conference is being held in our town this week, which gives every home a very stirring appearance—nearly every thing, of all denominations, is entertaining ministerial guests—and with some the number of their visitors varies from ten to twenty. The services on Sunday were of a very interesting nature, being attended by hundreds of people. Rev. H. C. Thompson preached the annual sermon in the F. C. Baptist church in the morning, from Rev. 3rd chap., 20th verse, which was very much appreciated by the congregation. Rev. George H. Hartley, of Carleton, West End, filled the pulpit in the evening. Rev. Mr. Parsons, of St. John, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church on Sunday morning, giving a very fine sermon. Rev. Mr. Phillips, of

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ST. MARTINS.

Oct. 18.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Cleveland took place from her residence last Tuesday afternoon and was largely attended. The services at the church and grave were conducted by Rev. C. Williams. The family has the sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement.

A grand literary and musical entertainment was given by the teachers and pupils in the Seminary Hall last Thursday evening and notwithstanding the heavy rain that continued to pour all day a large number of the villagers were present. All who had a part in the programme were in good voice and showed careful training and the audience was well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

The following evening a pie social was held in the Temperance Hall under the auspices of the Methodist church and was fairly well attended. The proceeds go towards liquidating the debt on the organ.

Last Sunday morning Rev. Dr. Hopper baptized ten converts, and in the evening fourteen were received into the Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. C. Williams. Dr. DeBlois conducted the morning service with great acceptance.

Miss Lily Rourke is looking well after her visit to Moncton.

Mrs. J. V. Skillen is spending some weeks with friends in St. John.

Mr. Ernest Rourke has returned from Windsor to spend a few days with his parents before leaving for Mount Allison.

Miss Maggie Bradshaw is home from Boston, but intends returning in a few weeks.

Rev. Mr. Allison is visiting his old home in Windsor, N. S.

Miss Nellie Bradshaw, after spending a few weeks with her mother, has returned to Boston to resume her studies as a nurse.

Mr. George McKewen's new residence is nearing completion, and will add greatly to the appearance of the western end of the town.

Mr. Roland Brown has also started a new cottage and intends having it ready for use by the New Year.

Mr. Bruce is building a new store near his residence on Commercial street.

CAMPBELLTON.

Oct. 13.—Mrs. J. McKenzie and Miss Effie Murray spent Sunday and Monday at Fredericton.

Miss Cavanaugh, of Gaspe, Que., is visiting friends in town.

Miss Annie Nadeau, of Dalhousie, is in town the guest of the Misses Lacasse.

Miss Corine Venner has returned from her visit to St. John.

Mrs. Matthews is visiting Quebec friends.

Mrs. Alexander, who was spending the summer months in town, visiting her many friends, has returned to her studies in Waltham, Mass.

Messrs. W. Murray and J. Dawson have returned from Fredericton.

The many friends of Mr. Thomas DeWitt were glad to see him in town Friday. Mr. DeWitt was at one time an operator in town, where he made numerous friends. He now fills an important position in Montreal, and is on his way home to spend his vacation.

Mrs. Devereaux, of Dalhousie, spent Sunday in town, the guest of her sister, Miss Zella Devereaux.

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Mr. Henry Baldwin drove through to St. John last week, and returned again on Tuesday last.

Mr. E. A. Parks made a short visit to St. John on Monday last, returning on Wednesday last.