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ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

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JAN. 6.—Although the ground is bare, and in consequence the air undisturbed by the merry jingle of sleigh bells, mirth and good cheer reign within. The New Year was joyfully announced by a great leap year ball at the "Hotel Windsor" on New Year's night, under the management of six of our most popular young bachelors, who were ably assisted by a number of their supposed more fortunate brothers. The committee included Messrs. J.T.Whitlock, Arthur Murchie, J.E. Ganong, R.W. Whitlock (single secretary), Charles A. Black, Fred. P. MacNicholl, Frank C. Murchie. The aides were Messrs. Henry F. Todd, J. D. Chipman, W. F. Todd, Willard H. Pike, Henry S. Murchie, C. D. Hill, Irving R. Todd, Andrew Mungall, Lewis Dexter, jr.

The reception committee was composed of the following ladies: Mrs. Willard H. Pike, Miss Whitlock, Miss Margaret Todd. The guests were announced by Mr. Arthur Murchie and Mr. J. T. Whitlock.

At nine o'clock the ball was opened by Mr. J. T. Whitlock and Miss Bessie Bixby, and continued until supper time, the dining hall upstairs and spacious offices below affording ample room for the large number participating; and, although I understand that 150 were dancing at one time, this commodious hotel was not taxed to its capacity. The floors were in excellent condition and the music superb, that for the dining hall consisting of Prof. Herrick, violin, Miss Herrick, piano, the clear and distinct prompting of Prof. Herrick deserving especial mention. The orchestra on the office floor was a credit to the musical ability of Mr. Charles A. Black, Mr. Harry McAllister prompting in his unique and inimitable style. Tables were provided in the parlors where those not wishing to dance enjoyed a quiet game of whist, and an occasional glance at the gay and brilliant scene which the ball room presented. At twelve o'clock supper was announced, when Mr. J. T. Whitlock escorting Miss Bessie Bixby and Miss Herrick, led the way to the banquet hall where a variety of viands and light refreshments was served in that style which renders the Windsor so popular for social entertainments. The supper room was tastefully decorated with flags, and the supper was such as to meet the approval of the most fastidious, and the ball was pronounced the grandest and most enjoyable ever given on the St. Croix. One guest more enthusiastic in his praises, declared it a "howling success," not, however, having any reference to the gentlemen from St. John whose singing was one of the features of the evening.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Young, Mr. and Mrs Frank Grimmer, Mr. and Mrs. George Murchie, Mr. and Mrs. Amsdem, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse F. Dustan, Mr. and Mrs. A. MacNichol, Mr. and Mrs. S. Murchie, Mr. and Mrs. Manford Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. David W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. A Lindow, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Josephus Murchie, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gardiner, Mrs. A. E. Neil, Mr. and Mrs. S. Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Grimmer, Mr. and Mrs. Will Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Murchie, Mr. and Mrs. Tarbox, Mrs. S. T. Whitney, Mr. and Mrs. Myers, Mrs. T. J. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Waterbury, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grimmer (St. Andrews), Miss Cobban (St. Paul), Mrs. Wood (Winnipeg), Mrs. Raymond (Sussex), Miss Annie King, Miss Nettie Murchie, Miss MacNichol, Miss Nellie Murchie, Miss Annie Grimmer, Miss Helen MacNichol, Miss Alice Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wood, Miss Eaton, Miss Roberta Smith, Miss Mabel Murchie, Miss Ida McKenzie, Miss Foster, Miss Hattie Richardson, Miss Josie Moore, Miss Cora Maxwell, Miss Bessie Bixby, Miss Kerr, Miss Helen O'Brien, Miss Cora Algar, Miss Mattie Harris, Miss Eastman, The Misses Washburn, Mr. F. M. Murchie, Mr. Gorham King, Mr. C. C. Whitlock, Mr. W. Richardson, Mr. Guy Murchie, Mr. Fred. C. Stewart, Mr. Church MacNichol, Mr. James Beatty, Mr. W. Mills, Mr. F. S. Richardson, Mr. George Downes, Mr. S. Jones, Mr. Howard Murchie, Mr. M. Mills, Mr. Frank Simpson, Mr. Ned Murchie, Mr. H. Graham, Mr. Baskin, Mr. Kerchum, Mr. Robert Anderson, Mr. H. A. S. Pelhick, Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Wallace Broad, Mr. Ray Maxwell, Mr. Charles Elliot Pike, Washington, D.C.; Mr. W. L. Todd, of Yale college, Messrs. Fletcher, Stevenson, and D. F. Campbell, St. Andrews, and the following gentlemen from St. John: Mr. F. Peters, Mr. J. Fraser, Mr. J. Milligan, Mr. L. Tapley, Mr. Simes, Mr. H. DeForrest, Mr. C. Knodell.

Among so many beautiful toilettes it is impossible to enumerate them all, so I will only describe a few from memory.

Mrs. Willard H. Pike, handsome black silk; ornaments diamonds.

Miss Whitlock, black silk, brocaded velvet bodice, pale blue silk trimmings.

Miss Margaret Todd was becomingly attired in pale pink silk, pink and white roses, gold ornaments.

Mrs. C. W. Young, handsome black velvet and cream silk.

Mrs. Manford Robinson, heliotrope bengaline.

Mrs. A. MacNichol, black spotted lace over black silk.

Miss Bessie Bixby, Nile green cashmere, silver passementerie, pearl ornaments.

Miss Ida McKenzie was most charming in a corn-colored cashmere.

Miss Roberta Smith, pale blue brocaded silk, with down trimmings.

Miss Washburn, cardinal silk and chiffon.

Mrs. Wood, elegant maroon velvet.

Miss McNichol, a silver grey silk with chiffon and diamonds.

Miss Annie King, black velvet with pale pink bodice.

Mrs. Jesse F. Dustan, black satin, jet passementerie.

Mrs. D. M. Gardner, black brocaded silk.

Miss Mabel Murchie, pretty cream silk and lace.

Mrs. A. C. Jones, black silk, beautiful corsage bouquet of white roses.

Mrs. Josephus Murchie, black silk, trimmings of jet and lace.

Mrs. A. E. Neil, rich wine colored velvet, delicate pink passementerie.

Mrs. George A. Murchie, black faille silk.

Mrs. Ernest Graham, heavy black silk.

Mrs. A. C. Lindow, handsome steel grey silk.

Mrs. Frank Grimmer, black silk and lace.

Mrs. Ralph Wood, very pretty lace costume.

Mrs. Waterbury, violet silk, maroon velvet bodice.

Miss Annie Grimmer, black lace over cardinal silk.

This delightful affair broke up about 4 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Clerke, who are proverbial for their hospitality, gave a large party on New Year's Eve in honor of their daughter, Mabel, who is a favorite with young and old. The young people present included Misses Roberta Murchie, Josie Ham, Jessie Whitlock, Ethel Waterbury, Helen Grant, Florence Mitchell, Belle Woodcock, Florence Boardman, Winnifred and Boardie Todd, Connie Chipman, Bessie Wetmore, Maud Maxwell, Bessie McKenzie, Dot Ryder, Jessie Henry, Rebecca Moore, Ethel Thompson, Nellie DeWolfe, Sadie Eastman, Katie Newnham, Maude McCluskey, Alice Bates, Jane Todd, Kitty Phalen, Nellie Gardner, Alma Sullivan, Carrie Murchie, May Clerke, Ada Penna, Hattie Sullivan, Alice de Wolfe; Masters Arthur Chipman, Cassins Bates, Austin Stevens, Aubury Johnston, Hallie Whitlock, Jimmie McLeod, Brown Maxwell, Willie Waterbury; Roy Grimmer (St. Andrews), Henry Vose, George Newton, Eugene Cole, Walter Murchie, Tom Murchie, Frank Cullinen, Willie Ham, Godfrey Newnham. To keep so many children of such various ages entertained, requires a certain tact and skill, which few, alas, possess, but Mr. Arthur Murchie and Mr. Julius T. Whitlock were equal to the occasion.

Notwithstanding the numerous attractions elsewhere, a large number assembled, on New Year's night, at the opening of the St. Croix Skating Rink to enjoy the splendid ice and witness the wonderful feats of Mr. Gillespie, the champion backward skater. The Rink, this season, is under the management of Mr. Edward Ganong and Mr. Harry Webber, and these two enterprising young gentlemen will spare no pains to render it an attractive place of amusement.

Mr. C. H. Clerke has recovered from a severe attack of la grippe.

We are glad to see the benign countenance of Mr. Josephus Murchie, who has been housed for several days with la grippe.

Mr. James J. Stevens, jr., is with us once more, after his recent illness, and the young ladies are rejoiced to see his equally talented brother, Mr. John M. Stevens, who has been housed several days by this unpleasant epidemic.

Dr. Blair has also ventured out, although scarcely recovered from a severe illness.

Dr. S. T. Whitney, who, in the successful attempt to rescue his son and heir from a perilous position, was himself precipitated down a flight of stairs, has been confined to his room by injuries received. This fond papa is a willing sacrifice.

Miss Noe Clerke and Miss Ida McKenzie departed last night for Boston, accompanied by Miss Mabel Clerke, who is pursuing her studies at the "Hub."

Miss Roberta Smith and Miss Alice Graham leave tomorrow for Halifax ladies' college.

A number of the members of the curling club enjoyed the "roarin'" game during the afternoon and evening of New Year's day.

A few friends dined with Capt. and Mrs. McAllister at their pretty new residence.

Miss Annie Manzer entertained about thirty of her young friends most pleasantly. At eleven a fine supper was partaken of, the guests enjoying music and games until the "wee sma' hours."

Mrs. Zacariah Chipman gave another of her delightful dinner parties, this being devoted to ladies entirely; among whom were Mrs. John Campbell, San Francisco, Mrs. John McAllister, Mrs. William Boardman, Mrs. Daniel Hill, Calais, Mrs. William T. Rose and Mrs. David Main, St. Stephen. This is only one among scores of similar occasions where many enjoy the generous hospitality of this entertaining hostess, by whom a cordial welcome is always extended.

It is rumored that Mr. George F. Cox, so well and favorably known among the Masonic fraternity, was on New Year's day the happy recipient of a purse of $50 by his brother Masons, in acknowledgment of his faithful services for many years.

Another equally pleasant event took place in the methodist church Tuesday evening, when Mr. John Veasey, in recognition of his unflagging interest in church and Sunday school during the last forty years, was presented with as many gold dollars, representing the number of years of Mr. Veasey's devoted services. A noticeable feature was the singing, which reflects much credit upon Mr. J. D. Chipman, the promoter and organizer of the splendid chorus choir, which is such an inspiration to congregational singing that one is tempted to say to sister churches in town "go thou and do likewise."

Hon. Judge Stevens and family dined with Dr. and Mrs. Lawson on New Year's day, Miss Stevens' the judge's sister who has lately recovered from a severe accident, being one of the number.

While many enjoyed the usual festivities of the season, others have not been so fortunate, Mrs. F. J. Blair having recently suffered the loss of a devoted and affectionate mother, Mrs. William Owens, a lady loved and revered by all who knew her.

The sad news has also reached us of the death of Mr. James H. Kehoe, the courteous manager of Mr. W. F. Todd's stock farm. Mr. Todd not only loses a valuable assistant, but the community at large a much respected citizen.

Considerable sickness has prevailed of late, the scarlet rash being particularly prevalent among the children, little Miss Rebecca Moore being one of the recent cases.

Mrs. George M. Porter is very ill, and Mrs. R. R. Ross is suffering with an attack of asthma.

Mr. George A. Cushing of St. John, is the guest of Mr. Charles W. King.

Mr. Mott, of Toronto, and Mr. W. C. Pitfield are also in town.

Hon. John Hodgens, who has been the guest of Hon. L. G. Downes, Calais, left for Ottawa by Friday evening's train.

In the awarding of a handsome gold headed cane to the most popular chancellor commander, Knights of Pythias, on the St. Croix, New Year's night, Mr. R. Watson Grimmer, of the firm of Inches & Grimmer, was the successful competitor.

Mr. W. W. Burdette, Thos. H. McAlpine, D. M. Doherty, W. E. Barbour, E. O. Jones, J. S. Maclean, St. John, Charles E. Philips, H. L. Jamieson, Montreal, are registered at the Windsor.

Master Oscar Whitlock, who has been visiting his parents, has returned to St. George.

Mr. John Scovil has arrived from his home where he has been spending the holidays.

Master George Wathan and Master Allie Jones have returned from Moncton, where they have been visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Waterson returned from Fredericton on Monday. *

ST. GEORGE

JAN. 6.—Dr. H. I. Taylor spent Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Taylor, West End, St. John.

Mr. T. Stevens of St. Stephen, was here last week for a brief visit.

Mr. O. E. Steeves left here this morning for Wolfville, N.S., where he will resume his studies at Acadia college. During his stay here he was the guest of Mrs. J. W. Dykeman.

The baptist denomination here have been fortunate in securing the services of Rev. Mr. Maidor, late of Brantford, Ont.

Capt. Hugh Douglas, who has been ill is able to be out again.

Rev. Mr. Vance is at present filling the vacancy in the pastorate of the presbyterian church here. He spent a few days last week with his family at Truro.

The many friends of Mr. Frank G. Hibbard are pleased to see him again, even for a short visit. He intends returning to Chicago.

Mr. Will Young, of Barre, Vt., is home for a short visit, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Young.

Mr. Dan Campbell returned from Williamsport, Vt., last week.

Miss Alice and Theo. Stevens, of St. Stephen, spent Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hibbard, jr.

Mrs. Jos. Clark, of St. John, made a short visit here recently.

Mrs. Jas. O'Neil went to St. John on business last Saturday.

Mr. Jas. McLean passed through here last Saturday *en route* to his home at "Le Tete."

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sutton Clark and Master Joe spent Christmas with friends in St. John.

The children of the Baptist S. S. held a concert in their church Christmas evening. Despite the inclemency of the weather every available seat in the church was occupied. The programme consisted of recitations, solos and choruses, all of which we well rendered. Mr. J. Dewar, the superintendent, deserves great credit for arranging so pleasing an entertainment.

Sheriff Stuart drove over from St. Andrews on Monday, and on Saturday, in company with Messrs. A. Milne, C. Johnson and A. Taylor, started on a deer-hunting expedition, but was unsuccessful. The sheriff returned home Sunday.

Miss Duke, of Hampton, passed through here on Monday on her way to LeTete, where she will take charge of the school there.

Miss Laura Brown, of Fredericton, takes charge of the school at Back Bay this term.

Miss Estella McLean, of LeTete, is here visiting for a week or two.

Mr. Harry Goss gave his friends a surprise last week by quietly boarding the morning train for St. John. Later it was learned that he had a very pleasant object in view—the capture of an estimable young lady of our village, Miss Laura Dewar, who has been visiting relatives in Ottawa for the past three months. The marriage took place at the Victoria hotel, and was performed by Rev A. E. Ingram. Mr. and Mrs. Goss arrived home Thursday evening.

Mr. Walter Messenett and Mrs. Mabel Young were quietly married in St. Stephen last Tuesday by Rev. W. C. Goucher. Mr. and Mrs. Messenett arrived home last Saturday morning, and are receiving congratulations from hosts of friends.

Mr. Seymour McLean, of Le Tete, is at present visiting in St. John. While there he will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Murray, Orange street.

Miss Hattie Cawley and Miss Annie Leland arrived home last week from Boston. UNDINE.

GRAND FALLS.

JAN. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard and the Misses Howard, accompanied by Mr. Arthur McGibbon, availed themselves of the good sleighing New Year's to spend the evening with friends out of town, and others of our town's people spent a pleasant evening with friends in the country.

Miss Mary Watson of Andover is the guest of her sister, Miss Jennie Watson.

The new teachers, Mr. McKenna and Miss Manzer, who are to replace Mr. Wheeler and Miss Truswell, arrived here Saturday evening.

The oyster supper given by our good temperate people on New Year's night in Hammond Hall was much enjoyed by all present, and the late hour at which they adjourned prove, though temperate in drinking, they are not in eating.

Mr. Frank Watson, of Andover, spent a couple of days here with his sister, Mrs. Rainsford.

Miss Rose Hartt and Miss Nellie Estey visited their friends the Misses Rivers, at Aroostook Junction, last week.

Mrs. Charles Watson, of Andover, and Mrs. Jago from Tobique, spent Sunday here the guest of Miss Watson.

Mrs. C. H. Henderson has been confined to the house for some time the victim of a severe cold.

Mr. Scott Merrit has gone to Fredericton on a visit.

Miss Nellie Estey leaves soon to visit relatives in Fredericton. She will be greatly missed by her large circle of friends here.

Miss Bessie Fraser and her friend, Miss Amiraux, who spent their vacation here, returned to Fredericton last week, where they are attending the Normal School.

Mrs. J. T. Porter is expected home this week on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. West.

Mrs. W. McClusky has returned from her visit to Fredericton.

Mr. Arthur McGibbon, of the C. P. R., spent Sunday at his home in Woodstock.

Hon. J. Costigan is expected here today. SPRAY.

ST. ANDREWS.

JAN. 4.—The young people are looking forward to another ball, which is to be given some time near the middle of this month.

Mrs. G. H. Raymond is visiting her parents for a few days.

Miss Carmichael went to Fredericton on Saturday. She will be the guest of Miss Ida Allen.

A very pleasant meeting of the musical society was held on New Year's eve, at which solos were sung by Mrs. W. Burton, Miss Magee, Miss M. Morris, Mr. F. A. Stevenson and Mr. Bert. Rice. Two good recitations were given by Miss Carmichael and Dr. H. Gove.

Miss Minnie Odell has returned from Boston.

Mr. E. B. Snow is again in St. Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Magee, of Moncton, are spending a few days with friends here.

Quite a number of young people from this town went to St. Stephen by train on Friday, to attend the ball at the "Windsor."

Mrs. Robt. Armstrong is home from St. John. COBWEB.

MONCTON.

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JAN. 6.—The social event of the week was, of course, the wedding of Miss Robb, which took place Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, on Botsford street. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. Millen Robinson, in the presence of a large number of guests, relative and friends of the bride and her family. Shortly after five o'clock the groom entered the drawing-room alone and took his stand opposite Mr. Robinson. He was far from realizing one's preconceived idea of a nervous bridegroom, in spite of the additionally trying position in which a house wedding places the chief actors on account of the nearness of the spectators. Almost immediately afterwards the bride entered leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. George Robb, who gave her away instead of her father, who is an invalid. The brief but solemn marriage service of the Presbyterian church was soon over, and in an incredibly short time Mrs. George Allen was being embraced and wished all manner of happiness, by her lady friends, while Mr. Allen's strong right arm was beginning to ache from the amount of muscle as well a cordiality with which the male portion of the guests expressed their congratulations. The bride, who is scarcely out of her teens, and as fair a type of sweet Canadian girlhood as one could wish to see, looked very charming in a dress of cream colored bengaline silk made very plainly; with square court train, and slight garniture of lace, long tulle veil, which almost completely enveloped her, and wreath of orange blossoms. I believe it is not customary to take much note of the appearance of the groom, but I will overstep the bounds of conventionality in this case, sufficiently to say that Mr. Allen has a very decided advantage over the average, everyday young man in good looks, and that he and his bride were as handsome a young couple as one would meet "in a day's journey," as the old saying is.

After the ceremony supper was served and soon afterwards Mrs. Allan appeared in her travelling dress which was of seal brown cloth, with jacket and hat to match. Good bye's were said and the young couple started out on life's journey together. In spite of the weather which was wretched, a number of friends accompanied them to the station to wish them good speed, and they departed by the C. P. R. for a short trip to St. John and Fredericton. Mrs. Allen is a universal favorite in Moncton where she has lived all her life, and the friends who have known her from childhood will join in warmest wishes for her future happiness, and although Mr. Allen is comparatively a new comer in our city, he has made hosts of friends since he came amongst us, and while many will envy, none will grudge him his good fortune in winning so fair a bride.

Among the guests from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Webb of St. John, Mr. and Mrs. Snider, and Mrs. Stephen Thorne also of St. John, and Mrs. John Fleming and Miss Fleming of Newcastle. The guests from Moncton were: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Harris, Dr. J. H. and Mrs. Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Fleming, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Estey, Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Sumner, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Welch, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. James McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Bliss Ward, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Marnie, Mrs. William Fleming, Mrs. J. J. Fleet, Mrs. Dykes Robb, Miss Harris, Miss Whitney, Miss Holstead, Miss Campbell, Miss Kinnear, Miss Chandler, Miss Williams, Miss Hennigar, Mr. William Cowling, Mr. Will Harris; and if there were any others whose names have escaped my memory, I apologise to them beforehand, and beg their kind indulgence.

So many of the bride's family are still in mourning that there were necessarily a very large number of black dresses, a description of which would be monotonous, so I will describe a few of the brighter costumes.

Mrs. Thomas Robb, mother of the bride, wore black lace over black satin, trimmed with jet.

Mrs. J. L. Harris, a very handsome dress of prune colored silk, trimmed with cut steel passementerie, bonnet of prune velvet, with pink roses.

Mrs. C.W. Bradley, grey silk *en train*, with vest and trimmings of poppy red silk, grey bonnet, bonnet with poppy red trimmings.

Mrs. J. M. Robinson, a dainty dress of black silk, with trimmings of shell pink, bonnet with pink trimmings.

Mrs. H. T. Stevens a very handsome dress of brown velvet, with brown velvet bonnet.

Mrs. Harry Hobb, a charming dress of claret colored silk, trimmed with cream lace.

Mrs. Bliss Ward, a dress of rifle green brocade, trimmed with plush of the same color.

Mrs. Dykes Robb, black lace, over poppy red silk.

Mrs. E. M. Estey, a very pretty dress, which is a little difficult to describe. It was of China silk in plaids of pink and gray, trimmed with ruby velvet; ruby velvet bonnet trimmed with chrysanthemums.

Mrs. F. W. Sumner, claret colored silk with trimming of passementerie in irridescent beads.

Mrs. C. P. Harris wore the most beautiful dress in the room. It was of silver gray satin, embroidered almost the entire depth of the skirt in silks of darker and lighter shades, and trimmed with steel passementerie; bonnet of gray and pink velvet.

Miss Kinnear wore a charming costume of poppy red cashmere, slightly trimmed with gold, and a bonnet of poppy red velvet. The dress was admirably suited to the wearer's dark eyes and *piquante* brunette face.

Miss Whitney, pale blue China crepe, with bonnet of the same.

Miss Holstead, black silk, with train and silver trimmings.

Miss Williams, gray silk, with sash and trimmings of cardinal.

Miss Harris, pale pink China silk, with silver trimmings, and hat of palest blue crape, trimmed with forget-me-nots.

The presents were unusually handsome and so numerous that a description of them would require more space than I have at my disposal.

Mr. Will Harris returned to the study of human ills, and how to cure them, on New Year's night, and we shall not see him again till midsummer, I fancy.

Mr. W. C. Thomson left us on Monday evening, to return to his home in Cleveland, Ohio, and we are consequently feeling very lonely.

Mrs. J. J. Taylor spent Sunday and Monday in town the guest of her father-in-law Mr. George Taylor, of the I. C. R. Mrs. Taylor was on her way to join her husband at Wheeling, Virginia, and departed on Monday evening to the great regret of her Moncton friends who can scarcely hope to see her again very soon.

Miss Short of Digby, is spending the winter with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Harris.

Miss Ada Jones of St. John, is visiting her aunt Mrs. R. M. Stevens.

Mrs. George Willett's many friends sympathize deeply with her in her recent bereavement through the loss of her mother, the sad intelligence of whose death at Boston, reached Moncton on Christmas eve. Mrs. Willett has remained in Boston since the funeral.

Mrs. Allston Cushing's Moncton friends are glad to see her in town again even though she is only here on a visit. Mrs. Cushing is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Borden of Botsford street.

Mr. F. P. McLeod, of Boston, is spending his Christmas holidays in Moncton with his sister, Mrs. C. D. Morrison.

The many friends of Mr. W. C. Ross, mechanical superintendent of the Cape Breton railway, were glad to see him in town yesterday. Mr. Ross was returning from a visit to his home in Montreal.

Mrs. C. D. Thomson gave a very delightful little dance on New Year's eve, and about 30 young people danced the old year out and the new year in, with hearty enjoyment.

I regret to say that we are about to lose Mr. and Mrs. George M. Ryan from our circle, which, alas! seems to be narrowing gradually. Mr. Ryan has been promoted to the position of chief mail clerk, and will reside at St. John in future.

Miss Lilian Burt returned on Saturday from Fredericton, where she was spending her holidays.

Mrs. A. H. Beddome returned last week from holiday visit to St. John.

Mrs. and the Misses Galt, and Miss Haldane, who have been spending a short time in Moncton, left town on Saturday for Fredericton, where they will make their home for the winter.

Mrs. C. T. Purdy gave a very pleasant At Home yesterday afternoon at her pretty residence on Church street. Mrs. Purdy is a very charming hostess, and in spite of the very large number present the prettily decorated rooms did not seem crowded. Mrs. Purdy's mother, Mrs. Montgomery of St. John, assisted her in receiving her guests.

Mrs. J. D. Ross gave a most enjoyable whist party on Monday evening in honor of some young lady friends, who are visiting her. There were between thirty and forty guests present, and the evening was finished by the usual little dance.

Miss Foster, of Dorchester, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. T. V. Cooke, returned home last week.

Miss Hill, of New Glasgow, and another young lady whose name I regret to say has slipped my memory, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Ross. CECIL GWYNNE.

SACKVILLE.

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JAN. 6.—There is only one party as yet with which to begin the New Year, and that takes place this Wednesday evening at Mr. J. F. Allison's, consequently I will be unable to give an account of it until next week, but I hear it promises to be a delightful dance, judging by the list of guests, and by the happy manner of the host and hostess as entertainers. They always succeed in making their parties a success.

A wedding took place at Mr. Amos Ogdens last week, and was attended by quite a number of their friends, as well as by those of the contracting parties, Miss Alice Avard, of Jolicene, N. B., and Mr. Rufus Christie, of River Herbert, N. S. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Harrison, of Sackville. The bride was becomingly dressed in grey plush, trimmed with pink China silk. The bridesmaid, Miss Annie Ogden, wore cream canvass cloth, with old rose trimmings. The best man was Mr. Chas. Avard. The bride received a goodly array of wedding gifts, among them being a valuable silver tea service from Mrs. Peacock, of Boston, Mass. After luncheon the bride and groom took the St. John express for their future home at River Herbert.

Another marriage lately was that of Mr. Harvey Phinney to Miss Betts of Miramichi, N. B.

The absent teachers, professors and students of Mt. Allison, are already arriving from the different points they have visited for Christmas and New Year's holidays. The institutions open with excellent prospects for an increased attendance during the term. We are promised some interesting and instructive lectures, musicales and other entertainments to come off from time to time during the rest of the college year. Mr. Borden has had his private office neatly papered and painted, a new floor laid, freshly carpeted and with other improvements it presents an attractive appearance.

Mrs. Ketchum, Amherst, was in town recently.

Miss Susan Cogswell spent New Year's in St. John, and is now at home once more to the delight of her friends who find it difficult to spare her even for so short a time. Her place as organist at St. Paul's was taken during her absence by Prof. Mack, of Mt. Allison.

The old friends of Judge and Mrs. Oulton, of Dorchester, are congratulating them on the birth of a daughter.

I heard several of our beaux and belles who attended the ball at Amherst last week describe it as the most delightful and perfectly arranged affair of the kind they ever attended. Among those who represented Sackville were Miss Estabrooks in old rose bengaline, and Miss Annie Wright, who wore black silk net trimmed with blue ribbon. Among the gentlemen from Sackville Messrs. F. Black and B. Eaton Paterson, of the *Chignecto Post*, we are sure, shared in the honors. The C. P. R., for a wonder, was on time, and got great praise instead of the usual well deserved blame.

Mr. Thos. Murray, agent of Halifax Banking Co. here, was in Dorchester Tuesday evening, where he assisted at the concert given there for church purposes.

Mr. Nelson Beckwith, once of Baie Verte and Sackville, was in town a short time last week. Mr. Beckwith, I understand, has been quite successful in Boston, where he at present resides.

Mr. Handford Palmer is seriously ill at his residence.

Mr. C. A. Palmer took a trip to St. John this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Foster are at home from their visit to St. John.

The friends of Mr. Harry Dickson are glad to hear of his success at New Westminster, B. C., where he went last autumn. I hear this means the loss of one of our young ladies before long.

Miss Vail, who had charge of the rector's house and family last summer, while Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins were away, was a guest at the rectory last week. She was on her way to St. John to take the excellent position of matron at the Davenport church school there.

Miss Kate Prescott spent a short time at Brookside with her friend Mrs. Allison, on her way to her home in Dartmouth from Baie Verte, last Monday.

Mrs. Capt. Moore is also home again from her Christmas outing at Shediac.

Mrs. and Miss Estabrooks are suffering from la grippe.

Many Sackville people doubtless pleasantly remember Mrs. Prescott of New York, who spent some time here the guest of her sister, Mrs. Crang. They will be very sorry to hear that the former is very seriously ill of hemorrhage of the lungs in Cachenstack, New Jersey, where she at present resides. Her mother, Mrs. Brown, is with her, having been obliged to cancel her visit to Florida as guest of Mrs. Crang, her daughter. In consequence Mrs. Crang, I believe, is with her husband a Danville ladies' college, Virginia. SNOWDROP.

DORCHESTER.

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JAN. 5.—When we were young, and listened to our elders descant upon the shortness of the years, we thought it was mostly rubbish. Time dragged with leaden feet, but now it flies with alarming swiftness. Only the other day we were trying to get accustomed to writing 1891, and now '92 is with us! Alack! why must people grow old? If we might only halt half way, when life *is* life, and remain at that happy age until the Reaper came!

Everything is settling down into its usual somnolent condition now, and I think we are tired enough to be rather glad for awhile at least. I suppose the ball in Amherest should not find a place in Dorchester's letter, but it is worthy of very honorable mention anywhere. A party went from here including Mrs. A. J. Hickman, Mr. and Mrs. Lane, Miss Peters, Miss Hanington, and Messrs. H. C. Hanington, B. B. Teed, and R. W. Hanington. The "Fifteen" are certainly to congratulated upon the success of their ball.

On Thursday afternoon the childrens' festival was held in the Sunday school house. Mr. Russell Forster filled the role of Santa Claus with great success, and distributed the contents of the Christmas tree to the little ones. The proceedings were varied by carols sung by the pupils, and they went home at six, tired but extremely pleased.

New Year's day passed quietly as possible, there being no driving' and "no nothing" until the evening, when a party at Mrs. J. F Teed's broke the monotony. It was very pleasant, as her parties alway are, and dancing was the order of the night until half past one, with a pause for a delicious supper. The guests were Mrs. Hanington, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Fairweather, Miss Belle Forster, Miss Sadie Forster, Miss Peters, Miss Hanington, Miss Nellie Palmer, Miss Luther, Miss Turner, Miss Maude Hanington, the Misses Tait, and Messrs M. G. Teed, J. Roy Campbell, (St. John), Albert Turner, Percy Forster, H. C. Hanington, and R. W. Hanington.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Oulton are receiving the congratulations of their friends upon the addition of a member to their household, a small daughter.

Mrs. D. U. Douglas, of Amherst, with Mr. Joe Douglas and Master Albert Beckwith, spent Sunday at her old home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Chapman, with their children, went to Amherst on Friday to spend a few days with Mrs. Inglis Bent.

Mr. J. Roy Campbell returned to St. John on Saturday, after ten days' visit at home.

The entertainment by the Trinity church choir, assisted by some friends, took place last evening and was quite a success financially and otherwise. Some of the features were very good, and we enjoyed hearing three new soloists, Mrs. J. McGrath, Miss Sadie Forster and Mr. Murray, of Sackville. The latter was obliged to respond to one of the two encores of the evening, his second song, "Mary of Argyle" being enthusiastically received. I think a new voice is always welcome, even though the familiar ones be none the less appreciated. Both Mrs. McGrath's song, "Romany Lass," and Miss Sadie Forster's "Love's Sorrow," were extremely pretty and well sung. Mrs. Robb sang "Across the Stream," in her usual finished manner. There were several instrumental selections by the orchestra, and Miss Lulu Robb played a violin solo very well. "Prof. Haskin's Wax Works" was repeated by request, and the children acquitted themselves very creditably. I think perhaps the prettiest scene of the evening was the tableau, "The Gypsies." The iron pot swinging over the fire, with the gypsies grouped around, and the spruce trees in the back ground presented a most realistic scene. It was encored with much enthusiasm. The two pictures "Little Sisters of the Poor," and "Portia" were well put on and very pretty. The proceeds amounted to about $30, and I think all those concerned are very glad to have it done with. Those affairs mean lots of work. THYSME.

HAMPTON.

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JAN. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Ernest Whittaker have returned from their bridal trip, and are comfortably settled in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Palmer spent New Year's day here with friends.

Prof. W. Morley Tweedie and Miss Nettie Tweedie, of Mount Allison, are spending the holidays with their parents here.

Rev. W. McDonald left last week to assume the duties of pastor of St. Paul's church, Fredericton. He will be greatly missed in this community, where he was much esteemed.

Mr. Harry Travis is home from Boston for a few weeks' visit.

Miss Nellie Peters is visiting her cousin in St. Andrews.

Mr. Geo. H. McKay and Mr. Hunter White, of St. John, spent the 1st with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Frost entertained a number of their friends to a pleasant party on Friday evening.

Miss Sadlier was visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Whittaker last week.

Mr. Percy Humphrey is spending the vacation at his home here.

Miss Beatrice Duke left on Monday for L'Etete, where she enters upon the duties of teacher in the public school.

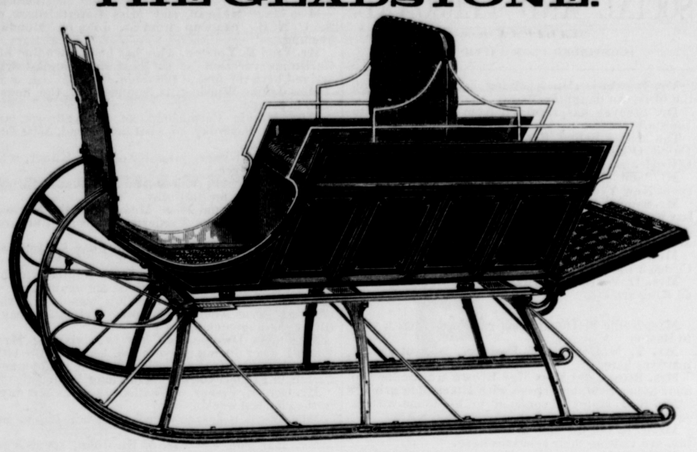
The county court opened here on Tuesday, and among the attorneys present were: Solicitor-general Pugsley, Hon. A. S. White, Dr. Silas Alward, Mr. J. J. Forrest, Mr. F. E. Morton, Mr. O. P. King.

Mrs. W. Tweedie and the Misses Tweedie gave a social party to a few friends on Saturday evening.

The Misses Whittaker, of St. John, spent the holidays in town, the guests of their brother.

Rev. Sydney Welton is in town today, in attendance at the county court. X.

THE GLADSTONE.



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