

MONCTON.

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APRIL 20.—The masculine portion of Moncton's population is in a state of tremulous excitement this week, the reason for which will be apparent at once, when I explain that the society ladies of our city have taken advantage of the unusual privileges this year affords them, and are entertaining their male friends at a leap year ball, which will take place tomorrow evening in the spacious parlors of the Royal Hotel.

The two holidays passed very quietly, it would have been strange if they had not. I suppose, one almost goes to bed in a religious mood, and on Good Friday was observed in most of the churches, and the Easter services and decorations were fully up to their usual standard. Nearly all of the churches were beautifully decorated with flowers, St. Bernard's especially, the decorations of which are always the specialty of Mr. Hugh Hamilton, and to those who know Mr. Hamilton and now enthusiastically he has devoted the best energies of his artistic nature to the service of his church for years past, it is scarcely necessary to say anything more.

The Central Methodist church and St. George's church of England came next in the order of tasteful decoration. St. George's having beautiful altar decorations of Easter and calla lilies in the form of a large cross and also bouquets presented by a member of the congregation. The special music was well sung and greatly appreciated. Tonight the long talked of entertainment of the organists of St. George's church is to take place and it promises to be a brilliant success. Sixteen of Moncton's fairest maidens are to take part in the same, and the organists are to be assisted by their husbands, so the shakels should flow into the coffers of the organ committee in a golden stream.

There were the usual number of visitors in town during the holidays, and the usual number of citizens spent their holidays out of town, so the population maintained its accustomed balance. Amongst the former I was glad to see Mr. and Mrs. George M. Ryan, now of St. John, who spent Easter with Mrs. Ryan's mother, Mrs. William Weldon. They were warmly welcomed by their numerous friends.

Miss Jean Bruce and Miss Alice McEwen, of Mount Allison Ladies' academy, spent their holidays at their respective homes in Moncton. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hewson spent Easter Sunday at Mrs. Hewson's home in Dorchester. Mr. A. E. Wilkinson, of the I. C. R., spent Friday and Saturday at his home in Newcastle. Mr. Arthur Boyd, of the bank of Montreal, spent Easter at his home in St. John.

Mr. W. F. Hunt, of the bank of Nova Scotia, who is now on at the Chatham branch, spent Sunday in town.

Many friends of Mr. F. W. B. Moore, of the bank of Montreal, will be sorry to hear that he has been obliged to apply for sick leave again on account of trouble with his eyes. He will be absent for about a month.

Mr. G. H. Sanger returned last Wednesday from his orange grove at Citra, Florida, where he has been visiting for the last few weeks. Mr. George McEwen's Moncton friends were glad to welcome him back to town last week. Mrs. McEwen was accompanied by her two children.

Miss Letourneau, of Summerside, spent Easter with her sister, Mrs. McQueen, who has been spending a few days in Dorchester.

Mr. J. V. Ellis, city editor of the Transcript, spent Easter at his home in St. John. Mr. C. F. Simblin, of Halifax, spent the Easter holidays in town visiting his son, Mr. L. Stubbins, of the bank of Montreal.

Rev. A. J. Cresswell, rector of Springfield, Kings county, accompanied by Mrs. Cresswell and her two little daughters, is spending a few days with Mrs. Cresswell's father, Mr. George Taylor, of the I. C. R.

Mr. Herbert Arnold, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, left town on Thursday for Sussex, to take charge of the branch there for a week or two. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. C. Knowles of St. John, spent Easter with Mrs. Knowles' sister Mrs. J. S. Marjie of Alma street.

Miss Lillian Burt and Miss Lillian Nicholson of the Victoria school, spent their Easter holidays at their respective homes in Fredericton. Miss Burt's Moncton friends will regret to hear that she has been obliged to obtain leave of absence until the end of the term, on account of ill health, and will look forward to seeing her bright face again in September blooming with renewed health.

A memorial service was held in the Mission Hall at Sunday last in honor of the late Miss Laura Humphrey, who died last month in Bermuda, and who, it will be remembered, presented the land on which the hall is built. It was largely attended.

Judge Landry, of Dorchester, paid a short visit to Moncton yesterday. Mr. Lewis Gervais, of Charlottetown, was also in town. Dr. Weldon, M. P., paid a visit to Moncton Saturday.

SACKVILLE.

[Progress is for sale in Sackville at C. H. Moore's bookstore.]

APRIL 20.—The decorations of the Methodist church Sunday morning, were very fine. The altar and pulpit were completely hidden beneath a mass of beautiful green foliage, through which peeped here and there bunches of fragrant Easter lilies. The singing by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Harrison, was unusually fine. Mrs. Harrison's solo "I know that my Redeemer liveth," was rendered most beautifully. In the evening Mr. Wiggins held an Easter service in St. Paul's. The singing of the grand old Easter anthems filled the church with beautiful sounds. Miss Mack's solo was listened to with great delight. The inside of the church was a bank of glistening white blossoms. The tent was covered with flowers, and magnificent crosses, composed of lilies and maiden-hair, stood on the altar.

Miss Mabel Ayer left for St. John on Monday night, where she intends making a short visit. Mr. G. H. Murray spent Easter in Halifax. Miss Mabel Rennie spent Monday in Amherst, the guest of her friend Miss May Bradford. Miss Tweedie of Hampton, spent Easter with her sister Miss Nettie Tweedie of the Ladies college. Dr. H. Rowley of Marysville, was in town on Saturday.

Mr. E. A. Borden and Miss Dot of Moncton, spent Sunday in town, the guests of Rev. B. C. Borden. Mr. Charles Fawcett, jr., spent Easter at his home on the delight of his many friends. Mr. Arthur Ford also spent Easter with his parents.

Miss Tat, the teacher of catechetics of the collegiate school, kindly invited a number of her friends on two evenings of this week to be present at an exhibition of her class. The young ladies looked very neat in their black suits, and all showed their gracefulness in singing clubs and dumb bells to music.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Foster spent Easter in St. John, the guest of Mrs. Foster's mother, Mrs. L. Johnston. Miss Laena Hyde, of Truro, is the guest of Mrs. Dr. Allison, of the "cottage." Dr. A. D. Smith spent Easter in Truro. Mr. George Fetz of St. John, spent Sunday in Sackville.

Miss Mary Powell went to her home in Moncton for the Easter holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Davis and Miss Davis of Summerside, spent a few days of last week with Rev. C. F. and Mrs. Wiggins. They were on their way to Montreal, where they will spend some time. The many friends of Miss Louise De Wolfe are pleased to see her in Sackville again; she is the guest of Mrs. Joseph Wood.

Rev. Thomas Wilson of Leicester, and Mrs. Wilson spent Sunday, with Mrs. Wilson's parents at "Sunshine Farm." Miss Paulina Bell and Miss Gretel Ogden left on Thursday night for Amherst where they will spend the holidays. Miss Katie Brecken, of the "Birches," gave a juvenile party to her many young girl friends, on the little Saturday evening of last week. Amongst the guests present were: Miss Winifred Tru-man, Miss Dora Woods, Sarah Powell, Misses Webb, Christie Fawcett, Gussie Wells, Jennie Ford, Annie Farley, Hattie Fawcett, Gussie Wells, Jennie Ford, Miss Jean Bruce (Moncton), of the ladies college, spent her Easter holidays at her home, accompanied by her friend, Miss Grace Thompson of Fredericton.

Mr. H. L. Fawcett spent Saturday in St. John. Mr. G. Chas. Duvall spent Sunday in Dorchester. This is not Mr. Duvall's first visit to this busy little town. Mr. T. S. Kirkpatrick returned from St. John on Saturday. Mr. W. C. Milner is in Moncton spending the holiday season with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Binney.

Miss Margaret Holstead of Moncton, spent her holidays with her friend Miss Emeline Ayer. Miss Emeline gave a small select whist party in her young friend's honor on Monday evening.

Mr. G. S. McCord took a flying trip to Amherst on Friday. I believe that Mr. McCord is attracted by something more than business in that busy town as his trips are quite frequent. J. W. McQueen, M. P. P., paid us a visit on last Tuesday.

Mr. Nugent was also in town on Tuesday. One of our most popular young men, Mr. Aubrey Smeaton, of the Bank of Halifax, has been promoted and left on Friday evening for his new station in Lunenburg. N. S. Mr. Smith's departure will be felt by all his friends. A large crowd assembled at the depot to see him off, and amid cheering and waving of handkerchiefs the train moved slowly out. Sad were the faces of the young maidens as they turned away from the station and walked slowly homeward. Mr. Smith was entertained at an oyster supper at the Metropolitan chop house by his young gentlemen friends before his departure. DOMINIC.

DORCHESTER.

[Progress is for sale in Dorchester at George M Fairweather's store.]

APRIL 20.—Easter is over, and though nearly three weeks later than last year, the day did not seem very much warmer. Of course the usual number of light dresses and spring hats and bonnets made their appearance. I don't know when or where the custom of wearing something new upon Easter day took rise, but it seems to me a very peculiar one. Winter garments take on a faded appearance in the bright sunlight of spring, and seem to ask a well earned rest. Next comes house cleaning, that *leste soir* of souls masculine and feminine, but alas! there is no escape in this land of dust, so we must needs grin and bear it.

The social at Rocklyn, of which spoke last week, took place on Monday evening, and was a most unqualified success. Several sections were given by the "orchestra," and solos by Mrs. McGrath, Miss Maude Hanington, Miss Lulu Robb, Mr. Russell Foster and Master Albert Hickman were much appreciated. Master Gideon Palmer, a very young member of our musical society, rendered a violin solo in a charming manner. There were several other selections, and bagatelle and conversation filled up the hours until about eleven o'clock, when coffee and light refreshments were handed round. A very successful feature of the occasion was the collection, which amounted to about thirty-five dollars, to go into the general church work fund. After the social proper had concluded with God Save the Queen, the guests indulged in dancing for an hour or two, and so brought a very pleasant evening to a close. Mr. Hickman and Mr. Wilson were too well known to hosts in Dorchester's "letter days" to need eulogy from my humble pen, but certainly their kindly efforts were rewarded in the pleasure of their guests this time, as of old.

We have had a large number of visitors during the past week, some of whom are still here, but a good many "have dispersed and wandered." Mrs. C. F. Hanington and her two children returned to Moncton yesterday. Miss Tricie has nearly recovered from a rather trying attack of measles.

Mr. Birchill, of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, and the Misses Birchill spent Monday in town. They were, doubtless, charmed with the accommodations of our palatial hotel, and will probably return very soon. *En passant*, they say the idea of building the new hotel is about extinguished. Another might-have-been laid to rest.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hewson of Moncton, and their little daughter spent Easter at Maplehurst with Mrs. Hewson's parents.

Miss Sadie Foster and Miss Maud Hanington came from Windsor on Wednesday and will return thither on Saturday.

Miss Nettie Palmer and Miss Lottie Wallace came over from Sackville on Thursday and went back yesterday.

Miss Tait is at home again after a long visit in Moncton.

Mrs. J. A. McQueen's many friends are delighted to know that she will live in Dorchester until the autumn when Mr. McQueen intends moving to Moncton, that snatcher of our youth and beauty.

Mr. Campbell left by last night's train for Wheeling, Va., where he was summoned by the news of Mrs. W. F. Campbell's illness of typhoid fever. Her Dorchester friends will join in hoping it may not be serious.

Miss Hay is visiting Mrs. Douglas in Amherst.

Mrs. J. A. Knapley has been spending a few days in Dorchester.

Rev. Cecil Wiggins was here on Monday to attend the social.

Mr. J. Roy (Campbell, of St. John, spent Sunday at his home, remaining until Tuesday.

Mr. A. Korring Neales was also here from Fredericton Tuesday.

Mr. H. C. Hanington was in town for Easter, and I think that finishes my list of visitors for this week.

Miss Maude and Master Lionel Hanington went to Moncton this morning, and I believe a number are going up for the entertainment in the opera house tonight. TIVYME.

ANDOVER.

APRIL 19.—Rev. H. Estabrook has returned from a long visit to his home in Sackville.

Miss Barton and Miss Mary Watson spent Sunday at Grand Falls.

Mr. H. C. Henderson spent his Easter holidays in Woodstock.

Mr. Wm. Wallace, of Wolfville, N. S., spent Sunday here, the guest of Rev. Chas. Henderson. Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Wiley on the birth of a little stranger, a young son.

Mrs. James Tibbits entertained a few of her friends to a tea party on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. K. Knapley and Edward Ficket went to St. John on Friday.

The Busy-Bee of Trinity church intend having a bazaar on the 4th May.

The Andover cornet band gave an open-air concert Monday evening. Considering that they have no teacher now, they deserve credit for their faithful-ty which they keep up their practice.

Rev. J. T. Parry, of Grand Falls, will exchange pulpits with Rev. A. Hoyt on Sunday evening next.

Mrs. Curless and Miss McCluskey, of Grand Falls, are visiting their brother, J. C. McCluskey.

DALHOUSIE.

[Progress is for sale at H. A. Johnson's.]

APRIL 20.—Mr. L. Goldie of Guelph, Ont., was in town today.

Hon. C. H. LaBelle, our very popular M. P. P., arrived home on Sunday morning and was most cordially received.

SUSSEX.

[Progress is for sale in Sussex by R. D. Boal and S. H. White & Co.]

APRIL 20.—The holidays have come and gone and with them the well-known faces of several visitors who had made the most of this opportunity to visit their friends and relatives.

Easter day was not as fine as some of the days we have had this spring, but it was fine enough to delight the fair possessors of new bonnets and dresses.

The Easter decorations in some of the churches were very beautiful. The Misses, as usual, showed the good taste of their workers, but the palm was carried off by Holy Trinity, the beauty of which was much enhanced by the profusion of calla lilies, geraniums, foliage and other plants with which it was decorated. The most beautiful thing among these decorations was the memorial cross presented by Mrs. C. S. Medley, in memory of her husband, the late Canon Medley. The music was another attractive feature, and was mostly taken from the Kineston's Chantry Choral Union music.

The anthem, "He is Risen today," was well rendered, the solos being taken by Mrs. F. W. Arnold and Mr. C. B. Kneass.

The decorations and music of the Methodist church were also here, very beautiful and elaborate.

Horseback riding seems about the most popular amusement at present, and this is just the time of year most fitted for this delightful exercise. The number of equestrians has lately been increased by several new recruits, especially two or three young ladies who will doubtless soon make accomplished riders.

We are looking forward to the ball to be given by Mr. and Mrs. Walter McMonagle on Friday evening. This will be the great social event of the week, and will no doubt be most enjoyable as the host and hostess are sparing no pains to make it a success.

Mr. H. W. Frink of St. John, is spending a day or two in town.

Dr. R. T. Robertson and Miss Grace Robertson spent Thursday in St. John.

Mr. Will McIntyre of St. John, spent Friday with his mother Mrs. Geo. McIntyre.

Mrs. Johnson, who had been visiting her mother Mrs. Graham, was suddenly called to St. John by the sad news that her husband had met with a painful accident on Friday.

Col. Donville of Rothesay, was in town on Friday and Saturday, and was the guest of Mrs. J. T. Kirk.

Mr. C. E. Hazen spent Thursday in St. John. Mr. E. Philips of St. John, was in town on Wednesday last.

Congratulations to Rev. A. and Mrs. Lucas on the arrival of a little stranger.

Miss Annie Morrison is visiting friends in St. John. Miss Maggie Hatt and Miss Meline Clark returned to their studies at the university today, after spending the holidays at Miss Clark's home in Woodstock.

Mrs. Carr Allen has returned from a visit to St. John, where she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Helen last week.

After a long visit to Wisconsin, Mr. Isaac Long has returned home to Fredericton and purchased "Park cottage" where he will future reside.

Miss Nan Manswell has returned home from a pleasant visit to Ottawa.

The many friends of Mrs. Luke Smart and Miss Cunningham are pleased to welcome them to Fredericton, where they will in future reside, as they are making their home with Mrs. Stuart's sister, Mrs. Julia Lyles.

Mr. Geo. V. Dibble came home for the Easter.

Mrs. Hunter is spending the Easter week with friends in St. John.

Major Gordon has been spending his Easter holidays with his family in Fredericton.

Mrs. Carter and children are spending the Easter week with Mrs. Carter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Fenety, at Ludden Hall.

Mr. Thos. Temple came home from Ottawa for Easter and returned on Monday.

Miss Nellie Raadolph, accompanied by Master Harold Babbitt, left on Monday for Boston, where she will visit her friends for a short time before leaving on an European tour. Miss Nellie will be much missed, as she has always been a prime favorite.

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The esteem and good will of the teachers and scholars of Trinity church Sunday school towards Miss Murray, one of their faithful teachers, was shown on Easter day, by their presenting her with an address and handsome set of S. P. R. commemoratives on the bible.

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APRIL 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Titus gave a very pleasant evening party last week, in honor of Miss Mills, who has been visiting them. About 16 guests partook of their hospitality, among whom were the Misses Flewelling, Miss Hagarty, Miss Frost, Mr. Bruce, Mr. LeB Black, Mr. Sam Flewelling, Mr. John Frost and others.

Miss Mills returned to her home in Sussex on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Whittaker, of St. John, have been making a short visit to our beautiful town. Miss Maggie Belyea, of Boston, was in Hampton last week.

Mrs. East, Sr., of Hampton village, expects to break up housekeeping soon and will remove to Fredericton.

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APRIL 20.—Mrs. A. F. Lindow gave a delightful party to a number of friends on Tuesday evening. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Mansford Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Robert King, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eastman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weelock, Mrs. Enoch Burpee, Mrs. A. McCluskey, Misses McWhirly, Miss Nettie Eastman, Mrs. Rose Brittain, Mrs. Berrymann, Miss Grace Graham, Miss Rose McDonald, Miss Smith, Miss Vanwart, Miss Jennie Moore, Miss Stella Robinson, Miss Nellie McKee, Miss Bessie Finkle, Miss Emma Hawthorne, Mr. Robert Westmore, Mr. Ed Yeod Mr. Arthur McKenzie, Mr. Fred Murchie, Mr. Frank McCuskey, Mr. W. M. Richardson, Mr. Willie Hawthorne, Mr. Howard Murchie, Mr. Robert Graham, Mr. A. McDonald, Mr. Smith, Mr. Charles Vanstone, Mr. Nelson Hanson, Mr. Frank Grimmer.

Miss Annie Fraser is spending the Easter holidays at her home in Grand Manan.

Mr. D. W. McCormick, of St. John, was in town last week.

Mr. G. D. Grimm returned from Boston on Friday. Miss Roberta Murchie is visiting her friend, Miss Miss Wedell at Fredericton.

Mrs. C. W. Young has returned from Boston. Mr. H. F. Todd left for Boston on Saturday. Mrs. Jesse F. Duxton is visiting her parents at St. Andrews.

Mr. A. C. Jones returned from Moncton on Saturday.

Mr. G. D. Grimmer, of St. Andrews, was in town last week.

Mr. G. W. Ganong has returned from St. John. Miss Bolton returned from Boston on Friday. The Misses Whitlock left for St. John on Monday.

Mr. E. J. Ganong is in Halifax. Mrs. F. H. Grimmer is in St. John. Mr. J. Fletcher Stevenson, of St. Andrews, was in town on Thursday.

Mr. C. H. Clarke left for St. John on Monday. Mr. John Stewart, of Woodstock, is in town. Mrs. F. H. Todd is in St. John. Master George Wathan made a flying trip to St. John on Saturday.

Mr. Geo. E. Day of Sheffield, spent Saturday in Fredericton.

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