

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

AMHERST.

[Progress is for sale at Amherst, by George Douglas, at the Western Union Telegraph office. Dec. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Inglis Bent spent Christmas in Dorchester with their friends. Mrs. Strickland, of Truro, spent a few days in town with her daughter, Miss Stickland, the guest of Mrs. W. M. Fullerton. Masters Harry Purdy and Joseph Douglas returned from school last week for the holidays, the former from Wolfville, and the latter from Lennoxville, Que. Mr. W. J. Moran spent Christmas in Dorchester with his relatives. Sheriff and Mrs. McQueen spent Christmas in town with Dr. and Mrs. Allan, Crescent avenue. Mr. Frank Vernon is in town from college, Toronto, to spend the holidays with his aunt, Miss Grace Vernon. A very kind and thoughtful remembrance reached here last week in the shape of a box of handsome gifts from Scotland, from Mrs. Denison, for her friends in town. Many who, at one time, enjoyed the parochial ministrations of Canon Townshend, and who are now scattered about in many parts of the Dominion, will be glad to learn that he still enjoys good health, and is able to do active duty in England. The usual annual letter from him, to his old parishioners, was read by the Vicar, in Christ church, on Christmas day, manifesting the same loving interest in all that pertains to the parish. An open letter, addressed to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, from his Lordship Bishop Courtney, was also read by the vicar, full of tender sympathy and loving counsel. His lordship left Halifax in March last for Jamaica, where he remained a few weeks, and then sailed to England, and thence to the Baltic, where he cruised for six weeks. He is now in England much improved in health, but forbidden by his physician, Sir Anselm Clark, to return to Nova Scotia until the spring. I append a partial list of Mrs. W. Fillmore's (nee Mitchell) bridal gifts, which are very handsome: Dr. Mitchell, 200; Mrs. Mitchell (brother's mother), handsome knitted quilt; Miss Annie Mitchell, drawing in charcoal, in oxidized silver frame; Groom's father, elegant silver and glass spoon holder; Mr. and Mrs. J. Inglis Bent, silver and glass pecker; Mrs. Bliss, silver pepper and salt; Miss Grace Vernon, handsome jewelry and \$25; Mrs. R. B. Dickey, cracker jar; the Misses Fildes, silver and glass pepper and salt; silver pepper and salt shaker in silver stand. The "Fifteen Ball" takes place this evening. The lady patroness, which was the same as last year, Mrs. Courtney Bliss, Mrs. N. Curry, Mrs. J. Medley, Townshend, Mrs. Douglas. It is under the able management of the following committee of young gentlemen: Messrs. C. A. McQueen, H. McCully, C. C. Black, H. A. Hillcoat, E. M. Lockwood, J. B. Barnaby, A. Purdy, Dixon, M. Lamb, M. Curry, H. Pipe, F. G. Hall, H. J. Logan, L. R. McLellan, F. A. Wilson, and A. W. Watson, secretary. Since the ball was first agitated, one of the committee, came to the conclusion that it was not good for man to live alone, and has joined the noble army of bachelors. A graceful act, as also an appreciation of Mr. Barnaby's services as organist at the early service in St. Charles' Roman catholic church, was shown by the members of the choir on Christmas eve, by the presentation to him of a costly set of other furs. The Y. M. C. A. have cards of invitation out, for an informal reception on New Year's of the members and their lady friends. There was a pleasant little party at Holt cottage, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Main, on the evening of Christmas day. Mr. John Pugsley returned from his business trip to Cape Breton on Friday, remaining in town with his relatives for a few days before finally returning to Ottawa. Mr. Harold Main, clerk in the Bank of Nova Scotia, Halifax, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Main. A most impressive and quiet marriage came off on Christmas Eve, when Mrs. Johnson Truman and Mr. Arthur Casey were made one, Rev. Mr. Strothard officiating. A large number of people attended Christ church on St. John the Evangelist-day, when Rev. F. Norman-Love delivered an eloquent sermon from the words "Love one another." There was a full choral service.

SACKVILLE.

[Progress is for sale in Sackville at C. H. Moore's bookstore.] Dec. 30.—Very many children of Sackville were made happy by Christmas trees loaded with gifts being provided for their entertainment. The effect outside was very pretty, as many of them stood in the bay windows glistening with wax tapers, made a cheering sight to passers-by, reminding them of the time when they were young and free from care like these little lads and lassies, who, unknown to themselves, are seeing the very happiest time of life. Among the children who enjoyed this Christmas treat were those of Messrs. Allison, Wood, Truman and Mrs. Fairley, beside others whom want of space prevents us mentioning. There was sufficient snow to add to the beauty of the landscape and make it appear like a real Christmas, but not sufficient to prevent the young and free from care from going to school as usual. The "Willows" was the scene of another one, and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Arnold welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Willard Broad and Miss Hazel Broad, and Messrs. Herbert and Charles Arnold under their hospitable roof. The residence of Dr. J. H. Ryan was also the scene of a festive party. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fenwick, of Millstream, Mr. and Mrs. A. Trites, and master of the house, Mr. and Mrs. James Ryan, of Boston, Dr. Frank Ryan, of Windsor, Mr. Fred Ryan, of Halifax, Miss Bessie and Mr. C. E. Hazen were the guests. Dr. Frank and Mrs. Fred Ryan spent some days in town and left for their respective homes on Monday. Mr. James Ryan will be in Sackville on Monday, and will be returning to the hub. Conductor and Mrs. Sprout had with them their daughter, Mrs. Warren, with her husband Mr. Warren, of St. John, and their sons, Dr. Jasper Sprout, of Chatham, and Dr. Heber Sprout, of Newcastle, on Christmas day. Mr. Joseph Hallett is spending a few weeks at Hazel hill with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hallett. During the past few years he has held the position of police magistrate of Vancouver, B. C. He lately resigned his position, and on his return to Vancouver will practice his profession of a lawyer. Miss Hattie Stockton left on Thursday for a visit to friends in New Brunswick and St. John. Mr. Edward McIntyre spent Friday and Saturday at St. John. Mr. and Mrs. F. Stultz, of St. John, are the guests of Mrs. Worden. On Thursday evening Mr. Stanley Brown arrived home from Macaca with his bride. Mr. Horatio Arnold is visiting friends in St. John. Mr. Leonard Beer, of St. John, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ryan, at "The Knoll," the guest of Mrs. O. R. Arnold, Mrs. Arnold's, and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hickson, of Bathurst, with her children, are also visiting her. Miss Eliza Vail and her sister, Mrs. Henry Bishop, of Bathurst, are visiting friends in town. Miss Vail is the guest of Mrs. W. T. Pittfield, at Upper Corner, and Mrs. Bishop, with her children, is staying with Mrs. Lamb. Mr. Guy Kinnear left on Monday for St. John, where he will present at the ball given by Mrs. W. F. Harrison and Mrs. Charles Holden, in the Institute assembly rooms. On Tuesday, he left St. John for New York, where he takes a position at electrical engineering. Mrs. G. H. Raymond and Miss May Arnold went to St. John on Monday to attend the ball at the Institute assembly rooms. Mr. Will McIntyre, of St. John, spent Christmas day with his mother, Mrs. G. McIntyre. Mr. P. Britten, of Carleton, and his wife, of the Finance department at Ottawa, were in town yesterday. Mr. Weden Noble, of St. John, spent Christmas day in town. SHEFFIELD. Dec. 30.—The entertainment at Lakerville passed off very pleasantly. In spite of wind and weather quite a large number were present. The sale was at three o'clock, the supper at five, and the concert I think began at seven. Those who were present enjoyed themselves immensely. The sum of \$50 was realized. Doubtless the success of the entertainment was due, to a great extent to the efforts of Miss Linda Bridges, who worked indefatigably. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lanson and little Miss Glenie, and master Austen spent Christmas with Mrs. N. P. Day. Mr. Murray, of Springhill, was the guest of Mrs. M. E. Gilbert on Monday. Mr. George E. Day has gone to Hillsboro on a short visit to his friend, Mr. Archie R. F. Randolph. Mr. Fred T. Hoben is now in St. John. Dr. and Mrs. A. K. deBlais are visiting Mrs. deBlais' parents, Dr. and Mrs. Day. Mr. Garrison is now able to be out. The next monthly "At home" will be held at the residence of Mrs. Moses Harrison on Thursday evening, next. Mr. Frank Harrison, of St. John, is visiting Mr. C. B. Harrison, of Magalloway. YULANDS.

FREDERICTON.

[Progress is for sale in Fredericton at the bookstore of W. T. H. Fenety and by James H. Hawthorne.] Dec. 30.—This week may be expected has been largely one of family reunions. It has also been one of some social gaiety. The principal event of the latter character was a party given by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beckwith for their two younger daughters Kathleen and Ethel, and for their niece Miss Winifred Godkin, at their beautiful residence Sunbury street. Dancing was kept up with spirit, and everything was done to make the party one long to be remembered in the hearts of the young people. Among the invited guests were the Misses Rainsford, Miss Grace Winslow, Miss Violet Sewell, the Misses Tabor, the Misses Hill, the Misses Babbitt, the Misses Thompson, Miss Mary March, Miss S. S. Godkin, Miss Alice Baker, Miss Carrie Winslow, Miss Daisy Winslow, Miss Kathleen Gordon, Miss Frances Dibb, the Misses Gibson, Miss Lillian Beckwith, Miss Helen McKee, Miss Isabel Babbitt, Miss Sadie Wiley, Miss Marjorie, Miss Bessie Blair, Miss Lily Glazier, Miss Lillian Beckwith, Miss Helen McKee, Miss Fisher, Messrs. Fowler, Dibb, Hatt, Tabor, Winslow, Gibson, Rainsford, Beckwith, Fisher, Green, Roberts, Alexander, Babbitt, Bailey, Randolph, George, McDonald, and F. Snowball (Chatham), Dr. Fletcher (New York), Mr. Canon, and Mr. F. Bliss. Some very pretty dresses were worn. Miss Kathleen Beckwith looked very pretty in a white lawn dress with red trimmings and a bunch of red carnations. Miss Violet Sewell, a delicate pink silk trimmed with soft white lace. Miss Mary March, blue and white. Miss Isabel McKee, white lace and white roses. Miss Bessie Gibson, pink silk, feather trimming. Miss Edith Gibson, yellow silk, yellow feather trimming. Miss Agnes Tabor, white lawn, rose color trimmings. Miss Lila Tabor, white lawn. Miss Grace Winslow, cream muslin trimmed with red silk. Miss Florence Dibb, white lawn, pink trimmings. Miss Nellie Babbitt, brown dress trimmed with white. Miss Nan Thompson, white dress. Miss Maggie Babbitt, brown with cream color trimmings. The Misses Rainsford, white law, blue silk trimmings. Miss Lily Glazier, white lawn trimmed with red. The Misses Beckwith and Miss Winifred Godkin received their young guests, and this delightful day broke up at one o'clock. I might add that it was pronounced the prettiest young people's party of the season. It is rumored that there will be another dance on Monday evening, which will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ryan, at Hazel Hill. Judge Fraser, who has been ill for the last few days, is able to be down stairs again. Mrs. Charles Hallett has been confined to her house with sore throat, but I am glad to hear he is recovering. Mr. Botsford is visiting his relatives in Fredericton, but will leave in February for Boston, where he intends residing. Mr. Harry Chestnut left on Monday for California, to fill a position there. Miss Violet Sewell, of Springhill, is spending a few days with Miss Grace Winslow, King street. A very pleasant little skating party was given by Mrs. John Black, Thursday evening last. The company returned to Fredericton afterwards to partake of light refreshments. Mr. W. E. Smith left for St. John on Monday last to spend a few days. Mr. U. H. St. John, spent last Tuesday in the city. Messrs. Rainsford and Jack Wetmore left on Monday to attend the ball given by Mrs. Holden and Mrs. Harrison. Prof. Duff returned home Monday last. Mr. J. H. Maunsell, of the Bank of Montreal, spent Christmas in Fredericton with his relatives. Miss Sharpe, of Woodstock, spent Tuesday in the city, and left for St. John Wednesday morning. Miss Mabel Murray and Miss Maggie Allen leave for Chatham on Saturday, where the former is to spend a few weeks. Mr. James Inches spent Christmas with his relatives in Fredericton. Mr. Charles Arthur Tippet, who has been visiting in this city, returned to St. John last week. Mr. Sharpe, of the British bank, spent Christmas in St. John. Mr. Geo. Labor, of St. John, has been spending his vacation with his relatives. Mr. Wm. Robinson, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, St. John, spent Christmas in this city. Dr. Willard and Mrs. Curry, who have been visiting relatives in Fredericton, return to their home in Cambridge, Mass., on Tuesday. Mr. T. A. Curry, B. A., instructor in the science department, Harvard university, is spending his vacation in Cambridge, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sovill, of St. John, spent Christmas in Fredericton. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, of St. Stephen, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Crockett, St. John street. Mrs. Wm. Forrester who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. 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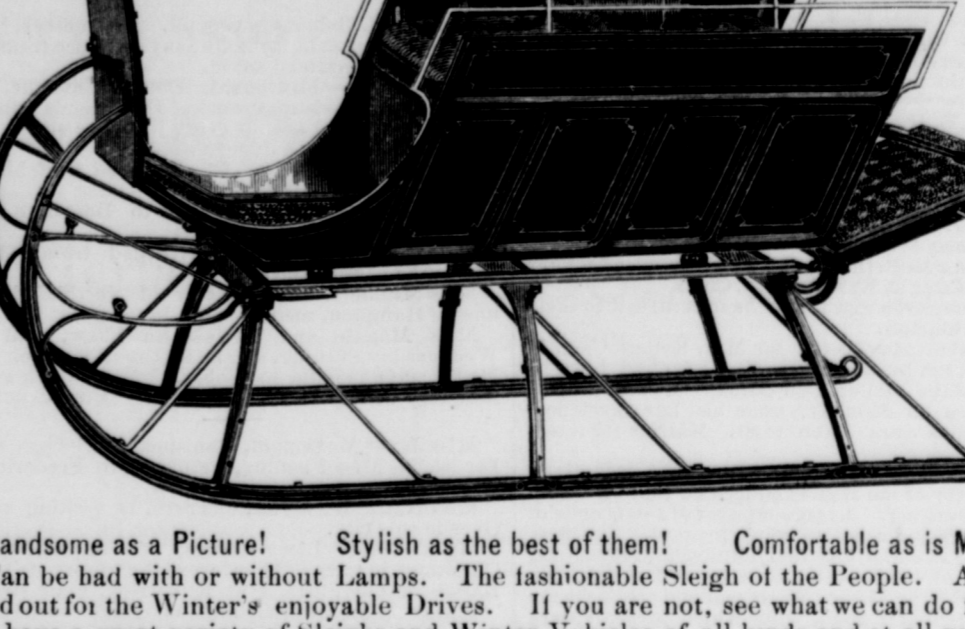
Dec. 29.—Both whist clubs met at Mr. C. Carmichael's this week. Mr. Vernon Clark is spending Christmas at home. Mr. and Mrs. George Mitchell, of St. John, were in town this week. Miss Maud Green is confined to the house with a severe cold. Mr. Richard Roay, who has had a slight attack of scarlet fever, is able to be up again. Mr. Peter, of Hampton, is visiting her cousin, Miss Armstrong. Mrs. Fred Mowatt, of Boston, is staying with her parents on Minister Island. Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Botsford are visiting friends in St. John. Messrs. Bert and Harry Rice are spending their holidays with their parents at the Methodist parsonage. Mrs. W. B. Morris has been suffering from a severe attack of grippe. A sacred concert was given in the Methodist church Sunday evening by the choir and members of the Sunday school. All of the music was rendered with their usual good taste. The programme included duets, solos, anthems, quartettes and choruses. The ball given by St. Mark's lodge on Monday night was the event of the season and a great success. The music was rendered with good taste and everything was done to make the evening a pleasant one. I shall try and describe some of the dances but an afraid my memory will not serve faral. Mrs. Durell Grimmer wore a handsome dress of black silk, gold ornaments. Mrs. Foster, black satin. Mrs. H. Lamb, a becoming dress of black lace. Mrs. J. Handy, black satin. Mrs. P. Pack, black lace. Mrs. Murphy, cream cashmere. Mrs. T. Burton, cream muslin. Mrs. W. H. Howland, black velvet, pale blue trimmings. Miss Carmichael, pink cashmere, pretty trimmed with swansdown. Mrs. Waterbury (St. Stephen), heliotrope silk, ornaments gold. Mrs. Frank Grimmer (St. Stephen) black fishnet, ornaments gold. Mrs. Waterbury (St. Stephen), heliotrope silk, ornaments gold. Miss Whitlock, pale blue silk, ornaments pearls. Mrs. B. de Wolfe, black cashmere. Miss Ethel Richardson, white embroidered muslin. Miss F. Clark, navy blue satin. Miss F. Clark, navy blue satin, embroidered with gold. Miss M. Hunt, green bengaline. Miss M. Burton, pink cashmere, black velvet trimmings. Miss G. Stickney, cream cashmere, gold ornaments. Mrs. Burton, crimson cashmere, trimmed with velvet. Mrs. Dr. H. Gove, dark blue silk, light trimmings. Miss Jennie Kennedy, pink cashmere, silk trimmings. Miss H. Grimmer, mauve silk, very becoming. Miss Blanch Lorimer, cream muller, red trimmings. Miss Bessie Jack (Fredericton), red dress of white lace, ornaments of silver gauze. Miss Marion Morris, red dress with velvet bodice to match, sleeves and yoke of silk gauze. Mrs. H. H. Grimmer, black net, black net, trimmings of pink silk, flowers. Mrs. Hans Johnson (Chatham), black lace. Mrs. J. H. Howland, black cashmere. Miss Lamb, mauve cashmere, trimmed with velvet. Miss Peters (Hampton), pink cashmere, silk trimmings. Miss Armstrong, black net trimmed with ostrich feathers for the bodice. Yuletide holidays are able to move around. Mr. John Stevenson, junr., of the Harcourt Hotel, gave a little gift to his friends at the Harcourt Hotel with his uncle, Mr. John Stevenson. Mr. Robert Sweetman, of Sackville, is here visiting his son, Mr. Richard Sweetman. Mr. and Mrs. John C. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Miller, of Millerton, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Dunn and their families. Mr. W. F. Brown, of the Central, returned to Richibucto yesterday. Mr. Thomas Dickinson returned yesterday from Kingston, where he had been visiting his relatives. Mr. Robert Hughes spent Christmas with his friends at Kingston, and returned yesterday to his headquarters at the Eureka. There was a pleasant family gathering at the Watnaha cottage on Christmas day, when all the members—married and single—of Mr. Harry Beckwith's family gathered around the festive board. There were Mr. Wathen's sons-in-law, Mr. W. G. Thurber and Mr. S. M. Dunn and their families, Messrs. 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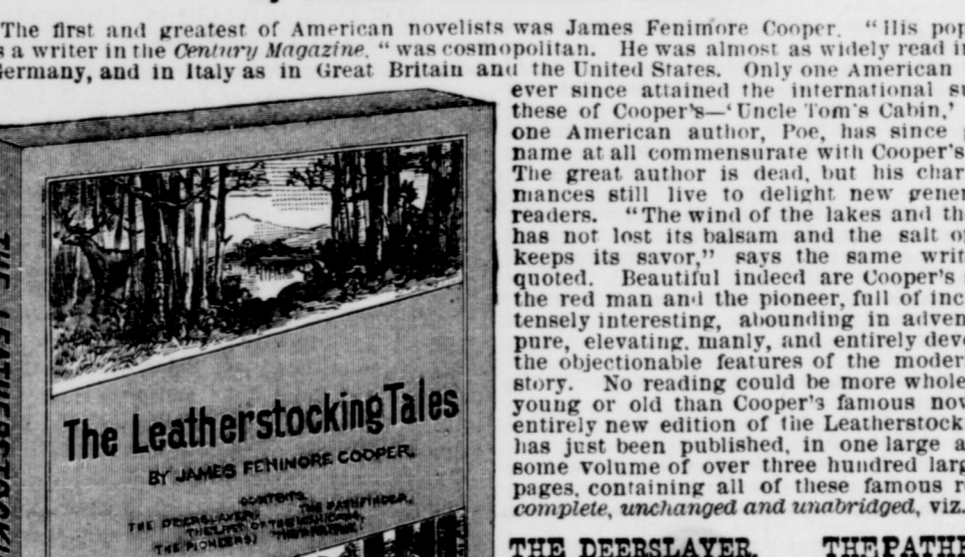
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RICHIBUCTO. WOONSOCKET Rubber Boots.

Dec. 30.—Capt. Wm. Coughlan is visiting his home at present. Mr. H. M. Ferguson, of Kingston, is visiting Boston. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Storer have taken the residence of Mr. Hiram Thompson, on Cunard street, for the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McMinn are visiting friends here after an absence of several years. Miss Mame Stevenson and Master Irving Stevenson are visiting friends in St. John. Mr. Geo. Wilson, who spent the summer in Moncton, is home. The contingent from Memramcook college for the vacation is Messrs. Will and Lewis O'Leary, Fred and Frank, Richard and John Whelan. Mr. and Mrs. S. S. S. are also home from Mount Allison. Mr. Geo. Robertson left for Boston on Monday. This week is conspicuous for Sunday school soirees, and the large and beautiful ball at the Harcourt Hotel, which consisted of a supper followed by a musical programme. This evening the episcopal S. S. will have a Christmas tree, and tomorrow evening the methodist S. S. will celebrate the festive season. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wathen, of Sackville, are spending the vacation with friends here. Invitations are out from a committee of young men for a large dance to be held in the Masonic hall on Thursday evening. BRUNIA.

WESTFIELD.

The many friends of Miss M. Henderson, of Westfield, hear of her departure from our midst with deep regret. During the four years she taught in the Westfield school, she made many friends, and her careful training of the children combined with her willingness to assist in church work, made her a general favorite. Mrs. Wm. Burgess was in the city on Wednesday. Mr. Clifford C. de Veber, of Chelsea, Mass., who has been attending college at Windsor, N. S., is spending his vacation with friends here. Miss Hattie Lincoln is visiting friends in St. John. Mrs. Westfield Day spent Thursday in St. John. Mr. W. Woodman of Eastport, Mr. C. Woodman, of Westport, and Mr. F. Woodman, of California, spent Christmas here the guest of their brother Mr. A. M. Woodman. Miss Woodman, the only remaining sister was overjoyed with the reunion, as the family have not met together for a quarter of a century. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Woodman, of Eastport, are also the guests of Mr. and Miss Woodman. Miss Georgia Finley is visiting friends in Chatham. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fairweather gave a very enjoyable Christmas party at Westport. There were a large number of guests present. The chief attraction of the evening was a well laden Christmas tree, from the branches of which all the young folks received numerous gifts. BLUX BELL.

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