

# SACKVILLE.

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

APRIL 27.—Before this summer will have come to an end, Sackville will have an addition of several new and handsome residences. But although it may contain many elegant private homes and grounds, yet it will not stand comparison with many smaller towns in point of public buildings. The only exception being our magnificent post office and customs house situated on Crane's square. We are also lacking in places for quiet walks. The rural cemetery being the nearest approach to any thing of that description. There was a time in which our cemetery was the scene of the picnic. But the last year or two the grass has been allowed to grow and be cut for its intrinsic value—as hay No. 1 quality. The expansive sheet of water which graced the lower end has been allowed to run out. Taking things generally I think that all will agree with me in saying that public enthusiasm in Sackville, if it ever did exist, is about entirely extinguished.

Mr. H. Magee, of St. John, was in town on Saturday.

Miss Hyde, of Truro, who has been visiting Mrs. Allison at the college, returned to her home last Tuesday.

Rev. B. C. Borden took a short trip to St. John last week.

Mrs. Estabrook and Mrs. Rennie spent Monday in Dorchester.

Miss Moore and Miss Hanford, of Amherst, were the guests of Miss Rennie.

Mr. H. A. Powell, M. P., and Miss Asher went to St. John last week.

Congratulations were being showered on Mrs. Ryan on the arrival of her new baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Black, of Amherst, who have been visiting the winter with friends in Sackville, returned to their home in Amherst.

Mr. Oliver Crossman of Fairville, was in town Friday. Also Mr. Allen of Truro accompanied by Master Allen.

Mrs. Amos B. Atkinson has returned from Halifax.

I would like to call the attention of some of our young ladies to the practice of coming into places of worship late. I am not saying this to be intentional, but if they only realized the annoyance they create, they would attend an hour early rather than 15 minutes late.

Mr. G. Barnhill Chandler of Rockland, was in town Tuesday on business.

Master Frank Reid entertained a number of his juvenile friends at the college on Saturday evening. Blindman's buff was the principal amusement.

Among those present were Miss Gretel Ogden, Miss Pauline Bell, Miss Helen Rennie, Misses Fawcett, Miss Edwina Shaw, Miss Ethel Smith, Miss Emeline Ayer, Messrs. E. J. Dobson, B. E. Patterson, R. W. Smith, C. J. Calvert, and Master Freddie Rennie and Archie Snowball.

Messrs. Chas. Donlin and H. F. Pickard spent Sunday in the shiretown. Dorchester seems to have a great charm for some of our young men.

I notice with pleasure that the "Crane's corner" tennis court is being put in order. It is to be hoped that the enjoyable tournaments which were held last season with the "Salem" tennis club will be repeated.

Mr. J. A. McQueen, M. P., was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Dickson spent a few days at the railway hut last week.

Miss Emeline Ayer and Miss Ethel Smith spent Thursday afternoon in Amherst.

Sherriff McQueen was in town Thursday last.

Mrs. Shewen is suffering from an attack of scarlet fever.

Mr. Wesley Wheaton of Tuskey was in town Monday.

Mr. Irvine E. Murray of Middle Sackville went to Port Elgin this week.

The "Electric" society of the ladies college held its annual meeting Saturday evening. Miss Lovitt presiding. A literary and musical programme was given.

Our ninnyards do not treat the expansive marshes of the Tantramar with their pristine vigor. The Hotel de Sear's former haunt of the sports bears rather a desolate and forlorn appearance. The honking geese and quacking duck no longer dread the sportsman's erring aim.

I hear that Mr. Henry B. Allison has engaged a practical gardener in the person of Mr. J. Walker Sears. Mr. Allison's garden front Broadway and is the only object on that principal street to admire.

# MONCTON.

[Progress is for sale in Moncton at the bookstore of W. H. Murray, Main street, and on the streets by J. E. McCoy.]

APRIL 27.—Last week was a very gay one! No less than two important events signified it, the long looked for military entertainment which was given in the Opera House on Wednesday evening, by the young people of St. George's church, and the leap year ball at the Royal hotel, to which I referred last week.

Perhaps the word ball is almost too ambitious a function, which the ladies modestly designated a "leap year party," on their invitation cards, and which was in fact a delightful little social gathering, and one of the most enjoyable and most enjoyable dances it has ever been my privilege to chronicle. The committee in charge consisted of Mrs. G. W. P. Smith, the president, Miss A. H. Beddome, Mrs. J. S. Benedict, Mrs. F. W. Sumner, Mrs. H. A. Price, Miss Adelaide McKean and Miss Foster, and it would be impossible to name all the names of the very lovely but even to go beyond what could be reasonably expected of them. Indeed so lavish were the decorations and the entertainment must have cost much more than the very modest sum charged for it.

The committee had hired not only the parlors but almost the entire upper flat, for reception, dancing, dressing, and supper rooms, which were all miraculously bright and tasteful decoration, and the entire entertainment served to prove conclusively that a committee of ladies are capable of originating, planning and carrying out one of the most successful dances of the season, quite unassisted by the sterner half of humanity who were only asked to contribute their presence, unless, of course, they happened to be the husbands of some of the members of the committee, in which case the amount of their contribution is known only to themselves and their better halves.

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the "broom drill" in which the sixteen charming amazons went through every variety of drill using their brooms as weapons, and wheeling, marching, countermarching, forming a square, preparing for a cavalry charge, in short they did just as the boys had done, and quite as well, keeping perfect time and forming a charming picture. The young ladies who took part in the drill were, as nearly as I can remember: Miss Foster, Miss Cooke, Miss Crossdale, Miss Nellie Crossdale, Miss May, Miss Metzler, Miss Nasse, Miss White, Miss Miliken, Miss Nicholson, Miss Hanington, Miss Bradbury, Miss Annie Cook, Miss Thomson, Miss Wortman, and I can scarcely find words in which to praise them for the manner in which they carried out their parts. Next came some variety acting and feats of strength by Mr. Forster and Mr. Thomas Treen, and I confess that I would go a long way to credit Mr. Forster using his clubs, and Mr. Treen, perform his symphony on the bones, entitled "The Man Sawing Wood," again, or both of these talented amateurs lying down with bottles balanced on their respective heads, while the audience held their breath, and experienced the most bitter disappointment because they did not fall. Mr. Treen's lightning drill and Mr. Forster's wonderful performance with 25-pound Indian clubs are equally worthy of mention, and the bayonet exercises, a most interesting part of the programme.

Ten young ladies, arrayed in charmingly quaint gowns, with powdered hair, and tiny patches, went through a fan drill, and looked so lovely, and made the masculine hearts amongst the audience palpitate, and Miss Maria Metzler and Master Metzler performed a duet upon the banjo, Miss Metzler being still arrayed in her picturesque uniform, and looking exceedingly piquante.

The only feature of the entertainment with which I was not pleased was the next one, supposed to be an illustration of Edward Bellamy's famous book "Looking Backward," and which to my mind was repulsive in the extreme; each of the eight young ladies taking part in it having a rather ghastly mask fastened on the back of her head and being surrounded by false hair. The grisly effect of the vacant eye sockets could be better imagined than described, and as they went through some figures of a quadrille they presented a gruesome sight as they kept their backs to the audience. The tableaux "Tenting Tonight" was both pretty and effective and formed an appropriate close to the military part of the entertainment.

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Many handsome costumes were worn by the ladies. The following are a few of them:

Mrs. McNagle received in black lace over black silk, made demi train, she was assisted by Miss McNagle, who looked handsome in black lace with a pink vest.

Mrs. T. (St. John) wore a handsome dress of black lace over black silk, en train, with trimmings of jet and yellow roses, gold ornaments.

Mrs. Chas. Fairweather, gray costume, trimmed with pink chiffon.

Mrs. Gilbert Pugsley (St. John), black satin, en train, jet trimmings.

Miss Carrie Roach, black lace, cream roses.

Miss Annie Morrison looked lovely in a pretty dress of pink nun's veiling trimmed with green.

Mrs. G. H. Raymond, cream cashmere, en train, with trimmings of flowers and oriental lace.

Mrs. G. W. Daniel (Moncton), cream cashmere trimmed with pink.

Miss Ella Deboe, black lace, cream roses.

Mrs. C. W. Stockton, brown silk.

Mrs. E. Fairweather, black nun's veiling trimmed with scarlet chiffon.

Miss Ada Sharpe, cream cashmere costume.

Mrs. Hilcoat, black lace and carnations.

Mrs. F. M. McLeod, black silk en train, cream roses.

Miss Lottie Hallett, cream cashmere, pink roses.

Mrs. W. H. Stockton, black satin, en train, cream vest.

Miss Mary Hallett, white net over pink.

Miss Grace Hallett, white net over pink.

Mrs. J. Prescott, black silk, jet trimmings.

Miss Sadie Deboe, gray with yellow trimmings.

Miss Annie Keltie, black lace trimmed with yellow down.

Miss Mary Arnold, cream embroidered net over cream satin.

Miss Mary Gough, cream costume trimmed with flowers and lace.

Miss Alice Bennett, pink cashmere trimmed with flowers and lace.

Mrs. J. Smith, (St. John) mahogany silk.

Miss Dottie Deboe, black lace; natural flowers.

Miss Lizzie Deboe, black lace, en train, trimmed with embroidered chiffon and pink ribbon.

Miss Annie Thompson, black lace, cream roses.

Miss Abbie White, black skirt, scarlet waist.

Mrs. Pearson, (Apohagui) black lace over blue.

Miss Secord, (Apohagui) cream costume.

Miss Hattie Stockton, black satin.

Mrs. E. A. Charles, black lace.

A delightful event this week was the function of the Oddfellows last evening. A great many guests responded to the kind invitation of members of the body, and a goodly number were present at the short anniversary service, which was the first of the programme. This took place in the handsome hall down stairs, where their meeting place was, and after it all adjourned to the hall up stairs, where they were entertained with several selections by a chorus, a charming song, and a variety of other address read by Col. E. B. Beer, and speeches by the Rev. W. H. Little, Rev. Mr. Crisp, Rev. Mr. Grant and Stipendiary Magistrate.

Delicious refreshments it ended with singing "God Save the Queen."

The society event will be a ball, which will probably take place at the end of next week. It will be held in the hall, which, it is said, will be beautifully decorated with flowers by Mr. Gould. Harrison's orchestra, from St. John, is another proposed attraction.

Mr. James Ryan left on Friday for Boston, where he will probably spend some months