

MONCTON.

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

May 25.—I do not know what would have become of yesterday had not the clerk of the weather re-lented almost at the eleventh hour and given us one day of what used to be called "queen's weather." Although I do not wish to seem ungrateful for any favor, we should have appreciated his kindness more if he had made up his mind sooner, and not spoiled so many carefully laid plans. In the first place the athletic grounds which were to have been formally transferred by the aid of a few words from the mayor into "outing park," were in such a state of moisture that the most sanguine mind refused to contemplate the possibility of any sports being held there by other than amphibious animals; but yet time and the sun will work wonders, and when the hour appointed for the opening ceremonies arrived it was quite safe to venture on the grand stand without losing one's rubbers, and even to play baseball without getting mired, so perfectly drained and carefully kept is the field. Owing to these fortunate circumstances there were between six and seven hundred people already assembled on the grounds when the barouche containing Mayor Snow, Mr. D. L. Welsh, president of the Y.M.C.A., and Mr. John Sutton, escorted by the Moncton coronet band and two companies of the 74th batt., local militia, arrived. After the military men had finished their parade "outing park" was opened, and a game of base ball, played between teams from St. Joseph's college and Moncton, resulting in a victory for the latter.

Nothing further of any great importance took place during the day, which was as quiet and uneventful as most holidays. A great many of the sterner sex went fishing, but with what success I have not heard; and the usual number spent the day out of town.

Miss Lefevre of Summerside, who is attending Mount Allison ladies' college, at Sackville, spent the day with her sister, Mrs. McEwen, and her mother. She was accompanied by her friend, Miss Reid of Sackville.

Mr. and Mrs. Barclay Boyd of St. John, spent the holiday in Moncton, visiting their son, Mr. Arthur Boyd of the Bank of Montreal.

Mr. S. Hunter of the firm of Welsh, Hunter and Hamilton, St. John, spent the national holiday in Moncton.

Miss Anne W. Daniel left town last week for Halifax, and will be away for some time. She is a quiet, unassuming girl, but she has a great deal of social graces, and is no lack of entertainments of another kind, not only in the present but in prospect.

On Friday evening, the young people of the Central Methodist church repeated the Floral cantata, which they gave so successfully a few weeks ago, and met with a second success, almost if not quite equal to the first.

On Wednesday evening the military entertainment, given a short time ago in aid of the organ fund for St. George's church, was repeated, this time for the local militia, and considering the weather was very much against it, was very successful. There were several new features introduced, notably, the sword exercise and a band, led by Lieut. F. B. Black, of Sackville, and Lieut. Markham, of St. John, which went with approval.

The ladies auxiliary of the Y.M.C.A. intend holding a "Feast of Lanterns" on or about the first of June, and members of St. John's presbyterian church are preparing for a fair of many dimensions, to be held in Babine's hall, somewhere about the 7th or 8th of June.

Miss Annie Wright's numerous friends are glad to see her in Moncton again. Miss Wright is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Harris.

Mr. William Laird of the Western Union Telegraph Co. left town on Friday for North Cambridge, Mass., where he has accepted a position as railway telegraph operator.

Mr. Charles P. B. Macdonald of Moncton, but now of Newport, R. I., is spending some weeks with relatives in Moncton.

The many friends of Mr. John Galt, who went south for his health last autumn, will be glad to hear that he is so much better as to be contemplating a speedy return.

SACKVILLE.

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May 25.—The glorious 24th passed very quietly, too quietly I think all will acknowledge. It seems rather queer that we have not enough energy or public spirit to celebrate the birthday of our great sovereign Queen Victoria in some way or other.

A few years ago some of the loyal men in Sackville invested in fireworks and gunpowder, and the entertainment to the much astonished public. The whole affair was a brilliant success in every way but financially, and in this it was a disaster.

Why this sudden burst of loyalty came to such an end is a question, I will leave it to be solved by the great statesmen who were in it, to explain such problems. *Have fabula docet.*

When everything else fails in Sackville they fall back on horse trotting, but this is a disgraceful, even get up a scrub race, but let the trotting horse go away to Amherst and Moncton, there to compete with the flyers of other towns, and the two aforesaid mentioned towns were the centre of attraction, all the morning and noon trains having a heavy crowd of Sackville's citizens, who were to see the progressiveness of other places and leaving home a little drearer than usual.

Senator Botsford arrived home from Ottawa Tuesday evening.

Miss Emma Ayrer spent Sunday in Amherst.

Mrs. Allison gave a garden party to the seniors and juniors in the afternoon on the university grounds. Mrs. Allison makes a very hospitable hostess, and it is needless to say that the party was very successful.

Joshua Wood, M.P., and Master Herbert returned from the capital Saturday.

A musical soiree given by the more youthful students of the conservatory was held in Beethoven hall Monday night.

Mr. Arthur Campbell and Miss Mabel Huettis of Amherst spent Friday in Sackville, much to the delight of their numerous friends.

Miss Winifred Freeman entertained a large number of her young friends Thursday evening at her home "Spruce Grove."

Mr. P. H. Anderson, a former resident of Sackville, was in town Tuesday.

Rev. J. Roy Campbell of Dorchester spent a few days this week in town.

Mr. R. P. Foster spent the 24th in St. John.

Mr. B. E. Peterson made one of his numerous visits to the city this week.

Mrs. Shewen has completely recovered from her severe illness.

The familiar form of Henry B. Allison, mounted on a beautiful dapple grey, is again seen on our streets.

The junior class of Acadia college have visited this week on their annual trip. They have visited several places, principally among which were the ship railway, Joggins mines. Wednesday afternoon they played a game of baseball with a nine from Mt. Allison, in which, though they proved no mean antagonists, were not in it with the Sackville boys. The class was under the captaincy of Mr. Davis, well known as the player of Midgie last year.

Rev. A. H. Levers, of Port Elgin, was in town this week. During the reverend gentleman's stay in Sackville he made many friends, who wish him every success in his new field of labor.

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Capt. Mahoney spent a day here with his family this week.

Mr. Walter Rankine of St. John, made a brief visit here last week.

Mr. E. G. Vroom, St. Stephen, called upon his many friends here last Monday.

Mr. J. H. Holmes and bride of St. John, are spending their honeymoon here with Mr. and Mrs. S. Johnson.

Capt. Chase, Johnson paid a flying visit to Eastport last week.

Judge Cockburn, of St. Andrews, was with us for a few hours this week.

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