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HALIFAX NOTES.

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June 16.—Saturday last was really the first day of summer as regarded summer amusements. The yacht club was crowded during the latter part of the afternoon with people anxious to see the result of the race for the Lansdowne cup. A great number of ladies occupied the comfortable chairs on the balcony, drank the capital tea supplied, and listened to the band, which played in a very pretty way indeed. The great array of men, also by the way, remained "below" to speak naively, which is an extraordinary thing about the ladies in Halifax. Only the members of the club seem really to appreciate their presence; which is to say the very least, an instance of ingratitude on the part of many of the members of the club.

The Junior had many warm partisans among the bery of dimes in light summer frocks, and there was much disappointment among their ranks when the Lansdowne cup was won by the *Elizabeth*. The *Lenox*, too, had her sympathizers who came in behind the old *Minnehaha*, and I overheard two of them comforting one another by the learned reflection "that it was not the *Lenox* who was the winner, but the *Elizabeth*." The pleasantest place in Halifax at present to spend a warm Saturday afternoon in, is the Yacht Club. It is all very comfortable and airy, and above all, such a capital place for showing to advantage a new summer gown.

Another attraction on Saturday was the South End tennis club's grounds, where energetic playing went on all the afternoon in spite of the heat. The courts are, to all appearance, improving rapidly, and the club members, some good players, all anxious to try results with the St. John players in the coming tournament. Before that, however, it is hoped the club will roll their paths "to people in tennis shoes no doubt they are all that can be desired"; but to the tea member in smart, high-heeled shoes they are of a stirring nature.

At the Wanderer's grounds on Saturday the cricket match of the season was on, between an eleven of the Wanderers and an eleven of the service. Their ground is already a very pretty one, and if their bazaar is a success and enables them to buy the adjoining land, it will be really idyllic. As it is, it is a credit to the town.

Mrs. West gave a small tennis party on Saturday afternoon, and I hear will have a series of them throughout the summer. On Monday the sad news arrived of the death of Mrs. H. W. Clarke, who had for so long been seriously ill. Mrs. Clarke was indeed one of the most popular of women, always kind, cheery, and energetic; many of the poor among us are indebted to her for that unflinching kindness she had always toward them. Her visiting classes supplied many a shivering child with warm winter garments, and occupied as she was with things social and otherwise, she was never too busy to relieve a distress. Her mourners are many and sincere, and they are taken from all classes. In consequence of the news of her death, there was not the usual "at home" on Monday afternoon at government house, and some other well-known doors have, this week, been closed in consequence of it. It will be a long time before Mrs. Clarke's place in Halifax is again filled, for her cheerful kindness is forgotten by rich and poor alike.

On Tuesday the heat was intense, so much so that the polo match was most sparsely attended; even the devotees of that game being absent or elsewhere.

Mrs. Kenny had an informal gathering for tea and tennis at Thornvale, which took the great proportion of the fashionable world; and Mrs. C. P. Fraser had a very large "at home" in her very pretty and well furnished rooms at the school for the blind, from whose windows is commanded such a view of green foliage that one forgets to remember they are situated at all in the town.

Mrs. F. Jones also had a small afternoon party on Tuesday at her house in the country. Her guests, I hear, were limited to the young ladies who are assisting her in her booth at the Wanderer's; and, indeed, the whole gathering was ostensibly one of business. Miss E. Stuart took the guests round from the yacht club to the Arm in Mr. Stair's steam yacht, the *Ulna*.

On Wednesday morning, at the Grafton street Methodist church, the marriage took place of Mr. Frederick Hart, son of Mr. Levi Hart, of Oakville, N. W. Arm, and Miss Coleman, niece of Mr. James Hart. The church was charmingly decorated with flowers, and the whole effect was extremely pretty. The bride looked very well indeed, in this season of pretty brides, and was most exquisitely dressed, as were the bridesmaids. The music was Mr. Robertson of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

On Thursday morning, at the very early hour of six o'clock, a quiet wedding took place at St. Paul's church, early enough to allow of the bride and groom leaving on the first train. The bride, Miss Baker, a sister of Mrs. Michael White, is a young lady, but is almost as well known in Halifax as at the former place. She wore a very pretty traveling dress, which was most particularly well in a smart toilette after her winter in Bermuda, which has evidently agreed with her. Mrs. Peck was looking well, as also Miss Ross, who made her first appearance at an entertainment since her arrival in Halifax.

Halifax was startled with the report, on Tuesday night, that Capt. Stairs had died in Africa. It seems at the present time doubtful if there is any truth in it or not. No information has been received by the family from those connected with the expedition, so that there is good reason to hope that the gallant explorer is still alive. It will be remembered that Capt. Stairs started for Central Africa about a year ago. Taking charge of an expedition organized by the King of the Belgians, and intended to have been back in about three years. Although his health was not of the very best at this time, he felt it his duty to accept this signal offer, and he departed once more into those wilds where he had made his fame.

After all, we are not all frivolity in Halifax. The ambulance classes have already a large list of names, the ladies class in especial; and by the end of the summer this should be a well instructed community. The ladies' classes, I may state, are utterly and entirely distinct from those of the men, and will be held at quite different times. It is not yet decided where the classes are to be held; the Church of England Institute would be an excellent place if it could be obtained, a large room and a platform being, of course, necessary.

If I am not mistaken, Dr. Lees-Hall is not the first army medical man who has held ambulance classes here; Dr. Deeble, A. M. E., had such classes some years ago for men only, though Dr. Lees-Hall is the first to institute them for ladies. This is not by any means the first series of ambulance classes Mr. Lees-Hall has organized, and he has held them once more into those wilds where he had made his fame.

Capt. Yowell, Leicestershire regiment, leaves at the end of the month on leave for England and will be absent for some months. Mr. and Mrs. W. Joplin, of Chicago, and Miss Joplin, of Boston, have been making a short visit to Halifax, the former home of Mr. Joplin and his sister. Mrs. Joplin is an American lady, who is making her first visit to this part of the world. I hear, by the way, that Mr. Joplin, who was a mere boy when he left here, is now regarded as quite one of the "coming men" in Chicago, where he has settled.

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ism all winter, went to England last week for advice. Miss Fleming and Mr. Hugh Fleming will spend the summer in Halifax as usual, but Mr. and Mrs. G. Shaw will, I understand, be unable to join them.

DIGBY, N. S.

[Progress is for sale in Digby at the bookstore of Mrs. Belle Morse.]

JUNE 15.—One of the chief events of the week was the visit of Archbishop O'Brien, of Halifax. Monday evening at 7 o'clock his grace administered the sacrament of confirmation to twenty candidates in St. Patrick's chapel. The little church, on the hill was packed to the doors, including persons from all denominations. The altar was beautifully and artistically decorated with flowers, and the whole presented a very imposing scene. Rev. W. J. Elias, secretary to the Archbishop, and Rev. W. J. Dowdy, the parish priest, assisted in the ceremony. The Archbishop delivered an excellent address on the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Steele, of Boston; Capt. Allan, of England; Mrs. Morse, Woodstock, N. B.; Mr. Geo. Ellis, St. John, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Marden, of Boston, are registered at the Myrtle house this week. The latter are spending their honeymoon, and find Digby a beautiful spot for such. The last tennis club grounds adjoining the Myrtle house grounds, are now in excellent condition and the members are taking advantage of them every day, especially the ladies.

The residence of the late Hon. E. R. Oakes has been taken by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Robinson. Miss Maggie McCormick was visiting friends in Annapolis over Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Withycombe nee Miss Grace Merkel came home from Boston Saturday via Yarmouth, to remain during the summer months.

Mr. C. D. Merkel also returned Saturday. He has been attending College in Vermont and will spend his vacation at his home here.

Mrs. H. B. Churchill and baby returned Saturday from their visit to Boston and vicinity.

Mr. Geo. E. Stone has been visiting Nova Scotia's capital during the past week.

Mr. Frank L. Bacon returned to McAdam Junction by Saturday's boat.

Messrs. A. V. Wade and G. A. Viets have arrived back from their visit to Amherst.

Mr. E. J. Vickery and wife, Messrs. J. Murray Lawson, H. E. Chute and C. S. P. Robbins, of Yarmouth, were passengers by Saturdays' train en route home from Amherst. Messrs. J. G. Goodfry, B. Crosby and Chas. G. Goodfry, of Yarmouth, were passengers by Saturdays' train en route home from Amherst.

Mrs. McNutt, wife of Conductor McNutt of the W. C. R., passed through Tuesday on a visit to friends at Round Hill.

Mrs. Fraser Dakin has returned home to Windsor.

Capt. Chas. W. Buras is home from sea again, and will remain during the summer.

Mrs. A. D. Merkel entertained a few of her friends Monday evening at her residence, "Acadia Villa."

Miss L. Clinton was a passenger to St. John by Tuesday's steamer. Mrs. Ambrose, wife of Rev. Dr. Ambrose, came from Halifax yesterday on the *City of Montreal*, and proceeded by same boat to St. John on a visit.

Rev. J. M. Fisher left for Lunenburg yesterday by train to remain for a few days.

Rev. Augustus A. Bryant, of Halifax, is the successor to Rev. Dr. Ambrose as rector of Trinity church. He officiated for the first time on Sunday last. He has not been permanently engaged by the parish.

Miss Maggie Dakin has returned from her visit to Yarmouth.

Mrs. Bowers, Westport, wife of E. C. Bowers, M. P., was at Mrs. Short's this week.

Mrs. L. G. Crosby and Miss A. L. Kelley, of Yarmouth, were here Thursday en route home from St. John, where they have been attending the wedding of Miss Butler.

Mr. Thomas Kilham and wife, and Mrs. E. F. Parker of Yarmouth, came over from St. John by Monday's steamer en route home.

Miss C. R. Orick, of New York, is a summer guest at Mrs. Short's hotel.

Chief Justice McDonald, of Halifax, is a guest at the Myrtle House this week.

Mr. E. Brien, Amherst, is at the Myrtle House for a few days.

Mr. H. H. Andrews, of the treasury department, Washington, accompanied by his wife, have been among the visitors to Digby during the past week. They were on a short holiday trip through the provinces.

Messrs. J. J. Ritchie, Annapolis; Thos. W. Chesley, Bridgetown; E. H. Armstrong, Thos. E. Corning and Sandford H. Pelton, Yarmouth, comprise the outside bar attending the supreme court here this week.

A. H. Comeau, M. P., was in town yesterday and today.

After a pleasant visit to his native place, Bear River, Capt. Fenwick Rice has returned to St. John accompanied by his wife who will go with her husband on a trip to England in the ship *Zealandia*.

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BRIDGETOWN. JUNE 14.—A ball was given in the court house on Friday evening, June 10th. The committee included Mr. F. R. Fay, Mr. W. M. Forsythe, Mr. H. S. Wallace, Mr. L. D. Shaffer, and the reception committee Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Alfred Hoyt. Among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Taylor, Mrs. F. C. Harris, Miss Chute, Miss Knight, Miss Dunison, Miss Grace Hoyt, Miss Legge, Miss Prat, Miss Kate Prat, Miss Maud Hoyt, Miss Reynolds, Miss Ruggles, Messrs. W. DeBois (Annapolis), T. Busby (Annapolis), Ervin, Robert Miller (Boston), W. Mills (Granville Ferry), W. Beckwith, G. E. Hoyt, Reg. Miller (Annapolis), R. D. Leavitt (Annapolis), Hall (Annapolis). Some pretty costumes were worn. Mrs. Freeman wore a dress of black henrietta, en train, ornaments of neck, white, black silk bodice, bouquet of yellow roses. Mrs. Hoyt, black fish net skirt, black silk bodice, bouquet of yellow roses. Mrs. Taylor, black satin, trimming of jet and lilies of the valley. Mrs. Harris, black silk skirt, old gold bodice. Miss Knight, white embroidered lawn. Miss Chute, costume of white henrietta, en train, ornaments moonstones. Miss Kate Prat, a very pretty dress of white mull, yellow sash. Miss Legge, black lace over pale green silk. Miss Reynolds, white lawn, pink silk sash. Miss Maud Hoyt, black bengaline, apple green trimmings, bouquet of primroses. Miss Grace Hoyt, cream satin, bouquet of tea-roses.

Rev. T. P. Gratotax has removed from his former parish at Granville Ferry to Bridgetown, where he has accepted the rectorship of St. James' church.

Messrs. W. M. Shupley and R. Shupley went to Amherst on Monday to attend a meeting of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M., returning on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Taylor are spending a few days in St. John. Mr. M. C. Higgins was the guest of Mr. J. H. Healy last week.

Miss Allan, who has been visiting Mrs. J. B. Reed, has returned to Wolfville.

Mr. W. Beckwith has returned from Sackville for the summer. Miss Edith Quirk is visiting her aunt in Wolfville.

Mrs. Mary Prat, of Wolfville, is spending a few weeks with her cousin, Miss Kate Prat.

Miss Ethel McCormick returned to Bangor last week, after spending the winter with her grand-mother.

Mrs. Taylor, of Halifax, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ruggles, in her home, and will be in town a few days later by Mrs. Chipman.

Mr. Robert Miller, of Boston, is spending a few weeks vacation at his former home.

Miss Lillie Smith, of Annapolis, is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Shupley, in her home.

Miss Bessie Tupper returned to Granville Ferry on Friday, after spending a week with her aunt, Mrs. Shupley, in her home.

The Acadia male quartet, assisted by H. N. Shaw, B. A., gave a concert and recital in the Court house on Wednesday evening, the 8th inst. The singing was excellent, and Mr. Shaw's comic reading was highly appreciated.

Hon. John Aulow returns today from Boston, where he has been spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Cora Healy in his home for the summer.

The sudden death of Mr. William Calnek Monday cause much regret. Mr. Calnek was a friend of a friend on the street when he was taken with heart disease.

Miss Lottie Parker, who has been suffering from consumption for some months, died on Monday evening, her funeral takes place today. S. S.

WOLFVILLE. JUNE 14.—Mr. Joshua B. Ganong, of class of '92 of Acadia college, was ordained at the baptist church, Upper Aylesford, on the seventh of this month. He intends settling in the North-West, where he will take a church in Rapid City.

Rev. Anderson Rogers, of Windsor, was in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Merritt, of St. John, spent Sunday in their home, and left here by express on Monday morning.

Rev. T. B. Hemmen returned home on Monday to dispose of his household furniture, stock, etc., preparatory to moving with his family to Cape Breton. During their long residence here Mr. and Mrs. Hemmen have greatly endeared themselves to the people of this town, and their departure is with regret. Mr. Moran Hemmen having completed his course at Acadia and accepted a position in the assistant of the People's Bank, will remain here for the present.

Mr. H. Percy Scott, of Windsor, spent Monday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, of St. John, are the guests of Dr. Jones, Main street.

The board of Governors of Acadia college have made the following appointments to the senate of the university, for nine years from 1891: Miss Alice M. D. Fitch, M. A.; Rev. F. W. Bancroft, B. A.; for four years—Mr. K. de Blois, Ph. D.; Mr. J. C. Curran, B. A.; L. L. B.; for three years—Rev. Sydney Whelton, M. A.; Rev. P. A. McEwan, F. M. Shaw, B. A.; Miss Mary E. Graves, principal of Acadia Seminary, and Mr. Oakes of Horton Academy, have also become members of the senate.

Mr. Aubrey Rand has just returned home after completing his studies at the University of Toronto and the College of Pharmacy. He is to be congratulated upon his success, having taken the degree of Ph. D. in the former, and Ph. S. in the latter.

Mr. Avard V. Pines, who has just completed his studies in Kentville, where he will study law in the office of Mr. C. W. Rowce.

Rev. P. D. D. who is about severing his connections with Acadia college, was presented on Friday evening last with a handsome watch and address, by "firmament" band of Wolfville, which he has been instructing since its organization.

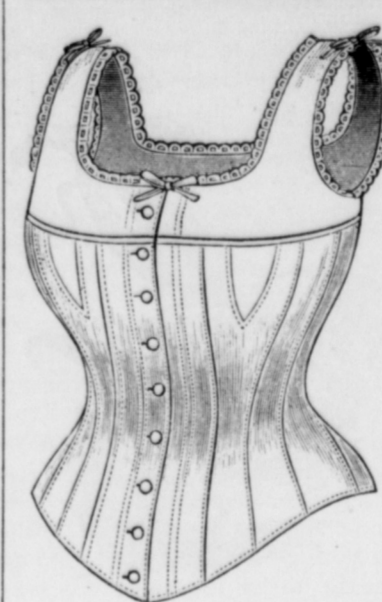
I am told that a wedding will take place towards the end of this month, when another of Wolfville's belles will resign single blessedness. Whether it will be a church wedding or not, remains a profound secret. T. H.

DARTMOUTH. JUNE 15.—The marriage of Mr. Geo. Ormon and Miss Margaret Leedham took place on Wednesday of last week. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. C. Mellor. The bride was becomingly dressed in a fawn-colored travelling dress, trimmed with brown silk, and hat to match. The bridesmaids were two in number, Miss Annie Drake, in cream, and Miss Florence Leedham, sister of the bride, in white, with pink trimmings. Mr. J. Brown was groomsmen. The church was very tastefully decorated with plants and flowers by friends of the bride. The presents were numerous; one from the rector, choir and vestry being especially noteworthy. Whether it is that their officers are more energetic, or whatever the reason, the fact remains, that the lawn is always in fine condition. By the way, on this lawn there is much amusement caused by the juvenile costumes worn by some of the married ladies. Speaking of tennis, I cannot refrain from mentioning a private law of which our town boasts. Prof. M. Russell has a splendid one. Mr. S. J. Siroon, Mr. W. H. Stearns and Mr. Durston are the players. The lawn is very beautiful and located.

The congregation of Christ church worshipped last Sunday in the school room, which, despite the heat, was crowded to the doors. The services were hearty and the singing particularly good.

There was a very pretty wedding in the Methodist church on Tuesday, which will speak of next week. Mrs. MacElwaine, sister of Rev. Rural Dean Ellis, of Sackville, N. S., is staying with the Misses McLeay at "Rose Cottage." FANDORA.

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