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If it were not for the church bells ringing so often on week-days, and the very quiet and so from the Lenten services there would not be very much outward and visible sign in Halifax society of this being a penitential season. In fact there has been more doing during this past week than there usually is in Easter week; the only difference is that the entertainments have been all marked "small," and some of them "early."

Card parties of all sorts have been the principal among these gay doings; and they bid fair to continue well into another week.

On Friday last Sir John and Miss Ross gave a small encheire party at Bellevue House, which was very cheery and successful. There were only four tables, and the prizes were very pretty little silver things. The two first prizes were won by Mrs. Troubridge and her brother, Mr. Duffus.

On Saturday afternoon people made use of the very delightful weather by going to various drives and excursions. One of the pleasantest though the smallest of these was a snow shoe tramp, given by the Misses Kenny; starting early in the afternoon the party had a good tramp, and returned to Thornvale to tea.

On Saturday evening the poker party appeared to have the field. I heard of no less than five, of which two were quite large gatherings, and three were composed of a mixed company of gentlemen and ladies. If card playing is the vogue of the end of a century, (and any one taking the trouble to look back and consult the intimate history of the *fin de siècle* days of the sixteenth and seventeenth hundred may form their own opinion pretty quickly) then Halifax is well in the fashion.

On Monday evening there was a small driving party, given I think by Sir John Ross, the guests returning to Bellevue House to supper. These little drives and suppers are a capital institution, they are neither long nor late, and are generally very jolly. The R. A. and R. E. mess was the scene of the largest supper party given after a drive this winter.

The crop of upsets has by the way, gone off very little during the week; two of the latest victims were Mr. R. Morrow, who narrowly escaped a bad accident one of his reins breaking causing him to have no control over his horse; and Miss Stikman who was driving herself in Pleasant street. Dr. Anderson also had an accident, being upset in Spring Garden Road on Saturday.

On Wednesday evening the first rink party of the season came off. It was a subscriber's party, so that it was very well and generally attended, as every one was a host, no one could complain of any of the arrangements. Not however that there was much to be found fault with; the rink which was still hung with the many colored streamers of the carnival, looked very bright and cheerful in the electric light; there were plenty of people skating, instead of that dreary expanse of unoccupied ice which used to be seen last at the weekly evenings, and any amount of non-skaters, walking about, looking at the dancing, flirting, gossiping or drinking coffee, according to their various ages and tastes.

On the whole the rink party was a success, and it is to be hoped some one will give us another. They would be much prettier things though, if a law existed forbidding the ladies on the ice to wear dark or black costumes. The two prettiest gowns seen at the rink this year have been a bright red, and a combination of brown and green. Even gray has a more gay effect than black, although it is not a good color for the ice.

On Tuesday evening, Sir John and Miss Ross, gave a large dinner at Bellevue, intended, I believe, as a farewell entertainment for Mrs. Troubridge who leaves for England today. There were about twenty guests, including a few unmarried people, and most of the smart married set of the place. Sir John and Miss Ross will leave a great blank in the social world, when the time of the former expires.

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. James Thomson, gave a large but informal "at home" at Fernwood, as a farewell to her husband. Mrs. Andrews, who leaves today to join her husband in England. Dr. Andrews, R. N., has I understand, been appointed to the flagship at Portsmouth, where he will probably remain for the next two years.

Mrs. Thomson's teas are always exceedingly pleasant affairs, and that of Wednesday afternoon, was no exception to the rule. Mrs. Andrews' friends, however, must regret that she will not return here next summer, as was expected.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Daly gave a very small tea at Government House, where Mrs. Troubridge was the guest of honor. Both Mrs. and Miss Daly looked exceedingly well; while the prettiest woman in the room was the lady for whom the tea was given.

Mrs. Reader, and Miss Rawnsley, will leave for England next Saturday, Major Reader going with his regiment to the West Indies.

Major and Mrs. Vulliamy I understand, have taken a house here, and will remain for some part of the coming summer.

Colonel and Mrs. Jolly leave today by the Vancouver, greatly regretted by the many friends they have made during their residence in Halifax.

I hear that one of the most valued members of the Orpheus Club leaves shortly for Germany, where he will spend the winter months. This will be a very great loss to the club; it is to be hoped not a permanent one.

On Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. William Duffus gave a small encheire party at their residence on Hollis st., for their daughter Mrs. Troubridge.

There were not a great number of guests at the very smart and successful party, but every one was very well dressed in honor of the occasion. All the arrangements were perfect, and an excellent supper and very charming little prizes did not detract from the success of the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Duffus are the best host and hostess possible.

The two excitements of next week are the Orpheus club and the Doering-Brauer concert. We have had the latter advertised for so long that a very great deal is expected of it. But this it is so long since we have had the pleasure of hearing Herr Doering's violin-cello that there is no doubt about the attendance at his concert.

As the programme provided by the Orpheus club for their concert is sacred music entirely, I hear that Mr. Porter has had the happy idea of having the ladies' auxiliary wear black, instead of white with colored ribbons. Another informant says that the only change in the dress of the chorus is that they are to wear black shoes instead of red or blue, so that we must wait the event to prove which report is right.

Whatever the costume little prizes at this concert, the programme is a most promising one, and has received much hard work from the club to perfect it.

One of the very pleasantest and most novel parties given in Halifax for some time, occurred two late last week for any notice in Progress.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stairs had a duplicate whist party at their house on Kent street, which was one of the first of its kind here, and most enjoyable every way. Mrs. Stairs' house is admirably adapted for entertaining, and her first party since she has become a resident of Halifax was most successful.

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is also not that moving from table to table, which is such a feature of progressive euchre, and is so much objected to by people obliged to change a congenial partner for one rather the reverse.

The Garrison Artillery dinner is a fixture with that corps, which one is glad to see is not falling into disuse. This dinner this month was appointed for Thursday evening.

Judge Henry was given a dinner at the Halifax Club on Thursday evening last, by some of his friends. He has received an enormous amount of congratulation on his appointment, being, as he is, one of the most popular men in the city.

MORRIS GRANVILLE.

WINDSOR.

MARCH 7.—If people would remember that the Windsor coronation has to end Progress news on Tuesday, so as to reach St. John on time for publication, they would not wonder why it is that things that happened on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of that week do not appear in Saturday's PROGRESS, and would not complain of the news being stale.

The farewell concert given on Tuesday evening by the Choral Society, to their leader, Mr. Watts, was a great success in every way. Of course, the presence of Mrs. Harrison, Sackville's talented vocalist, who is a great favorite here, drew a great many, but apart from that the fact that it was Mr. Watts last appearance amongst us was enough to pack the hall, and his many friends went in full force to show their appreciation of his efforts to increase the love of music in the Windsor people.

Mrs. Harrison more than charmed the audience with her wonderful voice; Miss Temple, who was heard for the first time in Windsor, possesses a fine contralto voice, and was listened to with much pleasure; Mr. Gillis, whose name was on the programme for several numbers, was prevented from being present, and Miss Temple deserves the thanks of the Choral Society, for so kindly assisting them in this dilemma. Miss Harvey was also heard for the first time by a Windsor audience in a piano solo, rarely do we have the pleasure of listening to such a player, and her brilliant execution proves her to be an artist of great ability. Mr. Wilson, of Halifax, has a sweet tenor voice, and sang very acceptably. The chorus singing was very good although there was a lack of male voices, and some of the choruses could have stood a little more practice but of course, on account of Mr. Watt's departure, that was unavoidable.

During the evening Mr. G. P. Smith, president of the 78th band, of which Mr. Watts has been leader for several years, in behalf of the band presented him with a gold headed cane suitably engraved. Later in the evening Mr. Nalder, secretary of the Choral society, in their name read a very eulogistic address and presented him with a gold watch. Mr. Watts was quite overcome but made a few remarks in which he expressed his appreciation of the kindness and good feeling which had been shown to him.

He was also the recipient of a purse of fifty dollars from the choir and congregation of the Methodist church. Mr. Watts will be greatly missed in Windsor and we fear it will be a long time before any one will be found to take his place in the many positions which he filled so well.

Mr. James King is spending a few days in Windsor.

Mrs. Harrison, of Sackville, was the guest of Mrs. C. DeWolt Smith for the short time she was in Windsor.

Miss Partridge, of Halifax, who has been visiting Mrs. Stayer for several weeks, returned home. Mr. Charles Murphy returned last week from Philadelphia, where he has been attending dental college.

Captain Faulkner, of Londonderry, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Carver.

Miss Lilly Allison returned last week from Halifax where she has been visiting for a short time.

Dr. Jones, who was formerly one of the professors at Kings college, has been spending a few days with his Windsor friends.

Miss Lilly Dakin has been appointed organist of the Methodist church, and entered upon her duties on Sunday.

Mr. George Murphy, who is attending medical college in Halifax, spent Sunday at home.

Miss Mabel Payne, of Halifax, is the guest of Miss Allison.

The members of the Brigade Club were entertained by Mr. Clifford Shand at his residence, on Ferry Hill, on Tuesday evening.

Mr. James Lithgow has been transferred from Woodstock to the People's Bank at Windsor.

The Misses Wilson entertained a number of their friends at a five o'clock tea on Tuesday.

Mr. Horace Greenough has been appointed leader of the Choral Society, in place of Mr. Watts.

Mr. Layton, a graduate of Mount Allison Conservatory, has come to Windsor to reside.

Mr. A. Rogers went to Middleton to conduct services there on Sunday.

Mr. Harry King is home again from Halifax, where he has been attending law school.

Mrs. W. Paynter is spending a few days in Windsor.

Miss Edith Curry's many friends were very sorry to hear of her leaving Windsor.

Mr. Wilber has given up his classes in painting, and intends leaving Windsor next week.

Mr. Watts with a number of invited friends, had a drive on Tuesday evening. They drove to Hantsport, and on their return went to the Y's rooms, where a substantial supper was provided and a very pleasant hour was spent. All who were fortunate enough to be present had a delightful time and were very grateful to the Y's for affording them such a pleasant evening.

The same evening a large number of the Free Masons drove to Hantsport. After attending the meeting of the Lodge there, they had a supper at Wall's hotel.

Mr. Clarence Dimock returned on Saturday evening from New York.

SPRINGHILL.

MARCH 8.—Dr. J. A. Johnson after spending the last few months at a dental college in Pennsylvania, has returned to Springhill where he will resume the practice of his profession. All will be glad to know that he is to remain here permanently.

Miss Susie Murray has been dangerously ill from erysipelas, brought on by a cold contracted at the last carnival. I hear that she is slightly better this morning and it is to be hoped the improvement may continue. Doctors Byers and Cove are in attendance.

Mrs. France is the guest of her sister Mrs. Wilson at the rectory.

Miss Mabel McLeod, of the C. P. R. telegraph office at Truro, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. L. Christie.

The Y. M. C. A. "at home" last week, was very largely attended and was in every way a brilliant success.

Mr. A. Dick has returned from a business trip to St. John and other cities.

The county lodge, I. O. G. T. met here last week, delegates from all the lodges throughout the county being present. The meeting on Friday night was public and Fraser's hall was densely crowded. A very interesting programme consisting of vocal and instrumental music, speeches, etc. was carried out. About ten o'clock the same evening a large number of the delegates visited the east slope, the one in which the explosion occurred; they were escorted through the mine by A. D. Ferguson.

The parlor concert at Mr. Proctor's residence on Tuesday evening was well patronized and a very enjoyable time was spent. The musical part of the programme was of a very high order.

A committee of ladies and gentlemen are making arrangements for the annual St. Patrick's day concert. It is to be hoped that it will be as successful as last year.

The ladies of the Methodist church sewing society are making extensive preparations for a bazaar which will be held shortly after Easter.

The carnival at Murdoch's rink, on last Tuesday night, was very brilliant and many original and pretty costumes were worn, but it was generally conceded that the best among the ladies was that worn by Miss Maggie Dick. There is to be a children's carnival next week when the little ones will have a chance to distinguish themselves.

MAR.

YARMOUTH.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Yarmouth at the stores of E. J. Vickery, Harris & Guest, H. W. Cann and J. A. Craigie.]

MAR. 6.—On Thursday evening of last week there was a large driving party to Tusket, the sleighing party consisting mostly of young married people. The different sleighs started out all hours during the afternoon, although all arrived at the American house for supper between seven and eight in the evening and all left at the same hour for home.

Mr. John Lovitt was in Ottawa recently and as ex-M. P. received a hearty welcome at the house. While there, a large reception and dinner was given in his honor.

Hon. L. E. Baker visited St. John last week. Mr. J. Brignell has been absent from town for a few days recently visiting St. John. He returned here on Saturday.

Mr. Charles Ward for some time teacher in the high school Milton and recently a student at Dalhousie, Halifax, was in Yarmouth for a few days last week en route for the West where he will spend the summer for the benefit of his health.

Mr. Harold Crowell left on Wednesday evening for New York where he will enter business college. Several other Yarmouth men are in attendance at the same college at Poughkeepsie.

Mr. Smith Gardner, whom I spoke of last week as being seriously ill, died on Tuesday evening, after an illness of but a little more than a fortnight. The greatest sympathy is felt for the family. Mr. Gardner was the second son, well known, and a general favorite in society. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon and was largely attended, among the young men present being the members of the Yarmouth band who accompanied the funeral procession to the cemetery. The floral offerings were beautiful, numerous crosses and wreaths of lilies and roses being sent by the many friends of the deceased. Among the prettiest of these was an elegant knot of pure white flowers sent by the four young men who were Mr. Gardner's particular friends, and who acted as pall-bearers.

Mr. T. S. Howe was in town for a short time last week leaving on Wednesday for his home in Lunenburg.

Miss Helen Jones of Weymouth, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Ladd for a fortnight left on Friday last for her home.

Rev. Mr. Wythcombe was in town last week and conducted service in Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday. Mr. Wythcombe left on Tuesday evening for his home in Weymouth.

Mr. John Keith was in town recently, leaving on Wednesday's steamer for Boston.

Mr. E. K. Spinney arrived home from England on Saturday, after an absence of two or three months. He was serenaded in the evening at his residence, Main street, by the Yarmouth band of which Mr. Spinney is honorary president.

Mr. W. J. Powers was in town recently.

Mr. H. C. Temple who has been visiting relatives here for some time, returned to Boston a few days ago.

Miss Youils, who has been the guest of Miss N. L. Guest, for the earlier winter months, returned to Lunenburg recently.

Miss Marshall, of Digby, who visited the Misses Cann during February, returned to her home on Wednesday last.

Rev. Mr. Meikle is still conducting services here. Dr. Reid, of Halifax, visited Yarmouth last week. While in town Dr. Reid delivered an instructive address on medicine, to a number of invited guests.

Capt. A. McGraw was in St. John on Thursday. Mr. Chas. Burrill, of Weymouth, is in town on business.

Miss Crowell entertained a number of her friends very sociably one evening last week.

Hon. W. Stopford and Mrs. Stopford, who have been wintering in Bermuda, intend leaving on the 10th of this month for England where they will make their permanent home. Mrs. Stopford, formerly Miss Florence Baker, is much missed in Yarmouth society where she was the leading member. The wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Stopford which took place in December, was the prettiest seen here.

Mr. Edwin Spinney returned from King's College, Windsor, the latter part of last week, owing to ill health Mr. Spinney will remain over the remainder of this term.

A number of snow-shoers were seen out on Saturday night this evening (Monday) a party went up to Milton and Hebron, and came down on the night train.

Mr. Richardson gave an afternoon's pleasure in the way of sleighing one day recently to a large number of very young people. The party went in three or four divisions during the afternoon, the handsome turnout, and evident enjoyment of the children testifying to their appreciation, attracted all who witnessed the driving party.

PICOTU.

MARCH 6.—John McDougall, M. P., who returned from Ottawa, last Tuesday, to spend a few days at home, was in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James McLean of New Glasgow, were in town Tuesday.

The children's carnival last Tuesday evening, was quite a pretty sight, the decorations had been left up from the week before, and with good music furnished by the band made it a great success. All of the costumes were good, the "Little fish wife," "dipsy," "a fairy," "a witch" and "Dance Durdene," were especially so. Among the boys the "dude," "sailor," "cow boy," and "nigger" were excellent, but the general opinion of the large audience, was in favor of "Little Bob Blue."

I am sorry to hear that Mrs. R. Fraser's little son, Master Bob, is quite ill.

Mrs. Poole and Mrs. Rutherford drove from Stellarton to town last Tuesday.

Miss Yonston, of Truro, was the guest of Miss Simpson, for a few days.

Mr. Pyke, of Dartmouth, is in town this week.

Miss McDonald and Miss Bonn, assisted at a concert in New Glasgow last Tuesday evening; glad to hear it was such a success. I hear it is to be repeated in River John next week.

The dance given by Miss McDonald and Miss A. McDonald in the Oddfellows' hall, last Friday evening, was delightful. Quite a party drove down from New Glasgow, and after tripping the light fantastic until twelve, returned by moonlight. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Strong, Miss McColl, Miss Sutherland, Miss McMillan, Messrs. Grant, Fraser, DeSaene, (New Glasgow) Miss McDonald, Miss M. McDonald, Misses Ferguson, Miss Bonn, Miss Simpson, Miss I. Simpson, Misses McDonald, Miss A. McDonald, Miss M. McKenzie, Miss Yonston, Messrs. Macrae, Dawson, Primrose, Metzler, McMillan, H. Primrose, Simpson, Glennie, Yonston, Ferguson, Fraser.

Mrs. Strong, wore a pretty gown of terra cotta silk, chiffon trimmings.

Miss McColl, looked well in pale blue, with green velvet trimmings.

Miss Sutherland, black lace, yellow flowers.

Miss McMillan, looked charming in pink net, with feather and moss green velvet trimmings, and was decidedly belle.

Miss McDonald, handsome black silk, with jet.

Miss Brown, black skirt, with pretty cream and mauve blouse, yellow jonnies.

Miss Simpson, grey dress, with violet velvet trimmings.

Miss McKenzie, black net.

Miss Yonston, blue skirt, with pale blue silk blouse, most becoming.

Miss Maria McDonald, looked very well in brown.

Mr. Howard Primrose, of Tatamagouche, was in town, Saturday.

Mr. Emmerson was in town last week.

Two rinks of the Picotou curlers joined in the bonspiel at New Glasgow, last week, and gave a good game of themselves, although not fortunate enough in bringing home any of the trophies.

Miss Primrose is spending a few days in Tatamagouche, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Howard Primrose.

Mrs. A. W. Munro gave a delightful snow shoe tramp last Saturday evening, the first of the season, which was very much enjoyed. Those invited were Mrs. Snow, the Misses McDonald, Miss R. Primrose, Miss Simpson, Miss Bonn, Miss Yonston, Miss Fraser, Miss M. McKenzie, Messrs. Dawson, Yonston, Metzler, Simpson, Munro, Primrose, Harry Primrose and Ferguson. After a two hours' tramp all returned to Mrs. Munro's, where a dainty supper was done through justice to.

Baby's Croup is Cured by Hackmore.

Mr. DeWolfe, of Halifax, spent Sunday in town, the guest of Mrs. W. S. Curar.

Miss Noonan returned home the end of this week, after spending some time in Halifax.

Colonel Snow left for New York last Thursday. Miss Falconer entertained a number of her friends very pleasantly, last Friday evening.

Mrs. Chisholm has gone to Halifax for a short visit. Rev. A. Carson returned on Monday from his trip to the West. Glad to see him looking so well after his holiday.

Miss Yonston returned home to Truro on Monday. DAGMAR.

AMHERST.

[PROGRESS is for sale at Amherst by George Douglas.]

MAR. 8.—Quite a number of young folk formed a merry sleighing party on Wednesday evening and drove to Point de Bute, where they were charmingly entertained at the residence of Mrs. Goodwin.

Mrs. James Brown gave quite a large afternoon tea at her pretty home on Hatchford street on Friday, in honor of Mrs. Alloway, of Springhill, who has been her guest for the past fortnight.

Mrs. J. M. Townshend gave a delightful tea for her little daughter Elsie on Monday evening. It goes without saying that it was an enjoyable event, as she is a famed hostess, who never withholds any possible pleasure to her little guests. She was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Brown, in attending to the smart looking company, who seemed to find as much pleasure at five o'clock tea as their elders generally do.

Miss Ayer, of Sackville, spent a few days in town, the guest of Miss Black.

Mr. J. M. Curry returned home on Friday from a visit to friends in Windsor.

Miss Stephens, of Sackville, is visiting her friend, Miss Clarke.

Mrs. Ketchum entertained the members