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HALIFAX NOTES.

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The Red Cap snowshoe club's drive came off on Saturday, with for once everything in its favor as regards weather and sleighing. For the last two years this festivity has been abandoned, owing to the want of snow and the hopeless state of the roads. However into this year's drive the bottled up jollity of the last two years appeared to have been crammed.

The members of the club left town in two large four-horse sleighs, early in the afternoon; drove to the thirteen mile house on the Margaret's Bay road where they dined; and returned all in good order about midnight. In the meantime all their feminine friends were glad they enjoyed themselves at the drive, but would have rejoiced far more sincerely if this popular and well known club had given a ball instead.

The large tobogganing party given on Saturday night by the officers of the R. A. and R. E., was an unqualified success. The night was a very fine one and not too cold, so that people turned out in round numbers.

The slide had been made on a very different slope from that of last year, and had no bumps to speak of, while not only straw but canvas was laid at the foot of it to prevent all danger of collision with the wire fence. On the level ground near the corner of Sackville and South Park streets a huge bonfire burned royally all the evening, so that there was an unlimited supply of hot soup, coffee and molasses for the weary tobogganers. The hill was lit up with lines of torches in addition to the flames of the fire, and was a very pretty sight with its endless succession of toboggans, and procession of people climbing slowly up the hill again. Every one in the way of the four hundred was there, and the hosts were congratulated on all sides for having so clearly managed to give both a safe and exciting tobogganing party.

The Leicestershire regiment's minstrels had, on Friday and Saturday evenings, the very good houses which they deserved. They were even better than last year, and the marching was a great feature, which took with the audience immensely.

The first part was particularly good, and the stage set with very much more attention to artistic effect than usual at such performances. Mr. Hughes was wise in allowing no encores, or the audience would have re-demanded things till they ran the two new formations into one. The opening chorus, "Strike the chords of pleasure," was a great success, and would be a great "draw" if it could be sung and played by the Leicestershire band at the coming carnival. By the way, I have heard many people say they would like to hear the "Wanderers' March" played on that evening.

Mr. Hughes, however, may not be here, as I believe the twenty-fifth is his wedding day.

There was very good skating on the Arm (not the harbour) all this week, and various members of the division of imprudents have had an impromptu cold bath. One gallant officer went in on Sunday, which would have been an excellent moral lesson had not two other men gone in on the following day.

Skaters at the rink lately are greatly indebted to the kindness of various lady-subscribers who have taken it in turns for the last three band days to provide tea. Mrs. Robie Unacke set this delightful fashion on Friday last, and was followed by Mrs. Thomson on Tuesday and Mrs. George Franklyn yesterday. It is no light matter providing tea, bread and butter and cake for such a host of people as have this winter subscribed to the private afternoons, some of whom were personally unknown to their hosts of the day, but none of whom were neglected. The committee of the private afternoons owe a debt of gratitude to these ladies.

On Tuesday evening the Academy of Music was filled to overflowing on the occasion of the Mount Allison semi-centennial meeting. Besides the presence on the platform of a large number of gentlemen interested in Mount Allison, members of the local legislature, and others, the united choirs of the Brunswick and Grafton streets churches, consisting chiefly of ladies, were massed upon the stage, which had been charmingly decorated with lathouse plants. Dean Weldon of Dalhousie college was in the chair and on his right and left were his worship the mayor, Principal Forrest, Dr. Lathern, Mr. Benjamin Russell, Q. C. ex-Governor Ritchey, Rev. Dr. Saunders, Hon. W. S. Fiddling, Professor Law, and others. Most of the above were among the speakers of the evening, to them must be added, however, the Rev. A. Carman, Rev. G. I. Bond, and President Allison. Mrs. Harrison's singing was one of the features of the evening which made a very decided impression. Mrs. Harrison sang a Grande Valse by Tito Mattei, Going to Market, and the Star of Bethlehem, to the great applause of her audience.

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stationed twice already, before his marriage and with which he has many associations. Another military man who would be glad to return here is I believe Major Hervey R. A. These things however depend not upon the man alone, and are more unlikely than likely happenings.

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On Wednesday afternoon a small sleigh drive was given by Sir John Ross, starting about three o'clock people returned to Bellevue in time for tea. The day was mild and threatened rain or snow, but the sleighing was extremely good.

In addition to the dance given this week at the Masonic hall, I hear of two more to be given before Lent, and of perhaps a third. Invitations are out for a dance at Thornvale on Tuesday evening next, and I hear that the bachelors abiding at Hillside hall are thinking of one to be given on or about the second of February. Meantime the carnival is taking up attention, and the attendance of skaters in costume will probably be far above the average of the last two years. There are a great many attractions promised spectators, not the least of which is the very pretty dance which has been arranged by Mr. R. Greenwood.

There will also be a grand figure march, a company of eight Spanish Tambouradors with guitars and mandolins, and of course two bands to play alternately. One is to be the 66th, whose capital playing of dance music is well known. No costumes appearing at the callio hall of this party are to appear on the ice on Monday I hear, and many people are saving themselves and their costumes for the latter.

Bishop Howley, of Newfoundland, has been staying for the past week with his Grace the Archbishop of Halifax.

Mr. David MacKean, M. P. P. is in Halifax on a short visit.

Mr. Joseph Revere is also in the city.

Mrs. Barclay Webster arrived from Kentville this week and is staying at the Halifax hotel.

Mr. Frame, ex-M. P. P. for Hants, who is now living at Rockingham, is recovering very rapidly from the effects of his accident, though he will of course be confined to the house for some time to come.

The Bishop of Nova Scotia left this week on a journey to various Canadian cities, and perhaps to New York. I hear on good authority that he will not return till a day or two before Easter Sunday, as he will preach special Lenten sermons in the various churches which have asked for them.

I hear from Boston that the congregation of the late Philip Brooks would like very much to secure Dr. Courtenay as his successor. But whether this is fact or conjecture am unable to say. Bishop Courtenay's preaching is well known in the States where his ability has for some time made him a marked man.

I see it stated that Captain Kent R. E. would like to get back to this garrison where he has been

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some time and has gone for medical treatment. They will be absent for several weeks.

Miss Electa Smith has gone to Wolfville to stay with her sister, Mrs. Mosher, while her parents are in Boston.

Mr. Geldert has been home for a few days, but has returned to Lunenburg.

Mrs. Newcombe of Granville, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Geldert.

Mr. John Keith is to be congratulated on the very creditable civil service examination which he passed in Halifax, a short time ago, his name being well up in the list of successful candidates.

An exciting three mile race took place at the rink on Friday evening, between Messrs. Alfred Shaw and Reginald Forsyth. Mr. Shaw won by a short distance.

D. C. Fraser, M. P. for Pictou county, was in Windsor last week, and on Thursday evening on masonic business. After the meeting of the lodge, the brethren were invited by Mr. William Curry to meet Mr. Fraser at a supper at the Victoria hotel.

Mrs. Ryan is visiting friends in Halifax.

Mr. Watts went to Moncton last week to take part in the opening of the new organ in the Methodist church. He returned to Windsor on Monday.

ANTIGONISH. JAN. 23.—All the talk here for the past two weeks has been the bachelors' ball, which came off in MacDonald's hall on Tuesday, Jan. 7th. The young men did everything to ensure its success, even to sending to Halifax for flowers for the chaperons, and they are to be congratulated, for everything was splendid. They are also to be congratulated on having secured such excellent chaperons. They were Mrs. L. C. Z. Chubbald, Mrs. Angus McGillivray and Mrs. Thos. Trotter.

The hall looked very well, decorated with flags and colored flannel. The guests numbered about one hundred and sixty. Some of the ladies looked very handsome. Among the married ladies Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. MacGillivray decidedly looked best, although Mrs. Archibald, Mrs. Trotter and Mrs. H. K. Brine looked very handsome. Among the young people, it is hard to say who looked best, although the title of "bachelor" is generally conceded to Miss MacDonald of Brierley's Brook. Miss Chisholm (Heatherston) and Miss C. Cunningham both looked very well. The supper, which was excellent, was supplied by Rufus Hale of the Central House.

Mr. Kyte was in town on Monday and his friends were sorry his stay was such a short one.

College has opened again with a large number of students, although on account of the fever scare there are probably not as many as there would have been.

Miss Williams has gone home to Fredericton for her holidays.

Mr. Kelly, of Sydney, is visiting at the baptist parsonage.

Arthur Boreham has come to take charge of Mr. Walden's drug store. He is decidedly an addition to the society of the town.

The tennis club is endeavoring to start a whist club to meet once a week at the various houses.

Miss Gossip, Windsor, is welcomed back after her visit home and is to remain in town for quite a time.

Miss Annie MacMillan is visiting her sister in New Glasgow.

Mr. Oswald Giffin, Isaac's Harbor, was in town on Tuesday to attend the Bachelors' ball.

On Monday evening, Jan. 16th, about twenty of the members of the Division, had a drive to Lochaber, where they had supper and music at Mr. Alex. Manson's and returned at midnight.

Mr. Geo. Whooten and his bride arrived home on Monday and are at the Queen's.

I hear rumors of two sleigh drives for this week. SAMANTHA.

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JAN. 25.—Sleighting parties are the order of the day now. One of the largest of the season was given by Mr. and Mrs. Graham Fraser to about thirty-six of their friends and acquaintances on Tuesday night.

Three large sleighs were filled, and as the roads are very good and the night clear and bright, all enjoyed the drive immensely. The day party returned to the residence of Mr. Fraser, and the remainder of the evening passed as pleasantly as time always does when spent under their hospitable roof.

Miss Nettie McColl is visiting at the Rev. Robt. Sedgewick's, in Tatamagouche, and intends remaining for a fortnight.

Miss Annie Rice was in Truro for a few days last week, visiting her cousin, Miss Alice Rice.

Miss Annie McMillan, of Antigonish, is spending a short time with her sister, Mrs. J. Fred. McDonald.

Miss Isie McGregor of Halifax is visiting at Mr. James D. McGregor's.

Mr. Fred Randall of Antigonish, passed through on Monday, en route for New Brunswick, whence he will return—not alone, so rumor says.

Mrs. Thos. Cantley was at home to a number of friends on Wednesday last week.

A small party of acquaintances were invited to the residence of Mr. Jas. D. McGregor on Thursday evening to meet Miss I. McGregor, their guest.

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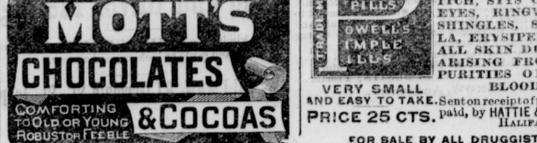
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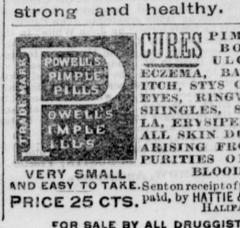
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