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HALIFAX NOTES.

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Plenty of small parties this week as usual, have kept society from absolute stagnation. What with tobogganing, sleighing and snow-shoeing, there has been quite enough going on to keep people up to as late an hour as though it were the gayest time of year.

Monday night several small tobogganing parties took place, at which there were no accidents and a great deal of enjoyment. I am told that Halifax ladies are credited with having iron constitutions, so much do they accomplish in one day. And really such of them as attended the school of cooking on Monday morning from ten o'clock till nearly one; walked home, drove, skated, or paid visits all the afternoon, and then tobogganed in the evening, deserve their athletic reputation.

The cookery school to the relief of some ladies and the sorrow of others, came to an end this week. It has been a most successful undertaking in every way, and some credit reflects upon the management of the committee. Miss Ormond (who by the way is an English lady not a Canadian, and is understood related to an officer formerly of this garrison) has taken great pains with her scholars, and certainly possesses the gift of teaching to a remarkable degree. Her next school is to be held in Windsor, I hear she takes all her cooking utensils with her, even to the kitchen tables used in the classes, which must make rather an item in the way of luggage.

The subscribers to the private afternoons at the rink were to have had a rink party on Wednesday evening of this week, but the prospect was given up, I believe on account of the expense. It is wonderful how rink parties run up into the dollars, and always seem inexplicable to an outsider. Of course the band is a large item at the outset, and if milled claret and whisky and soda are supplied in addition to the orthodox soup and sandwiches, the supper must cost a good deal. I hear that later on however a rink party will take place.

The great subject of conversation lately, among people who drive much, has been the terrific state of Halifax streets. I wonder if St. John can be as bad in this respect, for between the deep snow, the bumps (whose depths are quite tremendous), and the street car tracks—last but not least, the number of sleighs which have lately been upset is almost past belief.

Mr. Bauld narrowly escaped a bad accident on Saturday last, and Dr. Curry's sleigh was among the number which capsized on Monday. A great deal has been said about the persistency of the street car company in keeping their line running, but it seems to a person who depends a good deal upon trains as though the company deserved some praise for their determination in so doing.

I hear that Colonel Hill, R. E., will leave sooner than was expected, as his substitute has been appointed. Colonel Leach, R. E., will take his place here, and is, I understand, a very distinguished officer and has the Victoria Cross.

A great many people were very sorry this week to hear of the death of Miss Caroline James, who has for so long been known and respected in the community. The little school kept for so many years by the Misses James has been attended by almost all the members of the first families of the place for the past two generations; and the deceased lady will be remembered with kindness by many people to whom she gave their first lessons, long before the kinder garden was heard of.

Among late arrivals from England, was Mrs. Frier de Saone, who is making a visit to Mrs. Arthur Morrow her daughter, and will afterwards visit her son in New Glasgow. Among the passengers by the Labrador were Surgeon-Major Lees Hall, and Dr. Carleton Jones.

I hear that a memorial is to be erected at Aldershot, to the late Captain Stairs, by the men of his regiment.

Mr. Stockwell, late Leicestershire Regiment, is on his way back to Halifax, after spending some time in Chicago and the West. I hear also that the gold mine in which he is interested has turned out rather well.

Two well known citizens of Halifax intend moving in the coming spring to Montana. This seems rather a far cry from here, but I understand that money is more plentiful in that part of the continent than here at the extreme eastern edge.

Mr. G. E. Kenny, son of T. E. Kenny, M. P., has received orders to join his regiment at the end of the month.

Mrs. Courtenay is still confined to the house from the effects of the bad fall she met with on the ice last week. She is, however, recovering, and in ten days, I hear, to join the Bishop of Nova Scotia in Boston as soon as she is able.

Mrs. Frobridge leaves for England on Saturday next, as also does Mrs. Andrews. The latter will return next summer, however, with Dr. Andrews, R. N.

Invitations are out for two dinners during the coming week, one of which is intended, I hear, as a farewell entertainment for one of the ladies above mentioned.

The cock fight so carefully arranged lately to mislead the energetic secretary of the S. P. C. seems to be regarded in many quarters as rather a clever achievement. It has done one good thing however in drawing the attention of people to the fact that there is an S. P. C., and that owners of game cocks respect its power enough to take a great deal of pains to evade it.

The S. P. C. is I believe greatly in want of funds; and the Ladies' Auxiliary is not taking any particular interest in it, except by a limited circle. To the unbiassed observer it looks as though this were rather a blot on Halifax women able to afford the small subscription of a dollar a year, so much of which would be used to relieve and protect other women not in such fortunate circumstances.

There is a great problem agitating the minds of hostesses who would like to give encreche parties during this quiet season, which is—why is it so hard to get a sufficient number of men to make up the tables? Average man does not like encreche; and though this is a true solution of the question it is not all of it. Most Englishmen do not play encreche well in the first place; which disposes of one division of available men. Still another one objects to playing cards with energy all the evening, for a prize they do not much care about getting. It is too much like work! A third lot of men, who play well and are keen about winning, will not play progressive encreche because of being obliged to draw for partners, which makes them liable to be weighted for

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The left evening with some girl who does not know the left bowler from an ordinary court card. Then supper usually provided at encreche parties is of a modest description, and no man in his secret soul likes that. All these things being considered it is no wonder that at late encreche parties such difficulty has been experienced in getting men enough to play. A drive and a dinner are child's play to manage, when compared to a progressive encreche party.

AMHERST. [PROGRESS is for sale at Amherst, by George Douglas and H. A. Hilscoat.] MARCH 1.—The Chronotameter, that has engaged the attention of a large number of young ladies in the Baptist church for several weeks, was presented in Music hall on Friday evening, in all splendour possible.

Without doubt the title was a "twister" and an immense audience was drawn by curiosity to witness the interpretation. The delightful performance showed that more than an ordinary name was required to herald the appearance of such a host of famous antiquated belles. As the clever inventress trotted up from the shady avenues of time, as far back as Sara who nimbly stepped out of the wonderful machine not a bit the worse of the long jaunt and wondrously arrayed for the occasion. The inventress is unquestionably a firm advocate of "Woman's rights," as notice of the celebrated Lords of Creation, were permitted to appear, not even as an escort to Royalty, which by the way, was alarmingly conventionalized.

Miss Fanny Sleep made a very pretty "Priscilla," as she walked out in a Puritan gown of soft black woolen goods, and the tiny white apron looked very impressive and sedate, holding her Bible.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dowlin, returned on Friday from their wedding trip, and will make their home, for the time being, at the residence of Mrs. Ripley, Church street. They appeared in church, on Sunday, the bride wearing a handsome garnet costume, with bonnet of white with garnet trimmings.

Mr. Arthur Chapman, brought his bride, formerly Miss Ida Bigney, of Springhill, home last week, but owing to the death of a near relative of his family they did not appear on Sunday.

Miss Blanche Nelson, who is attending school at Sackville, spent Saturday and Sunday in town, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. C. O. Tupper.

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after the school is moved to the new building in the spring. Miss McLeod of Truro who has been visiting the Misses Main returned to her home the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pridham and family are spending a few days with friends in Oxford.

Mr. P. S. Archibald of Moncton is in town.

MARSH MALLOWS. YARMOUTH.

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FEB. 25.—The Lenten services, and the evening meetings conducted in the different local churches by the evangelist, Rev. Mr. Meikle, have filled up the vacancies which would otherwise have been left, on the cessation of society indulgences.

During the week preceding Lent the younger portion of society did their best in the way of entertainments. Master Hubert Binsay entertained a large number of his friends at his home on Main street, one evening.

Mrs. Albert Treffy gave a party for the friends of her daughter, Miss Ernestine, at her home High street; and Mrs. F. H. Wilson also entertained a number of young people in honor of Miss Jolly, and her friend and guest Miss Ina Barclay.

Mr. G. G. Sanderson, alderman, is absent from town on a few weeks' visit in Philadelphia.

Mr. Geo. H. Ham was in town for a short time last week.

The marriage of Mr. Wallace Baker and Miss L. Wynant took place on Thursday from the home of the bride. Rev. Mr. J. H. Foshay officiated.

Dr. Murphy arrived in town on Wednesday and remained a short time on business connected with the railways. He left for Halifax the latter part of this week.

Mr. W. Kempton visited Halifax recently.

Mr. S. H. Pulton was also in that city last week.

Mr. G. G. Sanderson, alderman, is absent from town on a few weeks' visit in Philadelphia.

Miss Ina Barclay, after spending the winter with relatives in town, left for her home in Boston last week.

Mr. J. Wentworth Moody, accompanied by Miss Moody, Miss Julia Moody and Miss Helen Grantam, left on Wednesday last for Halifax, where they will remain a short time before sailing for a trip of some months to Bermuda and the West Indies.

The party, I understand, will take passage on the steamer "Taymouth Castle." The trip has been undertaken partly to restore the health of Miss Julia Moody, who has but lately recovered from a very serious illness.

The serious illness of Mr. Smith Gardner, who has been in a critical state since Sunday last, has cast a gloom over the society of which he was an active member.

During the early part of this week the doctors, who previously had given little hopes of his recovery, have reported him as slightly improved.

Mr. Gardner has the best wishes of all for his recovery.

Mr. H. D. Munroe, who has been ill for some little time is about again.

Mr. McDonald and Miss McDonald, of Halifax, were in town last week.

The ladies interested in Holy Trinity Church work, are making preparations for a bazaar, to be held immediately after Easter. As these affairs, once so popular, have been dropped for some time, no doubt, this one will meet with success, as they have on all former occasions.

Mrs. J. Brignel, entertained a few friends on Tuesday evening.

Captain Troott, spent a short time here on Saturday, before leaving for Boston.

Mr. Doane, of Halifax, was here recently.

Mrs. A. M. Shaw, and daughter, are stopping for a few weeks in Digby.

The sleighing this, and the past week has been delightful, and almost everyone has taken advantage of the excellent condition of the roads and weather. Parties innumerable, have driven to Tusket, the route for all driving parties, both in summer and winter.

On Thursday last, about thirty visited the American House and other hotels, for supper, driving home by moonlight. Among those who enjoyed the evening's pleasure, were—Miss Libbey Binsay, Miss Alice Eakins, Miss Marian Tooker, Miss Lydia Kilham, Miss Ada Munro, Miss Sadie Lovitt, Miss Marshall, (Digby), Mr. C. Munro, Mr. W. Dodds, Mr. F. Creighton, Mr. W. Spinyer, Dr. Putnam, Mr. C. Brown and Mr. Hebb, (Halifax).

Mr. Howe, of Lunenburg, passed through en route for Boston, on Saturday.

The many friends of Mrs. Viets, sr., will be glad

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to know that she is recovering from her rather severe illness.

Mr. A. Lawson, editor of the Herald, has been very ill for some days, but is decidedly improving.

Mr. Thos. Stoneman is in England.

Mr. Robertson entertained a number of his men friends at a social evening at "whist" in his apartments in the Nova Scotia Bank building on Thursday evening.

There is a driving party to Tusket this (Monday) evening. A number of the party started early in the day and were joined at a later hour by those who wished to enjoy the supper and moonlight drive.

Mr. Allison spent a few days in Windsor last week, returning home in time for his duties as organist of Holy Trinity church on Sunday.

DIGBY, N. S.

MARCH 1.—Miss Annie Short is visiting friends in Yarmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Monroe spent a day in Bridgetown, this week.

Mr. Harry Wilson is spending a few days with his family here.

Hon. J. E. Baker was at the "Waverly" on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Louson of Montreal, spent Sunday in Digby.

There was a very pleasant donation party at the Baptist parsonage, on Monday evening.

Capt. Jas. A. Hughes left for Vancouver, B. C., on Saturday, where he will reside in future with his daughter, Mrs. Burns.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Sutherland of St. John, were in town Monday.

Mrs. Frank Jones returned home last week, after a pleasant visit among friends in Amherst and St. John.

Misses Lottie and Edith Corbett of Annapolis are visiting Mrs. Wood.

Miss Maggie Turnbull, is visiting in Annapolis.

I hear of a large sleighing party to take place next week, when a number of Bear Riverites propose visiting Digby.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryerson, Bear River, entertained a number of their friends, very pleasantly on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Geo. Richan is visiting in town.

I hear that Mrs. Kinsman will in future lead and instruct the choir of the Baptist church, one may expect some fine results, if this be true, as this lady's musical abilities are too well known to comment on.

PAUL.

NORTH SYDNEY.

FEB. 27.—The Misses Burns of Sydney, were the guests of Mrs. Salter for several days last week.

Mrs. Vooght has returned from New York.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Brown are in Montreal.

C. M. O'Dell, C. E., returned Tuesday from Ottawa.

Miss Belle Robertson was visiting friends in Sydney, last week.

Mrs. W. J. Christie left by Saturday's train for Halifax.

Mrs. H. Donkin was in town Friday.

Mrs. Campbell who was staying with her sisters, The Misses Rigby last week, has returned to her home.

Miss Rose Bown is spending a week, in Bras d'Or.

Miss Annie Musgrave had a small card party, Wednesday evening. A few of those present were: The Misses Robertson, Miss Minnie Rudderham, Miss Ingraham, Messrs. Boak, Eason and Rudderham.

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