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ABERDEEN AND CANADA.

LORD ABERDEEN, the new governor general, is filling very naturally the sphere into which he has fallen. He believes not in Canada for the Canadians but that all in the country should be Canadians. He said, in a speech at Toronto, a few days since, "It matters little whether a man or a woman was born in England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Germany, France, Russia, or any other country, when he comes to Canada he should become a Canadian, and as such forget for the time being the question of his own or his fellow-citizens origin." This has the correct ring about it and it became universal, nothing could retard the prosperity of the country. It is the foundation stone on which the unexampled growth and prosperity of the United States is based, and Canada may expect the same under similar conditions.

THE WAREHOUSES.

Alderman T. NISBET ROBERTSON says we misrepresented his position when we spoke of him as an intentional obstructionist to warehouse improvements. If the word had been unintentional it would have been nearer the mark so far as Progress can learn Alderman Robertson was in favor of warehouses but on a more extensive scale than some of his colleagues at the board. This accounted in part for the delay in going forward. We are glad to place Ald. ROBERTSON in his proper position for with few if any exceptions he is as capable and clear headed a civic representative as we have. At the same time it is a satisfaction to note that something is being done in the direction of warehouses. True, the actual work has not been begun but the preliminary arrangements are being made.

We have this to learn in St. John that warehouses or wharves or any other improvements will not make their appearance because they are talked about. There is nothing magical about us. All that we get must be obtained by sheer hard work, with the exception of the 20 year grant of \$2500 a year from the local government towards the recent improvements, we are not under obligations to any one for what we have. Surely it is a pleasant thing to think of, though it may seem difficult to accomplish by ourselves all that we wish. Waiting upon governments to do something is slow work. St. John has found it so in the past and in this respect the future does not appear brighter.

STAY AT HOME.

Whatever the reason, whether it be a consequence of four years of Republican rule and McKinley tariff, or a result of the incoming of the Democrats, or yet an accompaniment of the "Silver trouble," one thing is evident—that there is at present a great deal of distress and destitution in the United States. Canadians who find it hard work to make a living had better keep clear of the United States for some time to come. Large numbers of men are coming from the west and seeking work in eastern cities. One batch captured a train and kept possession of it till within a few miles of New Orleans, where they disembarked to avoid arrest. Another lot were imprisoned as tramps, but the police discovered that the men were no tramps but really skilled workmen, without the means of earning a living and in a state of destitution. In Wisconsin there are thousands of miners out of work and some of them have addressed the following pathetic memorial to the governor of the state:—

Sir, we want to know of you by return of post if you can assist us. If not, we shall be obliged to make a rush on the stores for provisions. We thought we would ask your advice before making a riot. We, being American citizens, would not like to disgrace ourselves, but hunger is sharp, and to see our children crying for bread and not having anything to give them is more than we as a body of honest workmen can stand, neither will we.

Sir, we shall all and every one of us feel greatly obliged if you will answer by return of post, as we cannot stand any longer with hunger. Some of us have worked three days without any dinners and very little supper; we have not had anything to eat, nor will the store-keepers give us any without town orders or cash.

These appear to be the words of brave, law-abiding working-men, in positive destitution. The governor does not appear to

have been man enough, however, to step in and help them, or look into their case, but referred the matter to the county authorities who decline to do anything, and while the officials are talking the men are starving. There are many cases, similar to this, in the United States, at present. This commercial distress was undoubtedly the means of giving the republicans their sweeping victories in the recent state elections. No party or no tariff can keep off periods of commercial depression or ensure prosperity to a country, nevertheless the common voter will invariably drop his ballot against the party in power when he is suffering from the effects of "hard times." The average man does not reason deeply but let politicians look out for his ballots when he is hungry.

Thanksgiving day will be Thursday next, the 23rd. Though its observance is not so general here as it is in the United States, where it is the great day of the year, next to the fourth, yet year by year it is becoming more of a holiday in Canada. It is right that there should be a day of general thanksgiving, and among all countries Canada has just reason to be thankful for the past year. There have been good harvests, and if not general prosperity, there has been no serious depression.

JOHN V. ELLIS is a good citizen in every many respects and as such his friends welcomed his return from Fredericton. While the reception may have assumed too much of a political turn at the close, still very few, even of his political friends would care to stake much upon the certainty of his success as a political candidate.

The Record draws attention to the unsightly old iron railing around the fountain in the centre of the King Square. It has been an eye-sore for a long time and should certainly be taken down. Its removal would much enhance the appearance of the square.

It is a new thing for St. John to have a woman committed for trial upon such a serious charge as arson. The evidence did not admit of any other course on the part of the magistrate and Mrs. CESACK was committed and then released upon heavy bail.

POEMS WRITTEN FOR "PROGRESS"

The Lover's Lute.

A gallant knight with a lover's lute, A troubadour of today; Who sang love songs of the olden time In the modern positive way; Sweet songs of the true heart's melodies And the dreamy mystic lore, Of a maiden fair and a broken vow, And a lover who came no more.

Sung love to a girl who was fair to see, Of a love that was true and deep, And the dreams of hope from the lute strings rise— As the sad chords over it sweep, And he sang "Oh life of my heart be mine!" "Ah," she said, "you are music's scholar, The sound of your lute is sweet, but say, Will it twang to the tune of a dollar?"

Then the love song died and the maiden wed— "A million," they said, "and more"; And with summer winds and a silver sail, Together they left the shore. But the angel of love looked o'er the sea, And wept when a wreck went down; And folded his wings and smiled in peace, In a humble home in the town.

My Idol. My idol fell from his pedestal; I deemed him marble—I found him clay; I set him no more where he reigned of yore, But I bade them take him away.

I sent back the rings so fondly cherished, And burned the letters I proudly read; In days when love was never doubted, Ere my bright illusions fled.

Oh rings that I loved with heartfelt fervor, To part with you is a pang intense; And I hope my gay and festive rival Will have hands that are just immense.

The Fading Vision. The vision fades—dome, pinnacle and tower, All the white beauty of the lake-side dream, The artist's ideal, the poet's theme, Vanish away—yet for no fleeting hour Was his proud fabric raised. The crumbling wall Entombs not memory's treasure, and we hold This truth dear as the miser his loved gold, "Dome, pinnacle and tower cannot fail."

No marvel this, that memory should hold fast Such beauty, passing beauty seen before, The grace and charm of every clime and shore, Strength of to-day, the glories of the past. All met in one great vision—for not alone That I have had the wonder wrought, but soaring high His spirit, like the bird that cleaves the sky, Knew naught of obstacle from zone to zone.

Deathless his work. Age shall repeat to age The story of the city by the lake. And as the waves that on the near sands break Part here and there stretched a mighty continent Where a sure haven for mankind should be, Small dust thou count thy perils on the sea, Well knowing what thy sufferings had meant.

For it was thine to turn toward the West The worn old-world, and westward as the star Of empire moves, not traying nor way Its fire sustains—it shines for the oppressed. The vision fades—dome, pinnacle and tower— Yet fades not like the substance of a dream— Nation to Nation, State to State shall seem Drawn to each other closer through its power. —Helen Leah Reed, in Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Now for Furs.

The announcement of those well known hat makers and furriers, Thorne Bros., appears in another column. Their goods are always of the best and for variety and style cannot be excelled. With such snapping weather as this their fur trade should begin in earnest.

PEN AND PRESS.

The Montreal Witness is now making a special offer in order to increase its circulation. Those who subscribe now will receive the paper free for the remainder of this year. The Witness, both Weekly and Daily, has, this year made a change in its shape and is now issued in a desirable form, with neat, small and convenient pages. Having one of the most complete printing presses it can vary the number of pages at will. The press was made by the Hoos of New York. It turns the paper out at lightning speed, folded, pasted and cut. The typography is of the best, the work being done by the wonderful Linotype machine, which attains the speed of five men and casts a new type face every time. So many pictures have lately been seen in the Witness that it may be called an illustrated paper. Its office is at the junction of Bleury and St. Peter streets with Craig street, and is as fine an office as can be seen anywhere. Daily Witness, three dollars per year, Weekly Witness one dollar per year, while the little paper, the Messenger, costs only thirty cents.

The Press, Daily, Weekly and Sunday issues, is one of the brightest of New York newspapers. Its daily average circulation is 125,000 copies. It is an aggressive Republican journal and its pages sparkle with the brightest gems of every day life in the great metropolis and with the newest items from all the world. It is published at 38 Park Row, New York.

CAPTAINS WHO DISAGREE.

And Soldiers Take Advantage of Colonel Maunsel's absence.

FREDERICTON, Nov. 8. The old saying that, when the guidman's awa the deil's to pay in the kitchen, is very applicable just at present to Lieut-Col. Maunsel, commander of the Infantry school here, and the men under him. It is understood that during the Lieut-Colonel's absence in England Major Gordon occupies his place as principal officer of the detachment, and from reports which occasionally reach the world outside the barracks, matters are not moving so smoothly as might be desired.

It is a rule of the school that nothing shall be given to the newspapers, respecting the doings of the soldiers or their officers by any private, and it is extremely difficult to learn what is going on within the fence, even from the officers themselves. The privates do not tell much outside, but where there is injustice it is sure to come to light.

Capt. Wadmore, a recent arrival from "Hingland, you know," is very precise, and every part of the soldier's duty must be performed just as it is done in the British regular service. Capt. Hemming, is another of the officers, but his idea of the needs of the service does not agree with that of Capt. Wadmore. These two hold about equal positions in the school, and with Major Gordon, may at present be called the staff of the institution. It is plain to any reader that Major Gordon has no very pleasant time with his two Captains, and it has gone so far between them that they drop each others titles and use the very plain Mr., as Mr. Wadmore and Mr. Hemming. There are some interesting things in connection with their rivalry that will likely see the light of day very soon.

Then again, there is another feature of the present system of control, which though it may have been practised for some time, has only begun to reach residents of the city.

It is only on very rare occasions that privates are allowed outside the gate in plain or civilian dress. This is altogether against British army regulations, which govern the movements and life of the infantry schools throughout Canada. The private soldier esteems it a great favor if allowed this privilege, and is looked on with envy by his comrades. It exonerates him from blame if he stays out after bugle call—9.30 o'clock. He is not liable to be arrested by the picket; it proves a defence and tells the picket if they recognize him that he is on special business.

This special business has become very common of late, in fact there has been a regular epidemic of it. The secret of the whole affair is that some one has been farming out passes. The plan is this: A soldier wishes to go beyond bounds and have a pleasant evening as a civilian, untrammelled by the discipline of the army. He writes out a pass and paying a dollar to a certain party the name of Major Gordon is appended to the document, whether genuine or forged is not as yet known, probably the latter.

There is a chance for investigation and it is altogether likely one will be held; if so, the facts will be given to the public despite the regulations.

A SCARCITY OF CHEESE.

The Cheese Factories of the Provinces Cannot Supply the Demand.

New Brunswick cheese factories have no goods ready to place on the market though enquiries are being received daily by Mr. Inches, secretary of agriculture. When the local government decided to promote dairying in this province by the special plan now followed, that of granting small subsidies to aid in erection of factory buildings, the scheme was at once decided. Mr. Inches was told by the farmers that one factory alone would overstock the market and there would be a loss instead of a gain. The secretary had however, made a study of the business and the result justifies the steps he has taken. Al-

though orders for hundreds of cheese have come in since the New Brunswick article was so honored at Chicago, there are no cheese ready to ship. Merchants in the United States have written asking if they could secure the whole output of the province. Orders have arrived from England to the extent of thousands of boxes. Ontario, Quebec and the northwest have also placed orders; and so far from the market being glutted, at this end of the second provincial cheese season, there is an almost unlimited demand and not fifty cheese in the hands of the makers. This result must certainly be gratifying to the government, the secretary and the public at large.

DREDGING AT RANKIN WHARF.

Not In Accord With Tax Reduction Principles.

TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS:—A notice appeared last week in PROGRESS, referring to the petition of a large number of ratepayers of the North End, asking for the dredging of the part of the harbour in front of the Rankin Wharf, and suggesting that it is hardly in accord with the principles of the Tax Reduction Association to ask for improvement of private property by the corporation. As this notice may lead to misconception, kindly allow me a word of explanation.

Some time ago, the board of works, yielding to the general demand for better accommodation for coasting vessels in the North End, began the dredging of the Thompson slip, which is situated on the west of the Rankin property; but the work was abandoned when only half completed, leaving the bottom of the slip in such an uneven state, that vessels cannot be moored at that portion of the Rankin wharf which lines the east side of the slip, rendering that wharf, for a length of about 300 feet, practically useless, to the great injury of the property.

The petition is asking for the dredging of that part of the harbour which fronts the east side of the Rankin Wharf, thus providing at much less cost the accommodation previously contemplated, and it should benefit the property as well as the public and the trade of the North End. It would only offset the damage done by former dredging. Moreover, the expense to the city would not be large, probably not exceeding a few hundred dollars.

R. V. DE BURY.

A Citizen's Views.

TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS:—As one citizen of St. John I felt that a debt of gratitude is due you for your recent fearless exposure of the wrong doing of the post office inspector, S. J. King. When a public servant so abuses his trust the matter should not be lightly passed over. This is one of the cases where an unfit man was pitched into a position solely through the influence of political friends. Probably this same influence is now being worked to save him from the consequence of his wrong actions. It is to be presumed that the matter is being investigated by the P. O. department and the result will be awaited with some interest. A CITIZEN.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 15.

A Valuable List.

A new publication by M. J. Henry, Montreal, entitled the Shipping manufacturers list and Buyers Guide, is just out, and from a casual examination we should judge it to be a useful reference book. Part one contains a list of such articles as are manufactured in Canada, numbering upwards of 17,000. A number, opposite such articles, refers to a corresponding number in part two, under which is found one or more manufacturers of the desired article. A buyer wishing to locate a manufacturer of a certain article, has only to turn to the article, in the index which refers him to the name and post office address of such manufacturers. St. John has upwards of 70 manufacturers represented in this work.

It Pays to Advertise in "Progress"

A week or two ago PROGRESS mentioned the fact that Mr. E. A. Treadwell of Loch Lomond had a small quantity of the old time Early Blue potatoes, and the appearance of that paragraph seemed to have a magical effect upon the disappearance of Mr. Treadwell's supply. He has had many letters from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia requesting seed samples of the variety. Perhaps it does not pay to advertise, but those who advertise in PROGRESS will not tell you so.

Harcourt Grocery.

The advertisement of Mrs. S. J. Livingston, Harcourt, Kent Co., will be found in another column. The name of Livingston is familiar with the press of Canada and in this new line there is no reason why the Harcourt Grocery should not be part and parcel of the good folk and rich who have occasion to do their shopping in one of the most thriving towns in the northern part of New Brunswick, as Harcourt has proved to be.

Will be a Success.

"This paper is bright and newswy and will make a success" remarked a well-known gentleman upon looking over a copy of the new paper, The Daily Record. There are a good many who appear to agree with this opinion. The paper cannot be considered too bad for a beginner.

A statistical table published in an American paper shows that in that country there has been an enormous increase in the consumption of fermented liquors, with no diminution in the amount of distilled spirits. The production of fermented liquors, which in 1872 amounted to 6,409 gallons per head of the population, had risen in 1892 to 15,166 gallons per capita; the distilled spirits being 1,005 per capita in 1842 and 1,833 in 1892. A careful study of these facts gives little encouragement to those who are claiming that the use of fermented liquors are driving out the distilled liquors.

PERLEY AGAINST WILMOT.

Sunbury Members Have a Little Quarrel Over the Commissionship.

Mr. W. E. Perley and the Hon. Mr. Wilmot of Sunbury, are having a gigantic wrangle over the fish commissionership. It has been going on for three months, and is causing the Dominion government considerable trouble. When Mr. Morrow resigned, Mr. Perley at once named Harry S. Miles, his son-in-law, to fill the vacancy, and the authorities at Ottawa gave Mr. Perley to understand that his appointee was looked on with favor. But the Hon. Mr. Wilmot is possessed with the idea, that he is entitled by right of his position "as member of the Commons to dispense the patronage of the county, and asked that a prominent friend of his, Mr. W. Taylor, be appointed commissioner. Hon. Geo. E. Foster confirmed the appointment of Mr. Taylor, but Mr. Perley, nothing daunted, called on Mr. Temple at Fredericton, and was told that Mr. Miles could at once assume the duties of the office, and he would guarantee that Mr. Wilmot's candidate had not the smallest chance of success. Mr. Perley interviewed Hon. W. Foster, at the Gagetown picnic, and after showing the minister that his influence in the county was equal, it not greater than Mr. Wilmot's, and threatening a revolt, it matters did not suit him, received assurances that he might rest easy as his man was considered first.

For a few weeks the current of events flowed calmly but the gazetiting of Harry S. Miles, fish commissioner, woke Mr. Wilmot up to the fact that the Honorable W. E. was getting ahead of him.

He was assured, however, by the department of marine and fisheries that though Mr. Miles had been gazetted, it was a mistake, and he would not be sworn into office.

There was a calm once more for a week or so, when Mr. Perley saw there was something wrong, and again he visited Mr. Temple. This time he was told that Mr. Temple had resigned his position as member for York and that Mr. C. H. B. Fisher was to be the candidate at the approaching election, and had control of such matters. He was out of it altogether. Mr. Perley and his son-in-law, Mr. Miles, then hastened to Mr. Fisher, who could not give him a definite answer till he had conferred with Mr. Foster. This convinced Mr. Perley that he was "out of it," so to speak, and he will now go to Ottawa. If not successful there he will, he says, turn things upside down in Sunbury. In any case, Mr. Wilmot and Mr. Perley will oppose each other at the next election.

WOODSTOCK.

[Progress is for sale in Woodstock by Mr. John Louie & Co.]

Nov. 14.—Miss Clara Carr is visiting friends in St. John.

Mrs. Frank Beveridge and infant daughter arrived from Michigan Saturday, and will spend the winter with her mother, Mrs. David Munro.

Mrs. Charles Dibblee returned Thursday from a pleasant visit in the vicinity of Houlton.

Mrs. Charles H. L. Perkins received last week. She looked charming in a dress of black satin, en traine, richly trimmed with lace. She was assisted by Miss Brown, of Greenbank, Northampton, and Miss MacIntyre.

Miss Van Wart leaves on Wednesday for Montreal, where she will spend the winter the guest of her cousin, Mrs. J. Marshman Brayley.

Miss Maime Allan is spending a few weeks in St. John.

Mrs. Wallace, of Wolfville, N. S., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. Peter Fisher.

Rev. W. O. Raymond, St. John, is spending a few days in Woodstock.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lindsay sympathize with them in the loss of their only son, who died Monday of diphtheritic croup. ELAINE.

ANAGANCE.

Nov. 16.—Mrs. John Webster and Miss Annie Webster, of Pettediac, spent part of last week with friends on Apple Hill, and at the Portage House.

Mrs. Geo. Davidson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Claude Price, in Moncton.

Miss Steeves of Hopewell Hill, Albert Co., is at present visiting her brother, Mr. R. P. Steeves, school inspector, on Main street.

Miss Bertie Davidson, of Apple Hill, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Webster, in Pettediac.

Mrs. Helen Scobie, of Roxbury, Mass., arrived home by Wednesday evening's train, to spend the coming winter with her mother, Mrs. Emma Davidson, on Apple Hill. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Scobie to our midst.

Mr. Geo. A. Kinnear, of South Boston, Mass., who has been visiting his mother at Portage for the past month, returned to his home last Saturday.

Mr. Cliff Price, of Havelock, spent last Sunday with his friend, Mr. Humphrey Davidson, on Apple Hill. Mrs. GUY.

MAUGERVILLE.

Nov. 14.—Dr. and Mrs. H. A. McFadga entertained a number of their friends to tea, last Thursday evening. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. G. Perley, Mr. and Mrs. James Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. John Miles, Mr. and Mrs. D. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miles, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clouet, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clouet, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. G. Miles, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bent, Mrs. J. Holyoke (Kingsclear), Mrs. Geo. Foster, Miss Stanger, Mrs. Fred Harrison and Mrs. A. Wisely, of Lincoln, Sunbury county.

The ladies of Christ church, Maugerville, intend having an oyster supper in the Upper hall next week.

Mrs. A. Wisely leaves for her home tomorrow.

Miss Ella McCuskey is quite ill with whooping-cough. Her many friends are anxious for her recovery. LEAF.

MEMRAMCOOK.

Nov. 14.—Mr. T. T. Landry, spent Sunday in Shediac, the guest of his sister Mrs. Dr. Legere.

Mrs. Bela Colpitt, of St. Paul, and Miss Mattie Jones, of Truro, spent Thursday with their aunt, Mrs. S. C. Charters.

Mrs. J. P. Sherry and Miss Cassi, drove to Fredericton on Sunday.

The Misses Charters gave a very pleasant five o'clock tea on Thursday in honour of their guests.

The teacher Mr. Baisly, spent Sunday with his father in Albert.

Mrs. Patrick, who is visiting friends in Maccan, is expected home this week.

Judge and Mrs. Landry were in town on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Melanson, drove to Sackville on Monday.

MAITLAND.

[Progress is for sale in Maitland by James Uquhart.]

Nov. 15.—Mrs. H. V. Eaton is at home to her many friends on the first four days of this week.

Miss Eaton and Miss White are sitting with her through the reception. Mrs. Eaton received in a very handsome costume of old rose silk with trimmings of silver and Irish lace.

Mrs. Isaac McKenzie is at home on a visit to his parents.

Mrs. Pianque, of Crowdon, England, is visiting her brother, Mr. Charles Pianque and Mrs. Pianque. HOOKER.

MILFORD.

Nov. 14.—Miss Ethel McLean was tendered a surprise party last Friday evening by a number of young ladies and gentlemen. Refreshments were provided by the ladies and were heartily enjoyed.

Mr. Chas. King and family have gone to their home in Calais, Me., to spend the winter.

Mrs. P. Marry, Indiantown, spent a day last week with her friend, Mrs. J. Cornwell, Pleasant Point.

Mrs. Carpenter, Manawagosh, spent a day last week with her friend, Mrs. Wm. Grafton.

Miss Ellen Donohy, Portland, spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Annie Mullaney, Pleasant Point.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Monahan, Pleasant Point, are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a baby girl.

Miss Driscoll, St. John, spent Sunday with her friends, the Misses Collins, Pleasant Point.

Mrs. Thomas Lovd, Portland, spent a day last week with her friend, Mrs. Crowley.

Mrs. J. Dryden, Fairville, spent a day last week with her friends, the Misses Gaskin, Kingsville.

Miss Mary Connors and Miss Mary O'Neill spent a day this week with friends in St. John.

Misses Ada Driscoll, Margie Kane, and Nellie Welsh spent Sunday with friends in St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Keene, Pleasant Point, are receiving the congratulations of their friends on the arrival of twin girls. CHESTNUT.

DORCHESTER.

[Progress is for sale in Dorchester by G. M. Fairweather.]

Nov. 15.—The many friends of Miss Jessie Downey will be sorry to hear that she is quite ill.

Mrs. J. W. Y. Smith, of Moncton, spent a few days in town last week, the guest of Lady Smith.

A very pleasant event takes place at Amherst this evening, when Mr. John Hickman, of the firm of J. H. Hickman & Co., is joined in marriage to Miss Theresa Hey, both of this place.

Mrs. F. P. McGrath spent Monday in Amherst.

A very pleasant party was given to a number of the young folks last Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. John B. Forster.

Miss Grace Anderson spent Monday in Amherst.

Mr. S. Leslie Chapman spent Monday and Tuesday in Amherst.

The Rev. Mr. Lodge of Shediac, occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church, Sunday evening.

Miss Nellie Harris spent Tuesday in Amherst.

A very pleasant party was given last evening by Miss Minnie Hogan of Govt. Row.

Rev. Mr. Steele, of Amherst, attended a meeting in the Baptist church, Tuesday evening.

Mr. R. D. Ward spent Sunday at his home.

CHATHAM.

[Progress is for sale in Chatham by Edward Johnson.]

Nov. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hutchison have returned from a delightful visit to the world's fair. As in former years they will close their country house on the North Shore as soon as the river boats are unable to navigate, and occupy their winter residence in town.

Mr. Fred Blair of Moncton, was home for a few days last week.

Mrs. Snowball is absent in St. John visiting relatives.

I hear rumors of an approaching marriage, which if consummated as rumor has it early in December, will leave a vacant seat in our musical circle at a time when the precious few are most needed.

Mr. Grant, of the Bank of Montreal, has returned from a visit to the world's fair.

Rev. Jos. and Mrs. McCoy are receiving congratulations on the birth of a third son.

The active adherents of hoyle, who unlike the majority of whist-players, have a lingering fondness for the game at all times are making strenuous efforts to resuscitate the central whist club, which body distinguished themselves last season. Mrs. Pierce and Miss Winslow are sharing the honors as promoters of the fascinating recreation. ROMEO.