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MOVING ONWARD.

Next Tuesday, probably, the daily papers will have editorials on the fire of 1877, as that day is the anniversary of the event. It is right enough that they should thus mark the occasion, for although the fire is now rather an ancient history it must be conceded that it is at least "worth a notice," from a newspaper point of view, not for what it is, but for what it has done.

To the minds of a good many people, the fire of 1877 was the cause of everything in the way of bad luck that has happened since that time. To them there have been no days since the fire to equal the days which were before it. They have an idea, possibly, that had there been no such calamity the city would have advanced at a rate of commercial prosperity similar to that known in the fifties and sixties, and would now stand far ahead of all places of its size in Canada. The good old days are gone, they say, and the fire took all the heart out of St. John.

It does not require much reflection to see that such premises and conclusion are unsound. The fire was an indisputable calamity, and in individual instances it made many changes for the worse. Beyond the direct losses sustained, the immediate effects were bad and effected the city's prosperity for several years. After the fire a good many ordinary level headed people seemed to have lost their judgment, and in the carrying out of inflated ideas many very serious mistakes were made. The money received for insurance was put into big buildings as far as it would go, and mortgages were piled up for the completion of the work. There was an idea, apparently, that too ample provision could not be made for the great prosperity that was to ensue upon the rebuilding of the city. A very little time sufficed to dispel the delusion, and some of the structures then put up, have never been fully occupied to this day. Then came the reaction and the long protracted wail about the fire and its results. It took some years for this to pass away, but it is a thing of the past now, and St. John is standing on its merits much as it has never had been a big fire.

There have been a good many changes in the trade and commerce of the port, it is true, but they were inevitable, and the decline in some industries would have taken place had there not been a fire. How far they are due to the political conditions of the country may be a debatable point, but it is very evident that Confederation has brought advantages as well as disadvantages. It is easy enough to draw comparisons between the ratio of progress to-day and that of a quarter of a century ago, and from some points of view there may be shown a falling off where we should reasonably have expected a gain. Nevertheless, despite of all that may be said of the slowness of our advances, it must be admitted that we have advanced and are advancing with steps that it is not rapid seem to last firm and strong. Our people, as a whole, are better off than they were before the fire, sixteen years ago.

The average citizen lives better now than he did then. He occupies a better house, to begin with, and whether that house be his own or another's it is furnished in more luxurious style. The number of noticeably fine residences has largely increased, and money is spent more freely by all classes. The pessimist may argue that too much money is wasted and that people are more ready to run in debt than they used to be, but it may be said in answer to this that in some lines of trade a very much larger cash business is done than was dreamed of in former years. When money is needed the people appear to find it, and enterprises can now be undertaken and carried through which would have been deemed out of the question a score of years ago. Things are done on a larger scale in almost every department of social and business life, and there is a more free and open hand way about the conduct of affairs than was ever dreamed of by the conservative men of the past generations. Taken all in all, the city is going ahead as well as the conditions of its environment and the fiscal policy of this country

and the United States will permit. The methods of doing business have changed, and there have been risings as well as fallings in certain branches of trade. There is very much in the outlook to encourage the people, and if they do not realize it that is their own fault. The growth is not rapid, but after all it is a growth, and not as some would have us believe, a continual going backward.

THE ROYAL MARRIAGE.

An apology is due to the contributors to the fund for a wedding present to the Princess MAY. It was stated last week that the donation from the St. John admirers of royalty would be only about fifty dollars, but since then the time for closing the list has been extended and at last accounts the sum was in the vicinity of seventy dollars. All honor to the ladies who have thus sought to show the loyalty of New Brunswick when the QUEEN'S grandson is to be wedded.

In honor of the auspicious occasion PROGRESS publishes in this issue an excellent portrait of the Princess, with a sketch of her boudoir and her father's house, showing the young couple on horseback in the foreground. The boudoir seems, to a masculine eye, to be a little in disorder, but possibly the sketch was taken in the morning before the hired girl had swept and dusted. The scraps pasted on the wall are probably cuttings from some of the newspapers which have published alleged portraits of the engaged couple, over which the young lady has sensibly concluded to laugh in preference to bringing suits for libel. The corner of the drawing-room, also shown, seems like a very snug place for young folks of a winter evening, and the idea is emphasized by the fact that there is one chair which is quite big enough for two people.

The Princess herself, in the picture, appears to be dressed richly though not heavily. She wears a white silk dress, cut decollete, with waist of spotted crepon or embroidered chiffon and diamond ornaments. In addition to the waist, she wears an elegant necklace which is possibly the gift of her own and only GEORGE. A magnificent head-dress of white ostrich feathers surmounts her tastefully arranged coiffure, while a white tulle veil waves gracefully in the breeze. The pictures will be of special interest to thousands of readers of PROGRESS at this time.

Much as St. John has done to show its appreciation of the coming event, Halifax has done still better, for something more than \$250 had been raised at last accounts? and it is probably more by this time. There are several reasons for this. Our folks are not a whit less loyal than the people of Halifax, nor are they any less liberal when occasion requires, but we have had a good many drafts on our resources this year and the line of expenditure must be drawn somewhere. The GILMORE band concerts took a good deal of money from the people, and just now the Oratorio concerts are making a demand on people who have one or two spare dollars to invest. Apart from this, is the fact that we are having a good many weddings of our own this season and people have to contribute for wedding presents here. If it were not for this concatenation of circumstances, there is little doubt that the list would have been longer.

Beyond all this, there is possibly an idea among some people that the Princess MAY is a long way off from St. John and its people, even though, should the QUEEN and the PRINCE OF WALES die before her husband, she will some day be Queen of England, it she lives. The sense of proximity does not appear to impress our people as to make the citizens give dollars to their wives to donate to the young lady, much as they may esteem her and her father-in-law, to say nothing of the numerous other relatives. The length of the list of subscribers to the fund is no measure of the loyalty of the people to the British crown. If it was thought the money was really needed by any of the royal family, no doubt the response would be more general. As it is, a comparatively small number of ladies appear to have grown enthusiastic in contributing to a present for a lady they never saw and who has never heard of them. It would be quite different perhaps if they knew her, for she is said to be a very charming young woman.

An exchange says that a Minnesota woman recently admitted to practice law, has one important advantage over the members of that bar, in the fact that her husband is judge of the circuit. She might get some pointers by studying the reports of the New Brunswick equity court.

Omitted By Accident.

TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS.—In your correspondent's account of the Doll's Carnival and bazaar held at Amherst which appeared in your issue of 3rd inst., the names of two ladies were unaccountably omitted; viz: Mrs. J. Medley Townsend and Miss Laura Johnston. The former lady worked actively and enthusiastically to ensure the success of the bazaar, while the latter, Miss Johnston, occupied the same position with regard to the undertaking in Amherst as Lady Tilley did in St. John. I feel certain that under these circumstances, and knowing the wide-spread interest that is being taken in the movement to provide a fund for the home teaching of the blind, you will give this correction a place in your next issue.

C. F. FRASER, Supt. School for the Blind.

Halifax, June 13.

HUNDREDS GO TO HEAR.

(Continued from first page.)

listening to things you hear outside." Witness did not remember Mrs. Stevens saying this at that time; when she said it, it was when bidding her good-bye. Mrs. Stevens had said that Mabel and she had a "great row." The opposing counsel had not interchanged remarks all through the cross-examination. Mr. Pugsley had interposed several times when the witness was being pressed too hard. But counsel for the defence finally pitched into him and for a quarter of an hour or there was a pretty lively legal scrimmage, out of which Ex-Solicitor General emerged smiling, having decidedly the better of it. Court then adjourned till Saturday morning.

On Saturday morning the scene in court was very similar to what it had been previously. A large crowd was in attendance. The Judge and reporter were fairly surrounded and hardly to be seen from the number of women on the platform. About half an hour was devoted by the counsel, the Judge and the Sheriff in expressing their opinion of the state of the court house and rooms were in—The court house is certainly in a very disgraceful condition and the blame therefore must naturally fall on the County Council, which is fast making a name for meanness.

The cross-examination of Miss Hallett was then taken up and continued at some length without much changing the complexion of the evidence already given by her. To one of the jurors she stated that she met her sister only when she visited Mrs. Stevens. She had made two such visits in the last four years. She was on sisterly terms with Mabel. Mabel wrote to her until within the last two years. She spoke about her school and how she was getting along. She was very reticent. The witness would think that if Mabel were being ill-used she would have informed her. She had never complained to witness of harsh treatment.

Miss Hallett was on the stand between four and five hours and her cross-examination was very trying. She proved herself a very clever witness.

P. Sarsfield McMann described the appearance of the body when taken from the grave. On Sunday some two or three Dorchester ladies called upon Mrs. Stevens at the goal—some friends send her in flowers among others a bouquet of forget-me-nots. Mrs. Stevens seems perfectly indifferent to the proceedings in court, hardly showing as much interest as manifested by some of the spectators. Mr. Stevens reads the papers and follows the evidence closely. He seems in poor health and much broken down. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Stevens.

On Monday Miss Marvin testified that while sewing at Mrs. Stevens' Mr. Stevens told her that she had a lot of trouble with Mabel. While she was there Mrs. Stevens complained that Mabel had concealed some dust cloths or burned them up and on enquiry had said she knew nothing of them. Mrs. Stevens told witness she had whipped Mabel and would whip her again. She had a riding whip in her hand when she told witness this.

Miss White, dressmaker, said: Mabel was apprenticed to me in May, 1892 by the prisoner. Mrs. Stevens said she was anxious that Mabel should learn a trade, so she could earn her own living, as she would have to leave her (Mrs. Stevens) house when she was eighteen. Prisoner told me to be careful of Mabel and not let her talk to other girls, as she would tell things that were entirely false. My experience with Mabel did not prove this statement made by prisoner; but instead Mabel was quiet, industrious, and of good character in every way, as far as I knew her. The day preceding her death Mabel came to work as usual, about 8 o'clock, but I was sick and unable to prepare work for her and she went home again about 8.30; that was the last I saw of Mabel. I did not notice any mark upon Mabel's face or eye that morning. Mrs. Stevens came to my house that evening between 7 and 8 o'clock. I was lying upon the lounge in the room; she once began to tell me of the trouble she had with Mabel, principally about some silver spoons which were missed, that belonged to Mabel's mother. She tried to find out what became of the spoons, but Mabel had told that many different stories that she could not believe what she said; she told her at one time she had given them to me, at another she had given them to her father; Mrs. Stevens said, I have punished Mabel and I am going to punish her again and she will not be at work for a few days. Mrs. Stevens seemed very excited and angry and when speaking of Mabel hurriedly paced back and forth across the room. The next morning I heard of Mabel's death. A little later the prisoner came to my house and told me of Mabel's sickness and death. Here witness told about the same story as other witnesses in regard to what prisoner did to relieve the pain. I gave her a dose of castor oil, some syrup of figs and applied hot cloths. Mrs. Stevens said she had not found out about the spoons and thought that Mabel's death was a punishment upon her for telling so many lies about them. Mrs. Stevens called a third time at my house and asked if I had heard any talk outside about Mabel's death; that she was alone when she died etc. She said she had made a mistake as to the time of Mabel's death, that she died at 8 o'clock instead of 7 o'clock. Mabel was absent from work a few days, and during Mabel's absence from work Mrs. Stevens called and said she had come to explain the reason; that Mabel had taken some handkerchiefs out of prisoner's trunk and had told her so many lies about them that she could not believe her; prisoner said Mabel was a great trial to her on account of her being so mischievous. She told me that the servant girl would not stop with her it she allowed Mabel around the house, and that she had to shut Mabel up in her room, and that now Mabel was acting so badly, she was going to keep her locked up in her room, and was going to give her a beating. She said Mabel offered to swear upon the Bible, she had never touched the spoons or handkerchiefs. Mrs. Stevens said, "I cannot put up with this any longer, I will have to beat you, so get up

now I am going to beat you. When I beat her I made her strip and use a whip I keep on purpose. I have noticed marks upon her arms at different times. I had a conversation with prisoner between Christmas and New Years. Mrs. Stevens came and told me Mabel would be late; she had come home to dinner; that she had given Mabel a beating, and let her washing herself.

David White's testimony was of little importance, either for crown or defence. Among the incidents of Wednesday's proceedings was the evidence of Rose Landry, who insisted on speaking in French, though she had talked in English at the first enquiry. Among other things she testified that on one occasion she saw Mrs. Stevens strike Mabel with the handle of a broom. She continued: "Mrs. Stevens told me she kept Mabel locked in a room upstairs where she kept refuse, such as trunks, cast off clothing, etc. I cleaned up this room in January after Mabel's death. There was no carpet on the floor; and a spot on the floor with ashes scattered over it." She also described a meal that had been sent up to Mabel's room which consisted of a small piece of bread about the size of my hand, two potatoes, a bit of fish and some whitish liquid in a cup.

Ames Shea described Mabel's room as a small back room without any carpet on its floor and without furniture. Mabel had to eat her meals on the lid of the sink where she washed. She also testified that Mrs. Stevens said she was going to beat Mabel on the night of her death after she had given her a dose of castor oil.

Iroland F. Keith, the coroner, stated that when the body was taken up he noticed marks of discoloration on different parts of the body, one on the face below the eye, and a number on the legs and arms, but could not say they ran in any particular direction.

Messrs. Marnie, Magee, Girvan, Whitehead, Melanson, who served as a coroners jury were next sworn in order as given above. Their testimonies were much alike, all noticed that the body was discolored in different places, and the back, legs, and arms were discolored in stripes varying from five inches to a foot in length. On Thursday afternoon other witness who had worked at various times for Mrs. Stevens were called. There testimony is merely a repetition of former evidence.

The greatest interest has been taken in the proceedings at court, especially among the ladies, and the court room is crowded with curious spectators daily as the trial proceeds. The morning trains bring numbers from Moncton, Sackville, Amherst, and even from Truro, while crowds drive in daily from outlying districts. The prisoner as she sits in the dock seems to show no signs of uneasiness. She reads the papers takes notes occasionally trifles with her bracelets or paraisol handle etc., to pass the time. She dresses in black and wears a heavy wrap black hat and white veil. She presents rather a languid appearance and it is evident that the great shock is telling upon her. She however, bears up well under the searching gaze of hundreds that attend the trial even when a few of the most curious level their opera glasses—a very something particularly amusing was stated by a witness although very hard on the prisoner. She was seen to smile and make a remark to her husband who sets immediately outside of the dock. Mr. Stevens looks everything else than well and one would judge that he was more concerned as to the result of the trial than the prisoner herself.

Provincialists in 1862.

The provincialists of Boston and vicinity, are planning to hold a grand reunion and picnic on the Fourth of July, the first of the kind ever held. It will be under the auspices of the recently-organized order of the Sons and Daughters of the Maritime Provinces, which have assemblies in many of the leading cities of New England, at Woodlawn Park, West Medway, Mass. A special train will convey the picnickers from Boston, and at the grounds there will be music, dancing, various sports and other forms of entertainment. Addresses will be made by prominent Provincialists, and altogether a very interesting time is anticipated. Delegates are expected from Boston, Providence, Fall River, Attleboro, Lynn, Waltham and other cities, and provincialists temporarily in the vicinity, will be cordially welcomed.

A Good Menu and Reasonable Price.

Mr. George McBriarty, who for many years was connected with the steward's department on one of the steamers of the International Steamship Line, has gone in to the restaurant business on his own account on Prince Wm. street, where the men about town who "drop in" and get their dinner, say they can get a menu that is more than satisfactory. The menu is excellent, the service ready and competent, and the price very reasonable. Nothing therefore seems lacking.

An Old and Reliable Name.

Few firms in the custom clothing business in this country can boast of so long a life as that of A. Gilmour, of Germain street, St. John. In mentioning the firm PROGRESS is no doubt recalling a well remembered name to very many of its readers outside of this city. The firm is more than sustaining its reputation for reliable goods and satisfactory fits.

Scotchmen on July 1st.

The jolly Scotchmen and the sons of Scotchmen who belong to Clan Mackenzie, propose to celebrate Canada's natal day by a picnic, and all the feast of good things, pleasure and sport, that a picnic means. When the day come around look out for the national dances of Scotland, and burnish up your knowledge of Gaelic.

The Next One of This Year.

The social entertainments in St. Mary's school room are always of a pleasant enjoyable character and those who have helped to swell the attendance in the past, will look forward to the next one announced in this issue, to be held next Thursday evening.

Ideas For Pretty Dresses.

The midsummer number of the Delineator has arrived at Geo. H. McKay's, and will give the ladies ample instructions how to have cool and pretty dresses for the warm weather.

GREAT WORK THIS YEAR.

ST. MARTIN'S BAPTIST SEMINARY HAS A FINE RECORD.

What has been Accomplished by the Energy of Dr. deBlois and His Fellow Workers—The Commencement Exercises and Those Who Took Part.

Fine weather greeted one hundred and seventy-five visitors at St. Martin's on Tuesday morning last to witness the closing exercises of the Baptist Seminary. The train arrived at 10.30 a. m. where each of the scholars had a portion of some conveyance engaged to take their parents and friends to the institution. On arriving at the seminary every person was agreeably surprised at the fine appearance of the grounds and surroundings. Dr. deBlois evidently does not believe in visionary schemes, for last year PROGRESS' account of the closing exercises told its readers that the Doctor had a number of proposed ideas for 1892 and 1893.

The results of his energetic labors are as follows. He noted last year that they proposed to have the grounds all mounded with gravel walks and a larger flag staff. This has all been accomplished during the year and Tuesday afternoon the scholars and their friends were seen enjoying themselves in games of croquet, tennis, etc. with a fine display of bunting flying over their heads. Another idea was that of the institution running its own farm. Having a number of acres of land and Dr. deBlois says that during the year they have purchased two horses, three cows, wagons, harness, etc., and in the winter they cut and hauled sixty cord of wood.

They have now in the ground one hundred bushels of oats, sixty barrels of potatoes, besides other vegetables, hay, etc. This of course cost a good sum for the first year, but once properly started will greatly assist in keeping down the expense of the school.

The library shelves that were spoken of last closing have been erected, and one hundred handsome volumes placed in them. At the concert, Tuesday evening, Dr. deBlois read a letter from a gentleman who is greatly interested in the seminary, and well known for his liberality, stating that he would contribute two hundred dollars toward the library.

The department of shorthand and typewriting which was organized during the year, doubtless has been one of the most successful undertakings during the term. Miss Maud Pye was engaged as teacher, and a number of first-class machines purchased with the following result:— Have had twenty students in this department and seven graduates. The institution has been very successful in securing the services of Miss Pye for this class, as young ladies have here acquired the speed of one hundred and twenty-nine words a minute. A young lady only fifteen years old, with four months training can write one hundred words a minute.

During the morning exercises Dr. deBlois gave a report of the year's proceedings. He said that during the year they had written 1100 letters, travelled six thousand miles by train and steamer, 1200 by horse and carriage, and addressed 40 public meetings in the interest of the seminary. This year Prof. Chipman, Prof. Cane, Dr. deBlois, and J. B. Daggett will be the committee to visit every part of the Maritime Provinces in the interest of the school.

Following is the programme of the day's proceedings.

- COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES. Tuesday, June 13, 11 a. m. Music: 1. Professional March 2. Favor. Essays by members of the Graduating Class. The Medical Profession:—W. E. Jonah Egyptian Architecture:—F. W. Titus Phillips Brooks:—Frank Patterson Vocal Solo, Brahmy Town:—J. C. Macy Miss Lillie McLean. The Future of Canada:—H. H. Reid Valedictory:—R. E. White Double Trio, Last Night:—J. R. Jeff Conferring Diplomas and Certificates—Awarding Prizes—Report of the Principal—Address by Rev. C. T. Phillips. God Save the Queen.

- ALUMNI DINNER. Grand closing concert, Tuesday evening, June 13, '93. 1. Instrumental Duett, (two Pianos)—Rossini, Misses Furdy and Bostwick. 2. Vocal Solo, Gates of the West.—Lowlathian, Mr. M. B. King. 3. Reading, Mignonne.—Balzac, Prof. Grosvenor M. Robinson. 4. Auf der Duerk zum Tanz, (two Pianos)—Weber, Misses Dick, O'Brien, Davis, and Dawson. 5. Angel's Serenade, Violin Obligato.—Braga, Miss Maud Davis. 6. Scene, Witch's Cavern, (Last Days of Pompeii)—Lytton, Miss Maud Sprague, Miss Annie McDonald, Glancus, Prof. G. M. Robinson. 7. Piano Solo, Folks de la Reine.—Raff, Miss Winnie Dick. 8. Double Quartette, Adelaide.—Gee, Misses McLean, O'Brien, Dawson, and E. West, Messrs. Robinson, M. King, Leonard and Crandall. 9. Zampa, (two Pianos)—Arditti, Misses Vaughan, Hughes, Dick, and O'Brien. 10. Reading, a Search in the Dark.—Woolson, Mrs. J. H. Trefry. 11. Instrumental Trio, Minuet.—Mozart, Misses E. West, Sewell, and Phillips. 12. Vocal Solo, La Tortorelle.—Arditti, Mrs. Anstet K. deBlois. 13. Statue Scene, "Winter's Tale"—Shakespeare, CHARACTERS. Leontes, (King of Sicily).—Miss Maud Davis, Camillo. —Miss Dick. Polixenes, (King of Bohemia).—Miss B. Bostwick, Clossenes, (King of Bohemia).—Miss Annie Purdy, Florizel, (his Son).—Miss Sewell, Miss Sewell, Hermione, (Queen to Leontes).—Miss Mannie Fowler, Perdita, (daughter to Leontes and Hermione).—Miss Hattie Sheldon. Paulina, (wife to Antigone).—Miss Bessie O'Brien. 14. H. n smaan's Chorus.

Every person in St. Martin's visited the institution during the day, and the general opinion was that the whole affair exceeded that of any previous year. At the Alumni dinner a gentleman of high culture and experience referred to the politeness, gentlemanly and lady-like conduct of the young men and women, and of their fine appearance, culture and manner, also stating that he had been a student in a number of schools, and visited many others, but he had never seen such an orderly and well

conducted school nor so friendly a feeling between teachers and students.

Visitors from other places were as follows: Rev. G. O. Gates, Rev. S. McC. Black, Rev. A. E. Ingraham, Rev. J. W. Clark, Rev. C. T. Phillips, Rev. J. W. Manning, Rev. A. J. Kempton, Rev. A. F. Kempton, Rev. W. L. Lockwood, Rev. M. G. Allison, Dr. Day, Dr. McFarlane, Mr. and Mrs. Mont McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bostwick, Mr. and Mrs. B. Vanwart, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Titus, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hay, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Slipp, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Purdy, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. W. Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. George Miles, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sheldon, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fowler, A. A. Wilson, C. B. Pidgeon, Miss Pidgeon, Mrs. Hatfield, Miss Weldon, Miss Rootes, Mrs. J. H. Harding, Mrs. Allen, Miss Duval, George W. Parker, Frank Haman, Mrs. J. N. Golding, Miss Hitchens, Miss Whitman, Mr. A. Rowan, A. C. Smith, M. P. P., Dr. Jonah, Eastport, Me.; E. Sewell, Gibson, N. B.; C. I. Keith, Havelock, N. B.; Gordon Mills, Sussex, N. B.; Mr. Robinson, Sussex, N. B.; J. H. King, Miss King, and Miss Crandall, Chipman, N. B.; John McCain, Florenceville, N. B.; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Merritt, Moss Glen, N. B.; Miss Leonard, Eastport, Me.; Miss Scott and Miss Churchill, Yarmouth, N. S.; Miss Moore, Canterbury, N. B.

FREDERICTON.

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JUNE 14.—The event of the week has been the Doll's Carnival, which was held in the rink, on Tuesday afternoon and evening, and proved an unbounded success, the receipts realizing over \$300. Mrs. Bailey entertained a party of friends most delightfully at a picnic at Oromocto, on Saturday last.

Mrs. Titt, of Toronto, is in the city, visiting her grandfather, General Kilmer.

Miss Ida McLeod leaves tomorrow for Woodstock, to visit friends there.

Mrs. T. N. Robertson and family, of Westfield, accompanied by their niece, Miss Grace Robertson, of Honolulu, have been spending a few days in Fredericton.

Mrs. J. G. Savage, of Montreal, is visiting her old home here.

Mrs. and Miss Annie Bridges, of Oromocto, are here visiting Dr. James Bridges.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Allen have moved into the residence of Sir John Allen, and will make their home with him.

Miss McEneaney returned to her home, at St. John, this morning.

Miss Bessie Sadler, of St. John, is in the city the guest of the Misses Gregory, at "Emsdale."

The Misses Lascelles, of St. John, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. A. S. Murray.

Mr. A. G. Blair, Jr., of St. John, is spending a few days in the city the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. Robt. F. Randolph.

After a year's absence in Europe, Hon. A. F. Randolph and family returned home on Monday. Mrs. and Miss Macpherson have returned to their home in Moncton.

Miss Minnie Glendinning, of Harvey, is spending a few days in the city.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Bessie Hunt to Mr. Harrison Kinney, of St. John, on June 21st.

Miss Annie Tibbitts entertained her friends to a delightful dancing party on Friday evening in honor of her birthday.

The friends of Miss Fannie Phair will be pleased to know that since her removal to Victoria hospital her health is much improved.

Mrs. E. R. Palmer, nee Miss Constance Leonard, and Mrs. Leonard, of Vancouver, are in the city the guests of Mrs. Leonard's sister, Mrs. Geo. Chas. Has-George McMurray, Mrs. McMurray, who was a very estimable lady, was a Miss Scott of Prince William.

Mr. A. D. Yerxa and family of Gibson have the sincere sympathy of friends in their sad bereavement in the death of Mrs. Yerxa, which occurred quite suddenly on Sunday.

MARYSVILLE.

JUNE 14.—The fifteenth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tapley's wedding took place on Monday evening, June 14th, at six o'clock, and the friends being about sixty, gave them a surprise party. During the evening Mr. W. T. Day on behalf of those assembled presented Mr. and Mrs. Tapley with an elegant silver service consisting of six pieces, tea and coffee pots of terra cotta ware, a beautiful banquet lamp, large glass pitcher and glass set, a wicker chair, and a rare and beautiful food and centre piece of the new wicker ware. Mr. Tapley replied in a neat speech thanking their friends on behalf of Mrs. Tapley and himself.

Among the invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Gibson, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. John Tapley, (St. John) Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Day, Mr. and Mrs. Waycott, Miss St. Clery, Miss Lorraine, Mrs. and Mrs. H. P. Lint, Mrs. J. T. Gibson, Mrs. A. G. Robinson, Dr. and Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs. and Mrs. John Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Rowley, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Gibson, Jr., Rev. and Mrs. Lodge, Professor and Mrs. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Lytle, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. and Mrs. F. W. and Mrs. D. H. Hatt, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clayton, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reid, Mr. and Mrs. Davy, Mr. and Mrs. Inch, Mrs. Hawker (St. John), Mrs. Howard Libbey (Europe, Cal.), Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Libbey, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. and Mrs. M. A. Gibson, Miss Alma Gibson, Miss May Rowley, Miss Bright Sampson, Miss Maud Foster, the Misses Murray, Miss Stella Clayton, Miss Libbey and Mrs. George Libbey, Messrs. Willie Gardner, Fred Sprague (St. John), Will Rowley, Arthur Gibson, Mr. Morehouse, James Robinson, William Gibson, Fred Murray, Claude Clayton.

An Old Folks' Concert under the management of Mrs. James Gibson and Mrs. W. T. Day took place in the town hall on Tuesday evening, June 13th. The concert was a decided success, the hall being packed to its utmost capacity. Mrs. F. M. Merritt sang "Annie Laurie" in a charming manner; Mrs. James Gibson sang "Will ye come back again," in his usual good style, eliciting loud applause. He sang as an encore "Down on the Farm." Mrs. A. G. Robinson gave a recitation called "Dolly Sullivan" which was greatly appreciated. Miss Jane Robinson's solo, "Grandma's Advice," took the audience by storm. Mrs. James Gibson's solo, "Grandma's Old Armchair," was old fashioned enough to please all and was sung well. Mrs. W. T. Day sang and acted a piece called "The Jew's Sand" in good old time style. "Joseph Allen's Pleasure Excursion," which was well received. Miss May Walker and Miss Maud Foster sang a pretty duet called the "Merry, Merry Sunshine." The violin selections of old time airs by Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson were exceptionally good. The choruses taken from Father Kemp's old folk's concert book were sung in regular old time fashion. The audience joined in singing "Will ye come back again" which brought the concert to a close. The costumes were unique and elegant, some of them dating as far back as 1860.

Miss Alma Gibson and Miss May Rowley who have been students at the Sackville seminary returned last week, also Mr. Will Rowley and Arthur Gibson, the latter returning with honors.

Mr. Fred Sprague is visiting his friend Willie Caldwell.

Mr. John T. Gibson is recovering from her recent illness.

Rev. Mr. Lodge is attending district meeting in Florenceville.

Mrs. C. H. Hatt who has been visiting for the past month in Toronto returned on Tuesday.

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