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HALIFAX NOTES.

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Tuesday seems to have been the beginning of the week so far as entertainments were concerned. The afternoon was taken up by the Dalhousie Convention, which was held as usual at the Academy of Music. To say that the theatre was packed, expressing the condition of things very fully. Long before three o'clock it was impossible to get a seat on the ground floor, and when the balcony was filled, the crowd surged good humoredly up into the gallery, where the gods were wont to congregate. Pandemonium reigned below; a fog horn and crackers mingled with shouts and cat-calls; hints on deportment were audibly addressed to the rows of graduates seated on the stage, and when the proceedings had begun and comparative quiet had set in, a hen promenaded down the centre aisle of the building with great applause. The audience was rather a sombrely dressed one, the afternoon being so chilly that few ladies had gone so far as to don their spring bonnets! The scene was enlivened, however, by the large pieces of colored paper which descended airily from the gallery.

Among the gentlemen seated on the platform were the Lieut. Governor, Rev. Principal Forrest, Dr. Weldon, Dr. Macdonald, Mr. Justice Sedgewick, Mr. John Doull and others. The introductory address was given by Principal Forrest, but when that had been listened to in a variable manner, the students rather took charge of the proceedings. All the remaining speeches were lost in the torrent of ironical comments and songs, which once set flowing were irremissible. Some of the words of the songs were rather cleverly applied, especially those addressed to one of the charming "girl graduates" and to a newly fledged medical man.

Of the former Miss Lucy Murray received high honours in philosophy, besides taking her B. A. degree, Miss Ida Macdonald, of St. George's, also took this degree, and Miss Ethel Muir, B. L. Halifax, received the degree of M. L. After this who shall say women lack the brains to vote?

Among St. John men taking degrees were Messrs. Leonard Tilley, H. F. Puddington, J. Montgomery, and A. O. Mearns. Among the Halifax men were: J. A. Payzant, W. B. MacCoy, J. B. Kenny, H. B. Stairs, and W. Thomson.

The valedictory addresses were delivered by Mr. George Arthur, and Mr. G. A. B. Rowlings, the heads of the latter's discourse being as numerous as the initials of his name.

On Tuesday evening the Hon. W. and Mrs. Fielding gave a large reception at their pleasant home in Spring Garden Road. The guests numbered all the members of the House of Assembly and Legislative Council, and a great number of fashionable and well known people. Mrs. Fielding was charmingly dressed and looked very well, doing the honours delightfully as she always does. Mrs. Power and Mrs. Owen were both looking extremely handsome, and a great many very smart toilettes were worn by some of the other ladies present, of whom Mrs. Farrell was one.

Franklin Budge and Mr. Currie both sang during the evening, Mr. Currie particularly delightfully. Supper was served about half past eleven, very prettily and lavishly. The whole affair was most successful and very well managed.

The dinner to Mr. Justice Sedgewick also took place on Tuesday evening, at the Halifax Hotel, the hosts being the members of the bar of Halifax. Mr. C. S. Harrington, Q. C., presided, and on each side of the chair were Mr. Justice Sedgewick, the guest of honor, and Mr. Daly, the Lieut. Governor. The vice-chairman was Mr. Benjamin Russell, Q. C., Judge Meagher, Judge Graham and Judge Henry were among the guests, and a great many prominent members of the bar of Nova Scotia were present. The dinner was a long one and late in breaking up; the menu cards were extremely pretty and quite original.

There were the usual toasts and speeches, some of the latter very happy. The dinner to Judge Sedgewick will be remembered as one of the most cheerful and successful reunions ever held by the legal profession.

The marriage of Mr. Stuart McCawley and Miss Florence Morley took place at St. Mark's on Wednesday morning, the Rev. H. LeMoine performing the ceremony. The bride who looked charmingly pretty, was attended by Miss Rogers, as bridesmaid. Mr. Brady was best man. Mr. and Mrs. McCawley take up their residence in St. John, and carry with them the best wishes for the future of their Halifax friends.

Colonel Leach, R. E., and Mrs. Leach, are among the latest arrivals from England; Colonel Leach, as everyone knows, is taking the place left vacant in this garrison, by the departure of Colonel Hill. Mrs. Leach is accompanied by her two little girls, and by her sister, Miss Beazley. The whole party is at present staying at the "Waverley," but will take a house, as soon as one can be obtained.

Apropos of military arrivals, I hear that everyone has been wrong as to the new general to be appointed. It is probable that General Davis will take the place of Sir John Ross, who will be ready to leave here about the middle of May. The departure of both Sir John and Miss Ross will be regretted in Halifax, as, during their stay here, they have done a very great deal, to keep the social ball rolling. There has been a great deal of entertaining done at Bellevue House, in a quiet way, putting aside the large functions at which the whole town has assisted. As for the way in which these latter entertainments have been done, one has only to remember the ball, given by Sir John Ross during Prince George's stay here. Anything more lavishly or more beautifully done, can hardly be imagined. Of course, the usual things have been said, during the reign of the present general, about the inviting a certain clique to Bellevue, over and over again, to the exclusion of others, quite as deserving. But, if an Englishman's house is his castle, he is certainly permitted to make his own intimate friends and ask them to it. The great majority of Halifax society will be justly sorry, when Sir John Ross bids it good bye. I have heard rumors, which may, or may not be well founded, of a farewell ball to be given at Bellevue, early in May, when it is to be large or small, my informant could not say.

Mr. G. Dalrymple, White, A. D. C., and Major Ferguson returned last week from their trip to Florida.

Among the passengers on the "Vancouver" last week was the Hon. Arthur Stanley. The wheel of fortune has revolved very rapidly for the present Earl of Derby, it is reported by the press, that he has been given a militia regiment. In future he will enjoy an income of some two hundred thousand pounds a year.

Judge Hodgson, of Charlottetown, has been spending a week in Halifax, having come over to await the arrival from Scotland of Mr. Grouchy, with whom he returned to Prince Edward Island on Tuesday.

Dr. Murray MacLaren, of St. John, spent a day or two here, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Doull go very shortly to Montreal where they will make their home for the

future. Mr. Arthur Doull is already there, and will be joined by Mrs. Doull and family in the autumn.

I hear that Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Kenny contemplate spending the summer in Bedford.

There has been an influx of presbyterian divines this week, come from various parts of the province to attend the closing exercises of the theological college, which took place at St. Matthew's church on Wednesday. Among them were the Rev. Hugh MacMillan, Sydney Mines; Rev. Alex. Falconer, Pictou; Rev. James Carruthers, New Glasgow; Rev. T. C. Jack, Miramichi; Rev. I. Robbins, Truro, and Rev. S. MacGillivray, Lunenburg.

I hear that of the new artillery officers coming to Halifax two are married men. Colonel Isaacson, R. A., however, a single man who possesses the good things of this world, and is expected to take some interest in polo and racing, as he is bringing several horses out with him.

The marriage of Mr. MacCurdy, of the Herald, to Miss Mackintosh, niece of I. G. Mackintosh, Esq., mayor of Halifax, takes place this week. I hear that Mr. and Mrs. MacCurdy will visit St. John during their honeymoon.

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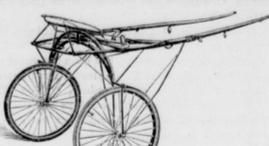
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Mr. Morris McKinnon returned home last week from Halifax, where he has been attending Dalhousie college.

Miss Hewson and Miss Welling made a short visit to friends in Sackville last week.

Mrs. and Miss Mack, of Sackville, were in town on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Pugsley left on Tuesday evening's train for a short visit to Montreal, expecting to return via New York and Boston.

On Monday Mrs. H. G. Ketchum returned from Moncton. She was accompanied by her mother who enjoyed the trip very much.

Quite a number went to St. John to attend the concert by the famous Gilmore band. Among those who enjoyed the music were Mr. H. A. Hill, Mr. G. A. Low, Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mr. Mark Curry and Mr. Claud Black.

A very pleasant treat is in store for the friends of the Odetteles, in their handsomely furnished hall in Stone block, something after the fashion of a reception and supper.

The pleasant news Miss Annie Purdy's return from Germany is certainly most welcome as she has been absent for upwards of three years and won't come any too soon to please her large circle of friends in Halifax and vicinity.

On Monday evening Mrs. James Brown gave a delightful party at her residence on Hareford street that was a very merry and unusually pleasant event given for her visitor, Miss Alloway of Springhill.

The hostess has a charming way of entertaining and her guests are most welcome. Her leading belles looked wonderfully well in a gown of pale blue cashmere. Miss Alloway wore a most becoming dress of black lace with garniture of roses.

Miss McCall of New Glasgow was another charming acquisition to our general list of guests, and looked very pretty in a lovely gown of pearl grey cloth trimmed with poppy red ribbons. Fortunately the gentlemen were there in goodly numbers and dancing went along very agreeably.

We are most fortunate in having some very fine pianists among our party goers, who give an extra zest to our social gatherings, on this occasion there was plenty of good music, which went far in making Mrs. Brown's dance one of the pleasantest given for some time.

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

APRIL 24—There was very little in the way of amusement last week on account of the very unpleasant weather. Even the Music Hall offered no entertainment. I believe there was a play by the Price Weather company there on Monday evening, but whether these sort of affairs have been given for five or six evenings consecutively, they are apt to be scantly patronized, although in the case of this troupe's performances the last play has been spoken of as about the best of the lot. Our stages hardly do credit to any acting, as the narrow flooring allows for no background scenery, and none but very amateur performances can be creditably given.

An affair of the latter kind is being played there tonight, and if we can judge beforehand, will be very creditable. Those who are taking part are very young boys of town, under the management of Mr. J. L. B. White. Among these are: Masters John and Charlie Dane, S. B. Hatfield, A. L. Eakins, Carl Binyar, Bernard Parish, H. and I. Porter, Fritz Guest, R. M. Hatfield, J. Cole and J. Bent.

Mr. T. B. Flint M. P., spent a few days in Halifax last week.

Mrs. T. M. Lewis who has been for some months in Boston and New York, returned home on Wednesday morning.

Dr. I. M. Lovitt arrived from Boston on Saturday.

Mrs. A. C. Harding is in Dartmouth visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Killam are in St. John for a short visit.

Mr. T. B. Crosby is in Boston.

Mr. Evelyn Kelley who has been visiting relatives here for a few weeks, left on Saturday week for New York.

There have been several parties of late, impromptu on the part of the hostess, which have resulted very successfully. One was given by a number of friends to Miss I. J. M. Webster, on Tuesday last week; and another by the friends of Mrs. I. M. Lovitt at her home at Milton on Friday evening.

TRURO, N. S.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Truro at Mr. G. O. Fulton's, and at D. H. Smith & Co.'s.]

APRIL 26—Rev. Mr. Gale, late curate of St. John's, left on Thursday morning last, for his new rectory, in the parish of Granville, Granville Ferry, Annapolis county.

Mr. Clarence McDowall is home from Boston, for a visit among home friends.

There were two very pleasant reunions on Thursday evening last. Miss Gertrude Kent gave quite a large party, cards followed by an impromptu carpet dance; and Mrs. Yorston's invitations were out for a dance on the same evening, given for her son, Mr. Will Yorston, who leaves shortly for Liverpool.

Among those seen at Mrs. Yorston's were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crowe, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Cummings, Miss Starratt, Miss Flora Hyde, Miss Archibald, Miss Tremaine, Miss McKay, Miss Dickie, Miss Crowe, Miss Pratt, Miss Laurence, Miss McMullen, Messrs. W. Crowe, A. Campbell, G. Corbett, A. Black, W. McKay, J. Stanfield.

Miss Kate Eaton, is here from Matiland, and will remain during the absence of her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dickie, in New York.

Miss Maie Rennie, is a guest of Mrs. Von Pastan, Brooklyn, New York.

The organ recital by Mr. E. R. Stuart, in St. Andrew's last night, was a great success. Mr. Stuart himself shows very marked improvement, as a fruit of Prof. Hutchins tutorage, during the past winter. "Jerusalem the Golden," "March in G," by Smart, and the "Scene and March Lebanon" seemed particularly fine, even to an uneducated ear. Mr. Williams handles his violin with an exquisite touch, and Mr. Hornsby demonstrated his aptness as a reader, by taking Mr. Patterson's place, he being unable at the last moment to appear.

Miss King and Mr. Rice were in fine voice. Miss Whitson, because of a cold, contracted on Monday, was unable to sing, save in the trio, but, notwithstanding so many drawbacks, there was throughout a very long and successfully rendered programme but one "hitch" noticeable to but a very few observing ones.

Mr. John Blanchard has returned from Kentville and is at his son's, Mr. C. M. Blanchard.

Mrs. Jas. Bigelow gave a card party last Friday evening in honor of her son Mr. Harry Bigelow, who had just returned from Dalhousie where he had concluded a very successful art course. Among those present at Mrs. Bigelow's were: Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Tremaine, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Tremaine, Mrs. Vernon, Miss Flora Hyde, Miss Blenkinsop, Miss Stanfield; Messrs. Vernon, Tabor, Williams, Stuart, Hadrel, Hood, King, and others.

Mrs. J. B. Calkin is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Carson in Pictou.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Patterson are attending the obsequies of his aunt Mrs. W. A. Patterson, wife of the conservative M. P. for Colchester.

Mr. Harry Ament Acacia Mines, is spending a few days with Truro friends.

It is rumored, but ever so carefully that one of our very popular society belles, well it may be, in June be led to Hyannisport.

Miss Mabel Whitson, Halifax is a guest of Mrs. W. H. Donkins, Stoneycroft cottage. [PROGRESS is for sale in North Sydney by Messrs. Copeland & Co.]

APRIL 24—Mr. C. H. Eason, who has been in the bank of Nova Scotia for the past year, left on Friday for Halifax. Mr. Eason was very popular, and will be much missed by his North Sydney friends.

The annual meeting of the tennis club was held on Tuesday evening, and new officers elected for the coming season. President, J. J. Forbes; vice-president, Mrs. James Voight; secretary and treasurer, S. D. Boak; managing committee, Miss Baker, Miss Lill Robertson, H. S. Ross, J. A. Sutherland, W. H. Gossip, and Rev. R. D. Bambrick. The club has secured the same grounds as last season.

Mr. Horace Rhindness, who has been attending Dalhousie college, returned home by Monday night's train.

Mr. G. K. MacKenzie left for Toronto and Boston last week to purchase spring and summer stock for the firm.

Mr. Geo. H. Dobson is in Yarmouth.

Mr. F. Bruneau, was in town last week.

Mr. H. F. Macdonald, M. P., was in town on Tuesday.

Mrs. M. W. Lawlor entertained a few of her friends on Tuesday evening. Those present were Mrs. J. W. MacLean, Mrs. M. W. Ingraham, Mrs. Odell, Miss Voight, Miss MacPherson, Mr. gentle and Mr. Sutherland.

Mr. Howard Ross gave a supper to some of his friends on Wednesday evening. Messrs. S. D. Boak, C. H. Eason, J. A. Sutherland, Jos. Salter, Mackay Rudderham, Dr. Bath and R. H. Macdonald were the favored few.

Mrs. Voight gave a dance last Thursday; the guests were Mrs. Odell, Misses Belle and Lill Robertson, Miss Annie Moore, Miss Annie Ingraham, Miss Bedwin, Miss Earle, Miss MacPherson, Miss Annie MacKenzie, Miss Allie Trentham, Miss Lottie Kudderman, and Messrs. W. H. Gossip, K. H. Macdonald, S. D. Boak, C. H. Eason, G. Ross, F. J. Carvell, L. Robertson, R. G. Macdonald, F. Robertson, F. H. Rudderham, J. Howatson.

Mr. F. P. Carvell of Charlottetown, was in town a few days last week.

Mr. Gordon arrived on Thursday night to take Mr. Eason's place in the bank of Nova Scotia. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Christie on the birth of a son.

Mr. Thompson went to river John on Tuesday, summoned there by the sad news of her step father's sudden death. DARTMOUTH.

APRIL 25—A crowded house greeted the "King's Daughters" at their charity concert on Wednesday evening, but I know that was a foregone conclusion when I read their list of names: Mrs. J. McDonald Taylor, Mrs. H. S. Creighton, Mrs. Stewart and Thorne, Misses Bligh, Paysant, Fitch, Allen and Norah McKay, Messrs. Crawford, Dodwell, Currie, Jack Wilson, Hutchins, and the Dartmouth orchestra, who did very well in "O Fair Dove, O Fond Dove." I was particularly pleased with Mr. H. Russell's fine violin playing. One of the gems of the evening was Mr. Crawford's Scotch song; he was accompanied by his little daughter on the violin and by Mr. Hutchins on the piano. Mrs. H. S. Creighton's reading was capital as usual. I should like to hear her at least every week. Owing to the frequent encores, a duet by Mr. Dodwell and Mr. Jack Wilson had to be omitted greatly to my regret. I hope the Daughters netted a goodly sum in aid of their funds.

Miss Gracie has returned from Pictou, where she has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Henry Ives—nee Miss Isabel Troop of Bridgetown.

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in June, it will probably take place in the presbyterian (St. James's) church.

And now we have a newspaper of our own, the Atlantic Weekly, which will be the first of the kind on the first of this month, and regarded in the light of a first appearance, a very creditable bow it was. I wish it a long and prosperous life, and with water, electric light, and a newspaper of our very own, who shall say Dartmouth is not thriving? I hope to have an account of the Bedford wedding in time for Saturday's paper. ALEX.

BARRINGTON.

April 24—Miss Maggie Crowell arrived in Barrington on the 14th and is spending a couple of weeks with her sister Mrs. Sarah Wilson, at the Cottage.

Mr. Dennis Robertson left for Boston on the evening of the same date carrying with him as many good wishes for his future success as regrets over his departure from our small community where he is very much missed.

Dr. F. P. Smith of Mill Village spent a few days here last week among his many warm friends.

Mr. Cossman of Halifax is in town.

Mr. R. Wilkins of Montreal passed thru here on Saturday en route for Halifax and shore ports.

Capt. Seth W. Crowell has returned to his first love, the sea, after several years' desertion. He went to Halifax on Saturday to take command of the S. S. Premier.

Mr. Cedric Robertson went to Yarmouth on business on Saturday.

Mr. Winthrop Sargent has been quite ill of "grippe" but is now out again.

Mrs. A. E. McGray and Miss Maria Crowell arrived on the Dominion on Saturday and will remain until after the 26th, of which more anon.

Capt. Wm. Hopkins left for Halifax last week. Rev. Mr. Morris of Shelburne held services in church of the Ascension on Sunday. VESTA.

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