

ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

[Progress is for sale in St. Stephen by Master Ralph Trainor and at the book store of G. S. Wall in Calais at O. P. Treat's.]

MAY 24.—During the past week there has been but little going on, for every one has been very busy preparing for the grand celebration of today. The town never looked brighter or gay than it does now.

Stores, public buildings and private residences are radiant with flags, bunting, and decorations appropriate to the occasion. The St. Stephen Bank is beautifully decorated and shows much thought and taste, and is most original in design. On the front at the top, stand three Scotch laddies, below on the piazza sits a figure of Queen Victoria in her coronation robes. The windows are filled with pictures, and flags of every description are draped gracefully from windows and doors, or float to the breeze. This decoration does honor to the Queen's birthday. On the side of the bank facing Market street, the decorations are in honor of the landing of the Loyalists here on the very spot where the bank now stands. This side of the bank is also beautifully hung with red, white and blue bunting, the English coat of arms and portraits of the Whitlock family dating some three or four generations back and ending with a portrait of Mr. J. T. Whitlock, whose residence is over the St. Stephen bank and who so finely designed and arranged these decorations which have been so much admired today. The residences of Captain T. J. Smith, Mayor Chib-Jax, P. T. Ross and Mr. Nehemiah Marks were also trimmed with flags and bunting. A number of the stores were prettily adorned with red, white and blue, and portraits of Queen Victoria. The windows of Messrs. Cameron & McTavish's store were so unique I must describe them. The first window represented a fir and pine forest with an Indian's camp, a lake with an Indian paddling a canoe. The other, a magnificent drawing room with all the beautiful ornaments and furniture society people have about them today. The contrast was great and was admired by crowds of people during the day.

The Polymorphian parade this morning was the best ever seen here. A number of ladies took part in it; some on horse back, and others in carriages. On horse back were Mrs. Hazen Grimmer, Miss Nellie Murchie, Miss Daisy Hanson, Miss Hattie Richardson, Miss Agnes Lawlor, and Miss Josie Ham. There were some twenty gentlemen on horse back, in guise of knights, who looked gallant and brave enough to conquer anything. Then came a fine representation of Queen Victoria, in her coronation robes—Mrs. Frank A. Grimmer as the Queen, and Miss Jessie Whitlock, a lady in waiting. Messrs. McTavish and Parker Grimmer, also rode in this carriage, which was driven by Mr. J. T. Whitlock, as coachman, and who handled the reins and managed his four milk white steeds as if to the manner born. There were also footmen and outriders, and altogether it presented a most gorgeous spectacle.

I must not forget to describe the little May Queen, Miss Connie Chipman, who was in a little coach composed of ferns and flowers, drawn by a very small black pony, with Master Willie Kewes, as postilion. This was the loveliest thing in the long procession, it was followed by a representation of the May pole dance, in which a number of young ladies took part, all dressed in Kate Greenaway dresses and bonnets. Among them I noticed Miss Florence Mitchell, Miss Winnifred Todd, Miss Edith Newnam, Miss Jennie Smith, Miss Alice Kates, Miss Grace Deinstadt, Miss Gretchen Vroom, Miss Edith Waterbury, Miss May Cierke, Miss Mabel Alger, Miss Bertie Teed, Miss Helen Grant, and Miss Alice Sawyer. These were the prettiest representations, but there were a number of trades represented that were exceedingly good and which received prizes.

The first prize for the prettiest representation, was given to the "May Queen" and "May Pole" dance; "Queen Victoria and her retinue" receiving the second prize. After parading the streets, visiting Milltown and Calais, they marched to the school grounds, on Marks' street, and disbanded afterwards. The school children sang "My own Canadian Home," and the Provincial Secretary delivered an oration; "God save the Queen," was then sung.

This afternoon a large excursion came from St. John, and the town is alive with people, although many are at the St. Croix Driving Park, where there are sports and games of all kinds. This evening there will be fire works, and a ball or party in the skating rink. The gentlemen who so successfully arranged today's programme, are to be congratulated upon the success of it.

Mr. Edgar Thompson, is making a business trip to Montreal this week.

Mr. Frank T. Bixby, spent Sunday in town. Miss Richardson, is the guest of Mrs. C. H. Clarke today.

Mr. W. F. Todd is quite ill and has been confined to his residence for several days during this week. Mrs. S. H. Blair is now in Boston and again the guest of her cousin, Miss Ridgeway.

The death on Monday of Master Clifford Renne was extremely sad. While riding a bicycle he fell from it, but recovered himself and rode home declaring he was not injured, but to the sorrow of his friends died during the night. He was only fifteen years old and a most promising youth. His parents Mr. and Mrs. William Renne have the sincere sympathy of all in their great grief.

Mr. T. T. Irving left on Monday for Barnstead, New Hampshire, where he will visit friends for a fortnight.

Mr. J. E. Ganoing went to Montreal on a business trip last week. It is also said he will visit Chicago before he returns.

Mrs. R. W. Grimmer and her little daughter Roberts, are in St. John, visiting Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Grimmer's mother.

Mr. Weston McAllister has been visiting Brunswick, Maine, during this week.

Mr. Adam Gillespie has returned from Portland, Maine.

Mrs. Willard B. King's friends are glad to hear she is recovering from her severe illness.

The ladies of Calais are perfecting the arrangements for the unveiling of the Soldiers' Monument, on Memorial Day, which will be on Tuesday of next week.

Mrs. James N. Clarke has been visiting friends in Hampton.

A number of young people from Calais enjoyed a hay cart ride and a May party at Murchie's Basin, a few miles from St. Stephen, on Saturday afternoon.

Hon. A. G. Blair was the guest of Hon. James Mitchell, on Thursday.

Mrs. and Mrs. A. Bradford, of Eastport, made a brief visit in Calais last week.

Mr. W. G. Rose, of Boston, was in town on Wednesday. Mr. Rose has hosts of friends, who were very glad to welcome him among them.

Judge Gardner, accompanied by Mrs. Gardner, have gone to Boston to make a short visit.

Hon. L. G. Downes has gone to Chicago to attend the World's Fair.

Mrs. S. B. Thompson left on Monday to spend a fortnight with relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. Julia Laughton is making a short visit in Calais and is the guest of her friends, Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Ryan.

Hon. E. B. Harvey's friends are glad to see him about this again and able to attend to business.

A number of Calais gentlemen have been enjoying the pleasures of trout fishing at Grand Lake stream during the past week. Among them were, Messrs. Percy Lord, F. T. Pote, and Charles Lyford, Judge Haskell, and Mr. Woodman, of Portland, Maine.

SUSSEX.

MAY 24.—Mrs. Geo. J. Worden and daughters are visiting Mrs. Worden's mother at Hampstead, Queens county.

Mr. D. B. McAnn, of Montreal, was at the Exchange a short time last week.

Miss Annie Dodge is visiting her brother in Moncton.

Mr. Weldon, M. P. for Albert county, was in Sussex last week.

Miss Bell, of Charlottetown, was the guest of her friend, Miss Trites here, during last week.

Mr. P. S. McNutt was in town on Thursday.

Capt. C. H. Fairweather, Col. E. B. Beer and J. Arthur Freeze went to St. John Thursday to attend the banquet given in honor of Hon. Geo. E. Foster.

Dr. J. O. Calkin, of Sackville, spent Thursday and Friday here.

Capt. and Mrs. H. Montgomery Campbell went to St. John Thursday. They returned Friday, accompanied by Mrs. Campbell's mother, Mrs. Winslow, of Chatham, who is their guest at present.

Miss Lizzie M. White left for St. John on Thursday, where she will reside.

Mr. J. M. McIntyre spent Saturday in Moncton.

Mrs. Langstroth and little daughter, of Naawigewauk, were visiting Mrs. Langstroth's mother at Upper Corner Friday and Saturday.

Mr. John Ross returned home last week from St. John. She brought her mother, Mrs. McPherson, with her, who intends making a long visit here.

Mr. Bruce McLeod, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, received the sad news of the illness of his brother in Boston. Mr. McLeod went to Boston last Thursday.

Messrs. D. Sinclair, R. Ross and F. Tufts, of St. John, came to Sussex Saturday evening to attend a meeting of their fishing club.

Mr. W. D. Forster, Moncton, was the guest of Mrs. W. H. Culbert on Monday.

Miss Langham and Miss Patton, of St. John, are visiting the Misses Morrison, at Maple Grove.

Mrs. McPheters, St. John, is making a visit to her daughter, Mrs. H. H. Dryden.

Mrs. J. J. Daly and Mrs. R. D. Hanson, went to Periodic to spend the holidays with their parents there.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Allison, are spending the holiday at Mrs. Allison's home in Penobscot.

Messrs. Seely, Stephens, Hoyt and Scovill, of St. John, with Messrs. Hallett, Robertson and Charters left tonight for "Squirrel Cot."

Dr. J. J. Sproul, Chatham, is visiting his former home here.

Mrs. R. R. Roach, St. John, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. W. A. Smith, Upper Corner.

Miss Constance Vail, St. John, is visiting her little friend, Miss Belle Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson, Montreal, are staying at the "Queen."

Mr. Will McIntyre, spent the 24th, at his home here.

Mrs. T. E. Arnold, and Mrs. C. E. Hazen, are visiting Mrs. Arnold's mother in St. John.

Mr. Tremaine, Halifax, is in town today.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Anderson are delighted to see them here again.

They came from Chatham this morning, but I regret to say, are only going to remain for the day.

Miss Ella McPherson, St. John, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Ross, here.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Mr. Richard Howes, and Miss Teakles. The ceremony will take place in the Methodist church, tomorrow evening at 8:30. Reception after the ceremony at the residence of the bride's uncle, E. D. Bonal.

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Hackmore Cures Coughs and Colds.

ST. ANDREWS.

MAY 25.—Mr. Frederic DeVine, of St. John, was in town last week.

Mrs. F. Howard Grimmer gave a small company Tuesday evening. As usual her guests had a very enjoyable time.

The members of the whist club entertained Judge Tuck and Hon. James Mitchell, Tuesday evening.

Mr. M. N. Cockburn, judge of probates, went to St. John last week.

Mr. G. Herbert Flood, of St. John, paid St. Andrews a visit Monday.

Mr. Mark Mills, of St. Stephen, and a young friend, of Manchester, England, spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. Charles M. Gove is expected home Wednesday from Boston, where she has been visiting her brother, Mr. Thomas Wheelock.

Mrs. Spurgeon Bigby's young son was christened in All Saints church Friday evening.

Captain and Mrs. Pratt and master Gerald have returned from St. John. Mrs. Pratt and Gerald having spent the winter in that city.

Mr. Walter M. Magee paid Campbellton a visit Thursday of last week.

The choir of All Saints church has two new male voices which is a great addition.

Mr. John S. Magee went to St. John Monday.

Mr. T. T. Odell spent a few days in Eastport last week.

One day last week was the 25th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James Ross' marriage although they did not celebrate it they received a number of presents.

Mr. L. B. Knight of Musquash spent Sunday with his family.

Mr. Levi Handy, Jr. came from St. George Friday to spend Sunday with his father.

A number of people from Deer Island took advantage of the fine weather and came to town by steamer Arbutus, Saturday.

Mr. J. Fletcher Stevenson spent Saturday in St. Stephen.

Mr. Frank Barnard has just finished a very fine canoe and has taken it to one of the lakes for summer sport.

Rev. Mr. Young, of Oak Bay, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church Sunday evening.

Mr. H. H. Huggins, of St. John, registered at Kennedy's hotel Monday.

Master Jack Purdy, of St. John, is visiting his cousin, Mr. Walter Stuckey.

Mr. Murphy and Miss Maggie Burton drove to St. Stephen yesterday.

Mrs. Fred Stevenson and Miss Stevenson, drove to St. Stephen one day last week.

Mr. Blackney Hoar and two other gentlemen, of Boston, are at "Beach Farm."

Mr. N. N. Cockburn, president of the rifle club, will entertain the members of the club at an oyster supper at Mr. Tom Williamson's.

Mrs. R. C. Armstrong and children left by train this morning for St. John, where they intend making a short visit.

Mrs. Rice also left this morning for Sackville, to be present at the closing exercises of the college.

Miss Bessie Clinch went to St. John today to visit her aunt, Mrs. George Mitchell. SYNDICATE.

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SALISBURY.

MAY 24.—Mrs. Rufus Smith, is spending a few days in Moncton, with her daughter, Mrs. Thompson Taylor.

Mrs. Humphrey Milton and Miss Laura Crandall, went to Moncton on Tuesday, also Miss Ida Smith and Miss Hattie Moore.

Mr. DeForest of St. John, was in the village last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Trites of Dorchester, are visiting Mrs. Henry Crandall.

Mr. Clifford Robinson of Moncton, was in the village this week.

Mrs. W. J. Howard is visiting friends in Albert county.

Miss Clara Barnes of Boston, is visiting her brother, Mr. Henry Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murray, of Brandon, arrived in Salisbury last Friday. Mr. Murray is taking a trip through the Annapolis valley and Fredericton, N. B., after which he intends returning to Brandon. Mrs. Murray is to remain here with her parents for a few months.

Mrs. J. Trites and Mrs. D. Baird, are spending a day or two in Moncton.

A small fishing party left this morning for one of the many brooks in this vicinity. Those who went were: Misses Ida Smith, Mabel McNaughton, Maggie Gannon, Maude Murray, Maggie Gray, Hattie Moore, Wynne McMurray, Messrs. Gannon, Thorn, Wilcott, McMurray, Smith and Duncan.

Several of our young men went to Portage today on a fishing tour.

The citizen's band played on the street last evening to many appreciative hearers.

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WOODSTOCK.

[Progress is for sale in Woodstock by Barry Shaw and Mrs. John Loane & Co.]

MAY 22.—The dance given on Thursday evening by Messrs Holyoke, Hunt and McKaye, was pronounced a decided success, by the many who "tripped the light fantastic" "till the wee sma' hours." Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George A. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh S. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. C. Allan Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. Norman Winslow, Mr. and Mrs. W. Skillen, Miss Beardsley, Miss Ruel, (Fredericton) Miss Connell, Miss Jordan, Miss Edith Jordan, Miss Smith, Miss Cora Smith, Miss Dora Dibble, Miss Lena Griffith, Miss Clark, Miss Alice Bull, Miss Nan Bull, Miss Robertson, Miss Vanwart, Miss Carr, Miss Watts, Miss Munro, Messrs Holyoke, Hunt, McKaye, Clark, MacLaren, Loane, Merritt, Smith, Carr, Appleby, Everett and Bailey.

Some of the dresses were as follows:

Mrs. Taylor, black lace, natural flowers.

Mrs. Wright, black silk.

Mrs. Smith, cream chalice with cardinal trimmings.

Mrs. Merritt, black, figured chalice.

Mrs. Skillen, heliotrope cashmere.

Miss Beardsley, black silk.

Miss Ruel, (Fron) fawn broadened satin.

Miss Connell, black satin.

Miss Jordan, heliotrope satin.

Miss Edith Jordan, cream chalice.

Miss Smith, black lace.

Miss Cora Smith, white cashmere.

Miss Clark, black lace.

Miss Allie Bull, yellow silk and mull.

Miss Nan Bull, black lace.

Miss Dora Dibble, pink cashmere.

Miss Lena Griffith, pale blue silk and velvet.

Miss Vanwart, white lace and ribbons.

Miss Robertson, cream chalice, heliotrope silk.

Miss Carr, blue silk and tarleton.

Miss Watts, pink silk and veiling.

Miss Munro, turquoise blue silk.

On Thursday Mrs. Williams, who had been very ill for some time, died at the residence of her daughter. Her funeral took place on Saturday afternoon. Much sympathy is felt for her family in their sad bereavement.

Mr. A. Devere is the guest of his brother, Mr. W. H. Devere.

Mr. Wendell Jones spent last week in Victoria and Madawaska counties.

Mr. Sjostedt spent a few days in Woodstock last week.

Mrs. B. H. Smith and Miss Florrie Smith went to St. John last Monday.

Miss Edith Winslow, Chatham, and Mr. Jasper Winslow, Fredericton, were the guests of Mr. Wentworth Winslow last week.

Mrs. H. N. Jamieson spent last week in Woodstock, the guest of her mother, Mrs. D. Munro.

Mr. George H. Clark, St. John, has accepted a position in the dry goods establishment of Mr. B. B. Manzer.

Miss Munro left Monday evening for Chicago. She will visit the "Fair" as the guest of her brother, Mr. John Munro, then intends spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. Frank Beveridge.

On Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Bedell entertained a number of their friends. A very pleasant evening was spent, with cards and dancing for amusements.

Mrs. G. L. Holyoke returned home last week.

Miss Lottie Sjostedt left last night for Montreal, where she will spend the summer with her aunt, Mrs. Roberts. ELAINE.

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CAMPBELLTON.

[Progress is for sale in Campbellton at the store of A. E. Alexander, wholesale and retail dealer in dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, hardware, school books, stationery, furniture, crockery, and machinery.]

MAY 23.—The only event of importance last week was the concert given by the Methodists on Thursday evening. Mrs. Harrison completely capturing the large and fashionable audiences by her sweet and charming singing. All her solos were exceedingly well rendered, and made a deep impression, receiving rapturous accolades to which she most graciously responded. "Lo, here the gentle lark" in particular, seemed to show to advantage the clear and silvery ring of her beautiful voice. Mrs. Harrison looked very pretty in a rich costume of cream (noir antique) silk draped with cream lace, diamond ornaments. I must not omit to mention Mr. B. Fahey, who excelled himself in a comic song, entitled "My Mary Ann's gone back of me."

Flags are flying at half-mast at the station today, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Thomas Connacher, whose death occurred at his residence on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, after an illness of two weeks. The funeral took place this afternoon and was conducted by Rev. A. F. Carr and Rev. Mr. Miller, being largely attended by relatives and friends from different parts of the county.

Mr. Albert Connacher of the B. C. Railway, New Richmond, P. Q., and Mr. W. M. Connacher of the bank of Nova Scotia at Yarmouth, N. S., are in town, having been called home on account of the death of their father.

Mr. and Mrs. James Shaw of Quebec, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William West.

Mr. Hedleigh Bond of Montreal, was in town on Saturday.

Mrs. Joseph Doherty, of the "Lansdowne" is recovering from her illness.

Rev. Father Gagne spent Wednesday in Campbellton.

Mr. Fred Piton, of Montreal, registered at the "Waverly" on Monday.

Miss Maggie McKenzie who has charge of a school at Kent Junction, is enjoying a brief visit at her home.

I regret to record the death of Mr. William Firth, which took place at his home at Glenoe on Thursday last.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gross, of Amherst, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. D. C. Firth has gone to Montreal, and will also visit Chicago before returning.

Mrs. P. Sheehan, of New Mills, is the guest of her sister, Miss Marr, this week.

Mr. W. L. Anderson, of Moncton, is in town, and intends remaining for the 24th.

Mr. Allan McMillan spent a few hours in Moncton on Monday.

Mr. Samuel Laughlan, of Black Point, is in town today.

Mr. Clyde Brennan, of Moncton, spent a day or two here last week.

Mr. Simon McGregor, of Dalhousie, spent Tuesday in Campbellton.

Mr. James Alexander went to Montreal the latter part of the week, and will return on Friday.

At St. Joseph's academy on Sunday morning, several boys and girls were admitted to their first communion.

VIOLA.

DALHOUSIE.

MAY 23.—An English gentleman, Sir E. Birkeck, arrived here on Wednesday night and went on board the Government steamer "La Canadina," which has been waiting for him here. He is understood to be interested in the work of Dominion Light Houses.

Quite a number of our people took advantage of the Queen's birthday to visit Campbellton, where preparations have been made for a grand celebration. It is said to have been a great success. The day was observed here by hoisting a few flags and—that's all.

Master George D. Barberie, son of Hon. J. C. Barberie, has gone to take a position in the employ of R. J. Jannors at St. Francis, Madawaska.

Miss Grace D. Hamilton left on Saturday last to take the steamer Parian at Rimouski for a lengthy visit to England. She was accompanied to Rimouski by Mr. W. Montgomery, collector of customs, who returned home on Monday night.

Miss Ida Campbell and her mother have returned to Dalhousie from Montreal; they spend the summer here.

Mr. I. C. Wilson, proprietor, and Mr. H. Alexander, the new manager of "Inch Arran," were in town on Wednesday, they left again the same evening for Montreal. The house will be open on 15th of June.

A salmon was caught in a net here on Saturday, the first of the season.

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SACKVILLE.

[Progress is for sale in Sackville at C. H. Moore's Bookstore.]

MAY 24.—The many friends made by Mr. B. Eaton Paterson during the few years he has spent in Sackville, as editor of the Post, were sorry to hear of his intended departure for Amherst. A highly enjoyable oyster supper was tendered him by some of the prominent citizens on Monday evening, at the Brunswick house. Mr. H. A. Powell acted the part of chairman. Mr. Paterson in answer to the toast "Our guest of the evening" made a most fitting reply. The various other toasts were responded to by Mr. Wood, M. P., Mr. McDougall, Mr. B. B. Teed, Mr. A. Dixon, Dr. Sangster, Mr. F. B. Black, Mr. W. C. Milner, Mr. H. Burton Allison, Mr. C. Campbell, Mr. George Ford, and others whose names I was unable to obtain.

Mrs. J. R. Inch of Fredericton, is the guest of Prof. and Mrs. Hutton.

Mr. and Mrs. F. DeForest of St. John spent a few days in town this week. Mrs. DeForest, nee Miss Wright was warmly welcomed by her many Sackville friends.

Miss Grace Fawcett gave a very much enjoyed dance at her home