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HALIFAX NOTES.

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The Oddfellow's fair is announced for May, the twenty-fifth, and as we are not to have another large fair this season should be made the most of. All sorts of attractions are promised, among them the first appearance of the Mystic band.

H. M. S. Partridge has arrived from Bermuda, and will be shortly followed by the Canada, which leaves on the twenty-third of May, bringing Sir John Hopkins horses and general luggage.

Mr. Graham Fraser and Mr. G. Forrest MacKay of New Glasgow, left by the Alpha on Tuesday for Bermuda.

Captain and Mrs. Spain are staying at the Queen hotel. Captain Spain leaves shortly on the Acadia for the usual spring cruise.

The funeral of Miss Laura Black, whose death took place so sadly and suddenly in Weymouth, was held here on Monday afternoon. Funeral services were held at the house of her nearest relative and also at the grave, by Rev. Mr. Rogers, Rev. G. J. Bond and Rev. Mr. Smith. The funeral was very largely attended and very beautiful flowers had been sent by friends. The grave was lined thickly with fresh moss and mayflowers. Much sympathy is felt for the brother and sisters of Miss Black and for her immediate friends.

Arbor day has grown to be quite an important date in Halifax school life, and this year it was observed with even greater interest by the children than usual. Several trees were set out in honour of General Montgomery Moore, who has made himself most popular by his visits to the public schools.

Master Turnbull Sinclair's concert on Wednesday evening is largely assisted by local talent. Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Bernhard Walthers, Mr. George Burgoine, Mr. Chute and the Halifax Male Quartette contributing vocally, while Mr. Hutchins, organist of St. Paul's will assist Mr. C. A. Harris in accompanying. The concert is under the patronage of the Lieutenant Governor.

At the Academy of Music this week, we have True Irish Hearts and the Crusieken Lawn; Irish dramas always draw fairly in Halifax, and Mr. Rowland's company is a good one.

The wedding of Miss Mary McGregor, daughter of the late Rev. P. G. McGregor, of Halifax, and Mr. Robert Davison, of Bridgewater, took place on Tuesday at the house of the bride's sisters in Tobin street. The guests were only the immediate family Professor and Mrs. Gordon McGregor, Dr. and Mrs. Lead, Mr. and Mrs. Duntan etc. Miss McGregor will be much missed here in the W. C. T. U., of which she was a very active member, filling for some time the office of secretary. A farewell reception was given to Miss McGregor last week, by the ladies of the Union, at the Gratton street rooms, which were decorated for the occasion. Good wishes in quantity follow Miss McGregor to her new home.

The wedding of Rev. Laurence Skey and Miss Keellogg is fixed for Thursday morning at St. Paul's church, too late in the week for an account in PROGRESS.

The bride's dress is to be very pretty, and she will be accompanied by no less than six bridesmaids, of whom two are tiny children, the others being grown up young ladies. The ceremony is to be performed by the Rev. Dvson Haue, and after it a small reception will be held at the house of Mrs. Keellogg.

I hear from England that the Queen will not permit Prince Victor Duleep Singh to assume his father's title of Maharajah. The Queen is Prince Victor's godmother, and might be expected to look kindly upon him, but nevertheless obliges him to be contented with being a plain prince. He is a capable swordsman, I hear, and fencer, as well as a crack shot, but it is impossible for Halifax people who know him well to believe the newspaper report which says that he is an excellent boxer.

Lady Aberdeen, I hear, discourages the "barndance" on the ground that it is too romping, and that it is not suited to a crowded ball room. It is very popular in Halifax and indulged in by every one, including many ladies who have left their youth far behind them. It is an undoubted fact that whenever the "barndance" is started at a ball all the matrons and maids who ever dance anything insist on starting with the very first bar of music, and not one woman in ten can dance the minuet, as we call it always, with either ease or grace. Prince George was particularly fond of the minuet, but all the same it is to be discouraged this summer.

Sir James Howe is making a short visit to Halifax.

Captain Godard, R. N., and Mrs. Godard have arrived from Bermuda.

There is a new arrangement in Halifax society, not yet announced publicly; but I regret to hear that it means one more of our beautiful Halifax girls leaving her birth place, for a home far away from the Atlantic ocean.

There will be an ordination held at St. Paul's church on Sunday morning next, when the Rev. N. Irwin Perry, curate of St. Paul's, will be ordained a priest by the Bishop of Nova Scotia.

WINDSOR, N. S.

[Progress is for sale in Windsor at Knowles Bookstore and by F. W. Dakin.]

MAY 15.—Quite a large but informal dance, given by Mrs. Gossip on Friday evening of last week, was much enjoyed by those who were present. Parties have been so very rare in Windsor lately that this one was hailed with delight by the young people. Those who were invited as far as I can learn were Mrs. William Curry, Mrs. Carver, Mrs. Lawson, Miss Sadie King, Miss Lawson, Miss Morris, Miss Ousley, Miss Piers, Miss Kate Smith, Miss Burgess, the Misses Wilson, Miss McCallum, Miss Keith, Messrs. Sangster, Phil Dimock, F. Ousley, I. Forsyth, C. Rosier, E. Reid, G. McCullum, Lithgow and Gossip.

Mrs. Jamieson, who has been visiting friends in Lockport and Annapolis for some weeks, returned to Windsor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Shatford, of Halifax, have been in town for a day or two.

Miss Stamer, who has been spending the winter with her sis or, Mrs. Shatford, at Hubbard's Cove, is home again.

Mr. Lawson, of the Commercial bank, and Mr. John Keith, have been in Truro for the purpose of establishing a branch of the bank in that town. I believe offices have been secured on Inglis street and that Mr. Armstrong, now of Middleton, is to be in charge of the agency. His many friends in Windsor congratulate him on his promotion.

Mr. and Mrs. Soloman have the sympathy of the community in the death of their only daughter, Mrs. Baird, which occurred on May 8th at St. Johns, Nfld. The circumstances are particularly sad, as Mrs. Baird left here a bride only a few months ago. The remains are being brought home for interment.

Mr. David Soloman, principal of Pictou academy, has been home for a few days.

Mr. F. Curry's friends are glad to hear that he is recovering, after a very serious illness of several weeks.

The Walker concert took place on the 10th, and was attended by a fair audience, which was made up in a large measure of the pupils of the church school for girls and the collegiate academy. Those who were not present missed some of the best violin playing ever heard in Windsor. Mr. Walker is certainly master of his instrument. Mrs. Walker's sweet singing was much enjoyed, and Miss Harvey's friendliness wished for her that she had had a better piano upon which to exercise her skill, which is

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AMHERST. [Progress is for sale at Amherst by Charles Hillcoat and at Me music store of H. A. Hillcoat.] MAY 16.—The concert given on Friday evening in the Methodist church was well attended and the singing upon the whole was well rendered. Mrs. C. W. Harrison of Sackville was the leading attraction and her selections were delightfully given. She wore a very handsome evening toilette of pink satin trimmed with pale green and diamond necklace, and her fascinating manner and sweet voice were quite irresistible to the audience who applauded rapturously and received one of the prettiest numbers of the evening in reply, which was quite an innovation in a church but wholly excusable. The members of the Methodist choir sustained their reputation in the quartettes and anthems. Prof. Max Sterne added an organ solo and was Mrs. Harrison's accompanist.

Those who were prevented by the disagreeable weather from attending Miss Lach's concert on Monday evening lost a great musical treat and those present were favored with the opportunity of hearing a most pleasing singer with a voice far beyond the ordinary in compass and culture and of the most pleasing quality; at times reminding one of Canada's famous singer, Madame Albani and it is sincerely hoped that she will overlook the small audience and give us another evening when there is not so much going on in that way.

SYDNEY, C. B. [Progress is for sale in Sydney by John McKinnon and G. J. McKinnon.] MAY 15.—Rev. R. D. Bambrick of Sydney mines, spent last Tuesday at the rectory. Mr. J. Hudson left for Pictou on Friday. Rev. S. J. Draper was in town on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Donkin and Mr. Frank Donkin spent a few days last week in Cow Bay. Miss Earle returned from North Sydney yesterday. Miss Lena Johnstone is staying with her brother at Victoria mines. St. George's church was nicely decorated on Whit-Sunday. The flowers on the altar which were magnificent were given by Mrs. S. C. Hill. The font was covered with moss and mayflowers.

MISS EMILY DAKIN has returned from a visit among friends in Annapolis. Harry Daley has returned home after taking a course at the St. John business college. Mrs. F. G. Rice spent a few days in town this week. Miss Edith Robinson has returned home after spending the winter with friends in N. Y. Miss Jamieson has been visiting in St. John. Capt. Chas. Dakin is in town visiting friends. Mr. Rice, a Boston capitalist, has lately bought Bear Island, and is erecting thereon a beautiful summer cottage for himself and family. Rev. Mr. Harley has been enjoying a very pleasant outing in quest of trout and Thursday returned to town with a good catch. Messrs. Harry Jones and Frank Bacon spent Sunday with Dr. F. E. Rice, at Sandy Cove. Monday evening the band serenaded Mr. Stewart Raymond and bride, who arrived this week from

thence the happy couple go to Bloomington, Wis., where Mr. Ingraham is to be pastor of a Baptist church. Many very costly and pretty gifts were bestowed upon Miss Campbell, prior to her departure, and it will be a lasting regret that we cannot see her in her bridal array, but feel assured that she will look pretty. Mr. and Mrs. C. I. White of Sand River, were in town on Tuesday. Mrs. C. W. Harrison, of Sackville, was the guest of Mrs. Ayer, Victoria street, on Friday. Mr. D. W. Robb returned last Tuesday evening from a business trip to Ontario. Miss Bessie Harding arrived home last Friday evening from her long visit to her aunt in Cincinnati. She was accompanied by her cousin, Miss May Rent, who will remain for the summer, much to the delight of her many friends made during previous visits. Mrs. Sterne and Mrs. Hibbard, of River Hibbert, are visiting friends in town. Mrs. C. S. Cameron arrived last Wednesday from Halifax, and will, in the future make her home in Amherst. Mrs. H. G. Ketchum went to Moncton on Monday, to visit her sister, Mrs. T. W. Binney. Mrs. W. H. Rogers and Mrs. Sydney Steel left for Toronto on Wednesday evening to visit Mrs. Eaton. Mr. and Mrs. J. Medley Townsend returned home on Monday from Parrsboro, where Mr. Townsend has been spending some days in town. Rev. Mr. Lathern, of Halifax, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church on Sunday, while in town he was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Black, Harlock street.

NEW GLASGOW. [Progress is for sale in New Glasgow by A. O. Pritchard and H. H. Henderson.] MAY 16.—Miss Gean Mitchell left here last week for an extended visit in Montreal and Toronto. Mr. Willard Reid, of Berwick, has been spending some days in town. New Glasgow evidently has a very fair attraction. A very pleasant entertainment was given on Monday evening in the hall connected with the Methodist church, which was prettily decorated for the occasion with an abundance of lovely plants effectively arranged. Rev. Mr. Purvis, pastor of the church, acted as chairman, his introductory as well as closing remarks showing that he fully appreciates the kindly feeling and true Christian charity which exists among all denominations in our town, all of whom are always willing to lend a helping hand and assist each other in religious and charitable undertakings.

The programme was good, the opening overture being played remarkably well by Miss Purvis. Miss Annie C. McKay sang with much feeling and expression "My Ain Country," and before the close of the concert—by special request—sang "Bonnie Sweet Bessie." She was accompanied on the piano by Miss Graham. Mr. John Grant's banjo selections were exceptionally good. Miss Willis, of Stellarton, gave two recitations in such good style as to make her first appearance before a New Glasgow audience one to be pleasantly remembered. A piano duet, "Les Carabiniers Feleaux," was brilliantly played by the Misses McDonald, while Miss M. McDonald's vocal solo, "Lullaby," gave general pleasure.

Miss Nina Harley played a violin solo particularly well for such a young amateur, and was encored, to which she responded. Her selections were "Fantasia" (by Blumenstengel), and a "Serenade" (Schubert). When Rev. Mr. Purvis announced that Messrs. Fisher Grant and Roy Stewart would favor the audience with a vocal duet, it was quite evident judging by the applause which greeted them that they were favorites. They sang "The Pilot Brave," in their own characteristic style, the entire audience insisting on their re-appearance, they kindly sang "Lullaby Watch." Miss Lockhart's selection was so well read, as to fairly carry away her listeners. Rev. Mr. Robertson's reading, a well known and decidedly humorous sketch, was true to life. The entertainment closed with the national anthem. Two of our best known young ladies have a bicycle and are taking lessons, no doubt anticipating their first "run" with great pleasure. This should encourage others of the fair sex to do likewise, making a "women's bicycle club" an institution. Some prominent members of the Rovers cycle club will have a run to Truro on the 24th, instead of "going fishing" as on former years. Mr. Graham Fraser, Riverbank, and Mr. Forest McKay left on Monday for Bermuda, where they will spend some weeks. Mr. James Day, of Parrsboro, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Day, West side, returned home yesterday. Mr. J. L. Jennison is visiting in Halifax this week. Mr. D. M. McNeill returned from Boston last week. Rev. J. Fenwick Thompson went to Halifax this week.

PICTOU. [Progress is for sale in Pictou by James McLean.] MAY 16.—Rev. R. Falconer and Miss Falconer, left on Thursday last, on a trip to Washington, D. C. Mr. Bois De Veber, of New Glasgow, spent Sunday in town. Mr. Bartlett, of Charlottetown, was the guest of Mr. D. Patterson this week. After the McGill Glee Club concert an impromptu dance was given in honor of the boys' at the residence of Senator Primrose. Among the invited guests were Mrs. Snow, Mr. and Mrs. R. Johnstone, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Chisholm, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ives, Miss E. Davies, Miss K. Davies, Miss Fannie Fraser, Miss M. Gordon, Miss Grey, Miss Bonn, the Misses McDonald and Messrs. Yorton (two) Fraser, Dickson, Primrose, Ferguson and the McGill boys. Mrs. Glennie is slowly improving from her late illness. Messrs. R. M. Langille, of Westville, and George Paterson of New Glasgow, were in town Monday.

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