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HALIFAX NOTES.

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The vice-regal visit is at last settled. Lord Aberdeen is expected in June, and Lady Aberdeen a little later in the season. They will reside at Maplewood, which is to be done up thoroughly inside and out, and otherwise fitted for a temporary "Hudson Hall." Where the household, which will number forty in all, is to be bestowed, I have not definitely heard. There is a small cottage near the house, at Maplewood, which will accommodate some of them, and the rest will be quartered in the neighborhood, if possible. There is a rumor that "The Oaks" the next place to Maplewood is to be taken, and that the vice-regal party will be divided between the two houses.

There is a small wave of excitement among the younger members of society, as to whether or not Lady Aberdeen will hold a drawing-room, with the usual attendant pomp and ceremony; and there is still more excitement as to whether vice-royalty will give a dance. There is a fearful joy in attending a drawing-room, but a good dance well done, would make their excellencies popular here forever.

There has not been a drawing-room held in Halifax since the visit of Lord and Lady Lansdowne. Lady Stanley had an afternoon reception merely without much ceremony or dignity about it, and a drawing-room would make the buds of this season realize what their elders went through on the last occasion.

General and Mrs. Montgomery Moore, and Captain and the Hon. Misses Colborne, have been spending the past week or more in Ottawa, so that "Bellevue House" has been shut. It's occupants return very shortly, and I hear that Mrs. Montgomery Moore intends giving a dance on or before the Queen's birthday.

As for this past week, it has not been exciting in any way. A few small and informal teas and a couple of dinner parties represented pretty much all the gaiety.

Next week we are to have an event in the coming of the McGill University Glee and Banjo clubs, who give two concerts at Orpheus hall on Thursday and Friday next. This is their first appearance in Halifax, but their reputation comes before them from Upper Canada, where they have had a great success. Their concerts are really excellent, and it is to be hoped they will have a good house on the first night, for they certainly will on the second. Their concerts are under the patronage of the general and commanding officers of the garrison, the great advantage of which is to my mind, that it ensures a fairly dressed and pretty audience.

The officers of the Halifax Garrison Artillery had a dinner on Tuesday evening, which was as pleasant and successful as their dinners always are. The H. G. A., by the way, marched out for the first time this season on Monday night, and looked extremely well headed by their band with torches. They will be reviewed by General Montgomery Moore on the twenty-fourth.

A dinner was given at the city club on Friday, at which the guest of honor was a departing member, Colonel Lea.

There is to be a change in the Royal artillery stationed here, so that we will have new faces again in a short time. Major Brady is among the officers leaving and will be much regretted.

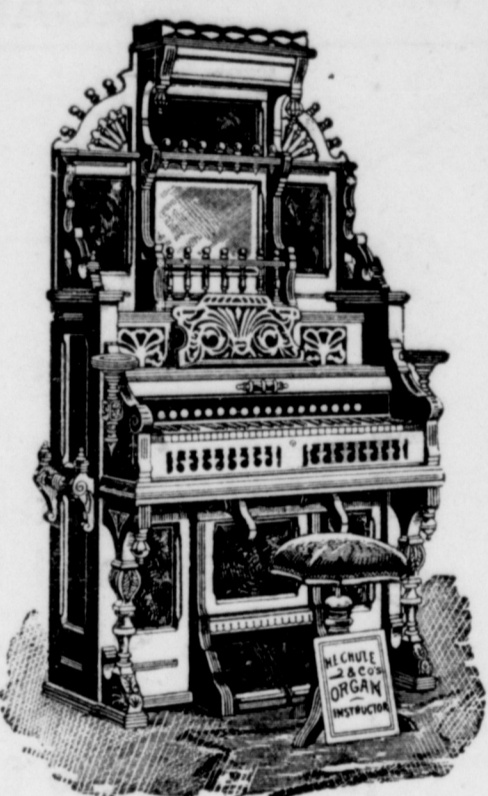
By the way I hear from England of the engagement of an officer who left this garrison last month, to a lady who is the lucky possession of a large fortune. I regret that I am not at liberty to mention names.

H. M. S. "Buzard" and H. M. S. "Cleopatra" have left for this port, which is a sign that spring is really here. The "Blackie" is definitely fixed, will take not only St. John but Boston on her way from Bermuda, so that we shall probably hear of festivities from both places during her stay.

Mrs. Dixon has arrived from England and will spend the summer at the Lorne House. Major Hodgson, R. A., goes shortly to Bermuda for three months. Mrs. Hodgson will remain here. The Halifax Choral Society's second grand concert comes off on Tuesday next at the Orpheus hall, and is sure to have a large audience all more or less anxious to compare the performance with those of the Orpheus Club. Two cantatas are to be sung, Cowan's "Rose Maiden," and Smetana's "Ariadne," and the soloists are Mrs. H. B. Hazart, Mrs. Percy Lear, Mrs. J. M. B. Taylor, and Mr. George Burgoyne. Mr. Cumming Mr. J. B. Currie and Mr. W. H. Sulte. Mr. Hutchins, the organist of St. Paul's church, of course conducts, while the accompanists are Mr. Logan and Mr. Burgoyne on the organ and pianoforte.

The chorus consists of seventy voices, and I hear that it is admirably balanced, and shows great precision and other pleasant qualities to the ears of a critical audience.

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Mrs. James A. Fraser, returned last week from Halifax. Messrs Rob. McEwan, John Bell, Cliff McLean, and D. McIntosh, are home from Dalhousie College. Miss Jennison, has gone to Boston, to spend some weeks visiting friends. Mr. Donald Nicolson, of Charlottetown, spent part of last week here. Rev. Messrs Bowman and Carruthers, were visiting in Halifax last week. The Misses Batin, and Miss Carroll of Pictou, were last week the guests of Mrs. John Connolly, "Milbank." Mr. Murray McNeil, of St. John, is the guest of Mr. Robt. McGregor. Miss Ella Rood, of Pictou, was visiting Miss Sadie Fraser last week. Rumor saith the Bachelors are to give a ball in Bell's hall at an early date. If so, it is sure to be a particularly brilliant affair. The Rovers cycle club met on Friday evening and selected Mr. Geo. A. Dixon as captain. The first run for this season takes place on Friday next. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Barlow, of Montreal, are spending this week in town. Quite a large number of our people went to Stellarton on Fri. a evening last to attend the annual Christian Endeavor convention. The addresses of Rev. Mr. Meikle and Rev. A. Rodgers were not only impressive but very convincing. Miss Jean McDougall's rendition of the song, "Must I bear the cross alone," was simply grand. A very brilliant wedding may be looked for when the leaves begin to turn.

AMHERST. [PROGRESS is for sale at Amherst by Charles Hillcoat and at the music store of H. A. Hillcoat.] MAY 2.—Among those who accepted the invitations to the calico ball in Sackville, last Thursday evening, were the Misses Main and the Misses Purdy, and Messrs. Borden, Main and J. Curry.

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WINDSOR, N. S. [PROGRESS is for sale in Windsor at Knowles Bookstore and by F. W. Dakin.] MAY 1.—His Lordship Bishop Courtney held a confirmation service in Christ church on Sunday morning, about forty being confirmed. He also preached in the evening. Miss Townshend, of Halifax, was in town over Sunday, the guest of Mrs. J. A. Russell. Mr. Claude Eville of the Halifax Banking Co., Parrboro, was in town for a day or so last week. Mrs. Chas. Armstrong who has been visiting her mother returned to Middleton on Saturday. Mr. James Forsyth is home from Poughkeepsie, where he has been all winter. Mrs. Conway who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Drillo left for home on Saturday evening. Mr. Chas. DeW. Smith and Miss Smith are in St. John.

Mr. E. M. Fulton of Truro was in town last week. Miss Rae Garvie who has been visiting Mrs. Aubrey Blanchard went to Middleton for a week or so on Monday. On Tuesday evening of last week the Misses Curry at "The Corner" entertained a number of their friends at cards. Among those present were Miss Morris, Miss Lawson, Miss Nora Blanchard, Miss Rae Garvie, Miss Hind, and Messrs Henry Jones, Cunningham, Allison, Eville, Morris, Sangster, Lithgow, Charlie Allison. Miss Evelyn Kierstead of Wolfville spent a day in town last week. Miss Leckie of Londonderry, is in town. Mr. T. Boulton, of Halifax, spent Sunday in town. A most enjoyable evening was spent at Mrs. Alex. Forsyth's on Tuesday of last week, where a number of young people had gathered together for a dance. Mr. George D. Geldert returned from his trip to Lunenburg. Miss McLatchey, of Grand Pre, spent Sunday in town, the guest of her friend, Miss Woodworth, "Chilton Grove." Miss Allison has returned from her visit to Halifax.

Mr. A. E. Robinson, has returned from his trip to New York and Boston. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Grant Gomez, in the loss of their little baby daughter, Kathleen. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shaw and child, arrived in Windsor, on Tuesday of last week. Mrs. Shaw's mother, Mrs. Harley, is with her. Mr. Andrew Allen, inspector of the Halifax banking company, was in town last week. OCLIA.

TRURO, N. S. [PROGRESS is for sale in Truro by Mr. G. O. Fulton and D. H. Smith & Co.] MAY 2.—Mayor F. M. Paint and his bride, who have been guests at the "Stanley" during the past week, left for Cape Breton yesterday. Mrs. Augustus McCurdy gave a large dance, on Thursday last, at her charming home in Onslow, for her son, Blair. The large number of young people present enjoyed themselves hugely, and tripped the light fantastic away into the small hours. Dr. Walker returned last night, from a short trip to the western counties.

Dr. Chambers, our resident veterinary, it is rumored, intends to leave here, for his former home, on the other side of the water, here, in future to reside. Mr. E. R. Stuart and Mr. Chas. Williams, of the Merchants' bank staff, left yesterday for Halifax, en route for Boston and New York, for a holiday trip of a few weeks. Mrs. Chas. Bent gave a small party on Friday evening last, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Paint. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Paint, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Miss Lockhart, Miss Austin, Miss Effie Ross, Miss Grace Ross, and Miss Butcherd, Rev. E. Underwood, Dr. Hall, Messrs. J. Ross and Vernon.

Mrs. S. G. Chambers has very kindly consented to take the organ in St. Andrews, during Mr. Stuart's absence. Mrs. Geo. Donkin, was in Halifax, yesterday. Mrs. John Campbell, Halifax en route for Malgrave, was a guest of Miss MacDowell's for a few days, this week. Mr. Frank Donkin, Sydney, C. B., from McGill university, Montreal, en route home, was at the "Stanley," one day this week. PRO.

SYDNEY, C. B. [PROGRESS is for sale in Sydney by John McKenzie and G. J. McKinnon.] MAY 1.—Mrs. McLaren returned from Halifax on Wednesday. Messrs. Crows and W. Hearn returned home last week. Miss Sadie Harrington entertained a few of her friends Thursday evening last. Mr. A. McRae, of the Union Bank was in town on Friday. Mrs. D. Maltson held an evening party on Friday for her niece Miss Daisy Townsend. The guests were, Misses Lourey, Miss L. Falconer, Miss F. Earle, Miss Annie McLoman and Messrs. Lourey, D. J. McDonald, Dr. Sam Leun. Mr. Frank Donkin is at home from McGill college. Miss Driscoll, of Glace Bay, is spending a few days with Miss McMillary. Mrs. J. A. Gillis and son left for Ottawa last Wednesday. Mr. C. J. Burchill is at home from Dalhousie college. CHERRY RIDGE.

ANTIGONISH, N. S. MAY 2.—The annual meeting of the Antigonish lawn tennis club was held in the office of the Halifax banking company on Wednesday evening last. The officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Mr. J. M. Brough vice president, Miss Gossip and secretary treasurer, Mr. C. L. Beck; the committee of management, Messrs. W. F. MacPhie, C. E. Gregory and Jas. McCarroll. Mr. Geo. Davison, Halifax was in town last week. Mr. Craig, Sherbrooke, is in town this week. Miss Lillie MacDonald returned from Halifax on Monday. Mr. Willie McCarroll left on Monday for Truro to take a situation in Blanchard, Butley and Co's store. FANTY.

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