

ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

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MAY 2.—Mrs. John E. Alger, on Friday evening entertained a small party of intimate friends most pleasantly with whist. Among the guests present were Mayor and Mrs. C. H. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Todd and Mrs. Durell Grimmer, of St. Andrews.

On Friday evening, the Fellowship Lodge I. O. O. F., of Calais, gave a most enjoyable and brilliant entertainment in their hall, to celebrate the seventy fifth anniversary of the order. The hall was filled to overflowing with the elite of the St. Croix. So many fair women, and brave men, attired in stylish costumes and gay regalia, made the scene an attractive one. The Musical and Literary program was of the best talent and well carried out. After the rendering of the programme, refreshments were served. Much praise is due the members of the lodge, and many pleasant comments are made upon the extreme generosity of those who arranged the affair.

Active preparations are being made today for the Knight Templar ball and basket party, to be given in the Masonic hall, tomorrow evening. A large number of society people from both towns are invited, and a most brilliant evening is anticipated.

The Misses Whitlock, are "at home" to their friends tomorrow afternoon from two to six o'clock, it being the first Thursday in the month.

The young women's association of Trinity church, held at the residence of Mrs. Clara Wetmore, on Monday evening, and enjoyed a most pleasant and instructive evening.

The Current News club, met at the residence of Mrs. A. A. Todd, last evening. It is the last meeting of the season of that most select and popular club, which has been so interesting and instructive to those who were members.

Miss Trithall of Portland, is the guest of her friend, Miss Annie King.

Mr. Colin MacNichol, who has been attending court in Calais, has returned to Eastport.

Mrs. Henry B. Eaton has returned from a pleasant visit in St. John.

Mrs. Brown, of Carleton, who with her children, have been Mrs. James Ganong's guest has returned to her home after a very pleasant visit of a fortnight here.

Mrs. Samuel Hayward, of St. John, is the guest of Mrs. Charles W. King of Calais.

The ladies of the Union church, Calais, gave a novel and amusing party in the Grand army hall, last evening. It was called a "bonnet party," each lady guest brought a bonnet with materials to trim it. These were nicely arranged in a box which was auctioned. The gentleman who purchased it, was obliged to trim the bonnet, and present it to the lady who furnished the materials, and during the dance that followed the trimming, the lady wore the bonnet. Some of the bonnets were marvellous productions, and reflected great credit upon the gentlemen who trimmed them. At the close of the evening, ices and cakes were served, and it was not until an early hour this morning that the dancing ceased.

The provincial secretary, accompanied by Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Florence Mitchell and Miss Noe Clarke, arrived from Fredericton on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swift, of Vancouver, have been making a brief visit among relatives here.

Miss Sara Keating left on Monday for a visit of a month with friends in Boston and New York cities.

Rev. Mr. Comben, of St. Andrews, preached in the Methodist church on Sunday to large congregations.

Mr. William M. Hall, of Montreal, was in town for a day or two during this week.

Miss Gertrude Green has returned from a visit in Portland, Maine.

Mrs. Hume Bates and Mr. C. C. Grant went to St. Andrews to visit their mother who is quite ill.

Miss Katie McWha has gone to Boston for a short visit.

Miss Alice Graham's young friends welcomed her home on Monday. Miss Graham has been absent for several months which she spent with friends in Halifax, Windsor, Moncton and St. John.

Mrs. B. F. Kelly, who with her daughter, Miss Julia Kelly had been making their home at the St. Croix Exchange hotel, have returned to their pleasant home on Hinchey Hill in Calais.

Mr. and Mrs. George Eaton are enjoying a visit in Boston.

Mr. Hazen Grimmer is making a brief visit in Campbell.

Mrs. Frederic DeVeber, left this morning for an extended visit in St. John and vicinity.

Miss Annie King has returned from a week's visit in St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stickney, of St. Andrews, spent a few days in town during this week.

Misses Isabel, and Winnifred Howland, left on Saturday morning for St. John, having spent several weeks with their aunt Mrs. John D. Chipman.

Mr. and Mrs. DeVeber, left on Saturday to visit relatives in New York city.

Mrs. J. C. Stevenson, and Miss Minnie Stevenson, have returned from Boston.

Mr. William Gillespie, of Moores Mills, has gone to Denver, Colorado, to visit his son, who is now yellow fever, who went west last fall for the benefit of his health.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Clapp have gone to Boston where they will make an extended visit.

Miss Mary Maxwell is the guest of Mrs. J. Edmund Brown, during this week.

Mr. Harry Faine returned to Eastport on Thursday after a brief visit in Calais.

Miss Louise Stewart, has returned to her home in Hampton, after a delightful visit of two weeks with her friends Mrs. O. Newham, and Mrs. M. S. Main.

Mr. Howard Grimmer, of St. Andrews, made a hurried visit here on Thursday, and the guest of his brother Mr. W. C. H. Grimmer.

Mrs. James Cummings, of St. Andrews, is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Henry Eaton, spent a day or two in St. John during the past week.

Mr. John E. Alger, left this week for a business trip of two weeks to Woodstock and vicinity.

Mr. John Taylor, has returned from his visit to Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Magee, of St. Andrews, spent Thursday in town.

Mrs. Durell Grimmer, after a fortnight spent here with her daughter Anne, on Saturday morning for her home in St. Andrews.

The death of Miss Mollie Clark on Monday afternoon has thrown a gloom over the town. Miss Clark was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. James N. Clark. Since last fall she has been ill, which she bore with great patience, looking forward to the warm and sunny days of summer to restore her to health. She was most amiable and gentle in disposition, and was a great favorite among her friends and those who knew her. For weeks she has daily been fighting in strength and on Monday passed suddenly but peacefully away at the early age of twenty years. Mr. and Mrs. Clark have deep and sincere sympathy of the entire community in their great sorrow and affliction. The funeral services were held at her late home this afternoon and were conducted in the most impressive way by the Rev. C. G. McCully. The floral offerings from sorrowing friends were most beautiful, the casket being completely covered with flowers.

HARCOURT.

MAY 2.—Miss Jessie Dunn visited St. John last week and returned home on Saturday.

Mr. George P. Thomas, of Moncton, spent part of last week and this in Moncton and vicinity.

Ex-Warden Atkinson, visited Moncton on Saturday.

Mrs. G. Allen, of Dalhousie Junction, returned home Saturday evening, taking three of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Dunn's children to spend the summer there.

Capt. Barker and Mr. John Stevenson, representing the crown lands department, are in Harcourt today on their return home, after visiting his relatives at Kingston.

A Great Good Fortune.

Mr. C. Leonard, South Boston, Mass., writes: "I have suffered a great deal from dyspepsia the last five years; have tried about everything but with little benefit. Having the good fortune to hear of K. D. C. I thought I would try it; it worked wonders in my case, and I am now as well as ever. I earnestly recommend it to all those suffering from Dyspepsia or indigestion. Try it and you will be convinced."

Dr. Keith drove to Mill Branch this morning to visit Mrs. John Ford, who is seriously ill.

Mr. Robert A. E. Chapman, fishery inspector, was here today en route to Chatham.

Miss Valérie, of Acadville, was visiting here yesterday, the guest of Mrs. G. H. Perry.

Mr. W. W. Fride has furnished rooms over Mr. Robert Stannish's store and taken up his residence therein with his daughter Rose.

Miss Annie Black, of Richibucto, spent part of this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Keith.

Dr. F. J. Bourque and bride, who went to Truro, N. S., on their bridal tour, dined at the Eureka on Friday on their return home.

Judge Wells tarried for a short time in Harcourt on Saturday, homeward bound from the shiretown of Kent.

WOODSTOCK.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Woodstock by Mr. John Loane & Co.]

MAY 1.—Mock Parliament prorogued on Friday evening after a three months sitting.

Friday evening's session was very interesting. A short continuation of the debate on the want of confidence motion brought in by Mr. W. P. Jones leader of the opposition, was followed by a vote which resulted in the overthrow of the Government.

Recess (during which reelection of the members of Government was supposed to occur) was given, then the Government benches were filled by the late opposition. The members of the new cabinet were introduced by the new premier. Some questions followed; and then the prorogation of the house was read by the speaker.

The members of the Government now stand, W. P. Jones, Premier and Minister of Interior; William Dibble, Minister of Finance; W. W. Hay, Minister of Public Works; Wm. F. Drysdale, Post-Master General; U. R. Hanson, Minister of Trade and Commerce; Charles Appleby, Minister of Justice; Donald Munro, Sec. of State; Jas. Watts, Minister of Marine and Fisheries; J. K. Flemming, Minister of Agriculture; G. Hugh Harrison, Controller of Customs; John P. Mahoney, Controller of Inland Revenue.

Parliament will not in all probability meet again until October.

The entertainment given by the young people of St. Luke's, in the town hall on Monday evening, proved highly successful and thoroughly enjoyable.

The programme was varied, consisting of a cantata, tableaux, scarf drill and comedietta, with some recitations and singing.

The first feature of the programme was a cantata, "Parting," by twenty children, with Miss Edith Jordan as leader, and Miss Nan Bull as accompanist. The soloist "Eva," Miss Maggie Ross, looked very sweet in a dress of cream cashmere with cream roses. She sang her solos with remarkable sweetness and clearness, every word being distinctly heard. The girls were all daintily dressed in white, presenting a very pretty scene.

Two little girls, Madeline Connell and Nora Dibble, representing fairies, crowned Eva with roses. Misses Ethel Stewart, Bessie Neales, Bertha Williams, Maud Wright, Maud Dibble, Jennie Townshend, Nora Connell, Madeline Connell, Nora Dibble, Nan Phillips, Gussie Connell, Hazel Welch, Dollie Griffith and Masters Hugh Wright, Gordon Connell, Clowse Phillips, Gordon Loane, Walter Townshend, Tom Gabels and Ned Dibble, composed the chorus. Following the Cantata, was a recitation by Miss Ethel Bourne, entitled "The Farmer and the Bicycle."

"The Three Maids of Lee," was the first tableau. Miss Porter sang the song. The first scene showed three charming young society belles in pretty evening dresses, with fans and gloves, and surrounded by their lovers "three times three." The maids were Miss Nan Bull, in Nile green crepon, Miss Lena Griffith, in cardinal crepon and Miss Lily Jordan, in yellow cashmere. Messrs. Everett Loane, Leli Dibble, Taylor, Holyoke, I. Dibble and Peabody, personated the lovers.

The second scene showed the havoc years had made with these disdainful maids. Their costumes were remarkably elegant being old-fashioned apple-green, pink, and white silks, but all their grandeur could not disguise the wrinkles and grey hair that "Father Time" had endowed them with. One lone man remained and stood in most indifferent manner totally disregarding their antiquated coquetry.

A duet by Mrs. Burpee and Miss Porter entitled "Welcome Spring" followed, which was charmingly sung and elicited rapturous applause.

Mrs. Burpee wore pink satin, and black lace. Miss Porter, pink silk, cream roses.

The next tableau was a splendid representation of the "Fates" all the details of the picture being well carried out. Miss Hattie Bourne, draped in pure white, was most beautifully statuesque, and faultless in her pose as Clotho.

Miss Mabel Phillips as "Lachesis," draped in white and blue, with her hair full of flowers, looked lovely.

"Atropos" represented by Miss Helen Jordan was arranged in cardinal and with outstretched shears made a typical croon.

A recitation entitled "The Polish Boy" was given with fine effect, by Miss Lily Jordan. She wore yellow cashmere, sash and chiffon.

The "Trial scene from Merchant of Venice" came next. Miss Ethel Bourne made a fair and dignified "Portia" in gown and cap. "Antonio" was represented by Mr. Bert Holyoke, in Venetian costume, "Bassanio" by Mr. Norman Loane, in court costume. "Shylock" was a splendid personification made by Mr. LeBaron Dibble. "The Duke of Venice" Mr. George Taylor, in royal robes of scarlet and ermine, with the lawyers of the court, Messrs. L. C. Dibble, W. C. Everett, and C. A. Peabody, in gowns and caps, combined to make a most striking picture.

An instrumental duet by two little girls, Miss Maud Dibble and Miss Maud Wright was very nicely played. The Scarf Drill was a wonderfully pretty feature of the programme. Seven pretty young ladies dressed in similar costumes of cream color with gorgeous sashes of different colors, waited gracefully on to the stage and went through their various movements in a perfectly harmonious manner. The tableaux formed at the end of each part of the drill were lovely. The young ladies were Miss Blanche Dibble, Miss Margaret MacNeil, Miss Cora Smith, Miss Lena Griffith, Miss Nan Bull, Miss George Augherton and Miss Allie Bull. Miss Nelly Beardsley, at the piano, played dreamy waltzes in good time. She wore cream chiffon. After a short intermission a comedietta entitled "A Happy Pair," was presented by Miss Cora Smith and Miss Lena Griffith. The play was well put on. Miss Smith as Mrs. Honeyton acted her part well, showing much dramatic talent. She was tender, sweet, then changed into a scornful person, waxing indignant at one period, and returning to her gracious mood at the climax. Mr. James as Mr. Honeyton acted his part splendidly. His manner was indifferent and capricious enough to provoke any woman to wrath. The dignified upholding of his marital authority was good, and the final return to his lover-like attitude after a tragic scene where he confessed himself to be utterly horrible, and greatly to blame, was capital.

The success of the entertainment was largely due to the skilful leadership of Mr. Grenville James, under whose able management the committee worked well.

Miss Helen Connell, Miss May Clarke and Miss Lou Smith formed a most energetic committee of management.

BAIE VERTE.

MAY 1.—Miss Ella Copp spent 8 days at her home in Brooklin.

Mr. T. H. Prescott was in town on Monday.

Mr. Albert Chapman, of Dorchester, was in town last week.

Mr. Warren Copp, of Brooklin, was in town on Tuesday.

Miss Baxter, of Port Elgin, spent Sunday in town, the guest of Mrs. Albert Copp.

Messrs Angus and Albert Avard, of Bristol, spent Sunday with Coun. Copp.

Miss Mary Siddall was the guest of Miss Eva Siddall on Sunday.

Mr. Edgar Copp is home again; his many friends are glad to welcome him back. Mr. Copp has been attending the medical college, in Philadelphia.

Miss Kate Prescott, of Dartmouth, Halifax, is the guest of her sister, Miss M. Prescott.

W. W. Wells, M. P. P., of Port Elgin, was in town on Sunday.

Mr. Charles H. Reed was in town on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrison, of New York, are visiting at Tidnish.

Miss Maggie Harper spent Sunday at her home.

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CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Charlottetown at S. Grey's, Bazaar Co., and at Carter's Bookstore.]

MAY 2.—The Y. M. C. A. fancy sale and tea, which took place on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 24th and 25th, was undoubtedly a great success, and much credit is due Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Davies and the other ladies who worked so indefatigably towards this end. On Tuesday afternoon and evening the gymnasium hall presented a gay and lively scene with its bright trimmings, dainty tables and prettily dressed ladies. Tea was served in the reading room and very tempting and inviting did the tables look; unnecessary is it to say that the well laden tables were liberally patronized and that the fair waitresses were kept busy.

On Wednesday evening the festivities ended by a concert in the hall, the programme, which was a choice one, was well worth the admission fee.

Miss Annie Hyndman sang "My Laddie in the Scotch Brigade" very sweetly, and received a well merited encore. Mr. George Peake's reading was much appreciated, as was also Mr. T. A. McLean's recitation "The Stowaway."

The quartette by Messrs. Bayfield, Davis, Esic and McLean was really splendid, and received round after round of applause. Mr. Bayfield's solo showed to better advantage in this than in the solo which he sang later on. This quartette should become an institution, for the voices blend very nicely, and a good male quartette is always much appreciated. We were all glad to welcome Miss Florence Findlay to the platform, and it is safe to say that nobody was disappointed in her rendition of "Patsey." Miss Findlay is certainly a finished elocutionist, and has much grace and natural talent. She will always be warmly received by a Charlottetown audience. Mr. Vinicombe closed this interesting programme by a "cello solo" that was given with much beauty and really splendid. Mr. Vinicombe is an assured master of the cello as well as of the violin.

Miss Laura Young is home from Montreal.

Miss Isaac, who has been spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Bulman, leaves on Wednesday morning for New York.

Messrs. Gordon Alley, Harry Bayfield and George McKinnon, are home from McGill for the five months' vacation.

Thursday April 26th, was Oddfellows' natal day. There was the usual procession around the principal streets and a service was held in the first Methodist church. In the evening the long anticipated opera was put on in the opera house, before a delighted and appreciative audience. To say that "Olivette" was a grand success would be but to express the verdict of all Charlottetown. Miss Sinclair, of Summerside, made a charming little "Olivette" with her petite figure, sweet voice and bright laughing face. The slight stiffness, which was noticeable upon her part during the first act, wore off as the evening advanced and she seemed to abandon herself completely to her role. Miss Sinclair's voice shows possibilities of great cultivation, and the general opinion is that if she adopts the stage as a profession she will make a success of it.

Mrs. E. H. Norton as the "Countess of Rousillon" was exceedingly good, and her voice rang out sweetly and clearly in her solos and the different choruses.

Mr. Arthur Peake too, has a decided "penchant" for the stage and is quite at home there, moving about with an easy grace and elegance all his own. He made a handsome "Valentine" and entered into the character with much spirit and interest with an utter self forgetfulness that was refreshing.

Mr. Leslie Cook has a really magnificent voice, which showed to great advantage in the part of "Captain de Merrimac," although he had no opportunity to display the evident compass of his powerful voice. His rendition of the character was all that it should be.

Mr. Benj. Brenner's "Duke de Is" was very realistic, particularly his attempts at love making. Mr. Brenner is an old hand.

Mr. Albert Mitchell, Mr. Thos. Patton and Mr. John Lewis each performed their parts very creditably, and "The Case Back" by Mr. George Rogers, sent the audience into roars of laughter.

The second night of the performance was even better than the first, Miss Sinclair and Miss Norton excelling themselves, and the whole troupe apparently in better form. Mr. Peake was decidedly in better voice, his "Darling Good-Night" being exquisite.

Miss Annie McKelvie of Summerside, is visiting Mrs. Stirling.

Mrs. Raymond is spending a few weeks at her home, Yarmouth.

Mrs. Robt. Young entertained a few of her young friends on Friday evening.

The McGill glee club is to appear at the opera house on the 11th, Charlottetown is anticipating a treat. The tickets have already all been sold.

Mrs. James Unsworth had a small party for young people on Tuesday evening. Like all of Mrs. Unsworth's parties it was much enjoyed.

The Rev. B. Pay Mills is holding evangelistic services here. Mr. Mills is an able and powerful speaker and it is needless to say that the meetings are largely attended.

SUMMERSIDE, P. E. I.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Summerside by Messrs. T. & M. L. Wall.]

MAY 2.—Miss Walsh spent the first of the week at the capital.

Mr. W. Wright, of Montreal, is in town, it is said that he comes on an interesting occasion this time.

Mr. Thomas James spent Sunday with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambler, of Misconche, were in town last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Massey, of St. Eleanor's street, come to town to live. They reside on Argyle street.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Compton leave this week for the North-west.

Miss Clark who has been spending the winter months in Boston returned home this week.

Miss Annie Mackelvie went to Charlottetown last week to visit friends there.

Mrs. Arthur Mackinlay has been in town the last few weeks visiting relatives.

Mr. Cecil Holland returned from Montreal Monday evening where he had been attending McGill college.

Mr. Preston MacNutt, of Malpeque, was in Summerside on Monday.

Mr. J. Heber Haslem was in town the first of the week.

Mrs. John Lefrury was a passenger to the island by the Northam, Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. David Schurman are about leaving us to take up their residence in Charlottetown. They will be very much missed from Summerside where they have many warm friends.

CHESMON AND BLUE.

MAY 2.—We had a very quiet and pleasant wedding in the village on Wednesday last, that of Mr. Albert McFadyen, (son of the I. C. R. conductor) to Miss Bertha Johnson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Bart at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. J. Johnson, and only relatives and immediate friends of the families were present. There were about thirty guests among whom I noticed Mrs. Murray, of Moncton and Mrs. McLean, of St. John. The happy couple left for Quebec followed by the good wishes of everyone. The bride wore a neat gown of navy blue and looked more charming than ever.

The ladies Sewing Society met at the rectory on Friday as usual.

I have it on the best authority that no gossip is talked at these meetings so no any report to the contrary is without foundation.

Mr. Hartley Murray, of Moncton, spent Sunday here. He resided in this village for a year and always seems glad to get back to the old place.

Mr. Chip W. Smith, is spending a few days here for a change and rest. He is visiting his sister Mrs. H. A. Scott.

Mr. Fred McFadyen, of St. John, paid us a flying visit on Wednesday.

Rev. Mr. Burt, is very busy preparing a tennis teams court and the young men of his flock turn out in full force to give him a hand in ploughing and levelling the lawn. It will be a great acquisition to the place where there is so little amusement to be had. The rector deserves the thanks of the whole parish.

JACK.

MAY 1.—Mr. Findlay, who has filled the presbyterian pulpit very acceptably for the past winter, preached his farewell sermon to an appreciative congregation on Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Findlay left on Wednesday morning for Fredericton. A number of friends gathered at the station to wish them good bye. Mr. and Mrs. Findlay will be missed very much by their friends here.

Mr. R. A. Irving, of Moncton, spent Sunday at home this week. Mr. Irving had just returned from Halifax where, at Dalhousie Convocation, he received the degree of LL. B.

Mr. Haines, of Fredericton, spent a few days here last week.

Mr. E. G. Evans, of Hampton, spent a day here last week.

Mr. B. H. Foley spent Monday in Moncton.

Mrs. B. S. Smith, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Milner, in Sackville, returned home on Monday.

Mr. Isaac Trenholm visited Amherst last week.

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Dr. Ferguson, of Pictou, is the guest of Capt. and Mrs. Taylor.