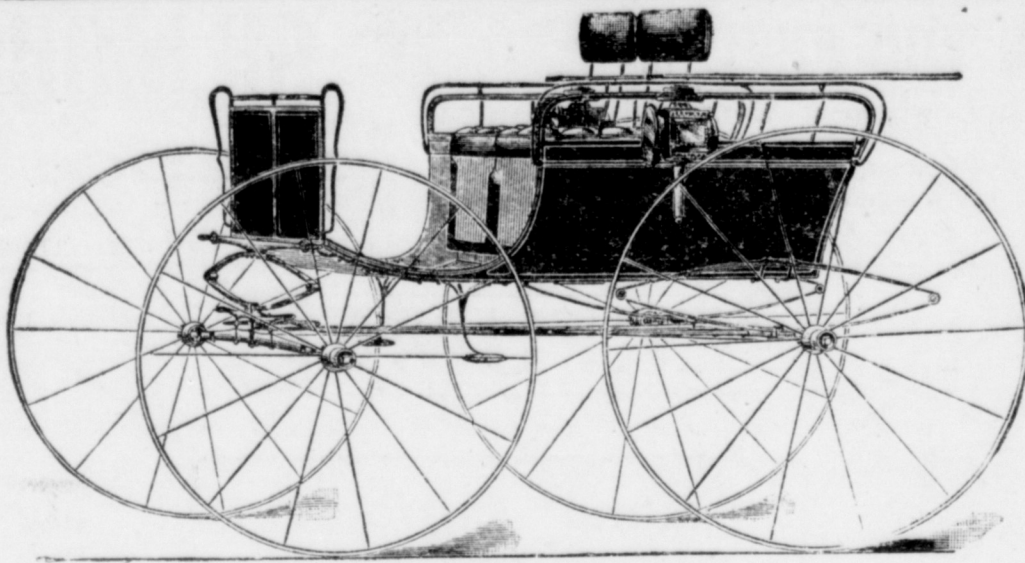


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HALIFAX NOTES.

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The Arctic weather has made Easter dull in every detail. Usually one looks for some kind of reaction in Easter week after the quietude of Lent, but this year there has been none—not only has there been none, but also not even the prospect of any kind of festivity to cheer things up. Easter Sunday was so cold and cheerless that the usual display of new dresses and bonnets was conspicuous by its absence, for what would be the good of getting new winter costumes in March, and surely no one would expect a spring costume when there was deep snow on the ground. Not a prospect of a dance of any kind. Through the immediate prospect looks so dull, the more remote future looks brighter, namely the summer. The fleet will spend nearly the entire summer here, coming up from Bermuda somewhat earlier than usual. Also it will be composed of more ships than has been the case for a number of years, all of which will tend to brighten things up. Then it is rumored and I believe a fact that the Governor General has taken one of the houses at the Arm, and intends making Halifax his summer residence. Lady Aberdeen will be very welcome in Halifax where the fame of her good works has long since preceded her. Halifax is very well suited for the summer residence of vice royalty, although it seems that, the expression should not be used in relation to the deputy ruler of Canada. Halifax is a perfect summer resort and will no doubt be flooded with Americans this season, especially when it becomes known that it is to be the seat of Canada's court.

NEW GLASGOW.

PROGRESS is for sale in New Glasgow by A. O. Pritchard and H. H. Henderson. MARCH 28.—A very delightful dance, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Bent, on Monday evening, was the first on the list of Easter holiday gaieties, the honored guest being Miss Hattie Snooks, of Truro. The guests were: The Misses Annie C. McKay, Gene Mitchell, Jessie McCall, Bessie Conrod, Missie Fraser, Minnie Grey, Lena Fulton, Gertrude Douglas, Esther Eastwood, Maggie Smith, Ella Grey, Lillie Jenkinson, Jennie Fraser, Laura McNeill, Ella Bowman, Annie Graham, Maggie Thompson, Isissie Graham, Lillie McKay, Eva Grant, Nina Grant, and Miss Jenkinson, Truro. Messrs C. W. Frazer, Frank McNeill, Edwin Fraser, Wall Jackson, J. Grant, George Fraser, George Chisholm, Sidney Smith, Halifax, Harry McDonald, Archie Bowman, Gordon Graham, Harry Crockett, Allister Matheson, M. D. McNeill, R. Stewart, Adam Bell, H. V. Jenkinson, Charles Crockett. All the dresses worn by the ladies were exceedingly pretty, most of them being brightened by lovely natural flowers. Miss Jenkinson, (Truro,) black lace, pink silk trimmings; Miss Thompson, cream cashmere and cardinal silk; Miss Mitchell, heliotrope crepe, silk velvet trimmings; Miss McKay, bronze shot silk and lace; Miss Jessie McCall, white silk, trimmed with lace and ribbon; Miss Conrod, Pale blue cashmere and velvet cream lace; Miss McNeill, fawn bedford cord, apple green silk trimmings; Miss Ella Wood, cream figured chaille, pink silk trimmings; Miss Jenkinson, black lace, and pale blue silk; Miss Douglas, cream chaille, moss green trimmings; Miss Fulton, pale green crepon, and lace; Miss Smith, cream cashmere, trimmed with lace, and ribbon; Miss Minnie Grey, White cashmere, and India silk lace; Miss Ella Grey, cream de laine, apple green silk trimmings; Miss Jennie Fraser, dove cashmere, and white silk; Miss Laura McNeill, very pretty scarlet and black costume; Miss Annie Graham, cream chaille, old rose silk trimmings; Miss Ella Bowman, pretty pale blue costume; Miss Isissie Graham, black lace, and cream silk; Miss Eva Grant, car dinal silk and velvet; Miss Hattie Snooks, bronze silk and velvet; Miss Nina Grant, dove cashmere pascimenterie trimmings; Miss Lillie McKay, cream veiling and lace; Messrs Anderson and Connolly, were engaged to furnish the music which was excellently rendered. Mr. and Mrs. R. Southland, River John, were last week the guests of Mrs. M. H. Fitzgerald; Mrs. S. S. McKinnon, and Mrs. Clarke, of Tatamagouche, are visiting Mrs. P. A. McGregor. Miss Jenkinson, and Mr. Jamieson of Truro, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thompson. Miss Anderson, of Mulgrave, spent the Easter holidays with the Misses Grey, "Riverview." Mr. Sidney Smith, who has been spending the past two weeks in town, returned to Halifax yesterday. Miss S. Walker, is visiting friends in Halifax. Miss Hattie Snooks, (Truro,) is the guest of Miss Addie Bent. Mr. W. S. Sciles, left yesterday for Truro and St. John. Mr. G. R. Oze, of Glasgow, Scotland, is spending this week in town. Dr. Moore, of Westville, spent Easter in town the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Keith. Miss Gordon, returned from Antigonish on Monday. Miss Hilda Fraser, "West side," entertained about forty young people, one evening last week, all of whom pronounced the evening a really delightful one. The second "Easter party" was held last evening, at the beautiful residence of Mr. Haywood McGregor, excellent music was engaged for the dancing. Luncheon was very daintily served. The guests were, the Misses Minnie Grey, Annie D. C. Fraser, Jessie Graham, Rachel Eastwood, Bessie McDougall, Gertrude Douglas, Eva Grant, Missie Fraser, Ella Grey, Lillie McKay, Maggie Fraser, Isab. H. McKay. Messrs George Chisholm, Harry Grant, Edwin Fraser, Adam Bell, John Grant, Lewis Eastwood, George Thompson, Harry Crockett, George Fraser, Will Cameron, Wall Jackson, Stanley Fraser, Harry McDonald, Archie Bowman, Gordon Graham, Charles Thompson. The prettiest dresses were worn by Miss Annie D. C. Fraser, Ecru chaille, blue silk trimmings; Miss Ella Grey, Cream de laine, roman embroidery; Miss Maggie Fraser, Black lace, natural flowers; Miss Isabell McKay, Cream cashmere, lace and ribbon; Miss Minnie Grey, Pale blue chambray, silver trimmings; Miss Lily McKay, White lace, and ribbon; Miss Ella Bowman, Pale blue silk; Miss Missie Fraser, White crepon, and lace; Miss Eva Grant, pretty red costume, cream lace trimmings; Miss Laura McNeill, Scarlet and black costume; Miss Jessie Douglas, Cream chaille, moss green trimmings; Miss Gertrude Douglas, Pale blue silk; Miss Rachel Eastwood, Moss green de laine, and lace; Miss Jessie Graham, Dove cashmere and velvet; Miss Bessie McDougall, Old rose silk and velvet; Mr. and Mrs. Falls, who are now in Fredericton, are expected home at the end of this week. Mr. Clifford Currie, paid a visit to relations in Halifax, this week.

AMHERST.

PROGRESS is for sale at Amherst by Charles Hillcoat and at the music store of H. A. Hillcoat. MARCH 28.—The Easter season seems overshadowed by recent events, and no gaiety has been reported so far, and our fashion leaders who were lured on by the delightful foretaste of spring, to prepare Easter bonnets and fresh gowns, very wisely set them aside and folded their winter garments with the accustomed closeness. The Easter services in all the churches were largely attended, and as far as I can learn the music was quite beyond the average, that of the baptist church taking precedence instrumentally, an orchestra of nine pieces, assisted by the choir, which has long borne the deserving reputation of being the largest and most thorough in town. Miss Miles, contralto soloist, did some excellent work, also Miss Wilson, leading soprano. The choir of the methodist church both morning and evening acquitted themselves famously. Miss Campbell is a leading factor among the sopranos, and her solos were rendered in her accustomed careful and impressive way. Miss Proctor, of Springhill, was a decided acquisition, and her fine contralto voice gave good effect in the quartette, "Nearer my God to Thee," with Miss Campbell, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Church, the choir master. The music in St. Stephen's church was under the direction of Prof. Max Sterne, which is an assured guarantee of excellence, and I feel safe in stating that their anthems were the best in fine points of execution and good harmony. At St. Charles catholic church Mrs. C. R. Smith and Miss Maud Tiche were musical directors with marked success. Miss Tich is among our most appreciated soloists, and the choir work on the whole was very rendered considering their very difficult services. The musical part of the services in Christ church was fairly good throughout the day. The boys' choir rendered the morning work in a praiseworthy manner, while the mixed choir quite excelled in the evening, particularly in the chanting of the psalms. The anthems were slightly subdued by the tenors, but the quality of tone was too good to make it a defect. The sopranos, who are quite young, did bravely against the odds. Mr. Hillcoat was musical director and is a host in himself. The floral decorations in all the above churches were wonderfully pretty and profuse, considering the early date, and were nearly all loaned from the homes of the congregations. Miss Hillson gave a small afternoon tea on Monday, which was unusually pleasant. Among those present were Miss Kennedy, Halifax; Miss Moody, St. John; Miss Cann and Miss Black, Sackville. Mr. and Mrs. Foster, of Springhill, spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. Prine, Havelock street. Mrs. Dickie, Grove cottage, purposes going to England next month with her daughter. Miss Jennie Aris, of Yarmouth, is paying a visit to her uncle, Rev. V. E. Harris. Mrs. Travis returned to Amherst last week after a long visit to relatives in Sydney C. B., she intends going back after a few weeks in town. Miss Nellie Chapman is visiting her grandmother in Dorchester. Miss Fletcher also spent a few days of last week in Dorchester. Mr. and Mrs. George Cole returned from Parrsboro on Monday. Mr. Charles Fullerton spent Easter at home and returned to Halifax the first of the week. Mr. Frank Vernon is spending the Easter holidays in Amherst, being a very welcome visitor. Mr. Lynde is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Harris. Mr. M. D. Pride went to Montreal on Monday for a short business trip. Miss Alice Page returned last week from visiting relatives in Parrsboro. On Friday evening Miss Barbara McKinnon returned from San Jose, Cal. Her home coming was a very sad one as she came to reside over the household of Mr. B. J. Lawson her late sisters husband. The greeting of her numerous friends is one of joy at the prospect of having her in town again, and of deep sympathy for the sad cause that urges her. Miss Cann, of Mount Allison, Sackville, is the guest of Miss Peelan. Mrs. Scott and Miss Moody of St. John, are the guests of Mrs. A. D. Munroe, Eddy street. The sad occurrence of three deaths in Amherst since my last notes gives a wide-spread feeling of sadness. Mr. H. W. Rogers, who has been ailing for some time was laid to rest on Saturday, and Mr. Black, a most promising young student at Mount Allison and son of Hon. Hiram Black was buried on Friday last. This evening there are two weddings, and a concert by local talent, who assist the band. MARCH MALLOW.

YARMOUTH, N. S.

PROGRESS is for sale in Yarmouth at the stores of E. J. Vickery, Thomson & Co., H. W. Cann and J. A. Craig. MARCH 27.—In most of the churches on Easter Sunday special services were given, and the decorations were very beautiful. On Saturday evening confirmation service was held in Trinity church by Bishop Courtney, there were between twenty and thirty candidates. On Sunday morning and evening services were also held, the Bishop addressing the congregation in the evening. The church was beautifully adorned with flowers, and the music was of a very high order. In the Providence and Wesley Methodist churches special services were also held, both churches being beautifully trimmed with cut flowers and potted plants, very fine music was given and the addresses by their respective pastors were excellent. Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Spinney, gave a small party to a number of their friends on Monday evening. Mrs. Owen, of Annapolis, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Spinney also Mrs. Bogs, of Halifax. Mrs. I. M. Lovitt, returned home Saturday evening after a few weeks visit at her home in New Brunswick. Mr. J. Bennet, brother of Mrs. Chas. Horton is in Yarmouth. Mr. Holly, of St. John, is in town on a short trip. Dr. Bond, M. P. for Kings, passed through Yarmouth on Wednesday last en route for Ottawa. Mr. J. W. Moody left on Wednesday last for the States. He was accompanied by his son, Mr. B. Moody. Mr. Hector McLean, of Bridgetown, was in town last week. Miss Courtney arrived in town on Friday last, and has been a guest of Hon. L. E. Baker; he leaves on Wednesday. Mr. D. H. House, of Boston, was in town this week. Mr. Arthur Stoneman has returned home from college. His friends will be pleased to hear it. Mr. D. M. Joskie, of Ganung, was in town last week. Yarmouth is to have a special treat on April 5th, in the form of Denman Thompson's Old Homestead Quartette. This is under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., and is the last entertainment in the Star course. This course has been thoroughly appreciated. Mr. J. F. Whelan, of Boston, arrived in town Wednesday. Mrs. Tilley left for Boston on Saturday night. Mr. J. Waterman of Minnesota arrived here on Wednesday's boat from Boston. Mr. John Cowan, of Ottawa, was in town last week and left for Windsor Tuesday. Mr. Payne, of St. John, is in town. Miss Notting left on Saturday's steamer for Boston and New York. Mr. C. E. Mansfield has returned to New Hampshire. Dr. Thompson has gone to Annapolis. He expects to be gone a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Rising, of St. John, are guests at Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wyman's. Miss Mell Johnson left for Boston last week on an absence of a few months. She was accompanied by her niece, Miss Mabel Killam. Mr. Frank Kilham has returned from Halifax. Mr. Allan Jost, of Halifax, will manage Thompson & Co.'s drug store during his stay in Annapolis.

DIGBY, N. S.

PROGRESS is for sale in Digby by Mrs. Morse. MARCH 27.—Principal Longley, Miss Bessie McNeill, Mr. Hogg, and Miss Chalton, teachers at the Academy, spent Easter at their homes. Mr. Wickwire the recently elected member for Kings is in town, and is receiving congratulations from his many friends. Mrs. J. DeBainhard, has been visiting Mrs. Ryerson, in Annapolis. Mr. D. J. Murphy, station agent at Clementsport, spent Wednesday in town. Miss Mabel Saunders spent Easter with her aunt, Mrs. H. B. Short. Mrs. Wilcombe who has been spending the winter in Weymouth is visiting her mother Mrs. Merkle at "Acacia Villa." Mrs. B. J. DeBainhard, of Bear River, has been the guest of Mrs. Kinsman. Miss Clara Burton has returned to Yarmouth. A tea for the benefit of the Kings Daughters was given at the Myrtle house Tuesday evening and was a decided success. The D. B. Band give a concert next Tuesday evening in Baptist Hall.

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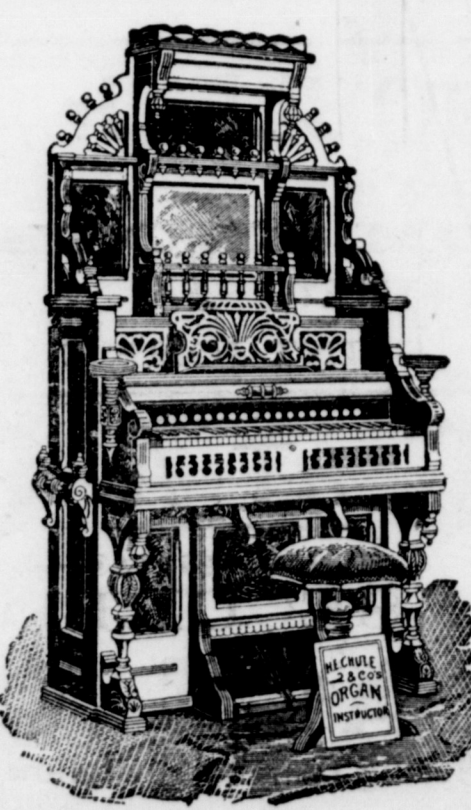
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