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ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, FEB. 23.

RETRENCHMENT WANTED TOO.

The time is approaching when the present members of the city council will have to render an account of their stewardship to the people. They were elected under peculiar circumstances after a considerable struggle and, as a council, for the first time in many, many years represented a certain definite policy. How they have carried out that policy, is the question that the people will require an answer to.

Some of the aldermen can say with all candor and truth that they have tried to act to the letter of that policy. We believe that, as a body, they have been more careful of civic expenditure than any council we have had for many years. But the people expected retrenchment as well as economy. "Retrenchment" was one of the principal watchwords of the T. R. Association: retrenchment, it was pointed out by both old and new men was just as possible as economy.

For this reason, therefore, the presentation of a minority report from the investigating committee will have much significance. The minority represent retrenchment as well as economy, the majority say in effect that there is no opportunity to retrench.

We believe with the great majority of the taxpayers that there are opportunities for retrenchment. There are more officials than are necessary. We do not say that salaries should be generally reduced. That would be a last resort, but the city has officials who can well be spared. Let the council look the matter squarely in the face, turn a deaf ear to the friends of these gentlemen, sink the sentimental part of the question and they cannot help coming to the same conclusion.

Halifax has inaugurated a series of "drawing room meetings" for the discussion of topics concerning women, of which men and women are both invited to give their views on the woman question. At the first meeting all the men that spoke, as well as all the women, were firmly in favor of women voting. One gentlemen, it is reported, zealously expressed the hope that womencould vote at the next Dominion election. Surely out of the large number of men and women present some were not in favor of woman suffrage. If such there were, some of them should have spoken, and rendered the evening's work more interesting. There are no problems of more vital interest than those which have to do with the woman question, and the fullest and freest scope should be given it. The friendly controversy between Rev. R. F. DIXON and "Astra" which has waged in the columns of PROGRESS furnish valuable contributions to the arguments on both sides of the question.

As Mr. LARSEN suggests in his Boston letter, Dr. PARKHURST was once a crank, but now he is the most looked-up-to man in the States. He is the oracle whom all consult. The Progress club of New York is said to be rent with dissention on the question as to whether the poker limit should be fixed at ten cents or $10. The Boston Herald, of whose staff Mr. LARSEN is a member, says that "Brother PARKHURST undoubtedly has some fixed ideas on the subject that would serve to illuminate things and dispel all doubts." Probably the good doctor would mitigate strife by suggesting a compromise.

A Virginia paper suggests that the natal day of LINCOLN be made a national holiday, and prints a long article in his praise. The world is growing broader and better, and every day brings us nearer the millenium. But it is possible that it would be a good many years before the birthday of LINCOLN would be as universally observed as that of WASHINGTON.

The following is an extract from a clergyman's address on "The Bible" at Charlottetown, copied from the report in the Wesleyan. However well posted the reverend gentleman is on the poetry of the Bible, concerning the work of modern poets he appears to be a trifle confused—or perhaps the reporter was to blame: "No one mistake is proven or the smallest portion disused, and we can say of its enemies:

The angel of death spread his wings on the blast,
And breathed on the face of the foe as he passed;
And like the snowflake on the river,
A moment seen and lost forever."

A GREAT INSURANCE COMPANY.

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In this issue we publish the certificate of the insurance commissioners of Illinois, Ohio, Texas and South Dakota, which is a very strong document in favor of the Mutual Reserve Fund life association of New York. It cannot be other than gratifying to the management of the association and its tens of thousands of policy-holders. The examination lasted over two months and the commissioners state that they made an exhaustive and thorough examination of the books and accounts and of all receipts and disbursements, and certify that they verified by a competent expert the value of the association's interest in the building known as the "Mutual Reserve Building," and are satisfied that its value is largely in excess of the amount at which it stands on the association's books; that the death claims are honorably and promptly paid; that it does not, in any case, wiltully attempt to resist the payment of an honest claim; that payment is just as sure as with any other company or association; that great care is exercised in the selection of risks and that the association is in a healthy and prosperous condition; that its assets are increasing and that the management, the public and the members are to be warmly congratulated upon the solidity and security of the association.

It appears from the published literature of the Mutual Reserve that within the short period of fourteen years, it has paid nearly $21,000,000. in death claims and has accumulated a reverse or emergency fund of nearly $4,000,000 and that the average cost for the fourteen years has been about 40 per cent. of the ordinary life rates charged by level premium companies. It has over 96,000 policies in force, insuring upwards of $290,000,000, and has well established branches in nearly every healthy country in the world.

Its president, Edward B. Harper, has the esteem and confidence of all who know him, and is recognized as one of the most efficient insurance men of the present age.

Our readers, and especially those of them who are carrying insurance in the Mutual Reserve, should carefully study the official certificate already referred to.

He Took It Seriously.

TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS:—In your issue of the 16th inst. I saw an article headed, "Petitcodiac Unemployed" written by "Anxious Citizen." The writer must have allowed his imaginative brain to get control of his common sense, as the "desperadoes" referred to by him were four of our respectable young men. The truth is, the storm of Sunday 10th, piled a large drift in the road which leads from the street to the barn. On Monday night of the 11th, the young men planned a surprise for Mr. Matthews, so about 10 o'clock they, armed with shovels, started for the parsonage, and were just through with their praiseworthy work, having shoveled the road out nicely, when the Rev. gentleman, wishing to find out who his friends were, came down. They, not wishing to be recognized by him, left before he had time to thank them for their kindness. The citizens of our town will be obliged to the writer who signs his name "Anxious Citizen" if he will tell nothing but the truth next time he writes. He must be anxious indeed if he tries to make every thing as bad as he did this. JUSTICE.

Petitcodiac, Feb. 18, '95.

PEN AND PRESS.

Presumably it is Mr. John Ross of this city that PROGRESS has to thank for copies of Australian papers. There is about Australian journalism a vim and a snap that is peculiar to the country. The poetry is generally particularly breezy, the political cartoons inimitable. The only parts of an Australian weekly that are dull are the parts in which English journalism is copied. A St. John paper is paid for printing a scriptural text every day, but the Australasian is paid for printing sermons among its advertisments, out of a "fund for publishing sermons," which is subscribed to by readers of the paper. In the copy sent to PROGRESS two powerful discourses are sandwiched between advertisements of Cadbury's Cocoa and Commans's areca nut tooth paste.

A School House Caucus.

Shall school houses, the abode and the symbol of broadmindedness, be devoted to the narrow uses of partizan caucuses? It appears that such has been the case. There is only one school teacher in the city who would do this.

A Country Churchyard

A lot, full of sad memories dear,
So bleak, on this December day,
A sacred spot, where rest the dead
Of generations passed away—
Awaiting there the herald's trumpet blast—
Of summonses the loudest and the last—
In life eternal to again unite
With spirits pure in endless bliss and light.
What tears have fallen on this sacred plot,
O'er open graves, the end, the common lot,
How deep the silent sorrow there beheld,
And awful, bitter grief in sighs withheld,
As one by one the graves with earth were filled,
And grief, through faith and hope was gently stilled,
Those who did weep and mourn, whose hearts did burn,
Have since been wept and mourned for in their turn.
And so as times fell march we daily trace,
Continuous sadness fills thehallowed place.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

[PROGRESS is for sale in St. Stephen by Master Ralph Trainor, R. S Daggett, and at the book stores of G. S. Wall and J. Vroom & Co. In Calais at O. P. Treat's.]

FEB. 20.—The chief topic and interest in town this week is the skating carnival to be given in aid of the public library, Shrove Tuesday night, in the St. Croix skating rink. All the young society people are preparing costumes and it is expected it will be the most successful and brilliant affair of the winter.

The "Trinity workers" met yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. C. H. Clerke, and enjoyed a most useful and pleasant afternoon and evening. The ladies, who belong to this society are preparing for a tea and entertainment to be given at Eastertide.

Mrs. T. J. Smith entertained a party of friends most pleasantly on Friday evening. Among the guests were Mrs. Eaton and Miss James, of St. Andrews.

The music loving public will be delighted to learn that Miss Louie Taylor is arranging one of her charming concerts to be given during the first week in March.

Captain Howard McAllister's friends will regret to hear he is quite ill and confined to his home.

Letters have been received from Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ganong announcing their safe arrival at Hamilton, Bermuda. They report a very stormy passage neatly all the way. Mr. and Mrs. Ganong do not intend to return for a month.

I have heard of a large party to be given at an early date, at the residence of one of our prominent citizens.

The many friends and acquaintances of Mrs. Geo. S. Grimmer, of St. Andrews, regret to hear of the painful and severe accident on Saturday.

Mrs. Theodore Murchie gave a most delightful party at her home on Saturday to a number of children. The party was given for the pleasure of her young daughter, Miss Pearl Murchie.

Miss Berta Smith is enjoying the pleasures of Boston and vicinity and will not return home until the last of March.

The Micmacnes snow shoe club enjoyed a tramp and supper at hotel De Monts on Monday night.

A party of young people from Calais and St. Stephen have arranged a drive to Red Beach, and a hop in the hall, in that place, for Friday evening. Much pleasure is anticipated.

The Current News club met on Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Chipman, and a number of interesting subjects were introduced and vigorously discussed.

The Hampton curlers were in town yesterday and played a match game with the St. Stephen curlers which resulted in a victory for the latter club.

Mr. George Potter, of New York, is in town for a brief visit

Mr. J. B. Gillespie, of St. John, is in town today.

Mr. William Hall, of Montreal, spent several days here during the past week.

Dr. Gerrish, of Portland, when in Calais during the past week was the guest of Dr. C. E. Swan.

Mr. Morris Hinds, Lowell, Mass., is the guest of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hinds.

Mrs. Samuel Rideout is visiting Boston for a few weeks.

Misses Lizzie and Helen McNichol have gone to Boston for an extended visit.

Mr. Archibald MacNichol is visiting Washington, on a business trip.

Mrs. E. U. Goul, of St. Andrews, is the guest of her daughter Mrs. Hazen Trimmer.

Mrs. A. H. Thompson's friends will be interested to know she is again in Denver, Colorado.

Messrs. Henry F. Tood, and Julius Whitlock, have been visiting Portland, Me. this week, on a business trip.

Mr. Walter Stroude, of Montreal, is in town on a business trip.

Miss Nellie Murchie left this morning for Perth, where she will visit friends for several weeks.

Mr. John E. Algar is on a business trip in Woodstock and vicinity.

Mrs. Frederick S. Newnham leaves on Friday for her home in Canso, Nova Scotia, after a pleasant visit of a month at Christ church rectory, St. Croix.

The Riflemen give a grand promenade concert and ball in the opera house Milltown on Friday evening.

Miss Bessie Magee, of St. Andrews, arrived today and is the guest of Mrs. Frank A. Grimmer.

Miss Emma Andrews, of St. Andrews, is the guest this week of Mrs. R. K. Ross.

Mrs. George Clarke has returned from St. John, and her sister Miss McKeown left this morning for her home in that city.

Mr. George Owen, of Portland Maine, and his family are visiting friends in town.

PETITCODIAC.

FEB. 19.—Mrs. Nelson Price has returned home.

Miss Mamsie Fleming is here visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Humphreys.

On Saturday Mrs. W. B. Keith left for Sackville to help nurse her daughter, Miss Lena Keith, who is quite ill.

Miss Mary Emmerson spent Sunday in Havelock with her friend, Mrs. Seely.

Miss Maggie Blakney, of Moncton, spent Saturday at her home here.

Miss Ina Morton, of Moncton, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Fred Seely and son, of Havelock, are in the village.

Miss Steadman, of Salisbury, is at the Temperance house.

Mr. H. Weldon spent Sunday in Steeves Settlement visiting his mother, Mrs. Keith.

Mrs. Birdie Killam, of Havelock, was here on Saturday.

On Friday evening the Literary club met with Mrs. George Smith.

Miss Mary Price, of Havelock, spent Saturday here with her aunt Mrs. Webster.

Miss Winnie Killam, of Killam's Mills, and Miss Graves spent Saturday in the village.

Mrs. Fred Fowler, who was confined to the house with a heavy cold, is again out.

Miss Lula McMurray, of Salisbury, is here to day

Miss Marks, of Moncton, is here the guest of Miss Minnie Trites.

The "Band of Hope" met on Saturday. There were thirty-five prizes awarded for regular attendance a special prize offered by Miss Moore for the best essay on narcotics was won by Miss Annie Cochran. At the close of the exercise the children presented to Miss Moore a silver napkin ring; also, the class Miss Moore teaches gave her a very pretty cup, saucer and plate. NESTA.

WOODSTOCK.

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

FEB. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Holyoke entertained a number of their friends at a rink party on Friday evening. The party witnessed the hockey match and then skated for some time, after which they returned to Mr. Holyoke's residence where a hot supper was enjoyed.

Miss Ella Smith entertained her friends at a tea party on Thursday evening of last week.

The Misses Watts gave a tea party on Saturday evening for the entertainment of a number of their friends.

The Misses Smith entertained a number of young people at a whist evening last week.

Mrs. R. R. Jones gave a tea party on Tuesday afternoon of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Griffith gave a "drive whist" party on Monday evening of this week. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

The Misses Dibblee gave a "drive whist" party at their residence on Tuesday evening of this week. A very pleasant evening was spent. The games being spiritedly contested. Supper was served about eleven o'clock. The ladies' "king" prize was a triple tie, Miss Jessie Peabody, Miss Stevens, St. Stephen, and Miss Gertrude Stephenson, being the fortunate players. Miss Stevens drew the prize, a dainty bit of bric-a-brac. Mr. Harry B. Smith won the gentleman's "king" prize, a paper cutter. Out of consideration for the gentleman who won the "booby" prize, I will withold his name. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. G. Sterling Peabody, the Misses Carman, the Misses Beardsley, Miss Peabody, Miss J. Brown. Miss Stevens, the Misses Jordan, the Misses Griffith, Miss Bourne, Miss Gertrude Stephenson, Messrs. Reg. Dibblee, C. A. Peabody, C. Carman, LeB. Dibblee, Harry B. Smith Donald Peabody, James Stephenson, B. Bedell, J. Peabody and S. Wetmore.

Miss Brown, of Greenbank, is visiting friends in Halifax.

Miss Stephenson, of St. Andrews, is the guest of Mrs. George Mitchell.

Mrs. Livingstone Dibblee is visiting friends in St. John.

Mrs. DeWolfe of St. Andrews. is the guest of Mrs. George Anderson.

Mrs. Benbow Ferguson, of St. John, died on Tuesday of last week at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Richard Bull, of Woodstock. Mrs. Ferguson was a very aged lady and had been living with Mrs. Bull for the past few years. Her remains were taken to St. John for interment this week. ELAINE.

MAUGERVILLE.

FEB. 19.—Miss Stanger, of Fredericton, is visiting friends here.

Miss Barker, of Sheffield, is visiting Miss Lizzie Harrison.

Miss Magee has been spending a few days in Lower Maugerville.

Miss Eliza Miles is visiting in Fredericton.

Mrs. George C. Miles is spending a week with relatives in Fredericton.

Mr. A. R. Miles is home for a few days.

The ladies of Christ's church congregation gave an entertainment and tea on Tuesday evening last. Despite the bad state of the roads the building was packed. After those present had done justice to the sumptuous repast set before them, a programme of music recitations etc., was given, Miss Miles, of Amherst, and Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Bliss, of Lincoln, taking part.

The young people enjoyed a "drive" on Wednesday evening last and then returned to the residence of C. B. Harrison, M. P. P., where dancing and cards were enjoyed the remainder of the evening. LITTLE LEAFY.

AMHERST.

[PROGRESS is for sale at Amherst by Master A. D. Campbell.]

FEB. 21.—The large progressive euchre party given on Thursday evening by Mrs. B. C. Munro, at her home on Victoria street, was an unusually pleasant affair. The guests played euchre till 12 o'clock, when lunch was served, after which dancing was indulged in for some time. The lucky winners of the first prizes were: Miss Foreman and Dr. McCully, Miss Purdy and Mr. Biden, while Mr. Harry Smith and Miss Ella Hillson captured the booby prizes. Mrs. Munro received her guests in a very becoming gown of black velvet with black lace trimming, while her sister Miss Rice in whose honor the party was given, wore a gown of cream trimmed with orange silk. The guests were Mrs. E. Biden, Miss Main, Miss Foreman, Miss Sleep, Miss Culler, Miss Lowerson, Miss Munro, Miss Aggie Munro, Miss Purdy, Miss Ella Hillson and Miss Harris, Messrs. A. M. Borden, Harry Smith, F. Main, T. Sayre, Biden, C. S. Purdy, Charles Black, Geo. Munro, H. Pipe, Harry Biden, John Curry, Dr. McCully and Dr. McQueen.

Miss Rich, of Truro, who has been visiting Miss Edna Moffat, Church street, returned home on Thursday.

Miss Grace Fawcett, who has been visiting Miss Maude Tighe, Willow Side, has returned to her home in Sackville.

Miss Katie Gross, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Cathoun, of the Terrace, returned to her home in Hillsboro, on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Smith entertained a number of their friends on Thursday evening at dinner in honor of Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. Henderson, of Parrsboro. Among the guests were: Dr. and Mrs. Ayer, Dr. and Mrs. Hewson, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hillcoat, Mrs. C F. Hillson, Mrs. Coates, (Nappan,) Mrs. Howard and Mrs. J. T. Smith.

Invitations have been issued by Mrs. H. G. C. Ketchum, for a large dance on Thursday evening at her home on Victoria street in honor of her guests, Judge and Mrs. Wetmore and Miss Wetmore.

Mrs. T. N. Campbell is receiving her bridal callers this week. She is assisted by her sister Miss Laura Heartz, of Truro. and Mrs. C. A. Black.

On Friday evening a geographical social will be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Christie Albion street. As this is something decidedly new in the social line, no doubt it will be well attended. The proceeds are for to help furnish the vestry of the new baptist church.

Mrs. Geo. Davis, who has been in St. John visiting friends returned home last week.

Mr. James Rogers spent Sunday with his family at their residence on Ratchford street.

Mr. and Mrs. Henay Dunlap entertain a number of their friends, at whist on Wednesday evening at their home on Victoria street.

The many young friends of Miss Helen Biden will be pleased to see her out again after being confined in the house for the past six weeks.

The social held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John McKeen's on Wednesday evening was a very great success from every point of view. The programme was splendidly gotten up and consisted of a large number of our best local talent. Among those who contributed to the enjoyment of the evening were Prof. and Mrs Sterne, Miss Ford, Miss Hockin, Mrs. Stanley Sutherland, Miss Rich, Miss Moffatt, Mr. John Curry and Aubrey Robb The proceeds, which amounted to forty dollars, are to be used in furnishing a young men's parlor in the Y. M. C. A.

Miss Fanny Bliss, of Westmorland, is the guest of her brother, Dr. Bliss, Church street.

Miss Crane, of Sackville, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. H. Tremaine, Havelock street.

SACKVILLE.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Sackville at Wm. I. Goodwin's Bookstore. In Middle Sackville by E. M Merritt.]

FEB. 20.—Mrs. Lawton and Edna Lawton, of St. John, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Foster.

Miss Hattie Stewart has returned from a short visit with friends in Moncton.

Miss Grace Fawcett returned on Friday from a weeks visit with friends in Amherst.

Mrs. B. Eaton Paterson spent a few days of this week with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Black.

Mrs. Morris Robinson, of St. John, spent Sunday in town the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Allison "Acacia Trive."

The Misses Sangster entertained a few friends on Saturday evening.

Miss Lena Keith and Miss Belle Stockton, who have been quite ill with la grippe, are at present recovering.

Mrs. Keith, of Petitcodiac, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pickard.

Miss Hattie Cahill entertained a few friends to a very enjoyable snowshoe tramp on Thursday evening.

The "grand band concert" given on Friday evening by the Sackville cornet band was an unprecedented success. The hall was well filled with a most appreciative audience who fully enjoyed the entire programme. The different band selections were most admirably played as were also the quartettes and duets by the different members of the band and Prof. Ansell left nothing to be desired in his cornet solo, "Grand Fantasia" (Hartman). The band under the efficient management of Prof. Ansell is steadily improving and the talented professor has every reason to feel proud of the organization. Mr. G. S. Mayes of St. John was present and his first solo "Thy Sentinel am I" completely captured the audience and he was compelled to respond to a rousing encore. Mr. Mayes was heard at his best in his next solo, "Death of Nelson," which he rendered faultlessly. Miss Blanche Wilson of the Ladies' college was the only lady soloist of the evening and her sweet and powerful voice was heard to great advantage in the Serenade by O. Metra. Mrs. J. J. Ansell's reading "The Little Hen" was given with true artistic feeling and was well received. WILD THYME.

MONCTON.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Moncton at the Moncton Bookstore, at the Central Bookstore and by M. B. Jones.]

FEB 20.—The carnival in the Victoria rink last Wednesday was a great success. There were about seven hundred costumed skaters, and the promenade was crowded. Miss Paturel, of Shediac, carried off the prize for the handsomest dress on the ice and Miss Lucy Donald as "Home Spun" for the most original among the ladies and Mr. Robichau among the gentlemen whose representation of a "Fisherman from Painsac" was excellent. The ice was in splendid condition and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

On Saturday evening there were two skating parties at the Victoria rink, one from Dorchester and the other from Shediac. Among them were:—Mrs. White, Mrs. S. C Charters, Mrs. J. Weldon, Mrs. N. W. Schaffer and Dr. E. A. Smith, Messrs. S. C. Charters, and A. J. Webster, from Shediac.

Miss Walkins, Miss Foster, Mrs. J. H. Foster, Miss Knapp, Miss Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tait, Mrs. Kindred, Miss Tingley, Messrs. A. B. Tait, D. R. Park, W. A. Burden, Jas. Corcoran, Percy Foster, L. Hutchinson, W. F. Campbell, and J. Sherard from Dorchester.

Last evening the Knights of Pythias entertained their friends in their hall on Robinson street, it being the 32nd anniversary of the order. For the first part of the evening an excellent programme consisting of music, vocal and instrumental readings and speeches were prepared and fully carried out, after which was refreshments, dancing and games. A most enjoyable time was spent by all and the committee deserve great credit.

We are having lots of parties this week. This evening Mrs. Bliss Ward entertains her friends at drive whist and Miss Harris has a dance. On Friday evening Mrs. C. A. Murray has a drive whist and I have heard of more parties for the week following.

Miss Paturel, of Shediac, was in the city on Saturday.

Miss Mamie Fleming, of Newcastle, is in town visiting her aunt, Mrs. Henry Fleming of Alma street.

Captain Cecil Dernier left last week for British Columbia where he intends making his home.

Miss Pender, of St. John, is in town visiting her friend Miss Rippey, of Church street.

Miss Brandt left on Monday for New York to visit her brother.

Miss Purdy, who has been visiting Mrs. T. T Ryan for the past few weeks, returned on Monday to her home in St. John.

Judge Wedderburn of Hampton was in the city on Monday.

Mrs. A. E. Chapman has gone to Amherst to spend a few weeks with friends.

Mrs. Cooke and Miss Annie Cooke have returned from their long visit with friends in Philadelphia and Boston.

Miss Harris has returned from St. John, where she was visiting Mrs. DeForest.

Mrs. McAlary, of New York, is visiting in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams, of Highfield street.

Mrs. C. P. Atkinson, of Newcastle, is in the city visiting Mrs. F. Peters, Robinson street.

Mr. W. C. Ross, of Halifax, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Georgie Cole, who is attending the Ladies' college, Sackville, spent Sunday at her home.

Mr. Fred Schurman, of Truro, spent a few days in town last week, the guest of Mr. J. J. Wallace, Cameron street.

Mrs. A. H. Harington, of St. John, is visiting her friend, Mrs. H. S. Bell, of Botsford street. CLOTHO.

BUCTOUCHE.

FEB. 19.—A very enjoyable dance was given by Mr. and Mrs. John O'Leary on Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. O'Malley of Chatham.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Malley, of Chatham, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Killeen, have returned home on Monday.

Miss Dysart, of Cocaigne, who has been visiting friends here, has returned home.

Mrs. J. A. Irving has returned home from a very pleasant visit to her parents, in Milltown.

Mr. George Irving was called to Boston last week, on account of the serious illness of his little daughter Lizzie. Later report, I am glad to say, says she is improving.

Miss Curren returned home from Kingston on Monday.

Mr. Neil J. Ross spent Sunday in Kingston.

Miss Flo Curren, of Kingston, returned home on Saturday.

Quite a number of little social dances have been held here in the past fortnight.

Miss Fannie Girouard has returned home from St. Anthony.

Mr. Gowland, of St. John, spent a short time here last week.

Mr. E. E. Ross, of Quebec, was in town last week.

Miss Doherty returned to her home in Milltown, on Monday.

Mr. R. Chestnut spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Haningan went to Moncton last week to attend the funeral of their brother, Mr James Haningan. VERNE.

NEWCASTLE.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Newcastle by Perley Fleming.]

FEB. 20.—The tea given in the Masonic hall on Thursday last by the ladies of St. James' church was a great success; it was pronounced the best tea ever given in the Masonic hall, realizing about $100.

The same evening the Misses Quigley entertained about forty of her friends at drive whist.

On Friday evening there was a small and early at the manse.

On Monday evening last the young people of the presbyterian church held a social in St. James, which was much enjoyed by all.

Invitations have been issued by Mrs. Manny in honor of Miss Louise's birthday for Thursday evening

Mrs. H. Humphreys, of Petitcodiac, is visiting her daughter Mrs. S. S. Fleming.

Mrs. Stavard and baby, of Fredericton, are visiting Mrs. Stavard parents at the Rocks.

Miss Yorston, of Douglas town, is spending a few days in town this week.

Mr. J. Ferguson and Master Willie have gone to St. John for a few days.

Mrs. J Sargeant is spending a few days in Fredericton this week. SNOW BALL.

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, carriages and machinery.]

FEB. 20.—Mrs. C. A. Kennedy gave a delightful five o'clock tea on Saturday afternoon to a number of her friends. Those present were: Miss Barnes, Miss Annie Smith, Miss Carr, Miss Cassie Thompson, Miss Jennie Jardine, Miss Sadie Somerby, Miss Ethel Jallett, Miss Mamie Barberie, Miss Ruth Chandler, Miss Beatrice Gunn, Miss Florrie Murry, Miss Alice Mowat, Miss Maggie Harper, Miss Minnie Henderson, Miss Winnie Barbarie, Miss Nettie McLellan, Miss Madge Brown, Miss Bessie McKenzie, Miss Jean Nash and Miss Lizzie Henderson.

Dr. Bell, of Dalhousie, was in town on Friday last.

Mr. H. E. Cole, of St. John, spent Saturday and Sunday in Campbellton.

Mrs. David Ritchie, of Dalhousie, visited her sister, Mrs. Doherty, on Saturday.

Cards were received this morning announcing the marriage of Miss Graziell Venner, daughter of Mr. Alfred J. Venner, of this town, to Mr. Thomas W. West formerly of Campbellton but now situated in Brid Island, Minnesota, U. S. The ceremony was performed by Rev Father J. M. Huston, of St. John's cathedral, at Milwaukee, Wis., U. S., on Wednesday, the 13 h. inst. The bride was attired in a beautiful travelling suit, with hat and gloves to match. She was the recipient of many useful and handsome presents, a beautiful gold watch and chatelaine from her father, Mr. A. S. Venner, being among the number.

Miss Beatrice Gunn spent last week with Mrs. Kilgour Shives.

Mr. J. C. Moore, who has been absent for some time, is in town visiting at Mr. Charles Murray's.

Mr. Maurice Kelly, of Point Levis, was in Campbellton on Monday.

Mr. Lamont, of Fredericton, registered at the Commercial last week.

On Monday evening a party of forty or more met at Mrs. A. Johnson where teams were in readness to drive them over to Oak bay to the beautiful residence of Mrs. F. D. Sowerby. After the cold long drive across the ice, what could be more pleasant than the hearty welcome that greeted all, the house was beautifully illuminated. Shortly after arriving dancing began and it was kept up till the early hours of morning

Mrs. S. A. Lingley who has been spending a few weeks in Fredericton came home last Thursday.

Mrs. A. K. Hardman's friends are glad to see her able to be out again.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Fraser on the arrival of a bouncing boy. MARGUERITE.

ST. ANDREWS.

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FEB. 19.—Capt. Charles Clarke was in St. Andrews on Tursday last to attend the funeral of his mother.

The niece of one of our townsman, Mr. John S. Magee, has gone to China as a missionary, Miss Stella Magee.

Mrs. T. R. Wren, Miss Hartt, and Miss Magee have returned from their up river trip.

Among the strangers in town last week were Manager Black, of the bank of Nova Scotia, R. D. Ross, E. G. Vroom, St. Stephen, G. H. Frawley, of Brookline, Mass., J. E. Simpson, G. K. Wetmore, of Lord's Cove, and three young strangers who have "come to stay." The little visitors are in the homes of station master Manzer, Mr. Jame Cummings, and Mr. Isaac Starr, Congratulations are in order.

On Thursday evening of last week the pretty residence of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Treadwell was the scene of gaiety. Mr. and Mrs. Treadwell entertained a few of their numerous friends at drive whist. The company separated about 2 a. m. after thoroughly enjoying themselves. The ladies and gentlemen present were: Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Warn, Mrs. Wm. McQuoid, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stickney, Mrs. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. Durell Grimmer, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Magee, Mrs. Williams (Moncton), Mrs. Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Stuart, Miss Stoop, Miss Hartt, Miss Magee, Miss Ross, Miss Stickney, Miss Maloney, Miss Carmicheal, Miss Whitlock, Miss O'dell, Miss Stuart, Messrs. D. Stoop, W. Whitlock, E. Cockburn, C. Carmicheal, F. Stevenson, B. Clinch, W. Brodie, F. Maloney, W. B. Morris and B. F. DeWolfe.

The prizes were very handsome and were captured by Misses Carmicheal, Magee and Stickney, Messrs. J. F. Maloney, W. M. Magee and C. Carmicheal.

Mr. Harry Williamson is recovering from a severe illness.

Mrs. Geo. I. Grimmer made a misstep on Saturday last, which resulted unfortunately in a broken hip. Mrs. Grimmer's friends are very anxious about her.

Mrs. Len. Knight, Elliott row, St. John, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Haddock, came to St. Andrews, last week.

J. Hy. Cobolan Eccle will lecture in Andraelee hall on Wednesday 20th, subject, "Society".

An orchestra has been formed in connection with our methodist Sunday school. It is made up as follows: Miss Comben, pianist; Miss Bessie Comben, first violin; Mr. Fred Worrel, second violin; Mr. Walter Stickney, B flat cornet; Mr. Burt Clinch, flute.

Much sympathy is felt for Capt. and Mrs. George Jackson. Their son, Mr. Arthur Jackson, was engineer on board the steamer Keenewaw, which sailed from Victoria, B. C. for San Francisco, Dec. 7th, 1894, and has never been heard of since. The company owning the Deenewaw, are of the opinion that she has sunk with all hands.

Miss Kathleen O'Neil has returned from a very pleasant visit to St. Stephen.

Miss Morrison went to St. Stephen last week.

Mrs. Wm. Hartford has gone to Deer Island to visit her son, Mr. Liscom Hartford. JACK.

SUSSEX.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Sussex by G. D. Martin, R. D. Boal and S. H. White & Co.]

FEB. 19.—Mr. Geo. Hallett, of St. John, spent last week here the guest of Mrs. Lamb.

Mrs. W. B. McKay gave a sleighing party to a few friends on Thurdsay evening. They drove out about four miles from Sussex to Mrs. Pattison's residence, where they were entertained with cards, and about twelve o'clock a sumptuous supper was served, and about one o'clock the party started for home. All were delighted, and regretted the time was so short.

Mrs. John McFadzen, of Shediac, was here on Friday.

Miss Boyle of Anagance, spent a few days here last week, the guest of Mrs. H. H. Dryden.

Mr. W. D. Forster, of Moncton, was here on Friday en route to New York to undergo medical treatment while here he was the guest of Mr. W. H. Culbert, Church avenue.

Miss Kate Morrison is visiting friends in Fredericton.

Miss Bleakney, of Petitcodiac, is visiting her aunt, Miss Stockton, here.

Mrs. Heber Sproul, of Chatham, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. S. Goggin, of Elgin, spent Sunday here the guest of Mr. R. D Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Trites, of St. John, are visiting Mr. J. S. Trites here.

Miss J. Gorham gave a pleasant snowshoe party to a number of her friends on Friday evening. After about one hour's tramp over the fields the party returned to Miss Gorham's residence, where a very enjoyable time was spent with cards, after which refreshments were served, and about one o'clock the party dispersed, all saying they had a lovely time.

Another very pleasant event was a sleighing party on Monday night, gotten up by Messrs. Howes and Vassie. It goes without saying what a fine time they had. I think it was the largest sleighing party of the season. The party was driven to Mr. Frank R. Roach's residence, where dancing was enjoyed till about three o'clock in the morning when the party broke up. Among others were Misses McLeod, Dobson, Roach, Taylor, Keltie, McLean, Blanche, Carmichael, Dobson, Johnson, Byrne, Howes, Cougle, Ross, Sproul, Steeves, Brown, Deboo, Morrison, Gorham, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gould, Messrs. McLean, Ashton, Byrne, Thompson, McIntyre, Chestnut, Keith, Chapman, Suffien, Mills, Ring, Vassie, Howes, Murray, Miller, Fairweather, Cougle and others.

Miss Rena Culbert has been confined to the house for the past week through illness.

Rev. Mr Street, of St. John, was in town on Saturday

Mrs. Gillis of Belisle spent Sunday with her brother, Dr. Burnett, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanwart, of Queens county, spent a few days of last week with their daughter, Mrs. B. N. Nobles.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burnett of Washedemoak paid a visit to Dr. Burnett last week.

The largest carnival of the season was held tonight in the Aberdeen rink. The costumes were certainly lovely. I would like to give a full account but I am unable to do so. The rink was crowded with spectators and the Citizens' Band played some very pretty music. Dr. Daly won first gentlemen's prize as "Lobster," which was a splendid representation. Miss Keltie won first prize among the ladies as "Tambourine Girl," and looked lovely. Miss G. Hallett second as Japanese Lady, a very perfect costume.

Mrs. G. D. Martin won 3rd prize as "Moonlight," and I think special mention should be made of Miss A. Ryan; as Bohemian Girl she looked very nice, and the Halifax lady (name unknown) as "Creole."

Mrs. Hugh MacMonagle as a bride of fifty years ago, a very ancient costume.

Master Maurice Kinnear as "Admiral" looked splendidly, and master Douglas Macaulay made a perfect Edward I. I hear there is to be one more carnival this season. TULIP.

HARCOURT.

FEB 20.—Mr. A. McInnis, representing S. Hay & Co., of St. John, was here today.