

Social and Personal.

St. John. I think it was intimated last week that society was not distinctly gay, although it might be considered cheerful; this week I have not the same story to tell by any means, as since last Saturday there has been an almost constant whirl of gaiety—on a small scale it is true but possibly more enjoyable to the majority of participants on that account. Very large functions are not always the most pleasant; the general free and easy good-fellowship which seems to pervade smaller gatherings being decidedly more conducive to enjoyment. There are so many affairs this week that one scarcely knows just where to begin. It might be better perhaps to take them in their regular order and thus avoid according to any particular one the precedence usually given to the larger social events.

On Friday last week Mrs. Murray McLaren gave a whist party for the entertainment of officers of the H. M. S. Canada. Late in the evening a recherche little supper was served, and music ended a very pleasant evening. The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. F. H. J. Ruel, Mrs. Gregory (Fredericton) Miss Burpee, Miss Dever, Miss Daisy Outram, Misses Furion, Capt. Wilson, Dr. McGregor, Mr. Hansard, Mr. George Blair, Mr. George Jones.

Miss Keator gave a very successful tea on Monday, in honor of Mrs. F. H. J. Ruel. It was quite an informal affair. The guests included, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. J. Ruel, Mrs. Stratton, Miss Bayard, Miss Warner, Miss Wales, Miss Jones, Miss McMillan, Miss Dever, Miss Furlong, Miss Peters, Mrs. J. Roy Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Mr. Wilkinson, Halifax, Mr. Cayley Halifax, Mr. Winslow, Mr. Burpee, Mr. George Hartt, Mr. Grant, Mr. Hanington, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Hansard, Mr. Hazen, Mr. Gozard and others.

Tuesday afternoon Countess de Barry gave quite a large tea; it was for the many young brides. I believe no one except married ladies were invited. The tea was served in the library and the table was beautifully decorated with quantities of, inasmuch as; lemon sherbet, ices, and chocolate were served. At one end of the table Miss Bayard poured tea and Miss Manning dispensed chocolate at the other. They were assisted by Miss Travers, Miss Celia Armstrong and Miss Marie de Barry. Miss Bayard was wearing a becoming black crepon with jet trimmings, Miss Manning wore a pretty light dress, Miss Travers wore a black crepon with pale green bolice, and Miss Marie de Barry wore lavender mousseline de soie with lavender ribbon trimmings. The hostess was wearing a handsome black silk, and Miss Armstrong had on a dark dress; very prettily made. The guests included, Mrs. George K. McLeod, Mrs. Will Lawton, Mrs. J. Roy Campbell, Mrs. Warren Winslow, Mrs. Barbara, Mrs. Murray McLaren, Mrs. McInerney, Mrs. Andrew Jack, Mrs. D. P. Chisholm, Mrs. F. H. J. Ruel, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. George Carvell, Mrs. Walter White, Mrs. Silas Alward, Mrs. Starr, Mrs. Warren and others.

On the same afternoon the cricket match between the Halifax and St. John clubs attracted a number of society ladies to the athletic grounds and after the game, tea was served by Mrs. Wm. Harrison, Mrs. Keator, Mrs. Holder, Miss Dever and Miss Bayard. They were assisted in dispensing tea and other dainties by gentlemen from both the garrison and home teams. The afternoon was very pleasant though not quite so calm as could have been desired, and a number of pretty dresses were worn among which were noticed many white ducks. The occasion was an exceedingly pleasant one and an interesting variation on the usual house tea party.

Miss Holden gave a picnic at the Bay Shore on Friday afternoon. It was to have been held on Wednesday, but was postponed.

On Thursday, Miss Hall gave a dance at Rothesay to which quite a number of city folk were invited.

Mrs. Fraser, wife of the Lieut. Governor, gave a dance at "Favrine Place" Fredericton this week in honor of her guest Miss Alice Tuck; of St. John. Miss Bob Warner returned from St. Stephen this week, where she was visiting Miss Clarke.

Mrs. Stratton of "Lauriston" returned this week from a very pleasant stay at Westfield. Miss Dolly Scovil and Mrs. Wilson, are staying at Rothesay for a month. Miss Wales, of Columbus, Ohio, is visiting at General Warner's.

Mrs. Chipman Skinner and Mrs. Lawrence, of Boston, have taken rooms in St. Andrews for a month or two.

A party consisting of Mrs. Charles Harrison, Miss Fellows, the Misses Randolph and a few gentlemen left Fredericton Thursday for Grand Falls; from there they will return to Fredericton by canoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Vavasor, who spent some time here, have gone home to Fredericton. Their summer outing was a canoeing excursion from Fredericton to St. John and back.

Mrs. R. J. Ritchie leaves this week for a stay at the Cedars.

Mr. Hodsdor, Mrs. Roland Leighton, and Miss Bessie Hutchins are expected to arrive on the Taymouth Castle today from Bermuda; they will visit friends in St. John and other parts of the province.

Mrs. Arthur Suis with her two children Harold and Olive are at Hopewell Cape for the rest of the summer.

Mrs. Hannay and Miss Daisy Hannay intend spending a short time at Oak Point during the present month.

Beach House, or as it is more commonly known Saint's Rest, was a gay scene Thursday. It was taken possession of by a picnic party who spent the afternoon and evening there very pleasantly. It was a tall-y-ho and the big conveyance overflowed with people going out and returning. There was baseball in the afternoon and dancing in the evening and it was midnight before the return was made. The affair was gotten up by Messrs. H. J. Anderson and E. J. Harrison.

Miss Sadie Stealing, of Fredericton, is visiting Miss Dora Kirkpatrick, Orange street.

Miss Nellie Dean, of King street east, and her friend, Miss F. Harris, of Annapolis, who have been staying with her for some time, left for Annapolis on Monday.

Miss Pitt, of Boston, is at present visiting the family of the late Mr. Burns, of Bathurst.

Mayor Robertson spent Sunday at Gorhams Landing on the river St. John.

Messrs. Percy Clarke and Will Lockhart are cruising about the river in the yacht Jubilee.

Miss Helen Napier is visiting her sister Mrs. J. R. Vanwart at Wickham.

S. D. R. Ritchie of Annapolis was here for a day or two the first of the week.

Judge Trueman spent a short time in Sackville this week.

plants. Later Mr. and Mrs. Coleston left for a trip through Nova Scotia; the brides travelling costume was of blue serge with dainty hat to match. The grooms present to the bride was a gold chain with a heart shaped pendant set with diamond, and to the bridesmaids very pretty rings. A very large number of elegant presents testify to the esteem in which the bride is held.

Mr. C. W. Weldon was in St. Andrews this week a guest at the Algonquin.

Rev. Dr. Bruce is enjoying a vacation which he is spending in the upper provinces.

Mr. R. J. Ritchie, Mr. T. P. Mott, Mr. W. Lockhart and Mr. P. A. Clarke who have been on the river for two weeks in the Kathleen returned to the city Wednesday. Mr. Lockhart left on Thursday morning for a weeks stay at the Cedars.

Col. James Donville who has been in Nova Scotia left Yarmouth last Saturday for Boston.

Mrs. Morrisey, of Montreal is in the city visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, Horsfield street.

Mrs. C. DeW. Smith and her little son, of Annapolis who has been visiting here returned home last week. Miss Dorothy Smith who accompanied them is still visiting friends here.

The death of Mr. Richard Seely, which occurred at an early hour on Tuesday morning, was not unexpected by his immediate friends, though he had been confined to his bed only a little more than a fortnight. Mr. Seely had never wholly recovered from an attack of illness by which he was prostrated a year ago, though up to two weeks ago he was able to perform the very exacting duties of his position in the civic Department of Public Works. He was a son of the late Richard Seely and brother of Messrs. A. W. George N. and J. Frost Seely. His wife who was the eldest daughter of the late W. K. Reynolds, died a number of years ago. Mr. Seely leaves one daughter, who was devotedly attached to her father, and for whom much sympathy is felt. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon from the residence, Leinster street, private services for the relatives having been held at the house in the morning by Rev. J. de Snyres. At the public service in Stone church, the hymns "Rock of Ages" and "Peace, Perfect Peace" were sung. There were no pall bearers. Interment was in the Reynolds vault, Rural Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bell, have been visiting Spa Springs in Nova Scotia.

The Provincial Building at Halifax is one of the many attractions for visitors to that city. Among the St. John people who names appear on the visitors book for Wednesday of this week are Mr. C. S. Harrington, Mrs. A. J. Armstrong and Miss Fuller.

Miss Margaret Leckie, of Sherbrooke, Miss Loring, of Boston, and Mr. R. G. Leckie, were in the city for a day this week; they spent Wednesday at Rothesay and on Thursday morning went to Fredericton. They will spend two weeks at Grand Falls.

Mrs. Andrews, of Bethune, Mass., is in the city visiting her friend, Miss Rose Elliott, of Germain street.

T. W. Blair, of Moncton and Mr. C. D. Simpson returned home Tuesday after a short visit to the city.

Mrs. J. S. Marnie who has been here for a few days has returned to Moncton.

Miss Adams went to Fredericton this week as the guest of Miss Mina Wilnot at her beautiful home "Belmont."

Miss Golding is spending the remainder of the school holidays in Bear River U. S.

Miss Murray, who has been visiting Mrs. George F. Gregory of Fredericton, has returned to the city. Miss Nettie Gilbert, of Lowell is in the city for a few weeks visit to friends.

Mrs. J. L. Morrison and Miss Limerick have returned to Fredericton, after a stay of several weeks here.

Miss Cotter of Dorchester street, together with Mr. Frank Coll and the Misses Maizie and Greta Coll are spending a few weeks at Mispeac.

Miss Nellie Harper Main street, returned last week from a very pleasant trip to Hampton.

Miss Maudie Kennedy and Miss Ida Gray spent a part of last week at Oak Point.

Master Oscar Stevens returned from a visit to Parrsboro, on Tuesday.

Miss Irene Thompson is visiting friends in Queens county.

Miss Bessie Thompson, who has been in Fredericton visiting her aunt, Mrs. Lemont, has gone to Prince Edward Island to visit friends.

Mrs. Donald Fraser is at Rothesay visiting her sister, Mrs. J. S. Armstrong.

Mrs. Luke Stewart, of Fredericton, arrived here today to visit relatives.

Mrs. Arthur Phillips is in Fredericton visiting her friend, Mrs. D. Hatt.

Mrs. Osgood and her daughters, Misses Nella and Gwendoline, left today for their home in Portland, Me., after a very pleasant stay of two weeks here.

Mrs. S. M. Wiley and family, of Fredericton, who have been staying at the Bay Shore, have gone home.

The fifth annual picnic of the Log Cabin fishing club was held Wednesday at their camp, Loch Lemond. The picnic was a most successful one in every way and the following persons who enjoyed the hospitality of the club—Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. John McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hazelhurst, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hamm, Mr. and Mrs. James Milligan, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Noble, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. John Keer, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. Robert O'Shaughnessy, Mrs. M. L. Harrison, Mrs. Geo. E. May, Mrs. R. C. McAfee, Mrs. John Colwell, Charlestown, Mass. Miss Hayward, Mrs. E. J. Dowling, Miss Lizzie Forsyth, Miss Maggie Kean, Miss M. C. Smith, Miss Jennie Smith, Miss Edith Kerr, Miss Edith Hazelhurst, Messrs. J. R. Vaughn, Dr. Emery, Dr. G. J. R. Crawford, Hon. A. T. Duan, Alderman J. E. Wilson, Geo. E. Day, H. Crawford, Fred P. Magee, R. J. Armstrong, J. McCavour, R. S. Jackson, Jos. H. Noble, G. L. Sipp. In the ladies archery competition, Mrs. J. W. Hazelhurst was the successful winner. The married ladies race was won by Mrs. R. O'Shaughnessy, the unmarried ladies race by Miss Hayward.

Mr. John Johnson and family are spending the summer in Quispamsi.

Mr. Charles Leech is visiting friends in Montreal. Miss Trueman is in Amherst, visiting friends.

Mr. Charles Manuel went to Boston the first of the week and will spend a short time there.

Miss Florrie Prince has returned from a very pleasant three week's visit to Hampton.

Miss Hennigar is visiting her father, in Bear River.

Mr. William Prince and Mrs. Prince spent last Sunday in Hampton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Horne, Miss B. Kane and Miss B. Nelson returned last Monday from their visit to Granville Ferry.

Mrs. James McNichol and Miss Ada McNichol spent Sunday with friends in Hampton.

Mrs. Leech is visiting friends at Woodmans Point.

A party of fourteen had a very pleasant outing at Clifton last Thursday. They returned to the city the same evening on the steamer Clifton. Those who went were: Mrs. Wm. Robertson, Mr. Robertson, Mrs. Will Shaw, Mrs. C. Cameron, Mrs. J. S. Hall, Mrs. Atherton, Mrs. John Hatheway Misses Hall, Miss Polly, Mrs. Wood, Boston, Mr. Arthur Wood, Miss H. Shaw.

Mrs. Herbert Green is visiting at Long Reach.

Mrs. B. J. Barnes and her little son, Stuart, of Windsor, are visiting friends in the city.

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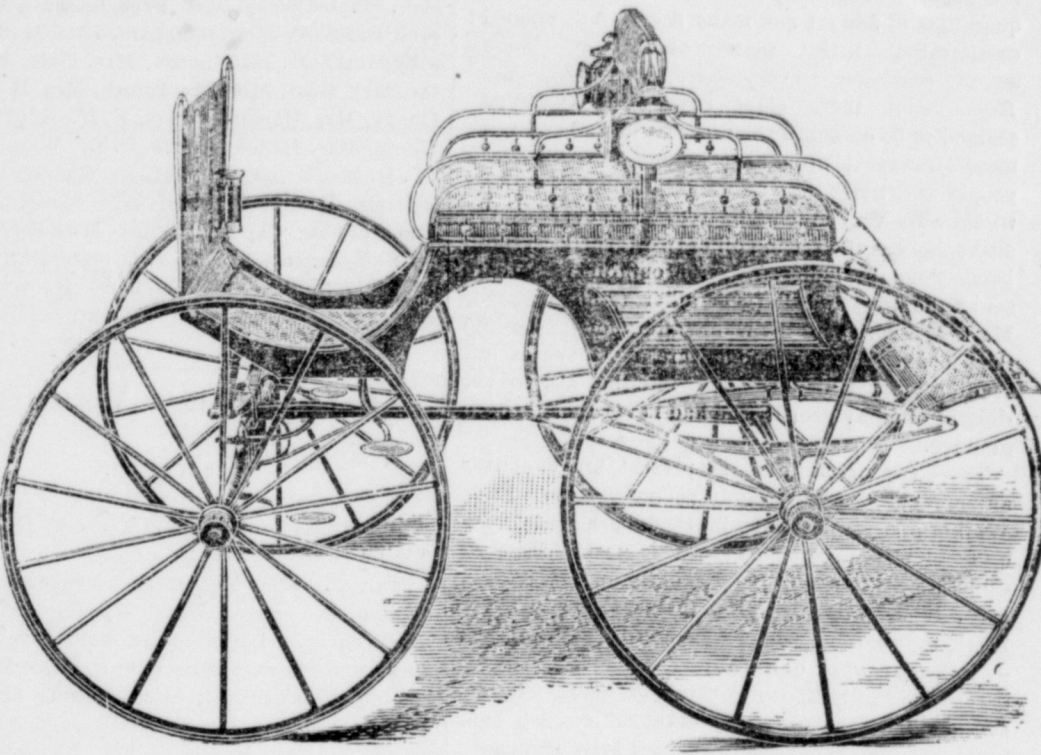
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