

Social and Personal.

The cold snap of last week made good skating and the exhilarating pastime was the chief amusement of society; I heard of several very pleasant skating parties, one in particular to Rothesay on Saturday afternoon which was especially enjoyable, the young people going out in the afternoon; a very hungry and merry party had supper at the hotel and returned to town on the seven o'clock train; those who enjoyed the little outing were: Miss MacMillan, Miss Robertson, Miss Blair, Misses Thom-

son, Misses Pugsley, Miss Triton, Miss Vassie, Miss Brock, Miss Paddington, Messrs. Winters, Foster, Hanington, Skinner, Gilert, Pugsley, Paddington and others.

Miss Wiggins of Windsor who has been visiting Miss Christie has returned home.

Miss Triton who has been visiting Mr. G. R. Pugsley for some time returned to her home in Petticoat last week.

Invitations are sent for the ball mentioned last week, to be given by the younger male members of society; it will take place on New Year's eve in the assembly rooms at the institute.

The dancing party given by Mrs. J. G. Forbes and Miss Forbes, mentioned last week was an exceedingly enjoyable affair and quite a large number were present; Mrs. Forbes, who was assisted in receiving by Miss Forbes, wore a handsome black satin and Miss Forbes looked charming in a pretty pink gown; dancing was in the drawing room; the polished floors and excellent music made this party especially delightful; about midnight supper was served in the dining room; the tables were very tastefully decorated with chrysanthemums and the room looked very bright. There were a number of fresh pretty faces and many lovely dresses; Mrs. Kellie Jones looked unusually well in white satin and lace; Mrs. Trueman had on a handsome green silk, and Mrs. Wilson a pretty pink gown; Miss Triton, wore a lovely white satin with bonnet lace trimmings and pearls; Miss Edith Skinner was wearing white and blue silk and Miss King a beautiful yellow silk that was most becoming. Among those present were, Mrs. Kellie Jones, Mrs. Walter Trueman, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Bessie Robertson, Miss Cushing, Miss Blain, Misses Skinner, Miss Triton, Miss Pugsley, Miss Fraxer, Miss Purvis, Miss Stone, Miss Alice Tuck, Miss Louise Skinner, Miss King, Mr. Kellie Jones, Mr. Walter H. Trueman, Mr. L. Tilly, Mr. Fred Macneil, Mr. Stone, Mr. Parry, Mr. Athos, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Lockhart, Messrs. Clark, Mr. Blair, Mr. McKeen, Mr. Smith, Mr. Kinnear and many others.

Mrs. H. P. Timmerman returned from Montreal where she went to attend the marriage of her sister last week and on Thursday and Friday of this week, received her friends at the Dufrin. A large number of ladies called on both afternoons.

News reaches this city of the engagement of Miss Nellie Wetmore, sister of Mrs. (Dr.) Holden and Judge Fitzgerald, of Portland, Oregon, in which city Miss Wetmore has been for some time visiting her brother.

I have heard of no festivities in particular for Christmas day with the exception of several dinner parties, among which is one by Mrs. G. R. Pugsley who has invitations out for a family dinner party at the hotel Aberdeen.

Miss Ina Brown went to Calais this week to read at an entertainment in that city.

Mrs. Charles Porter of Calais who has been visiting friends here has returned home.

Miss Wetmore of St. Stephen has returned home after a short visit to friends in St. John.

News of the death of Rev. James McDevitt was heard last week with deep regret by his many friends throughout the province; although Father McDevitt had been in poor health for a year or two his condition only became serious a week or two ago, when he entered the Mater Misericordiae home on Sydney street, for treatment. For some years Father McDevitt had charge of St. Peter's parish in the north end, and from Silver Falls he went to Sussex which was his last charge. The deceased clergyman was of a very kind and charitable disposition; his unostentatious acts of charities were many and were marked to the end of his life. The funeral took place yesterday morning from the Cathedral after a requiem Mass beginning at nine o'clock.

The marriage took place on Wednesday of Miss Lizzie Brown and Mr. T. B. Whelpley. Rev. Mr. Penna performing the ceremony at the house of the bride's sister Mrs. Alexander McDermott, Adelaide road. Mr. and Mrs. Whelpley received many handsome gifts from their friends; they will make their future home in Carleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Herendeen are expected from Chicago today to spend Christmas with Mrs. Herendeen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pankhurst, Union street.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Hay have gone to Boston to spend the Christmas holidays with their children.

Mrs. W. O. Gregory, Miss Gregory and Mr. Percy Gregory of Fredericton, are visiting St. John.

Mr. J. Douglas Hazen has been visiting Fredericton friends lately.

Capt. Smith, R. N. R. who has been in the city for several days, went to Quebec on Wednesday.

Mrs. T. Carleton Allen of Fredericton, is spending a short time in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Burke of Charlestown, Mass. are spending their honeymoon in St. John.

Miss Florrie Marsh, who spent the last few months with friends here, has returned to Fredericton.

The Misses Parker of St. Andrews were here for a short time this week.

The sale and concert in the school room of the Waterloo street Baptist church was very largely patronized and was a very enjoyable affair; the room was very prettily decorated and the fair wait-esses were successful in disposing of their wares; during the evening refreshments were served and the following interesting programme was rendered; duet, by the masters Frank and Roy Heron; reading Miss Farlong; solo, Mrs. Hay; auto harp solo, Mr. Frodsham; duet, Master Robert Short and Miss Short; reading Mr. Barry Allen; solo, Mr. W. H. McDonald; reading A. E. McGinley; almost every number was encored, which lengthened the programme out considerably.

The death of Mrs. E. M. Sipprell occurred on Thursday morning after several months of intense suffering, the deceased lady having been an invalid for the last two years. Mr. Sipprell and his four young children will have the deep sympathy of a large circle of friends in their sad bereavement. The funeral takes place today; Rev. Dr. Carey will conduct the services.

Mrs. J. DeWolfe Spurr was in Petticoat for a few days last week a guest of Mrs. H. Humphreys. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Heath went to Boston Wednesday to spend Christmas with relatives.

Miss Weeks entertained a number of friends at her residence, Paradise row on evening last week. Miss Edith Johnson left last week to visit Hartford Conn. as a guest of her friends Miss Boucker, Mr. Fred Rowley of the Halifax Banking Co. at Halifax was in the city for a short time this week. Mr. Allison Cushing spent a part of last week in Moncton.

The nineteenth public recital of the St. John Conservatory of music took place Thursday evening at the Institute and was a brilliant event both socially and musically. A very large number of persons were present and were delighted with the various numbers; the violin duet by Prof. Whit and Miss Nannie Retallick drew forth much applause as did also the various vocal numbers. The delicate pantomime of expression was also especially good, and the various expressions and attitudes were gracefully and truthfully done. The programmes were exceedingly unique and pretty souvenirs of successful and enjoyable event. The following are numbers rendered, piano solo, "Polonaise" Moszkowski, Miss Nina French; reading "Cicely Croak," Miss Birdie Tufts; exercises by classes in musical kindergarten; vocal solo "The ship I love," McTiernon, Mr. A. Palmer Waterbury; violin duet, selected, Prof. White and Miss Nannie Retallick; piano solo, "Gretchen Carotta," Miss Maud Cumming; comedietta, "Governess," Misses Irene and Alberta Fowler and Miss Agnes Hamm; piano trio "Diabelli" Masters Reid, Winters, and Farmer; the fairies pantomime, Misses Vanwart and Tufts and Master Allan M. McIntyre; vocal solo, "This and that," Miss Dottie Tufts; reading "Basket of flowers," Miss Della Vanwart; piano solo, "Les roses de Boheme," Kowalski, Miss Helen Foster; vocal solo, "Ho! For the sea," Mr. John Woods; violin solo, selected, Prof. White; piano solo, "Rondeau Favori," Hummel, Miss Nettie Retallick; reading, "Budzaute," Miss Mary Ballie; vocal solo, serenade, Schubert, Mrs. M. Ross; reading "The Angels and the Shepherds," Ben Hur, Miss Mina Harding; Debarte pantomime of expressions, Expectation, Gazing, Welcome, Adoration, Sorrow, Joy, Fear, Farewell.

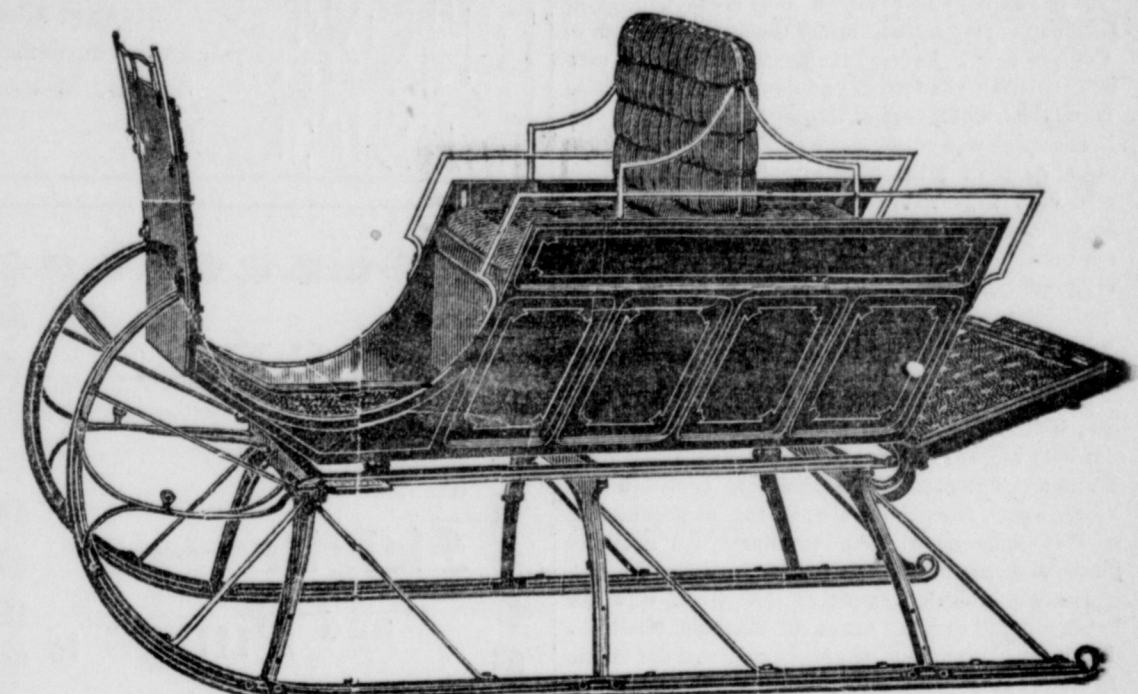
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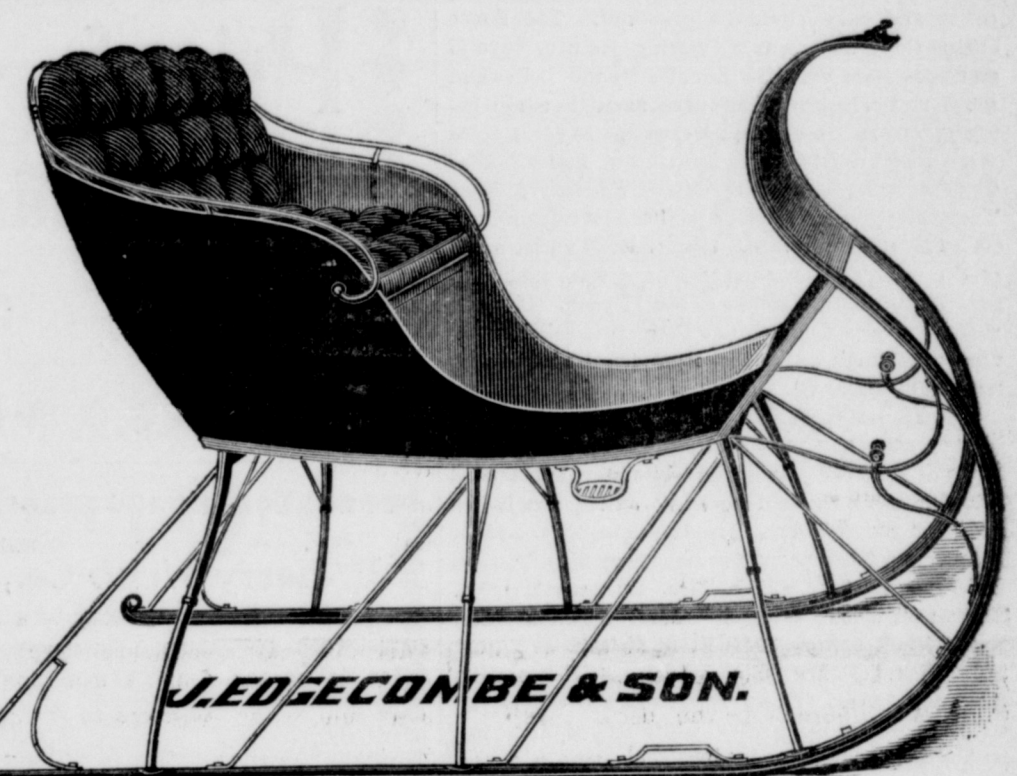
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Mrs. George Biddington and Miss Florence Biddington returned this week from a three months visit to the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Balmer of Salisbury were in the city this week on their wedding tour.

Master Roy Fenwick of Fort Fairfield, Me., stayed a short time in the city this week, on his way home from Acadia College, for the holidays.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Jarvis Wilson, which took place at her home in Carleton on Thursday, was received with deep regret; Mrs. Wilson was greatly esteemed by all who had known her for her many lovable qualities, and until a week or two ago was as cheery and active as she had been for a long time. Her sister Mrs. Janet Cameron died also this week at the age of 92 years.

Mrs. G. O. Gault was in the city this week to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Smith Harris.

Mr. G. C. Coster was in Halifax for the greater part of this week.

Mrs. Brenner of Edmonton N. W. T. and Mrs. Herne of Calgary arrived in the city this week on a visit to friends.

Late news from Bermuda say that Mr. Henry Court's health is very much improved and Mr. William Court, who accompanied him expects to soon return to St. John.

Mrs. E. R. Chapman, who received wedding calls this week had a very large number of callers.

Miss Rising of the St. John conservatory of music is spending her holidays in Boston; the conservatory closed on Friday for two weeks' holidays.

Miss Hattie Hunter has returned from Boston, where she has been visiting for over two months.

I notice that there is a possibility of Madame Albani coming to St. John; this news seems almost too good to be true, but it is to be hoped that it will prove a reality.

The death occurred of typhoid pneumonia on Thursday evening of Alfred Brittain a well known and very much esteemed resident of Carleton and one of the senior railway clerks. Mr. Brittain leaves a widow and several children, who will have the deep sympathy of many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison of Fredericton were here the last of the week.

Miss Maggie Armstrong of St. John has been visiting St. Andrew's friends lately.

Mrs. Wm. S. Green and Miss Green left yesterday for Boston, where they will spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Alice Sprague of St. Stephen spent Thursday in the city with friends on her way home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. John McAdams came from St. Stephen last week to pay a visit to friends before going to her home in New York.

Mrs. John Wade who has been visiting in Calais has returned home.

Mr. W. T. White (away of St. Johns Nfld) was in the city this week a guest of Mr. George McArthur.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Jewett and Mr. L. M. Jewett returned this week from their visit to Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Kane of Boston are spending their honeymoon in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen of Fredericton paid a brief visit to the city lately.

Judge Forbes returned from Woodstock the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Archibald of Moncton were here this week. Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Cooke were also among the Moncton visitors to the city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kent of Yarmouth, N. S., are visiting St. John.

Judge Wedderburn of Hampton was here part of this week.

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