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SPRINGHILL.

[Progress is for sale in Springhill by Daniel A. Fraser.]

Dec. 18.—The fourth annual ball of the Springhill club was held in their spacious new parlors in Munro's building on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst. The room was very tastefully decorated and their cosy appearance reflected considerable credit upon the efforts of the committee. The club's orchestra under the direction of Mr. M. Jones, discoursed very appreciable music. Luncheon was served at twelve o'clock after which dancing was continued until three o'clock. The committee (Mr. Calkin, Mr. McKinnon, and Mr. Hargreaves) are to be congratulated upon the success of the affair, which was thoroughly enjoyed by every one present.

Many very pretty dresses were worn and all looked so nice that it was hard to decide who really was "belle," but the majority seemed to favor Miss Lillie Hennessy, who looked extremely pretty in cream silk and lace smocks and cream roses. A correct list of costumes will be found below.

Mrs. W. E. Henderson, black silk and jet trimmings.

Mrs. Fuller, black and white silk.

Mrs. R. B. Murray, violet silk, velvet and chiffon.

Miss Lydia Simpson, silver gray silk, trimmings of ribbon, steel buckles and ornaments.

Miss Carroll, white muslin.

Miss Alloway, crimson cashmere, black silk trimmings.

Miss D. Alloway, light green cashmere, trimmings jet buttons.

Miss Hayward, looked very pretty in pale blue nuns veiling and children.

Miss Abbott, wore pink nuns veiling.

Miss Broadhead, pink nuns veiling.

Miss Brown, amber, cream and green silk.

Miss M. Davidson, heliotrope and black silk with violets.

Miss Jenkins, yellow and violet.

Miss Gillespie, Parsboro, cream cashmere.

Miss Norbury, Parsboro, violet crepon, velvet trimmings.

Miss Pettis, green, white and lace overdress.

Miss McKinnon, pale blue, tulle trimmings.

Miss Hennessey, burnt orange silk.

Miss Lockhart, white muslin, old rose rash.

Miss Hargreaves, mauve cashmere.

Miss L. Hargreaves, pale green.

Miss Conway, light green silk.

Mrs. B. McNair, black.

Mrs. J. McDonald, black silk.

Mrs. W. G. Henderson, (Truro) black silk with crimson carnations.

Mrs. J. Hefferman, black velvet.

Miss Sophie Murray yellow cashmere, black trimmings.

Miss Murray, pale blue, brown velvet trimmings.

Mrs. Dan Murray, wine silk, chrysanthemums.

Miss Black, cream crepon and chiffon.

Miss Dick, cream cashmere, ribbon trimmings.

Miss Maggie Fuller, in cream, white silk and lace; looked very pretty.

Miss Ancient, cream and black velvet.

Mrs. Wm. Fraser, brown satin and velvet.

Mrs. M. Jones, black silk skirt with pale green silk bodice.

Miss Leadbeater, pink nuns veiling.

Miss Outram, cream cashmere, yellow ribbons.

Mrs. W. F. C. Parsons, white silk and black lace.

Mrs. Jas. Murray, jr., cream cashmere, jewel trimmings.

Mrs. L. Christie, pink and white crepon.

Miss Wilson, pale blue nuns veiling.

Miss Spencer, white muslin, yellow sash and bows.

Mrs. Stewart, black and pink silk.

Mrs. A. W. Foster, looked very nice in pearl and white satin.

Mrs. (Dr) Mackay, black and pink silk, lace trimmings.

Miss L. Davidson, light green and black velvet.

Miss Walton, pink and black velvet.

The whist club met at Mrs. A. W. Foster's on Friday evening last, where a very enjoyable evening was spent. They met next Friday night at Mrs. R. B. Murray's.

Mrs. A. A. McKinnon, station agent, has just returned from an extended tour of the provinces and principal cities of the United States.

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The many friends of Miss Lillie Hennessy are glad to see her home again after a long visit to friends in Halifax.

Mr. R. D. Stiles of Pictou spent a few days in town this week.

Mr. A. H. Alloway is visiting friends in upper Canada.

Miss May Brown of Amherst has been in town for a few days, the guest of Mrs. Alloway.

The skating rink was opened for the first of the season on Thursday evening last and a goodly number of the young people took advantage of the glib condition of the ice.

Mr. Fuller entertained some of the young people on Tuesday evening last week.

Runs are about that we are to lose one of our fairest daughters shortly.

[Progress understands that the account of the club ball which appeared in last issue was incorrect. The account was not sent by the regular correspondent but there was no reason to suppose that it was not truthful. The usual correspondent is exonerated from all blame in the matter.]

MONCTON.

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

Dec. 18.—The orchestra concert has been postponed until the week after Christmas, a most wise decision I think, as the time was very short to get up a good entertainment, and nearly all the musical people in town are as busy as possible with special practices for Christmas music, and had their time otherwise taken up.

Moncton people were very much shocked last Saturday to hear of the sudden death of Miss Mary Osmann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Osmann of Hillsboro which took place in New York on Friday. Miss Osmann had been ill but a few days, and though it was known that she was suffering from typhoid fever, the case was not considered serious, and its sudden termination was totally unexpected.

Mr. and Mrs. Osmann passed through Moncton on their way to New York, and were with their daughter at the last. Miss Osmann was a particularly bright and interesting girl of seventeen, and what adds to the sadness of her terribly sudden death is the fact that she was an only child. Mr. and Mrs. Osmann are well known in Moncton, where they are frequent visitors, and their friends in this city will feel deeply for them, in their sudden bereavement.

Mr. W. H. Race of Halifax, inspector of the Merchants bank Halifax, spent a day or two in town last week.

Miss Blise of Westmoreland who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. George McSweeney for the past two weeks, returned home on Monday.

The many Moncton friends of Mr. Allston Cushing, formerly of this city but now of St. John were glad to see him in town again last week.

Mr. Cooke who has been spending some weeks in Halifax visiting friends, returned home on Monday.

Rev. W. B. Hinson who has been spending some time in Moncton, occupying his former pulpit for the past two Sundays, left town on Monday afternoon for his home in Montreal.

Mr. Clarence Chandler brother of Mrs. R. W. Henson spent a few days in town last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henson.

Miss Maley of Montreal is visiting her sister, Mrs. Grant Hall of Main street. Miss Maley has often visited in Moncton, and the numerous friends she has made here, are always ready to welcome him back again.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Archibald paid a visit to St. John last week.

Mr. J. M. Lyons, general passenger agent of the I. C. R. accompanied by his secretary Mr. Fred Robertson, left town yesterday for Montreal.

Miss Hunter of Springhill spent a few days in town last week, the guest of her sister Mrs. W. B. McKenzie of Church street.

It is currently rumored that we are to lose Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Nevins from St. John. Mr. Nevins having decided to remove to St. John. The advertisement of their house for rent would seem to confirm the rumor, but as this is the second time their intended removal has been reported I trust it may be a mistake, as we can ill afford to lose them.

Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Cooke paid a short visit to St. John on Saturday.

PICTOU.

[Progress is for sale in Pictou by James McLean.]

Mrs. John Ferguson and Miss Ferguson have returned from Charlottetown, where they were visiting for some weeks.

Capt. James McDonald of Scotland is visiting friends in town.

Mr. T. B. Ferguson of S. S. Aberdeen is home on a visit.

Mr. David Harkin of Amherst, formerly a resident of Pictou, was in town on Monday.

Miss Florence Fraser is home from Halifax on a vacation.

Mrs. William Gordon and Miss Gordon have returned from St. John where they have been visiting relatives.

Mr. Arthur Watt is home from Halifax for a few weeks.

Miss Maggie Logan who has been attending the Ladies college Halifax, returned home on Thursday.

Mrs. George Hay is visiting friends in Halifax.

Mr. P. M. Macdonald returned from Halifax on Thursday.

Capt. Thomas Taylor of Charlottetown is visiting Mrs. John Ferguson.

Invitations are out for a dance to be held in Assembly hall, Dec. 26.

Mrs. Lindsay of Windsor is visiting her sister Mrs. J. King of Halifax.

Mr. A. J. King of Halifax was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. Dickson Stiles spent part of this week in Halifax.

Mr. George Pyke has returned to his home in Halifax.

SACKVILLE.

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

Dec. 19.—All the students, with the exception of those from Newfoundland and Bermuda, have returned to their home for the Christmas holidays.

Prof. Andrews returned on Tuesday evening from Detroit and Chicago.

Miss Laura Smith is the guest of Lady Smith, Dorchester.

Miss Grace Towse is spending her vacation in Dorchester with her sister Mrs. T. H. Prescott.

Mr. Frank Phinney's residence was the scene of a merry gathering last evening. A surprise party raided the premises and dancing and games were the order of the evening until quite late.

H. D. Marr, a graduate of '95, spent the latter part of last week in town.

Mr. John Black who has been attending the Belleville Business college is the guest of his sister, Mrs. B. C. Borden.

Dr. Louise Hart left on Tuesday for New York. From there she will go to India as a missionary.

This makes three of Mr. Hart's daughters who have become missionaries.

Mr. Woodford, Mr. Hart's eldest daughter Elsie, who has been quite unwell is improving rapidly.

SYDNEY.

[Progress is for sale in Sydney by John McKinnon and G. J. McKinnon.]

Dec. 17.—Miss Donkin is visiting friends in Truro.

Miss Maggie Hill returned from Grand Minas, yesterday.

Mrs. McNeill of Glace Bay, is spending a few days with her aunt Miss Rigby.

Mrs. Gordon McCallum returned from Halifax on Thursday last.

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ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

[Progress is for sale in St. Stephen by Master Ralph Trainor, and at the bookstores of R. S. Daggett, G. S. Wall and J. Vroom & Co. In Calais at C. F. Treat's.]

Dec.—There is a dearth of social entertainments this week, every one is intent upon preparations for Christmas and Christmas purchasing.

On Monday evening however Mrs. Waterbury gave a pleasant seven handed whist party at her home to which a number of lady friends were invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Boardman celebrated their silver wedding on Friday evening. There were a large number of relatives and friends present, and a jolly evening was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Boardman were presented with a number of silver gifts as souvenirs of the occasion, and also with a sum of money in silver dollars to buy a souvenir, whatever their fancy dictated.

Mrs. A. E. Neill entertained a party of friends at tea on Tuesday evening at her residence on Church avenue Calais.

Mrs. Wilfred Eaton and her young son Franklin, have gone to Providence to spend Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. Franklin Eaton.

A number of young ladies enjoyed an exceedingly pleasant evening with Mrs. J. M. Deane, on Friday evening at her residence in Milltown, Charades and games were the amusements provided and were most interesting and greatly enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. James Murray entertained a party of friends at tea at their home on Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Newton and family will reside at Red Beach this winter and will close their handsome residence in Calais.

Mrs. Sarah Tarr left on Tuesday for Boston where she will spend the winter.

Mrs. Charles King has opened her residence in Calais and will spend the winter in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Pike left on Thursday for Baltimore where they will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lowell left on Thursday for Tampa, Florida, where they will spend the winter.

Mrs. Charles Porter has returned from St. John. Miss Alice Orilly is expected from Halifax this week where she has been attending the Ladies college in that city.

Mrs. Ferdinand Emerson who is so well known and has so many friends in Calais is critically ill at her home in Boston.

Mr. Marks Mills is expected home from Halifax on Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Gillman came up from St. George on Monday and made a brief visit.

Dr. Seymour returned from Boston on Friday. He is very ill and confined to his residence. He was accompanied by his son Mr. Albert Seymour of Everett, Mass.

Miss Louie Taylor gave a concert last evening in St. Andrews, she was assisted by Miss Nina Brown of St. John.

Mrs. James Talbot of MacLachlan is in Calais at her sister's Mrs. Archibald MacNicol.

Miss Florence Mitchell, who is a pupil at the Ladies' college, Halifax is expected home on Friday to spend the Xmas holidays.

A telegram was received by Mr. Winslow Broad on Thursday announcing the death of his father Mr. E. Broad, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Herman Drechsel in Montreal. Mr. Broad was a resident here for a number of years, and with Mrs. Broad had gone to Montreal to spend the winter with their daughter.

He was much esteemed and respected and much sympathy is expressed for Mrs. Broad in her bereavement.

Judge Stevens' friends will be glad to know that he has recovered from his illness and to be out again.

Miss Mabel Clarke's friends will give her a glad welcome home this week. Miss Clarke has been attending school in Norton, Mass. for several months.

Mr. Duncan Stewart's friends will be sorry to hear that he is quite ill and confined to his residence.

Mrs. George G. King and her daughter, Miss Louise King left last week for Mansfield, Ohio, where they will reside permanently. Mr. Charles King, who is a member of the Ohio brass company of Mansfield will reside with his mother.

Messrs. John and Harry Eaton have returned from college and will spend their Christmas holidays at their home in Calais.

Hon. James Murdoch is quite ill at his home in Milltown. Murdoch is a very elderly gentleman and his friends are quite anxious in regard to his condition. His son, Mr. Frank Murdoch, who is a most popular young society man is also quite ill at his father's residence.

Mrs. Harry Moore and Miss Rebecca Moore will arrive from Boston tomorrow (Thursday), and will be the guests of Mr. Edward Moore in Calais.

Mrs. G. Durell Grimmer arrived from St. Andrews on Monday, and is visiting her sister, Mrs. Waterbury.

Master Arthur Chipman's young friends are giving him a hearty welcome home. Master Chapman is a pupil at the Rothsay collegiate school and is spending his vacation at home.

Mrs. S. H. Blair leaves on Friday for Ottawa, where she will remain during the winter the guest of her children, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Blair.

Mrs. Charles King has been the guest of Mrs. A. E. Neill, during the past week.

Mr. Frederic Scammell has gone home after a pleasant visit with his brother.

Mrs. John MacLachlan left on Saturday for a short visit among friends in St. John before leaving for her home in New York city.

Rev. W. J. D. Thomas of St. Anne's church Calais after an extended visit spent in Boston and New York for the benefit of his health, has returned home and resumed his parochial duties.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Young are home again, after a pleasant visit in Parisboro.

Mr. Frank Ansdan has returned from a visit in Houlton Maine.

Mrs. Wetmore has returned from a brief visit in Houlton.

Mrs. John Murdoch has returned from an extended western trip.

After a brief visit in Calais Mrs. John Wade, of St. John, has returned to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Devitt were in town today for a brief visit.

The charity concert given by Mrs. Ladd was a great success. The proceeds amounted to ninety-five dollars and was given to the Calais benevolent society for distribution at Xmas time to the friendless and needy.

Mr. C. G. Grant was the lucky one to fall heir to the handsome silk quilt which several ladies sold tickets for a few weeks ago, to assist an invalid who made it. The quilt was made by Mrs. J. T. Whitlock's class at the Calais Ladies' Aid Society.

The entertainment of last Wednesday evening, by "The Etude" notwithstanding the severity of the weather, was attended by a large number of the

parents and friends of the performers, the receipts of the evening amounting to fourteen dollars.

The quintette, Visitors, sung by five little maidens was one of the features of the evening, the singing of little Muriel Whitlock, of Calais, a tiny maiden of three deserved special mention, also the recitation of Miss Cora Murdoch, the recitation by Miss Hazel Inches, was beautifully even and received hearty applause.

The soloists appearing in public for the first time, made an excellent impression, and the various accompaniments were played with taste and expression by Misses Marcia Black, Nellie Murdoch, Pearl Pines, Mattie Nichols, Winifred Todd and Connie Chapman. Among so many performers it is impossible to describe each selection, but the following finely rendered programme speaks for itself.

Chorus, "Greeting" Pollock.

Quintette, "Visitors" Lawson.

Mabel Algar, Muriel Whitlock, Ethel Todd, Bessie Whitlock, Hazel Inches.

Chorus, "Merry Christmas" Lewis.

Piano solo, "Rosy Morn" Smallwood.

Reading, "The Voice of the Christ Child" Philip Brooks, Lois Boyd.

Vocal duet, "Christmas Carol" Miller.

Bertie Todd and Connie Chapman.

Piano solo, "Spanish Melody" Behr.

Helen Byler.

Piano-trio, "Calisthenic March" Mueller.

Winifred Todd, Vera Young, Alice Bates.

Chorus, "Christmas Anthems" Dunham.

Recitation, "Little Orphan Annie" Gantner.

Piano-duet, "Annie's Prayer" Gantner.

Pearl Pines and Winifred Todd.

Piano solo, "Savior Boy's Dream" La Hache.

Recitation, "Taking up the collection" La Hache.

Hazel Inches.

Part Second.

Lesson "The Clavier" and "History of the Piano." of 1700.

Reading "Description of 'Virgins'" of 1700.

Sadie Maxwell.

Chorus, "Annie Laurie" Boyle.

Piano solo, "Toreador Waltzes" Boyle.

Nellie Murdoch.

Dialogue, "Christmas Dinner" Bryant.

Daisy Lindow, May Clarke, George Hannah.

Piano duet with chorus, "England" Gantner.

Connie Chapman, Bertie Todd and "The Etude" Chorus.

"The Holidays" Hartnough.

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