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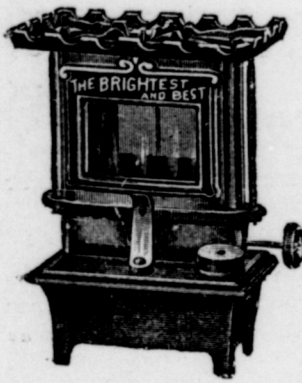
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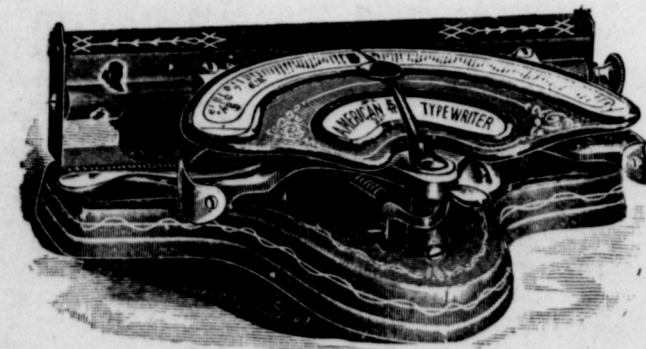
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Social and Personal.

The social world has been by no means dull during the past week, although most of the gaiety has been confined to quiet little house parties. Hockey will after tonight be over for the winter and adepts may also be said to sleighing and snow shoeing parties. However the prospects are good for an unusually early spring, exclusive of the many, weddings which are positively fixed for June.

The only large function of the week was Lily Tilley's "At Home" Wednesday afternoon, for Mrs. Drinkwater of Montreal, at which an exceedingly bright hour or two, as indeed guests at Carleton House always do, with a hostess who devotes herself thoroughly to the comfort and amusement of those enjoying her hospitality. The table was very artistic and pretty in its arrangement of yellow and red tulips and white hyacinths; the centre piece was a unique and lovely one of yellow satin and red plush embroidered in gold. The rooms looked very bright and cheerful, and with the ladies, who were all looking particularly well, and the bright faced assistants moving here, there and everywhere the scene was a very animated one. The young ladies who assisted Lily Tilley in looking after her guests were Miss Tuck who looked extremely well in a mauve and white gown; Miss Annie Puddington in a pretty combination of mauve and black; Miss Skinner in an effective toilet of yellow and black; Miss Ada Dunn in a pretty green gown, and Miss Lena Dunn in pink and black; Miss Pugsley was wearing a pretty pink satin and Miss Maude Pugsley a becoming blue dress; Miss Gertrude Allison looked graceful and pretty in white, while Miss Grace Hamilton had on a lovely and becoming pink frock.

Miss Wedderburn of New York is spending a few weeks with the Misses Pugsley. Miss Louise Simonds is confined to the house with a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. W. H. Venning of Sussex is visiting Mrs. Goddard of Elliot row.

Mr. R. J. Ritchie paid a brief visit to Fredericton the first of the week.

Among the festivities of the Easter holidays a dance is spoken of and is to be given by the young ladies of the Assembly. I believe the matrons, or the chaperones, are to have a meeting in a day or two to perfect the arrangements for the affair.

Monday evening there was an excellent banjo practice when the club met with Miss McMillan.

There were one or two skating parties during the week, one of which was at the Singer rink on Tuesday evening and was an exceedingly merry one. The party were entertained at supper at the home of one of the guests at the close of the evening. Another skating party was to have taken place Thursday evening but was postponed as the ice was not in good condition. Still another is projected for this evening, as it is the last of the hockey which has proved so great a source of amusement this winter.

A very pleasant surprise was given Rev. R. W. Stevenson and Mrs. Stevenson last Monday evening on the occasion of the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage. A large number of friends called upon them with hearty and sincere congratulations, and many beautiful and useful gifts. A delightful social evening was spent and the party broke up at a late hour. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Flagler, Mr. and Mrs. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Currie, Mr. and Mrs. Leary, Mr. and Mrs. Miles, Mrs. D. A. Morrison, Mrs. J. J. Johnston, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. John Edwards, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Waite, Mrs. W. Wilson, Mrs. John Wilson, Mrs. J. J. Christie, Miss Banks, Misses Hoyt, Misses Emery, Misses Kingsley, Misses Ellis, Misses Wilton, Misses Edmonds, Miss Nellie Johnston, Miss Mabel Belyea, Miss Whelpley, Miss Purvis, Miss Currie, Miss Nellie Flagler, Miss Lulu Clarke, Miss Jennie Grogan, Miss Bessie Blackadar, Miss E. McDonald, Miss E. Christie, Miss M. Morton, Rev. H. W. Stewart, Mr. Byron Lingley, Mr. R. Andrew Johnston, Mr. Oscar Dinsmore, Mr. Herbert Johnston, Mr. J. Barry Allan, Mr. Howard Buchanan, Mr. Arthur Armstrong, Mr. Marshall, Mr. H. Robinson.

The friends of Mr. Edward Sears will regret to hear he has had a relapse of his illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Winchester of Montreal are on a visit to the city.

Although birthday parties in aid of some particular charity, where guests are requested to contribute as many cents as they are years, has ceased to be a novel form of entertainment the one in the schoolroom of Leinster street church lately was very enjoyable. During the evening refreshments were served and a very pleasant time was spent. The following programme was rendered in a very efficient manner; nearly every number being endorsed; instrumental duet, Misses Irvine and Smalley; reading, Miss Bailey; autoharp solo, Mr. J. Frodsham; vocal duet, Mr. and Mrs. Barbour; recitation (by request) Mr. Jordan; vocal solo, Miss Rising; vocal duet, Mrs. Haley and Miss Currie; Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Archibald and Miss Archibald of Moncton were in the city for a short time this week.

Mrs. J. W. Broad of Torryburn is in Moncton visiting her son Conductor W. L. Broad of Moncton. Mrs. George Simpson arrived in the city Wednesday to spend a day or two with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, Elliot row, before leaving for Savannah to join her husband Capt. Simpson.

A very enjoyable entertainment was given by the St. Mark's boys' association Thursday evening in the school room of St. John's church; an agreeable and entertaining programme was rendered as follows: Pianoforte solo, 'st, Miss Vall; Recitation, Travers' First Hunt, L. H. Davis, Miss Bertha Cushing; Song, The Belle of St. Mary's, F. Rodney, Mr. E. Seely; Solo, violin, Fantasia, from Il Crociato, Meyerbeer, Mr. E. Manning; Songs, (c) Luddie, C. Piusud, (b) Home, dearie Home, J. Molloy, Mrs. C. A. Macdonald; Pianoforte Duet, Miss Vall and Mr. Ford.

Mrs. Montgomery of St. John is visiting her daughter Mrs. C. T. Purdy.

Miss Nevins is in Moncton visiting her sister Mrs. J. W. Workman.

Mrs. Cochran of Fredericton is here visiting her sister Mrs. H. Niles, Douglas Avenue.

Recent English papers contain an account of a choral society concert at Barrow, England, and St. John people in particular will be interested to note that among those taking part was Mrs. Herbert Perry, formerly so well known in this city as Miss Katie Berrymann. Mrs. Perry represented the part of Nancy, a village maiden, and the Barrow News has this very complimentary paragraph in its account of the performance. "Mrs. Perry who took the part of Nancy, is a brilliant and accomplished addition to the ranks of our musical amateurs. To a voice of singularly pure quality and even tone throughout, she unites refined and cultivated methods, her artistic delivery of the recit. and air, "O Peaceful Night," being no less artistic than the duet later with the square."

Miss Bessie Barnes is visiting Sussex friends.

Miss Lizzie Robertson is in Sussex staying with Mrs. G. N. Pearson.

Mrs. Wetmore Meritt and son are visiting out of town friends.

Miss Ida Fairweather has returned to Sussex after a visit to relatives here.

Mrs. Armstrong who has been engaged in nursing a patient in St. Stephen returned to St. John the first of the week.

Miss (Dr.) Holmes of Toronto paid a brief visit to St. John this week.

Mrs. and Mrs. Newbury of Boston were among the city visitors this week.

Rev. W. Chas. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson of Springfield were here this week on their way home from

Boston where Mrs. Wilson was undergoing treatment at St. Margaret's hospital.

Miss Mabel Gibson of New York paid a visit to St. John this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Currie of Amherst were here for a few days lately.

Mr. W. E. Brown of Digby who has been visiting in St. John returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. McLaren of Digby who spent a few days here lately have returned home.

Mr. A. McKenzie of Bradford, England, was a visitor to St. John lately.

Mayor Shreve of Digby visited St. John last week and returned to his home Friday.

Mr. D. W. McCormick returned from a visit to Boston last Saturday.

Miss Evelyn Carleton who has been dangerously ill with pneumonia is much improved in health.

Last Saturday afternoon and evening all who could possibly make it convenient to do so attended "Hispania" by the Halifax opera company. It seems rather unusual that everyone who had the good fortune to be present at either of the performances agreed perfectly as to the excellent and thoroughly finished manner in which the opera was given. There were no two opinions regarding Mrs. Haggarty's singing. Her voice is full rich, and powerful, and her "Whisper and I shall Heat" was one of the best things that have been heard here in a long time.

Mrs. Haggarty in addition to possessing a voice that never fails to give deep pleasure to an audience, is a very graceful actress and her reception here was very flattering indeed. On Saturday evening she was presented with two magnificent bouquets. In her character of "Isabella" she wore a lovely pink silk that was very becoming. The solos by the gentlemen who took part were well rendered and of the choruses it is no exaggeration to say that they were quite equal to any given here by professionals. The music throughout was bright, breezy and pretty and the costumes attractive and appropriate. The solos were sung in a manner that showed much cultivation, and the singers were all received with flattering applause. A large number of society people attended both performances and were greatly pleased with the performance. It is said that the company may return shortly and present "Lara" another opera written by Mr. Crompton and Mr. Greenwood.

Mr. Jos. Corey, Victoria street, is suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

The Young People's Association of St. David's church gave the members of the Y. M. C. A. a very enjoyable reception in the association parlour last Tuesday evening. A very interesting programme made the evening pass very quickly and pleasantly, and at the close refreshments were served; the following is the programme rendered; chorus, St. David's choir; piano solo, Miss Adams; trio, Mrs. Reid, Miss Young and Mr. Ritchie; solo, Mr. Fowler; quartette, Mrs. Reid, Miss Young, Mrs. Binning and Ritchie; reading, Miss Livingstone; male quartette, Fowler, Cruikshank, Binning and Ritchie; piano solo, Miss Godard; chorus, St. David's choir.

Miss Laura Moore spent Sunday with Sussex friends.

Miss Maude Stillwell who has been very dangerously ill is improving slowly.

Miss Duffy left Tuesday for a short visit to New York.

Miss Mabel Golding returned last Saturday from a visit to her aunt Mrs. S. L. T. Burnham at Manchester, N. H.

Mr. Kenneth DeWitt is visiting his parents on King street.

Mr. James H. Brown of Annapolis is visiting city relatives.

Mrs. George Davidson has returned to her home in Annapolis after a visit to friends in St. John.

Mr. James Robertson went to New York the first of the week.

Mr. J. F. Grant of the bank of Montreal has been moved to Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Timmerman and Mrs. Drinkwater have returned from a trip to Montreal.

Mr. Fred Jones and Mr. Simeon Jones returned a few days from a three months visit to England.

Hon. J. O. Lewin and Mrs. Richard Lewin arrived from Ottawa the first of the week.

Mr. M. Henry Ritchie of Halifax, who has been spending a few days here has returned home.

Mr. James Marshall of Newark, N. J. is paying a visit to St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Clarke of Duke street entered a number of their friends very pleasantly last Thursday evening at an interesting and delightful whist party, which was kept up until midnight when a very dainty supper was served after which there was dancing to excellent music. The first prizes in whist were won by Miss Howard and Mr. R. Watson while the consolation prizes fell to Miss Clara Watson and Mr. Robert Magee. Among those present were, Dr. Draper, Mrs. Daper, Mr. D. Magee, and Mrs. Magee, Mr. B. Magee, Mrs. Magee, Mr. O. Morrell, Mr. J. B. Andrews, Mrs. Andrews, Mr. W. B. Howard, Mrs. Howard, Mr. F. Melick, Mrs. Melick, Mr. R. D. Clark, Mrs. Clark, Mr. R. Watson, Mr. R. Cowan, Mr. W. Mackin, Mr. and Mrs. White, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Goodwin, Miss A. Addy, Miss M. A. Addy, Miss M. A. Howard, Miss A. Howard, Misses Watson, Miss A. K. Clarke.

On the following evening the same residence was the scene of a very gay merry making, the occasion being a farewell party to Miss Edie Clarke of Halifax, who has been visiting here for the past six months. The party, which was somewhat of a surprise, was given by a number of friends of the young lady and who presented her with a beautiful gold ring set with rubies and a nicely gotten up address. The evening was spent in dancing to piano and violin music, and altogether a very delightful time was spent until early next morning. Dainty refreshments were served during the evening. Among the guests were: Miss E. Clarke, Halifax; Miss Massie, Fredericton; Miss J. Charlton, Miss B. Seely, Miss N. Seeds, Miss M. Clarke, Miss P. Seely, Miss Hoyt, Miss M. Mackin, Miss P. Clarke, Miss A. Goodwin, Miss J. Graham, Mr. R. Watson, Mr. W. McMackin, Mr. F. Charlton, Mr. O. Charlton, Mr. H. Johnston, Mr. H. Barner, Mr. E. Seely, Mr. A. McInnis, Mr. G. Dixon, Mr. R. Robertson, Mr. G. Hoyt, Mr. Barton.

Miss Aggie Munro of Amherst arrived in the city Monday to spend a few months with friends.

Miss Maud Reid who has been spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. J. G. Dowling, has returned to her home in Amherst.

Mr. W. H. Edwards of St. Stephen, spent Sunday with city friends.

Miss Alice Graham of St. Stephen is in the city visiting Miss Edith Skinner.

Miss Annie Colter of Calais is visiting city friends.

Mr. Graham King of St. Stephen who has been visiting here has returned home.

Miss Hunter left Wednesday for a trip to Boston.

Judge Vanwart and Mrs. Vanwart of Fredericton, visited the city this week.

Mr. Charles T. Fisher who has been staying in the city since his return from England, left Wednesday for a visit to Ipswich, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Eaton of Parrsboro, are staying in the city.

Mr. W. R. Racey of Halifax, paid a brief visit to the city this week.

Miss Grace Hoyt of Bridgetown, arrived in the city this week on a visit to city relatives.

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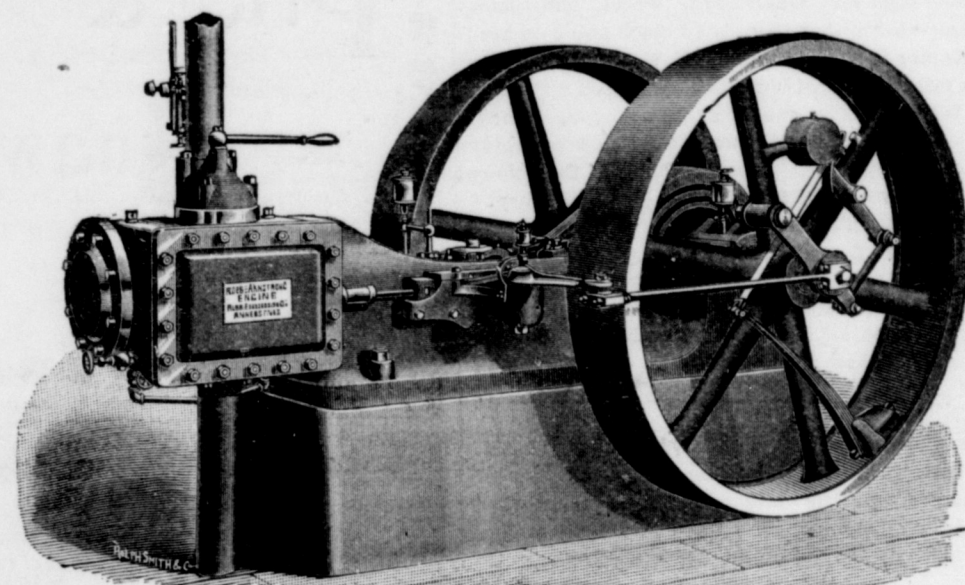
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