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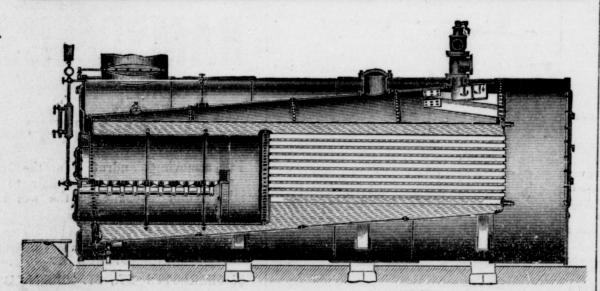
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### Social and Personal.

While Christmas was not attended with any special festivities, New Year's week was quite gav; there have been many little gatherings that, while exceedingly pleasant, could scarcely be dignified by the name of parties; just quiet little evenings at well known houses, and a great many skating parties when the ice was in good condition. I heard of one or two delightful ones on the lake during the week. Then the New Year calls engrossed society's attention for one whole afternoon, and many calls were made; more

it is said than on previous New Years'. The great social event of the week however was the ball given by a number of young gentlemen in the assembly rooms on New Years eve, and a brilliant affair it was, the ladies unanimously agreeing that the gentlemen made excellent entertainers. The arrangements in every particular were quite perfect, and dancing was vigorously kept up to excellent music by Harrison's orchestra, until after 3 a. m., and even then the guests were loath to

The dressing room was crowded long before nine o'clock at which hour the chaperones led the way to the dressing room. Late arrivals are the exception not the rule here and there were only two arrivals after that hour, and these were only a few moments late.

The rooms were not decorated, but after the dancing was in full swing, the scene was a very pretty one, as there were many fresh bright faces, and a large number of new and beautiful gowns; to add to he interest of the occasion. there were two debutantes, Miss Mona Themson, who looked charmingly bright and graceful in white silk and lace; Miss Mona was chaperoned by her mother, while Miss Constance-Vail, the other debutante, was under the chaperon age of Mrs. W. H. Trueman; Miss Vail made an excellent appearance also and was daintily gowned in white silk with quantities of chiffon and white carnations. No doubt both enjoyed their first large party very much.

A part of the supper room was made into a cosy little sitting out place. The supper served at mid night was an excellent one and included cold meats,

jellies, creams, ices, cake etc. As the old year was about to take its departure the lights in the ball room were turned off and the orchestra gong struck twelve; at the first stroke an electrical device showed "1895" in lights on background of spruce, and at the last stroke this was changed to "1896;" the effect was exceedingly pretty, and the New Year was ushered in with handshaking and good wishes all around. The ball was chaperoned by Mrs. John McMillan, Mrs. Charles N. Skinner, Mrs. Wm. Pugsley, Mrs. Robert Thomson, Mrs. Wm. F. Harrison, Mrs. L. R. Harrison. The gentlemen's committee no doubt feel greatly elated over the success of the ball; on this committee were Mr. Douglas V. Troop, Mr Thos P. Pugsley. Mr. H. Aubrey Skinner, Mr. Frederick M. Keator, Mr. Alexander McMillan, Mr. Simeon A. Jones. Mr. Frank R. Fairweather, Mr. Wm. F. Harrison, Jr. Mr. James G. Harrison and Mr. Percy W. The following guests accepted invitations, Mr. J.

Pope Barnes, Mrs. Barnes, Mr. C. J. Coster. Mrs. Coster, Mr. R. C. Grant, Mrs. Grant, Mr. Wm. Green, Mrs. Green, Mr. C. F. Harrison, Mrs. Harrison. Mr. Keltie Jones, Mrs. Jones, Mr. James Jack, Mrs. Jack, Mr. W. G. Lawton, Mrs. Lawton, Mr. James Mowatt, Mrs. Mowatt, Mr. Malcolm McKay, M s. McKay, Mr. Geo ge K. McLeod, Mrs. McLeod, Mr W. W. McLauchin, Mrs. Mc-Lauchin, Mr. C. H. Peters jr. Mrs. Peters, Dr. D A. Pug ley, Mrs. Pugsley, Mr. A. P. Patterson, Mrs. Patterson, Mr. Stanley Ritchie, Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. F. H. J. Ruel, Mrs. Ruel, Mr. James Stratton. Mrs. Stratton, Mr. F. E. Sayre, Mrs. Savre, Mr. E. T. Sturdee, Mrs. Sturdee, Mr. H. P. Timmer-Trueman, Mr. J. H. Thomson, Mrs. Thomson, Dr W. W. White, Mrs. White, Mrs. Lawson, Mr. John McMillan, Mrs. McMillan, Mr. Charles N. Skinner, Mrs. Skinner, Hon. William Pogsley, Mrs. Pugsley, Mr. H. D. Troop, Mrs. Troop, Mr. Robert Thomson, Mrs. Thomson, Mr. Wm. F. Harrison, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. L. R. Harrison, Miss Adams, Miss Allison, Miss Burpee, Misses Blair, Miss Brock, (Rothesay) Miss Betts, Miss Breedon, Miss Christie, Misses Duan, Misses Domville, Miss Dever, Misses Furlong, Miss Forbes, Misses Gilbert, (Rothesay), Miss Gilbert, Miss Harrison, Misses Holden, Miss Hall, Miss Mabel Hanington, Miss Howard, Misses Caverhill-Jones, Miss Jarvis, Miss Allison Jones, Misses Markham, Misses McMillan, Miss McKean, Miss McAvity, Miss Outram, Misses Parks, Misses Pugsley, Mis: Raymond, Misses Skinner, Misses Seeley, Miss L. Skinner, Misses Skinner, Miss Georgie Scammell, Miss Florrie Schofiel , Miss Bessie Schofield, Miss Travers, Miss Troop, Misses Thomson, Miss Trites, Petitcodiac, Miss Vroom, Misses Vassie, Miss Constance Vail, Miss Vallance, Misses Walker, Miss Mary Warner, Miss Wiggins, Miss Wright, Miss Hatt, Fredericton, Miss Babbit, Fredericton, Miss Burnside, Fredericton, Miss Gordon, Fredericton, Miss Young, Mr. T. E. G. Armstrong, Mr. A. W. Adams, Mr. J. K. Allison, Mr. C. E. Burpee, Mr. C. M. Botswick, Mr. A. G. Blair, jr. Mr. W. A Boyd, Mr. R. H. Brigstocke, Mr. J. Chipman, Mr. George Collinson, Mr. Peter Clin h, Mr. F. W. D niel, Mr. Charles V. de Bury, Mr. Harry R. Dunn, Mr. M. Boyd Edwards, Mr. W. E. Foster, Mr. S. L. Fairweather, Mr. H. H. Fairweather, Mr. R. R. Fairweather, Mr. B. R. Fairweather, Mr. Freeman, Mr. F. W. Fraser, Mr. Ernest Fellows, London, Mr. Percy Fairweather, Mr. R. H. Gordon, Mr. G. Bently Gerard, Mr. Walter Gilbert. Mr. George Hartt, Mr. R. W. Hanington, Mr. H. H. Hansard, Mr. Fred H. Hartt, Mr. J. Twining Hartt, Mr. J. C. Holden, Mr. Charles Hanington, Mr. Percy Hall, Mr. Harry Hall, Mr. Bert Harrison, Mr. George W. Jones, Mr. Fred Jones, Mr. D. R. Jack, Mr. L. Jewet . Mr. J. Gillis Keator, Mr. Thomas Kirkwood, Mr. Frank M. Maunsell, Mr. Thomas Murray, Mr. Ralph Markham, Mr. H. H. Magee, Mr. H. Mc-Avity, Mr. J. M. McDonald, Mr. F. C. Macneil, Mr. Wm. McKeen, Mr. Wm. Parks, Mr. W. O. Purdy, Mr. H. F. Puddington, Mr. G. D. Purdy, jr. Mr. G. G. Ruel, Mr. George Robertson, Mr. J. M. Robinson, jr. Mr. W. Robinson, Mr. John I. Kob. inson, Mr. J G. Rainnia, Dr. Steeves, Mr. S. A, Skinner, Mr. Waldo Skinner, Mr. H. R. Sturdee, Dr. J. Boyle Travers, Dr. Harry Travers, Mr. F. L. Temple, Mr. C. Mc. L. Troop, Mr. F. H. Tippet Mr. L. P. D. Ti ley, Mr. Archie Tibbitts, Fredericton, Mr. E. H. Turnbull, Mr. W. H. Thorne, Mr. A. T. Thorne, Mr. Fred R. Taylor, Mr. H. Vroom, Dr. T. Dys n Walker, Mr. John Wetmore, Mr. Went Winslow, Mr. Frank S. White, Mr. John R. Warner, Mr. R. Young, Mr. H. Wright.

Among the many elegant gowns worn the following were noticed particularly. Mrs. C. N Skinner, black satin, cardinal flowers.

Mrs. John Thompson, black and white silk. bodice of point de soie, irridescent trimmings and Mrs. John McMillan, black satin, old point lace.

Mrs. Leigh Harrison, grey and pink brocade

Mrs. Robert Thompson, black velvet, point lace. Mrs. D. A. Pugsley, black satin, jet and lace. Mrs. Wm. Pugsley, black silk, pink satin, jet trim-

Mrs. Wm. F. Harrison, grey satin, cardinal trimmings. Mrs. Green, pale blue satin, chiffon, pink forget

Mrs. Stanley Ritchie, pink silk, chiffon ov rdress, Mrs. W. H. Trueman, white sile, heliotrope chiffon overdress, and violets

Mrs. Grant, black silk, net, violet and jet. Mrs. Stratton, pink brocade, let and violets.

Mrs. W. W. White, grey silk, pink chiffon. Mrs. Malcolm McKay, plaid silk, green velvet. Mrs. H. P. Timmerman, white brocade satin

Mrs. F. Herbert J. Ruel, black moire, pink silk repon and sweet peas.

Mrs. Charles Harrison, white brocade silk, dia-Mrs. Coster, green and black silk. Miss Constance Vail, a lovely white silk gown,

Miss Edith Skinner, helitrope silk, chiffon trin Miss Forbes, white and pink brocade silk smilax and carnations. Miss Goraon. (Fredericton,) white dotted muslin,

Siff on trimmings and white carnations.

Miss Hatt, white sursh, chiffon trammings.

Miss M. Skinner, pink silk and chiffon. Miss Vroom, yellow silk, white trimmings. Miss Mary McMillan, pink silk, white satin rib-

ons, carnations Miss Markham, white silk, chiff on and roses. Miss Allison Jones, green satin, pearl embroidery. Miss Gilbert, black grenadine, scarlet poppies.

Miss Furlong, black satin, net overdress, point Miss Blair, pink brocade silk, chiffon trimmings. Miss Travers, pale green crepon, black satin.

Miss Seely, grey, pale blue velvet and lace trim-Miss Amy Blair, white silk, flowered muslin over-

Miss Jennie Hall, black crepon, pale blue satin. Miss Howard, pink crepon, white satin ribbons. Miss Troop, cerise gauze over white silk. Miss Burpee, white satin, royal blue satin and

et trimmings. Miss Warner, blue silk and chiff on. Miss Florrie Schofield, cream crepon, white satin

houlder puffs, lace and ribbon. Miss A. P. Young, pale blue silk, golden brown velvet shoulder puffs and chiffon.

Miss Thompson, cream and old rose siik, ame-Miss Mona Thompson, white silk, lace and

Miss Ou'ram, pink silk, pink chiffon and moire

Miss Katie Jones, pale blue silk and lilacs. Miss Edna Jones, black moire, chiffon bodice. Miss Vassie, black satin, jet trimmings, diamonds

and vellow flowers. Miss Breeden, cresm India silk, lace trimmings. Miss Betts, black crepon, yellow and blue trimmings and chiffon.

Miss Wiggins, (Windsor), yellow silk, yellow Miss Grace McMillan, pink dotted muslin. Miss Janie Vassie, white muslin, lace and pink

Miss Mazie Domville, pale blue, and black chiffon. Miss Isabel Domville, yellow sprigged muslin

Miss Walker, cream silk brocaded with old rose ld rose shoulder puffs.

Miss Christie, a beautiful dress of yellow bro cade silk, chiffon and pearl trimmings. Miss Brock, whit and pink, pink fichu.

Miss McAvity, white silk, pearl trimmings. A iss Wright, yellow silk.

Miss Jarvis, b'ue silk. Miss Raymond, yellow bengaline, white lace. Mrs. Walter H. Trueman's first effort at enter taing was very successful indeed; a charming ladyat all times Mrs. Trueman promises to make a most graceful and entertaining hostess; her tea from four to seeen on Thursday afternoon was a very bright and informal affair, and the rooms looked particu man, Mrs. Timmerman, Mr. W. H. Trueman, Mrs. | larly cheerful, with their pretty arrangements of flowers and palms, the day was perfect, and the ladies were all particularly well gowned. Mrs. Trueman was assisted in looking after her guests by Miss Breedon, Miss Constance Vail, Miss Forbes, and Miss Bessie Robertson, all of whom were daintly gowned; among the ladies present were, Mrs. Keltie Jones, Mrs. Alex Wilson, Mrs. H. P. Timmerman, Misses Vassie, Miss Vroom. Misses Parks, Misses Skinner, Miss Burpee, Miss Blair, Misses Tuck, Miss Troop, Miss Smith, Miss Travers, Miss Jarvis, Misses Pugsley, Miss Puddington, Miss Stockton, Misses McMillan, Miss Scammell, Misses Domville, Misses Furlong, Miss Forbes, Miss Ellis, Miss Christie, Miss Breedon, Miss Vail, Miss Forbes, Miss Bessie Robertson

> Miss May and Master Harry Harrison entertained a number of their young friends very pleasantly last evening at their home, Meck lenburg terrace. The countess de Bury has a small dance for young people from eight to eleven this evening.

The second dance of the series of assemblies takes place next Thursday evening at the Institute. The Banjo Harmoine club met with Miss Furlong last Monday evening, and had a pleasant practice. On Monday evening they will meet with Mrs. F. Herbert J. Ruel.

Miss Tuck has gone to Ottawa with Mrs. Hazen, and will be absent about two weeks. Miss Dever went to Montreal Monday, and will spend some time there; she will also visit New

York before she returns. Miss Kathleen Furlong has returned from a very

pleasant stay in New York. Miss Gwladys McGhee, the little daughter of Mr. L. J. McGhee of Halifax, is spending the holi-

days with her aunt Mrs. C. E. L. Ja: vis. Miss Ethel Hatt of Fredericton has been visiting Miss M. Skinner this week.

Mr. Ger-kon Mayes friends will be glad to know that he is much improved and hopes to be out in a

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Miller of Millerton were visitors to the city this week.

Miss Julia Sayre of Fredericton was here for a short time this week on her way to Charlottetown where she will take charge of the Kindergarten

Mr George Wightman of Bridgewater spent a day or two of last week in the city.

Mr. James Harding of St. John spent last week in Bridgewater Miss Baxter of Fredericton has been visiting the

Miss Mary McLeod of Sackville is visiting re Mrs. J. Sheldon of Halifax visited St. John this

Mrs. Palmer left the first of the week to jon Judge Palmer in Boston.

Baron and Baroness de Mets of New York were among the city's visitors this week.

Mr. A. T. Murchie and Miss Pearl Murchie of St. Stephen were here for a part of the week. Mr. B. B. Blizard who has been ill and confined to his room is much improved, and is able to be up.

The children at the Wiggins orphan asylum had their annual festival on Wednesday evening. A very interesting programme was rendered by the boys, and later on a beautiful Christmas tree was stripped of its many appropriate gifts. The governors of the institution and a large 1 umber of friends

were present. Mr. and Mrs. J. Douglas Hazen went to Ottawa on Tuesday afternoon

Mrs. George Taylor of Woodstock has been visit ing the city lately. Mrs. C. T. Herrin and her son, of Boston are visiting St. John. Mr Henry S. Villiers and Mr. W. S. Villiers o

New York paid a short visit to the city this week [CONTINUED OF EIGHTH PAGE.]

### Granby Rubbers

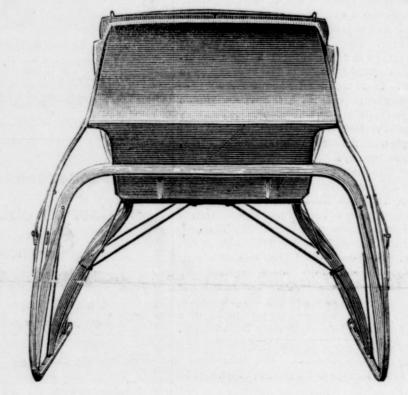
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