

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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Miss Bessie Upham who has been visiting friends here has returned to Parrboro accompanied by Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Vaughan who will pay her a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair and child of this city have been visiting Parrboro recently.

Miss Morris on is in Amherst a guest of her brother Mr. J. H. Morrison and Mrs. Morrison. Miss George Augherton, Mr. Claude Augherton, and Mr. Norman Lane of Woodstock, came to the city on their wheels, and returned home by train.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harding are spending a few weeks at Mrs. Wade's in Dubuque.

Miss Edith Baldwin and Miss Bessie O'Brien of St. George, who have been visiting here have returned home.

Mr. J. M. L. Fraser and Mr. J. D. Campbell, spent a few days in Fugwash lately.

Mrs. W. L. Blair returns today from St. Stephen where she has been spending a week with Mrs. Frank Blair.

Mrs. Herbert Street has returned from a visit to out of town friends.

Mrs. Howard McAllister of Calais, who has been visiting city friends has returned home.

Mr. Alexander Cullen of St. Stephen was here for a day or two this week.

Messrs. George E. Bands and R. D. Ross of Calais have been visiting the city this week.

Mrs. C. H. Smith is in St. Stephen visiting Mrs. E. G. Vroom.

Mr. J. T. Watlock of Calais spent a day or two here lately.

Mrs. MacLaren and the Misses MacLaren are in St. Andrews, staying at Mrs. Keays.

The "Algonquin" society column of the St. Andrews Beacon mentions the following St. John people this week:

"Mrs. Robert Morris Hazen, of St. John, N. B., with her two fair and pretty daughters, are among Miss Sprague's guests this summer and are quite an addition to St. Andrews' circle."

"The arrival of Mrs. John H. Thomson of St. John, N. B., was earnestly looked for by her many friends at the Algonquin. She came at last on the 4th inst., with her son and daughter, who are both recognized as very clever and most interesting."

Among the St. John people registered at Kennedy's, St. Andrews, this week are: Mrs. W. F. Butt, Mrs. W. C. Purves, Harold Purves, Andrew W. Robb, R. O. E. Mitchell, A. C. Jardine, W. B. Sherwin, Allan Barkine, Richard Sullivan, D. M. Doherty.

Mrs. Henry Horton spent a week lately at Indian Island on her way to Natick, Mass., to visit her daughter Mrs. Louis Whitney.

Miss Lillie Parkhurst gave a little outing to the Park on Thursday last week to the members of her Sunday school class; she was assisted in entertaining her young guests by the Misses Ferguson and Cunningham. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in playing games and a dainty tea was served.

Those present were Masters Murray, Lorne MacLaren, Freddie Parker, Frank Nelson, Sydney Hyde, Harold Parker, Blake Ferguson.

The Misses Knodell of the city are enjoying their annual visit to Bridgetown as guests in the family of Mr. George Hoyt.

Miss Mabel Golding is in Bridgetown visiting Mrs. Norman Ramsey.

Miss Parkhurst leaves next Tuesday for Toronto where she will spend a week or two with her sister before proceeding to Chicago on a two or three months visit to her sister Mrs. Herendine of that city. She will also visit relatives in St. Thomas, Ont., Detroit, and Jackson, Mich., before returning to St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Crosby of Boston, spent part of this week in town.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hosmer of Fitchburg, Mass., are in the city.

Mrs. Randolph of Fredericton is spending a few days in St. John.

Mrs. J. Fegan of Boston and her baby daughter Edith, are visiting Mr. John Spears, St. James street.

Miss Gertrude McDermott intends leaving shortly to take a course in nursing in the Victoria hospital, Fredericton.

Miss Margaret Ritchie left last week to visit friends in Fredericton, after which she will go to Woodstock to attend the carnival.

Mr. J. McPart and of Houlton, Me., is in the city visiting his mother.

News of the sudden death from heart trouble of Mr. Hugh Cunningham, which occurred at his home in Lynn, Mass., on August 4th, was heard here with deep regret. Mrs. Cunningham was visiting friends in this city when she suddenly reached her. The interment was at Pine Grove cemetery in Lynn, and the funeral was very largely attended. Among the many floral tributes was one from knights of Pythias in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Tompkins of Brooklyn, N. Y., are visiting St. John.

Mrs. Ramolph and child of Fredericton are visiting St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Fowler of Moncton are spending a few days in the city.

Dr. A. F. Smith and his daughter Mrs. H. L. Munson of New Haven, Conn., have been visiting the city for several days.

Mr. J. Frazor Gregory gave a pleasant picnic up the St. John River last Friday, the steam launch "Cricket," taking the merry party to the Cedars where a delightful afternoon was spent. Among those invited were, Mrs. Judge Waters, Mrs. Jack Robertson, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Reiter, Mrs. Miss Bessie Botsford, Boston, Miss Lulu Bonnell, Miss Florie Waters, Miss Robertson, Miss Edith Small, Boston, Miss Murray, Miss Murray, Mr. George Robertson, Mr. F. Miles, Mr. George Botsford, Boston, Mr. Clarence Bonnell, New York, Mr. W. R. Ritter, and Mr. J. Frazor Gregory.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Akery of Fredericton, are visiting Mrs. D. J. McLaughlin at "Chatworth," River bank.

Mrs. Edward Milroy and children of East Boston, are the guests of her aunt Mrs. B. Kimball, North end.

Miss Baxter is visiting friends in Fredericton. Miss M. McLaughlin is visiting her cousin Miss McSweeney of Fredericton.

Miss Josie Ritchie has returned from a visit to Kings Co. friends.

At six o'clock Tuesday morning Mr. John A. Baner, of Messrs. T. McAvity & Sons, was married to Miss Annie M. Stirling, at the latter's residence, Castle street. The ceremony, which was performed by Rev. W. W. Rainnie, was witnessed by only the relatives and very immediate friends of the bride and groom. After the wedding breakfast the young couple left for Halifax by Prince Rupert.

The week just past has been a very gay one for private picnicking parties and although the weather was not the best, the outings were not in the least wanting in pleasure. One picnic party that went early in the week to a pleasant spot on the Loch Lomond road was gotten up in honor of Mrs. Geo. T. Higgins and Miss Annie Harrison. Mrs. Higgins having just returned from an extended visit to her father Mayor McLaughlin of Warden, P. Q., and Miss Harrison being now on her annual visit to relatives in this city. About forty young folks chartered the "Tully-Ho" and other conveyances, and after an enjoyable two hours drive pitched and entered into all sorts of games. A game of base ball between nines captained by Messrs. Ritchey and Carr was a feature of the day.

A most enjoyable time was that given by Mrs. E. Le Roi Willis and Miss Jessie Charlton on Wednesday afternoon and evening last. The event was a private picnic and country dance and to say everybody had a good time would be putting it mildly, they voted it the event of the season.

Several busses and private carriages went to one of the picturesque spots, on the Loch Lomond and entered in for a day's fun. Games of ball, football and other amusements made up the afternoon, and after a sumptuous repast at seven o'clock dancing was in order. Good music was furnished on a violin and guitar and about ten numbers were given. The party returned to the city shortly before two o'clock.

Among those present were Mrs. Ethel Roi Willis, Misses Ethel Charlton, Bessie Charlton, Harris, Brown, Bella Massey, the Misses Fowler, the Misses Price, Ida Lay, Alice Warlock, the Misses Polley, Nellie Vaughan, Miss Crockett, St. Stephen, Miss Wetmore, Miss McCluskey, Thompson, Stewart, Powers, and Messrs. W. McMackin, J. D. Charlton, Tilly Charlton, W. Kennedy, R. Sharp, W. Millican, J. McPeake, G. Dixon, A. McManus, G. Day, G. B. Price, Geo. Price, H. Johnson, H. Barton, E. McKay, R. Dale, W. Clarke, W. Robertson, H. Anderson and others.

The Ethel Tucker Company closed a very successful engagement here last Saturday evening. During the entire two weeks of their stay the deepest interest was taken in every performance and the keenest appreciation shown of the company's very evident desire to please their patrons. "Camille," which was not new to a St. John audience by any means, was played on Friday evening and Miss Tucker revealed herself in an entirely new light. Her work throughout was beyond criticism and the breathless interest of the audience was sufficient proof of the impression made. Her gown which was made in St. John, were marvels of beauty in fit, finish and general detail. Mr. Melton's Armand Duval revealed that gentleman in an entirely new light, and in this role he was perhaps seen to better advantage than at any time during the engagement. The general support was excellent. On Friday night Miss Tucker was presented with a lovely bouquet of white roses, pink carnations and maiden hair fern, tied with pink ribbon and on Saturday afternoon a magnificent shower bouquet of pink and white roses tied with white ribbon, found its way to the stage also. St. John theatre goers were delighted to learn that the company will return on September 7th, when they will open with a special matinee at the Opera house.

Miss Mamie Miller gave a delightful picnic at the park last Monday afternoon and in the evening a boating party was held on the lake. Refreshments were served and the occasion proved a thoroughly enjoyable one. Those who enjoyed the outing were: Misses Reynolds, Miss N. Driscoll, Misses Hazlett, Misses Lizzie Hayes, May Collins and Ada McDonald, Messrs. J. McAfee, S. Brown, Brittain, Hyatt, Sande, Murphy and McLean.

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Miss Glikins has returned from her visit to Halifax.

Mr. Cecil Brock of Omaha arrived in Kentville on Wednesday on a visit to his home here.

Mrs. Charles Smith and Miss Kathleen Smith have returned from their visit to Weymouth.

General Ruggles of Washington D. C., was in Kentville Wednesday, this is his first visit to Nova Scotia. He goes to Halifax to join his wife and daughter on a trip to Cape Breton.

Mrs. George Douge is at home from her visit to Margareville.

Mrs. E. J. Warren and daughter of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting her cousin, Miss Minnie Pyke.

Mrs. J. E. Sherwood and daughters of Wolfville spent Saturday in town.

Mrs. W. W. W. and her visitors, Misses Lovett and Muncey, spent Sunday in Parrboro.

Mrs. D. Seely and Miss Grace Seely of St. John have been the guests of Mrs. T. W. Harris for a few days.

Miss Violet Campbell has returned to her home from Parrboro.

Mrs. Thorne left for Ottawa on Saturday.

Mr. E. Hart Nichols, who has been studying law with W. P. Shaffer since vacation began, left Kentville yesterday. During his residence here for two years he made many warm friends whose good wishes will follow him in his study and practice of the profession he has chosen.

Mrs. F. Newcomb gave a fine o'clock tea to a number of her lady friends last week.

On Friday week a garden party for the congregation of St. James' church was given at the rectory. About sixty were present and a very enjoyable time was spent.

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It will be One of the Wonders of the World.

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The new bridge is to be built over the old suspension structure, without interruption to the traffic on the latter. The span from end pier to end pier will be 810 feet, making it the largest span in the world.

The suspension bridge now in use which has been familiar to all visitors, to the great natural wonder for forty years will be kept in place until the new arch is ready, as it would be impossible to construct false works over the Niagara gorge to sustain a structure of this class.

The span will have a rise of 150 feet from the level of the piers at the skewbacks to the center of the ribs at the cranes of the arch which point is 170 feet above low water. The depth of the trusses is 26 feet, and they will be 68.7 inches apart.

The bridge will carry one floor, 46 feet wide, divided longitudinally into three parts. On the middle portion, which is 22 feet 9 inches wide, will be two trolley tracks.

Each side of these tracks will be a roadway for carriages 8 feet wide and outside these, raised 6 inches from the level of the way will be footpaths.

The construction of this remarkable span is from plans of L. L. Buck, engineer of the new East river bridge between New York and Brooklyn, and the author of the plans by which the railroad suspension bridge at Niagara was replaced by an arch bridge.

The approaching or flanking spans will be 190 feet long on the American side and 210 feet on the Canadian side. The total metal in the new structure will be about \$4,000,000 pounds. Every confidence is expressed in Mr. Buck's ability to carry out his plans. The replacing of the railroad bridge by another without an hour's interruption of business was one of the engineering feats of the decade.

Those who have not seen the great structure at Niagara which it is intended to display will hardly realize the stupendous character of the undertaking. Imagine the task of displacing the simplest sort of bridge without interrupting traffic, and then add about 1,000 percent to the difficulty. This will give something of an idea of what confronts engineers and builders.

In an undertaking of this nature the slightest error might be productive of infinite disaster. Every measurement must be accurate to a hair's breadth. Every portion of the great arch must perform its particular share of the great combination that will be one of the marvels of the world.

All that is done must be accomplished quickly, for in affairs of this nature time is, indeed, money. Every man who can be utilized will join the army of construction. Perhaps no work of recent years has required, or will yet need, more skilled labor. In fact, in bridge building it is becoming unsafe to utilize labor of any other class. The bridge, when complete, will in truth be a work of genius in point of construction, as well as point of conception.

The work of preparing the material for the great structure has been in progress for some time, as little can be accomplished in an enterprise of this nature until the preliminaries are complete. When the effort of placing the different parts of the bridge in position is begun, Niagara will be one of the busiest of busy places.—Railroad Gazette.

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