



The Wednesday evening skating club were en masquerade upon the occasion of their last meeting at the Slinger rink. It was the first dissipation of the kind that the young people have indulged in this season, and though some of the clubs best skaters were absent, the carnival was a success; the ice was in good condition, the music excellent, and everybody ready to be delighted with whatever the evening should offer in the way of innocent amusement. There was plenty of room on the ice for the following order of dances to look graceful and pretty to the spectators and to make the programme a pleasure to those who took part: 1, march; 2, valse 4, lancers; 5, valse; 6, march; 7, valse; 8, lancers; 9, valse; 10, valse.

The costumes were for the most part attractive though few were strictly original. Miss Dever made a stately demoiselle of the time of Louis XVI, her dainty arranged bodice, elaborate powdered coiffure and large picture hat with tall plumes, making her one of the most charming figures on the ice. The spectators easily accorded her the first place as the most graceful dancer. Miss Helen Robertson was another court lady whose magnificent purple velvet dress and large purple hat with white plumes looked very well; Mrs. Stanley Ritchie made an ideal Little Red Riding Hood and Mrs. Keltie Jones in her yellow and black draperies looked her Spanish character to perfection. Miss Nina Keator as a Daughter of the W. I. Regiment was costumed picturesquely, her dusky face adding the necessary touch of realism to a good make-up. Miss Tina MacIarnan as Maid Marian, Miss Holden, Currier, Miss Snowball, Girl Graduate, Miss Scammell, Fancy Dress, Miss Vroom, Shepherdess, Miss Florrie McMillan, Gypsy, and Miss Grace McMillan, in an old fashioned gown, were characters that held their own among the more stately historical personages, of whom, Mrs. Andrew Jack in a handsome costume was not the least imposing; Mrs. Simonds as a red cross nurse, Miss Vassie, in prim Puritan garb and Miss Kinnear as a modest little nurse, seemed to enjoy themselves very much, and danced as indefatigably as the more gaily clad skaters. Mrs. Charlie Harrison was a gorgeous pink chrysanthemum whose costume must have entailed considerable trouble. It was one of the most striking and effective on the ice. Miss Gertrude Skinner went as a Peasant and Miss Edith Skinner as a Violet; Miss Mabel Thomson was a dashing little Vivandiere while the character represented by Miss Mona Thomson was that of a demure Dutch maiden; the costume of Miss Maud Skinner an Egyptian girl, and Miss Bayard, and old fashioned lady, looked very well, and Mrs. Sturdee as Golden Locks made a bright flash of color wherever she went. As Tribby, Miss Mary MacMillan attracted much attention on the general make-up having sufficient novelty about it to make it interesting if not strictly pretty. It was a true representation of Du Maurier's heroine. Mrs. George West Jones, who, by the way skates gracefully and well, as a Quebec girl should, masqueraded in a character that called for a white silk costume elaborately trimmed with black lace and black ornaments; Miss Puddington dressed her character of Night in a pretty and artistic way.

Among the gentlemen there were the usual number of 'fancy dress' characters with an historical personage here and there. Several of the costumes were very striking; others had lost their first freshness, and one gentleman entirely spoiled the effect of a correct and artistic court costume by wearing a pair of ordinary tan skating boots. The absence of masks—very few were worn on Wednesday evening—does not add to the amusement of either skaters or spectators, for the chief enjoyment of a masquerade is in everybody trying to find out who everybody else is. One gentleman seemed to have entered into the true spirit of the affair and succeeded in concealing his identity for the greater part of the evening.

The list of gentlemen skaters, with the characters they assumed is as follows: F. H. J. Ruel, Bradley-Martin; H. Skinner, Simeon Jones Jr. Jas. Harrison, Alex. McMillan, Baby; R. B. Scovill, Mikado; G. G. Ruel, Gentleman 4th Century; Roger Smith, Fancy Dress; Walter Clarke, Puritan Waiter Foster, Artillery Officer; M. S. L. Ritchie Snow Shoe; G. W. Jones, Russian; C. A. McDonald, Snow Shoe; E. T. Sturdee, Costume Louis XIV; Percy Thomson, Prince De Conde; F. H. Tibbit, Doctor Nansen; Percy Clark, Turkish; Dr. Thos. Walker, Louis XIV; Fred Keator, Fancy Dress; and several others.

Capt. Rainnie and Mr. Nairn, manager of the Donaldson line entertained the following ladies and gentlemen at lunch on board the Kee Man on Wednesday. The party, chaperoned by Mrs. D. P. Chisholm had a very pleasant time, and included the following persons: Mrs. D. P. Chisholm, Miss May Travers, Miss Grace McMillan, Miss Ethel Parks, and Miss Edith Skinner, Mr. Ernest Turnbull, Dr. John Travers, Mr. Redmond and Mr. Thomas.

Mrs. D. P. Chisholm entertained a few friends very pleasantly with a game of whist on Thursday evening in honor of Col. McShane of Halifax. Dainty refreshments were served during the evening. Those present, all of whom were old friends of the guest of the evening, included the following persons: Col. McShane, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Dole, Mr. and Mrs. James Hannay, Prof. and Mrs. Bridges, and Hon. R. J. Ritchie and Mrs. Ritchie.

Parade, the great scenic event of next week is the one great topic of conversation just now in society and out of society. There seems to be just a little misunderstanding prevailing in regard to the show, and various ridiculous reports have been freely circulated, all of which, Progress assures its readers are wholly untrue. The entertainment is composed of national and fancy dances, operatic selections grand choruses, marches and refined specialties. The scenes are laid in three pictures, the first, representing fairyland; second, the camp and home of gypsies; third, oriental splendor and Moorish palaces, all enhanced by calcium and electric lighting effects, special scenery and costumes that are truly magnificent in their beauty and variety. So far from being objectionable Parade may be said to be truly instructive, and those taking part are justly indignant over the outcry that has been raised.

The ladies whose names appear on the following list would hardly lend themselves to a questionable entertainment, and indeed the only evidence of bad taste so far is on the part of those who have at-

tempted to raise a prejudice against what is not only a strictly correct performance but an instructive, and highly interesting one as well. The following is a classified list of those who will take part:

IMPERIALS. Chaperons—Mrs. J. de Wolfe Spurr, Mrs. Jas. S. Harding. Miss Jeanie Johnstone, Miss Grace Estey, Miss Louise Travers, Miss Grace Robertson, Miss Ethel McIllican, Miss Evelyn Lynch, Miss Sadie E. Smith, Miss Jessie S. Connors, Miss Gwen Shewen.

FLOWERS AND BEES. Chaperons—Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Carritte

BEES. Master Kenneth McDonald, Master George Beer, Master Kenneth Schofield, Master Jack Sears, Master Reginald Lee, Master Cecil Potter, Master deLancy Robinson, Master Donald McAvity, Master Reginald Schofield, Master McAvity, Master Gordon Church.

RED BUZZARDS. Chaperons—Mrs. Tuck, Mrs. L. Hayward.

MISS TRUMAN, Capt. of Guard. Miss Scammell, Miss Vroom, Miss Schofield, Miss Scammell, Miss Simonds, Miss Mairkham, Miss Binning, Miss Skinner, Miss Vassie, Miss Robertson, Miss Skinner, Miss Harrison, Miss E. Robertson, Miss Wright, Miss McLaughlin, Miss Holden.

SAILORS. Chaperons—Mrs. Geo. Matthew, Mrs. Ernest Fairweather.

Miss Nellie Thorne, Master C. Galdy, Miss Madeline de Bury, Master E. Walker, Miss Mollie Chesley, Master H. Purvis, Miss Sadie Brown, Master W. Emmerson, Miss Grace Fisher, Master E. Wright, Miss W. Fairweather, Master G. Robinson, Miss Sadie McFarlane, Master D. Gandy, Miss Muriel Gandy, Master J. Matthew.

COLONIAL GAYETTE. Chaperons—Mrs. J. Douglas Hazen, Mrs. Leigh R. Harrison.

Miss S. Harrison, Miss W. H. Holden, Mrs. A. Jack, Miss G. Dever, Mrs. F. Sayre, Mr. F. Ruel, Mrs. W. Green, Mr. G. Ruel, Mr. T. Walker, Dr. B. Gordon, Mr. W. Clark, Mr. J. Harrison.

FLEUS-DE-LIS. Chaperons—Mrs. J. de Wolfe Spurr, Mrs. R. Keltie Jones.

Miss S. Armstrong, Miss Grace Fairweather, Miss L. Markham, Miss Clara Quinton, Miss C. Fairweather, Miss M. Travers, Miss C. Fowler, Miss Rogers, Miss Constance Vail.

GYPIES. Chaperons—Mrs. Royle Travers, Mrs. T. A. Rankine, Miss Louise Skinner, Queen.

Miss Dunlap, Mr. Wm. Rankine, Miss Bostwick, Mr. D. R. Jack, Miss Vroom, Mr. F. Dunn, Miss McAvity, Mr. Heber Vroom, Miss McCormick, Mr. Ohy Sharpe, Miss Dunn, Mr. Thos. Dunning, Miss Fowler, Mr. MacNeil, Miss Seeley, Mr. Roy Skinner.

SNOWFLAKES. Chaperons—Mrs. A. H. Hanington, Mrs. W. C. Whittaker.

Miss Marion Matthews, Miss Nan Barnaby, Miss Ella Payne, Miss Marie Titus, Miss Lulu Kimball, Miss Louise Ecor, Miss Esie Holden, Miss Ella Macaulay, Miss Kate Pheasant, Miss Tadie Fairall, Miss Molly Peters, Miss Kitty Sears, Miss Alice Lockhart, Miss Alice Schofield, Miss Myra Frink, Miss Nellie Richards.

FLORAL ARCH. Chaperons—Mrs. H. J. Olive, Mrs. C. B. Allan.

Miss N. MacMichael, Miss Maud Purdy, Miss Jennie Robertson, Miss Isabel Smith, Miss George Bell, Miss Clara Gerow, Miss Mabel Scovill, Miss Jean Allan, Miss Mabel Thompson, Miss Louise Chesley, Miss Mabel Olive, Miss Grace Calhoun, Miss Amy Armstrong, Miss Blossom Baird, Miss Trixie Lockhart, Miss Pauline Baird, Miss Grace Estabrooks, Miss Marion Peters, Miss Zella Rankine, Miss Pauline Beiderman, Miss Maria Kerr, Miss Margery Sutherland, Miss B. Sutherland, Miss Vallie Sandal.

CASTILIANS. Chaperons—Mrs. Fred E. Hanington, Mrs. Jas. Hamilton.

Miss Paterson, Mr. J. G. Rainnie, Miss Cowan, Mr. R. S. Ritchie, Miss Courtenay, Mr. T. P. Pugsley, Miss Thompson, Mr. B. S. Purdy, Miss McCormick, Mr. F. W. Clarke, Miss McFarlane, Mr. Morley McLaughlin, Miss Tapley, Mr. Fred Magee, Miss Pauline Tapley, Mr. R. L. Johnstone.

FAIRIES. Chaperons—Mrs. G. F. Baird, Mrs. B. R. Macaulay.

Miss Daisy Sears, Miss Maysie Willis, Miss Hazel DeForest, Miss Marion Macaulay, Miss Hazel Dumphy, Miss Muriel Reed, Miss Margaret Barnaby, Miss Bertha Macaulay, Miss Eunice Macaulay, Miss Dorothy Brown, Miss Bessie Humprey, Miss Jean White, Miss Mabel Humprey, Miss George Rankin, Miss Constance Reed, Miss George Wood, Miss Edna Logan, Miss Dorcas Reed, Miss M. McKendrick, Miss Olive Finley.

EGYPTIAN BELLS. Chaperon—Mrs. George McAvity.

Miss Fanny Rainnie, Miss Winnie Barnaby, Miss Hazel Rainnie, Miss Blizard, Miss Bertie Rainnie, Miss Harding, Miss Schofield, Miss Mamie Bizzard, Miss Mabel Schofield, Miss Hamm, Miss McKean, Miss Fleming, Miss Jeannie Johnstone, Miss Campbell, Miss Marion Belyes, Miss Gladys Campbell.

QUEENS OF THE SEA. Chaperons—Mrs. J. V. Ellis, Mrs. J. P. C. Burpee.

Mrs. James Jack, Mrs. Geo. Cos'er, Mrs. Geo. McAvity, Mrs. Fred Sayre, Mrs. Stanley Ritchie, Mrs. J. P. Barnes, Mrs. de B. Caritte, Mrs. Wm. McLaughlin, Mrs. James Stratton, Mrs. Thorne, Mrs. Charles Coster, Mrs. R. C. Grant, Mrs. Will Green, Mrs. Bushy, Mrs. E. I. Simonds, Mrs. H. Scovill.

Mr. J. Pope Barnes sailed Saturday for England.

Mr. Thomas P. Mason arrived from Pictou recently to reside in this city permanently.

Mrs. Samuel Tippet returned recently from Bangor where she has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Geo. A. Cleaveland.

Miss H. L. Cole of Halifax who has been paying a visit to friends in this city since Christmas, has returned to Halifax.

Mr. A. Mosher was in Halifax for a short time lately.

Dr. Grenfell was in the city this week a guest of Rev. J. de Soyres.

Mr. Arthur Kyte left the first of the week for Cornwall Out, having been called home by the serious illness of his father.

The programme of the concert in Centenary school room on Monday evening was nicely arranged and rendered in a very successful manner all of those who took part being encored. At the close of the concert those taking part were treated to coffee and cake. The programme was as follows: duet by M. s. Bridges and Miss Hea; reading, Mr. Jordan; piano duet, by Misses MacMichael and Bridges; violin solo, Mr. Ewing; vocal solo, Mrs. Bridges; orchestral selection; guitar, mandolin, and banjo trio, Messrs. Bowman, Brown and Bowmar; and solo by Mrs. C. A. Palmer.

A party of young people chaperoned by Mrs. A. J. Heath and Mrs. Allan Barbour, drove out to Brookville on Tuesday evening where a very entertaining programme was rendered in the hall by city talent in aid of a Sunday school at that place. At the close refreshments were served after which the party returned to the city. Among those who attended the drive were:—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Heath, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Barbour, Miss Minnie Harding, Miss Lillie McMan, Mrs. Gregory, Mrs. W. E. O. Jones, Miss Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Cornell Mr. Bustin, Mr. John Salmon Mr. Dole, Rev. W. B. Tennant, Mr. Alex. Baird, Mr. Frodsham, Mr. Frank Etey, Mr. Pines, Mr. E. G. Armstrong and others.

Miss Lillian Grodlnsky of Toronto was in the city for a day or two this week.

Mr. J. H. Gordon of Amherst was here on Tuesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Williams of Guelph Ont. have been visiting the city during the week.

Mr. C. W. Cunningham of Indianapolis was here for a day or two this week.

Mr. R. Kinly of Montreal is spending a short time in the city.

Mr. L. O. Gorham of New York spent part of his week in St. John.

Rev. B. A. Andrews of Maitland N. S. was here for a day or two lately.

Mr. H. James Cameron of Pictou N. S. was in the city this week.

Mrs. W. W. Killam of Havelock visited friends here for a part of last week.

Miss Jennie Hall has returned from a visit to Fredericton.

Miss Maud McClaskey is in St. Stephen visiting Miss Stella Robinson. Mrs. McClaskey went to St. Stephen this week also, for a visit to friends.

Mrs. T. B. Lavers has gone to New York on a visit.

FREDERICTON.

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FEB.—The ball at the University last Thursday evening was a most brilliant affair and far surpassed all former occasions. The College Hall was tastefully decorated with greenery and bunting and in the centre archway "1897" was done in incandescent lights which gave a very fine effect to the large ball room and showed off the beautiful toilettes of the ladies to perfection. When the whole building is thrown open for the entertainment of the guests, as was done on this occasion, the university is the finest place we have in the city for an entertainment of this kind and with the floor in splendid condition and good music as was given by the band of the Lt. R. C. G. Nothing was lacking for a pleasant time. For those who preferred "stitting out" dances, cosy corners and dimly lighted parlors before high open fires were found most inviting, while in the library upstairs, Dr. Bailey and Prof. Downing with several assistants conducted some very interesting experiments and were most untiring in their efforts to entertain all those of an inquisitive turn. A light running supper was kept up all evening. The guests as they descended from the dressing rooms and entered the large reception hall were received by the reception committee Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Harrison, Miss Grey and Chancelor Harrison.

Mrs. Harrison looked particularly well that evening in black satin with bodice and collar of pale blue brocade satin and hand bouquet of flowers.

Mrs. Bailey, was bright and vivacious as she always is and wore a gown of black satin and jet and lace and crimson flowers.

Miss Grey wore a pretty costume of pale pink with white lace and hand bouquet of white flowers. It is almost impossible in so large an assemblage to give all the costumes and there are always some one doesn't see, but those that were particularly noticeable were:

Mrs. Robt. F. Randolph, black satin and lace.

Miss Odell, white silk.

Mrs. Randolph, pale pink silk and lace.

Miss Peters, Gagetown; white and blue silk, lace and flowers.

Mrs. O. S. Crockett, cream silk and velvet.

Mrs. Downing, heliotrope silk and velvet trimmings.

Mrs. Dixon, white silk and lace.

Mrs. Emmerson, black silk and lace.

Miss Johnston, black striped gauze over yellow satin.

Miss May Robinson, pink silk.

Mrs. D. P. George, dark blue silk and flowers.

Mrs. George, blue organdie with pink satin trimmings and hand bouquet of narcissus, violets and orchids.

Miss Edith Gregory, white silk.

Miss Babbitt, white muslin and lace.

Mrs. Margaret Babbitt, white grenadine.

Miss Nellie Babbitt, pink silk.

Mrs. James Fraser, blue and white striped silk.

Mrs. David Hatt, blue and black silk and lace.

Miss Ethel Hatt, white silk and honiton lace.

Mrs. Harry Steeves, pink silk.

Mrs. Rainsford Wetmore, black silk and lace.

Miss Frankie Tibbits, cream silk and cream lace with fur trimmings.

Miss Beverly, white lace.

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