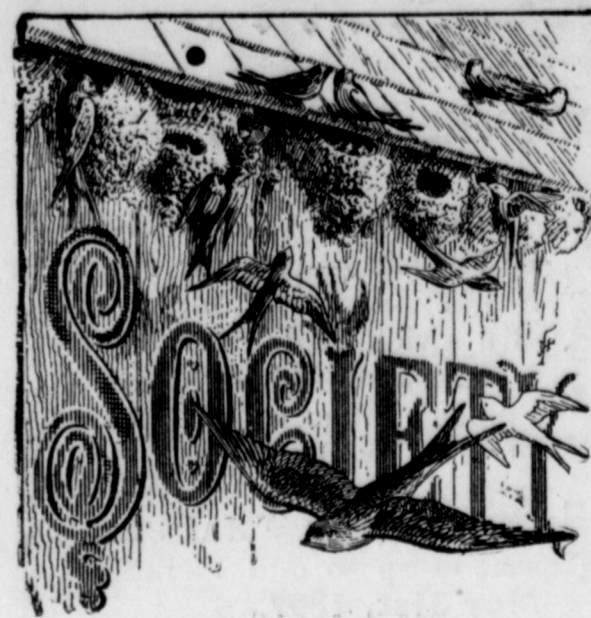


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Major Evans-Gordon and the officers of the Berkshire regiment gave an exceedingly pleasant rink party last Saturday evening. The ice was quite the best of the season, though the evening was cold, and it was crowded with skaters, as the invitation list was a large one. Supper was served upstairs throughout the evening, and both skaters and spectators were glad of hot soup and coffee. The rink had been quite transformed with flags and bunting so that it looked really cheerful, which cannot be said of an ordinary rink. The gallery was hung all round with flags, and the energetic among non skating people, had a couple of sets of lancers up there. There were some pretty frocks on the ice, a large number being red, which is quite the best color for a skating gown, besides being the fashionable color of the season. A couple of ladies were very smart in black and white toilettes with white felt hats, which looked especially well among the swarms of red dresses.

It was quite a late rink party, as there was a long programme, with two selections in it for the benefit of non-dancers. The hosts were striving in their efforts to look after everyone's comfort and the whole thing was a great success. I hear of two others in the near future. The season will only last five weeks more, and a third one will wind it up.

The carnival under the auspices of the subscribers to the private afternoons came off on Monday evening and was as pretty as it was well patronized. Everyone announced they were not going, and of course just as usual, and took more than ordinary pains with their costume. There was a very pretty Norwegian dance, during the evening and a set of Saratoga lancers. The dress rehearsal of Rip Van Winkle took away a few people, but not many, and the ice festival was as pretty as usual, if not better.

The ladies' minstrels were the great event of last week and their three performances had crowded houses, which were well deserved. Successful at the last entertainment was, this one was beyond it and a more pretty stage minstrel show, or prettier minstrels has never been seen in Halifax.

Miss Donahue and Miss Gastonguay were bright particular stars in the show, the latter's song, "Come Play with Me," being sung most daintily and prettily. Her by-play was charming, and with out a trace of nervousness.

Miss Donahue's rainbow dance brought down the house. It was the prettiest thing imaginable, and very graceful. The second part of the programme was exceedingly pretty and the big spider's web and the mammoth spider quite terribly natural. Mrs. Hagarty made a delightful queen of the fairies, and Miss Corbin as the mother witch was capital. On Friday evening of last week the officers of the Royal Artillery gave their second small dance at the R. A. and R. E. mess, which had fair to be even more successful than the last one, as there were more men.

Major and Mrs. Hayman left last Saturday for England, where they will spend some months. Colonel North leaves this station in another month, when his successor, Colonel Briscoe, arrives. The latter is, I hear a married man, and Mrs. Briscoe and his family will accompany him. Colonel Briscoe if I am not mistaken is a Torontonian.

Miss Mabel Davidson, sister of Mr. Harley Davidson, whose exhibition of fancy skating made such a sensation here, has been making herself the great success of the winter in Paris. She has been made more of an idol by the Parisians than Miss Lois Fuller, than which more could not be said. She is giving evening and afternoon performance, at the Palais de Glace, on artificial ice, of course, and drawing crowds to see her.

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FEB. 25.—When the "at home" of Wednesday evening became a settled fact the names on the committee were a guarantee that everything would be conducted in the best possible form and all interested anticipated an event of considerable splendour but the result was genuine surprise to the most sanguine. The commodious store of J. B. Gass was transformed into a palatial ball room tastefully draped with bunting and aglow with tinted lights and every available room had been decorated and utilized to enhance the comfort of the many guests. Excellent music was furnished by an orchestra from Halifax. At midnight the dancers repaired to Mr. Calhoun's dining rooms where the tables shone with their beautiful decorations in fact the room was a bower of beauty and the supper fit for the gods. The committee who are deserving of greatest credit were Messrs. C. A. McQueen, H. A. McCully, C. L. Purdy, A. G. Robb, J. R. Douglas, E. W. Rhodes, W. H. Robinson, H. W. Graham, C. L. Benedict, A. Borden, and J. M. Curry.

The patronesses who graced the occasion were, Mrs. J. A. Dickey who looked charming in a stylish toilette of pink and grey shot silk. Mrs. Douglass in a gown of yellow silk draped with black spanish lace and Mrs. N. Curry who wore an elegant gown of heliotrope richly trimmed with cream lace. I would scarcely dare openly suggest a belle from such a bevy of beauty, but assert that there were very many present deserving the honor of special mention.

One of the most elegant toilettes in the room was that of Mrs. A. R. Dickey being of heavy cream silk unembellished by any trimming save that of a large bouquet of crimson roses carried by the wearer.

Mrs. Hance J. Logan was one of the prettiest matrons and was gowned most effectively in pale heliotrope satin.

Mrs. Courtenay Bliss looked charming in a dress of pink and cream striped satin with ribbons of pink with bouquet of dark roses.

Mrs. R. C. Fuller was in a brocade gown of

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Mrs. D. W. Robb was most beautifully gowned in heliotrope brocade silk.

Mrs. Robert Pugsley wore the most elegant black gown in the room, it being of heavy black silk with trimmings of jet and ostrich feathers.

Mrs. Noel B. Steele wore a very becoming dress of pale blue silk, the bodice being of pale blue and pink brocade satin.

Mrs. J. Medley Townshend was in salmon pink silk shot with white.

Mrs. C. S. Cameron a pretty and most becoming gown of cream silk with bodice trimmings of violets. Another handsome toilette was that of Mrs. B. C. Munro, cream satin with trimmings of chiffon and crimson flowers.

Mrs. E. L. Fuller was in mauve silk and black lace.

Mrs. Sterne was in mauve silk with velvet trimmings of the same color.

Mrs. C. W. Moore was looking very pretty in cream satin with pearl and lace trimmings.

Mrs. J. Inglis Bent wore a handsome toilette of black silk.

Mrs. James Brown was in black silk with corse trimmings of white satin and jet.

Mrs. James Rogers, mauve bengaline with pink roses.

Mrs. W. J. Moran, a becoming dress of cream satin with lace and pearl embroidery.

Mrs. Arch Foster, Springhill, looked particularly well in white satin with white lace.

Mrs. J. S. Benedict of Moncton wore an elegant gown of black silk.

Mrs. C. R. Smith was in pale green silk the bodice being beautifully trimmed with jet.

Mrs. B. W. Baker wore a becoming gown of black silk.

Mrs. C. S. McLeod wore a pretty and most becoming dress of pale green silk richly trimmed with black silk.

A dress that was exceedingly becoming to its wearer was that worn by Miss Gwen Main a handsome shade of a pale heliotrope satin with ribbon and passementerie.

Miss Main wore a very elegant toilette of cream brocade satin trimmed with chiffon and pearl embroidery.

Miss Helen Pipes was in yellow silk prettily trimmed with cream lace and bouquet of crimson and yellow roses.

Two gowns which elicited much admiration were those of the Misses Tighe, Miss Tighe's being of cream cord silk with crimson roses.

Miss Maud Tighe, a beautiful shade of pink, shot with cream.

Miss Fannie Bliss wore a pretty dress of swiss dotted muslin with trimmings of white satin ribbon.

Miss Harris of North Sydney was in heliotrope bengaline with velvet of the same color.

Miss Maudie Harris pink muslin with black velvet ribbon.

Miss Grace Clark wore pale yellow silk with trimmings of cream lace and yellow and crimson roses.

The Misses McLeod's dresses were most becoming, one in pale pink silk with pearl trimmings, the other in cream muslin over pink with cream lace.

Miss May Brown wore a pretty gown of pale green nua's velvet with cream lace and yellow satin ribbon.

Miss Mary Curry was in pale blue crepon with trimmings of plaited cream chiffon.

Miss Bessie Munro wore a becoming dress of blue the trimmings being of pale blue satin, lace and pink roses.

Miss Nellie Chapman, wore a lovely dress of

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Miss Purdy wore a prominently pretty gown of a peculiar shade of heliotrope shot with white, the corseage being trimmed with chiffon and pearls.

Miss May Townshend, was in a most becoming and pretty toilette of cream silk, and carried a bouquet of cream and crimson roses and carnations.

Miss Maggie Purdy's dress was among the prettiest worn by the many young ladies it was cream and lavender striped muslin with trimmings and sash of cream satin.

Miss Lowerison, wore a dress of a lovely shade of yellow with corseage trimmings of chiffon and pearls.

Miss Annie Mitchell, was in cream silk with red carnations which was both pretty and becoming.

Miss Laura Johnstone, wore cream silk the bodice being decorated with pretty pink flowers.

Miss Bessie Hickman, was in mauve velvet with bodice of silk of the same shade.

The ladies from Sackville were Mrs. H. E. Fawcett who was most stylishly gowned in a handsome shade of yellow silk decorated with jewelled trimmings.

Mrs. Atkinson a rich and most becoming gown of mauve silk, the corseage being beautifully trimmed with violets.

Miss Mabel Rainnie was in pale green crepon the bodice being trimmed with pink satin ribbon and cream net.

Miss Grace Fawcett looked sweetly pretty in a dress of yellow silk with ribbon of the same shade.

Miss Fanning was in a gown of pink silk crepon and green velvet with pearl embroidery.

Miss Fawcett was in pale blue cashmere profusely trimmed with cream satin ribbon.

Miss Esterbrook was in a becoming dress of cream India silk prettily trimmed with lace.

Another pretty cream dress was worn by Miss Johnson the trimmings being of yellow satin

The ladies from Dorchester were Mrs. Landry, a gown of pale grey silk with combination of pale pink and grey brocade satin and cream lace.

Mrs. John Hickman, a gown of cream satin with ribbon decoration of pink satin ribbon.

Among the prettiest young ladies in the room was Miss Flo Palmer in a classic gown of white silk.

Miss Gallagher a most charming young lady was in yellow and white organdie muslin over yellow silk.

Miss Wetmore who is a perfect blonde was in a most becoming dress of cream silk.

Mrs. Elmer Lowerison of Halifax was in a beautiful dress of shot silk in pink and green with plaited trimmings of green silk.

The gentlemen were Messrs. D. W. Douglas, N. Curry, J. A. Dickey, A. R. Dickey, J. M. Townshend, R. C. Fuller, E. L. Fuller, C. S. Cameron, C. S. McLeod, C. W. Moore, C. R. Smith, Dr. C. W. Bliss, Dr. F. G. Hall, J. J. Bent, H. W. Lusby, N. B. Steele, Dr. Mitchell, B. C. Munro, B. W. Baker, C. H. Main, F. S. Rogers, E. Bidden, H. Bidden, A. D. Taylor, F. A. Wilson, O. D. Wyld, R. H. Tremaine, D. McLeod, Dr. McLeod, J. R. Douglas, G. Douglas, Garnet Chapman, J. H. Hickman, Judge Landry, Mr. Lionel Hanington, Mr. Payzant and Mr. Friel from Dorchester, Mr. H. E. Fawcett, B. B. Teed, A. B. Copp, A. B. Tait, T. A. Fraser from Sackville, Mr. J. S. Benedict, Judge Wells and Mr. H. F. Hamilton from Moncton, W. P. McKav, H. V. Bigelow, W. A. Fitch from Truro, Mr. Higginson Montreal, Mr. Arch Foster Springhill, Dr. Lowerison Halifax and Mr. Walter Hall St. John.

On Thursday evening a number of the younger society folk were entertained at the Hall and were chaperoned by Mrs. A. Brown and Mrs. H. J. Logan. Among the guests were Miss Pipes, Misses Grace and Fanny Pipes, Miss Theo Morse, Miss Annie Jodrey, Miss Gertrude Hillcoat, Miss Rachel and Miss May Love, Misses Jean and Bessie Sutcliffe, Miss Munro, Miss Lottie Munro, Miss MacKinnon, Miss Lucy MacKinnon, Miss Palmer, Dorchester, Miss Lyde Moffat, Miss Purdy, Mr. J. R. Douglas, Mr. Graham, Mr. Purdy, Mr. Geo. Douglas, Mr. McKeen, Mr. J. H. Douglas, Mr. Bert McLeod, Mr. Boyd Morse, Mr. Bert Davison and Mr. E. Rhodes.

The annual congregational social was held in the basement of St. Stephen Presbyterian church on Thursday evening after the business of the evening was transacted. Coffee and cake was served to the very large number present.

The Sunday school teachers of Christ church are preparing to hold a paper fair on Shrove Tuesday in the parish house for the benefit of the school, the matrons of the affair are Mrs. A. P. MacKinnon and Mrs. Fullerton.

Another very pleasant evening's entertainment is on next Tuesday in the C. M. B. A. hall for the benefit of the organ fund of St. Charles church, Mrs. C. R. Smith and Miss Robinson have charge of the money event of the affair.

The Parlor concert at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John McKeen, Crescent avenue for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A., was a thoroughly enjoyable evening's entertainment, among the contributors were, Mrs. McGregor, Miss Holkins, Miss Ford, Mr. Benedict, Prof. Sterne, F. Colchester, Rev. Mr. Batty, and Mr. Meislie.

A number of ladies and gentlemen drove to Sackville on Monday afternoon to attend one of the Hunter and Crossley meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Munro have the sympathy of their many friends in the death of their infant son Edward Evans.

Mrs. N. Hill Nesbitt of Moncton is the guest of Mrs. A. D. Ross.

Mrs. N. Ayer is visiting friends in Woodstock.

The Amherst hockey club went to Halifax on Tuesday to play return matches with the Wanderers and united bankers of that city.

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