

FREDERICTON.

[Progress is for sale in Fredericton by W. T. H. Fenety and J. H. Hawthorne.]

Apr. 28.—We have had no Easter dances and no social functions of any sort but a few afternoon teas. Rumor has it that the cause of this unusual quiet is due to the fact that so many of our maidens are engaged in far pleasanter occupations, that of preparing their bridal trousseau, and since we have had no Easter weddings the number of June brides will be quite large. Already I have heard of eleven weddings to come off in June and the early summer.

One of the very earliest and which has been fixed for the first week in June is that of a young lady quite popular in social circles and a gentleman from Toronto, one of the firm of a house of publishers there.

Another wedding to follow soon after will take one of our greatest favorites to St. John to make her home.

Later on in the month a young gentleman from Halifax will claim the only daughter of a prominent citizen.

Eight of the prospective brides will make their homes in other cities.

Mrs. Kingston gave a ladies' afternoon tea at "Bottle House" on Saturday at which quite a large number were present.

On Monday of this week Mrs. W. P. Flewelling gave a five o'clock tea, the third of a set of teas which she has been giving.

Mr. Wm. Dowell of Montreal is spending a few days in town.

Among the strangers in town this week are Messrs. E. B. Jones, Geo. Beysa, Jewett Smith, Robertson, and Gillespie of St. John.

Mrs. E. H. Allen and children leave tomorrow for Antigonish where they will spend the summer with Mrs. Allen's brother, Mr. Jack Gregory.

Mr. Ralph March of Hampton is in the city.

Mrs. George Brown of Hampton is here visiting Mr. F. S. Creed.

Mrs. Frank Creed who has been so very ill, after undergoing an operation at the Victoria hospital is today, much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Robertson of Montreal are visiting friends in the city.

Mr. Hedley Bond of Toronto is in the city.

Miss Kate Block will return home tomorrow from her visit to Boston.

Mayor Vanwart has gone on a business trip to Boston.

Dr. Fred Gunter has returned to his home in Cambridge.

Miss Bessie Everitt has been visiting at her home here for a few days.

Dr. Macdonald is in the city the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. M. Whitehead.

Mrs. W. T. Whitley has returned from a pleasant visit with Mrs. A. G. Blair at Ottawa.

Mrs. Henry Ketchum is visiting St. John for a few days.

Messrs. Ferguson, Thorndyke, Mitchell and Hooker of Montreal are among the visitors in town this week.

Mrs. A. F. Randolph, Mrs. Steadman and Mrs. Henry Chestnut have returned from St. John where they went to attend the funeral of their brother Mr. Turnbull.

ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

[Progress is for sale in St. Stephen by Master Ralph Trainor, and at the bookstores of G. S. Wall, T. E. Acheson and J. Vroom & Co. in Calais at O. F. Treat's.]

April 28.—There is very little in the way of society doings this week. The ladies seem to be engrossed in shopping preparatory to the coming summer months, and also in directing cleaning and spring improvements in their houses, and have but little time or inclination for gaities of any kind.

A Birthday "at home" however has been arranged by the Women's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. for tomorrow (Thursday) evening, in which much interest is shown and pleasure anticipated. Invitations were issued yesterday. The committee of reception are, Mrs. George J. Clarke, Mrs. Henry Eaton, Mrs. W. B. Wetmore, Mrs. J. A. Boyd, Mrs. C. F. Todd, Mrs. Augustus Cameron, Mrs. E. G. Vroom and Mrs. Spence.

Invitations have been given for an informal dance in the Grand Army hall, on Friday evening.

The opera "Frogs of Wyndham" will be given in the St. Croix hall on Wednesday evening of next week. A number of our society people take part, and it is expected to be the best amateur entertainment ever given here. The proceeds are for the benefit of Memorial Park Calais, and the entertainment is under the direction of the ladies who are members of the Park society.

General Samuel Gallagher of Togus, Maine, recently spent several days in Calais.

Mrs. George Tarbox pleasantly entertained the members of the Park society on Saturday afternoon and evening.

Rev. William Williams of the Congregational church Milltown, resigned his pastorate and preached his farewell sermon last Sunday evening. The church was filled to overflowing, many could not gain admittance. Mr. Williams has been very popular, during his stay in Milltown especially among young people and his departure is a matter of sincere regret. Mr. Williams leaves at an early date for his home in Wales where he will visit for some time.

Mrs. T. J. Smith's many friends both at home and abroad, will regret to learn she is extremely ill this week.

Mrs. Kennedy of Minneapolis and Mrs. Stead of St. John, have been guests this week of Collector and Mrs. Graham.

Mr. Cyrus Acheson of Elmsville is in town for a brief visit today.

Miss Mary Carter's friends will be glad to learn she is recovering from her illness.

Miss Georgie Holt of St. George is the guest of Mrs. J. M. Millidge, Oak Bay.

Mr. John Stewart of Woodstock made a brief visit here on Friday, and was the guest of his brother Mr. Duncan Stewart.

Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Swan entertained during the past week Rev. and Mrs. LaMarsh, who were delegates to the Methodist conference held last week in Calais.

Mr. and Mrs. Durell Grimmer of St. Andrews, accompanied by their children are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Grimmer.

Mr. John M. Stevens of Edmundston has been spending several days in town with sisters the Misses Stevens of Hawthorne Hall.

Prof. A. F. Chase of Bucksport, Maine Seminary, was the guest of Mrs. A. E. Neill during his stay in Calais while attending the Methodist conference.

Miss Madeline Sisson, received a telegram on Monday containing the news of the death of her grandmother. Miss Sisson left for Fredericton on Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles F. Newton, has been the guest of Mrs. W. B. King during the past week.

Miss Gertrude Eaton's friends will be glad to hear that she is recovering from her illness.

Hon. Gilbert W. Ganong, has returned to Ottawa.

Rev. D. H. Tribon, chaplain of the U. S. Navy, accompanied by Mrs. Tribon, were guests of Mr. Edward Moore during the past week.

Mr. A. A. Cullinen, is visiting Portland Maine where he will give his lecture on electricity.

Mrs. Carrie Porter gave a very whist party at her home in Milltown last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grimmer came up from St. Andrews on the "Arbutus," and made a brief visit with Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Grimmer on Sunday.

Mr. C. F. Beard arrived from Belmont, Mass. on Tuesday after a visit of a month with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alanson Beard.

Mr. Fred W. Waterson has been in Boston this week on a business trip.

Mrs. Hugh Cullinen has gone to Boston for a short visit where she will meet her daughter Miss Alice Cullinen, who returns home with her. Miss Cullinen has been visiting in New York for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Pike are spending ten days in Boston.

Mr. Will A. Mills arrived home from Boston on Monday, after an enjoyable visit of a week in Boston.

General and Mrs. B. B. Murray of Pembroke are in Calais and will reside at the American House, Calais, during the session of the Judicial Supreme Court.

Mrs. John D. Wilson of Boston, is the guest of Maime Chipman at the Cedars, and will remain a month or more.

Mrs. S. H. Blair is again in Boston, the guest of Miss Henrietta Ridgeway of Charles street.

Mr. Arthur Murchie is spending several days in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Amsden are now residing in Salem Mass., where they will make their future home. They will be greatly missed in Calais society, where they had many friends.

Mr. C. H. Clerke and his daughter Miss Mabel Clerke made a brief visit to St. John on Friday last.

Mrs. Charles King and Miss Annie King have returned from an extended visit in Boston.

Mrs. Lewis Dexter has gone to Boston for a brief visit.

Mrs. Frank Stoop wish heartily welcomed home on Tuesday from California by her children and friends.

ST. GEORGE.

APRIL 28.—Rev. Mr. Hawley and Mrs. Hawley with their little daughters have arrived from Mill town and intend spending several weeks with Mr. Peter McVicar at his farm in Le'Lang.

Mrs. W. W. Shaw left on Thursday for Boston to spend a few weeks with her daughter Mrs. John P. Foster.

The Andraaleo club of St. Andrews gave a very fine exhibition in Court's hall on Friday evening.

Rev. Mr. Lavers returned from Boston on Saturday.

The funeral of Mr. Robert Thorne took place from his late home on Sunday. A very large number gathered to pay their last tribute to the memory of their friend and associate. Rev. Mr. Fraser conducted the service.

Mr. Chaffey of Indian Island and Mr. Guy Chaffey of Houlton are visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Harry Macgowan is visiting St. Andrews friends.

Rev. Mr. Lavers being away on Easter Sunday an Easter service was held in the Baptist church on Sunday. The church was beautifully decorated with lilies and various kinds of plants most artistically arranged by Mrs. Edward O'Brien. The pastor preached an excellent sermon on the resurrection. The music was well rendered.

The R. C. church was the scene Tuesday morning of a very pretty wedding. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Lavery. The bride was Miss Mary Grace the groom Mr. Charles Cain of Carleton. The bride was becomingly attired in gray and attended by Miss Lydia Southard.

Mr. J. Tingley of Moncton was Mrs. Lavers' guest at the parsonage last week.

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HARCOURT.

[Progress is for sale in Harcourt by Mrs. S. Livingston.]

April 28.—Mrs. Archibald Ferguson went to Boston, U. S., on Monday to visit her daughter.

Mrs. H. M. Buckley of Gloucester Junction is visiting her relatives here this week.

Councillor L. J. Wathen went to Coatesville yesterday to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, John E. Coates.

Miss Annie Beck of Boston is visiting her relatives in Harcourt this week.

Mr. David W. Clark will go to Moncton tomorrow to enter upon his duties as policeman in that city.

Mr. John F. Dorothay who was quite ill for a couple of days was out on Monday as bright and cheerful as usual.

Mr. E. B. Buckfield went to St. John yesterday morning and returned home in the evening.

Mrs. Campbell one of the oldest residents of Harcourt was eighty seven years of age yesterday. A large number of the prominent ladies of the place improved the occasion by giving Mrs. Campbell a surprise party. Among the gentlemen present were Rev. J. K. McClure and Mr. John F. Dorothay. It is needless to say a very pleasant afternoon and evening were spent.

Miss Sylvia Black of Richibucto left recently for Newcastle to spend the Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith were here to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. Hazen Russ.

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KINGSTON, KENT CO.

(Received too late for last week's Progress.)

The service of song entitled "Little Dot" in aid of the Ladies Aid society of Richibucto was given in the Methodist church here Tuesday evening. I think the reason it was not very well attended was on account of so much sickness in the town. Anyway those that were there enjoyed the entertainment. Some of the best talent of Richibucto were present and rendered solos, duets, quartettes, and choruses. The one that was the most worthy of praise was the quartette given by the misses Black and E. Sayre, and Messrs Pyne and Rev. Mr. Lawson, the readings were well appreciated.

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AN INSECT DUEL.

How They Fought a Battle to the Death, and Their Tactics.

A professor, while camping out, saw a fight to the death between a wasp and a spider. A wasp had partly built his mud-house on the tent-pole, and a big spider had spun a web across the corner of the tent so as to shut out the wasp from his half-finished house, unless he passed through the web. Said the professor to a reporter of the New York Tribune:

The spider, an ugly-looking, black fellow, stood on guard, watching the movements of the wasp. The wasp flew backward and forward, looking for an opening to his domicile. Finally he alighted on the tent-pole within an inch or so of the edge of the web.

While I was still contemplating the two foes, the wasp flew off the pole and directly toward the spider, which had been keenly watching him. As the wasp flew past his enemy, he curled the under part of his body up so that the part containing the stinger would come in close proximity to the spider.

The spider was evidently accustomed to such warfare, however, for he got out of the way in a twinkling. Maddened at his failure, the wasp took a turn and went back again. Once more the spider eluded the venomous stinger, but at the same time he appeared to be trying to bite the wasp.

The spider might have retreated so far from his web fort that his enemy could not have touched him until the obstruction was broken down, but he evidently did not intend to have his carefully constructed fly-trap destroyed without a struggle.

There were several skirmishes of the kind already described, and then the wasp again alighted on the tent-pole, as it reconnoitered and getting breath for a grand onslaught.

After remaining on the pole for a few seconds, he flew and poised himself in the air a foot or so below the web. Then he darted directly for the spider, and went completely through the web at the exact spot which had been occupied by the spider a second before.

For an instant both combatants were lost to view, and I heard the battle raging in the peak of the tent. Almost before I had time to wonder which was getting the better of it, both insects dropped to the ground close to me. The spider was holding fast to the wasp's head with his small but effective mouth, and the wasp was running his stinger in and out of the spider's lightning-like rapidity.

There was a short struggle on the ground, when both insects began to grow weak, and their movements less rapid. Finally they fell apart, but neither moved. I examined them both, after watching them for a few seconds. The poison of each had done the work for the other, and both were dead.

HE WAS EXAMINED.

He Had the Necessary Qualifications and Was Admitted.

Successful missionary work in heathen countries is done only by missionaries who possess a rare combination of personal traits. In too many cases the examination of the candidate fails to reveal the presence or the absence of this combination. But the following story tells how an unusual examination, a sort of X-ray, made known that a certain young man was just the sort of missionary needed.

It was winter; the examiner sent the candidate word to be at his home at three o'clock in the morning. When the young man arrived at the appointed time, he was shown into the study, where he waited for five hours. At length the old clergyman appeared, and asked the other how early he had come.

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After breakfast they went back to the room.

'Well, sir,' said the old man, 'I was appointed to examine you as to your fitness for the mission-field; that is very important. Can you spell, sir?'

The young man thought he could.

'Spell baker, then.'

'B-a, ba, k-e-r, ker, baker.'

'All right; that will do. Now do you know anything about figures?'

'Yes sir, something.'

'How much is twice two?'

'Four.'

'All right, that's splendid; you'll do first rate. I'll see the board.'

When the board met, the old man reported:

'Well, brethren, I have examined the candidate, and I recommend him for appointment. He'll make a tip-top candidate—first class.'

'First,' said the old examiner, 'I examined the candidate on his self-denial. I told him to be at my house at three o'clock in the morning. He was there. That meant getting up at two in the morning, or sooner, in the dark and cold. He got up; never asked me why.'

'Second—I examined him on promptness. I told him to be at my house at three o'clock in the morning. He was there, not one minute behind time.'

'Third—I examined him on patience. I let him wait five hours for me, when he might just as well have been in bed, and he waited, and showed no signs of impatience when I went in.'

'Fourth—I examined him on his temper. He didn't get mad; met me perfectly pleasant; didn't ask me why I had kept him waiting from three o'clock on a cold winter morning till eight.'

'Fifth—I examined him on humility. I asked him to spell words a five-year-old child could spell, and to do sums in arithmetic a five-year-old child could do, and he didn't show any indignation; didn't ask me why I wanted to treat him like a child or a fool.'

'Brethren, the candidate is self-denying, prompt, patient, obedient, good-tempered, humble; he's just the man for a missionary, and I recommend him for your acceptance.'

Kermith—'You don't take any interest in the question of bloomers, perhaps, because the question has never come home to you. What would you do if your wife wanted to wear bloomers?' Kajones—'What would I do? I'd let her wear them! I guess you don't know Mrs. Kajones!'—Chicago Tribune.

THINGS OF VALUE.

The parson—Did you hear that sermon of mine last Sunday?

The Deacon—Yes, I did. I'm not near as good a sleeper as I used to be.—Yonkers Statesman.

Dyspepsia and Indigestion.—C. W. Snow & Co., Syracuse, N. Y., writes: 'Please send us ten gross of Pills. We are selling more of Parmelee's Pills than any other Pills we keep. They have a great reputation for the cure of Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint.' Mr. Chas. A. Smith, Lindsay, writes: 'Parmelee's Pills are an excellent medicine. My sister has been troubled with severe headache, but these Pills have cured her.'

'Please, sir, send me over to borrow your dress suit, but if you'd prefer to let him take your wheel he'd just as soon go for a ride.'—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Why will you allow a cough to lacerate your throat or lungs and run the risk of filling a consumptive grave, when by the timely use of Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup the pain can be allayed and the danger avoided. There's Syrup is pleasant to the taste, and unsurpassed for relieving, healing and curing all affections of the throat and lungs, coughs, colds, bronchitis, etc.

Jack Dashing—Under the constitution all men are born free and equal.

Pemiope—Yes, but they get married.—Truth.

Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is pleasant to take; sure and certain in destroying worms. Many have tried it with best results.

She—What are you thinking about?

He—Oh, nothing!

She—How egotistical!—Yale Record.

Mr. T. J. Humes, Columbus, Ohio, writes: 'I have been afflicted for some time with Kidney and Liver Complaint, and find Parmelee's Pills the best medicine for these diseases. These Pills do not cause pain or griping, and should be used when a cathartic is required. They are Gelatine Coated and rolled in the Flour of Licorice to preserve their purity, and give them a pleasant, agreeable taste.'

Satin—Did you bring your credentials?

Shade of Reporter—Here's my fire badge.—New York Sunday Journal.

Why go limping and whining about your corns, when a 25 cent bottle of Holloway's Corn Cure will remove them? Give it a trial, and you will not regret it.

She—Our minister does not jump at conclusions. He—I should say not. I never knew him to reach a conclusion in less than an hour.—Brooklyn Life.

THE COUGHING and wheezing of persons troubled with bronchitis or the asthma is excessively harassing to themselves and annoying to others. Dr. Thomas' ELECTRIC OIL obviates all this entirely, safely and speedily, and is a benign remedy for lameness, sores, injuries, piles, kidney and spinal troubles.

She—What is the difference between a trust and a ring?

He—Miss—dear Mabel, if you can only trust me I will get the ring tomorrow morning.—Detroit Free Press.

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'Is no daddy's bestest girl?'

'Oh, papa, is is so sudden.'—New York World

AT THE CLUB.

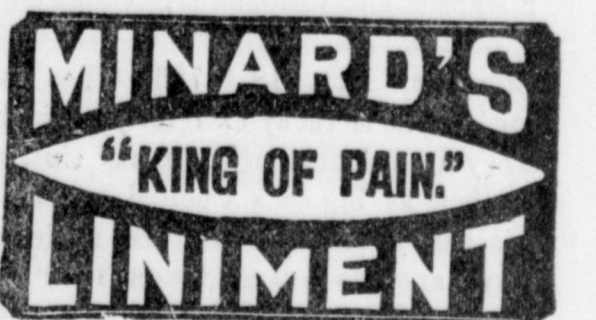


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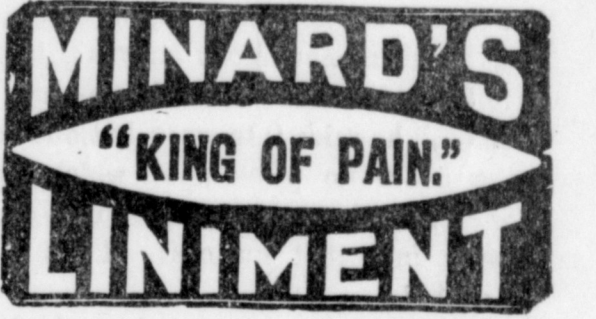
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