



A bright little event of the week was an informal whist party, enjoyed by a few friends of Mrs. D. P. Chisholm at her residence last Tuesday evening.

Among the St. John representatives chosen for the jubilee celebration next month, is Mr. Noel Scovill a sergeant in the 62nd Battalion.

Miss Saide G. Bernard went to New York last week by the C. P. R., to visit friends there.

Mr. Archie MacKinnon of Glasgow, Scotland, was in the city this week.

Mr. George R. Anderson of Halifax was in the city during the week.

Mrs. Vanzille, Miss and Master Vanzille left yesterday for their future home in the province of Quebec.

Mrs. James Tibbitts who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. J. Douglas Hazen returned home the first of the week.

Miss Mabelle Biggart of New York is here on a visit of several weeks.

Mrs. George F. Baird left Monday for Rosland to visit her son Mr. Frank Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Fraser of New York are spending a short time in the city.

Miss Mary Creighton of Boston has been visiting St. John lately.

Mrs. H. M. Campbell of Apohaqui spent Tuesday in the city.

Mrs. T. Lynch came down from Fredericton for a short time the first of the week.

Alderman C. S. Lane of Halifax spent the early part of the week in the city.

Mrs. F. B. Brown of Moncton was here on a little shopping tour during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Winslow and Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen came down from Fredericton for a short visit this week.

Messrs W. D. Foster and E. Foster of St. Andrews spent a day or two here this week.

Mr. M. Scovill and Master Scovill of Gasquetown were in the city on Wednesday.

The Gleasons Union of St. Lukes church gave a very pleasant at home in the church school room on Tuesday evening that was very largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr. G. P. Harding of Minneapolis is here visiting his father Mr. George Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Baker returned this week from an extended visit to California and other parts of the United States.

Senator Lewin and Mrs. R. C. Lewin left Tuesday afternoon for Ottawa.

Mr. R. W. Simpson of Moncton was in the city on Tuesday.

Mr. Fred McLaughlin of Montreal was among the visitors to the city the first of the week.

Mr. Henry Wilmot of Belmont spent part of the week in St. John.

The concert in the Leinster street Baptist church on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the choir was a very successful affair, and was very largely attended.

The following excellent programme was carried out: Selection by the orchestra led by Morton L. Harrison; Orpheus quartette; solo, Chip Ritchie; reading, Mrs. A. J. Heath; violin solo, Alex. Watson; solo, Amos Potts; reading, A. W. Baird; solo, Mrs. W. E. O. Jones; banjo solo, Wm. Brown; reading, Rev. Mr. Rennie; solo, James Gillespie and selection by the orchestra. During the evening cake and ice cream was served.

Mr. James R. Ayer of Sackville paid a brief visit to the city this week.

Mr. George B. Henderson of Halifax was here for a day or two during the past week.

Mr. Thomas Mulhall of Toronto was in the city lately.

The following persons from this city and province intend being present at the jubilee celebrations in London next month and have engaged passage on the different steamers: Mr. and Mrs. Fisher, and Miss Stone will leave Boston on the 28th inst. by the Dominion Line S. S. Canada. Rev. Wm. Eatough and wife are going by the Dominion Liner Scotsman from Rimouski on the 8th inst. The Furness steamer St. John City, leaving Halifax on the 20 inst.,

will take Mrs. (Dr.) Draper, Mrs. R. A. Courtenay, Mr. and Mrs. David Brown, Miss Skillen, of St. Martins, and Mrs. Hooker, of Riverside; and J. R. Campbell, will be a passenger by the steamer Damara, leaving Halifax on June 3rd. Quite a number of other St. John people also contemplate going over, but have not definitely decided as to which steamers they will go by.

Mr. Henry O'Leary of Richibucto was in town this week.

Mr. Theodore Gissel of Boston is spending a few days in the city.

Mr. J. H. V. Moore of Amherst made a short stay here this week.

Mr. D. W. Newcombe of the C. P. R. offices at Woodstock came down to the city on Tuesday.

Miss Lizzie Miles of Missoula Montana, who has been paying a visit to Mrs. J. O. Beattie is now staying with Frederickton friends.

Miss Bessie Knight has returned from Boston where she has been studying elocution for some time.

Mrs. Walter B. Brown, Mrs. F. C. Beattie and two children left Wednesday for Toronto on a visit to Mrs. Beattie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes.

Mrs. F. A. Jones of New York is visiting St. John.

Miss M. F. Smith of St. John is in Woodstock where she will spend the summer with the Misses Beardsley at the Grove.

Mr. F. R. Bucher spent part of last week in Woodstock.

Mr. J. W. McCready spent a short time in the city Wednesday on his way home to Fredericton from Moncton.

Miss Annie Fulton of Carleton and Miss Jones of Douglas Avenue, graduates of the G. P. H. here, who are at present in the Victoria Hospital, will return to the city next week.

Mr. George Hill of Brockton, Mass. spent part of last week in the city.

Mr. J. S. Burrell of Weymouth, N. S. was here or a day or two this week.

Mr. John A. Kelly's friends are glad to know that he is recovering from his recent severe illness and was able to be out for a short time daily this week.

Miss L. Miles formerly of this city but now making her home in the west who has been visiting friends here left this week on a short visit to Fredericton friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Kimball of Toronto are paying a brief visit to the city.

Mr. Robert E. Gilgeour of Manchester, England, who is visiting the provinces is making a brief stay in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Page of Boston are spending a short time in the city.

Miss Rainsford of Fredericton arrived this week on a visit to city friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. ex. Dunbar Jr., of Woodstock, who were married in that city this week, are spending a part of the honeymoon in the city.

Mr. George H. Richards of Toronto is here on a short visit.

Mr. Francis Huntley of Quebec paid a visit to the city this week.

Messrs E. F. Gilbert and R. B. Whiting of Boston are staying in the city.

The closing meeting of the winter programme of St. Davids Y. P. A. was held on Tuesday evening and was known as "A Canadian evening in story and song." The meeting was opened by the singing of "All People That on Earth do Dwell," and closed with the National anthem, "My O Canada Home," Mr. Nelson's well-known patriotic song, was sung by the choir, and Alexander Muir's "The Maple Leaf Forever," by Miss Annie Crawford, Mr. Watson gave two selections on the violin. Miss Godard accompanied all the numbers, which were rendered with spirit and effect, and were enthusiastically received. The papers read were "On the Advancement of Canada," chiefly along the lines of constitutional history, by the president, Mr. C. J. Milligan, M. A.; "Canada's Place in the British Empire," by Mr. Alfred C. Blair, the paper being read in Mr. Blair's absence by the secretary, Mr. Isaac Burpee, B. A.; and a sketch of the well known Canadian author and writer "Fidelis" (Miss Agnes Maud Machar, of Kingston Ont.) by Mrs. Bruce. The sketch contained two of Miss Machar's unpublished poems, "The Legend of the Mayflower," the chosen flower of Acadia," and one on "The Pasting of Clote Scarp" the Hiawatha of the Micmacs. In Mrs. Bruce's absence Mr. Bruce read her paper.

Mr. Bruce Williams of Yarmouth has been spending a few days in the city lately.

Dr. Mason and the Misses Mason of Providence R. I. are staying in the city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Stewart of Boston, Mr. H. J. Read and Miss Read of Portland Me., were a party of Americans who have been visiting the city for the last day or two.

Miss Vera Creed came from Fredericton this week on a visit to her brother Mr. H. D. Creed.

Miss Mary Johnston has returned to Fredericton, after a pleasant visit to city friends.

Mr. Arthur Branscombe spent last Sunday with out of town friends.

Miss Maggie Tutus is this week a guest of Mrs. Cathels.

Mr. F. A. Allwood of Woodstock N. B., was here the first of the week.

Mr. H. Thomas spent the greater part of last week in Bridgetown N. S.

Miss Nellie Coates is here for a three or four weeks visit to her aunt Mrs. George F. Brown.

Madame Daly, Mother Viger, Sisters Kenny and Mathilda late of the Sacred Heart Convent here went to Montreal the first of the week.

Mr. F. C. O'Neill of Halifax is paying one of his short visits to the city and is being warmly welcomed by friends here.

Messrs. James P. Stanhope and F. W. Ramsay of Montreal made a short stay here lately.

Mrs. Ned White of Carleton has been spending a few weeks with Halifax friends.

The elocution department of the St. John Conservatory of Music, held a very enjoyable reception at their rooms, King Square, last Wednesday evening. At the close of the following programme light refreshments were served: Piano solo, Miss Ethel Second; reading, Miss Mary Ballie; vocal solo, Miss Lizzie Fowler; comedieta, Miss Alberta V. Fowler and Mr. George U. Price; piano solo, Miss Nettie Retallick; song, Mr. Fred Tufts; Aunt Jimema's Will, Miss Alberta Fowler; song, Mr. George F. Price; reading, Miss M. L. Harding; choros of college songs.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Feltus, child and maid were here this week en route to Nova Scotia where they will spend the next four months.

The Signor Foli concert last week did not draw quite so largely as was anticipated, but those who were present enjoyed a very great treat. The presence of so many society people in the gallery, the especial realm of the gods, seems to be occasioning a great deal of comment; though perhaps those who patronized that portion of the house were not actuated so much by motives of economy as by the desire to get the full benefit of the excellent music and for which the "heaven" affords a splendid opportunity.

Mr. T. S. Sizer, an American geologist of some repute spent a day in a part of the city recently on his way to Nova Scotia.

Miss Marion Harvey of Halifax arrived yesterday on a visit that will extend over the time of the jubilee celebration next month. Miss Harvey is a guest of Germain street friends.

Miss Nellie J. Crowe of Kingsport spent a day or two lately with relatives here on her way to Rochester, N. Y., where she will spend the summer and part of the autumn months.

Mrs. Juliet Jordan paid a visit to Woodstock last week where she was pleasantly entertained by Mrs. C. D. Jordan.

Mrs. G. M. Blair and little son are in Moncton visiting Mrs. Blair's mother Mrs. Waldon.

Mrs. T. W. Bell has returned to Moncton after a short but pleasant visit to city friends.

Dr. Murray McLara was in Richibucto this week on professional business.

A Bangor paper of Wednesday says: E. R. Burpee and Miss Louise Burpee left Monday for Boston and New York, in which cities Miss Burpee will spend a month with friends.

Rev. Wm. Eatough and Mrs. Eatough left on Thursday for England.

Rev. C. H. Warnford and Mrs. Warnford of Queens county spent part of the week here.

Mr. John H. Parks returned this week from a visit to Boston.

Miss Golding returned Thursday from a visit to Ottawa.

Judge Vanwart returned to Fredericton Wednesday after a couple of days spent in the city.

Mr. Malcolm Muirhead of Dumbarton, Scotland, arrived this week in the city and is spending a few days here.

Judge Cockburn of St. Andrews is in the city on a short visit.

Mr. J. C. Osman, M. P. P. of Hillsboro made a short stay in St. John this week.

Mrs. J. O. DeWolf and Mrs. C. F. DeWolf of Halifax are here on a short visit.

Mrs. Philip Breen of St. Stephen is spending a day or two in the city.

Mrs. J. R. Laury and her daughter Miss Winnie Tiche of Amherst, who spent part of the week here returned home yesterday. During their stay at the Dufferin many St. John friends called upon them.

Messrs L. A. Curry and Hon. Wm. Puzley returned from Ottawa on Wednesday. While in that city they were extensively entertained by members of the Government.

Dr. Andrew Gies of Chicago is in the city.

Mr. C. K. Palmer of Fredericton has been in the city for a day or two.

HARCOURT.

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

MAY 5.—Mr. Benj. McLeod returned on Friday from a visit to his relatives at Concord New Hampshire.

Rev. P. G. Snow of Newcastle exchanged pulpits with Rev. G. L. Freeburn on Sunday last.

Sheriff Leger and his aide de camp, Mr. Phillip Woods was in Harcourt yesterday.

Mr. David W. Clark left for Moncton on Thursday to fill the position as one of the policemen of that city.

Mr. Firman McClure M. P. for Colchester Co. N. S., passed through here by express train last night for Ottawa. He had a brief chat with his brother Rev. J. K. McClure while the train was waiting.

Miss Annie Beck of Boston, U. S., is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Keith.

Mr. Wm. Murray of Bathurst was in Harcourt yesterday.

Mr. Wm. Nicholson returned last week after an extended visit among friends in York and Sunbury counties.

MISS MABELLE BIGGART.

A Clever American Lady who is on a Visit to this City.

St. John has an interesting visitor just now, in the person of Miss Mabelle Biggart, writer, reader, and dramatist, who is pleasantly settled at the Dufferin hotel where she will remain for the next few weeks—possibly longer.

Miss Biggart is very pleasing personally. She is possessed of brilliant conversational powers, and a sweet, graceful manner that captivates those with whom she is brought in contact. She is a native of New York and her education was received in the schools of that city and of Philadelphia. For two years this talented young lady filled the position of teacher of rhetoric, literature and oratory in the State College of Colorado but was obliged to resign on account of serious bronchial trouble.

Having travelled extensively, Miss Biggart writes and talks intelligently of what she has seen and heard. Her principal object in visiting the provinces is to gather data for a book upon which she is engaged, entitled "Ourselves and Our Neighbors." A bright collection of verses under the pretty name of "Whole Notes and Half Notes" is also the product of her pen and has had a wide sale.

As a dramatic reader Miss Biggart possesses a talent of an unusually high order and she has at intervals given readings dramatized by herself from literary masterpieces before clubs, assemblies, institutions, education and Chautauqua assemblies for several years. Her principal productions include George Eliot's "Adam Bede," "Les Miserables," "Ben Hur," and Victor Hugo's, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." Of these "Adam Bede" is the most popular, judging from the flattering press notices it receives. Miss Biggart has collected some interesting matter concerning George Eliot which is filled with personalities of her which have never appeared in print. The dramatization of "Adam Bede" has won the praise of the best commentators of George Eliot. Miss Biggart will remain in the city for several weeks after which she proposes visiting other parts of this province and Nova Scotia. Next Thursday evening she reads at Brussels street church under the auspices of B. Y. P. U. Miss Goddard will accompany her on the organ.

The Four Seasons of the Year.

(Translated from a Japanese poem.)

SPRING. The distant hills in spring are veiled in mist, And fragrant cherries bloom with countless flowers; Each tree the morning sunlight tips with gold, While joyous birds pipe songs from every bower.

SUMMER. With leaves of mending green, sweet summer comes,— The silent pool is spouting with lotus fair; The fire flies swarm, the croaking frog is heard, And leaping fountains fan the sultry air.

AUTUMN. Autumn's village glows with maple flame,— The bulrush skyward points its furred crest; The moaning owl now greets the waning moon,— And saddened nature sighs for winter's rest.

WINTER. A cold grey sky is winter's ushering sign, With snow—the mountains, plain and housetops white, Now pine and cedar bend 'neath snow-lake wreaths, And raging snow storms close bleak winter's night.

B. U. Boston, Mass.

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