



a spirited comedy drama, in a prologue and four acts adapted from the French, called "La Belle Marie," and the cast included Miss Crossdale, Mr. Richards, Mr. E. N. Rhodes, Mr. J. H. Corcoran, Mr. Percy Dickson, Mr. B. Gallagher, W. O. McAllister and Mr. Walter Davidson. The performers were greeted with a well filled house, and one of the most enthusiastic and well behaved audiences ever seen in Moncton, the gods themselves refrained from making any demonstration even when the waits between acts were rather long, and paid marked attention to the progress of the play. Of course Miss Tucker was the star of the evening, and her appearance on the stage was the signal for a most enthusiastic audience which she acknowledged with much apparent pleasure. To say that his clever actress excelled all her other performances in Moncton, is not putting it too strongly, in fact Miss Tucker seems to have improved every time one sees her, I use the word advisedly as she seems a ways to strive after perfection, and in the dual role of Jean Carleton the simple country girl and Marie Dubois, the brilliant unscrupulous Frenchwoman she was certainly at her best. The wonderful mobility of her expression and her clever assumption of the broken English of an educated Parisian added materially to her portrayal of the character and made it seem nature itself. In short "La Belle Marie" is Miss Tucker's star part and the play is one of the best they have ever put on. The dresses worn by the charming Frenchwomen were amongst the handsomest ever worn on the stage in Moncton, and attracted much attention and admiring comment. Mr. William Richards did excellent work as the hero, Paul Livingston, though the part scarcely afforded scope for the talent he undoubtedly possesses; he was inimitable in the scene where the generous warm hearted but terribly tipsy youth, endeavors to give a satisfactory excuse for his condition to his father, and also where he promises reformation.

As for the amateur Mrs. Allen always a favorite with Moncton audiences covered herself with glory as Ruby Livingston acting with dash and verve combined with a fidelity to nature not often excelled by professionals; while Helen Crossdale filled the difficult part of Lillian Marston with intelligence and skill making a most charming bride in her white robes. The gentlemen were not by any means behind the ladies in the skilful manner in which they interpreted their parts. Mr. Percy Dickson especially proving a revelation to his friends who little dreamed that they had such a comedian all undressed in their midst; as Byron Waupinge, the enterprising travelling salesman he was irresistibly comical and carried the audience with him from first to last. Mr. J. W. Corcoran played the thankless role of the villain George Livingston, and played it so well as to earn the hearty condemnation of the audience for his inborn wickedness, and general depravity. Mr. E. N. Rhodes was true to nature as the simple countryman John Carlton, father of Jean, and Mr. P. Gallagher as the heavy parent. Mr. Livingston filled an important role, and though his performance was rather lacking in expression he will doubtless improve as time goes on. The trying role of the clown of the piece, Stiggins, was well looked after by Mr. W. O. McAllister and the youngest performer of all, who made his bow to a Moncton audience for the first time, is deserving of special mention for his very clever and intensely natural rendering of the newsboy "tough" Patsy. Barker's Orchestra added greatly to the success of the entertainment by rendering an excellent programme during the entire acts. Altogether veteran theatre goers pronounced the performance one which would have done credit to a first class company of professional actors.

Mr. Clifford Robertson of the cable staff at North Sydney spent a few days in town last week, the guest of his mother Mrs. William Robertson of Steadman street.

The many friends of Captain W. E. Cooke of Kingston, Ont., son of Mr. T. V. Cooke of this place will be glad to hear that he has been so fortunate as to secure the appointment of assistant officer in the British protectorate of the east coast of Africa, with headquarters at Mombassa, east coast of India. The appointment is an important one for so young an officer, and Captain Cooke is to be congratulated upon his success.

This is the quiet season in Moncton, a sort of lull between autumn and winter which is usually consecrated to the "trivial round and common task of" housecleaning and putting up stoves, and double windows, therefore very little is going on in society; but music lovers are looking forward to a treat next Wednesday evening when Mr. F. H. Blair organist of St. John's Presbyterian church gives a sacred concert an organ recital in the church. Mr. Blair will be assisted by his choir and some of the best local talent, notably Miss Bruce and Mr. J. H. Wetmore, as it is his own benefit, and he is always most generous in assisting others with his time and talents, he will doubtless be greeted with a large audience.

Mr. H. J. Logan, M. P. and Mrs. Logan were in town on Friday evening attending Miss Tucker's farewell performance on Friday evening.

Mrs. Hugh McLeod of Truro is spending a few days in town, the guest of her sister Miss Brown of Bonnacott Street.

Miss Florence Steeves of Hillsboro is visiting Mr. and Mrs. K. Bezanon, of Alma Street.

Miss Edith Humphrey of Hampton, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cole, of Alma Street.

Miss Pope, of this city who has won local distinction as an artist, left town last week for Boston where she intends taking a course at the Boston Art Studio.

The funeral of the late Miss Bessie Donald took place on Wednesday afternoon from the residence of her parents, on Archibald Street. Rev. J. M. Robinson conducted the services both at the house, and grave. The casket was covered with beautiful

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ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS

Progress is for sale in St. Stephen by Master Ralph Trainor, and at the bookstores of G. S. W. I. E. Atcheson and J. Vroom & Co. in Calais at J. P. Treat's.

Nov. 5.—Mrs. W. T. Rose is the guest this week of Mrs. J. D. Chipman.

Mr. Walter Stevens has returned from Wood stock.

Among the recent residents of Calais are Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Vinal of Bangor, who are now residing on Main Street.

A large and fashionable audience enjoyed the excellent Shakespearean Recital, by Mr. George B. Williams, in the Congregational vestry, on Tuesday evening.

A small, but appreciative audience greeted Prof. Car, in Y. M. C. A. Hall the same evening. The Professor gave an interesting lecture on astronomy. Hon. Judge Stevens introduced the lecturer.

Mrs. Henrietta Blair will spend the winter in Ottawa with her son Mr. W. L. Blair.

Mrs. A. J. Fraser has returned from Waterville where she has been visiting relatives.

Mr. George Morris of Montreal is in town and is receiving a cordial welcome from his St. Stephen friends.

Mrs. Gertrude Henry has been enjoying a visit with friends in Behring.

Miss Marie Vose is the guest of Mrs. Howard Black of Calais.

Mr. Thomas Maine of Boston is making a short stay with his mother Mrs. David Maine.

Miss Corinne Duval Allen the accomplished violinist and Miss Burdette St. John are also visiting Mrs. Main.

Mrs. Arthur Moran gave a very enjoyable little party last week for the entertainment of a number of the playmates of her little daughter Helen, from four o'clock until seven. Mrs. Moran entertained about thirty young friends of her niece Miss Mabel Hawthorne, in the evening, the chief amusement being charades, many of which were quite original. Among the guests were Misses Eva Fraser, Luit Luffin, Winifred Smith, Celia Clarke, Elsie Lawson, Edna Casey, Daisy Lindow, Winifred Lindow, Kate McLellan, Amy Sullivan, Alice Sullivan, Eva McCully, Hazel Inches, Muriel Kierstead, Winifred Love, Lena Robinson, Mary Fitzmaurice, Gertrude Henry, Fernie Grimmer, Hattie Grimmer, Dolly McKenzie and Helen Ryder.

Bessie McMonagle, Louise McMonagle Mr. Henry Barrett have been enjoying a week's partitive shooting with friends.

Miss Blanche Bell entertained a number of her young friends very pleasantly last week.

Miss Ethel Kerr has recovered from her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Foster are at present residing in Woodstock.

Captain Chipman is in Ottawa.

The Misses Whitlock returned from St. Andrews on Thursday.

The Misses McNichol returned last week from Boston and New York.

A very quiet, but interesting marriage was solemnized at the residence of Mr. Samuel Key this afternoon, when his daughter Maggie was married to Mr. Everett Jackson of Boston. Rev. O. Newman performed the marriage ceremony, which was witnessed by only relatives and intimate friends of the bride and groom. A number of friends were at the station to wish "bon voyage" to the happy couple who left this afternoon for Boston.

The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Burrell MacNichol to Mr. Alfred Forbes Conant of Boston has been announced. The wedding will take place at St. Thomas Episcopal church, New York, on the tenth of the present month. Miss MacNichol is one of the most popular and charming of our Calais belles and will be greatly missed in social as well as musical circles.

This morning Miss Alice Olive, third daughter of Mr. William Olive was married at her father's residence to Mr. Alfred A. Lively of Boston, Rev. W. C. Goucher was the officiating clergyman. Mr. and Mrs. Lively left for Boston upon the morning train followed by the best wishes of a host of friends.

Miss Annie Stevens has returned from a pleasant visit in Woodstock.

Mr. Charles Hazen McGee of St. George is among the guests at the Windsor.

Mrs. Will Porter is visiting friends in St. Andrews.

Mr. Charles F. Eaton of Princeton is in town.

Mr. James Murray left this morning for a business trip to Boston and New York accompanied by Mrs. Murray.

Mr. W. W. Inches left town yesterday for Fredericton to attend the funeral of his uncle the late M. Andrew Inches.

Mr. W. L. Blair and Master Donald Blair who have been the guests of Dr. F. I. Blair left for Ottawa the first of the week.

PARROBORO.

[Progress is for sale at Farrisboro Book Store.] Nov. 3.—The U. M. B. A. very pleasantly entertained their friends at an At Home on Wednesday evening.

A large number of women met in St. George's hall on Thursday afternoon and three cases of blankets and clothing were packed and sent to Windsor.

Miss Bessie Upham's friends were more than glad to hear from St. John that the crocheted hook which had been in her foot for three months had been located by means of the X rays and successfully removed.

Miss Janet Fraser who has been for some time the guest of Capt. and Mrs. Nordby returned home to St. John yesterday.

Dr. Atkinson of Truro was here for a brief visit lately.

Mrs. G. Corbett is visiting her daughter Mrs. H. H. Archibald at Bridgewater. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Archibald in the sad loss of their little son Roy. Miss Ella Corbett has gone to spend the winter.

Mr. F. H. Rudderham has returned from Boston.

Dr. and Mrs. Johnson went to Cheverie today with Mrs. Burgess.

The first meeting of the Literary club for the winter season takes place this evening at Mrs. MacKerzie's.

Dr. and Mrs. Rand and Master Fred returned on Friday from a visit across the bay.

Dr. MacKerzie left today for Montreal and will be absent for a month or longer.

Mr. Harry Woodworth has an engagement on the Sackville Post.

An entertainment by local talent at which Mr. Aloah Howe will recite Enoch Arden is to be held in St. George's hall this evening.

Mrs. Greenman and little son of Stewiacke who have been visiting Mrs. Dickinson have returned home.

Miss Alice Howard is in Halifax.

Mr. J. H. Cameron has accepted a position with Messrs. Costes Bros., Amherst.

Miss Birdie Pierce leaves tomorrow to spend the winter with friends in Gardner Maine.

SUNSEX.

[Progress is for sale in Sunsex by G. D. Martin R. D. Boel and S. H. White & Co.]

Nov. 3.—Hon. C. H. LaBelle spent Sunday the guest of Hon. A. S. White "The Knoll"

Mr. E. H. McAlpine, St. John, was in town on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hayward, St. John, spent today in town.

Conductor and Mrs. Sproul are visiting their daughter Mrs. McNichol in Bathurst.

Mrs. Geo. Warren who has been visiting her relatives in Lyna, Mass. has returned home.

Miss Fairweather, Norton, is the guest of Mr. C. H. Fairweather.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram White spent Sunday with relatives.

Rev. Mr. Corey Penobscot spent Friday in town.

Rev. J. B. Champion and family have returned from a visit to P. E. I.

Miss Milna Boal is in St. John.

Mrs. Warren Price, Petitcodiac, is visiting her daughter Miss J. J. Daly.

THE SEASON'S FLOWER.

The Graceful Bright Hued Chrysanthemum Holds High Carnival.

Summer's balmy days with sunshine and bloom are over, and with increasing strength is winter's chilly breath being blown upon us, yet with the cooling of the atmosphere comes the delightful season of chrysanthemums, those flowers over which Dame Fashion and Mother Nature have for some seasons past joined hands in making it the most fastidious, if not the most popular of blooms. The season is now about open and for the last week or so gorgeous specimens of the plants with the Japanese name have been exhibited in the establishments of the leading florists, in the private conservatories of many citizens, and at the annual chrysanthemum show of the Horticultural association in the Assembly rooms of Mechanic's Institute during the latter part of this week. Each and every flower has its season, the stately reign of chrysanthemums lasting from September first, or thereabouts, until Christmastide.

Our American cousins have accepted the flower as their ideal, and Canada follows suit. Nor can the chrysanthemums overwhelming popularity be altogether attributed to the fond and seicile love for fads, for where in any blossom can richer combinations of colorings, more grace and gaiety be found than in the flower that now reigns queen. Up to within the last half decade the rose in all its richness held sway and there are yet thousands who prefer it in its beauty and fragrance to its successor but the advent of the monster bloom in its galaxy of tints and shades, aided by the favoring hand of society has seemingly revolutionized the popular idea concerning the proper flower.

At this the chrysanthemum's own especial season a little information regarding it may be interesting reading.

So finely have professional florists acquired the art of grafting or "interbreeding" chrysanthemums that each season brings forth many new and entirely novel varieties. In fact among enthusiastic growers this experimenting with the different shades and shapes of blossoms in hopes of bringing forth a "sensation," is perhaps the most fascinating part of the craze.

This year's novelties which are very beautiful and most of which were shown at the recent flower show include the following blooms.

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Some fine exhibition varieties, among which are flowers known as Mrs. Geo. A. Magee, New York, Louise and Yanoma.

One exceptionally pretty royal purple bloom, entirely new is called L'Amithiste.

Ostrich plume chrysanthemums are a product of the last twelve months. Some of these are the White Swan, grandest of the plume varieties, the Mrs. Higinbotham (pink), Mrs. Geo. Carpenter, (a beautiful, reflexing pink variety).

Plume d'or—new, of a rich golden yellow.

Murula—a large, light pink flower of the incurved species.

Glory of the Pacific—pink in color, very large and with reflex petals.

Lady Byron—an English product, which is nowadays only occasional, white with incurved petals. This blossom is very rich and snowy.

The Mrs. Martin A. Ryerson is a large snowball chrysanthemum with a mixture of outcurved and incurved petals or what is now known as "interlaced."

Sunstone—a yellow bloom resembling the Queen chrysanthemum which is in reality a parent of the Sunstone.

The Chito is an immense bronze flower and a decided novelty.

Western King—large and incurved with yellow centre.

Midge—very dwarf-like, pure white and inclined to be interlaced.

The above are only the most notable of this seasons novelties but there are other "standard bred" varieties which would take considerable space to fully describe; however, below is a list of the most prominent members of the fast increasing chrysanthemum family and from which the material for these newer varieties is selected by those skilled in floriculture, especially in this line:

Mrs. E. D. Adams, of the large variety, white with purple tinge. Golden wedding, ball shaped and incurved. Dandelion, straight petalled, yellow and small. One of the richest blooms among the favorite flowers is the Vivian Morrell which is in color a gorgeous pink, very large with graceful drooping petals. The Marion Abbott is almost white in color with hairy petals. The Silver Cloud with its long slender petals is very beautiful. Marie Louise, a rich full blossom white in color and very popular. Mrs. E. G. Hill is a pink drooping blossom, long leaved and large.

Eugene D. Lidouze, yellow, large and beautiful.

The Mabel Simpkins and Louis Boehmer are in a smaller class of chrysanthemums with fine, stringy petals. They are favorite button hole bouquets.

Here are some other very popular varieties.

Sarah Hill, yellow; Joey Hill, white; Good Gracious, pink; Fisher's Torch, bright red; Mrs. Twombly, white; Rondondo, terra cotta; Mrs. Hurley, terra cotta; Ivory, pure white; Queen, white; World, very large and white; Golden Palace, bright yellow; Robt. M. Gray, terra cotta; L'Enfant des Modes, a luscious pink and a "sport" or graft of the Louis Boehmer; The Latest Fad, yellow; Buff Globe; John Shrimpton, Marion Henderson, Standards, Miss F. Pullman and Callington, an English flower.

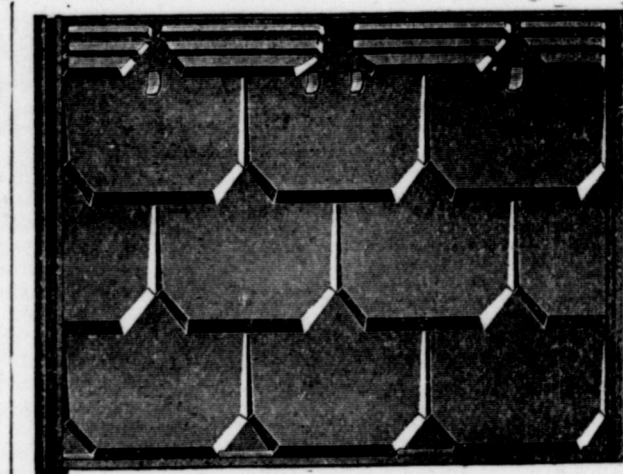
A list of chrysanthemums would not be complete if these well-known varieties were left out.

Philadelphia, 16 inches across with faint primrose tint; Ada Spaulding, faint pink and white; Esmeralda, pink; Etiole de Lyon, white, shaded lilac; Gloriosum, a very pretty yellow; Mrs. J. H. White, Lottie Alter; Sunrise, red; Dean Hole, Nemesis, Olympus, Tribby, Geo. W. Childs and Inter Ocean.

Some "six-footers" of the chrysanthemum race are the Ivories, ten inches across, Mutual, 15 inches, Nivens, 12 inches, Queen, 16 inches, and Mutual Friend, 16 inches.

There are now hundreds of citizens, their wives and children who are devout followers in the long procession of chrysanthemum faddists, and no doubt next year the commendable craze will have reached even a much higher stage, and so on until the acre of all that is beautiful in a flower is found in the blossoms that now have such a firm grasp upon that tender spot allotted to flowers in every heart.

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