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A BRIDAL PAIR ON VIEW

THOMAS HOFFMAN WEDS ROSIE KAPLAN BY JEWISH RITE.

The Guests Were Many and the Floor Was Waxed—The Children Had a Good Time and so did Their Parents—Some Interesting Features of the Event.

Jewish weddings are so rare in St. John that there were but few of the two or three hundred tickets issued for the wedding of Mr. Thomas Hoffman and Miss Rose Kaplan that were unused.

The ceremony took place at the Institute rooms Thursday evening and surely a more interesting company never assembled in that historic building. It was a North End gathering principally so far as the Jews were concerned but the Gentiles also assembled in force from every section of the city.

Progress, representative was there shortly after six o'clock, and even at that hour chairs were beginning to be scarce. The room was lined with expectant guests and very soon double rows began to make their appearance. All this time the bride and groom were seated on a narrow platform at one end of the room with their supporting friends on their right and left. They were, of course, the observed of all observers. The bride bore this scrutiny admirably and seemed to think that there was no occasion to be bashful as brides are generally supposed to be. (Perhaps the fact that her future lord and master was by her side was a material support for her fluttering feelings. She did not even show any discomposure when that fatherly looking gentleman and alderman, J. B. Hamm made his way to the bridal throne and presented his greetings and respects. Alderman Hamm was certainly the more confused of the two but then he went the rounds and became acquainted with all the bride's maids at the same time. All the Jewish gentlemen had to raise their silk tiles to the alderman but the latter had the advantage of the gentile custom at weddings. He had no hat on. But with the flower in his button hole and his well-groomed appearance he certainly represented the corporation of the city in an admirable fashion.

The last event at the institute was the golf dance and the floor was waxed to perfection. It may have been prepared again for this event in Jewish circles but at all events it was in that slippery, slidy condition so favorable for tumbles. And there were many among the juveniles. Perhaps it was something of a novelty to the ordinary gentile to see the babies and the toddlers and the boys and youth of many families there. One lady had a chubby faced darling not many months old upon her lap, another not quite firm upon its legs yet, seated upon the floor while a third tried to dance and slide upon the waxed floor while yet a fourth wandered about with those children of more mature years. But the waxed floor was fatal to the equilibrium of the young people and many were the sudden upsets and revelations afforded the audience by them.

In the meantime the hour for the ceremony was approaching. The groom was hardly in his seat by his bride a minute at a time. He was nervous about the arrangements and found his way out and about the corridor very often. The bride was unconcerned as ever and held her elegant bouquet to the best advantage. Then when the orchestra arrived the excitement began to increase and all at once there was a general distribution of small wax tapers which were lighted by the guests and carried about the room. Then the groom attended by four of his friends left his place by the bride and retired to the ante room. What was done there is beyond the ken of the writer but when he entered again he was escorted in a firm fashion and followed by the gentlemen present to the bride. Then the women also closed around her and him and there was a pause for a moment or two which the orchestra helped to fill up. Four or five of the young men were trying to raise a canopy over a platform where the marriage was to take place while the monotony was varied by a suborn-haired young man, who seemed to have a good deal to say and do, shouting in piercing tones "now ladies and gents and children too, will you please keep quiet."

The groom marched to the raised platform and had to stand there all alone while the rabbi and his friends sang in the Hebrew language. Then upon a shouted request "the band played the same tune as before"

and the bride began her march to the scene. She joined the groom and the ceremony continued.

There were some interesting features about it but only those who knew the language could appreciate the entire ceremony. The blessings by the parents, the kissing of the bride, the salutations between bearded men, the circling of the groom seven times, the drinking of the wine and breaking the glass afterwards, all were novel features to those who did not understand a Jewish wedding. Then afterward the bride seemed to be quite general property for a time. All of which was pleasing to the young gentlemen among the guests and amusing to the spectators. The respectful and fatherly alderman was among the first to offer his congratulations and it was some time before the grand march was begun. Then there was a supper and a dance. The supper was good and the Rabbi's remarks were attentively listened to. The dancing was modern and somewhat graceful.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS?

An Insane Lady Used to Luxury Working Now in the Asylum Kitchen.

In the Provincial Lunatic Asylum at present, it is a fact, is confined a young lady patient well educated, more or less accomplished, always used to comfortable, if not luxurious surroundings, large wardrobe and of the very best description. At least she was like this when she was sent there, some years ago as a paying patient. Her family and her relatives are well able to provide her with every luxury if necessary, and certainly with every needed comfort, who, it is therefore fair to assume, would resist to it that necessary supplies of clothing would be given her. Such would be a duty incumbent upon them, and one which if they neglected, they should be compelled to discharge. The asylum authorities should not condone neglect of this kind if it exists, nor if it does exist should they treat this young lady as a pauper patient. Exercise may be good for her, may be indispensable for her case, but the books on this subject did not indicate that the exercise thus prescribed should be synonymous with working in the kitchen of the asylum. It may be added that this young lady is not only clad but almost without sufficient clothing. She was not a pauper inmate when she was placed there. Who has made her one? If her relatives are to blame then their inhumanity, for it is nothing less, should be blazoned from one end of the land to the other. If the asylum officials are to blame then like prompt treatment should be meted out. The facts as stated in this young lady's case exist and an investigation should be promptly made and the responsibility placed where it belongs.

WHAT'S THE POPULATION?

A Good Chance for Expert Guessers to Dispute Themselves.

What is the city's population? His Worship the mayor has received a letter from Mr. Joseph Pope, under-secretary of state, asking for information to insert in the Colonial Officer List. His worship replied that according to the census of 1891 the population of the city was 40,173, but this he believed to be incorrect and to be an under-statement. Judging from last year's civic tax lists he judged the population to be 42,500. There are many who think that the census of 1891 did not do justice to this city. This is the opinion of Mr. McAlpine who should be an expert on the subject, on account of his publication of his annual directory. He thinks the population to be about 45,000. He says that he has applied to the council for assistance in making a count of the population. They have not granted it though it certainly would be a matter of satisfaction to know what is the population. He has over thirty men at work in their several districts when he prepares his directory and they perform their labor with such speed that a census taken in connection should be fairly accurate. It is not probable that the population of the city has increased much in the last six years as the number of taxpayers remains about the same. In 1891 there were 10,561 in the city and this year there are 10,768 an increase of only 197 or not quite two per cent. The population of Lancaster is according to the census of 1891, 4211. As this is a portion of the city, really though not legally, the population of the greater St. John should be about 50,000 or if it is not that now it should have attained

that when the census man again goes on his rounds.

WAS THERE TOO MUCH WINE?

Halifax Exhibition Was Good, But so Was the Flowing Champagne.

HALIFAX, Oct. 7.—Everybody is saying "what a success the provincial exhibition was!" Such in brief is the universal criticism of the first "Nova Scotia annual exhibition." So it is a success, and under the circumstances a most pronounced success. It was only in June that work was commenced on the buildings at Willow Park on the exhibition grounds—buildings that constitute a miniature city, and entailing an expenditure of \$90,000.

Over 60,000 people paid to enter the exhibition and 30,000 of these were admitted to the grand stand.

Mr. Pitfield of St. John who came over to see the show, pronounced it superior to anything of the kind he had ever seen in Eastern Canada—too good, in fact, for the money that was in it. All this is surprising when the bitter fight over the location of the grounds—carried right into the early summer, the long doubt whether or not there would be any exhibition this year at all—is remembered.

Mayor Stephen, Hon. J. W. Longley, Ald. Lane, McFatrige, and the commissioners from outside the city all did well. The fact that there is likely to be a deficit of two or three thousand dollars, in only what might have been expected. No man in all Canada the equal of W. C. Dimock, manager could have been selected. Then there is a general chorus of satisfaction from the business people who say the exhibition helped business wonderfully.

All this is the bright side of the shield. There is another side to it. There was a great deal of jealousy and heart-burning in some quarters among those running the exhibition. From the very start Ald. McFatrige, who had charge of the speed department, was in trouble regarding the arrangements, and there was talk of resigning and one threat and another was made till now people should congratulate themselves that there was no serious hitch. One thing is sure that next year there should at least be considerable new blood in the management of the speed department. Perhaps by that time the exhibition commission will have gained sufficient moral courage to call it the racing department what it really is.

Then there were some appointments made to minor positions which should not have been made; and some people were kept on who should not have been kept on, but who were simply because they had a "pull."

Lastly, there was wasteful extravagance, chiefly in the matter of champagnes and that sort of thing. The commissioners and their friends had too many champagne suppers and dinners. The statement has been made that the bill to the commissioner for champagne will reach an amount equal to some \$200 per day. It is said that this liquor flowed more freely than even water should in such a place on one occasion. This was in one of the commissioners' rooms on the closing night of the exhibition. Those present had a "good time." The laborer is worthy of his hire; no one denies this, but \$200 a day for champagne is too much even for exhibition commissioners. By the way it will be interesting to look into the returns of the number of meal tickets used by some of the commissioners daily. How could one commissioner use as many as 24, for instance, without injuring his digestion by over-eating.

Yet, as was remarked at the beginning, the exhibition was a great success. Let the next one be better, with an avoidance of what pitfalls there were this year.

They Dance for Their Supper.

The fact that there was a scarcity of young men at the Golf Club dance makes a scheme that was recently adopted in the world's metropolis appear quite timely here. In London the Beau Brummels have imbibed a dopy of the springs of indolence and repentance and have been lingering at their clubs and showing up at the drawing rooms in Mayfair only when the supper hour came round. But now the hostesses have put their foot down and issued the edict, "No dance, no supper." They have prepared a black list and those who effect entry get no invitations to the routs. The boycott woke up the young swells and now they are willing to dance for their supper. Why don't they adopt the suggestion of the philosophical celestial and get some one else to dance for them.

NOT A SOCIETY EVENT

THE RECEPTION WAS SIMPLY A POLITICAL GATHERING.

The Liberals Managed the Show and the Conservatives Were Noticeable by Their Absence—Why the Society People of Moncton Attended Only as Spectators.

MONCTON, Oct. 9.—As the society people of Moncton have been the subjects of some decidedly severe, not to say acrimonious criticisms, on account of the attitude they assumed last week during the public demonstrations in honor of their Excellencies the Governor General, and the Countess of Aberdeen; and as the accusation has also been brought against the citizens of the railway town that party lines were drawn with offensive closeness; it seems but just to say a word or two in defence of those who have been most unjustly accused of a lack of courtesy towards Her Majesty's representatives.

If the liberals of Moncton were conspicuous for their enthusiastic loyalty in welcoming their excellencies, and many of the most prominent conservatives conspicuous only by their absence, the fault lies first with the civic rulers of Moncton, and second with Lord and Lady Aberdeen themselves. It puts an entirely different face on the matter when the fact is made public that some of our most prominent men, property owners, good citizens, and men who have occupied responsible positions, but who happened to be known as conservatives, were not only not invited to take any part in the preparations for the Vice Regal reception and entertainment but were not even notified of Lord and Lady Aberdeen's intended visit. They were simply ignored, set aside as not being of sufficient importance to be noticed in any way; and it is scarcely to be wondered at that these men did not thrust themselves forward unasked, and hasten to force themselves upon the notice of the Governor General and his consort.

Neither is it to be wondered at if the wives and daughters of the citizens ignored little disposed to take any prominent part in the proceedings, preferring to remain in the background, rather than place themselves in a position where their presence was very evidently not desired. Such, at least, was the feeling before their excellencies arrived, but on the eventful morning when the distinguished visitors reached the city, loyalty to the Queen's representatives overcame all other feelings, and a number of those who are known as the society people of Moncton, decided that it would be only right to pay Lady Aberdeen the compliment of attending the reception she was to give in the rink on Monday evening, in full dress.

When the morning papers came out they contained the explicit announcement that while evening dress would not be objected to at the reception, it would not be required, as their Excellencies especially desired to meet the working people. There was no misunderstanding such plain language as that, and the result was that a large majority of the society people of the city attended the reception strictly in the character of spectators, viewing the proceedings from afar, and not attempting to take any part in what had been plainly announced as a function given for the working people, and where their presence might have been regarded as an intrusion.

A number of the best people of the city refused to take any notice of the announcement and persisted in showing their respect for Her Majesty's representatives by being present, and their presence alone redeemed what would otherwise have looked to the unprejudiced observer very much like a circus. The working man represents the bone and sinew of the country, and the working woman is entitled to all honor, but when it comes to subjecting Lady Aberdeen to the humiliation of shaking hands with a man like Charley Noiles who had been entertaining a select audience at the railway station on the arrival of the vice regal train, with wild denunciations not only of the Governor general but his whole party, that is quite another matter. However, if their excellencies were so anxious to meet the working people, they were doubtless prepared for all such contingencies, but the expression of extreme boredom on the Countess' face long before the function was over would almost lead one to suppose that things were scarcely what she had anticipated. The small boy who polishes his nose on his coat sleeve, by way of preparation for the event of being presented to their Excellencies, is all very well

in his way, and the absence of a handkerchief is no disgrace, but at the same time he seems slightly out of place at a Vice Regal reception especially when he is of too tender years to fully appreciate the honor conferred upon him by such a presentation, and it certainly savoured of taking up their Excellencies time needlessly, to see the very large number of children with whom they were obliged to shake hands.

However, that is a side issue, the real point is that if the society people of Moncton were guilty of hanging back from the honor of welcoming their Excellencies, they at least had good reasons for so doing, and were guiltless both in intention and act, of any disrespect towards the Governor General and his estimable Countess.

MUST BE PROFESSIONAL.

Even in a Matter of Advertising, say the Dentists.

The members of the professions are great sticklers for the due observance of the rules of professional ethics. The dentists for instance think that those of their calling who adopt rather noticeable methods of advertising do not uphold the dignity of their profession. They are endeavouring to obtain legislation whereby those who do more than place their simple card in the newspaper will be ostracized by their fellows and kept outside of the sacred portals of the dental society; whether that would be any pecuniary disadvantage to them is a question.

One of the city dentists is a bold advertiser, and he has made use of this very movement to advertise himself some more. He and his lawyer went up to Fredericton to lobby on the matter. Both sides with their counsel were heard on the question, but the government's ruling is not announced. Dentistry is to quite a degree mechanical and it does not seem that the use of a little printer's ink detracts from its dignity, except of course when it goes as far as it did with a Woodstock dentist who had a man dressed up in a night-shirt arrangement of a garment which in glowing letters set forth the accomplishments of this particular tooth plucker.

AGAINST SUNDAY SELLING.

Question of Sunday Refreshments at the Park Causes Discussion.

The question of Sunday selling at the Park still hangs. Mr. Torrey still dispenses refreshments on Sunday, and the Park attractions committee are inactive. They will probably hold a meeting when Mr. Allison returns from the west, and it is very probable that they will decide not to permit Sunday selling in the rustic tea house. The Park directors seem to be afraid that it would not be in keeping with St. John's record for piety, to have this mart of commerce open on Sunday, like the beaches and beer gardens of the Seaboard and Gomorrah of the neighboring republic; moreover, the city does not allow Sunday selling of such refreshments and though the park does not come under the aegis of civic statute, the directors feel that morally speaking they should be allowed no more latitude than the stores in the city. At their meeting this week the evangelical alliance composed of the clergymen of the various denominations of the city, recorded their protest against Sunday selling at the park.

The Hotel Clerk's Late Lunch.

A hotel clerk put up a joke on a Charlotte street jeweller, a newspaper man and a Fort Fairfield visitor here the other night. The trio left the hotel and went up to Lang's restaurant to have a supper. Shortly after, the hotel clerk dropped in and told one of the Messrs. Lang that some one had broken into the jeweller's store and taking off the goods in cartloads. They made a rush for the store and examined it all about but found nothing. Then they went over and found out that the burglarizing was going on on the other side of the street. The hotel clerk hadn't done a thing with their supper.

Was the Councillor Sarcastic?

That was rather a "cold touch" that Councillor Macrae gave Messrs. C. M. Bastwick and Co., at the meeting of the Municipal Council this week. The firm asked for a refund of taxes they claimed, that the combined work they had done on the roads and the taxes amounted to more than they were entitled to contribute. The aldermen moved that the matter be referred to the committee for the relief of indigent ratepayers; was this sarcasm? But the motion did not receive any support.