

Mrs. J. T. Knight of Douglas Ave gave a charming little party this week in henor of Master Jack's birthday, a number of his young friends spending the hours from four till seven o'clock in the pleasantest manner, games, music and a lovely supper filling in the time. The youthful host was assisted by his sister Miss Margaret, who wore a pretty gown of white trimmed with red ribbons. Among other dainty dresses worn the following were particularly pretty:

Miss Gladys Hamm, cream cashmere and lace. Miss Dorothy Tapley, blue silk and mousseline

Miss Fanny Day, cream cashmere and lace. Miss Clara Smalley, white silk and pink chiffon. Miss Kitty Perkins, blue figured silk and blue

ribbons. Miss Bessie Jones, pink silk.

Miss Mary Roberts, red and black silk. Miss Edna Niles, blue china silk, lace and rib-

Miss Mabel Elkin, cream figured challie, ribbon

Miss Elva Patterson, blue mousseline de soie.

Miss Bessie Mason, cream crepon and lace. Miss Louise White, cream challie.

Miss Helen Chesley, pink silk.

Miss Flossie Ch esley, white china silk. Miss Gladys Smith, pink silk, white lace over-

dress. Miss Ethel Knight, white muslin with mauve

ribbons. Miss Ida Corbett, blue cashmere and lace.

Misses Tiny and Grace McKim were both prettily gowned in pale blue with lace and ribbon trimming, Miss Marion Smith, cream challie and ribbon

Among Master Jacks boy friends present were Master George Hamm, Charlie Day, Arthur Coleman, Robert Tapley, Gi.bert Tapley, Jack Tapley, Ronald Miller, Harold McClenan, David McClenan Jack Roberts, George Miller, Harry Patterson, Ira | recent visitors to the city. White and Bob Smith

In the evening Mrs. Knight's two nieces Misses Maggie and Bertha entertained quite a large party of friends at their aunt's hospitable home. Dancing was the chief pastime of the evening and at midnight a delicious supper was served, the table being prettily decorated with yellow and white chrysanthemums. Mrs. Knight had on a lovely gown of black silk, the bodice being a combination of crimson silk and black velvet. The hostesses of the evening were assisted by Miss Wheaton of Fairville who had on a very effective dress of green silk and black velvet; and Miss Hayward who was prettily gowned in crimson and black, with black velvet trimmings. Miss Knight wore a dainty cream crepon, with lace and carnations; and Miss Bertha had on a pretty cream challie with mauve trim-

mings, and wore carnations. Among those who enjoyed the pleasant event were: Miss Jennie Munro, Miss May Perkins, Miss Nellie Munro, Mr. Dan Tapley, Mr. Ira Davis, Mr. Fred Munro, Miss May Perkins, Miss Maggie Tapley, Miss Marion Smith, Miss Fannie Smith, Miss Alice Smalley, Miss Grace Emalley, Mr. Oscar Jones, Miss Susie Jones, Miss Gertie Jones, Mr. Fred Elkin, Miss Florence E kin, Mr. Usher Miller, Miss Molly Chesley, Miss Cecil Roberts, Miss Jessie Niles, Miss Belle Goddard, Miss Hazel Smith, Mr. Stanley Harrison, Miss Daisy McLean, Mr. Arthur Golding, Miss Elsie McKim, Mr. Harvey Tapley, Miss Marion May, Mr. Jim May, Miss Nellie Graham. Mr. Fred Graham, Miss Emma Rubins, Mr. Percy Howard, Mr. Fred Patchell, Mr. Bert Puddington, Mr. Willy Manning, Mr. Harold McFarlan, Mr.

dgar Dickson, Miss Pauline Johnston, Mr. Guy Johnson, Mr. Leo Johnson, Mr. Charley Patterson, Mr. George Hilyard, Miss Jennie Patterson, Mr. George Wheaton, Mr. Willie Kirk, Mr. Charley Chesley, Mr. Russell Hamilton, Miss Nollie Mc-Knight. Miss Alma Gibson arrived from Marysville the

first of the week. Miss Jardine of Campbellton was in the city for

a little while this week. Misses Ina and Ethel Brown left the first of the

week to spend Christmas in Halifax with their brother. Miss Ina may visit Boston before she returns to St. John. Professor and Mrs. Titus are spending a month

with Boston friends.

Rev. Mr. Fraser of St. Stephens church is spending Christmas at his home in Alberton, P. E. I. Senator Temple came from Fredericton Tuesday and spent a short time in the city, Auditor General

Beek was also here for a little while this week. Mr. George U. Hay spent a part of last week in Woodstock.

Miss Allan is visiting Woodstock as the guest of

Mrs. A. H. Connell. Mrs. William Bragdon who has been in poor health for some time, came from Woodstock recently and will spend the winter here in the hope of being benefitted by the change.

Miss Annie Smith is spending the Christmas vacation with her mother Mrs. Andrew Smith of Pet-Miss Juliet Jordan is in Woodstock visiting Mrs.

C. D. Jordan during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Eagles were here from wood-

Mr. and Mrs. Moward Wetmore of Truro spent a

short time here this week on their way to spend Christmas with Mrs. Wetmore's relatives. Mrs. W. G. Scovil and son are in Fredericton to

spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Scovil's Miss Jennie Vradenburg who spent the summer

he capital. Mr. and Mrs. E. Hutchison and Miss Hutchison

of Miramichi spent a day in the city lately. Mr. T. Norman of Montreal was here for a short time the first of the week.

Lient. Governor McClelan was here for a day the

beginning of the week.

Mr. F. P. Yourston of Newcastle was in the cily for a day or two this week.

Mr. L. D. Fraser spent a day in the city recently accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Fraser.

Miss Annie King left this week for Calais where she will spen I the winter.

Mrs. Hazen Grimmer and her sister Mrs. G. Howard Raymond came to St. John this week to attend the Leinster Band concert on Monday evening.

Mrs. J. King Kelly will receive her wedding callers at her home Mount Pleasant avenue on the ttb, 5th, 6th, of January. Mr. Edward Murphy is home from Toronto for

Mr. John McGoldrick jr. returned this week rom his school in Montreal to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. F. L. Fuller and child of Truro are visiting Mrs. Faller's mother, Mrs. James Millican of

Miss Mc Avity returned the first of the week from

Mr E. M. Bancroft of Halifax spe nt a short time n the city this week.

Mrs. I. C. Bowman and Miss Bowman returned his week from a visit o Montreal. Mrs. James W. Brittain of the West End is entertaining Mrs. Girvan, sister of Rev. James Burgess of the Carleton presbyterian church.

Miss Katie Buckley the Misses Annie and Maggie Kelly left the first of the week on a trip to

Miss Nora Cosgrove is the guest of her aunt Mrs. F. X. Anderson.

Miss Nan McDonald came home from Toronto

Rev. John Hawley of St. George is spending a short time in the city. Mrs. George MacLeod and her son Mr. R. J.

McLeod of Denver, Colorado have taken rooms at the New Victoria for the winter.

Mr. Fred G. Spencer spent Sunday and Monday

in Boston. Ven. Archdeacon Neales came down from Sussex on Monday morning, having held special service in that town on Sunday.

Miss Alice Isaacs left Tuesday on a lengthy visit to New York, Montreal and Boston. Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Mctrath of Dorchester were

in the city for a day or two the middle of the

Miss Molly Sangster of this city left Thursday on; a visit to Halifax.

Mr. A. E. Massie of the Celestial spent a little while in the city this week.

Mr. A. G. Blair, jr., went to Ottawa the beginning of this week.

Miss Allie Harrison left this week on a visit to Woodstock. Mrs. James S. Harquail and Master Gregory

Harquail of Dalhousie visited the city this week. Mr. George Babbitt of the Bank of Nova Scotia has been transferred to Annapolis and left this week so enter upon his duties in the branch there. Mr. G. Troop of Digby spent a day or two in the

city the first of the week. Mr. T. W. Bell came over from Truro for a day or two during the week.

Mr. Alex DeBlanc, Mrs. A. J. LeBlanc and Master Allie LeBlanc of Dalhousie were among

Mr. John Sutton of Moncton spent Tuesday here. Rev. Stanley M. Hunter of Sheffield, Ill., who is visiting New Branswick spent this week in the

Mrs. and Mrs. F. S. Sharpe and daughter left

Wednesday on a trip to Toronto. Mr. Percy Sutherland who has been quite ill for some time is recovering and his friends hope soon

to see him around as usual shortly. Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Lawrence of Southampton are n the city for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clarke of Bear River are spending a few days in the city. Mr. H. J. McGrath and Miss McGrath of Dor-

chester were in the city for a day or two the middle of the week. Mrs. A. W. Myers returned home Monday after pleasant visit of some weeks to Upper Canada. She was as far west as Hamilton and spent some days in London, Stratford and Ottawa. In Toronto and Montreal she was the guest of Mr. Myers re-

Mrs. A. J. Heath and family are spending the

latives, and in Alexandria visited her own parents

Christmas holidays in Boston. Miss Louise Howard who has been ill for several

weeks is improving. I hear that we are to have a married ladies whist club in the west end after the busy Christmas sea-

Miss Nettle Pidgeon has returned from the South where she had been in search of health. The many triends of this young lady will regret to hear that

her trip was futile. Miss Myrtle Ring has returned home after spending some time in Boston and vicinity visiting

Dame rumor is whispering this week of the engagement of a popular young lady well known in musical circles and a gentleman who resides at

Misses Hattie and Mary Bolt are spending the

Christmas holidays with their parents. I hear of several young ladies of the west end who intend taking up nursing in the spring. Some at the city Hospital and others in Massachusetts.

Mr. Fred Driscoll who has been in Boston for some time past has returned home. Miss Nina French has gone to Campbellton to

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spend the Christmas season with her parents.

(Progress is for sale in Fredericton by Messis. W. T. H. Fenety and J. H. Hawthorne.)

BEC. 22.—Christmas being so near every one is taken up with preparations for the grand festival ard all social functions are awaiting the yule tide season, but with the prospect of a ball at "Red Top" during Christmas week and several dances during January we shall be quite gay. Mrs. Leonard W. Johnston has issued cards of invitation for a ball at "Red Top" on December thirtieth at nine

Miss Bessie McNally is home from college for the Christmas vacation.

Dr. Harry Gregory is in the city today. Miss Mary Philips is visiting her home "Beech-

mont" for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Beckwith are spending the Christmas season with relatives in New York. Mr. J. F. Tilley of Woodstock is among the

visitors in the celestial this week. Miss Theal of Moncton is here visiting her sister Mrs. McN. Shaw at Gibson, and will remain for

Miss Daisy Hanson is here from St. Stephen for Miss C. Todd of Milltown is in the city and will

spend the winter here with her sister Mrs. George Inch. Senator Temple and Mrs. Temple will spend X mas here with Mrs. F. S. Hilyard.

Lieut. Colonel Maunsell is being heartily welcomed home for the Christmas helidays. Miss Gertrude Eaton of Calais Maine who has been spending several weeks here with her cousin John. Mrs. F. B. Edgecombe at Ashburton Place left for

home on Tuesday and will spend the winter with her aunt in Philadelphia. Mrs. Geo. E. Stopford of Amherst is here visiting her sister Mrs. Kitchum at Elmcroft. Mr. and Mrs.

Stopford are contemplating removing to Fredericton to reside permanently and will occupy Elmcroft. They will receive a hearty welcome from many old time friends when they return to the celestial.

Mr. R. A. Estey has gone to Boston on a business

Mrs. and Miss Henderson of Boston are visiting Mrs. John Palmer.

Hon. Messrs. Emmerson and Tweedie were in the c ty to-day on their return from St. Stephen. Speaker Burchill and Mr. John O'Brien were here on Saturday enroute to St. Stephen.

Mrs. Wm. Bridges of Sheffield is visiting her daughter Mrs. Millard Reid at Marysville. Miss Winnifred Johnston is home from Sackville

for the holidays. Miss Alma Gibson went to St. John yesterday. Mrs. T. C. Allen went to Boston this morning. Miss Ida Haviland of Chatham is visiting friends

Miss Stella Steeves daughter of Mr. C. A. Steeve, bar:ister of Moncton, is visiting her aunt Mrs.

McN. Shaw at Gibson. Mrs. Jacob Barker and Miss Kitchen have gone

to Bathurst to spend the winter. Miss Cassler returned to Boston on Tuesday after a vesit of several months at her home in Douglas. The boys of the Rothesay school are home for the

Christmas holidays. Mr. George F. Beverly of St. John will spend Christmas in Fredericton with his father, Mr. Fulton Beverly at Grape Cottage.

The pupils of the business college presented their principal, Mr. Osgood, with a gold headed cane before leaving for the X mas holidays.

Miss Lillian Burtt has returned home from Dorchester for the Xmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Murray of Moncton are here to spend the holidays at Mrs. Murray's former

Mr. F. H. Grimmer of St. Andrews is among the visitors in the city today.

Miss Ada Tupper is home to spend the holidays with her mother. (RICKET.

Mr. Hazen Grimmer spent Monday with friends

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bookstore, by W. G. Stanfield and at M.B Jones Bookstore !-

DEC. 21 .- Moncton society is about equally divid ed between preparing for the festivities and looking forward to the numerous weddings which are to enliven the holiday season. The first of these happy events will take place tomorrow morning, when Miss Fairweather only daughter of Mr. Charles Fairweather of the I. C. B., Will be married to Mr. Brittain of the Central school. The second with be that of Miss Archibald, only chief engineer of the I. C. R., the fortunate bride groom being Mr. E.A. Harris, third son of Mr. C. P. Harris, also of this city. It is understood that the wedding will be a home one, and very quiet, only the immediate relatives of the bride and

groom being present. There are rumors of several other weddings between Christmas and the New Year, but whether they will really materialize or not, remains to be

The many friends of Mr. J. S. Covert C. E. for some years a member of the I.IC. R. engineering department here, but now of Cleveland, Ohio, were delighted to see him in town again last week. Mr. Covert spent several days in town, leaving on Thursday evening for his home in Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Stopford and son of Tidnish spent Saturday and Sunday in town, the guests of

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Binney. Mr. Fred M. Crowe formerly of J. Mc D. Cooke's drug store here, who has been taking a course at the Ontario college of pharmacy, in Toronto, returned home last week, to spend his Christmas holidays. Mr. Crowe's name figures in the honor list of the class examinations, which was published in

Saturday, s Toronto Globe. Miss Kate Hamilton of the Milltown High school teaching staff, returned home last week to spend

the Christmas holidays. Mr. Brittain of the Central school was presented by his scholars on Friday, with a very handsome writing desk, on the occasion of the closing of the

schools, and also of his approaching marriage. Rev. W. B. Hinson received the sad news last week of the death of his mother which occurred on 13th. at her home in London. Mrs. Hinson left three children, Rev. Mr. Hinson and Mr. C. W. Robinson of this city, and a son in England. Mr. Hinson and Mrs. Robinson will have the sympathy of their numerous triends in the grief which will seem especially hard to bear at this season of

general rejoicing. Mr. William Brown C. E. of Yarmouth, spent a

few days in town last week visiting friends. Miss Florence Murphy, who has been attending the Normal school at Fredericton, returned home

last week to spend the Christmas holidays. The many friends of Miss May Flanagan, daughter of Mr. James Flanagan of this city who was so severely burned by the upsetting of a lamp, and who has been under treatment for some weeks at the Montreal hespital, will be glad to hear that she is greatly improved in health, and is expected home to spend Christmas. Miss Flanagan was accompanied by her sister and devoted nurse, Miss

Zeph Flanagan who will return with her. Miss Adams of the Central school staff left town last week for Quebec to spend the holidays.

Mrs. W. W. McLellan of Newcastie is spending a few days in town visiting friends. Mr. A. H. Mitchell of the I. C. R. stores department, left town on Saturday for St. Stephen to at-

tend the funeral of his uncle, the late ex-premier Mitchell. The funeral of the late Mrs, Oswald J. Peters took place on Wednesday afternoon from the family residence Columbia Farm, to the rural cemetery, a very large number following the remains to their last resting place. The funeral services both at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. W. W. Lodge, and were most impressive. Thr floral tributes were numerous and very beautiful, some of the most noticeable being a large anchor from Mr. Peter's fellow-employes in the Record foundry and Machine Co., and a sheaf

of wheat from the brothers-in-law of the deceased, Mr. H. H. Hagerman has gone to Florenceville | bearing the words "It is Well," and a beautiful Carleton Co., to spend Xmas with his parents | mound of flowers, besides other offerings of affection and regret. The pall-bearers were the five brothers-in-law of the deceased lady-who were also her consins-and Mr. Arthur Peters. It is seldom that so touching a sight is witnessed as that of a departed one being borne to her last resting place by those who are near relatives and sincere

> Miss Trenholm left town on Saturday to spend the holidays at her home in Point de Bute. Miss Theal and Miss Stella Steeves left town on

Saturday to spend a few days with friends in St.

In spite of the disastrous fire of Sunday night our burned out merchants are doing business just as usual, if not exactly at the old stand, at least be hind the old sign. Messrs. F. P. Reid & Co. had

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