After the gaiety, incident to the holiday season society seems to have settled down to its usual quietude with nothing but rumors of social events undecided upon. Perhaps such pleasant reunions as that held every evening in the Up Town rink where one or two hundred ladies and gentlemen enjoy that most exhilirating of winter pastimes—skating—has something to do with the apathetic indifference to dancing. For you know one cannot be skating and dancing every night in the week, enticing as those pursuits may be. I understand that the skating parties in the Up Town rink have been particularly successful this year; the ice has been in splendid condition and the 62nd band music all that was necessary to complete these evenings of unalloyed enjoyment.

In this connection one might almost mention the proposed carnival of the Neptune Rowing club in the old Victoria, which is sure in a great measure to be a society event. This organization seems to be even more active in the winter season than in summer. We have already had a most successful ball under its auspices and there have not been wanting athletic young men to form a hockey team which, by the way, was fortunate enough to win its first game against the Victorias. And now there is to be a carnival

The "at home" given in the Trinity church school room on Tuesday evening was a most enjoyable affair. It was given by the Young Women's Guild and the Young Men's association of Trinity church to the members of the various guilds and associations of the Episcopal churches in the city. The room looked very dainty and pretty in its tasteful decorations. The guests were received by Miss Grace McMillan, Miss Annie Tingey, Miss M. Johnston, Dr. Scammell, Mr. Harrison Kinnear, and Mr. J. E. Rourke. A somewhat informal programme was carried out. Archdeacon Brigstrocke gave an address of welcome, then there was a chorus led by Rev. A. G. H. Dicker; a sextette from St. Paul's church choir; a reading by Miss Knowlton; solo by Father Davenport; gramaphone selection by H. C. Tilley; and a recitation by Miss Armstrong; interspersed with selections by St. Mary's church orchestra. After the conclusion of the programme ice cream and cake were served.

The second of the series of assemblies of which the first was held in the Institute rooms on Dec. 10th last was held on Thursday evening. The affair was highly enjoyable and nothing transpired during the hours of dancing to mar in the least degree the pleasure of those present. Tastefully decorated in dainty tints, contrasted by dignified palms and plants of sombre hues, the rooms of the historic old Institute never looked prettier. The doors were richly hung with portieres and in the various corners of the ball room and reception apartments home, like cosy corners were arranged with the furniture. A most delicious supper was served at the proper hour.

The chaperons were Mesdames McMillan, Keator Holden, and Skinner, and the committee was composed of the following gentlemen, Messrs. S. L. Fairweather, J. G. Harrison, B. S. Smith, and T. Dyson Walker.

Invitations were issued to.

Miss E. Kaye Allison,	Miss Burpee,
Mrs. Busby,	Miss Brock,
Miss Louise Beer,	Miss Carr,
Misses Dunn,	Misses Domville,
Miss Dever,	Miss deBury,
Miss Furlong,	Misses Gilbert,
Mrs. W. Green,	Miss Grant,
Miss Harrison,	Miss L. D. Harrison,
Mrs. Holden,	Misses Holden,
Misses Hamilton,	Mrs. C. F. Harrison,
Miss Hall,	Miss Jarvis,
Miss Jones,	Mrs. George W. Jones,
Mrs. Andrew Jack,	Miss Owen-Jones,
Mrs. Keator,	Miss Keator,
Mrs. Lawson,	Mrs. W. M. MacKay,
Misses McLaren,	Miss Outram,
Misses Parks,	Miss Robinson,
Misses Robertson,	Mrs. M.S. L. Richey,
Mrs.C. N. Skinner,	Misses Skinner,
Mrs. James Straton,	Mrs. E. T. Sturdee,
Misses Schofield,	Mrs. F. Short,
Misses Sydney-Smith,	Misses Scammell,
Mrs. Fairweather,	Misses Seeley,
Miss Snowball,	Misses Tuck,
Mrs. H. P. Timmerman,	Miss Travers,
Misses Vassie,	Miss Vroom,
Misses Walker,	Miss Warner,
Mr. Harold Allison,	Mr. A. W. Adams,
Mr. B. R. Armstrong,	Mr. C. M. Bostwick, jr.,
Mr. A. G. Blair, jr.,	Mr. C. W. Clarke,
Mr. Percy Clarke,	Mr. Peter Clinch,
Mr.H. R. Dunn,	Mr. Charles deBury,
Mr. Fred W. Daniel,	Mr. W. E. Foster,
Mr. Fred Fraser,	Mr. Percy Fairweather,
Mr. Edgar Fairweather,	Mr.W. Green,
Mr. P. H. Gordon,	Mr. Bert Harrison,
Mr. W. F. T. Harrison,	Mr. George S. Hartt,
Mr.Hooper,	Mr. H H. Hansard,
Mr. Fred H. Hartt,	Mr. T. T. Hartt,
Dr. Holden,	Mr. J. C. Holden,
Mr. C. F. Harrison,	Mr. C. S. Hannington,
Mr. Percy Hall,	Mr. Harry Hall,
Mr. George W. Jones,	Mr. Andrew Jack,
Mr. Simeon A. Jones,	Mr. E.F. Jones,
Mr. L. M. Jewett,	Mr. J. Gillis Keator,
Mr. Fred Keator,	Mr. W. M. MacKay,
Mr. William Parks,	Mr. R. F. Markham,
Mr. Arthur Parks,	Mr. T. P. Pugsley,
Mr. W. O. Purdy,	Mr. J. D. Patterson,
Mr. H. R. Page,	Mr. J. D Purdy,
Mr. M. S. L. Richey,	Mr. G. G. Ruel,
Mr. R. R. Ritchie,	Mr. J. M. Robinson, Jr.,
Mr. John I. Robinson,	Mr. Harold Robertson,
Mr. W. H. Redmond,	Mr. Guy Robinson,
Mr. C. N. Skinner,	Mr. James Straton,
Mr. E. T. Sturdee,	Mr. F. Short,
Dr. S. Skinner,	Mr. H. P. Timmerman,
Mr. Percy Thompson,	Mr.L. P. D. Tilley,
Mr. Ernest Turnbull,	Mr. A. Thorne,
Mr. Fred R. Taylor,	Dr. H. P. Travers,
Mr. Roy Thompson,	Mr. Heber Vroom,
Dr. Walker,	Mr. Jack Warner,
Mr. J. M. Wetmore,	Mr. F.Walker,
Mr. Robert Young.	Mr. J. M. Robinson, Jr.

Among the pretty gowns worn were the following:

Miss Owen-Jones, white muslin, white satin ribbons lace and pink carnations.

Miss Mabel Schofield, nile green silk, lace overdress, satin ribbons.

Miss Louise Beer, white muslin over pink satin.

Miss Winnie Hall, pink silk, white muslin de soie pale pink ribbons.

Mrs. Holden, black satin, jet, the bodice draped with chiffon and pale blue ostrich tips.

Mrs. McMillan, black brocade, jet white lace.

Miss Grace McMillan, black silk, jet and crimson roses.

Miss McMillan, pale blue silk, white chiffon and ribbons.

Mrs. Stanley Ritchie, pale pink muslin, prettily ruffled.

Miss Outram, pale blue silk, lace overdress ribbon and roses.

Miss Robertson, black silk, pretty black and white bodice.

Mrs. Edgar Fairweather crimson and black silk.

Miss Brock, green silk.

Miss Scammell. pink silk with mauve.

Miss Domville pink silk, chiffon and white ribbons.

Mrs. S. Skinner, white satin and boniton lace.

Miss C. Fairweather yellow muslin, violets and yellow ribbon.

Miss Forbes, black silk, jet and pink roses.

Miss Keator, pale green silk and roses.

Miss Harding, white muslin, prettily trimmed with ribbons.

Miss Walker, prune satin with black.

Miss Hamilton, pale blue silk.

Miss Sydney Smith, black silk and lace, violets.

Miss Edith Skinner, pink silk and lace.

Miss M. Holden, black and pink silk.

Miss Burpee, pale rose muslin de soie over silk.

Miss Allison Jones, black and heliotrope.

Miss Walker, black over pink.

Mrs. Straton, black silk and duchess lace.

Miss Grant, white silk and muslin de soie.

Miss Carr, white silk and chiffon.

Miss Allison, black and pink roses.

Mrs. George Jones, pink silk and lace.

Mrs. Charlie Harrison black brocade satin and pink chrysanthemums.

Mrs. Short, figured silk.

Mrs. W. M. McKay, black moire and white lace.

Mrs. C. N. Skinner, black velvet and jet.

Mrs. Lawson, pearl silk chiffon and violets.

Miss Mona Thomson, white muslin, roman silk sash.

Miss Grant, white silk and pink roses.

The order of dances was as follows:

1 Valse;	2 Valse;
3 Lancers;	4 Valse;
5 Two Step;	6 Valse;
7 Polka;	8 Valse;
9 Valse;	10 Two Step;
11 Valse;	12 Valse;
Supper Dances 1, 2, 3,	
13 Valse;	14 Two Step;
15 Galop;	16 Valse;

The assembly held in the Mechanic's Institute under the auspices of Division No. 1. A. O. H., on Monday evening was largely attended and a very enjoyable time was spent by those present. The floor was under the efficient management of Mr. J. Bain, who had as assistants, Messrs. J. McGuire and P. McGuire. The other members of the committee of management were Messrs Robert Coleman and George Duffy. The music was furnished by an orchestra composed of Messrs. McMahon, Leaman and Kelly. Among those present were: The Misses Cameron, Miss Leahy. Miss Bain, Miss McGibbon, Miss Carl, Miss Holmes, Miss Colson, Misses O'Brien, Miss Tierney, Miss McGuire, Misses Gibbons. Miss Pine, Mr. and Mrs. Kickham, Mrs. Barry, Mr. T. Baxter, F. Trainor, F. McGirr, F. McDonald, W. McDonald, O. Price, R. Cunningham, Mr. Conley, W. Harrington, Mr. McCormack, Mr. Sands, H. McDonald, E. Hickey, J. Bain, J. McGuire, A. Burnside, and T. McCarthy. The second in the series will be held on the 22 inst.

Miss Fenety of Fredericton spent a few days in the city this week visiting her sister, Mrs. E. S. Carter Paddock street.

One of the pleasant events of the week was the surprise party tendered Mr. and Mrs. William Holder of Mecklenburg street, whose home on Tuesday evening was besieged by a party of friends bent on celebrating with their much surprised host and hostess their fifth wedding anniversary. The party included many North End people as well as city folks of whom the following is an incomplete list, Misses Lily Price, Louise Henderson, Ella Holder, Mildred Whelpley, Alberta Fowler, Ethel Heans, Bertie Kirkpatrick, Eva Foxwell, Pearl Holder, Ethel Holder, Lily Colwell, Georgie Colwell, Myrtle Holder, Ada Rice, Mrs. Wills, Mrs. Dinsmore, May Elston and Miss Ella Wills, Messrs J. Matthias, C. Stevens, C. Holder, Harry Kincaide W. G. Stratton, Robert Price, Harry Black, Fred Cronk, D. Stratton, G. Irvine, G. Ellison. Howard Holder, Master Kenneth Price and Charles McIntyre. The evening was most pleasantly spent with games and other amusements, interspersed with musical selections, instrumental and vocal. Before bidding good night or rather good morning to Mr. and Mrs. Holder, Mr. Howard Holder on behalf of the party presented the honored couple with a handsome oak hat-tree. Speeches congratulatory by several of the guests followed the presentation after which Mr. Holder thanked his friends in his own behalf and also for his wife, for their gift. The pleasant gathering disbanded after midnight, all wishing their five year married friends many additional twelvemonths of prosperity and joy.

Russell Hamilton returned to school at Rothesay on Tuesday.

Miss Minnie Stewart returned to Mount Allison on Monday.

Miss Minnie Beverly has returned from an extended visit to Fredericton.

C. C. Weldon of Moncton was in the city on Tuesday.

Master Roy Sandall of Pine street, entertained a number of his friends on Monday evening.

Mrs. E. LeRoi Willis has returned from St. Stephen where she has been visiting relatives.

Miss Minnie Elkin of Douglas avenue has returned to her studies at Mount Allison.

Miss McVey of St. Stephen, is visiting the Misses Gregory of Richmond street.

Mr. Frank Baird has returned from Rossland, B. C., and will spend the remainder of the winter in this city.

Mrs. James Millican of Wright street, entertained a few of her friends on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Geo. Davis and son Ira, who have been visiting Mrs. Daniel Tapley of Douglas avenue, returned to their home at Point Wolfe on Tuesday.

Bishop Kingdon of Fredericton spent the early part of the week in this city.

Miss Etta Millican went to Amherst on Tuesday where she will for the next fortnight be the guest of Mrs. Charles T. Hilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. Tapley on Monday evening last entertained a number of young folks in honor of their son and grandson, at their residence Douglas avenue. About sixty young people were present who thoroughly enjoyed the evening by dancing and whist playing. Mrs. Tapley was greatly assisted in entertaining her guests by her daughters and Mrs. Frederick Beatty.

The many friends of Mrs. A. L. Goodwin, who has been confined to her room for the past six weeks will be glad to hear that she is convalescent and able to go out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Erb of King street east received a number of invited friends on Tuesday evening at their home. Supper was served and a thoroughly pleasant evening spent.

Mr. C. J. Milligar, wife and family also Miss Stone of Bermuda left on Monday afternoon's Pacific Express for Boston. Mrs. Milligan and children and Miss Stone proceeded to New Haven and after a few days will go to New York from whence the steamer Trinidad will be taken for Hamilton, Bermuda. Mrs. Milligan will return from her former home in April.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomson have returned from a visit to Ottawa.

Miss Burpee of Bangor is the guest of Mrs. Isaac Burpee, Mt. Pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Macmichael and family returned this week from Montreal.

Mr. A. J. Heath who has been quite ill in Boston is rapidly recovering and expects soon to be able to return home.

Mrs. Vanwart of Fredericton returned home on Tuesday. She has been the guest of her sister Mrs. John Read.

Mrs. Cotton and Miss Farrell of Halifax were in the city on Wednesday en route for New York' where they will visit friends.

A number of sleighing parties which were to have been held this week have been indefinitely postponed on account of the absence of the "beautiful.'

About seventy members of the M. E. skating Club were at the Singer rink on Monday evening. The ice was in good condition and the evening was an enjoyable one.

The whist club will meet at Miss Skinner's Coburg street next Wednesday evening.

Miss Flora McDonald entertained a number of her friends on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. W. A. Carter who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. King at Smith's Creek for some weeks arrived in the city Wednesday and will spend some time with her son, Mr. E. S. Carter, Paddock street.

Mr. John Chamberlain who has been ill for some time passed away Monday and was buried Thursday. The deceased was a member of many societies and representatives of these with many personal friends attended his obsequies.

Moss Glen will have a newly married couple to congratulate in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield Breen. Mrs. Breen was a daughter of Mr. John Rogers of Elmsdale and the ceremony was celebrated at his residence in the presence of many friends on Jan. 5 by Rev. H. S. Wainwright.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Agate of the Queen hotel reminded them in a pleasant manner this week that they had been married ten years. Tinware in profusion abounded and the invading party was in turn entertained by a dance and delicious refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood A. M. Skinner returned this week from their wedding tour. Mrs. Skinner will receive her friends on Monday and Tuesday of next week at their home on Peel street.

Miss Josie McVay of St. Stephen is in the city for a few days the guest of Miss Lizzie Gregory.

Miss Sadie Milroy of Boston who has been the guest of her friend Miss Emma Alston the past six weeks has returned home.

Despite the heavy rain, a host of friends were at the steamer "St. Croix" Thursday morning to say good bye to Miss H. Gertrude Donovan who goes south to spend the winter.

It seems that so far as Capt. McLean is concerned, the "girl he left behind him" did not remain long in these prosaic Eastern regions for the Vancouver World notes the fact that Colonel James Domville, the managing director of the company with which Capt. McLean is connected, gave the young lady, Miss Francis T. McLean, to him in the presence of a minister on the second day of January. By the way that was Sunday—but—"the better the day the better the deed." and again, the officiating clergyman was an associate M. P. of Colonel Domville's, Mr. Maxwell. The account says that the occasion was graced by the presence of Mrs. Domville, A. Williams, M. P. P., and Mrs. Williams, Mrs. G. R. Maxwell, Miss Turner, James Carriere, and J. M. O'Brien, the little son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McConnell assisting at the ceremony, which was impressive and happy. The wedding feast followed, and the customary toasts given and replied to, Col. Domville and Mr. Williams excelling themselves, while Mr. McConnell spoke feelingly of the pleasure it gave himself and his wife to have the pleasant function celebrated at their residence.

Last Tuesday evening the Misses McLaughlin gave a very enjoyable whist party at the home of their father Mr. D J. McLaughlin, Charlotte street. There were quite a number of guests and the evening was most pleasantly spent.

Owing to the absence of his honor Judge Steadman, Judge Forbes went to Fredericton this week to preside over the County Court.

Miss Dever, daughter of Senator Dever, left for Montreal on Monday afternoon's train.

Miss Burpee also went west and will go as far as Kingston, Ontario, to visit friends before she returns.

St. Stephen had the pleasure of a lecture from Rev. J. deSoyres Tuesday evening.

Mr. James S. Ford, organist of St. John's (Stone) church has returned from Boston after a brief visit. He was accompanied by Mrs. Ford.

Rev. Father McGoldrick was in the city this week visiting his father and brother Alderman McGoldrick. This gentleman has many friends in the city all of whom were pleased to see him again.

Mrs. J. C. Milligan and two children with her sister, Miss Ella Stone, will spend the winter at her old home in Bermuda. They took the steamer Trinidad from New York this week.

The sad and sudden death of Miss Howe, grand daughter of the late John Howe, took place Monday evening at her home on Princess street. The cause of Miss Howe's death was peculiar and was the result of a scratch on the lip from a kitten to which at first but little attention was paid. Blood poisoning set in however and the lady died from the effects of it. What makes the event sadder was the death of her grand father only a few days before.

A young lady with many friends, Miss Susie Ramsay has bade them all farewell and gone to Montreal to enter the convent of the Sacred Heart. She was accompanied as far as Boston by her father Mr. Charles Ramsay, and from thence will journey to Montreal. A large number gave her farewell at the station.

The daughter of Rev. W. G. Halse, Miss Mabel, will spend the winter in Campbellton, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Freeman Spearin.

The Montreal witness of recent date has an account of a wedding interesting to many St. John people It says: Last evening, at the house of the bride's father, 132 Peel street, Allan Gray-Crawford formerly of St. John, N. B., son of Major Crawford and Miss Evangeline E. Strang, daughter of Albert Strang, the well-known contractor of this city, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Mansell of Dominion square methodist church, and the bride was given away

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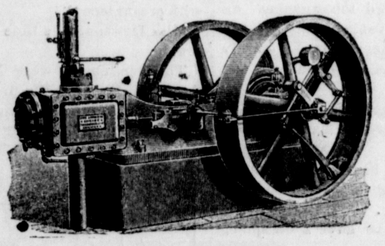

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