



Christmas has come and gone. Its life was short but it ruled the land while it was here. Santa Claus has done his work and has vanished for another year. Kind hearts have provided dinners for the hungry in various ways, brightened lives that would otherwise have only known Christmas as a name. Flowers have bloomed and holly berries have glowed through dark leaves in tenement and hospital wards, church bells have pealed, and everywhere loud anthems of rejoicing have ascended to the skies. The old old story has been told again, and for a time the music and the lights, the good cheer and the general atmosphere and good will have dominated everywhere. But now it is over, society will fall back into its accustomed groove and this will settle comfortably down for winter pleasures and enjoyments.

In fact the present week has not too bad a record, the gaieties beginning on Monday evening when the first private night was held at the rink, with about fifty in attendance. The ice was in good condition, the music excellent and with everybody ready to enjoy themselves to the utmost, the evening could not be otherwise than successful.

Mrs. James Jack dispensed hospitality very generously this week, on Wednesday evening entertaining a number of young folks at a dance; and on Friday evening, New Year's Eve giving a euchre party for married people exclusively. I believe the first was a very pleasant and successful affair, and though the last mentioned occurred too late for any extended notice it doubtless was quite as enjoyable.

On Thursday evening Mrs. George Smith gave a pleasant little dance for the Misses Smith and several other young people who are home for the holidays from their school in Toronto. I believe the young guests were royally entertained, and no doubt they will carry back to school with them a very pleasant memory of the charming event.

One of the most important events of this week will be a dance in the assembly room on Friday evening by the young people who have not yet come out formally in society. Those who are among the invited are looking eagerly forward to the affair, and it is to be hoped that their pleasant anticipations will be fully realized.

Next week also promises to be a gay one as several functions have been arranged, prominent among them being a party by Mr. Homer Forbes for his young friends, the affair to take place on Monday evening; Miss Muriel Thomson follows with a dance on Tuesday evening, and Mr. Louis Girvan gives a party the following night.

Miss Caverhill Jones returned this week from a trip around the world, and has settled down for the winter at Caverhill Hall.

Among the young people who came home for the Christmas holidays were Miss Nan McDonald, the Misses Smith, the Misses McAvity, and Miss May Harrison all of whom have been attending school in Toronto.

A pleasant tea was given Thursday by Mrs. W. Clarke at which a large number of ladies were present. As Progress goes to press earlier than usual this week a longer notice is unfortunately impossible.

Miss Jessie Niles of Douglas avenue entertained a number of friends at whist and dancing Tuesday evening. The early part of the evening was spent in cards and a very inviting supper was partaken of about midnight. Among those present were: Miss Blanche Draper, Miss Flossie Leck, Miss B. Toach, Miss Millie Munro, Miss Marion May, Miss Bessie Long, Miss May Burn, Miss Jessie Munro, Miss Nellie Leck, Miss M. Seeley, Miss Edith Kerr, Miss Carrie Niles, Mr. Harold McFarlane, Mr. Fred Patchell, Mr. Arthur Golding, Mr. Burton Puddington, Mr. Andrew Rainie, Mr. Wiley Manning, Mr. Edgar Dixon, Mr. Arthur Irvine, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Allison Niles, Mr. Harry Marvin, Mr. Harvey Tapley.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rankin of Halifax were in the city for a day or two this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Robertson and Miss Robertson of Chatham spent several days here recently.

Mrs. John Brooks and Mr. J. A. Brooks left Monday to attend the marriage of the former's granddaughter Miss Eva Glover which took place in Boxbury Mass this week.

Miss Irene Fowler left Tuesday on a six weeks visit to friends in Boston and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Morrison of the capital were in the city for a part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hedley V. Cooper were called to St. Stephen this week by the death of Mrs. Cooper's father, Mr. George F. Todd a prominent business man of the St. Croix.

Mr. Henry Duffell who spent Christmas with city friends returned this week to Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. McGinnis of Bangor Me., spent Christmas in the city.

Mr. Charles Manuel arrived to-day from Boston having been called here by the serious illness of his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall spent Christmas day with Mrs. Hall's parents Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Johnston of Fredericton.

Miss Lascelles is at the capital visiting her sister Mrs. A. S. Murray.

Among St. John people who spent the holiday last week with Fredericton friends were Messrs. Charles Everitt, George F. Beverley, Isaac Burpee and Mr. Tremaine Gard.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Teasdale and child were in the celestial over Sunday, guests of Mr. Teasdale's parents.

Miss Helen Adam is spending a little while with Fredericton friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Barker came to the city on Tuesday to meet Mr. Frank Barker whom they had not seen for some years. They returned to the capital later in the week.

Capt. Adams of the cable steamer Minna arrived home Christmas Eve and will spend a fortnight with his family.

The funeral of Thomas McAvinn, the young boy whose death by accident occurred last week, took place on Sunday and was attended by a large number of friends of the family. Everywhere the deepest sympathy was felt for the sadly bereaved relatives, and much regret expressed for the untimely ending of the bright young life.

The marriage took place at London, Ontario, on Tuesday afternoon of Miss Perle Edge, daughter of William Edge a retired merchant of that city, and Mr. Sherwood A. M. Skinner of St. John.

Rev. Canon Richardson performed the ceremony in the presence of a large number of guests, the church being beautifully decorated for the occasion. The bride who was gowned in white satin was attended by Miss Hyman Richardson and Miss Gertrude Skinner, sister of the groom. Both attendants were attired in white serge dresses with cream coats. Mr. Stewart Fairweather of this city performed the duties of groomsmen, and the duties of maid of honor and page were gracefully discharged by Miss Pearl Patterson and master Reginald Lewis respectively. The ushers were Messrs Walter S. Smith, G. C. Gou, A. O. Graydon, F. A. Read, Waldo Skinner, and Bowyer S. Smith. After the ceremony at the memorial Episcopal church the bridal party and guests drove to the residence of the bride's father, where a congratulatory were tendered Mr. and Mrs. Skinner, and a sumptuous supper served. In the evening the newly wedded pair started upon their honeymoon which will be spent in Buffalo, New York, and Boston, coming to this city, their future home later. The young couple were the recipient of many elegant presents.

Miss Mary Bailie left by the C. P. R. on Monday for Boston where she will pursue her elocutionary studies.

Rev. A. B. O'Neill C. S. C. of St. Joseph's College who has been spending the Christmas holidays in St. George was in the city this week on his way back to Memramook. He was accompanied by his niece, Miss O'Neill of St. George.

Mrs. J. W. Cudlip is spending the Christmas season with Mr. and Mrs. Almon at Rothesay.

Mr. Thomas McDevitt of Campbellton, is in the city on a brief visit.

Mrs. Joseph Scammell returned this week from a short visit to Maine.

Mr. John M. Stevens of St. Stephen, paid a short visit to the city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ross of Boston are spending a little while in St. John.

Mrs. John Black came down from Fredericton for a little while the beginning of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tennant came from Amherst Thursday to spend Christmas with relatives. Mrs. Davis and Miss Emma Davis are in Amherst, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Merton Davis.

Mr. Le Baron Jordan spent Christmas day in Woodstock with Mrs. C. D. Jordan.

The Misses Duncan were home from Sackville for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Ethel Bourne returned last week to Woodstock after a very pleasant visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marshall and Miss Marshall of Toronto have been spending part of this week in the city.

Miss Smith arrived Tuesday from Woodstock and will spend a few weeks with city friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Emmerson of Germain street, entertained Bishop Kingdom for a day or two this week.

Mr. Fred McLaughlin of Halifax was here for a short time this week.

Miss Lizzie McJunkin of the teaching staff of Pratt Institute, Brooklyn who was recently called here by the death of her brother, returned to New York on Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Alice Rogers is a guest of Mrs. R. H. Jones of Woodstock for the Christmas holidays.

Dean Partridge of Fredericton spent Tuesday in the city.

Mrs. J. F. Henry and Miss Gladys Henry of Brooklyn N. Y., are spending a little while in the city.

Miss Huntley of Woodstock is spending her Christmas vacation in St. John.

Mrs. T. C. Brown of Sussex and Mrs. W. L. Prince of Moncton came to the city for a day or two this week.

Miss Sadie Duke spent a few days in Moncton last week, the guest of Mrs. Charles Fairweather her aunt.

Mr. Frank Holstead spent the holiday last week in Moncton with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillmor and children are in Parrsboro visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Jenks.

Miss Daisy Esterbrook of Sackville is spending a little while with city friends.

Miss Florence Baird and Miss E. C. Taylor of Chatham, Mass. are in the city for a little while.

M. John Turner of Calais spent a day or two in the city lately.

Lady Tilley, the Messrs Herbert and Leonard Tilley and Mr. Howland were in St. Stephen for the holidays which were spent with Lady Tilley's mother Madame Chipman.

Miss Annie Gregory spent Christmas with her family in this city.

Mr. Alfred E. McGinley, of the Yarmouth News, formerly of the Daily Record staff is spending the holiday season at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Morrison and Mr. Guy Morrison of Fredericton spent a part of this week in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McCluskey went to Montreal on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swinerton and daughter of Boston who spent Christmas with Mrs. Swinerton's parents Mr. and Mrs. James Holly of Douglas Avenue, returned to Boston this week.

General B. D. Warner and Mrs. Warner left Monday on a visit to friends in Columbus Ohio.

Mr. Howard Maguire formerly of this city but now of Halifax is home on a visit to his parents.

MONCTON.

Progress is forsake in Moncton at the Moncton bookstore, by W. G. Stanfield and M. B. Jones' bookstore.

Dec. 28.—The first of the three weddings which marked Christmas week took place on Wednesday morning at the residence of Mr. Charles Fairweather on Fleet street, the bride being the only daughter of the house, Miss Vesta Fairweather, and the groom Mr. Horace L. Brittain of the High school teaching staff. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. B. Hinson in the presence of the friends and relatives of the bride and groom, to the number of about twenty five. The rooms were prettily decorated in honor of the occasion, and the bride, who is a very charming brunette, looked more than usually attractive in her wedding dress of cream colored crepon trimmed with silk lace and satin ribbon. She carried a beautiful bouquet of white chrysanthemums and ferns, and was unattended. After the ceremony luncheon was served, and the bride and groom departed by the C. P. R. on their wedding journey which will include a trip to Montreal and a visit to the home of Mr. Brittain's father in Fredericton. The bride's going away dress was a handsome costume of dark green cloth, with hat to match. The presents were numerous and valuable, the groom's gift to the bride consisting of hand some piano and a gold neck chain. Mr. and Mrs. Brittain will be followed by the best wishes of their numerous friends.

The second wedding was that of Miss Jennie Lockhart, daughter of Mr. Obed Lockhart of the I. C. R. to Mr. Frank H. Weir, of this city, which took place on Wednesday evening, at the home of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. W. Lodge in the presence of a number of the relatives and friends of the bride and groom. The third wedding took place on Christmas morning at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. P. S.

Archibald, when their only daughter Miss Beulah Archibald was married to Mr. E. A. Harris of this city, son of Mr. C. P. Harris. The wedding was very private, only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom being present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Robinson, pastor of St. John's presbyterian church, and after luncheon had been partaken of Mr. and Mrs. Harris departed by the C. P. train for Montreal. The youthful bride who was unattended looked charming in a handsome costume of navy blue broadcloth, and carried an elegant bouquet. Miss Archibald was a universal favorite, and hosts of friends will unite in wishing both bride and bridegroom a happy and prosperous voyage through life. The bride received numbers of very beautiful presents.

Mrs. Parkin wife of Professor Parkin of Toronto, is spending the Christmas holidays in town, the guest of her sister Mrs. F. P. Reid, of Highfield street.

Lady Smith of Dorchester spent Christmas in town the guest of her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Y. Smith of Highfield street.

Miss Laura Newman, the talented young pianiste, who has won such golden opinions at Mount Allison Conservatory of Music, is spending the Christmas vacation at her home in Moncton.

Mrs. George W. Chandler and Miss Constance Chandler of Dorchester, are spending a few days in town the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hewson of Alma street.

Mr. James Bruce, son of Mr. J. R. Bruce of this city, who is a student at McGill college Montreal, is spending the Christmas vacation at his home in Moncton.

The many friends of Miss Alice Wetmore, daughter of Mr. J. H. Wetmore of this city, who went to Boston in September to prosecute her studies in music; are given her a very cordial welcome home. Miss Wetmore has been studying vocal culture under Mrs. Etta Edwards who was at one time a pupil of the famous Parisian musician Delasadie and a late issue of the Boston Home Journal contains a notice of an At Home given by Mrs. Edwards and her pupils, during the course of which it pays this tribute to Miss Wetmore's performance—"Miss Alice Wetmore delighted those present not only by the well directed use of her sweet voice, but by evidences of dramatic promise unusual in so young a singer." Miss Wetmore is spending a month with her parents in Moncton, at or which she intends returning to Boston and resuming her studies.

Mrs. Joshua Chandler of Dorchester, who has been spending a few days in town the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Chandler returned home yesterday.

Miss Sadie Duke of St. John spent a few days in town last week the guest of her aunt Mrs. Charles Fairweather of Fleet street.

Amongst the many visitors to Moncton for the holiday were Dr. and Mrs. Borden of Mount Allison Ladies college, who with their little daughters spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Borden of Botsford street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Henderson of Macaan spent the holiday with Captain and Mrs. H. W. Dericie of Botsford street.

Mr. A. S. Knight accountant of the Bank of Nova Scotia at New Glasgow spent Christmas day and Sunday at his home in Moncton.

Mr. F. W. B. Moore of the Bank of Montreal at Amherst spent the holidays in town the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Cooke of Steadman street.

There were the usual Christmas presentations of turkeys, geese, etc., from employers to employees, and some presentations of a more important nature.

Mr. F. H. Blair organist of St. John's presbyterian church was presented by the members of his choir with a very handsome carved oak writing desk and music cabinet combined.

Prof. W. H. Watts organist of Central Methodist church was also substantially remembered, the choir and members of the congregation presenting him with a handsome racoon coat, and Mrs. Watts with a purse containing a sum of money.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Higgins were presented with a very beautiful mahogany cabinet by the clerks in Mr. Higgins' Halifax and Moncton stores.

Mr. George Ackman's Sunday school class remembered him with a handsome silver handled umbrella neatly engraved.

Mr. H. G. Marr was the recipient of a handsome easy chair from his staff, each of whom he remembered in return with a season ticket for Victoria rink, those longest in his employ receiving in addition a five dollar gold piece.

So peace and good will seem to have been almost universal in our city.

Mr. John D. Lawson of the cable office staff at North Sydney, C. B. spent Christmas at his home in Moncton.

Mr. Frank Holstead of St. John spent the holiday in town the guest of his mother, Mrs. William Elliott of Botsford street.

Mrs. Hugh McLeod is spending a few days in town visiting her sister Miss Brown of Bonaccord street.

Mr. George L. Harris who is a student at Dalhousie law school is spending the Christmas holidays at his home in Moncton.

Miss Lena Snow of Ottawa spent Christmas in the city the guest of her sister Mr. A. H. Jones of Church street.

Miss Nicholson of the Victoria school teaching staff left town last week to spend the Christmas vacation at her home in Fredericton.

Judge Wells spent a few days in Campbellton last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Benedict.

Miss Bessie Jones eldest daughter of Mr. Oliver Jones of this city left town on Monday evening by the Quebec express for Montreal where she will be under the care of the celebrated oculist Dr. Buller of that city for the next few weeks. Miss Jones was accompanied by Miss Lena Snow of Ottawa who has been spending Christmas in the city.

Mr. Grant Hall mechanical foreman of the I. C. R. left town on Thursday night to spend the Christmas holidays in Montreal where Mrs. Hall and little daughter are visiting friends.

ST. GEORGE.

Dec. 29.—Mr. Simmons, principal of the Grammar school is spending his vacation in Marysville Dr. Taylor spent Christmas with his parents in Carleton.

Mr. Capen of the St. George Dry Goods Co., is visiting Eastport.

Mrs. R. McCallum of Bocabec spent a few days in town last week, on her way to St. John.

Mrs. Frederick Bogue is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Philip Breen, St. Stephen.

Among the visitors in town for the holidays are, Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Wetmore and children, Deer Island, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmor Stewart with their children, Upper Falls, Rev. A. E. O'Neill, Mr. Robert Seeley, St. John, Mr. Timothy O'Brien, Boston, Mr. John McLeod, St. Stephen, Miss Ella McVicar and Mr. Lew Baldwin, Normal school students.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McCormick Jr. and Miss Annie McVicar have returned from a short stay in Eastport.

The entertainment given in O'Brien's hall by the children of the presbyterian Sunday School under the direction of Miss Jessie Macgowan and Miss

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