



The air this week is filled with the scent of Orange blossoms, and still many rumors come of weddings yet to be. The society reporter who has along been grumbling loudly over the dearth of news are now in the seventh heaven so that after all the numerous couples who have embarked on the sea of matrimony have not a monopoly of that very desirable commodity—happiness. By the way I read a very interesting thing the other day regarding ancient weddings and though the pretty brides of St. John would resent any insinuation to the effect that their graceful wedding ceremonies, carefully planned with an eye to effect and beauty were only a survival of the most primitive marriage customs, from antiquity down there is certainly a similarity in the ceremonies. For instance it appears that the presents given the bridesmaids, and in some circles the ushers, are simply a relic of the bribery used by the ancient bridegroom among his personal friends so that they would assist in the capture of his chosen bride when the day arrived on which he had determined to carry her off.

The best man too is but a survivor of the band of friends who accompanied the suitor in his wife winning and kept watch for him for days over the brides tribe, while the lover sought an opportunity to carry off his prize. Even the honeymoon is declared to be nothing more than the hurried flight of the husband with his wife to escape the vengeance of his pursuing tribe, headed by the bereaved father.

Looking at the modern customs in the country and in fact everywhere, one can find a counterpart to them or at least an explanation, in the doings of some tribes in Africa, or in the heart of the Pacific. The customs vary as the woman is looked up to as a valuable member of the community. That there should be such widely prevalent similarities points to the antiquity of the human race and its conservatism in adhering to matters of form.

These little matters will not however detract in the least from St. John's recent fashionable weddings nor interfere in any particular with the happiness of the contracting parties.

The wedding of the week in which the smart set was particularly interested occurred at Rothesay on Tuesday afternoon when Miss Elizabeth Emma Robertson, daughter of Mr. James F. Robertson was united in marriage with Mr. T. E. Grindon Armstrong of the staff of the Bank of British North America at Brantford, Ont., and son of Major Andrew Armstrong of this city. "Karsalie," the lovely summer home of the bride's father was elaborately decorated for the occasion and around the extensive grounds numerous flags floated all day long. The summer sojourners at Rothesay among whom the event created the most intense interest, honored the occasion in a similar manner so that the charming resort was quite en fete all Tuesday.

The rooms at "Karsalie" were beautifully decorated each one having a particular color scheme of its own, and all were arranged with an artistic effect that was most pleasing. The drawing rooms were particularly elaborate in their decorations the profuse use of white lilies, white roses, ferns and smilax trailed over doors pictures and ornaments transforming them into veritable oases of beauty. At each side of the bay window were very tall palms, graceful ferns and delicate flowers including roses, carnations and apple blossoms; in almost every case white and green were the only colors used, the library being an exception, and there rich crimson roses decorated the moss banked mantels and dropped gracefully from numerous flower holders in all parts of the room; white roses, carnations and smilax, together with generous bows and loops of white satin ribbon adorned the table in the dining room, and were elsewhere profusely used in this room. The spacious front corridor had also a large quantity of flowers scattered tastefully around. In the library and at one end of the long drawing room the wedding presents were displayed and formed one of the most costly and magnificent collections ever seen in this city. They included a large quantity of cut glass, beautiful china, pictures, ornaments and a great deal of silver.

In pretty little St. Pauls church, where Mr. Robertson's other daughters were married, the decorations were on a very elaborate scale, green and white prevailing. The chancel, font and reading desk were a mass of floral beauty, and the work of the brides girl friends. During the ceremony which was performed by Rev. Mr. Daniel, the contracting parties stood under a large white floral bell, suspended and finished with streamers of broad white satin ribbons. In the porch many flowers were distributed around in various places, and the mattsigs all over the church were hidden by coverings of white linen.

The ushers, Mr. Robert Armstrong brother of the groom, Mr. Roy Thompson, Mr. L. P. D. Tilley and Mr. T. Blair who had driven out in time for luncheon at the Belle View, were busy for some time before the arrival of the wedding party escorting the invited guests to their places. As the bride and her attendants entered the church, the former accompanied by her father, the choir sang "The Voice that Breathed o'er Eden" in a very impressive way. Mrs. Henry Hall presided at the organ, and later when the party was leaving the church played Mendelssohns Wedding March.

Very stately and lovely looked the young bride in her wedding gown of ivory white brocade, with its sweeping train. The front of the skirt and the bodice had a valuable draping of some old English thread lace which was formerly owned by the bride's grandmother. It was caught up at intervals by diamonds and orange blossoms, which ornaments also gleamed among the folds of her lace veil. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses, lilies of the valley and maiden hair fern, tied with bread white satin and baby ribbon. Miss Helen Robertson made a very charming maid of honor gowned in pale blue silk over which was worn blue mousseline de soie. She wore a very becoming hat made of blue chiffon trimmed with blue plumes and turquoise buckles, and carried a handsome bouquet of yellow roses and mignonette.

The bridesmaids, Miss Mabel Thomson and Miss Alice Armstrong sister of the groom, were dressed alike in white silk with yellow chiffon sashes. The bodices were also artistically arranged with yellow chiffon and their dainty hats were made of white and yellow chiffon with white plumes and rhine

stone buckles. Their bouquets were of yellow roses.

A pretty little figure in the procession was Miss Elizabeth Allison Carr, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Curry of Halifax, the four year old niece of the bride. She looked a dream of childish beauty in her white silk frock and large white hat with its nodding plumes, the one yellow rose she carried adding to her dainty, fairy like appearance.

The groom was supported by Mr. Charles E. McPherson formerly of this city but now of Toronto, and as he awaited the coming of his bride at the altar, looked supremely happy.

After the solemn service had been performed by the officiating clergyman, and the members of the immediate wedding party had congratulated the newly wedded couple, they and the guests drove back to "Karsalie" where good wishes for future happiness were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, and a recherche luncheon served.

Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong left in a special car for St. John en route to their future home in Brantford, Ont.

The bride's going away-gown was cadet blue cloth, the skirt and coat being trimmed with many rows of stitching. The waist was of white silk, the yoke of which was trimmed with tucks and lace insertion. She wore a most becoming hat of blue straw trimmed with ribbon and wings.

The grooms present to his bride was a bracelet set with diamonds and pearls alternately, and to the bridesmaids he gave rings set with opals and diamonds.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong have numerous friends all over the provinces who will wish them much happiness and prosperity in their wedded life.

The hotel Belle View at Rothesay one of the most charming and attractively arranged places in New Brunswick, is rapidly filling up with guests and some distinguished visitors are expected during the season, among whom will be Lady Thomson and her three daughters, Judge and Mrs. Waters of Massachusetts and others. Among the summer visitors already there are Mr. Young and family of Montreal, and Mrs. Vaughan of the same city. The spacious tree shaded grounds afford every opportunity for amusement, tennis filling in a great deal of time this season.

Capt. E. A. Smith adjutant of the Bisley team, and Mrs. Smith left for England the middle of the week.

Judge Ritchie left the first of the week to attend the closing exercises of St. Francis Xavier college Antigonish at which institution his son Mr. Edmund Ritchie is a student.

A wedding of deep interest in this week of interesting events was the marriage of Miss Annie de Forest, daughter of the late George de Forest to Mr. Charles Patterson, accountant with the Daily Telegraph, which occurred at half past two o'clock on Tuesday afternoon at the residence of the brides brother Mr. H. W. de Forest, Coburg street. Rev. Mr. Baramah of St. John's stone church performed the ceremony, in the presence of a few friends; owing to a recent death in the bride's family the event was a very quiet one. The bride and her attendant were both very appropriately and becomingly gowned, the former in a blue gray cloth dress. Both carried handsome bouquets. Mr. Frank de Forest rendered the groom support.

The grooms gift to the bride was a handsome brooch set with pearls and a ring with diamonds and rubies. To the bridesmaid he presented a pin set with pearls.

Quantities of flowers were used in the decoration of the room in which the ceremony was performed with very pretty effect. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Patterson left for a trip through the provinces, after which they will take up their residence on E. Liott Row. Hosts of friends of both parties will extend to them good wishes for unclouded happiness in their wedded life.

Among the numerous elegant presents received were the following:

- A chair, silver pudding dish and a silver ladle, from the employees of the Daily Telegraph Pub. Co.
- Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Vincent, a check.
- Mr. and Mrs. S. S. DeForest, pocket book with \$100 in gold.
- Mr. and Mrs. H. W. DeForest, seal skin sacque and a handsome cut glass dish.
- Mr. and Mrs. Cale, a chair.
- Mrs. Paterson, chandelier.
- Frank DeForest, set of carvers, and one dozen dinner and desert knives.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. F. B. Paterson, brass kettle.
- Miss Fowler, (Bridgeton) picture.
- Mr. and Mrs. D. David Hall, berry spoon.
- Mr. and Mrs. Fred McKiel, vase.
- Arthur Thorne, cut glass celery dish.
- Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnhill, cut glass dish.
- Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore, cut glass dish.
- Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rankine, cut glass lemonade glasses.
- Misses and Master DeForest, banquet lamp.
- Master George and Jack DeForest, lemonade pitcher.
- Samuel Likely, one dozen silver forks.
- Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hall, spoon and bonbon dish.
- Mrs. Robinson, butter pick.
- Miss Hattie Vincent, ladle.
- Miss Addison, spoon.
- Miss Small, dish.
- Mrs. S. B. Paterson, silver salver.
- Mr. and Mrs. Mills, Nova Scotia, bon-bon dish and spoon.
- Miss Hazel and Master Fred DeForest, tea strainer.
- Misses and Master Walter Cale, silver salver.
- Master Paterson, bon-bon, dish.
- Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scovil, escallop dish.
- Misses Lyons, silver ladle.
- Miss Kinnear, pictures.
- Mrs. Sydney Paterson, china berry set.
- Mrs. Walter R. Myles, bric-a-brac.
- Mrs. Clarence DeForest, lamp.
- Miss Annie Lingley, centre piece.
- Mrs. Fen Fraser, china sugar and cream dish.
- T. E. G. Armstrong, ornament.
- Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Paterson, clock, and fancy work.
- Misses Langley, jardiner.
- Clarence DeForest, check.
- L. E. DeForest, cut glass dish.
- Council and member of the girls association of St. John (Stone) church, one dozen coffee spoons, sugar and cream ladle.
- Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Timmerman and Mrs. J. Gardiner Taylor and family returned the first of the week from a pleasant little outing.

Mrs. George Hogan has returned from a two weeks visit to Mrs. C. H. Clerk of St. Stephen.

Lady Tilley is spending a little while in St. Andrews as the guest of Canon Ketchum and Miss Ketchum. Her mother Mrs. Chipman continues quite ill greatly to the regret of her friends.

Miss Bradley who has been visiting St. Stephen lately as the guest of Mrs. Walter Cummins has returned to her home in this city.

Mrs. Maine and Miss Grace Stevens have returned to St. Stephen after a week's visit to friends here.

Miss Nellie Weldon of this city has been visiting friends in Pennfield and St. George. While in the latter place she was entertained by her friend Miss Dick.

Miss Turnbull is the guest of friends at "Frogmore," Fredericton. Mrs. Ketchum's residence "Elmcroft" has been taken for the summer by Mrs. W. W. Turnbull.

The Misses Agnes and Lilla Tabor of Fredericton were here this week on their way to Truro where they are visiting Miss Snook.

Mrs. Robert Randolph of the capital is here on a few days visit to friends.

Queen Square Methodist church was the scene of a very pretty wedding at high noon on Wednesday when Rev. J. Weddal assisted by Rev. J. Shenton united in marriage Miss Margaret Robertson Gunn and Mr. George Henry Brown of Lexington, Mass. The church was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, lilies and other flowers and there was a very large floral arch in the centre aisle. On the pews reserved for the guests were bunches of white flowers tied with white ribbons. A selected choir lent impressiveness and solemnity to the occasion by singing the wedding chorus from "Lohengrin" as the bridal party approached the altar. The bride entered leaning on the arm of her brother-in-law Mr. R. T. Worden and was attended by Miss Alice Laechler. She was beautifully gowned in heavy white corded silk, with lace and pearl trimming, and wore a voluminous tulle veil fastened with orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of bride roses.

Miss Laechler was dressed in pink silk with over-dress of white mousseline de soie and wore a large white picture hat trimmed with chiffon, plumes and pink roses. Her bouquet was made of pink roses. The groom who is a very handsome man and reputed wealthy, was supported by his brother Mr. Willard D. Brown, and the ushers were Messrs. Thomas Dunning, Fred C. Macneil, George Warwick and J. G. Ralnic.

As the wedding party were leaving the church after the ceremony a wedding march was played by Mr. J. S. Ford. A reception was held later at the residence of Mr. R. T. Worden and Mr. and Mrs. Brown received the congratulations of a number of friends. The rooms were elegantly decorated, a large floral arch between the drawing rooms being especially beautiful. From it was suspended a large double knot of flowers, and scattered around the room were numerous potted palms, ferns, and other plants. The luncheon table was decorated in pink and white and the room throughout was exceedingly pretty. The stars and stripes and the Union Jack, intertwined and decorated in red white and blue flowers occupied a prominent place in the decorations. After a pleasant hour or two Mr. and Mrs. Brown said good bye to their friends and left for a wedding trip to the upper provinces and Canada and Niagara Falls before going to their home at Lexington.

The groom's present to the bride was a ruby ring set in diamonds. To the bridesmaid he gave a turquoise ring, and to each of the ushers he gave a gold scarf pin with amethysts set in pearls.

The present from the groom's father and mother Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Brown, of Lexington, who were present at the wedding, was a furnished house in Lexington. Mr. Worden's present to the bride was a substantial cheque, and her sister Mrs. Worden gave a silver soup tureen and ladle, and sister Miss M. G. Gunn, a silver candelabra.

Among the guests were the groom's parents Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown his brother and sister-in-law. Mrs. Brown sr. wore a very elegant heliotrope brocade with black lace overdress and diamonds.

Mrs. Fred Brown had on a handsome rose and white satin, the front of the bodice being elaborately trimmed with old rose silk, Mrs. Worden the sister of the bride was attired in a very delicate shade of gray bengaline, trimmed with folds, corded with heavy white silk. The waist was beautifully trimmed with white chiffon and the wide white moire sash was edged with fluted chiffon.

A marriage took place in East Leicester N. S. this week in which St. John friends of the groom will be interested. It was that of Miss Lilla Terrier and Mr. Arthur F. Cassidy who for a long time was identified with the business of J. W. Montgomery of King street. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Steele of Amherst and was witnessed by a large number of the friends of the contracting parties. The bride who was attended by Miss Lily Coleman of Amherst was beautifully gowned in white silk, pearl embroidered, and carried a large bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. The wedding gifts were numerous and costly, and included a cheque for a very substantial amount from the bride's father. Mr. and Mrs. Cassidy are enjoying a trip through the Annapolis Valley and after their return they will take up housekeeping on Union St., this city.

The Cathedral was the scene of an early wedding on Tuesday morning when Rev. Fr. McMurray united in marriage Miss Alice Leahy and Mr. CONTINUED ON EIGHTH PAGE.

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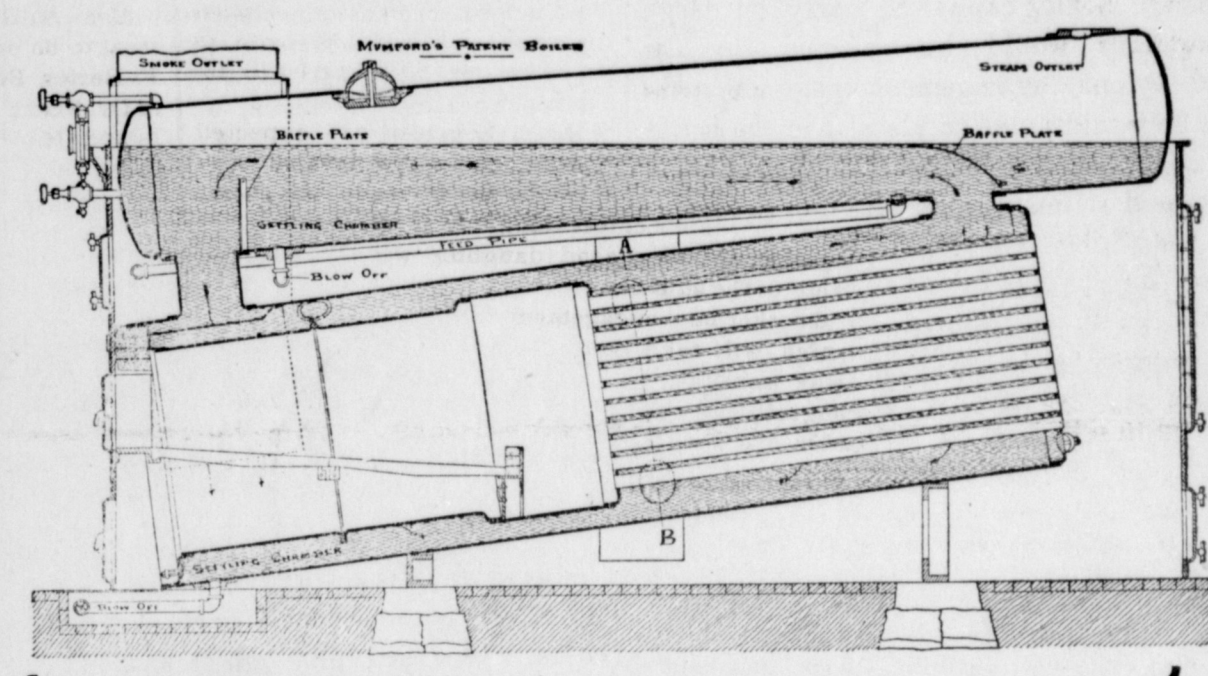
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