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On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Graham Duffus gave a delightful tea after football. There was a tremendous crowd, and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves after a cold afternoon's looking on at the game, exciting though it was. Miss Corbett assisted Mrs. Duffus in passing out tea, and everything was well arranged and managed. Capt. and Mrs. Duffus leave this garrison next

month and will be much missed, as both are natives of Halifax. Colonel and Mrs. Austruther-Duncan leave at the same time, so that there will be more new faces with the new year.

On Saturday evening Mrs. Daly gave a small dinner party at Government house for Colonel Leach, who was heartily welcomed on his flying visit here, being entertained at Bellevue, the R. A. and R. E. mess, as well as in a couple of private

Miss Daly, who has not been at all well, is re-

The largest affair of last week was the "at home" given on Thursday afternoon at Bishopthrope by the Bishop and Miss Courtney. It was most comprehensive, everyone in the fullest sense of the word being present, from Lady William Seymour downwards. There was a terrible crowd, but people were most good-natured about it, even when tightly wedged in the block round the tea-table.

Miss Courtney, who with the bishop received in the drawing room, looked very well in a smart | Lee Ernst are to be married on Thursday, Dec. 8. foulard blouse and dark skirt. The dresses of the This will be one of the most notable of the season's having been confined to the house since last Christguests were chiefly confined to the ever useful order of coats and skirts, as the day was cold and unsettled. Indeed the crowd quite obviated any necessity for very smart toilettes as it would have been impossible to see them. Lady William Seymour was plainly dressed in black, and Mrs. Fortescue looked very nice in bright red, as did Miss

Tea was served in the dining room where the electric lights were toned down with scarlet shades to a most becoming gloom. Miss Courtney made a charming hostess, doing the honors delightfully. Half past four till half past six were the hours named, but people did not leave till nearly seven, the sure criterion of the success of an afternoon

Saturday afternoon Mrs. Stairs had a tea after foot-ball, which included most people. These teas are always the pleasantest functions of autumn, because people are glad to get in and have a cup of hot tea or chocolate after long standing in a chilly field.

All the winter clubs and societies are already in full career. The Shakespeare club, which is the largest, meets every Monday afternoon at the house of each member in turn, and some very hard and good work is usually done, both in reading of essays. Some of the members have turned out some very clever and original papers, so that our much abused "society women" should at least be given the credit of having brains.

A euchre club is to be formed this winter, as the game had a revival of por ularity.

The wedding of Miss Henry and Mr. Kenny will take place at Moncton, N. B., on Thursday 17th of this week. Only the family will be present and the bride will be married in her travelling dress, leaving for New York immediately after the ceremony. Miss Henry is deservedly popular here both for her activity in charitable works and socially, and will have the very best wishes of everyone on her wedding day.

This will be the first of three weddings in society this autumn, and now rumor says there is yet another engagement, which will be announced in a few days. The future bride is young, pretty and much liked, and her fince will be much congratu-

Mrs. Brush left last week to rejoin her husband in England, and Mrs. Carey leaves shortly to meet Captain Carey on the other side. It is also said that Captain Michell-Innes, who has but just arrived in Halifax on being transferred from the Leinster regiment to the Royal Canadians, goes almost immediately to the depot, accompanied by Mrs. Mitchell-Innes and family.

Colonel Kingscote is expected next month from England, as also is the successor of Colonel Anstruther-Duncan.

## NEW YORK.

Nov. 14.-Mrs. Thomas S. Young, Jr., of 5 West Twentieth street will give a reception on Thursday atternoon, Dec. 1, from 4 until 7 o'clock, when she will introduce her daughter, Miss May Young. Mrs. John A. Robinson of 15 East Twenty second street has cards out for a tea on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 3. Mrs. Robinson will present her second granddaughter, Miss Forbes Morgan. Three winters ago Mrs. Robinson brought out the debutante's elder sister, Miss Ethel Morgan, who was married in London to Wilfred Chapman of England, a son of Major Chapman, on Oct. 12. Mrs. Robinson, who was at the wedding, brought back the bride's younger sister. Miss Forbes Morgan is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Forbes Morgan, who have made their home for some years at Pau, France. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan visited this country a few seasons ago and summered at Newport. Mr. Morgan, who is a member of the Coaching Club, is regarded as one of the most skilful of four-in-hand whips.

Mrs. George Bird will give a big tea at her home 202 Madison avenue, on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 8. Miss Metcalfe will be introduced. Mrs. Lindley Hoffman Chapin of 5 West Thirty seventh street has cards out for a reception she will give on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 1. Mrs. Chapin's mother, Mrs. George P. Andrews, has recovered from her severe illness of the late summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, William K Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas Sloane and other members of the Vanderbilt family are now living in their winter homes. Mr. and Mrs. H. McKay Twombly are at present the chief en-

The fondest anticipation in a woman's life is when she is looking forward to the coming of the sweet and tender little bundle of humanity that will some day call her mother. It is a pity that this joyful expectancy should ever be clouded with solicitude and dread of the physical ordeal volves. There is no need this excess-

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tertainers of the family, having had a large house party throughout the autumn at their Morristowa place. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clews were of the party last week. Mr. and Mrs. Twombly have planned some elaborate functions this winter.

William Morton Grinnell and Miss Elizabeth weddings at Washington. The reception will be given at the splendid new residence of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Oswald H. Ernst, 1828 Connecticut avenue. Mr. Grinnell is a partner in the banking firm of Morton, Bliss & Co. of New York and Morton, Chaplin & Co. of London. He is a member of the Metropolitan, University, Harvard, and Laywers' clubs. During the Harrison Administration he was appointed Third Assistant Secretary of

Mr. and Mrs. Girard Foster will sail shortly for the Mediterranean. They will winter at Cairo and take the Nile trip. Among others who have already planned for a winter at Cairo are Mr. and Mrs. Potter Palmer. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer will be accompanied by Mrs. Palmer's niece, Miss Julia Grant, and their sons, Potter Palmer Jr., and Honore Palmer. Mr. George Kidder Davis of wilkesbarre, whose marriage to Miss Helen Dawson Gallatin will be an event of Dec. 14. will sail with his bride on the Faerst Bismarck on Jan. 4. The couple will go directly to Egypt.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fahnestock, nee Goetchius, will sail next Saturday, Nov 10, for Europe, and will winter on the Riviera. Their wedding in the midst of the downpour on Thursday afternoon was one of the biggest of the several notable weddings of the day.

The wedding of Miss L. J. McGregor and Frederick P. Hammond, will take place tomorrow night in St. Thomas's church. The ceremony will be performed at 8.30 by Rev. J. Wesley Brown, the rector. Miss McGregor is now staying with her aunt Miss Acker, at the Windsor Hotel

Two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Randolph Hamersley have been married within a brief period A few weeks ago Miss Lillie Oldfield Hamersley and Robert B. Roosevelt, Jr., were married. The latter has acquired a new interest as a cousin of Governor-elect Theodore Roosevelt. Last Wednesday Miss May Randolph Hamersley and Ensign Robert I. Curtin, U. S. N., were married. Both weddings were home events, with only the respective tamilies of the couples present.

One of the few weddings of the week will be that of Miss Emma Willard Scudder and Dr. Edward L. Keyes, Jr. It will take place on Thursday at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Miss Scudder is a niece of Hewlett Scudder of 21 East Twenty-second street. Dr. Keyes is a son of Dr. and Mrs. Edward L. Keyes of 1 East Seventy-fourth street.

## MONCTON.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Moncton at Hattie Tweedie's Bookstore, M. B. Jones bookstore, S. Melonson's, and at Canadian Railway News Co.

Nov. 16,-Mrs. W. N. Rippey appeared in St. John's presbyterian church on Sunday morning, and in the First baptist church in the evening. Mrs. Rippey wore a very handsome suit of dark blue and ruby costume cloth in shot effects, and large hat of dark blue velvet trimmed with ostrich plumes, and ruby roses. The fair bride is receiving her guests the first three days of this week at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wallace, on Cameron street. Mrs. Rippey is assisted by Mrs. W. C. Paver and her sister-in-law Miss Alice Rippey, and looks very sweet and pretty in her wedding gown of cream brocaded satin trimmed with

The regular fortnightly meeting of the Whist club was held last evening at the residence of Mrs. C. D. Thomson on Botsford street, and it is scarcely necessary to add that a very pleasant evening was It is not possible to announce who won the prizes, as the rules of the club make it necessary that they shall be played for until the end of the season, the players making the highest average then winning the grand prizes. This seems a much more sensible plan than spending the funds of the club on trifling prizes to be given each evening.

Lady Smith and Mrs. Joshua Chandler, of Dorchester who spent a day or two in town last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Y. Smith before their departure for Italy, returned home on Thursday. Mr H. A. Whitney returned on Saturday from a trip to Boston, whither he was accompanied by his

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youngest dau ghter Miss Hattie Whitney, who will

remain in that city for the winter. Miss Whitney has displayed very marked talent as an artist, and has decided to enter the School of Design in Boston in order to devote her attention more particularly to that branch of art.

Mr. F. W. Sumper returned on Thursday evening from a short trip to Boston.

The many friends of Mr. J. S. Benedict, formerly United States Consular agent here, but now occu\_ pying the same position at Campbellton were glad to see him in town again last week. Mr. Benedict spent several days in town, leaving for Campbellton on Monday evening.

I believe we are to have another wedding in town this week, and though the bride and groom, wil both be entire strangers to Moncton people, a wedding never fails to excite interest and attention. The principals in this case will be Miss Henry. sister of Judge Henry of Halifax, and Mr. J. F. K ennedy also of that city who will if report is true, be married in Mencton on Saturday next.

Mr. Alexander Davidson of the I. C. R., offices left town on Thursday for a short holiday trip to

Miss Ada Milliken's numerous friends are glad to welcome her home after her long visit to the Pacific coast. Miss Milliken, it will be remembered accompanied her sister Mrs. R. B. Jack to Nelson, B. C., last June and has remained in British Col umt ia ever since having spent a most enjoyable su mmer and autumn, amid the beautiful scenery, and the novel conditions of life which prevail in that very new country.

Mr. T. V. Cooke's numerous friends will be glad to hear of the continued improvement in his health, and that, if no unforseen complications arise his medical attendants have every hope of a speedy re-

Miss Sinclair of Miramichi, is spending a few days in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bruce, of Bonaccord street.

Mr. J. M. Lyons General Passenger agent of the I. C. R. and Mrs. Lyons returned on Saturday evening from a trip to Montreal.

Mr. George L. Harris, eldest son of Mr. C. P. Fredericton where he passed a very successful ex-

Hon. A. H. Dunn, surveyor general, paid a short visit to Moncton last week, on his return from Kent county, where he had been called by departmental business.

Moncton people heard with surprise and very deep regret on Thursday evening of the death of Mr. Eben L. Cowling J. P. which took place during the afternoon, at the residence of his daughter Mrs. C. U. Chandler, of Harris Avenue. Mr. Cowling was one of Moncton's oldest citizens, and was looked upon almost as a landmark, so well and so extensively was he known not only in the city of Moncton but in the surr unding countries, and while it was generally known the he was in very teeble health and therefore his death was comewhat of a shock to his friends, although not to his immadate family Mr. Cowles was surrounded by his children and grandchildren at the time of his death, and was quite conscious to the last, bidding farewell to his assembled members of his family a few moments before passing peacefully away.

The deceased was born at Annapolis Royal in 1824, and was therefore in the seventy fifth year of his age, not by any means an old man compared with many who are in active public life to day. He came of good old royalist stock being a grandson of Samuel Cowling of England, his maternal grandfather having been a United Empire Loyalist. Although a resident of Moncton for nearly fifty years Mr. Cowling was by no means a stay-at-home having extensively and lived at different times in Jamaica, New Orleans, New York and Boston. He was married in Cocayne, in 1846 to Miss Cutter, daughter of the late Jonas Cutter, whom he survived for twenty-seven years The deceased was an excellent raconteur and could tell man interesting anecdotes of the early days of the settlement of Westmorland and Kent counties having been deputy sheriff of Westmerland in his youth. Mr. Cowling was one of three brothers, the elder of whom, the late Edward Cowling was judge of probate at Annapolis for many years, while the younger, Charles Cowling of Boston, survives him. The surviving children of the deceased are Mrs. C. P, Harris, Mrs. Charles W. Chandler, and Mr. W. L. Cowling, all of this city, Mrs. H. Michie of Boston and Mrs. R. S. Hockln of this city preceded their

father to the grave. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon from the residence of Mrs. C. U. Chandler, on Harris avenue, and was very largely attended, there being more than fifty carriages in the procession. The services both at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. J. E. Brown, pastor of St. Paul's R. E. church, the choir of the church being also present, and singing with deep feeling "Rock of Ages." and "Lead Kindly Light." Among the floral tributes were a very beautiful floral pillow from the grandchildren of the deceased, a wreath from Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Harris, nd a handsome cross from Mr. A. H. Newman. The pallbearers were: Messrs. H. A. Whitney, W. J. Croasdale, A. E. Killam, Robert Cochrane, A. E. Chapman and A. H. Newman, Miss Cutler of Newcastle, a neice of the deceased and Judge Wilkinson also of Newcastle were amongst the mourners who came a distance to pay a last tribute of respect. Mr. Cowling was a prominent mason being one of the oldest members of Keith lodge and Botsford Royal Arch Chapter.

Mr. J. D. Weldon of Shediac paid a short visit to Moncton on Monday. Mrs. G. H. Robinson, Havelock is spending a few days in town the guest of Miss Maud Taylor of

Miss Grace Busby left town last evening on the Maritime express for Ottawa, where she intends spending the greater part of the winter with relatives. Miss Busby is one of our most popular young ladies, and as she has only just returned from a six months visit to Nova Scotia, it seems hard that we must lose her so soon again, but of course the capital is a delightful place to visit and Miss Busby's numerous friends will join in wishing her

Warden Forster of Dorchester penitentiary paid a short visit to Moncton on Saturday, for the purpose of seeing his brother in-law, Mr. T. V. Cooke who has been so seriously ill, and was much pleased at the improvement of the invalid's

Mrs. Newman, wife of Captain John Newman of Cardiff, Wales, is spending a few days in town the guest of her brother-in-law, Mr. A. H. Newman. Mr. George W. Moore of Boston, spent Sunday in town, and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W Robin on of Alma street, during his stay in town. Mr. John Hunter of P. E. Island and Miss Hunt-

er, are spending a few days in town the guest of Mr. Henry Hunter of the I. C. R. The numerous friends of Mrs. Troop, who has been so ill for some months past, will regret to hear that she lies almost at the point of death at the residence of her daughter Mrs. C. E. Spencer of

King street, and no hopes are entertained of her recovery. His Lordship Bishop Kingdon, of Fredericton | place.

spent some hours in the city on Monday on his return from Dorchester, where he administered the rite of confirmation on Sunday. His Lordship was he guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bertram Hooper at St. George's rectory during his stay in town.

Mr. W. B. McKenzie, chief engineer of the I. C. R. left town on Monday for Sydney, Cape Breton on a tour of inspection.

Prof. E. E. Prince of the department of fisheries Ottawa, spent a few hours in town on Monday.

Judge Wilkinson of Chatham, and Miss Cutler of Newcastle who came to the city last week to attend the funeral of the late Eben L. Cowling, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Harris of Steadman street during their stay in town.

Mr. A. H. Robinson manager of the E. P. and H. railway, spent last Sunday in town, the guest of Dr. F. A. Taylor of Main street.

The numerous friends of Mr. George McCarthy for mly of the I. C. R. engineering degartment, but now of the C. P. R. are giving him a very warm welcome to his old home. Mr. McCarthy is spending a short holiday with his father, Mr. Edward McCarthy of King street.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Borden of Pugwash, who have been spending some weeks visitng relatives in Boston, spent Saturday in Moncton, on their return. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Archibald, during their stay.

Mr. H. E. Thomas, of Mount Allison College, Sackville spent Sunday in town, visiting friends. The excitement of the hour is Madame Marie Harrison's concert in the Opera house this evening and lovers of music are looking forward to a rare

I see by a recent issue of Progress that the ladies' whist party has made its appearance in St. John, and is gaining ground steadily? The fever rea ched our city early last spring having been imported from Upper Canada and raged with great violence until the rigors of Lent put an end to it for the time being. The following story is one of the best of the many which were told at the time, at the expense of the ladies, and it seems Harris of this city, returned on Thursday from particularly appropriate just now. It has been hinted on several occasions before, that the people of Moncton, both individually and collectively were rather fond of cards and especially of the scientific and absorbing game of whist. This prediliction is by no means confined to the sterner sex the ladies' and even the children showing almost as much interest in the game, as their husbands and fathers. Children's whi t parties are by no means unusual while the ladies' whist party from which every male being is rigidly excluded has become a recognized and popular form of entertainment since last winter. Of course the above mentioned male element points the finger of scorn at the ladies' whist party, and affects to believe that, it is if possible a more dreary form of entertainment than the afternoon "at home" feeling confident that no social function can possibly be a real success without a proper complement of en to enliven matters. The real fact of the matter is that the husbands, brothers and sweethearts are fiercely indignant at not being invited, and take their revenge by trying to cheapen the paradise from which they are excluded.

The ladies declare this story which was told with great gusto last winter during the craze for ladies whist parties which prevailed last season, originated in the jealous brain of some horrid man who was left out, but people who are in a position to know, admit that it is perfectly true. I leave it to the feminine readers of PROGRESS to decide the

A certain well known society leader gave a large and most successful whist party for ladies only, and so thoroughly did the guests enjoy themselves that they took little note of time. The hours flew rapidly, and if any mere man could have looked in upon the company, he would have departed with a crestfallen consciousness that a party of ladies could have a very good time indeed in the absence of male distractions. After the prizes had been won, and presented, one of those charming little suppers dear to the feminine heart was served, and by the time it was disposed of and the company cloaked and hooded, it was well on to one o'clock, and an ominous darkness and stillness pervaded the

Now the one-crumbled rose leaf about these delightful entertainments was secretly acknowledged to be the absence of escorts. There was an unwritten law that no lady was supposed to ask any of her male belongings to call for her, and though on one or two occasion an unusually devoted husband or lover had been observed at a late hour of the night walking aimlessly past a house where a ladies party was in progress, or lurking in the shadows and glancing furtively at the windows to ascertain how much longer his solitary vigil was to last, it was considered etiquette to ignor his presence as far as possible, even the object of solicitude appearing quite unconscious of it until he overtook her accidentally some distance from the scene of fes

The night in question was an unusually cold one however and the hour was so late that the most devoted of swains had given up in disgust and gone home, so when the ladies emerged like a flock of timid doves, they found that a good deal of the glamour had faded, and the thought of the walk home al most neutralized the delights of the party. However, a good many of the fair guests happened to be going in the same direction and by dint of taking a short cut here and going around the corner a little way there, so as to drop a friend at her own door, the greater number managed to get home comfortably. But one lady who openly acknowledged to being timid, and who lived quite at the other and lonelier end of the city from the majority of the party, was left over and how to get her home in safety was a problem not easily solved. A hurried council was held and a stately and valiant matron relieved the situation by announcing that she was not afraid of anything that walked the earth, and would be most happy to see Mrs. B. home, 'But it is so far out of your way Mrs. C." pr otested the timic one faintly "And you will have to come all the way back alone"-"Does'nt matte in the least" responded Mrs. C. "I shall not mind any more than if it were broad daylight-Goodnight ladies !" And amid murmurs of admiration for her dauntless courage, from the rest of the party the brave lady and her timid charge disappeared from view. Arrived at the latter's home, Mrs. C promptly declined a pressing invitation to stay all night rather than face the terrors of the homeward walk-Mrs. B's husband being away from home and no other escort available-bade her friend a hasty adieu and started with easy confidstory, as related by the two heroines themselves comes to an abrupt end, but the sequel which some of the wicked men who were not invited, and which I regret to say finds a good deal of credence, tells how that stout hearted matron arrived at her own home almost in a state of nervous prostration, and respectfully escorted by one of Moncton's finest members of the force whom she had encountered on her way, and whose protection she had eagerly claimed. We have'nt had any ladies' whist parties yet this autumn, and I fancy if it should be decided to resume them, that they will either be held in the

afternoon or some definite arrangement about

escorts will be made before the first meeting takes



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