

SOCIAL and PERSONAL.

September is the month of the whole year that is most lacking perhaps in general social excitement. The shroud of uncertainty that veils the movements of society in off seasons seems closed in the thirty days of this term in the calendar than in any other from January to December. It is the time when the curtain is rolled down on the summer season and not risen upon the winter; the entire scene as it were of the social world. From the opening day to the closing one of this migrating month, it is almost impossible to know just where everybody who is anybody is. It is pretty safe however to say that the contingent which makes up the smart set will be found out of doors, making the most of the bright days—the days which seem specially made for enjoyment outside.

The week has not been wholly without excitement however, the presence of H. M. S. Indefatigable making a pleasant break and stirring the city up generally. The officers from the ship have been entertained a good deal since their arrival, and have attended several performances of the Mills Stock company at the Theatre. In fact they and two or three hundred of their men who were present seemed to enjoy themselves immensely at the play on Wednesday evening. They joined in the songs making the rendition of "On the Wabash" particularly successful, by the way in which they assisted Master Brady in the chorus of that pretty song. They hissed the villain, they called out their approbation to the player who played them and altogether they had a pretty good time.

The Mills company have had excellent patronage this week and I believe are to remain all next week. On the holiday the audiences at both afternoon and evening performances were very fashionable the last being particularly so.

The baseball game on the Shamrock grounds the same afternoon had a very large representation of ladies from the smart set who displayed a great deal of enthusiasm over the work of the players of their favorite team.

The flower shower too has been one of the pleasant events of the week and brought out the youth and beauty of the city in battalions, and the attendance was good during the three evenings on which the show was held. The display of cut and potted flowers was unusually beautiful and this exhibit with a space for the band in attendance occupied the main floor. In beautifully arranged booths candy and cut flowers were offered for sale, by bright saleswomen and found ready buyers. The ladies who worked for the success of the affair this year were, Mrs. Charles Baker and Mrs. John M. Taylor, with the following young lady assistants: Miss Cole, Moncton, Miss Brock, Miss Talbot, Bermuda, Miss Townner (Toronto), Miss Vassie, Miss Jean Vassie, Miss Constance de Bury, Miss Marjory Holden, Miss Jarvis, Miss Sutherland, Miss Mable Thompson, Miss Olive, Miss Reynolds, Miss Lynch, Miss Gertrude King, Miss Helen Hannington, Miss Carrie Fairweather, Miss Louise Skinner, Miss Barker, Miss Taylor, Miss Edith Skinner, Miss Hannington, Miss Zan DeForest, Mrs. Charles Taylor, Miss Grace Fairweather, Mrs. J. D. Seely and Mrs. W. H. Trauman, Miss Lily Markham, Miss Allison Jones, Miss Belle Dunlop, Miss Bessie Seely, Miss Alice Ketchum, Miss Preston (Niagara).

A pleasant surprise was given Dr. and Mrs. Murray McLaren on Tuesday evening the 10th, anniversary of their marriage when a large number of friends remembered the happy occasion by calling to extend good wishes for continued happiness and prosperity. The party gathered at the head of Jeffrey's hill and with various articles of tinware tucked under their arms went in a body to the residence of Dr. and Mrs. McLaren on Coburg street. The hostess who was wearing her wedding gown was assisted in looking after her unexpected guests by her sisters the Misses Nicholson. Harrison's orchestra supplied music for a little dance and a light supper was served about half past eleven. As the hours were from eight to twelve it was shortly after midnight when the guests departed. Several of the officers from the Indefatigable were present and other guests included the following persons.

- Mr. Chas. Coster, Mrs. Coster.
- Mr. Belyes, Mrs. Belyes.
- Mr. George Coster, Mrs. Coster.
- Miss Hazen, Miss Dever.
- Misses Furlong, Misses Tuck.
- Mr. F. H. J. Ruel, Mrs. Ruel.
- Mr. J. R. Stone, Mrs. Stone.
- Miss Keator, Mr. Gil Keator.
- Misses Sydney Smith, Mr. Boyer Smith.
- Mr. Stuart Fairweather, Mr. Teddy Jones.
- Miss Seely, Miss Outram.
- Mrs. G. K. McLeod, Mrs. Busby.
- Mr. Hansard, Miss Burpee.
- Mrs. George McLeod, Mrs. Geo. F. Smith.
- Mr. Geo. Jones, Mrs. Jones.
- Mr. Andrew Jack, Mrs. Jack.
- Mr. Jack McLaren, Mrs. McLaren.
- Miss Snider, Mr. James Jack.
- Mr. Bertie Harrison, Mrs. Lawson.

Dr. Walker. Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Downs of Anderson Mass. spent part of this week in the city. Mr. and Mrs. John F. Holt were also here from Boston for a day or two this week.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Vidal arrived from the Capital or a day in the city, the middle of the week.

The Misses Kaye of Brookline Mass. are spending a little while with Mrs. de Wolfe Spurr.

The Misses Ida and Dora Nicholson left Thursday in company with Mrs. Lawson for a tour of the lower provinces.

Mrs. Straton who has been staying with the Misses Sydney Smith, for a few weeks is now the guest of Mrs. Jerry Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. George Babbit spent a day or two lately with Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McLaughlin. They returned to the Capital the middle of the week.

At the Golf links on Thursday afternoon tea was served by Mrs. H. Flood, Miss Parks and Miss Furlong. The day was beautifully fine and the number in attendance was large; a number of officers from the warship made the occasion especially interesting.

Dr. J. Burns Buchanan of Hantsport N. S. and Mr. J. Alex Murray of Yarmouth N. S. arrived in the city on Monday last and spent Tuesday and Wednesday very pleasantly in fishing at Loch Lomond. They returned to the city on Thursday and report having had excellent luck.

Mr. S. W. Milligan went to Quebec on a business trip this week.

Rev. H. S. Langtry of Baddeck C. B. is visiting friends in North End.

Mrs. T. A. Black of Main street N. E. has gone to St. Stephen to visit her sister.

Mr. Wm. Ritchie of the Boston Post staff a former St. John man who is visiting his father Mr. Wm. Ritchie of Hampton spent several days here lately. He was accompanied by Mrs. Ritchie.

Mr. and Mrs. Kellie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore Merrett, Miss Bessie Sandler and Mr. Thomas Blair spent a few days in St. Stephen lately and had a very pleasant time.

Lady Tilley is spending a week with her mother Madame Chipman. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Tilley were also guests of Madame Chipman's for a few days lately.

Miss Sadie Brown of Moncton is visiting Mrs. Ferguson of Princess street.

Mrs. H. V. Cooper has returned to town after a visit of several weeks to friends in Milltown and Calais.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stanley spent Sunday in St. Stephen.

Miss Sara Clarke has returned to Calais after a pleasant visit to Lancaster friends.

Little Miss Margaret White of this city filed the important position of maid of honor at the Merril-Bebbington wedding in Fredericton this week.

The little maiden who was grace personified, was dressed in cream India silk with white lace and chiffon trimmings and carried a large basket of flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. James Catherwood of Fairville visited the capital this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Perley spent Sunday in Moncton as guests of Mr. C. A. Steeves.

Miss Doherty of Houlton who has been spending a few weeks in the city returned to her home on Monday last.

Mrs. F. A. Jones has gone to Montreal for a lengthy visit to relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Thomson arrived from Montana this week and will spend some time with city friends.

Miss Lottie Nelson, who has been visiting friends up north the past two months has returned home. While in Chatham she was the guest of Mrs. John Sinclair.

Miss Louise Dunn and Miss Deborah Dunn who were here in the capacity of bridesmaids at the Barleigh-Cushing wedding last week returned to Houlton a day or two ago.

Misses Lillie Norcosh and Miss Minnie Pitts of Halifax are guests of Mrs. John Powers this city, for a few weeks visit.

Mrs. A. G. Blair wife of Honorable Mr. Blair and family are in Fredericton this week, and are being entertained by friends of the family.

Lieut. Col. Tucker M. P. has returned to Ottawa from Caledonia springs much improved in health, and is expected in St. John this week.

Mr. John R. Abney a prominent New York lawyer was in the city the first of the week.

Mr. S. H. Mitchell of Minneapolis is visiting relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears returned the middle of the week from a visit to Boston.

Misses Jessie McAvion and Edna McGowan returned to Memramcook on Monday to resume their studies at the Sacred Heart Convent.

Miss E. Melaney returned this week from Halifax accompanied by Miss Evie Melaney.

Mr. J. T. Hatfield returned Wednesday from a visit to Ottawa.

Judge Wedderburn is home from a pleasant trip to Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Bramhall of Douglas Avenue, N. E. left the first of the week for a tour of the United States, which will extend over two months.

D. Canby Hatheway who has been taking a much needed rest has returned to the city and will resume the practice of his profession.

Professor Hesse, the American musician who was injured in a street railway accident in the early summer, and Mrs. Hesse have returned to Providence R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Pitcher who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scammell, Lancaster, have gone to their home in Boston. They came to St. John to attend Miss Cushing's wedding.

Rev. Dr. T. G. Smith, Mrs. Smith and family returned Wednesday to Kingston after a pleasant visit in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Skinner are home from a very enjoyable visit to London, Ontario.

Colonel Markham who has also been visiting the upper provinces returned home the middle of the week.

Mr. Oscar Watson of the Associated Press who has been spending a holiday with friends in this city returned to New York this week.

Miss Maud Brown has gone to her home in Moncton after a pleasant stay of several days, with city friends.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Gorman are enjoying a visit to Boston where they are the guests of friends.

Mr. David O'Keefe returned Monday from a trip to Montreal.

His Lordship Bishop Kingdon and Mrs. Kingdon of Fredericton spent a day or two in the city this week.

Mrs. Aubrey Vaughan of Montreal is paying a visit to this city.

Mrs. John Harding is entertaining Miss May Bent of Amherst for a week or two.

Miss Addie Furdy spent a day or two in Amherst lately.

Miss Madrie Armstrong of this city and her sister Mrs. Richards, wife of Hon. A. D. Richards of Dorchester paid a short visit to Nova Scotia lately.

Miss Wheeler of St. John was a guest lately of Mrs. Ketchum at the latter's summer residence in Tidnish, N. S.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnaby are spending a few days at the capital.

Mrs. J. D. Hazen returned from Fredericton this week accompanied by her mother Mrs. Tibbits who will spend a week or two here.

Miss Kitty Crookshank has returned from an extended visit to friends in Fredericton.

Miss McNalley is the guest of Mrs. Robert Davies of Fredericton this week.

Miss Maud Golding is a guest of Mrs. A. W. Edgcombe, Fredericton.

Mayor and Mrs. Whitehead of Fredericton are entertaining the Misses McAvity of this city.

Mrs. I. J. D. Landry and Miss Landry went to Bangor on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. McLean of Boston arrived in this city on Tuesday and will make their future home here. Mr. McLean is Mrs. James Millican's father. Mr. and Mrs. Master Gordon Millican are enjoying a trip to New York and Providence. Mrs. Millican will likely go south before she returns.

Capt. Primrose of the Indefatigable and Mrs. Primrose are guests at the Royal during their stay in the city.

The following has been received from a correspondent in Chelsea Mass. and will be interesting to the many friends of the parties mentioned: "The marriage of Miss Alice Evelyn Strane and Benjamin Herbert Tobin, both formerly of St. John N. B. took place Monday noon, September 5th at the home of the bride, Spencer Avenue, Chelsea. Owing to a recent death in the family of the bride the wedding was quiet, only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties being present. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Bakeman of the First Baptist church. There were no bridal attendants. The bride was gowned in a becoming suit of gray. On their return from their wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Tobin will reside in Chelsea. Miss Marguerite Ready of Burlington, P. E. I. is visiting her aunt Mrs. James Rodgers, City Road. Mrs. Fred G. Spencer is suffering from a severe cold, and an engagement to sing at a concert in St. Stephen on Tuesday evening has been cancelled.

PARSBORO.

[Progress is for sale at Parrsboro Book Store.] SEPT. 8.—The Victoria cycling club held a picnic at Partridge Island on Wednesday. The club enjoyed a run last evening and afterwards refreshments at the home of Miss Maud Dickinson.

Mrs. Townshend gave a small and extremely pleasant card party on Wednesday evening. Miss Edith Brock, Kertville, is a guest of Mrs. Townshend.

Mrs. Robert entertained six tables at progressive euchre on Thursday evening. The prizes were carried off by Miss Brock, Miss Isabel Aikman, Miss Nichols, and Mr. L. S. Gowe.

Mrs. F. A. Rand gave a tennis party on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. E. R. Reid, Commercial Bank, is in Ficton spending his holidays accompanied by Mrs. Chas. Reid and child. Mr. Mosher, Berwick, whose many friends were glad to see him in charge of the agency in Mr. Reid's absence.

Miss Marion MacKenzie left on Thursday and Miss Vida Howard on Tuesday for Mt. Allison Ladies' college.

Mr. J. R. Cowans, his sister and brothers and other visitors took their departure on Friday, Miss Aikman left at the same time to return to New York.

Mr. G. S. Smith, Halifax, on a bicycling tour is staying at the Alpha.

Miss Upham is visiting friends in St. John.

Mr. Aikman went to Halifax on Friday to meet his daughter Miss Agnes Aikman returning from England.

Dr. Johnson has been attending the dentist association at Digby, Dr. McArthur in the meantime looking after Dr. Johnson's patients.

Mrs. Chambers and children are back from a visit at Dorchester.

Messrs. W. D. Main, J. M. Townshend, T. S. Rogers and Travis, Amherst who are on a driving tour arrived in Parrsboro on Saturday afternoon leaving again on Monday afternoon.

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