

The spring gaities regarding which there was much speculation and prophecy during the winter season, have not materialized and the present season is the dullest, socially speaking that the city has known for a long time. No doubt the house cleaning epidemic is a measure responsible for this, and perhaps when it has subsided there may be a return of something like the former gay times, if in the meantime the bicycle fever does not complicate matters as it now threatens to do. The delightfully fine evenings of the past week or two have brought out the wheelmen and wheelwomen in full force, and it really seems as though everybody, who is anybody, owns a bicycle. This too must have a very great effect upon the social life of the city.

Interest this week centered in the bride Mrs. H. C. Tilley whose reception days were Monday and Tuesday. All the smart set were out in full force to welcome the young bride to her new home. That she will be an acquisition to social circles is acknowledged on all sides. Mrs. Tilley is personally charming and is exceedingly clever and talented. The bride's reception gown was of pale green silk; the skirt was trimmed with three ruffles of silk edged with white satin baby ribbon. The lovely pink bodice was draped with white lace worked in a design with pink baby ribbon. The green sash was also trimmed with ruffles. She was assisted by Miss Randolph who was beautifully gowned in navy blue canvas over silk, the canvas having a feathery sort of design and narrow black satin ribbon. The waist had a small white yoke that was very pretty and effective and besides the green stock there were also green ruffles at the wrist and on the bodice.

The rooms were elegantly arranged for the occasion the bay windows being filled with palms and other potted plants. On each side were small tables from which tea, chocolate and coffee were dispensed to the callers by Mrs. Kirkwood and Florrie McMillan, the latter of whom wore a pretty flowered muslin. The other young ladies who assisted were Miss Howland, Miss Bayard, and Miss Mona Thomson. Miss Howland wore a pretty ecru gown trimmed with red, and Miss Mona Thomson was in navy blue silk with white trimmings. The large table in the dining room had an elaborate centre piece of puffed silk, and decorations of jonquils and narcissi; wedding cake, bonbons, and ices were served to callers.

Mrs. Henry Austin gave a dinner this week which though small was quite perfect in every particular. The table decorations were exceedingly pretty and consisted of red carnations and sweet peas.

Another very enjoyable event of the week was a luncheon given by Mrs. Robert Thompson in honor of Miss Robertson. The affair was very small but enjoyable, as any function in this charming home is sure to be. The table decorations were very pretty; and the guests wore their prettiest spring gowns.

Rev. George R. Baker and Mrs. Baker arrived home this week from Rochester N. Y. where Mr. Baker has been taking a course in a theological seminary.

Judge Wedderburn, Dr. A. A. Stockton and Dr. Pugsley returned Thursday from Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Coghlan and daughter of New York are in the city for a stay of several days.

Dr. Col. Tucker's health has so much improved that he is again able to occupy his seat in parliament.

Miss DeVoe who has been nursing in a New-Orleans hospital arrived home this week for a short rest.

Mr. R. B. Brown and Mrs. Brown are a newly married Montreal young couple who are spending their honeymoon in this city.

Mrs. J. Boyle Travers and Miss Louise Travers who left some weeks ago for Lakewood, N. J. for

the benefit of Miss Travers' health are expected home this week. Miss Travers' friends will deeply regret the news that she has derived little benefit from the change.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Green are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. John Black of St. Stephen before going to their future home in Vancouver, B. C.

Dr. Hetherington was in St. Stephen for a day or two last week.

Miss Ida Northrup of Moncton spent a few days in the city during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. North and Miss North of Northport, N. S. are here for a few days visit.

Mr. James Maxwell came from New York this week for a visit to St. John and the province. He was accompanied by Mrs. Maxwell.

Mrs. S. D. Scott left the middle of the week for Ottawa as one of the delegates to the National Council of women which meets at the capital next week. Mr. Scott has been in Ottawa since the opening of parliament.

Among the invited guests from St. John at the ball given by Major Hemming and officers of the R. R. C. I., Fredericton on Thursday evening were Capt. Smith and officers of the 62nd Fusiliers and Lieut. Col. McLean and officers of the 3rd Regiment. An excellent concert was held on Thursday evening in St. Mary's church school under the auspices of the Y. P. A. of that church. An excellent programme was rendered the various numbers being very much enjoyed. It was as follows: Instrumental selection, St. Mary's orchestra; chorus, St. Mary's choir; recitation, Miss Armstrong; solo, Mr. J. N. Rogers; auto-harp solo, Mr. Duplisse; instrumental music, orchestra; tableau; solo, Miss Lake; flute solo, Mr. Stokes; broom drill, young ladies of St. John's presbyterian church; recitation, Mr. Jordan; song, Rev. A. G. H. Dicker; instrumental music, orchestra; tableau; chorus, St. Mary's choir; dialogue, Miss Seccord and Mr. Usacke; solo, Mr. Gillespie; tableau, good night.

A quiet wedding took place Tuesday morning at the Church of the Assumption, Carleton, when the Rev. J. J. O'Donovan united in marriage Miss L. Toie, daughter of Mr. P. Toie of Fairville, to Mr. James E. McGrath of Gardiner, Me. Miss Maule Toie was bridesmaid, and Mr. Hugh Toie of Bridgeport, Conn., supported the groom. After nuptial Mass was celebrated the party returned to the home of the bride, where a wedding breakfast was served. Afterwards the happy couple took the Boston train for Gardiner, where they will reside. The bride received a very large number of presents. Mr. Frank Hall who left here some weeks ago with the intention of going to the Yukon country has returned to St. John and will remain in the city. Attorney General White went to St. Martins last Saturday.

Dr. W. Ferguson and Mrs. Ferguson of New York are spending a little while in St. John. Messrs. James Barnes and Fred W. Wedderburn returned to Hampton from Ottawa the beginning of the week.

Mr. B. Roach spent Sunday in Woodstock. Mr. D. Russell arrived home from Montreal the first of the week for a short stay. He returned to the upper provinces yesterday.

Mrs. Theo Cushing is entertaining her sister Mrs. Wentworth of Tacoma.

Mr. Gershou Mayes paid a short visit to Ottawa recently and was a guest at the Russell house during his stay.

Miss Lou McAvity who has spent the past year in Europe returned this week via Montreal; her father Mr. John McAvity who has been visiting Philadelphia, met her in that city and returned to St. John with her.

Professor A. Bell of telephone fame was in the city last Saturday en route to Bras d'Or C. B. where he has a magnificent summer residence.

Mr. H. Short of the Bank of British North America has been transferred to Slocan City, B. C., and left with his family this week for the west. Mr. Short was a prominent member of the Golf club and will be as much missed in that organization as by his numerous friends throughout the city.

Mrs. Puddington, Miss Puddington and Miss Hanington arrived home Saturday from the West Indies, having come by the Taymouth Castle. They enjoyed their Southern trip immensely.

Mr. Frank J. Morgan son of Mr. Thomas J. Morgan left this week for St. Louis where he will enter a theological college.

Mr. J. Fred Harvey, Manager of the Algonquin Hotel, St. Martin's paid a brief visit to the city this week, meeting many old friends during his stay, who extended a warm welcome to him.

Next week, theatre goers are promised a treat when "A Bunch of Keys" one of Hoyt's brightest comedies will be given here for the first time by the Sparks Company with Ada Botzner, the well known actress and the Star of the Agogton, as "Teddy." Some good attractions have been secured by the Opera House management for the coming season, and it is expected that the coming summer will be especially interesting to local theatre goers.

Mr. John F. Heald of Portland Me., was in the city for a day or two during the week.

Mr. Herbert McLean who has many friends here having once been connected with the Bank of Montreal here but more recently in business in Dayton, O., has gone to the war as a captain of cavalry.

Miss Doherty has returned to Campbellton, N. B. after a lengthy and very pleasant visit to her brother Mr. Doherty of British Columbia.

Mr. N. H. Athoe well known in musical circles here went to Halifax, Wednesday to take the position of organist in St. Paul's church.

Mr. David J. Stockford returned Wednesday to his home in Fredericton.

Mr. L. P. D. Tilley got back Wednesday from his visit to Ottawa.

Mr. Stevens of the I. C. B. depot was called to Truro this week by the serious illness of his brother R. M. Stevens of that town.

Mrs. Fred Whelpley of Greenwich spent a part of last week with city friends.

Miss Bessie Richards who spent several weeks here has returned to her home in Annapolis.

Mrs. Pickels and Miss Pickels of Annapolis were in the city for a short time during the week.

Miss Margaret Stone of West Newton is here for the benefit of her health which is somewhat impaired by several years constant work in hospital nursing.

Mrs. (Capt.) Barnes, formerly Miss Laura Moore, has taken up her residence on Garden street and many friends are calling daily at the cosy new home. Capt. Barnes has not yet returned from his last voyage.

Mrs. T. W. Higgins and Miss Lily Higgins left this week for Montreal where they will make their home in future.

Mrs. C. F. Fraser of Halifax was among the week's visitors from the neighboring province.

Miss Lillian Northrup arrived from the St. Croix valley this week on a visit to Waterloo street relatives.

Dr. A. G. Murray of Fredericton junction was in the city for a little while during the week.

Says the Vancouver World of a late date: "Mr. Isaac Burpee who has been a guest at the Vancouver hotel for a few weeks left today for his native city, St. John N. B. where he will remain a

week or so before returning to this city to take up a permanent residence. He is largely interested in the Yukon trade, and with Col. Donville will leave early next month for Dawson city. The many friends: Mr. Burpee has made in Vancouver will wish him a pleasant trip to the Atlantic sea board, and he can rest assured of a hearty welcome when he again reaches the shores of Burrard Inlet. He will be a valuable addition to our citizenship."

Mrs. Fitzgerald wife of Judge Fitzgerald of Port Arthur is paying a visit to her sister Mrs. Charles Hollen.

Mr. J. D. Hazen returned the first of the week from a trip to Ottawa.

Mr. Wallace Kendrick of Quebec made a short stay in St. John during the week.

The following was received this week from a city correspondent: "This week Mrs. John Rubins received the news of the death of her niece Alice Tilley McDougall wife of John H. Nevill and daughter of John McDougall, at Dorchester Mass., on Sunday. The deceased was a general favorite with all who knew her kindly disposition and bright sympathetic nature endearing her to a very large number of friends and relatives. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved father relatives, husband and infant son."

Miss R. A. Coster who has been visiting friends in Halifax and Kentville returned home last week.

Mr. J. W. Beckwith of Bridgetown, N. S. spent last week with friends here.

Last Tuesday's Union Advocate of Newcastle records the arrival in that town of Mrs. H. D. Peters and family have gone to join Mr. Peters.

Mrs. Ernest Hutchison and daughter arrived from Newcastle the beginning of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Green are rejoicing over the first arrival in their family—a little daughter who made her debut in the home circles on Sunday May 1st.

Mr. J. G. Whitacre of Toronto was in the city for a day or two during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. James MacFarlane of the North Shore arrived here this week to spend the next few weeks with city relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cann of Yarmouth were in the city for a day or two lately.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Ebbot of Gagetown were also visitors to the city the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hall are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a baby daughter. Mrs. L. W. Johnston of Fredericton is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Hall.

Capt. Earle was hastily summoned to Fredericton this week by the news that his mother had been stricken with paralysis. Late reports say that Mrs. Earle is resting comfortably, and there is a very noticeable improvement in her condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Odbur Sharpe have come to this city to reside Mr. Sharpe having been transferred to a Bank here. This will be very pleasant for Mrs. Sharpe whose home is here, and who has a very large circle of friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ashe and their little son Master Joseph of Malone N. Y. arrived this week on a visit to Mrs. Ashe's parents Mr. and Mrs. John McCann of the North End.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Carter are being congratulated on the advent of a baby boy in their home which event occurred on Tuesday of this week. Mrs. Carter and the tiny stranger are both very well.

There was a pleasant gathering at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Dunlap, City Road, last Tuesday evening, when a number of friends called to congratulate them upon the sixth anniversary of their marriage. Rev. J. W. Clark on behalf of the company presented Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap with a handsome onyx table and silver ornament. During the evening supper was served and later games and other amusements were indulged in until the hour for departure, when with good wishes for continued prosperity and happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap the party dispersed.

ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

Address is for sale in St. Stephen at the book stores of G. S. Wall T. W. Acheson and J. Vroom & Co. in Calais at O. P. Treat's.

May 11.—An "English Gala Day" is the name of an entertainment to be given in the Curling rink the second week in June, by the ladies of the society of "Trinity Workers." The plans for it are most elaborate and it is anticipated to be the finest affair of the kind ever given here.

Miss Mabel Murchie has gone to Boston to visit her brother Mr. Guy Gummer Murchie and to bid him farewell before he leaves for Texas. Mr. Murchie has enlisted in the regiment of the Harvard Volunteers and that regiment has been ordered south and probably will see actual service.

Rev. C. G. McCully lectured in the baptist vestry last evening to a large and attentive audience. The subject was modern Rome and was most ably handled by the talented lecturer.

Dr. Hetherington of St. John was in town professionally during the past week.

Mr. Horace King of St. John recently made a brief visit in Calais.

Mrs. Louis Dexter has returned from a delightful visit with friends in Providence Rhode Island, and other cities.

His honor Judge Stevens gave a very interesting lecture on Monday evening to a large audience in the Y. M. C. A. The subject was "Scottish Covenanters" and was delivered in a most able manner the Judge holding the attention of his appreciative audience for more than an hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Thompson are spending a few days with Mr. Hugh Thompson.

Mr. Charles E. Hayden left today for Boston. Captain Howard McAllister has returned from a pleasant visit in Boston.

Mrs. E. G. Vroom who is quite ill is reported today much improved.

Through the energy of Miss Alice Crilley a most charming entertainment was given in Elder Memorial hall last evening by the children of the mission band connected with the presbyterian church. There was a large audience present although there were several other entertainments in other churches, and the theatre in St. Croix hall. The recitation of Miss Lila Laffin was pretty and well given and showed a great deal of dramatic talent in one so young. It was a most interesting evening and was much enjoyed by all who were present. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hyman are registered at the St. Croix Exchange, and expect to make their home there during the summer.

Mr. Charles F. Beard has been enjoying a week of fishing at Grand Lake stream.

Lieut. Col. Ernest T. Lee returned from Augusta this week, being obliged owing to the condition of his health to resign his position of Colonel of the Second regiment of the State of Maine.

Miss Victoria Vroom is recovering from her illness, and has already been able to walk out as usual.

Miss Watson who has spent the winter with her cousin Mrs. Charles N. Vroom, has opened her own home and on Tuesday returned to it, and will probably occupy it during the summer months.

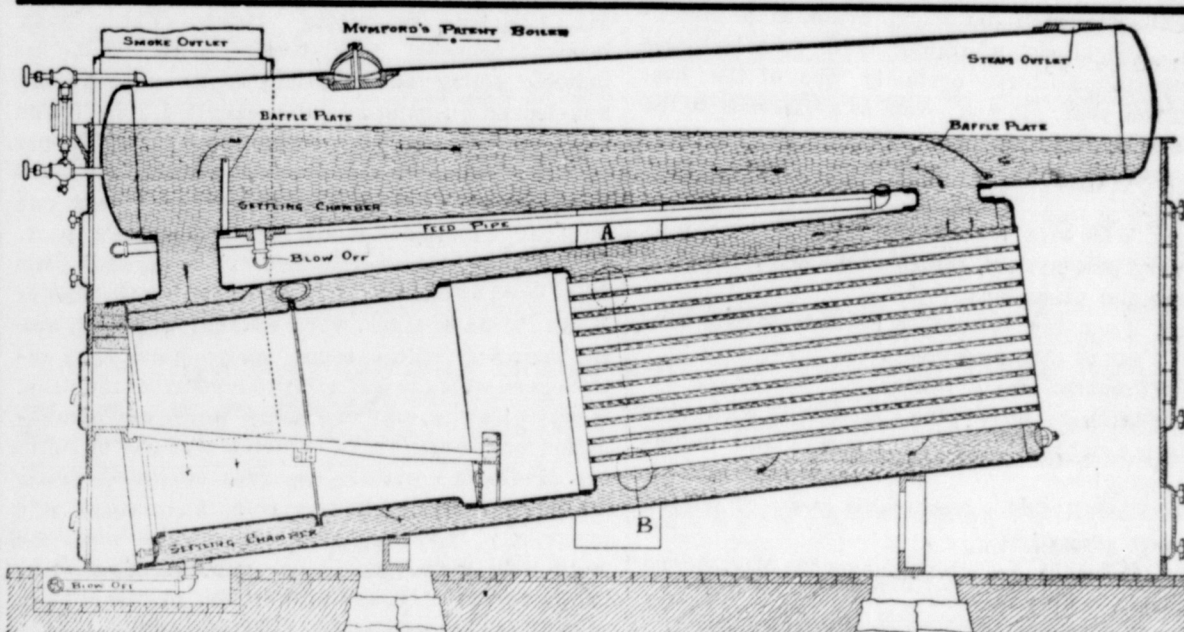
Mrs. Hance of Eastport made a brief visit in Calais this week.

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