



The past week has been taken up with Christmas shopping and the other preparations necessitated by the season and this has given place to everything else. The shops have been crowded every afternoon and the streets have a gala air seen only around Christmas-time. King street is elite these afternoons, brimful of life and color. There is a stir and movement of hundreds of people intent on hundreds of varying aims and interests. The windows lit up in the early wintry twilight, make a gorgeous background for the street pageant and the sky takes on frost tints and a gamut of colors that even the rich violets and pinks in the florists and milliners windows cannot outvie. This is however diverging from strictly society matters, though it is the thing of importance just now.

Mr. Hyman who was in town this week gave a charming dinner at the Royal at which the following were among the guests Dr. White and Mrs. White Mr. and Mrs. C. Coster, Miss Burpee, Miss Dever, Col. Geo. Jones and Mrs. Jones. Mr. R. Diamond, Mr. Sherwood Skinner and Mrs. Skinner.

There was no meeting of the married folks whist club on Monday evening, most of the lady members being too busy to think of the diversion. The sewing club met at the residence of Mrs. Sherwood Skinner last Saturday evening, spent the time very pleasant and accomplished much in the way of work.

Invitations are out for two large teas, one to be given by Mrs. George F. Smith next Friday Dec. 29th, and the other by Mrs. Jack Thomson early in January.

Miss Clinch will give a series of three talks on music with musical illustrations, at the Mission Hall, Paradise row, beginning at half past three on Saturday in January.

Mrs. C. H. Clerk and Mrs. Frank V. Lee of St. Stephen spent a short time here last week.

Mrs. P. Breitl Ternan of Halifax with her little son was in town this week the guest of Mrs. John Cotter. Mrs. Ternan was returning from Lowell where she had gone to attend the funeral of her uncle, the late Doctor F. C. Plunkett.

A lady sends the following to Progress with the request that it be published in the local society column; she says: "There is so little originality in our Christmas mementos that the following description of a Christmas luncheon will be welcomed, I am sure, by those who desire a novel way of entertaining their friends during the Christmas season. There is no doubt that it will prove a most delightful and fun producing entertainment. Perhaps a description of one given at the beginning of this week in Boston, by a young society lady to her girl friends sent to me by a friend today will best explain its nature."

"The decorations in the dining room, more especially of the table were as original as they were appropriate to the occasion. Stockings were here there and everywhere, the cakes creams and decorations as such as possible repeating that form. Covers were laid for fifteen. In front of each a jolly old Santa Claus was weighted down, not by his usual sack, but by a red stocking containing delicious candies. The name card, consisting of a square white card, edged with gilt had an artistic sketch of a chimney hung with stockings; below, a suitable greeting and on the other side a name and date. Suspended from the chandelier by gay colored ribbons were favors shaped like stockings, made of pale green silk with lace about the top, and exquisitely painted sprays of holly adorned each one. Upon close inspection these proved to be souvenir sachet bags."

"Rising from a mass of green in the centre of the table was a pretty but small Christmas tree, lighted by small wax tapers and loaded with doll size red stockings. They contained a simple gift of some kind for every girl present either a thimble a letter opener, a pearl handled knife or stick pin. Between red candles burning under red shades low glass vases held two or three carnations placed at diagonal corners wreathed in smilax. Large sparkling glass bowls were piled with fruit and flowers and nests of green spun sugar baskets resembling stockings were filled with bonbons or salt dnuts. Later after the delightful repast the girls gathered in the hostesses own especial den and had a darning contest. They were given stockings with holes cut in them, needles and darning cotton and told that they could have fifteen minutes to show their skill in darning. When the time was up, a vote was taken to see who merited the prize, the lucky young lady receiving a beautiful calendar. For the knitter who did the poorest work there was also a prize. A guessing game indulged in was extremely amusing. A grotesque looking stocking, stuffed full and immense in size was laid upon the table and the guests were informed that they were to tell what was inside by merely feeling of it. Each one was given a sheet of paper and of it. Each one was allowed fifteen minutes to record pencil and was allowed fifteen minutes to record the guesses. The prize for the most correct list was the stocking and contents and as the stocking was full of comical toys of all kinds the opening of it caused a great deal of laughter and merriment. An enjoyable tea was given by Mrs. T. L. Morris."



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sey, 1207 Dorchester St., Montreal on Thursday, in honour of her sister, Miss Paterson, of St. John, N. B. The house was artistically decorated with palms and yellow and white chrysanthemums. The tea table having streamers of white satin ribbon, covered with smilax, from the gasser to each corner, and held in place by bows of ribbon and yellow chrysanthemums. From the centre hung a big basket of yellow chrysanthemums. The candles were white with yellow shades. Mrs. George Simpson presided at the tea table. Among the guests were: Mrs. Gordon, Miss Gordon, Mrs. Frank Caine, Mrs. O. Rolland, Mrs. George Simpson, Mrs. C. R. G. Johnson, Mrs. W. Chase Thomson, Miss Thomson, Mrs. E. D. Lacy, Mrs. W. S. Gardner, Miss Gardner, Mrs. Allan Mackenzie, Mrs. C. T. Hare, Mrs. H. H. Jackson, Misses Jackson, Mrs. J. Peters Hannington, Miss Hannington, Misses Pardey, Misses Wurtele, Mrs. James Robertson, Miss Grace Robertson, Mrs. A. Woods, Mrs. W. L. Haldimand, Mrs. R. McK. Haldimand, Mrs. Alfred Robert, Miss Winslow, Miss Miller, Mrs. Chas. Rollit, Mr. R. Gillett, Mrs. Smith, Miss Smith, Mrs. W. I. Fenwick, and Miss Parks.

The young people's annual ball will take place in the Assembly rooms of the Institute on December 29th. The chaperones are Mrs. W. F. Harrison, Mrs. George West Jones, Mrs. Stewart Skinner, Mrs. C. F. Harrison, Mrs. E. T. Sturdee and Mrs. W. W. White; the committee is made up of Messrs Guy Robinson, Charles H. McDonald, Walter A. Harrison, Stanley L. Emmerson and Patrick Holden.

Mr. William McDonald son of Mr. Mont. McDonald, who went to Puerto Ayres some time ago, has been obliged to return home as the climate of that country did not suit him.

Mr. James S. Ford has been confined to his residence on Germain street through illness this week.

Mrs. McKeown, who has been visiting Mrs. G. M. Campbell of Fredericton, left this week for Fernie, B. C., where she will spend the winter with her daughter Mrs. S. Bonnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Breese arrived last Monday to spend the week with Mrs. Breese's parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. J. D. Landry.

Dr. Quigley went to Boston Monday for a few days' stay.

Misses Alice and Kate Lloyd were summoned from Boston, where they were visiting, by the death of their father Mr. T. H. Lloyd, which occurred on Sunday.

Miss McConnell of Marysville, visited Miss Warwick this week on her way home from Mount Allison to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Bertie McAlpine is home from Mt. Allison for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Scott E. Morrell left the first of the week for a short visit to Toronto.

The sale in the vestry of the Mission church in the early part of the week was very well attended, considering the busy season at which it was held, and many of the dainty confections in the way of cake and candy was disposed of. The ladies in charge were Mrs. H. B. Echeffeld, Miss Jack, Mrs. C. McLaughlin and Mrs. D. T. Sturdee.

Mr. Howard P. Wetmore and family of Truro, N. S., will shortly take up their residence in this city, Mr. Wetmore entering the employ of Jones & Wetmore.

Mrs. D. W. Armstrong has returned to the city after an absence of five months.

Miss Estelle Gregg of Little River, Me., is spending the holidays with her aunts the Misses Gibson of the North End.

Miss Camper of Michigan is spending a few days in the city.

The marriage took place Tuesday morning at the residence of Capt. T. A. Williams, Carleton, of his daughter Miss Olive Williams and Capt. J. K. Thorne of Annapolis, N. S. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. M. Spake. The bride was charmingly attired in blue silk trimmed with chiffon and was attended by Miss Lena Giggey. The groom was supported by Albert Williams. A wedding breakfast was served after the ceremony. The bride received many presents, that of the groom being a gold watch. Captain and Mrs.

Thorne will reside for the present in Carleton. A pleasant holiday event was the recital of Miss Whitman's pupils which was held on Saturday afternoon last, and which was also the closing of the conservatory for the Christmas vacation. A large number of friends of the pupils and of the institution were present and the following programme was rendered with skill and taste, the evidence of every care on the part of the teachers: Song, by Kindergarten class; piano solo, Alice Maconey, ending, Miss Millie Isaac; piano solo, Miss Martha Robertson; song by the Kindergarten class; piano solo, Miss Agnes Donovan; reading, Miss Baillie; piano solo, Miss Jessie Wilson; piano solo, Miss Millie Isaac.

The marriage took place Thursday afternoon of Capt. A. G. Porter of the Prince Rupert, to Miss Elia M. Cairns, daughter of Alex. Cairns, at the residence of the bride on Sybil street, by Rev. W. W. Weddall officiating. The bride who was unattended wore a travelling gown of blue cloth. Capt. and Mrs. Porter are making a tour of the larger New England cities and upon their return will reside at 200 St. James street this city. Many friends will wish them a life of prosperity and happiness.

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Mrs. A. A. Ladia is assisting in G. S. Wall's bookstore this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Upham are rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter last week.

An Allen line steamer sailing from Montreal on May 9, will have among its passengers, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. H. Grimmer, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Gilmore, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Eaton, Miss Charlotte Young and Judge Wells, all enroute to the Paris exposition.

Mrs. Wm H. Whitlock's friends will be glad to know that she is improving in health. She will be obliged to remain in Boston until after Christmas Miss Margaret Whitlock will remain with her.

Dr. R. A. Holland returned last week from an extended visit to Boston.

Mrs. E. M. Commins of Bath is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Commins. Dr. Commins will join her for Christmas.

Miss Lottie Bancroft, Bernard and Wilfred Bancroft are visiting relatives and friends in Dufferin. Thomas McDonald of Carleton, formerly of St. Stephen, spent a few hours here on Saturday while enroute home from Boston where he is employed.

Mrs. William Gillespie of Moore's Mills was in town for a brief visit this week.

Miss Effie Golding of Boston is the guest of Mrs. R. W. Grimmer.

Miss Jessie Wall expects to spend Christmas in Stonham, Mass., with relatives.

Arthur Chipman and Miss Constance Chipman are expected to arrive home on Friday.

Among the engagements for Christmas week will be a dance Thursday evening in Red Men's hall, Calais. On that evening a Thursday night class in dancing will be arranged for the winter by Mrs. W. A. Henry. The usual Monday evening social will be held on New Year's night.

Miss Louie Taylor's friends will be interested to hear that she intends to spend the next five months in New York city where she has an engagement and also the privilege of violin instruction.

Miss Fannie Todd is expected home from Portland, Me., on Saturday.

Mrs. W. D. McLaughlin has been quite ill for several days with an attack of scarlet rash.

Mrs. Lewis Dexter entertained the whist club on Wednesday evening at her home in Milltown.

Mrs. Charles F. Eaton of Princeton was in town during the past week.

Another whist club has been formed and held its first meeting at the residence of Mr. Joseph Merrith.

The Travellers club met at Thornecroft, the residence of Mrs. E. C. Young, on Monday afternoon.

Miss Berta Teed and Miss Edith Deinstadt have returned from Sackville to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Sadie McAllister has returned from a visit in Machias.

Miss Alice Graham entertained a party of intimate lady friends on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Du Vernet Jack of Grand Manan is the guest of Miss Nellie Meredith.

M. Macmonagle and the Misses Macmonagle entertained some friends with whist on Thursday last.

Mrs. C. F. Beard arrived from Boston on Thursday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Pike have gone to Baltimore to spend the winter months.

Miss Helen Rounds, Miss Millie Rockwood, Miss Minnie Vose and Miss Bessie Todd, who are students at Wellesley college are at home for the Christmas season.

Iszen, the young son of Dr. F. A. Nevors of Houlton, was severely injured by falling from a beam, fourteen feet high, in his father's stable, one day last week. His head received the force of the injury.

The Horse's Knight.
Oh! young Lochinvar has effected his steal!
Miss Netherby's perched on his automobile;
And, knowing the make to be one of the best,
He's let on the stream and lit out for the West.
'T will need some quick work on the part of your Pa
To stop this elopement,' said young Lochinvar.

They plunged through the mud and they ploughed through the mire,
They rattled a bolt off and started a tire,
Their course was so crooked it didn't appear
That young Lochinvar'd ever learned how to steer
Next up from beneath came a joggle and jar—
'She's busted a bearing!' cried young Lochinvar.

Then something or other went wrong with the power—
The pace was reduced to half mile an hour;
And, hearing behind her an ominous hiss,
Fair Ellen demanded the meaning of this.
'It means that we'll just have to stay where we are
Till I find some more fuel,' quoth young Lochinvar.

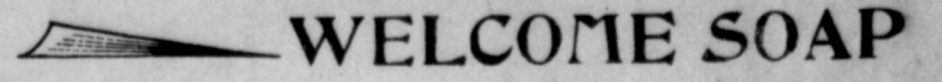
But nowhere on Canobie Lea could be seen
Any shop where a fellow could buy gasoline,
Though young Lochinvar would have bartered a bank
For three or four quarts to replenish his tank.
So the vengeful pursuers caught up with his car
And played polo with it and young Lochinvar.

The father's good broadsword, with violent raps,
Converted the 'au' into quarter inch scraps;
And Ellen declared she was glad to get rid
Of a person who messed things as Lochinvar did.
Then all of them gave the poor youth the 'Ha ha!
And that was the finish of young Lochinvar.

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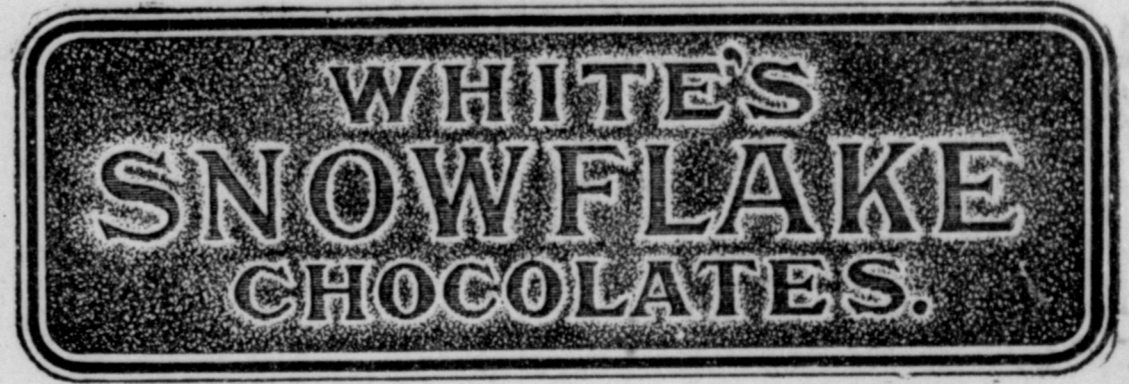


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