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Summer with its sunshine, its countless delightful pastimes and maze of filmy attire is once more on the threshold, and the minds of the city's youth and even the older ones are occupied with happy plans for the approaching months of balmy breezes. The season of 1899 gives promise of being an exceptionally bright one and replete with a succession of those events which, coupled with the delights of this eastern climate have won to: St. John farspread fame. Each year finds our good townspeople more and more American in their ideas of summering. Halifax, the sister city with her blue-coated soldiery adheres staunchly to everything English, but St. John seems to be far removed from "little London" in that respect and prefers to follow in the footsteps of Uncle Sam's people. This of course draws distinctive lines but ween the two most important cities east of Montreal and adds more emphasis to St. John's mode of summer pleasures, dressing, social events etc. The populace of this the Winter Port city, as it is preferred to be termed when comparing it with Halifax, is a free and easy sort of people, find of the purer lines of sport, a wheeling public, take pleasure in excursions, have no manner of use for that "red taps", which is particularly oppressive in hot weather, and who commingle to an extraordinary degree in all lines of society. But putting generalizing aside and come down to individual facts the attractions for, June, July, August and September are many and varied.

John is to be a veritable Mecca for New Englanders and even more far away, people this summer. The much published and profasely illustrated war is over and the odors of Dewey's powder and Alger's embalmed beef have been wafted away. Peace doves have perched on the Cuban question, but Filipinos are still a little tr ublous. Nevertheless the set back given to tourist travel in 1898 will be more than atoned for this year. June weddings are liberally promised; on Dominion Day the Knights of Pythias and others will conduct big city emptying excursions and all through July a procession of yachting, wheeling and theatrical events are being planned for The Royal Kennebeccasis Yacht Club will be an important factor in supplying pleasure to local aquatic lovers, as will a'so the Neptune Rowing Club. The Y. M. C. A. chalet or summer road-house at Riverside about 7 miles ont of town is an innovation which promises to be popular. Here ladies and gentleman can be supplied with all kinds of refreshments, boating privileges etc. Of course visits will be made to the clty by one or more of the big American bands, a circus or two and a lot of of the usual order of dramatic and vaudeville co mpanies. The usual traffic will prevailon the river with the "Cedars"-the "Willows," "Evandale," Belyea's, Gorhams, and other hotels in full blast. Several fraternal organizations will make St. John their annual meeting place and with the Knights of Pythias gathering there will be a lot of parading, receptions, etc. Baseball is bound to boom and an ex hibition again this fall is very probable. Rothesay, Westfield, beautiful Duck Cove with its bay shore and other breathing spots have already taken their summer look and are in a receptive state for the rush soon to occur.

PROGRESS expects to have some interesting items of a social nature to chronicle before the "sere and yellow" con mences to fall again. Miss Jennie Robertson and Miss May Carroll of

the West end lett this week on a visit to Hantsport

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Y. Smith who have been doing Europe for the past few months were in the city this week en route to Dorche ter.

Miss Alice Lillian Butcher has been paying short visit to Moncton during the week. Mrs. George W. Fowler has returned to Susser

after a very pleasant visit to city relatives. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lyons of Ottawa spent a

short time in the city this week. Friends of Mr. George Pheasant will Tregret to

learn that he is seriously ill at his home on Meckienburg street.

Dr. Godsce returned this week from a short visit to St. Stephen.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Machum, Mrs. E. C. Elkin and Mrs. Hannah who have been attending the International Sunday School Convention at Ate

lan'a Ga. arrived home this week. Miss Nora White left this week on a visit to Birmingham, England, of several month's duration Master Lloyd Little arrived from Halifax this

week on a visit to his aunt Miss Dunlop of North The death occurred this week after a long illness of Mr. George I. King, son of the late Stephen J. King. Mr. King was but twenty seven years of age and was well known throughout the city A

large circle of friends regret his early death. Miss Sadler was in Frederiction recently visiting visiting friends.

Mr. charles Gillespie paid a short visit to the

capital during the week Miss Mazie Manning of Beverly N. H. is visiting

frier ds in Carleton for a few weeks. Miss Nan Beamish of Portland Maine is spending the morth of May with Germain St. relatives. Miss Daisy Sears who has been quite ill with

measles is rapidly recovering. A. J. Somers of Wollaston Mass. are visiting Mrs. W. K. Richards for a few days.

Mrs. Will am Steeves left this week for a short

visit to friends in Amherst N. S. Miss Chalmers of Greenwich spent last Sunday in

Mr. Harold Climo has purchased a cottage at Greenwich and will shortly remove his :a.nily there

for the summer. Senator Snowball of Chatham spent a lit le while

in the city during the week.

Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Clark of Bear River have been paying a short visit to city friends. Friends of Mrs. Domville, mother of James Dom-

ville M. P. will regret to hear that she still continues very ill, the result of a stroke of paralysis. Dr. and Mrs. Currie returned this week to Halifax

after a pleasant stay with Mrs. Currie's father, Mr. James F. Robertson.

Mr. Charles Putcam and Miss Patnam of Maitland N. S, were among the week's visitors to St. John. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Killam of Yarmou'h, N. S. were here for a few days in the early part of the

stay here lately.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bain have removed to Sussex and taken up their residence in the house purchased by them last fall, on Church avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Todd of Calais, Me., spent ast Monday in the city.

Mrs. J. J. Huddart M. D., of Denver, Col, was mong the strangers in the city this week.

Mr. John Lawlor of the I. C. R. telegraph staff has been enjoying a brief vacation this week. Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lettney of Dlgby, N. S. spent he first of the week in the city.

Mr. James C. Thompson of Calais, is spending a ew days in the city.

Mr. E. H. Flood returned last week from a pleasant western trip. Mr. O. B. Stockford left this week for Rat Port-

age where he will continue the practice of law. Miss Ella Payne is entertaining Miss Ethel Waterbury of Cala's in a charmingly hospitable manner at her home on Duke street.

Mrs. Andrew S. Foster of Acadia street gave a very pleasant litle party from four to eight o'clock on Monday of this week in honor of her little daughter Marion's birthday. The evening was spent in the usual way at such youthful gatherings, and not the least of its interesting features was the

Marion L. Foster.

Sarah Johnston.

Minnie Vincent.

Nellie Jackson.

Eva Fordsham,

Robert Foster.

Harold Clark.

Johnnie Smith.

James Braden.

Lester Smith.

Frank Foster.

Nan Powers.

Hattie Edget.

Alva Bissit.

Bessie Williamson.

daintily served supper. Among the guests were: Hazel McArthur, Bertha Estabrooks Nan Williamson, Allie Rowan, Sabra Vincent, Edith Cronk, Ella Bissit, May McArthur, Gertie Fordshan, Gladys Shaw, Willie Edget, Stanley Fitzpatrick, Walter Ruddick, Morris Elliott,

Walter Cronk,

Haroli Foster. Bayard Allingham, Walter Vanghan. Mr. and Mrs. James Banks are rejoicing on the arrival of a baby daughter who put in an appearance at their ho ne last Monday.

Miss Nellie Lanier of Dorchester strees spent last In the first place those who claim to know say St. Sucday with Fredericton relatives.

Miss Alice Bryan of Medford, Mass, is spending a little while with North End friends.

Miss Mary Black left on Thursday on a visit to relatives in Portland, Me. She expects to be absent about six weeks.

Miss Milla Sharp and master James Sharpe arrived from Bargor Tuesday to spend the sum mer with their mothers relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Dykeman and family have taken up their residence at Drury Cove for the Word has been received of the safe arrival in

Butte, Mont. of Mr. and Mrs. James Berry and family who left here three weeks ago to make their

Mr. and Mrs. Winslow came from the capital for a day or two during the week. Mr. W. C. Rankin's triends are pleased to learn

that he is recovering from his lat a severe illness. Mr. James W. Manson left Monday afternoon on visit to New York.

Mr. E. G. Kenney of Halifax was in the city for few days this week.

The marriage will take place in Montreal next week of Mr. James Domville, electrical engineer | The summer dawns, the dewy-brooding evens, son of Col. James Domville, M. P. to Mile. Beaueu of that city.

Mr. David McLaren of L'verpool who has been here for some time left this week on his return to Mr. Harry Mitchell of sussex is in the city for a

shert time this week. Judge Stevens of St. Stephen made a brief visit to

the city this week. Mr. F. M. Anderson of Campbellton spent Tu:s-

day in the city. Mr. Thos. Williams spent Wednesday in the

Mc. and Mrs. James Connors spent the greater

part of last week in the city. Mrs. A. K. Campbell and Miss Campbell return -

ed last week from a most pleasant visit to Boston. Mr. Edward Tapley of London, England is paying a short visit to the city.

The death occurred last Wednesday evening of Miss Laura Jewett daughter of the late John M. Jewett of Woodstock but laterly of this city. The bright young lady wil be greatly missed by her friends in this city, and particularly in the Mission Band and Carmarthen street Sunday school in

which she took an active interest. The marriage took place at 137 Broad street last Thursday evening of Miss Ida M. Bannister eldest daughter of Mr. James Bannister to Capt. J. A. Williams of Westfield Kings Co. The ceremony was performed at 8 30 p. m. by the Rev. Mr. Dickiason after which a recherche luncheon was served to about fifty guests. The bride, during the marriage ceremony was attended by her sister Edith Bannisster, while the groom had the support of his brother, Mr. Altred Williams. The bride was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents the groom's gift being a handsome gold watch. Capt. and Mrs. Williams are enjoying a trip to Bridge-

Mis. Hazen Grimmer has returned to Calais much improved from her stay in St. John.

Mr. G.lbert Davidson speat this week with Mr. and Mrs. Davidson of Anagance.

Mr. A. Sherwood of Hil sbor, N. B., was in the city for a day or two this week.

Dr. Taylor came down from St. George last week on a visit to St. John friends.

Mr. James Donohue's friends will regret to hear that he is still confined to his home in the wes

Mr. M. J. McCarthy of East Boston is spending a few weeks with city friends.

Says the Vancouver News Advertiser of a recent

"Another descendant of the Empire Loyalists, who peopled the maritime provinces, has passed away by the death of E. B. Sentell, at the grand old age of 92 He was born on June 26th, 1807 When a young man he removed from St. John, N. B., to Loch Lomond, and he lived there nntig he came out to Vancouver to join his sons in 1887 Thus the good old man was a pioneer not only of Loch Lomond in the province down by the Atlantic, but also of this western city on the Pacific, The funeral took place from the residence of his son, Edward Sentall, Grove Cresceat. The de-

ceased lett a wife and seven children. Mrs. Lilian White left this week for a trip to the southern states, expecting to return about the first of July.

An event of interest to the friends of the contracting parties all over the provinces was the marriage of Mr. James McCleave and Miss Mildred Milne which took place in Moncton last Monday evening, Rev. E. B. Hooper performing the ceremony which united the happy couple in the bonds of matrimony. A number of friends of the contracting parties witnessed the event. The bride who was unattended was beautifully gowned in grey with white satin trimmings. After the ceremony the guests were with a layer one mile thick.

Miss Annie Swara of the same town made a short ushered into the dining room where a sumptuous repast was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. Mc-Cleave lett on their wedding trip which will include B visit to this city and the Annapolis Valley. Among the gifts received by the bride was a handseme gold bracelet from the groom, a gold watch and chain from the groom's parents and a substantial cheque from the latter's grandfather Mr. Vanbuskirk.

Mrs. J. M. Fowler went to St. Martins this week to visit her sister Mrs. David Vaughan who is seriously ill.

Mr. George Robertson, M. P.P. intends leaving next week on a trip to upper Canada. Mr. J. Huntley of Havelock spent Sunday in the

Practice for the opera Patience goes on with great zest by those who are taking part and it is expected that the production will be a most interesting one from present indications and that the weaknesses which were apparent in The May Queen will be remedied in Patience.

Miss Alice Heyman of Douglas Ave., is spending week or two with relatives in Yarmouth, N. S. Mrs. Kenny wife of Capt. Kenny of the D. A. R Line arrived this week en route to Boston to join her husband and with him will sail for England whither Capt. Kenny goes to bring out the new D. A. R. steamer the Prince Arthur.

Mr. James McPeak was taken to the Public hospital on Tuesday suffering from an acute attack of pleurisy. Mr. McPeak's friends will regret to learn that at the time of his removal he was con-

sidered dangerously ill. Miss Ida Marsh who was called here by the sudden death of her mother Mrs. George Marsh reurns to New York next week to resume the duties of her profession. Miss Emma Marsh will remain home for the next two or three months.

HAVELOUK.

MAY 10 .- Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Keith have gone to Montana to spend a year with their sons who are living out there.

Mrs. C. Strong of Moncton is visiting her mother Mrs. B. Keith of Canaan. Mr. Strong spent Sunday at Canaan but returned to Moncton on Monday. Mr. J. Huntley of St. John was in town on Mon.

Mr. A. Fownes who has been spending a few days at St. Martins and St. John returned today. Mr. C. B. Herritt of F. edericton is in town today

Nature's Voices.

Oh, not alone by consecrated altar, In surpliced robes by incense-breathing urns, Are God's high priests; but 'neath His fane cath-Wherever blossom blows, or plane; burns!

And not alone the soul of music singe h Through lotty corridors and solemn aisles; But in the hoarse sweep of oceanic dirges, And languerous breezes' low and winsome wiles.

And when at even the voice of praise ascendeth From lip and heart on faith's celestial wings, Through the husbed silence tenderly there swelleth A vesper anthem from all voiceless things.

Foftly comes creeping up the blooming meadow The pleasant rustle of the bearded grain; An i faintly calling at my southern window. I hear the first voice of the summer rain.

A quiet song sighs through the dreamy willows. The moaning waves plash on the reedy shore; And low-voiced breezes passionately tender, Kiss with soft lips the blossom's o'er and o'er.

Pour out their praises on the tranquil air; The flowers are vocal with their sweet thanksgiv-And every calyx is a shrine for prayer.

Sweet minor music!—swelling through the ages, How tenderly thou bear'st our thoughts above! How through the silence of creation soun teth Thy choral harmonies of voiceless love!

Welcome To May.

All hail to thee, May ! who, in bright array, And crowned with wreaths o! flowers, Hast come again, with j y in thy train, To visit this land of 'urs, New life to impart to Nature's great heart,

We longed for thee-for we love to see The earth in its verdant dress-To see Nature arise, in her holiday guise, From her languid dorwsiness,
And to hear the song of the birds, who long Have been so spiritless.

And to deck the leafy bowers

Assumed a look of cheer.

The earth was all clad in a livery sad, And its aspect dark and drear-Till with radiant face and a modest grace, Thou didst on the scene appear; And whatever before a dark look wore,

Thy genial smile, where lurks no guile, Thy beauty and thy bloom, Shall enliven the heart which dwelt apart In its lonel ness and gloom; Till it cease to fret with a vain regret On the rigour of its doom.

Wishing.

There's lots of time that people spend In seeking some desired end

They seem to think, without doubt, That anything they've figured out Can in some way be brought about They plant themselves upon a chair, Wishing. The hour for working finds them there.
Wishing

They find that labors gall and irk, They have no love for any work, And so they sit around and shirk, Wishing. If you've a wish you would fulfil, Wishing. Just bear in mind you never will,

Wishing. To make the highest wish come true, You've got a lot of work to do, You'll never be successful through Wi hing.

Mi cellaneous.

Twelve average tea plants produce one pound of

The army of Germany bousts eight women colo-In China, to salute anyone by taking off one's hat is a deliberate insult.

It is believed that in China there is twenty times as much coal as in all Europe. In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, the ordinary expenses of the Navy were only £6,000 a year.

The chimney-pot hat is solely devoted to the use of sweeps in the smaller towns of Germany. Tone in bells is affected by the thickness of the protuberant ring of metal on the flange of the bell

a little back from the edge.

When the Tran :- Siberian railway is at length completed the jou ney from London to Japan can be made in about thirteen days. It is said that if the "voice" of an elephant were

as floud in proportion as that of a nightingale, his trumpeting could be heard round the world. A scientist has calculated that the eyelids of the average man open and shut no fewer than 4,000,000 times in the course of a single year of his existence.

A single lump of coal, weighing exactly 4,680 pounds, was recently shipped from America to a firm in the North of England. A special derrick had to be rigged to get it from the steamer's hold. If the cocoa were dried up, all the water passing away as vapour, the amount of salt remaining would be enough to cover 5,000,000 square miles

LAST MONTH.

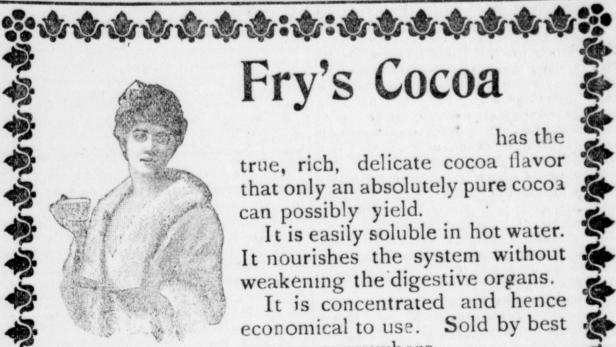
The school children's competetion for \$100.00 cash presents offered by The Welcome Soap Co., St John, N. B., closes on the last day of May, and is causing quite a lively rivalry among the school girls and boys of the Maritime Provinces who have an ambition to earn some easy pocket money for the holidays.

This seems to be an excellent idea, as an incentive to those who have literary inclinations, to test their ability and style, as well as an effective method of increasing the publicity of the Famous and well liked

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1 Third " 10.00 1 Third 10 60 5 Presents of \$5 00 each 25 00 10 2.50 25.00

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Allessays must be accompanied by 50 Welcome Soap wrappe s.



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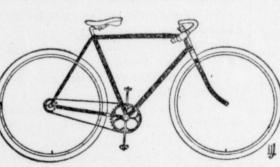
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