



The week in society was notable mainly for its absence of society functions, the two or three very small and very private picnics of the 24th standing alone in the chronicle of the week's doings.

An event of interest to society folk, and at which they appeared in full force on the opening night was the W. S. Harkins engagement at the Opera House. The opening piece was Why Smith Left Home a bright laughable little comedy with plenty of gay wholesome fun and hilarity.

The house on Monday evening was full to overflowing and looked exceedingly bright and pretty. Miss Gertrude Fenety of Fredericton is spending a week or two with her aunt Mrs. Miles Dixon.

Miss May Connell has returned from a visit to Boston where she was the guest of her aunt Mrs. H. T. Waite.

The Misses Olive of Carleton spent two or three days in Kingston this week the guest of Miss Jessie Lyon.

Mr. Walter Goddard is making a ten days visit to St. Stephen.

Mr. Walter Fenety spent the holiday in Hamton. Miss Nellie Foxwell was the guest of Miss Fio Gorham at The Cedars for a few days this week.

The Queens eightieth birthday anniversary was very generally observed everywhere, though the city during the day was unusually quiet. Large and merry picnic parties visited the Bay Shore and other points and many took advantage of the excursions for a day out of town; the ball games were well patronized, and the two performances at the theatre drew packed houses.

Mrs. Murray McLaren returned a week ago from a pleasant trip to Montreal.

Bishop and Mrs. Kingdom spent last Saturday in the city.

Miss Minnie Mooney who came from Boston to attend the funeral of her sister Mrs. Alfred Martin, returned to her work this week.

Friends of Mr. James McPeck, who recently underwent a serious operation at the G. P. H. and has been dangerously ill, will be glad to learn that he is steadily, though somewhat slowly, improving.

Mr. A. W. Adams has returned from a trip which included a visit to New York, Washington and Ottawa.

Mrs. William McLaughlin has been paying a visit to her sister Mrs. J. T. Garden.

Miss Nettie Coy of Upper Gagetown, is the guest of city friends.

Mrs. E. L. Rising went to Nova Scotia this week to attend the closing exercises of Horton Academy.

Mrs. J. E. Winslow of Chatham, spent part of this week in the city.

Miss Anna Gibson of Marysville, is the guest of Miss Tapley, Douglas Avenue, for a week or two.

Frederick La Forest, M. P. P., of Edmonston, spent a part of this week in the city.

Rev. G. W. Fisher returned Monday from a successful lecturing trip to Bathurst and surrounding districts.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Potter of Clementsport spent several days here lately.

Miss Kitty Corkery of the North End, left this week for a visit to her sister Mrs. T. P. Connor of Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wadlin of Lake View, Me., spent part of this week in the city.

Mr. E. W. Hendershott spent this week in Bathurst, combining business and pleasure in a very pleasant and profitable way.

Mrs. (Rev.) Long was called to Apohaqui this week by the illness of her father Mr. D. M. Johnston.

Mr. Frank Hammond and family left the beginning of the week for Anaconda Mo., where they will reside, Mr. Hammond having secured an excellent position in a prominent firm there.

Mr. W. W. Clarke of St. Stephen spent Monday of this week in the city.

Dr. A. F. Emery got back the first of the week from a trip to Montreal and Ottawa.

Mr. M. Connelly returned the first of the week from a trip to Ottawa.

Mr. George Robertson M. P. P. has been enjoying a visit to Ottawa, with a day or two at Montreal thrown in.

Miss Annie Little left this week for a six weeks visit to Sydney C. B.

Dr. Morris and Mr. Arthur Morris of Boston were called here to attend the funeral of their brother Mr. Daniel Morris of Morisville.

Miss Alice Moore of Augusta Me. is visiting the Misses Robinson of Carmarthen Street.

The third in the series of entertainments given by the G. and A. Divisions took place on Monday evening when a most interesting programme was rendered. Those who assisted in making the affair a success were: Miss Killan, Miss Blanch, Miss Rising, Miss E. Pooley, Walter Belding, Miss V. Smith.

Mr. M. A. Finn returned last Saturday from his visit to Europe. Mr. Finn reports a particularly pleasant time.

Mr. M. B. Edwards left last week on a short visit to New York.

Miss McKeown left the first of the week to spend the summer with her sister Mrs. George Clarke of St. Stephen.

Miss Mabel Sidney-Smith is enjoying a visit to Ottawa as the guest of Mrs. Stratton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. S. Matson of Victoria, B. C., were in the city this week for a day or two.

Mr. W. A. Chesley formerly of this city, arrived this week from Nelson, B. C., on a visit to relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McMillan of Charlottetown spent the holiday in the city.

Mrs. J. B. Oakes of Wolfville is visiting St. John; she is accompanied by Miss Helen B. Carson of the same town.

Mr. James Farrell came down from the capital to spend the holiday.

Mr. J. D. Irving of Buctouche paid a short visit to St. John this week.

Mr. W. Edgar Buck spent a day or two at the capital in the early part of the week.

Mrs. David Hudson went to Salisbury on Thursday for a brief stay with relatives.

Mrs. Wm. Pugsley and Masters Wilkie and Jack Pugsley arrived home this week from a three weeks visit to Montreal.

Mrs. Roberts of the North End left this week on a visit to Boston.

The engagement is announced of Miss May Watts of Calais to Mr. Samuel Watts, editor of the Woodstock Sentinel. The young people have many friends in this city who will extend warm wishes for their future happiness. Another recently announced event of a like nature is the engagement of Miss Hattie Pritchard of this city to Mr. Fred Venning of Sheffield, Sunbury county.

The C. M. B. A. reunion on Monday evening was one of the pleasantest events of the week, and was a delightfully charming and informal affair, the members meeting in that social way which makes gatherings of this sort a real treat to those who are privileged to attend. The evening was spent in music, conversation etc., and dainty refreshments consisting of cake and ice cream were served. During the evening the following programme was rendered, all whose names appeared thereon doing themselves much credit.

Introductory address.....President T. Kiecham

Address.....Hon. R. J. Ritchie

Vocal solo.....Mr. John T. Kelly

Vocal solo.....Miss Kierwin

Piano solo.....Miss Foster

Vocal solo.....Miss McGrath

Vocal solo.....Miss Coffey

Speech.....Mr. T. Donovan

PART II.

Cornet solo with piano accompaniment.....

.....Mr. D. Gallagher

Vocal solo.....Mr. T. Fitzgerald

Address.....John L. Carleton

Vocal solo.....Miss Duffy

Vocal solo.....Kane, Fitzgerald and Moore

Reading.....Miss Katie Greaney

Vocal solo.....Miss McAnulty

Song and dance.....Miss Kate McGrath

Vocal solo.....Miss McGuire

Vocal Solo.....Mrs. A. T. Moore

Song.....Mr. Jas. Leahy

Vocal solo.....Mr. Jos. Stanton

God Save the Queen.

Miss Dennison and Miss Clarke of Woodstock made a brief stay in the city this week.

Dr. A. E. Ferte of Winnipeg was here for a day or two the beginning of the week.

Miss Julia Keith of Petitcodiac spent Wednesday in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Marr of Brantford, Ont., were among the weeks visitors to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McLaughlin of Albert, N. B. were here for several days during the week.

Mrs. Robinson and little son were here this week on their way from Windsor, N. S., to Winnipeg where they will permanently reside.

Mr. Harry Smith of Windsor spent several days here last week, and when he returned to his home was accompanied by Mr. R. E. Smith who is home from McGill for the holidays.

Miss Emily Wilson left Thursday for a short stay with Moncton friends.

The amateur thespians were at work again this week and their efforts were highly commended by those who had the pleasure of witnessing the performances of the comediettas given in St. Pauls church school room on Monday evening. In the first of these "Dearest Mamma" the cast was as follows: Harry Clinton, Bertram Hyrison; Nettie Croker, F. Chester McNeill; Mr. Brower, J. M. Robinson, jr. Mrs. Brezzerly Tassell, Miss C. D. Matthew; Edith Clinton, Miss Frances Stead; Mrs. Honeywood, Miss Winifred Hall.

Miss Matthews is spoken of as especially good in her role, and the support extended was excellent in every respect.

"Who's Who" was rather an ambitious attempt on the part of the amateurs but it is pleasing to say that they performed it creditably and well; it is a bright little piece and was once presented here by a good professional company. The cast for this was: Bloomfield Brambleton, G. P. Shannon; Simonsides Swanbopper, Harry Frink; Lawrence Savender, R. N. Frink; Cicely Brambleton, Miss D. Matthew; Matilda Jane, Miss Ethel Jarvis.

The death occurred at midnight Monday of Rev. William Estough, Curate of Trinity church, and coming so soon after the death of Archdeacon Brigstocke was a great shock to the members of the congregation and to the people of the city generally, who had grown accustomed to seeing Mr. Estough on the streets at all hours and in all kinds of weather, in the faithful discharge of his duties. Mr. Estough was attacked with pleurisy in March and despite all that medical skill could do succumbed at the time mentioned. To the young people of Trinity church the blow is an especially severe one, for to them he was a warm friend as well as pastor and his devotion to them was unflinching. Mr. Estough leaves a widow, formerly Miss Charlotte Evans niece of the late Canon Medley who has the deepest sympathy in her sad bereavement.

Miss A. M. Stevens of Moncton spent a day or two in the city during the week.

Miss Edna Jones arrived Wednesday from a long and pleasant visit to New York and will spend the summer here. Dame rumor hints of an interesting event deferred from last winter, which will take place the coming autumn.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Watson of Montreal spent part of this week in the city.

PARRBORO.

[Progress is for sale at the Parrboro Bookstore.]

MAY 25.—It is an unusual thing not to have a party of excursionists here on Queen's birthday from one point or another and as a large majority of the inhabitants are out of town for the day and all places of business closed a Sunday stillness prevails. The Sunday feeling is enhanced by the three services held in St. George's church, Amherst, deary being in session here. There are eight clergymen in attendance including Archdeacon Kauback who is a guest at the rectory. Rev. Chas Wilson is accompanied by Mrs. Wilson and both are entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Townshend, Mrs. Stuart Jenks is also with her husband ex-vestry clerk of St. George's church who is attending to the deary.

A large number left this morning by the Evangeline to attend the sports at Kentville and many are gone to Amherst. There are fishing parties large and small to every lake and stream within miles of town.

Mrs. C. M. Smith, Amherst, with her children is spending the day with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Eville and baby went to Windsor on Saturday, Mr. Eville returned on Monday.

Mrs. Cecil Parsons came home from Windsor on Saturday accompanied by Miss Kathleen Russell.

Mrs. F. A. Rand is in Truro at present.

Mrs. T. J. Sullivan, Miss Maud Gillespie and Mr. Geo. Gillespie are visiting their sister Mrs. James Brown, Amherst.

Dr. McDougal, Truro, has lately been in town.

Mrs. P. Mahony went to St. John to meet Capt. Mahony who has just arrived there from Algiers.

Mr. Ouhit is across the bay visiting his brother.

Mrs. C. S. Muir has been quite ill.

Mr. Hillcoat is arranging an organ recital to take place shortly as the new organ has arrived and is now being set up.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer, St. John, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Jenks.

Rev. J. McDonald has lately spent several days at the Grand Central.

Revs. W. J. Milne and R. S. Doody each paid a visit last week to Rev. T. J. Butler who has been very ill of pneumonia but is now convalescent.

Mrs. Longhead has come from Truro to spend the summer with her daughter Mrs. B. L. Tucker.

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Love.

Oh, lady, hushed, and sweet, and white,
A lover to your window-light
Has brought his heart to break!

So sadly playing on his flute,
His flute of sycamore,
A pensive humble made his suit
To high-born Leonore.

The winds, between the silences,
Came down and kissed his eyes,
And flying back into the trees,
Sang pretty ballads.

And from across the neighboring hill,
The hill embrowned with shade,
The wild note of the whippoorwill
Was joined to that he played.

And the near river for his sake
Moaned sad as one forlorn,
The while he sang his heart would break,
And sang her cruel scorn.

At middle night, the ditty sung
So tenderly, gave o'er,
And long, bright tresses overhang
The flute of sycamore.

And down the river, soft and light,
A boat rowed on and on,
And Leonore, the sweet and white,
Was from her pillows gone.

In vain they searched the river-side—
In vain they searched the grove;
For, all the strength of woman's pride
Is weakness, if she love.

A Florida Hammock Song.

The metre and dialect are peculiar to the slave-ladies of the interior of Florida.

Staccato 4-4—[Swings the hammock forward and back twice to a line.]
'Eis' e moomie's baby boy,
Po' Jack—po' li' Jack?
[Staccato, rising inflection]
'E'll 'e house all up w' joy,
Po' Jack—po' li' Jack!
Soft, soothingly.

'E get up early in 'e mo'n,
Po' Jack—po' li' Jack?
'E drink 'e milk an' eat 'e co'n,
Po' Jack—po' li' Jack!

'E pa 'e take 'im to 'e ya'd,
Po' Jack—po' li' Jack?
To catch 'e crabs, 'e try 'im ba'd,
Po' Jack—po' li' Jack!

'E runs 'im out upon 'e streets,
Po' Jack—po' li' Jack?
'E patte's roun' 'im ba' feets,
Po' Jack—po' li' Jack!

We'n night 'e come 'e lay lay 'im down,
Po' Jack—po' li' Jack?
An' sleep 'e slum'er, soft an' sonn',
Po' Jack—po' li' Jack!

Late.

There's nothing now to lose or to win,
For life is late; and pleasant it seems
To rest awhile at my quiet inn,
And change my labour and care for dreams.

Pleasant, though sweet do nothing days,
With idle hands resting on the knee,
To gossip long in the firelight haze,
With my fair landlady, Memory;

Who keeps for wayfarers, such as I,
The brightest nook at her hearthstone warm;
And here, though the dreary winters nigh,
We bide forgetful of wind or storm.

Her voice is more musical than spring's,
That tunes the rivers and thrills the gales;
No songs so tender as songs she sings,
No dreams so fair as her fairy tales!

Life, it is floating toward the fall,
Springtime, summer, and joy are lost,
But here the garden keeps rosy, all
Untouched by wind and unharmed by frost!

LAST MONTH.

The school children's competition 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 Welcome Soap.

Table with 2 columns: Prize amount and number of presents. 1st First present of \$25.00, 2nd Second " 15.00, 3rd Third " 10.00, 5 Presents of \$5.00 each 25.00, 10 " 2.50 25.00

The conditions seem very simple, and are:—For the best essays not to exceed 1000 words, subject "Soap" to be written by regular school attendants, either boys or girls under 16 years of age, all essays to be sent in before May 31st. when they will be submitted to a committee of three disinterested leading teachers upon whose decision the presents as above will be awarded. Essays to be written plainly with pen and ink, signed with name and address, also statement of age of the writer and that the essay is his (or her) unsided work, name and grade of school attended and name of teacher, this statement to be certified to by one parent or teacher.

All essays must be accompanied by 50 Welcome Soap wrappers.



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