



The long pent up enthusiasm of the people of St. John broke loose on Friday morning on the arrival of the special from Halifax, which brought us back our brave soldier boys. Never perhaps in the history of St. John was there another such scene as that witnessed at the Union depot yesterday. As far as one could see was one surging mass of humanity. The crowd in the interior of the depot was even greater, if possible, than that on the day of departure of the contingent. But mirth and good humor reigned supreme and everybody justified everybody else and everybody laughed and was happy. The daily papers have given so detailed an account of the reception accorded to the heroes that it is unnecessary for us to again recount it. But many homes are rejoicing to day over the safe return of their dear ones, while a few alas will look in vain for the familiar face and figure of the son, brother or sweetheart who so gladly laid down his life in defence of his country. The remembrance brought back more painfully now by the return of his comrades on the battle field.

The chief event in connection with the return of the soldiers and no doubt the one most appreciated by them is the banquet to be given in St Andrews rink this evening.

The ladies have been hard at work both yesterday and to day in arranging and decorating the tables which present a very pretty appearance with snowy linen, cut glass and silver, flowers being profusely used with artistic taste.

The guests will be received and looked after by efficient committees and everything done for their comfort and entertainment.

Hallowe'en has come and gone bringing with it the usual quota of dances and parties. Among the young people tricks or games by which one can look into the future are still prevalent, and in filling lead, apple paring, burning nuts, etc., it is safe to say, were the chief amusement of Wednesday evening.

An interesting double wedding took place on Thursday at the residence of Mrs John B Beattie, Prince street, West end, when her daughters Miss Lizzie was united in marriage with Mr. H Stephenson of St. Stephen, N. B., and Miss Mary with G B Faringer of Prescott, Ont. Rev. Mr. Penna was the officiating clergyman. The house was prettily decorated for the occasion. Both brides looked charming in cloth travelling suits with hats to match. The ceremony over, luncheon was served, after which the young couples left for their future homes in Sydney, C. B., where the grooms are engaged in business.

The marriage took place on Thursday afternoon of Miss Maude C. McCleary, daughter of Mr. A. A. McCleary, and Mr. Fred C. Macneil, book-keeper with Messrs J. H. Scamell & Co. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride on Wentworth street, by the Rev. J. G. Macneil, father of the groom. The parlors being decorated with ferns and palms. The bride's couple stood under a large heart of ferns, moss and wild berries. Miss McCleary, who looked extremely well in a travelling suit of blue cloth with gray picture hat, was attended by her friend, Miss Margaret Johnson of Fredericton, who wore a blue muslin gown, with white hat. The groom was supported by Mr. Thomas Danning. After the wedding a dainty luncheon was served, and Mr. and Mrs. Macneil left by the 5.30 train on a trip to New York. Both young people are well known and popular in musical circles in the city, and have the good wishes of their hosts of friends for a long and happy married life.

The golf season virtually closed on Wednesday morning Oct. 31 when a match was played by the ladies who composed the team that went to Halifax—Misses Burpee, Mabel Thompson, Helen Smith, Mona Thompson, Tiny McLaren, Beati McLaren, Muriel Thompson, Nellie McAvity, Constance Smith, Mrs E. A. Smith. The ladies with a number of their friends had luncheon at the club house, after which they with other members engaged in an interesting "approach" and "putting" match. The prize winners were Miss Lou Parks, Miss Mabel Thompson, Miss Helen Parks; At the close of the match Mrs E. A. Smith entertained the ladies at 5 o'clock tea.

Mrs J. R. Stone gave a delightful afternoon whist at her residence, Germain street on Monday, in honor of her sisters, Mrs Thompson of Portland, Me., and Mrs Wickwire of Chatham, N. S., The house was prettily arranged for the occasion and a very dainty repast was served. Mrs Beer of British Columbia, and Mrs Lemuel Currie were the prize winners.

Mrs D. Jackson of city road entertained a few friends at her home on Wednesday evening. Whist was the principal attraction of the evening. The usual Hallowe'en games were also played, and a dainty collation served during the evening.

The members of the R. K. Y. C. intend producing the spectacular musical extravaganza, Jephra, at the opera house about the middle of November. Rehearsals were begun this week in the Oddfellow hall on Union street and will be continued each day.

The production requires a troupe of two hundred with ten or fourteen principals. Some very pretty dances and choruses are being rehearsed under the direct supervision of Mr. R. W. Averill, author of the spectacle.

The following ladies have consented to act as chaperone: Mrs J. W. Daniel, Mrs G. F. Smith, Mrs Howard Wetmore, Mrs J. O. Sharp, Mrs F. E. Hanington, Mrs F. S. White, Mrs J. W. McKean, Mrs G. M. Robinson, Mrs W. G. Robertson, Mrs A. B. Holly, Mrs J. W. Jolly, Mrs G. W. Merritt, Mrs Robert Jardine, Mrs P. W. Thomson, Mrs W. A. McLaughlin, Mrs H. B. Robinson, Mrs R. Sturdee, Mr. Edward Sears, Mrs George West Jones, Mrs R. Keltie Jones, Mrs H. P. Timmerman, Mrs P. S. MacNait, Mrs W. S. Fisher, Mrs B. A. Gandy, Mrs John Thompson, Mrs Le B. Thompson, Mrs Raddock, Mrs J. S. Harding, Mrs J. J. McCaffrey, Mrs R. L. Johanson.

The luncheon given by Mrs. Tuck, last Saturday in honor of Mrs. George E. Foster was quite an elaborate affair. The floral decorations were most artistic. The menu included about eight courses. The following ladies were present: Mrs Foster, Lady Tilley, Mrs Dever, Mrs. Keltie Jones, Mrs Taylor, Mrs. Parry, Mrs Troop, Mrs W. W. White and Mrs Timmerman, Mrs Holden and Miss Thorne.

A novel luncheon for this time of year was held on the Manchester Beach on Friday last about nine ladies were present and all speak in glowing terms of the entertainment, if I am informed aright Mrs. Keltie Jones was the chaperone.

Mr. Gellebrand, son-in-law of Hon. James Dever is in the city on business.

On Tuesday afternoon Dr. W. W. White entertained a number of gentlemen at luncheon, at his residence, Cor. Princess and Sydney streets. The affair was in honor of Hon. Geo. E. Foster. The gentlemen invited to meet him were: Dr. Stockton, Judge Barker, J. D. Hazen, M. P. C. Col. Markham, Judge McLeod, Col. Jones, Col. Armstrong, Rev. John DeSoyes, Dr. Inches, Dr. Bayard, Dr. McLaren, Messrs. R. B. Emmerson, W. H. Thorne, C. N. Skinner, Coster, Stone, Troop and Ald. Sax' r.

A few of those who went to Halifax this week to participate in the demonstrations of welcome to our returning heroes were Mayor Daniel, Mr. Fairweather, Miss Fairweather, Mrs Charles F. Harrison, Miss Daisy Oatram, Mr and Mrs N. E. Mason, Miss Cockburn, Mrs R. W. Belyea, Miss Annie Rankine, Capt. Rawlings, and Messrs J. Archibald, A. Cornan, W. McIsaac, H. E. Reid, Charles Doran, J. S. MacLean.

On Wednesday morning at the Portland Methodist church, the rector united in marriage Mr. Louis D. Munro and Miss Ida May Logan both of the north end. The ceremony was witnessed by the immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties. The young couple left on a wedding trip through the Annapolis valley. A large number of presents were received from their friends throughout the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Toes P. Whalen entertained a number of their friends at their residence, Richmond street, on Wednesday (Hallowe'en) evening. About fifty guests were present and the time passed pleasantly. Excellent music was furnished for dancing, which was heartily indulged in by the young folk. Refreshments were served and a good time generally enjoyed.

At a concert given by the pupils of the convent of the Sacred Heart at Memramcook, on Thursday last the following St. John young ladies took part. Misses Marie and Edna Ready, Al'ce and Amelia Green, Josephine Fitzpatrick and A. Maguire.

Miss Edith McCaffrey and Mrs P. Sullivan returned this week from a pleasant trip to New York. Miss May Holzer of the North end is in Halifax visiting for a few weeks.

Mr. E. R. Fenwick returned home on Monday after spending a two week's vacation in Sussex. Mr. William McDonald left last week for Boston to take up a position which he has obtained there.

Miss S. T. Payson entertained a number of her friends at her home on Waterloo street on Monday evening. Original games were indulged in, the amusements being well interspersed with music. The company broke up about midnight. Among those present were:—

Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Waring, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Vall, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. A. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Stammers.

Mrs. Walter B. Brown entertained a large party at her home, Princess street on Wednesday evening of last week. The chief amusement was progressive whist at which great interest was taken by the many guests. Songs were sung by Miss Driscoll and Mrs. Brown, the gentlemen joining in the chorus. Among those invited were: Mr. and Mrs. Brodie, Mr. and Mrs. Colby Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Tilley, Mr. and Mrs. Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery, Misses Estey and Driscoll, Mr. Tilley jr., Mr. Crockett, Mr. Harry Driscoll, Mr. Wallace and others.

Miss Ross, who visited friends in the West Side has come to city to spend the winter with Mrs. Cowan, Princess street. Miss Ross who has a very pleasing voice, and is therefore much sought after to sing in different church entertainments.

Miss Georgie Ross has returned from Fredericton.

A number of young people surprised Mr and Mrs

Wm. H. McLaren, at their home, King street, West End, one evening last week, and presented them with a handsome sideboard. The occasion being the twentieth anniversary of their marriage. The presentation was accompanied by a neat address, to which Mr. McLaren responded. After which dancing and music were indulged in until long after midnight. A delicious supper was served by the genial hostess, and a thoroughly good time enjoyed.

The many friends of Dr. John Berryman are grieved to hear of his continued serious illness. Mr. J. S. Neil and Mrs. F. J. Morrison of Fredericton, were in the city for a few days, during the early part of the week.

Mr and Mrs John Taylor and Mrs Taylor of Toronto who are touring the Maritime Provinces, were in the city this week.

Mrs R. M. Belyea and Miss Annie Rankin are spending a few days in Halifax with their brother, Mr. W. B. Rankin.

Mr. E. Clinton Brown returned from his visit to New York, last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stewart, who have spent the last six months in California, the guests of Mr. Stewart's sister, returned home on Friday of last week. The visit has much improved Mr. Stewart's health.

Miss Marion Stephens of Hartland, N. B., was in the city over Sunday, the guest of her cousin, Rev. C. T. Phillips, Waterloo street.

Rev. B. N. and Mrs. Nobles arrived in the city Monday from Kentville where they have held a pastorate for three years. Mr. Nobles has accepted a call to the Carleton Baptist church, and will take up his residence on the west side. Miss Ella Titus also accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Nobles to their new home.

Miss Gertrude Campbell of North End is visiting friends in Boston.

Mrs R. J. Tooker and Miss Dolly Tooker of Yarmouth are the guests of Mrs T. M. Crosby, High street, north end.

Mrs J. R. Vanwait of Wickham was in the city a few days this week the guest of Mrs Napier, West side.

Rev. Dr. Steele of Amherst was in the city this week to attend the funeral of his father, Mr. John Steele. The funeral service was held at the home of Mrs Henry Everett, daughter of the deceased at Drury Cove.

At the quarterly meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A., Tuesday morning, plans for the winter work were discussed. If arrangements can be made the ladies hope to have a course of medical lectures similar to that of last year. They have also decided to hold a social for the young men of the city on the twenty seventh of next month.

FREDERICTON.

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Oct. 31—The large dancing-party given last evening at "sunnyside" the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Bailey, in honor of their guest, Miss Markham of St. John, was an altogether delightful affair. Har- on's orchestra was present and furnished music for the long programme of dances with double supper extra, which with well-waxed floors made dancing delightful.

A very delicious supper was enjoyed about midnight, after which dancing was kept up till two o'clock.

The guests numbering about eighty were received by Dr. and Mrs. Bailey, Miss Bailey and Mrs West and their guest Miss Markham. Mrs Bailey wore black silk with crimson flowers and black lace. Miss Bailey looked exceedingly well in a gown of yellow silk with rhinestone trimmings which was very striking and effective. Mrs West wore a yellow silk with iridescent trimming. Miss Markham wore pink silk with white chiffon. There were several very pretty and effective gowns worn by pretty girls but as I did not get all the costumes it would be scarcely fair to single out a few when there were so many who might easily claim the belle ship.

Mrs R. W. L. Tibbits and the Misses Tibbits entertained about forty of their young lady friends on Saturday afternoon, between the hours of 4.30 and 6.30. The house was prettily lighted in colored lights. In the dining-room where a recherche luncheon was served the prevailing color was pink, stately pink chrysanthemums decorated the table which was gracefully presided over by Mrs Archie Tibbits, while Miss Maggie Bailey, Miss Bessie Sherman and Miss Flossie Wilson served the guests. Ices were afterwards served in the parlors by Miss Bessie Murray, Miss Maud Hart and Miss Millie Tibbits.

Mr and Mrs T. B. Winslow and Mr and Mrs A. J. Gregory returned home Saturday from their trip to New York and Boston.

Mrs MacRae of St. John is here on a visit to her father, Judge Gregory.

A large party of friends assembled at the station on Monday afternoon to wish Bon Voyage to Mrs Bristowe and family, who were leaving by the five train for Montreal, whither Prof Bristowe had preceded them, and where they will make their future home.

After an absence of four months, spent in Nova Scotia and United States, Miss Vega Creed, returned home today, looking exceedingly well from her long holiday.

Mrs T. C. Allen, is this afternoon, entertaining a party of friends at euchre, from 4.30 to seven.

Miss Helen Brannen left on Friday for South Frankham to resume her duties after several weeks spent with relatives here.

Mrs W. H. Trueman and daughter of St. John have been spending some days in the city.

Miss Edith Spurden returned today from a two months visit to Cambridge, Mass.

Miss Mabel McKee has returned from an extended visit to Halifax.

Miss Hussy of Rochester, is here, having come to attend the wedding of her friend Miss Alice McCarthy.

Wilson Crosby, Esq., of Bangor, with Mrs. Crosby are among the visitors in town.

Miss Nan MacDonald of St. John, is visiting her aunt Mrs. John M. Wiley.

Mrs. T. Lynch was called to Chatham on Saturday on account of the serious illness of her daughter Margaret, who is attending school there.

Mrs. J. S. Neil and Mrs. F. I. Morrison took a trip to St. John this week.

Mrs. F. S. Creed and children have returned from a visit to St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Savage and children left on Monday for Boston. Mr. Savage on business and Mrs. Savage to visit her old home at Ayer.

Miss Habberly of Hyde Park, who has been visiting relatives here for the past three weeks, left for home on Monday.

Mrs Chas Whittaker is visiting friends in Boston.

Mrs Geo Adams is home from a pleasant visit with friends in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Fenety, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Coulthard here have returned to St. John.

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