



The Victoria rink opened for the season on Friday evening. As usual, a large crowd was in attendance and all enjoyed themselves to the excellent music of the "Vic's" own band. Some persons very truly said that the skating season never really begins until the old Victoria rink is thrown open to the public. Every year people seem to become more appreciative of this excellent and pleasant exercise and no better proof of this is needed than a visit to the Victoria rink on "band night."

Here you find people of all ages and from all grades of life. Even the careworn business man finds a keen pleasure in the delights of the steel blade.

Unlike other amusements skating does not seem to lose its charms as the years go by, in fact indications are that this season will be most successful for the management of the different rinks throughout the city.

Miss Dienstag, Miss Marston and Miss Phillips of St. Stephen passed through here on Thursday on their way to St. Stephen. These ladies are students at Mount Allison.

It is now a certainty that the pretty opera "Nell Gwynne" will be presented to the public early in February. Mr. James Ford is even now busy instructing and conducting the different rehearsals. The principal role will be assumed by Mrs. Griggs by a lady who is almost a total stranger in this city but who is the possessor of a very beautiful soprano voice. Misses Patton and Constance Vail and a number of other young ladies who took part in Zephra will also assist.

Miss Kate Blanche and Miss Nora O'Brien and ladies of the Valentine Stock company are to receive their friends this afternoon at the Duferin hotel. During the stay of this company in St. John last season Miss Blanche made many personal friends who will no doubt take advantage of this opportunity of renewing the acquaintance.

A number of gentlemen who have been studying at St. Joseph's University passed through the city on Thursday enroute to their respective homes. Among them were Mr. Francis O'Brien, Boston; Mr. Emanuel Rodrigues, Boston; Mr. Edward Kneeland, Worcester, Mass.; Mr. Edward Kellher, Haverhill, Mass.; Prof. Van, Mr. Alfred Vaer and Mr. Henry Catarack of Pittsfield, Mass.

On Wednesday evening a number of the students in attendance at the Currie Business university assembled in the large class room and celebrated the closing of the fall term with a most enjoyable impromptu dance. Excellent music was furnished for the young people by Miss Pearl Clarke, who is the teacher of shorthand at the college.

Mr. Thomas Lunney who is studying at McGill university arrives in the city today and will spend his vacation with his parents on Union street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Heath and their children went to Boston on Wednesday where they will spend Christmas and part of the holidays with Mrs. Heath's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Connor of Montreal have been in the city for the past week.

Mrs. R. L. Bosford of Moncton was in the city during the early part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Burrill of Weymouth, N. S. are in town, guests at the Royal.

Mrs. T. Martimore is visiting friends in Toronto and London, Ont.

The sale of fancy Christmas goods, held in the Mission Church School room during the week was well attended. The affair was in charge of the Ladies' Guild of the church and quite a sum was realized from the dainty and useful articles.

The Monday Evening Skating Club will meet for the first time this season, on Monday evening next at the Queen's rink. There are many new members in the club this year and a very pleasant winter is anticipated. Tea and light refreshments will



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be provided each evening; a cosy little room having been especially prepared for that purpose.

A series of pleasant and interesting recitals have been given by the W. H. Johnson Company, in their salesrooms recently. These musicals have been in connection with Mrs. Everett's Art sale. Some of our best local talent have assisted and have delighted the audience with their talents.

Mr. Sydney Emmerson who is studying dentistry in Philadelphia arrived in the city on Thursday and will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Emmerson, Gersmain street.

Miss Ida Foster of Newport, R. I. is visiting relatives in the city.

Miss Lloyd of the North end, is paying a visit to friends in St. Andrews.

The engagement is announced of Miss Bessie McVay a young lady prominent in St. Stephen's social circles and Mr. Bruce Caldwell of this city.

Misses Maud Scott, Ethel Brown, Muriel Haley, Florence Harding, and Susie Jones came home on Wednesday from Wollville where they have been attending school.

Misses Ethel Davis of Sussex, May Crandall of Chipman and Grace Perkins of Springfield, all students at Acadia seminary passed through here on Wednesday, enroute to their respective homes.

Miss Maud Young of St. Stephen has been in the city for the past few weeks. She has been undergoing treatment for an affliction of the eye.

Ald and Mrs. McRae intend spending Christmas in Fredericton with Mrs. McRae's father, Judge Gregory.

Mrs. J. N. Harvey of Moncton is in the city visiting her mother.

During the latter part of the week almost every incoming train has been crowded with young ladies and gentlemen who for the past term have been zealously studying at the different colleges and schools throughout Canada. All are very glad to be home again, and judging from the number of friends and relatives assembled to meet them their arrival has been looked forward to with feelings of impatience and gladness.

On Friday evening the St. John students attending St. Joseph's University arrived in the city. They were: Messrs. Walter J. Holland and M. C. Collins, professors; Arthur McCuskey, Leo Bradley, Arthur McKinney, Omar and J. McIntyre, W. Sweeney, Wm. Duke, Arthur Ready, Joseph McLaughlin, Charles Lawlor, Harry Green, Matthew Monahan, Charles Doherty and M. O'Brien.

A number of N. B. University students came down from the capital on Wednesday night. The majority of them belonged to the city while a few others were returning to their homes in different parts of the province. Among the St. John students were Messrs. J. W. Clawson, Chester Martin, W. O. Raymond, Jr., H. S. Devlin, Ed. J. Ryan, H. LeB. Peters, F. Krollin, W. G. Baskin, Allen Carr and W. G. Fuglesy Jr. Mr. J. A. Leger of Richibucto and Messrs. J. Kelly and George F. Fenwick of Sussex were also with the party.

Miss Katherine McEldrick, daughter of Ald. J. McEldrick, is home from Halifax, where she has been at school.

Misses Josephine and Kittie Fitzpatrick and Marie and Edna Ready, students at the Sacred Heart convent, Memramcook, came home on Friday afternoon and are spending the holidays with their parents in the city.

Miss May Van Buren of Caribou, Maine, who has been visiting relatives in the city for the past two weeks, returns to her home on Monday morning. She will be accompanied by Miss Katherine L. Lowe, who will spend Christmas in Caribou, the guest of Mrs. S. Freedman.

Miss Josephine Bostwick, who has been studying at the Wollville Seminary, arrived in the city this week and is spending the holidays with her mother Mrs. J. M. Bostwick, Wellington Row.

Mr. Thomas J. McLaughlin of Lowell, Mass. and Mr. Ed. Carroll of Haverhill, Mass., were in the city for a short time on Wednesday. Both are students at St. Joseph's University, Memramcook and were enroute to their homes in Uncle Sam's territory.

Miss E. Clancey of this city is paying a visit to her brother-in-law Mr. John Fisher, Union Street, Halifax.

Master Murdoch Ring, son of Mr. John Rink, has returned from a lengthy visit to his uncle Mr. Jacob Layton at Blackville, North county.

Mr. John M. Smith and his daughter Miss Evelyn Smith of Windsor, spent last week in the city returning to their home on Saturday.

Miss Carrie Peters of Gagetown was in the city this week. Miss Peters was returning from a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. DuVernet at Digby and to friends in the neighboring counties.

Miss Mary Connell of Woodstock is spending a few days with her friend, Mrs. Cotter.

The Misses Evelyn and Sadie Greaney who have been attending the Villa Maria Convent at Montreal are expected home today to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Greaney of King street east.

Miss Kathleen Hogan, daughter of Mr. M. Hogan of Princess street is home from Halifax, where she has been studying at the Sacred Heart Convent.

Miss Fowler, of the Fredericton hospital staff, is spending her vacation in the city with her parents.

Mr. Ralph Smith, son of Mr. C. DeW. Smith, of Windsor, passed through the city this week. Mr. Smith is a student at McGill University and was enroute to his home where he will spend Christmas with his parents.

Mrs. H. L. Holmes, who has been in town for the past few weeks a guest at the home of Mr. Wm. Bowden, Sydney street, returned to her home in Caribou, Maine, on Thursday morning.

Miss Theal of Moncton, is visiting friends in the city. She will remain until after Christmas.

Mrs. King, of Chipman, Queens county, and her infant son arrived in the city a few days ago in company with her mother, Mrs. Carter. Mrs. King is enroute to Cranbrook, B. C., where her husband is located and will start in a few days for that western city. Miss Yerxa, who is going west to recruit her health will accompany her as far as that western town, where two of Senator King's sons, Dr. J. M. and Malcolm B. are located.

The Ladies Aid Association of St. Andrew's church will hold a tea and musicale next Friday. The best musical talent of the city will take part and it promises to be a nice affair. Among those who will take part are Mrs. F. G. MacNeill, Miss Ross, and Mr. E. R. Williams, clarinetist.

of Codys are also guests at the home of Mr. Dunlop and are en route to Boston to visit their daughter.

Mr. James Walton of Greenwich, spent a few days in town this week.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. George Case on the death of their daughter, Mrs. Arabella Huestis, whose sad death caused by pneumonia, occurred at Boston last Saturday. Remains were brought to the city Monday, interment took place at Cedar Hill.

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Mrs. R. L. Sloggett has returned to her home in Houlton.

The marriage of Miss May Jones to Mr. B. Curran is announced to take place early in January.

Mrs. D. G. Smith leaves on Friday for her home in Chatham.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Young spent last week in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rankine Brown of Woodstock are expected to spend Christmas in town.

The Misses Whitlock and R. Whitlock are residing in their new homes on Union Street.

Miss Ryerson of Lunenburg is visiting; relatives in Calais.

On account of illness Miss Harriet Irvine has had to give up her studies at the normal school, Fredericton, for a few weeks. She returned home on Friday.

H. C. Waters of the Sea Coast Packing Company, Eastport, was in town one day last week to meet his mother, Mrs. Waters, who is en route from St. Paul, Minn., to Eastport for a visit. Rumor has it that Mr. Waters and Miss Leavitt, daughter of General Leavitt of Eastport, will be principals in an interesting event which is to take place on January 18th.

Mrs. A. E. Neill, who has been suffering from a severe attack of bronchitis, was able to leave for Florida on Friday evening. Mrs. Neill does not intend to return to the St. Croix until late in the spring.

Miss Bordie Todd arrived from Rothesay on Friday evening to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Martha Harris entertained a party of friends on Tuesday evening last, a re-union of those who spent some weeks at the Owen on Campbell last summer.

Mrs. George Hobart of Pembrooke was in Calais last week.

Miss Sara Clarke has returned from Hrrrsburg, Penn., where she made an extended visit.

Mrs. DuVernet Jack of Grand Manan has been visiting friends in town.

John McKenzie and Charles McKenzie of Rumford Falls have been in town during the past week, summoned here owing to the serious illness of their sister, Miss Addie McKenzie.

Mrs. C. B. Eaton has recovered from her illness.

Mrs. C. M. Goove of St. Andrews has been the guest of Mrs. Grimmer for several days during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Granger have gone to Boston.

Mrs. Bolton will spend Christmas with Mrs. R. L. Sloggett.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Johnson of Waterville, Maine, will spend Christmas in Calais.

Miss Bessie Todd will visit friends in Chicago during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Frank Black of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Howard Black.

Dr. and Mrs. Byrne intend to spend Christmas in Sussex with the doctor's parents.

Miss Gretchen Vroom is expected home from Halifax to morrow to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Vroom is a student at the ladies college in that city.

Miss Noe Clerke will be the guest of Mrs. James Mitchell during the absence of C. H. Clerke and Mrs. F. V. Lee in the western states.

Miss Daisy Hanson visited Fredericton last week to attend the marriage of her brother.

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