



There has been little stir in the social world this week. The whole town has been steeped in politics and social functions of any importance have been out of the question. Even the ladies have shown a greater interest than ever in the results of this election, and while they rarely, if ever, differ from the male members of their families in politics, still they are capable of great enthusiasm as has been plainly shown at several of the important meetings during the campaign.

The ladies of Trinity church intend holding a Mission sale in the Church of England Institute rooms, Germain street, during the latter part of next week. Refreshments will also be served and as the proceeds are for so worthy an object, a liberal patronage will no doubt be extended.

Rehearsals for Jephra still go steadily on. The parts have all been assigned, and the club think they will be able to present the spectacle at the Opera house about the 19th or 20th of this month. Some of the choruses and dances are extremely pretty and as an amateur effort Jephra promises to exceed anything ever produced here, even Parada it is said. Mrs. R. L. Johnson, it is understood, will take the part of Queen Jephra, Miss Ethel Fanjoy will make a very pretty Flora, and Miss Clara J. Brennan the Princess Niers. The part of the fairy godmother will be assumed by little Miss Daisy Sears. Mr. Jack Kelly the popular tenor will be heard in the leading male role, and Messrs. J. N. Eutherford, Seely and Ritchie will also take part.

Mrs. M. Lewin and her daughter Miss Louise Lewin of Lancaster are visiting friends in New York city.

Mrs. G. Murdock and Mrs. Ira Cornwall left St. John on Thursday afternoon for Victoria B. C. Miss Julia Carlisle arrived here from Boston this week, being called home by the serious illness of her mother.

A number of the Neptune Rowing Club boys, with the assistance of a number of ladies took down the decorations of flags, tunting etc, which had adorned the bare walls of St. Andrews rink, and rendered the place so attractive for the banquet. When the work had been done, some one ventured to remark "how lovely it would be to have a dance here." The sentiment seemed to be appreciated and it was not long before a violin and mandolin, in capable hands, were discoursing sweet music to the lads and lassies, who for a couple of hours, merrily tripped the light fantastic. The dance being so impromptu made it all the more enjoyable.

The ladies of the Red Cross Society and the Soldiers Wives' League are receiving congratulations on the very excellent manner in which they planned and carried out, in perfect detail, the grand banquet given to the returned members of the first contingent at St. Andrews rink, on last Saturday evening.

The finishing touches had been put to the different tables during the afternoon and long before the guests of the evening arrived, everything was in readiness for their reception.

The scene as viewed from the east gallery seemed like a glimpse of fairyland. The tables covered with snowy linen and glistening with cut glass and silver, were prettily decorated with palms, potted plants and cut flowers, while the many lighted tapers and the profusion of red in the decorations rendered the place home like and cheery. None the less attractive were the waitresses, looking as pretty and dainty as possible in their white dresses, brightened up by the addition of the patriotic colors.

As the soldiers entered they were received by Lady Tilley, Mrs. H. H. McLellan, Mrs. Edward Sears, Mrs. A. R. McLellan, Mrs. J. Daniel, Mrs. Thomas Walker, Mrs. James Donville, Mrs. George West Jones, Mrs. J. J. Kaye, Mrs. Daniel Hannington, Dorchester, Mrs. Arnold, Sussex.

Two little people who rendered very valuable assistance were Master Alvin Sturdee and little Miss Daisy Sears. The former as bugler blew the advance of the heroes, the dinner call and when silence was required for the toasts. The latter acting as usher took charge of the late coming soldiers and conducted them to their respective places. At the conclusion of the banquet Miss Daise presented each one of the soldiers with a copy of the book of poems written for and dedicated to them by Mrs. D. McLellan of this city. Private Wm Donohoe was also the recipient of a handsome bouquet from the hands of the little Miss. The tables were in charge of the following ladies:—

Table A—Mrs. Robert Thomson, Mrs. Keltie Jones and Mrs. James F. Robertson assisted by Mrs. H. Puddington, Misses Mabel Thomson, Blair, Hannington, Alice Hannington, Bessie Sadler and Mattie McLoughlin.

Table B The ladies in charge were Mrs. Taylor

Miss M. McLaren, Mrs. S. Skinner and Mrs. Alward, assisted by Misses Shewen, Oatram, Allison, Jones, Vroom, Lillian Hazen, Gertrude Fairweather, and Miss Fairweather.

Table C—Mrs. A. Markham, Mrs. Frank Rankine Mrs. Miles, Mrs. P. S. McNutt, assisted by Miss Clara Scherfield, Helen Frink, Laura McLoughlin, Edith Markham, Miss McNutt, Misses Lillian Markham, Olive Lawton, Miss Beer and Miss Gertrude Seely.

Table D—Mr. James Dever, Mr. J. V. Ellis, Mr. James Harding, Mr. Charles Coster, Miss Dever, Miss Helen Smith, Miss Amy Smith, Miss Maud Thompson, Miss Nellie McAvity, Miss Georgie Scammel, Miss Furlong, Miss Leslie Smith and Miss Stephenson.

Table E—This table was presided over by Mrs. Allison, Mrs. Holden, Mrs. H. P. Timmerman, and Mrs. Travers, assisted by Miss Holden, Misses McLaren, Misses Travers, Misses Barnaby, Hegan and Robertson.

Table F—The ladies in charge of this table were Mrs. D. McLellan, Mrs. Edward Sears, Mrs. Fred Titus, Mrs. H. C. Tilley. They were assisted by Mrs. Fred Harding, Misses Tapley, McLotyre, Misses Harding, Miss Ella Macaulay, Miss Brown, Miss Geraldine Sears, Misses Maizie and E. Titus.

Table G—Mrs. H. D. McLeod, Mrs. Busby, Mrs. Clarence deForest and Mrs. I. Allison. The young lady waitresses were Misses deForest, Mary Inches, Alison, Edith Skinner, Hanford, Christie, Louise O'By and Ada Dunn.

Table H—This was also a soldiers' table. The ladies in charge were Mrs. G. W. Jones, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. R. B. Emerson, Mrs. deSoyres. The young ladies in waiting were Misses Grace Skinner, Charlotte Smith, Edith Smith, Macmillan, Lockhart, Austin, Constance Smith, Mabel Scherfield and Agnes Carr.

Table I—Mr. E. A. Smith, Mr. W. W. White, Mrs. Charles McLoughlin, Mr. F. E. Sayre, Miss Emma Tuck, Miss Josie Troop, Miss Colia Armstrong, Mrs. McLoughlin, Miss Winnie Hall, Miss Gladys McLoughlin, Miss Annie Smith, Miss Lou McLellan, Miss Lou Parks, Miss Lou McAvity.

Table J—In charge of J. table were Mrs. J. M. Robinson, Mrs. Leich Harrison, Mrs. W. O. Raymond, and Mrs. Barker, assisted by Misses Isabel Donville, Bessie Donville, Elsie Robinson, Vera Robinson, Constance Arnaud, Miss Arnaud, Misses Madeline Barker and Winifred Raymond.

Distribution tables—Mrs. W. E. Vroom, Mr. P. Inches, Mr. W. Alfred Porter, Mrs. John Thompson, Mrs. John Barpee, Mrs. A. A. Stockton, Mrs. E. T. Stundee, Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

Tea table—Lady Tilley, Mrs. H. H. McLellan, Mrs. J. R. Armstrong, Mrs. John McLellan, Mrs. M. B. Edwards, Mrs. O'By Sharp.

On Monday evening the ladies interested in the Home for Incurables met and formed a Women's Aid society in connection with that institution. The society will meet on the first Monday of each month. The following ladies were elected officers, Mrs. W. W. Turnbull, president; Lady Tilley, Mrs. George F. Smith and Mrs. S. Alward, vice president; Mrs. R. C. Skinner, secretary; and Mrs. Thomas Walker, Treasurer.

Mrs. Malcolm McLeod of Amherst is in town for a short time visiting Mrs. J. D. McLoughlin Germain St.

Miss Ella Paine has returned from a very pleasant visit to Fredericton.

The many friends of Miss Geraldine Sears, daughter of ex-Mayor Sears, are grieved to hear that she is again quite ill at her home on Pitt street. Mrs. Parlee of this city is in Moncton the guest of Mrs. J. Robinson.

Mr. Harold Williams, who has been touring with the Robinson opera company as bass violinist returned home on Friday. When he leaves again it will be with the W. S. Harkins Co.

Miss Annie Parks is seriously ill at her home on Elliott Row.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. G. Alwood of Boston formerly of this city, are receiving congratulations on the addition of a son to their happy little home.

Mr. Frank Colwell is dangerously ill at his home on Leinster street with pleura pneumonia. Mr. Colwell is a general favorite, and his friends will learn of his illness with sincere regret.

Mr. Chas. H. Williams Jr., who has been employed in the electric light power house for five or six years past, severed his connection with that company on Monday, when he was presented by his fellow employees with a solid gold locket, beautifully engraved with his initials. Mr. Williams has taken up an agency for the International Correspondent Schools of Scanton Pa. He will not leave the city but will continue to carry on his business for the present, at his office 252 Union Street.

Rev. H. F. Waring spent part of last week in Truro.

Miss Gertrude Belyea of Queen street, has been confined to her room for the past week with a severe attack of rheumatism.

The marriage will take place at the Cathedral of the immaculate conception at an early hour Monday morning of Mr. Patrick Ryan of the firm of Ryan and Bros., King square, and Miss Cecelia Drummond of Gilbert Street. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. F. J. McMurray in the presence of only the relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The bride will be attended by Miss S. Moran while Mr. Will Caples will do the honors for the groom. After the ceremony breakfast will be served at the bride's home, after which the happy couple will take the morning train for a short trip through the province.

The Guild of St. Lawrence in connection with the Mission church, gave a dinner in honor of Henry A. Morley, one of our South African heroes, at the Mission house on Wednesday evening. The evening was very pleasantly spent with music, speeches

being very much in order. Mr. Morley told many interesting incidents of his life in South Africa, and spoke very feelingly of the influence that the thoughts of the Guild had upon his career even in that far away land. At midnight a sumptuous menu was served, during which toasts to the Queen, returning hero, the Guild, the host, Fathers Davenport, and Jones, the ladies, were proposed and were heartily responded to by Messrs Kendrick, E. K. Williams, Muir Frith, Eimo Hoben and Gibson Williams.

On Tuesday evening a large number of young people gathered at the residence of Mr. S. D. Scott on Charlotte street, for the purpose of congratulating Mr. Seaman Hatfield on his safe return from the scenes of war in South Africa. During the evening Mr. Doig presented Private Hatfield with a beautiful gold locket bearing his monogram on one side with the word "Paarderburg" on the reverse. The presentation was accompanied by a suitable address. Mr. Hatfield responded, and for some time held the attention of the guests with his tales of life in South Africa. Refreshments were served and the evening passed most enjoyably.

In the death of Dr. John Berryman, St. John loses one of its best known and most highly esteemed citizens. Although Dr. Berryman had been ill for some few weeks, yet his death came as a severe shock to a great number of people. The funeral services at Trinity church were largely attended and the entire community are expressing heartfelt sympathy for Mrs. Berryman and the deceased gentleman's family in their hour of trial.

An interesting and pretty event took place at the residence of Mr. Henry Seely, Durham street, on Monday evening, when his daughter Miss Maggie, was united in marriage with Mr. David Walton of Hallowell, Maine. The wedding was a very quiet one, only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties being present. The Rev. David Long was the officiating clergyman. Mr. and Mrs. Walton left by I. S. S. Co. boat for their future home in Boston.

Another pleasant event, also on Tuesday evening, was the reception tendered by the ladies of St. Mary's church to several of the returned heroes who were members of that congregation. These gentlemen, Messrs. Walter Irving, Wm. Donahue, W. C. Unkauf, and Fred Kirkpatrick were of course present and were given seats of honor on the platform. Lieut. Kaye, Capt. F. C. Jones, and Col. and Mrs. Geo. West Jones were also in attendance. After the formal addresses of welcome were made by Mayor Daniel and Rev. Mr. Raymond rector of St. Marys, the boys were called on to speak and each in turn told some pleasing and intensely interesting story of the experiences of Company G during the war. A dainty collation was served by the ladies of the different societies in connection with the church and the social was brought to a close by the singing of the national anthem.

Miss M. Louise Stewart who has been visiting friends in the city, returned on Saturday last to her home in Chatham.

Private W. G. Ritchie of the first contingent, son of the late Sir W. J. Ritchie, spent a few days this week with Mrs. D. D. Robertson at Rothesay, before returning to his home in Upper Canada.

The very many friends of Mr. George A. Schofield are pleased to hear that he is reported as improving and great hopes are now entertained for his recovery.

Rev. A. S. Bancher of Dalhousie was in town during the early part of the week. Mr. and Mrs. George A. Marchie of Calais are spending a few days in the city.

Miss Jessie Walker came home from Boston this week, where she was spending several weeks with relatives and friends.

Miss Daisy Outram has returned from a brief visit to Halifax.

Miss Katie Gorman, who has been spending some weeks with her sister in Boston, has returned home. Mr. George H. Binney of London was in the city for a few days this week.

Mr. James Robertson, who has been in the city for a short time, left on Monday for his home in Springfield, Mass.

Mr. H. H. Magee of Sydney, accompanied by Mrs. Magee paid a short visit to the city this week, and while here was a guest at the Royal Hotel.

Miss Katie Weldon is in Hampton, paying a visit to her friend, Miss Brown, Station Road.

A number of McGill University students came down from Montreal this week, with the intention of exercising their franchise.

Mr. E. J. Vickery has returned from a trip to Boston.

Miss Lizzie White of Paradise Row who was slightly injured by a run away team on Monday, is able to be about again, none the worse for her little mishap.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Association of the Natural History Society was held in the society rooms, Market building, on Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock. Officers were elected for the ensuing year and plans were laid for the winter's work. Part of the proceeds of the Scientific Tea, held in the spring, was extended for a beautiful new linoleum for the Library and a carpet for the Lecture room, and it was decided at the meeting to devote the remainder of the funds to the purchase of mineral cases. The ladies also decided to have a Ladies' lecture course similar to last year. The lectures to be delivered every Thursday afternoon, commencing the middle of January. Mr. and Mrs. Emery Titus of St. Martins were in the city over Sunday.

Miss Ethel Fales is seriously ill with appendicitis, at her home on Sydney St.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Chipman left on Thursday morning for Boston, where they will in future reside. Mr. Chipman who has been manager of the Messenger and Visitor for the past four years, will be greatly missed in business circles.

Mrs. Wm. Sinclair of Leinster street was summoned very suddenly to Montreal on Wednesday to attend her daughter, Mrs. Forbes, who is considered very low. Mrs. Forbes spent the summer here trying to gain strength to battle with the dread disease. She was slightly improved on her return to Montreal, but since that time has been gradually sinking. It is with sad hearts that the many friends of the family await the next intelligence.

Mr. Walter Stillwell, who took up a position in Sydney, C. B. lately, was in town for a few days this week.

Mrs. C. Vanwart of Wickham spent the first of the week in town, visiting friends.

Mrs. Gilbert went to Sydney this week, where she intends remaining for some time.

Many people were grieved to hear of the illness of Mrs. Rawlings of Douglas Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarke of Germain street entertained a number of their friends on Monday evening. Several boys in khaki were among the guests and as usual were lionized by the young ladies. Games

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