

The country hotels are full and the farming fraternity are now laboring between the dual duty of trying to make hay while Old Sol is high in the air and to entertain city re'atives, preserving all the while as best they can their mental equanimity. To have a host of town folks within their gates, whi e the prime task of cutting and laving away the winter's cattle food is going on, is somewhat wearing to the ruralist's patience, unless all hands, visitors inc'uded, join the haymaking forces, and either "rake after," "load" or "mow away." Yes, pretty nearly everybody who has country friends or kinsmen are revelling in Nature as she really is, and there are some who would like to be there too, but American acquaintances are being entertained by them in town.

Each year camping along the river is getting to be a more popular mode of spending off days. There are certainly some delightful spots for pitching tents slong the noble stream, nicely secluded with shady trees and sandy beach, and free from the prying eyes of residen's, for nothing so spoils a camping-out as to have your free-and-easy way of living the centre for a lot of inquisitive orbs. Belyea's lighthouse at the foot of Long Reach is perhaps the nearest spot to town fit for establishing a camp, and several parties bave lived on this sandy peninsula of late years at different times. Then following the Reach up as far as Oak Point many delightful nooks can be found, such as Upper Westfield, a spot near the "Cedars," the Isle of Pines, etc. A passenger on any of the steamers nowadays cannot fail to notice the tiny white abodes along shore as the Long Reach is traversed.

The strawberry festival seems to be going the way of all the good-old-time church feasts, such as the pie social, the tea meeting and the ice cream social. So far this year only two have been held among all the city churches. The extensive cultileaves the ground, robs these "fest:vals" of their chiefest charm, that of full and plenty. American strawberries at 20 cts. per box in April and May and Ontario berries in June at 15 cts places the strawberry festival of July with native fruit at a very great disadvantage. Indulging in the luscious berries is no particular treat to the people by that time. And ice eream too. There was a time when the announcement that ice cream would be served at any social function in connection with the church was hailed with watering-mouths and expressions of delight, especially among the young folks. But now every other store sells it and in some firely. fitted establishments an ice-cream soda or a plenteous plate of cream alone can be procured for five cents. So the money-making machinery of the churches is robbed of this potent means as well.

We all pity those bereft of their speech, certainly, but if the old saying, "its an ill wind blows no body good," is allowed to pass just this once, we will try and show how inablity to articulate is pecu liarly advantageous at times, at least PROGRESS was told so a week or so ago by a very brightminded mute, who wrote down his observations for

"The people who have only their tongues with which to talk don't know half the pleasures of conversation," wrote the man who talks with his

"There are some things one gains by not hearing. Don't think for an instant that in the finger lauguage we always listen with the eyes. Not a bit of it. Everyone can read that, but there is the private hand to hand method of talking which represents the highest ethics of conversation. Beside it the conversation with the tongue is commonplace. Think of it! You take a seat on a sofa beside a nice girl. You take her hand in your left and with the rapidly moving fingers of your right hand you talk to her. Every touch on her hand conveys a meaning to her. Not a soul knows what you say. You are as much alone in a roomful of people as if there was no one within miles, and in the meantime you look into each other's eyes to give emphasis to the words. Oh, its a very good language. Other people might practice it with

Odd creatures, these women aren't they? They rather pride themselves on their eccentricities. One of them is to work like beavers to get out of town and then before they have had time to unpack their | by an address. duds to they begin a persistent course of planning in order to get back again. They hanker for a day or | visiting Mrs Lawlor, Main street, North End. two just that they may do a little more buying, a little more looking. They quote the dressmaker. the dentist and the doctor, all three having made them promise to run up from the shore or down from the country long enough to have a waist fitted a tooth filled, a malady treated. Men, puzzled souls, are all at sea over this phase of feminine character. It seems queer to them after the fussing and the fuming to settle for the summer that women cannot be content. One city husband declares the same old dodge is worked every year by his women Tolk. They give him no peace until they are allowed | Barbour of Richmond street.

to leave home and then when they have piled out of the city at break-neck speed they begin to talk over a run into town. At the depot I met a friend loaded down like a pack mule. She gloated over her parcels. I remember this same lady telling me weeks | Mrs Wren McLean, formerly of this city, arrived ago she was ready for summer and had a good deal from Boston Tuesday evening and proceeded to to say about other women who left everything to the | Millstream to visit friends. very last minute. I recalled her feverish haste to skip the town and now with a lapse of two weeks here she was again one of a mob of shoppers.

Don't you think the girls and young women of the day are getting over that tendency to faint upon every excitable occasion? It is quite a rarity now. adays with the masculine sex to be called upon to hold a collapsed Miss in his strong embrace and aid in bathing her blanched face, indeed it is. There was a time when every bustling crowd, every over heated auditorium, each panic of excitement etc. had its quots of limp females, although the stuffy ball room and other places where pleasure is excessivly indulged in, were infrequently the scenes of fainting. It seems as though there always was a lot of inconsistency about some gentle ones and their faints, though many of them were unmistakably genuine. Whether it is because our young women are benefiting by the hardier exercise being indulged in by them, as one branch of the new woman idea, or that it is becoming too common an accomplishment PROGRESS is not prepared to say, but the time-honored faint of the like-to-be-noticed class is like the North American Indian, fast being eliminated. A woman in Halifax lately drove three miles, holding the reins in one hand, while with the other she held down by its throat in her carriage a pet bulldog, which had suddenly been attacked with rabies. If the ideal woman of a generation or so ago, who held it the positive duty of every lady to faint on all occasions of danger or fright, were to return she would speedily find her self crowded out of a world where the women of the day meet emergencies with prompt courage and postpone fainting till no more work is to be

Miss Violet Macrae is the guest of her brother, Mr. A. W. Macrae, Coburg St. Mr. Jack Macrae of Ottawa, and Mr. Colin Macrae of Montreal, are also spending their vacations here.

Miss Ella Barnes of Cambridge, Mass., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. C. T. Barnes, Coburg St. Mrs. Harris Allen returned home on Tuesday after a delightful visit at "Brookside," Titusville. Miss McVey of Bloomfield, was in town for a few

days this week. Miss Currier, Miss Evans, and Mr. Stevens, of Clinton, Mass., spent part of this week in St. John. They are on a tour through the provinces.

Mr. Harry Sproule spent Sunday in Digby. Miss Constance Vail is spending the summer with Mrs. Ford at Rothesay.

Miss Lulu Ford, Sackville, is the guest of Miss

The Misses Charlton gave a picnic and boating party at the Park on Thursday, in honor of Miss Smith of Halifax. There were about forty young people present under the chaperonage of Mrs. Herbert Barton. A very delightful evening was

Mr. Tilley Morrell of Sussex, is spending his racation here.

Miss Charlotte H. Barnes of Newton, Mass., spent Tuesday in town. She left on Wednesday for a trip up the St. John river.

Mrs. John H. Thomson and Miss Thomson, are at the "Algenquin" St. Andrews.

Miss Jennie Peters of this city, is the guest of Mrs. F. P Barnard, St. Andrews. Miss McJurkin of the Evening Gazette reportorial

department has returned after a pleasant visit to her mother at Hebron, Yarmouth. Messrs. Charles Dingee and Amos Tower, two

North End boys, have gone to Sydney, C. B., in search of wealth. Geo. Peters, son of Mr. Wm. Peters, his wife and children have arrived from the states and are visit-

ing relatives in the city. Mrs. T. Godard of South Dakota, U. S. A., has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, also her sister, Mrs. James Kincaide at Metcalf street, N. E., for several weeks. She returns in about a week. Mrs Godard's many triends have been welcoming her back to her old home iff only for a short while.

Miss Cliff has returned from Digby where she was engaged all summer with the J F Saunders,

Mrs Clifford Pembroke arrived from Boston on Tuesday and proceeded up river with her mother, Mrs. Secord of Main street, Indiantown.

Miss Lou Watters is home from Boston visiting

her parents, Metcalf street, Indiantown. Mrs J H Bond and family of Union street, are

spending a few weeks at Grand Bay. Miss Emily Goodwin of Germain street, went to Halifax on Tuesday to join Mrs. and Miss Dickie | Heights. with whom she sailed on the steamer Briardene, for Europe. They expect to be gone six or eight months and during that time will visit England, Scotland, Germany, France and Italy and will go to Oberammegau to witness the Passion Play. Miss Goodwin before her departure was presented with a point lace handkerchief from the members of her Sabbath school class in Brussels street church and a fountain pen from the Sunday school, accompanied

Mr and Mrs Fred Evans of the United States are Miss Minnie Elkin is visiting her friend Miss Fowler, near Browns Flats.

Miss Slipp, who has been visiting her parents in West End has returned to her professional nursing

studies in Boston. Miss Kittle Wilmot of West End is spending a week or so at Westfield, the guest of Mrs McCor-Miss Eva Hall of Union street is visiting friends

at Westfield. Miss Mabel Slipp of Boston is visiting Mr. MC

Dr Coburn of New York has returned to his professional duties. Mrs Coburn (nee Stamers) and infant child, are still visiting relatives in the

Mrs Rober: M Belyea and Mrs Austin E St Claire and little daughter of South Framingham, Mass., are at Mrs Raymond's 1 Orange street for

Driver William Donohue of No 2 engine went to

Boston on vacation. Mr and Mrs Frank S Clark arrived Monday from New York on a visit to Mr Clark's father, Mr D W Clark, West End. They are just a month home from the Klondike.

Clan Mackenzie held a social gathering Tuesday night to the friends of the clansmen. An enjoyable evening was spent. The programme consisted of an address by Chief Andrew Malcolm, songs by Mrs Manuel, Mr Hugh Crawford, James L Car michael, Joseph Murdoch, CK Cameron, S J Mc-Gowan and Thomas White; a whistling solo by Alex Gunn, a Highland fling and sword dance by Major Gordon, and recitations by Andrew Malcolm and Mr Cameron.

A quiet but interesting event took place Tuesday morning in St. Luke's church when Miss Sadie Watters of Gasperaux station was united in marriage to D Gray of Elgin, N B by the rector, Rev R P McKim. The bride entered the church leaning on the arm of her brother in law, F N Perkins. The couple were unattended. The bride was be comingly attired in a travelling suit of blue with hat to match. Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present. The groom is a brother of the Rev Andrew Gray D D of Boston, Mass. After a wedding breakfast at the residence of her sister Mrs F N Perkins, 65 Harrison street, the happy couple left for their future home in El gi,n Albert, Co.

A nuptial event took place Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at St Philip's A M E church, when the pastor of the church Rev J Onesimus Morley B A was married to Mrs Edris M Ford of Florids. A large number of invited guests were present.

Miss Barbara Lacy of Clarendon Station has returned home from Boston after 12 months visiting among friends and relatives.

Mr. T. Kirkwood, a relative of Dr. Bayard, has returned from England and left Wednesday for Halifax to resume his position in the Bank of B.

Miss B. A. Harrison, daughter of Mr. Morten L. Harrison went to Sackville Tuesday on vacation. Hon George E. Foster and Mrs. Foster returned Tuesday from Ottawa and went to Apohaqui for the summe rmonths.

Daniel H. McDonald and Charles Blanche left by American boat Monday evening for Winnipeg via New York.

Mrs. F, Smith of Boston is visiting her sister Mrs Fred J. Power Peters street.

Mrs. George A Horton was at home Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of this week at her residence 150 Germain street.

Messrs Mullin of Chicago who have been visiting their former home, St. John, left on the American boat Monday evening.

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HAMP TON.

July 18 .- Prof W Morley Tweedie who went to Sackville last week has returned home.

Mrs Robert Blair, Miss Blair and Mr Thomas B Blair of St John are spending the summer at Lake-Mrs C A Palmer spent Saturday in town with

Miss Mary Ryan went to Shediac on Saturday !to

visit relatives. Mrs G R Pugsley and Miss Pugsley of St John

spent Saturday at the village, guests of Mrs Samuel Mrs Robert Tweedie is visiting her daughter at

Mr and Mrs Cecil Travis spent Sunday in St John, guests of Mrs Travis' parents, Mr and Mrs Thomas A Wakeling.

Senator Wood and Mrs Thomas Murray of Sackville were in town on Friday. Miss Raymond of St John was visiting Mrs Jas W Smith last week.

Mr Victor W Barnes of Baltimore arrived home on Monday and is at present the guest of his sister, Mrs Geo M Wilson.

Mrs Thos T Hanford and Miss Hanford of S John are guests of Mrs N M Barnes at Linden

FREDERICTON.

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July 18 -Society has been very quiet this week so many of our people are enjoying their summer outings we have had only one social function. The lawn party given on Saturday afternoon by Col. and Mrs. Dunbar was exceedingly pleasant. Tennis was enjoyed by the more active portion while those who preferred a quite chat repaired to the broad veranda of The Barracks or promanaded the green Tea was served in a large marquee on the lawn. where the military band discoursed sweet music. Mrs. Dunbar had the assistance of Mrs. Hemming

in entertaining her guests. Miss Edythe Gibson of Marysville, is visiting her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. H. Kirkpat rick at Beach Cottage, Bay Shore.

Mrs. O. S. Crocket and son, Stranger are enjoying a vacation at Maugerville with Mrs. Harvey

Mr. J. Fraser Gregory spdnt Sunday in the city the guest of his father, Geo. F. Gregory, Q. C. Miss Jenaie Grimley of Newcastle is in the city visiting her aunt Mrs. Eben Miller.

Hon. F. P. Thompson left yesterday for Boston where he will meet Hon, Mr Blair and will accompany him on his trip to Europe. Miss Fuller of Brooklyn is the guest of Mrs. Ar-

chie Tibbits at Beach Knoll camp. Mrs. G. M. Campbell and daughter Jean are enoying the sea breezes of Digby. N. S.

Mr. Albert Leighton of East Pepperell, and sister Mrs. Tilton of Boston, Capt. George W. Beverly with Mrs. Beverly and son of New York are all visitors at Grape Cottage guests of the Misses Beverly. Mrs. James Stratton of O.tawa is visiting her sister Mrs. Richie at The Sunnyside.

Dr. Thos Harrison left yesterday to visit his son Dr. Darley Harrison at Edmundson, N. W. T. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. L. Tibbits and family and a party of triends are enjoying camp life at [Pine Bluff camp.

Mrs. H. H. Pitts has returned from a l'visit of several weeks with her sister, Mrs. McIntosh at St.

Mr. and Mrs. Albion Keith and their two sons of Portland, Me., and Mrs. Wm. Gillespie of St. John, (CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT.)

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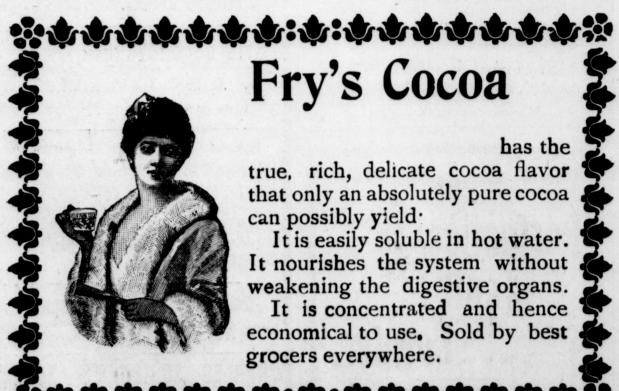
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