



We're almost afraid the persons who held that the weather was not going to moderate until after the advent of another moon and the sun's eclipse did not calculate very clearly. On Wednesday the long spell of disagreeable days apparently ended and townfolk were loathe to stay indoors so delightful were the outside conditions. Everything took a jump at the welcome arrival of warmth and sunshine. Business men especially were jubilant, for as if by magic the sales of Wednesday and the days since bounded far ahead of the dreary weeks prior. Tailors have booked more orders since the middle of the week than they did from the time the snow left until that date, and all around can be heard expressions of satisfaction at the "near-at-handness" of summer. Not the least contented by any means are our country cousins, and what a disappointing thing it would be if we city folks were to go up river or along the railway lines in early July and find that a dilatory spring and adverse weather had slackened the growing speed of those lovely mealy potatoes, the lettuce, radishes, peas, beans and other garden truck, so dear to the inner being! I tell you the sun's rays and gentle rains mean a great deal more these days than conditioning the roads for bicycles and the all wing of suburban jaunts

Her Most Gracious Majesty has still another birthday on Thursday and God grant she may have more, although our intelligence teaches us an old lady of over four score cannot hope for very many more years of life, but it is the earnest wish of hundreds of millions of subjects that Victoria the Good will be spared yet a little longer to grace as she has for 63 years the world's greatest throne. When she dies an old man, a grandfather, the Prince of Wales, assumes the sceptre, and Great Britain has still a monarch far advanced in life's journey. Few are living in St. John who can recall the celebration of any other English sovereign's natal day but Victoria's. It has been "the 24," and "the Queen's birthday" with more than one generation and among the juveniles today Victoria seems to be the only monarch England ever had or is ever likely to have.

As usual there are a host of attractions for next Thursday. In town the baseball season opens with games between the Roses of North End and the Alerts of the city proper. Especial interest is being shown in this branch of sport this year chiefly through the efforts of John Scott of the Daily Telegraph, the Shamrock Society and others. Messrs. Jope and Yapp, or "Yope and Yapp," as the boys have it, are the Alerts' battery from the States, while the Roses have secured W. J. Sexton of Mass. and McLean, the big Tartar catcher of last year, also an American. Great baseball this year!

W. S. Harkins will have his company of players, including the star, Arthur Elliott, on the stage twice on the holiday in a stirring South African war play "The Katfir Diamond," and it goes without saying the Opera House will be filled. What a chance for a loyal demonstration too, especially if the old flag enters into the climax! The Harmony club goes to Fredericton to put on a military minstrel show, along with the big excursion of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. There are to be one-fare excursions on the river, on all the railways, across the bay and everywhere, and if the holiday is at all pleasant the bay shore and park private picnic season will be gloriously opened.

Take your choice and have a good time. Every once and a while we hear of some of our St. John people going to Clifton Springs for the benefit of their health. There are no doubt a great many people in town who do not know exactly where the Clifton Springs are situated or what their curing properties are. The medicinal baths and drinking water deposits are about three hundred miles out of New York city between Syracuse and Rochester. The town in which they are found has about 1000 inhabitants, and of course derives its chief importance from its far-famed waters. A large sanitarium with accommodations for two hundred guests is where the sipping ones are treated. Ten doctors look after the needs of those being treated and superintend the administering of baths water drinking, etc. Rheumatism, gout, nervous troubles and stomach disorders are said to be especially relieved at Clifton Springs. Of course it costs a little, but any of our St. John folk who have been treated there have never felt financially embarrassed after visiting the baths.

Mr. Herb. Wetmore spent Sunday at his home here. Mrs. I. G. Barnes returned to Hampton on Tuesday, after spending a few weeks with friends in the city. Mr. Frank Whetsel, the banjoiist, left Wednesday afternoon for New York, whence he sails in about

three weeks for Germany with the Von Schaela Grand Concert Co. Mr. Bonner Palmer of Kingston was in town on Sunday en route to Boston. Mr. A. W. Macrae and Mrs. Macrae spent Sunday in Hampton. Mr. James Scott of Toronto was in town for a few days this week. Mr. A. Stevens of Kentville spent Sunday here. Mrs. Beatty and Miss Beatty of Hillsboro are visiting friends here. Mr. Harry Brown went to New York last Saturday afternoon.

Mr. W. E. Skillen of St. Martins leaves shortly for the Yukon, where he has gold interests. Mr. Frank Donovan, of Carleton, went to St. John's Nfld. last Saturday. Mr. R. S. Parkin is welcomed home from the States by many friends. Mr. George Willis, of Eastport, and Mr. Claude Vroom of Sackville, were in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

Word from Mr. and Mrs. Colby Smith, and C. F. Tilley and Mrs. Gregory of Carleton, states they have arrived safely in Liverpool.

P. S. McNatt is in Charlottetown. Rev. L. G. MacNeill and Rev. John Morton, D. D., left Monday for Truro, N. S., to attend a meeting of the foreign mission board.

Hon. William Parsley, M. P. P., and Mrs. Pugsley, returned from Boston early in the week.

Rev. A. B. O'Neill of St. Joseph's college, Memramcook, was in town Wednesday on business.

Mr. R. J. Armstrong returned Tuesday afternoon from Sydney.

Mr. Joseph Finley and Mr. G. S. Fisher have arrived home from Paris. Mrs. Fisher came as far as Portland, Me., where she will spend a week or so.

Hon. H. A. McKeown, Dr. A. A. Stockton and Judge McLeod went to Ottawa Wednesday afternoon to attend the Exchequer court in the Terminal Railway case.

Rev. Jos. Borgmann of St. Peter's church, left for Boston Wednesday morning. He will return shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McDonald and child returned Wednesday from England.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Hay left Wednesday afternoon for Boston on a holiday trip of several weeks.

Mr. John R. Pauley, son of the Prince Wm. street tailor, of the Thomas E. Shea company is home on a visit.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Presbytery of St. John, held its regular monthly meeting in Carleton Presbyterian church, Monday afternoon the president, Miss G. W. Leavitt, in the chair. There was a large attendance and a very interesting programme was carried out consisting of a paper on Woman Workers in the Field, by Mrs. J. W. Cochrane of New York and read by Mrs. J. H. Thomas, and a short talk on Women in the East, by Mrs. E. A. Smith. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Mr. Burgess.

On Saturday last a number of the members of No 4 hose company accompanied by friends made a pleasant call at No 3 station on Union street and took Engineer Edward Leonard by surprise. District Engineer George Blake presided and on behalf of those presented Mr. Leonard with a handsome roll top oak desk. Mr. Leonard is one of the most popular firemen in St. John.

The directors of the Protestant Orphan Asylum met about the middle of the week and elected as officers and committees: Thomas A. Rankine, president; John E. Irvine, vice-president; O. H. Warwick, treasurer; E. L. Whittaker, secretary; John E. Irvine, George E. Fairweather and W. Shilves Fisher, standing committee; Thomas Rankine, O. H. Warwick, finance committee; John M. Taylor and Robert Marshall, buildings and grounds committee.

Wednesday night before the Unity Club in the Unitarian church, Mr. Charles L. Nelson gave a graphic account of the nebular hypothesis. His remarks were illustrated by diagrams. He contrasted the old and new theory of creation. A vote of thanks was moved by Rev. J. C. Allen and seconded by A. J. Charlton.

Mrs. and Miss Turnbull have returned from North Carolina, where they spent the winter.

Judge Wedderburn, having spent the winter in the city, has returned to his residence at Hampton for the summer.

The body of Mrs. James Harrington, who died Sunday in Boston, was brought here by train early in the week accompanied by the husband and two brothers. They were met at the station by many friends and the funeral procession proceeded to Holy Trinity church, and thence to the new catholic cemetery where interment was made. The casket was covered with beautiful flowers. Deceased was formerly Miss Margaret Hayes of this city.

Rev. James Thomas of London, Eng., metropolitan secretary of the British and Foreign Bible society, will address a public meeting in the interest of the above society in this city on the 29th inst. Mr. Thomas will also speak in Moncton and several other Nova Scotia towns.

A very pleasant and financially successful picnic social was held at Golden Grove on Wednesday evening in aid of the new church. Quite a few people from the city attended.

Mrs. Patterson of North End spent Monday in Fredericton.

Mrs. A. E. Smith will leave in a few days for her home town Campbellton to deliver her two interesting lectures "Historic London" and "A Trip Through Swiss Land."

Mr. Stothart returned Thursday from Portland Maine, bringing the remains of his sister the late Miss Margaret Stothart, whose death occurred at that place on Tuesday. The body was brought on

the C. P. R. and was buried at Kingston, Kent Co. The deceased lady was one of the best known teachers of the St. John staff. Her death will be heard with general regret by her many friends in this city. Miss Stothart was for a number of years of the Victoria School staff and during her long connection with that building endeared herself to a host of pupils, many of whom are now out of school life.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Sharp of Westfield celebrated the fortieth anniversary of their wedding on Wednesday evening last, upon which occasion about 35 friends were present, including several from the city. A most enjoyable evening was spent in games, music and conversation. A supper was served, and next day the city guests returned. Mrs. Sharp wore the dress she was married in over two score years ago, and she and her husband received numerous tokens of regard in the shape of ornamental and useful gifts. Mr. Sharp is the master carpenter of the St. John Railway Co.

William McMullin of the steamer "May Queen" is confined to his home, North End, through illness. Mrs. Joseph Treman, mother of Judge Treman, returned Thursday from Boston.

Miss Shaw returned from New York Thursday.

Miss McCorkle returned Thursday from the south.

Rev. Fr. Walsh came home from a trip to Washington on Friday.

Mr. Peter Clinch returned on Thursday's train from New York.

Great preparations are being made for the reception and tenth anniversary of the C. M. B. A. which is to be held in Mechanics Institute Assembly rooms on Monday 21st inst. There are many acceptances to the invitations and a splendid time is assured.

Mr. A. W. Little, recently appointed to a clerkship in the Bank of Montreal left a few days ago for Amherst. His numerous friends wish him every success in his new position.

Miss Sara Allison Marshall of Chatham, Miramichi, is visiting her sister, Mrs. William C. Whittaker, 150 Sydney Street, Queen Square.

FREDERICTON.

[Progress is for sale in Fredericton by W. T. H. Fenety and J. H. Hawthorne.]

MAY 17.—The very extensive arrangements, for the celebration of the centennial of the university, which are now nearly completed and which will occupy three days, May 20th, 21st and 22nd have in a way completely overshadowed all minor functions and really nothing else of a social nature is even referred to. After this grand event is over there will be some excitement in society circles, as the rare several fashionable weddings to come off early in June, which will be of much interest.

Miss Crosskill, who has been spending the winter here, the guest of Miss Woodbridge, returned to her home in Boston, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Weddall returned from their pleasant trip to Bermuda on Friday evening.

Mrs. A. V. Branscombe, is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. Owen.

Mr. J. Francis Beverly of New York was among the visitors to the city this week and left for home this evening.

Mrs. Adams is here from Nova Scotia and is the guest of her sister Miss Hooper.

Mrs. McGee and family, who have been spending the winter, guests at Windsor Hall, left on Monday for their summer home, "Sunny Brae" at Westfield Beach.

Mrs. Henry Jewett and child of Providence, R. I. and Mrs. Ernest McKay and children of Salisbury N. B. are here at their old home having been summoned on account of the very serious illness of their father Mr. John Wiley.

Miss Coburn, returned last week from a pleasant visit of two weeks with friends at Boston.

Dr. and Mrs. Barbour are rejoicing over the arrival of a young son at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Christie of Sandon B. C. are happy over a similar event in their home, Mrs. Christie was Miss Maggie Hatt of this city.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Crockett, left on Wednesday for Quebec, en route for Montreal, whence they sailed on Saturday for Europe, where the doctor will take a special course in some branch of medicine, afterwards visiting the Paris exposition. They will be gone three months.

Mrs. J. D. Freeman and her son Ralph left on Friday for Liverpool N. S. where her father Capt. James E. Buchanan died suddenly on Thursday.

Rev. Mr. Colquhoun, left today for Rossland, B. C. where he will enter upon mission work among the miners. Mr. Colquhoun had charge of the Maryland and Morrison's mill stations for two summers.

Miss Minnie Smith is visiting friends in Boston.

Miss Florence Whitehead has returned from visiting friends at St. John.

Prof. and Miss Woodbridge expect to leave early in June for a trip to Europe.

Miss McIntosh has returned from St. Stephen for the summer vacation. CRICKET.

Latest styles in wedding invitations and announcements printed in any quantities and at moderate prices. Will be sent to any address.

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[Progress is for sale in St. Stephen at the book-store of G. S. Wall, T. E. Atcheson and J. Vroom Co. in Calais at O. F. Treat's.]

17.—Trinity church was this afternoon at four o'clock the scene of a very happy wedding, when Miss Bessie Wetmore, daughter of the late Mr. W. B. Wetmore was married to Mr. Robert E. Clarke. The church was prettily trimmed with flowers and large and rare foliage plants were most artistically arranged to add color and brightness to the scene. At exactly four o'clock the sweet strains of the organ was heard through the chancel when the groom appeared and took a position at the chancel steps, in a few minutes the bride entered cleaning on the arm of her friend and physician Dr. Frank I. Blair. As the bridal party proceeded up the aisle the choir sang "The Voice that breathed o'er Eden" that favorite marriage hymn. The bride who is very youthful looked very pretty in a travelling costume of gray homespun with a hat of grey chiffon trimmed with shaded chiffon and a wreath of roses to match. There were no bridesmaids for groomsmen. Rev. F. W. Robertson rector of Trinity was the officiating clergyman. After the ceremony the happy young couple drove to the C. P. R. station and left in the five o'clock train for Boston, amid showers of rice and the unnumberable good wishes of their friends who gathered at the depot to see them depart. The wedding presents were very beautiful and were both ornamental and useful. The groom's gift to his bride was a handsome horse and carriage. On the return of Mr. and Mrs. Clarke they will reside in the home of the bride's mother where they will be pleased to receive their friends.

Not for years has St. Stephen had such a number of fashionable weddings and society is in a flutter of excitement of anticipation in consequence. On Tuesday afternoon at half past two o'clock in

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