



Spring is dragging herself along in a most dilatory fashion. The air is still cold and chilling, frequent rains keep the streets and roads in a state of perpetual mud and it seems as if even the trees are loathe to leave—that's not a pun. So few have been the really warm and cheerful days that there has been little or no thought of plans for summer, save among the suburbanites, who are busying themselves moving to their country homes. And house-cleaning too has upset the wonted equilibrium of a thousand or more homes lately, while not a few are as yet unreconciled to their new apartments. Of all seasons in the year for happenings of a social nature, surely this is the least productive.

The opening of the Home for Incurables in South End is causing quite a little activity among the good women of our city, and extensive preparations are being made to make the occasion productive of the best financial results. Tuesday 22nd is the date, and all day and in the evening a sale of fancy goods useful articles, ice cream, candy, artist's work etc. will be held. A high tea will be served in the early evening. The opening of the Home as a home will of course have its proper formalities, but after that the big building, which has undergone a lot of improvements, will be en fête, and free to the rambles of the general public. No charity which St. John people are privileged to aid, can be more worthy than that of the Home for Incurables and it goes without saying most liberally will the people patronage the opening fair and tea.

Pretty nearly all the young ladies in town who figure so prettily in the social functions as they come along, are at present actively engaged in receiving a thorough military tutoring, at the hands of Captains Lanning and Sharp of the 62nd Battalion. When they make their bow to the public on June 6th and 7th in the grand military tournament they will be first class specimens of fighting women, handling the rifle, thrusting the bayonet, marching and forming with all the familiarity and smartness of a detachment of regulars. The enthusiasm with which the young ladies have entered into the drilling ensures the success of the big event next month, and until that is past it is hardly probable many social events will be allowed to interfere with the preparation, for the Amazon band mean business, as you would conjecture, to see them plodding away at their instruction down in the Customs House buildings these afternoons. There will be three companies, one comprising over fifty young ladies, the other of girls about thirty in number and the third of about forty.

The marriage of Mr. Edward R. Mawson, of the Valentine Stock Co., in New York on Tuesday was a surprise not only to his intimate acquaintances in this city, but even to the management of the Valentine company themselves. Mr. Mawson's bride's name up to the time of writing is not known here, but it is thought she is a well known actress with whom he is supposed to play. At any rate both Mr. Mawson and his wife will be in the same company hereafter and it is altogether probable they will be with the Valentine people when they return to St. John next Christmas. Mr. Mawson, who is of Jewish extraction, is son of a quite wealthy publisher in the United States, and has quite a reputation as an actor. He once starred in a play, "The Fair Rebel," written by or exploited by his brother. The quiet way in which Mr. Mawson went about his marrying and the scarcity of details regarding the happy event has caused a flutter among many in town who thought they were among the popular actor's most confident friends.

It is really surprising how the bicycle maintains and seems to increase its popularity. The Canada Cycle and Motor Co's agency in this city report having sold an enormously large number of wheels so far this season, and up-to-date the weather has been everything but conducive to quick sales. The above concern represents the Canadian trust and the combined sales so far this year oversteps the combined sales of last year by many hundreds of wheels. St. John will be more awheel than ever this summer and fall and the silent steed has made converts of many who have heretofore had the strongest aversion to its use.

Over in North End moving day was particularly significant to many households, for fully as many as twenty-five or thirty families returned from various and scattered parts of that end of town to their lifelong neighborhoods laid bare less than a year ago by the disastrous fire. It was a matter of much gratification to these people therefore to return to the streets upon which they had lived for years, and which for the men folk are nearer their work and generally more convenient. Lower Metcalf, Victoria, Albert, Charles, Bridge, Main and Kennedy streets have nearly all been rebuilt with large and modern dwelling apartments, and few if any of these are now tenanted.

Cupid still seems to be at large in that part of the

city which used to go by the name of Portland Here are a few whippers:
A clerk in a corner drug store and one of the hospital nursing staff.
A tuxedo employee and a relative of the above mentioned young lady.
A clerk in a Bridge street grocery and a "down Portland" fair miss.
A young lady boarding on Douglas avenue and a employee of a King street hotel.
Etc., etc.

Mr. L. A. Keith returned from Boston on Tuesday.
Mrs. M. A. Smith and her daughter, Mrs. James Wishart returned to St. Martins on Tuesday.
Mrs. T. G. Barnes of Hampton is spending a few days in town.
Miss DuVernet of Boston passed through the city on Saturday en route to Fredericton.
Miss Florence Whitehead of Fredericton, has been the guest of Mrs. Geo. B. Hegon for several days.
Rev. D. J. Fraser went to Prince Edward Island Tuesday on a short vacation.
Mr. W. S. Fisher went to Sackville Tuesday morning.
H. R. McLellan went to Montreal Tuesday afternoon. He took two of his famous dogs for the bench show.

Alderman Alexander Macrae and bride returned to the city Tuesday afternoon.
R. E. Sullivan, son of Mr. Henry J. Sullivan, Dock street, left Tuesday for Montreal, where he has accepted a position with the C. P. Railway.
Rev. M. C. Higgins has resigned the pastorate of Carleton Baptist church and gone to Nova Scotia. The church has no regular pastor yet, but Rev. Mr. Fletcher, of Nova Scotia, will supply next Sunday. It is understood the Carleton Baptists are endeavoring to secure the services of Rev. Mr. Simpson of Berwick, N. S.

Mrs. Robinson, wife of Capt. Fred Robinson of Harvey street, N. E., has been seriously ill at her home for over a week with peritonitis.
Mr. Wm Nagle of Skinner, LeBlanc & Co's employ was housed during the early part of the week with sore throat.

Leslie Baxter of Canning, N. S., has returned from a visit to his home and has resumed his business studies at K. r.'s.

Mr. Stephen P. Gerow left this week on a short holiday trip which will include Norfolk, Va., Baltimore and other southern cities.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Smith have received several very pleasing notes of thanks from the members of the old Rifles Co who are now in Africa and to whom Capt. and Mrs. Smith sent Christmas hamper.

Wednesday evening the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. William White of 188 Victoria street waited on them at their residence and presented them with a handsome parlor lamp. Those assembled spent a very pleasant evening in games and music. Refreshments were also enjoyed.

Captain Gray of the S. S. Fashoda who has been visiting his family at Picton, N. S. returned here Wednesday and joined his vessel.

Mr. A. Hilyard and Miss Hilyard have returned from New York.

Miss Margaret Wetmore who has just finished a two years course of training at the General Public hospital, is spending a few days with her friend, Mrs. Robert Foster of Elliot Row.

Mrs. Frank Cunningham of 26 White street, is lying quite ill at her home with meningitis.

W. S. Harkins Company this season will include Arthur Elliot, Franklyn Ritchie, Joseph Brennan, Henry Weaver, jr. Robt. McWade, jr. E. Soldene Powell, Frank McGlynn, Martin J. Cody, Arthur M. Corbould, Miss Kate Dalglish, Miss Mary Hall, Miss Stella Boniface Weaver and Miss Louise Wakelee. Mr. Horace McVicker is the manager of the company this year. The opening will be "Sowing the Wind" which Mr. Harkins Pronounces the greatest play he has seen in all his stage career.

Letter Carriers Plumptre and McManus, recently superannuated, were given a farewell by their fellow workmen and each was presented with a serviceable and handsome walking stick suitably inscribed. These farewell gifts from those with whom they had worked so many years are highly prized by the recipients.

Mrs. Fred Hilyard of Fredericton, Miss Hilyard and Miss May Hilyard are visiting relatives in the city.

Mrs. C. J. Coster returned from Boston Thursday. Mr. John F. Ashe went to Boston Thursday to consult a specialist regarding his eyes.

Miss Eibel Beer left Thursday morning for Boston.

Miss Mary Miller who has joined the Victorian Order of Nurses, left Wednesday for Montreal. She was presented with a handsome opal ring by a number of friends.

Miss Belle Mowatt has returned from a very pleasant trip in the United States where she visited in New York, Washington, Philadelphia and Worcester.

Miss Maimie H. Russell, who has completed a successful two years' course in professional nursing at the general public hospital here, returned to her home in Chatham Thursday.

Mrs. E. Sinclair and Miss Sinclair, who have been in the city for some days, returned to Chatham Thursday.

Miss Tillie Gray, daughter of Mr. Wm. Gray of north end is home on a short vacation from Newport, R. I., where she has been for several years successfully engaged in professional nursing.

On Thursday evening at the home of the bride's aunt Mrs. Fox, Winslow Street, West End, the marriage was solemnized of Miss Dickson to Mr. Fred C. Wesley, of the engraving firm of F. C. Wesley & Co. The marriage was of a decidedly quiet nature, owing to recent bereavements. Rev. T. F. Fotheringham tying the nuptial knot. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley are residing in a prettily furnished

home on Rockland Road. Both bride and groom have a host of friends and acquaintances who are extending their congratulations and best wishes.

HAMPTON.

MAY 10.—Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sharp of St. John, spent Sunday in town with friends.
Mrs. C. A. Palmer who was visiting Mrs. Philip Palmer at "Ravenwood" last week, returned to her home in the city on Saturday.
Mr. J. M. Scovil of St. John, who has leased the Peters house for 3 years, has arrived with his family and taken possession.

Mrs. J. Ernest Whittaker went to the city on Tuesday to attend the concert given by the Boston Sextette club in the institute that evening.
Judge McLeod and Mr. H. D. McLeod were in town on Saturday.

Rev. Mr. Wright, lately of Massachusetts, arrived on Tuesday and assumed the pastorage of the Station Baptist church.

Miss Bartlett of St. John, spent Sunday in town the guest of her sister Mrs. J. Prichard.

Mr. Thos. Murray of Sackville, spent a few days here this week.

Mrs. Geo. H. Barnes, who has been ill all winter does not improve.

Mrs. C. Spooner is visiting her parents at Sussex. Mr. L. P. D. Tilley was in town on Friday.

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GREENWICH.

MAY 7.—A number of young people met at the residence of Miss Flossie Marley on Tuesday evening last enjoyed a very pleasant evening at dancing and whist. Among those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whelpley, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Whelpley, Mr. and Mrs. Dural Whelpley, Miss McKenna, Miss Bessie Richards, Miss Eva Richards, Miss Sadie Belyea, Miss Dumar, Miss Blanche Richards, Miss Ada Jones, Miss Alma Jones, Miss Winnie Sealey, Miss Georgie Belyea, and Messrs. Fred Flewelling, Duffin Richards, Dr. J. B. Gilchrist, Mr. Dennison, Mr. Will Sealey, Mr. Jos. Richards, Mr. Con Fowler, Mr. Fred Short, Mr. Lou Sealey, Mr. Everad Whelpley.

Misses Blanche Richards, Ada Jones and Ella Belyea made a visit to St. John last week.
Mrs. Annie Belyea is visiting friends in Hampton.

Miss Jennie Sealey has gone to St. John to again take up her work of nursing at the G. P. hospital. Mr. Dennison of the Canadian drug Co., was the guest of Dr. J. B. Gilchrist last week.

Miss Reid is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Holder.

Mrs. J. Holder is in Fredericton visiting her daughter, Mrs. D. Crowe.

Mr. S. T. Belyea spent Sunday at home.

Miss Grace Fowler's friends will be glad to learn that she is recovering from her recent illness.

PARRSBORO.

[Progress is for sale at the Parrsboro Bookstore]

Judge Morse who is holding the spring session of the county court this week delivered on Tuesday evening in St. George's hall an exceedingly edifying lecture, "The Rebellion in Cumberland in 1776." The lecture was one of the school course, the second and the proceeds are for the school library fund.

Hon. A. R. Dickey is in town and will attend a liberal conservative meeting this evening.

Besides the Parrsboro lawyers in attendance at the court there are Messrs J. M. Townshend Q. C., C. R. Smith, Q. C. and Stewart Jenks of Amherst also Mr J. Black, clerk and Mr. Crowley, crier. The usual court weather is in attendance too.

Mrs. Louhead and her son, Mr. Louhead, Truro, are guests of Mrs. B. L. Tucker.

Mrs. Cecil Parsons left this morning with her two little sons and accompanied by her mother Mrs. Townshend, to join her husband at Riv Portage.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Aikman have become the parents of a daughter.

Mrs. Stewart Jenks came down from Amherst with her husband on Saturday, returning Monday. Miss Mabel Smith has returned from a lengthy visit in New Glasgow.

Major Day is on a trip to Montreal and Ottawa. Miss Marion MacKenzie is back from a visit at St. Stephen.

Mr. George McKean and Mr. Jas. Davies of St. John have lately been in town.

Mrs. Calkin, Springhill, was the guest of Mrs. Aikman last week for a short time.

Miss Janet Cameron has been spending a few days with her sister at Athol.

Mrs. P. Blake went to Springhill on Monday to see her daughter Mrs. Dulanthy who is ill.

Mrs. Cops who has spent the winter with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Copp has returned to her home at Tidnish.

ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

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

MAY 10.—Mrs. Edgar Hitchcock has safely arrived at her home in Mapimi, Mexico.

Cards of invitation have been given by Dr. and Mrs. R. K. Ross to the marriage of their eldest daughter, Miss Henrietta Blair Ross, to Thomas Ives Byrne, M. D., at the church of the Holy Rosary on the morning of May 23rd. After the ceremony a reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Beverley Stevens are soon to occupy Mr. McGowan's residence on Marks street.

Mrs. A. E. Neil returned on Saturday from Florida, after a few days' visit in Boston, and is at the American house, until the first of June, when she will reside in St. Stephen with Mrs. P. M. Abbot.

Mrs. Phillip Breen has returned from a pleasant visit in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Hume Bates have decided to continue their residence in St. Stephen, much to the satisfaction of their many friends.

Miss Mabel Murcnie is the guest of Mrs. C. F. Beard for a day or two last week.

Mrs. Ernest T. Lee and Miss Caroline Washburn are in Boston.

Cards of invitations were issued on Friday last by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Graham to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Alice Gertrude, to Mr. Henry Allen Stapleton Pethick at half past two o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Taylor have returned from Boston.

Alex. Milligan and family have returned from New Bedford where they have spent several months.

Miss Nellie Tuell left on Monday for Boston where she will spend the summer.

Mrs. C. F. Beard and Miss Berta Smith leave on the 15th for New York city where Miss Smith will

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