



Here we are again almost at the very heart of summer, when the dainty misses in their mulins, PK's and organdies transform social gatherings into veritable fairyland meets, when the impressionable strain and equally sentimental maiden "make eyes" and use the sign code back and forth to one another on the beach, when they wheel nearer to Mother Nature, or perhaps of these moon, moony nights when gentle breezes blow and piazza scenes are so enchanting. The excursion to son on the river is so to start, those lovely silver lighted dances when one enjoys "sitting out" the dances in a quiet corner of the steamer's deck, or if it be daytime and the outing is a land picnic, why there's such real enjoyment in rambling, rowing, swinging etc. In the sometimes foggy, sometimes sunshiny city there is golf for the society class, baseball for the sport loving class, and little suburban picnics for every class, beside the general run of home socials. School children are soon to be freed for their holidays, and what an exodus to pastures of green there will be! How the rural aunts, uncles, and consils will be more or less bothered with this quizzing, meddlesome crowd I but on the other hand; as often occurs, won't the boyish quota of this army of youngsters be made use of in the hayfield, or otherwise about the farm.

These are the days when the suburbanite hastens toward the trains and boats about tea-time loaded down with all sorts of parcels from a bar of soap to a lawn mower, and when the bicycling fiend makes life a great uncertainty to the unwary. The soda-fountain stores are getting square with the Sundays observance people, while the ice cream freezer's monotonous squeak approaches nearer than anything yet, perpetual motion. All hail fair season of these many phases! We enjoy your busy days, perhaps grumble at your hottest but then you serve us up a cooling bath of fog, and all is well.

The "day in the country" season for the business man has at last arrived and commencing to night the hard-worked classes may revel from Saturday evening until Monday morning near to Nature. For weeks, which have no doubt seemed as months, the people having been looking ahead to the Star Line's inauguration of the popular Saturday night trips up river, and now they are here. Tala afternoon at five o'clock (local) the steamer "David Weston" will leave Indiantown for Wickham and intermediate points, arriving back in town on Monday at 8 a. m. The advantages of this special arrangement need no explanation, and with a swift steamer, a capable steward and officers of a most accommodating nature, the happy "breathing spells," so dear to the hearts of the city-worn, are here once more.

On Tuesday the public schools close for their eight weeks vacation and needless to say several thousand youthful hearts are beating in joyous anticipation of the many pleasures which will surely transpire in these two months. Examinations are over in most of the lower standards, but in the advanced classes there is a little backwardness. However by the 20th, every class will be ready to bid adieu to the summer term with all work complete. The closing exercises in the various schools buildings about town will be particularly interesting this year, especially in the High school where preparations for the last day proceedings have been going on for some time. The graduating class will be larger than ever before being composed of some sixty youths and maidens, all of whom have shown up remarkably well in their tests. Co-education has been a huge success in our High school as the graduating classes of the last two years have shown marked increases. In 1898 the class numbered 37, in 1899 it was 49 strong, but as above stated it is 63 this year. Dr. Bridges as a principal may well feel proud of his school's creditable showing. As yet the valedictorian for this term's class has not been decided upon, but Miss Ella Smith, daughter of J. Willard Smith, is the most probable candidate. The marks attained by her have placed her in the front rank. Beside the usual speeches by the school board officials and invited speakers the exercises on Tuesday in the High school will be of a very interesting nature. The school orchestra will furnish music, Frank Hogan will sing a solo, and the following essays will be read:

- "What is Excellent is Permanent,"—Edith Cummings.
- "Master of Fate,"—Helen Frink.
- "Heroes,"—McMillan Trueman.
- The War in South Africa—William Pagsley.
- The trial scene from Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" will be rendered by the following members of the graduating class, and introduced and spoken of by Miss Florence Estabrook.
- Shylock—Douglas Montgomery.
- Bassanio—B. E. Gallagher.
- Antonio—W. Pagsley.
- Gratiano—Don Malcolm.
- Portia—Alice Davidson.
- Merissa—Miss Haley.

There will also be recitations and choruses, presentations of diplomas etc. Exercises start at 11 a. m.

The weddings of the week in town, while not as many as last week, were fully as interesting and pretty. June's fairest weather blessed the happy events. Among them were:

Wednesday evening at the residence of Robert A. Courtenay, Douglas avenue, his daughter, Bertha May, was united in marriage to Frank A. McClaskey of the A. A. McClaskey Manufacturing Co. The ceremony was performed by Rev. L. G. Macneil of St. Andrews church, assisted by Rev. Dr. Morison. Only the immediate friends and relatives were present. The bride was attended, with Miss Eileen Courtenay as maid of honor and Miss Maud McClaskey, and J. Frank Beal of Brockton, Mass., acted as groomsmen. Miss Courtenay was attired in a handsome gown of white brocaded satin with a bouquet of shower roses. Miss McClaskey wore white organdie over pink silk and carried a bouquet of pink roses. After the ceremony a dainty wedding supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. McClaskey are general favorites, and were the recipients of a large number of wedding presents. A handsome china dinner set came from the employees of the McClaskey Manufacturing Co. The father of the bride gave her a piano. Among the other presents were: Case of solid silver cutlery from Mrs. Hargreaves-Norfolk, Ya., sister of the bride; solid silver spoons Mrs. Courtenay; cut glass water bottle from the groomsmen; onyx topped table, divan and Morris chair from Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McClaskey. The groom's present to the bride was a diamond and pearl pendant, and to the bridesmaid a crescent of pearls. Mr. and Mrs. McClaskey left last night on a trip through Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. On their return they will reside on Paddock street.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at an early hour Wednesday morning at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Bravley, when her second daughter, Margaret was united in marriage to Fred C. Nevers. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. P. McKim in the presence of immediate relatives. The bride was the recipient of many and beautiful presents, including substantial cheques from the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Nevers. The young couple left by the steamer Cumberland for Boston and other points of interest in the United States.

Another pleasing event took place Wednesday morning at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception when Rev. F. J. McMurray united in marriage Miss Mary F. Petrie and Louis Connell, both of this city. The bride looked charming in a suit of blue cloth trimmed with white silk, and was attended by Miss Josephine McGowan who wore white muslin with white lace. The groom was assisted by J. W. Petrie, brother of the bride. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome gold pendant and to the bridesmaid a gold brooch with pearl setting. The bride received many costly presents which showed the esteem in which the happy couple are held.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Helen Parker, formerly of St. John and Mr. Davy an Englishman. Miss Parker is the daughter of Captain Raymond Parker of Tynemouth Creek, St. John county, now residing in Liverpool, and has been a master in the employ of Treap & Son for twenty-five years.

St. Rose's church, Fairville, was the scene of a quiet but pretty wedding when Bridget the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Furness of Fairville, was married to William Buckley of Clifton. The bride looked charming in a dress of moire trimmed in satin and white lace, and she was attended by her sister, Miss Emma Furness, while John Conboy did the honor for the groom. The young couple received a great many handsome presents. They will reside in Fairville.

At the free baptist parsonage Wednesday afternoon, Noble Blizzard, a popular north end young man, was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Smith of Hampstead. Rev. David Long officiated. The newly married couple were the recipients of many presents. Mr. and Mrs. Blizzard left for Liver on the steamer Hampstead.

A very pretty wedding took place in the church of the Assumption, Carlston, when Rev. J. J. O'Donovan on Monday evening last united in marriage, Mr. J. McManus a popular young merchant of the West side to Miss Ella McCann. The bride looked pretty in a blue gown with white applique trimmings she was assisted by her sister Miss Dora McCann, while Mr. P. Rourke supported the groom. After the ceremony the bridal party drove to the home of the bride's parents where a reception was held. The bride is popular in musical circles. Mr. and Mrs. McManus will reside in Fairville.

Miss Margaret Arnold of Sussex spent Sunday with friends here.

Miss Wishart of St. Martins, who has been the guest of Mrs. Simon, Charlotte St., went up to Belleisle on Thursday.

Miss Viola Carleton of Sussex was in town over Sunday.

Mrs. M. A. Smith of St. Martins is spending a few days with friends in St. John.

Miss McLeod who has been the guest of Miss Gertrude McDonald returned to Sussex on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Smith were in Fredericton on Tuesday attending the McLaughlin Babbitt wedding.

Mr. George Palmer, Mrs. Palmer and the Misses Seaman of Moncton were in town on Sunday.

Mr. Bliss Barnes and Mr. James Howe of Hampton were here on Saturday. They made the jour-

ney on their wheels.

Mr. J. A. Tilton was in Westfield on Sunday, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Wilson, Jr.

Mrs. J. R. Calhoun, Miss Grace Calhoun, Mrs. S. W. Cully Black, Miss Longmaid and Mrs. T. B. Lavers left Sunday night by S. S. Tanagra for England. They will visit the Paris exposition.

Customs clerks H. P. Sandall, D. J. Gleason, Keith A. Barber and S. W. Kain have passed for first-class clerkships.

Miss Belle Mowat, stenographer, returned early in the week from Ottawa where she took evidence in the consolidated electric cases.

At New York Thursday last Miss Ethel Gilbert Harding of New York, and Mr. Charles S. Mott of Utica, were married. The bride is grand-daughter of the late Sheriff Harding.

Miss Mary Fay left Monday for Toronto to visit her father who will leave soon on a lengthy business trip to Colorado.

Miss Travers has returned from Boston and New York Saturday. Miss Francis Travers will arrive home from New York next week.

Lady Tilley has returned from Ottawa and Toronto. Miss Edith Tilley of Toronto is staying with her.

Mrs. A. O. Gibbs received her friends on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and evening, of this week at 109 St. David street.

Mrs. Burton E. Huettis was at home Wednesday and Thursday, 20th and 21st at 120 St. James street.

Mrs. John McGoldrick left Tuesday for Halifax, where she has two daughters attending the convent.

C. J. Worden has gone to Halifax to put seats in a presbyterian church there.

H. A. Austin who has been on a visit to Judge King at Ottawa before the departure of the judge and his family to England returned home Tuesday.

J. J. McGaffigan has returned from New York.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Frost returned Monday, from spending a few days at Bedford.

Andrew Rainnie, J., went to Boston by the State of Maine Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rennie returned from their wedding trip Monday.

J. Roy Campbell and Aid Baxter went to Windsor Tuesday morning to attend the King's college closing. Aid Baxter received the degree of B. C. L.

Mrs. W. H. Tuck left for Nelson, B. C. on a visit to her daughter Mrs. Freeman Lake, and will later attend the Women's Council Congress in Victoria.

Dr. J. D. Mober and wife were at Rochester, New York, on the 18th and witnessed the Odia day celebration, which was a grand affair.

Richard Davis of Carleton left today for Staten Island, N. Y. to visit his daughter, Mrs. R. F. Purdy.

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HAMPTON.

JUNE 21.—Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McLeod have arrived at "Asholm" for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Schofield and family are located at Mrs. Campbell's house, near the station for the summer.

Dr. Charles Holden was in town on Friday in consultation with Dr. Warnford with reference to Mrs. Geo. H. Barnes who is seriously ill.

Mrs. Schomeliski (nee Maggie Smith) of Ravell, Russia, is home on a visit to her parents.

Mr. S. Downs of Boston arrived last week and will spend another summer at "Linden heights."

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Raymond of the Royal Hotel, St. John, have moved into the Hanford Lang stroth house where they will spend the summer.

Rev. Thomas Stebbing is at Moncton in attendance at the Methodist conference.

Miss Frances Pichard, who has been at Fredericton for the past year, has arrived home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hayward, who spent the winter in Europe, have returned and will occupy their spacious residence at the village for the summer.

Mrs. Geo. W. Ryan of St. John was a visitor in town on Saturday.

Mrs. Thomas Wakeling is spending the summer with Mrs. N. M. Barnes, at Liden Heights. Mr. Harry Barnes, whose mother is very ill, is home for a few days.

Miss Annie Smith of St. John, is visiting Mrs. Geo. A. Schofield.

Mrs. Steeves of Dregon is spending the summer with Mrs. Botford, her late husband's mother, at the Brashaw house.

Mrs. Arthur B. Smith is visiting relatives in the city.

Miss Sadlier is visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Whitaker.

FREDERICTON.

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JUNE 20.—"Happy is the bride that the sun shines on" so says the old saw and never sun shone more brightly nor dawned a fairer wedding morn than yesterday when Mr. Walter S. McLaughlin of Minneapolis, Minn., and brother of Mrs. Lee D. Babbitt led to the altar Miss Isabel Babbitt daughter of the late Mr. John Babbitt and niece and adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chesnut. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. D. Freeman at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Chesnut Waterloo Row. The palatial residence was tastefully decorated with palms, white lilies and valley lilies. The spacious drawing room where the wedding ceremony was performed was a perfect bower of beauty; the bridal party stood under a bell of white lilies and lilies.

The bride who was one of our most popular and sweetest of young ladies was given in marriage by her uncle and was handsomely gowned in ivory satin entree, with trimmings of honiton lace and chiffon and wore a bridal veil and wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley and was attended by Miss Jennie McLaughlin of St. John sister of the groom, who was charming in pink silk batiste over pink satin trimmed with guipure insertion. She carried a bouquet of pink carnations. The groom had the support of Mr. Thos. B. Blair manager of the Bank of N. S. agency at St. John. At the conclusion of the ceremony a reception was held afterwards a recherche luncheon was enjoyed. About seventy-five guests were present. The bride was the recipient of a large number of beautiful presents among which were several cheques for a substantial sum.

The groom's present to the bride, was a "sun burst" of diamonds and to the bridesmaid a brooch of emeralds and pearls. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin took their departure by the 4.30 train and will visit Niagara Falls and points on great lakes before proceeding to Minneapolis their future home. The bride's going away gown was of fawn cloth with blouse of white silk and hat of violets and chiffon.

Among the strangers in town to attend the wedding were, Dr. and Mrs. J. V. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis, CONTINUED ON PAGE EIGHT.

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