



The death occurred on Thursday of this week of Mr. J. R. Ruel, collector of customs, after a weeks illness. Mr. Ruel was one of St. Johns best known and most prominent citizens and though he had attained the age of 80 years he was wonderfully active. To the surviving members of his family much sympathy is extended.

The Neptune Rowing Club tournament excited much interest among lovers of the game this week. The result of Thursday nights contest was as follows: Hannington and Roach won from Day and Currie, 5 to 0; Hannington won from Frith and Kinnear, 5 to 1; King and Warwick won from Hannington and Roach, 6 to 3; Campbell and McRae won from Day and Currie, 9 to 0; Robertson and Sears won from Campbell and McRae, 6 to 0; Forbes and Thompson won from MacNeill and Rodgers 8 to 1; King and Warwick won from Robertson and Sears 8 to 3.

The death of Lucy wife of Mr. M. C. Barbour of Richmond street took place Thursday night after a long and tedious illness from tumors on the brain. The deceased was twice married her first husband being the late Gilbert Robinson, one son, Mr. James Robinson of this marriage is still living. Mrs. Barbour was before her illness one of the most faithful and energetic workers in Brussels street church.

Miss Floris Whalen of Sussex is visiting relatives in this city.

Miss Fanjoy spent last week in Woodstock a guest in the family of Rev. J. W. Clarke.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Elkin spent a few days in Fredericton in the early part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Spruce and family of Apohaqui remained in the city a short time this week on their way to Boston to bid good bye to their friends here. They will make Boston their home in future.

A large and appreciative audience was present at the patriotic concert in the Institute on Tuesday evening and enjoyed the well arranged programme, on which some of the best known names in the city appeared. The National Anthem sung by the audience to the accompaniment of the 62nd band opened the concert, and was followed by some well played selections by the band. Miss Margaret Armstrong's reading of "An Old Wife's Prayer" was well done and won for the young lady much applause. A pretty and effective feature was the flag drill by lady Fusilers, their movements being especially well and gracefully executed. "Merely I Roam" by Miss Knott was beautifully rendered and won for her an encore. A reading entitled "A Proposal", was followed by a very beautiful and well arranged tableau called "Roll Call". Kiplings Recessional read by Mr. J. B. M. Baxter in that gentleman's own excellent and impressive manner closed the first part of the programme. The number on the second part.

Part II. opened with Her Majesty, sung by Mr. J. N. Sutherland. Mrs. E. Willis then gave a reading entitled "Ordered to the Front".

Kipling's Absent-Minded Beggar, sung by Rev. A. G. H. Dicker followed, after which a physical drill by the lady Fusilers was given.

The band played several patriotic selections and a tableau entitled the Soldiers of the Queen brought the programme to a close. Before dispersing the audience sang Rule Britannia with much expression.

Mr. J. S. McLean of this city was in Woods took for a short time this week.

His Lordship Bishop Kingston spent a few hours in the city the beginning of the week, on business. The interesting concert given recently in Trinity church school house was repeated at the Seaman's Mission one evening early in the week and was very largely attended. An interesting feature of the affair being bag pipe selections by a sailor on one of the ships in port.

Others whose names appeared on the programme were: Olga Smith, Mrs. Little, Mrs. F. E. Titus, Miss Grace Manning, Miss Patton and others.

Miss Alice Fiewelking left the first of the week to pay a visit to friends in Northampton, Mass.

Mr. Willie Allison, son of Mr. Joseph Allison who has been quite ill with a severe cold is reported convalescent.

There was a very pleasant gathering at the Waterloo street baptist church two evenings ago, and one of a particularly happy nature. The congregation presented Rev. C. T. Phillips the pastor with a well filled purse, to which presentation the latter very feelingly responded. Later cake and coffee were served, and a short programme made the evening pass very pleasantly.

The death of Mr. B. A. Stammers, which occurred last Sunday evening, came as a sudden shock to his many friends in this city, and was a terrible blow to his family, as until within twenty minutes of his death the deceased was in the enjoyment of good health, except for the fracture of his leg sustained three weeks before. That, however, was progressing favorably and Mr. Stammers expected to be around on Monday.

On Sunday he had a number of callers with all of whom he talked and chatted as usual, dictated several business letters, and was eagerly looking forward to getting up on the following day.

A little after eight o'clock on Sunday evening, he was seized with heart failure and though Dr. Scammell was hastily summoned, and everything possible done Mr. Stammers passed away about half past eight.

Very deep and widespread sorrow greeted the announcement as the deceased was well known, being a prominent oddfellow, a Knight of Pythias, and a member of the Canadian Home Circle. For a great many years Mr. Stammers was the master of the Marine school here, being a successor to Captain Connolly, and was an authority on all matters pertaining to navigation; he also occupied a position in the business department of the Messenger and Visitor, and was prominently identified with Brussels street church, the members of which regard his death as a most serious loss. He leaves a widow, three young daughters, and other relatives who have much sympathy in their untimely bereavement.

The funeral which took place on Tuesday afternoon was in charge of Siloam Lodge I. O. O. F. the members of which conducted the service at the church and grave.

Rev. Mr. Waring officiating in the short but impressive service at the house. There were many Knights and Oddfellows in the funeral procession besides a large number of other citizens. Among the floral remembrances which were especially numerous and beautiful may be mentioned the following: A large shield of crimson roses, daffodils and purple flowers on an ivy easel, with the letters F. C. B. in immortelles, from Union Lodge No. 2 K. of P.

Three links in red and white roses and blue flowers, on a base of ivy from Siloam Lodge I. O. O. F. A large crescent of crimson roses, ivy and smilax from Jewel Lodge of Rebecas, Carleton.

A broken circle of white roses carnations and ferns from the local lodge of the Canadian Home Circle.

A crescent of roses, carnations and smilax with the word "Brother" in purple letters, from the deceased's brother, Mr. C. J. Stammers.

A large crescent of white roses and carnations from friends in Manchester, Robertson & Allison.

Cut flowers, roses, spirea and ferns, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Gowland.

Lily of the valley and smilax bouquet from Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Chipman.

Bouquet of roses from the Misses Marsh.

Roses and carnations from Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fraser.

A large bouquet of yellow flowers from Miss Grace Smith.

White roses, hyacinths, ferns and spirea from Mr. and Mrs. F. Sales.

White carnations, roses, purple hyacinths and ivy from Miss Robbins.

Narcissus, smilax and white blossoms from Mrs. Hoare and Miss Daniel.

Beautifully arranged cut flowers from Mrs. Paul Robinson.

Pink roses, lily of the valley, smilax and ivy from Mrs. Belding; and a large quantity of cut flowers from other friends.

Brussels street church was draped in black and the choir rendered the usual solemn hymns. Mr. Bustin the organist played the Dead March, as the casket was borne from the church by the pall bearers, Messrs. I. B. Kierstead, N. Kiley, W. F. Hatheway, J. Jackson, H. E. Coder and Frank Fales and F. A. Dykeman.

Mrs. Frank Williams dispensed hospitality to a number of her friends this week, the entertainment taking the form of a skating party at the Queen's rink where some hours were delightfully spent after which the party returned to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Williams on Charlotte street, where light refreshments were served, and music and various games indulged in. The decorations in the pretty home were of a patriotic nature, and red, white and blue were profusely used. After several hours of thorough enjoyment the guests, among whom were the following, dispersed:

Mr. E. R. Machum, Mrs. Machum, Mr. J. W. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Mr. H. Robb, Mrs. Robb, Miss Jenks, Parsboro, Miss Helen Slipp, Miss Aggie Munroe, Miss Mabel Cowan, Miss Sadie Lawson, Miss Edna Lawson, Miss Mary Gunn, Miss J. McNally, Miss Belle Thompson, Miss Laura Munroe, Miss Bessie Thompson, Mr. A. B. McLean, Mr. W. Hopper, Mr. B. Jordan, Mr. L. J. Gunn, Mr. H. Wetmore, Mr. Bally Sharpe, Mr. Arthur King, Mr. Mort. Wilson, Mr. E. Colwell.

Two members of a family dead at the same time, is a startlingly sad experience and one which but few are called upon to go through. It, however, fell to the lot of Mr. and Mrs. P. McBride of Winter street to give up two beautiful children within a few hours last Sunday, the eldest aged but seven years and the youngest six months both of whom died from spinal meningitis, while another young lady, died of consumption nine weeks ago. The little ones who died on Sunday were buried in the same casket, and as they lay in their last long sleep, the arm of the elder encircling the younger, the sight was pathetic in the extreme. Mr. and Mrs. McBride have the deepest sympathy of many friends in their sad bereavement.

The weekly entertainment of St. Stephens church Guild was in charge of the missionary committee this week, and was made very pleasant and agreeable, the tenor of it being in keeping with missionary work. A solo, "The King of Love my Shepherd Is" was rendered by Mrs. W. Davidson, Miss Livingstone read a paper on St. Francis, vocal solo, entitled "Gods Peace" by Mr. Harry Dunn; a paper on St. Dominic by Mrs. John A. Bowes and a solo "Glory to Thee" by Mrs. Davidson.

The death occurred in this city on Monday evening of Mrs. Rhoda Dalsell who for many years was a resident of Upham, Kings County. The deceased had a large circle of friends all over the province who will regret to learn of her death. She leaves a family of five daughters and two sons, namely James, of New York, George, of Vancouver, Mrs. James Calder, Mrs. Rufus Hoare, Mrs. H. Miles the last three mentioned not residing here. Mrs. R. D. Cole and Miss Dalsell of this city. Mr. John R. Calhoun and Miss Calhoun intend visiting the Paris Exposition during the coming summer.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Fisher and T. Finley will leave next month on a trip to Europe and during their absence will attend the Paris Fair.

The home of Mr. John McGroory, corner of Main and Adelaide streets, N. E., was again visited by the pale messenger this week, when Miss Mary B. the second daughter was called away to rest, after an illness of but a few days with congestion of the lungs. The deceased was a bright and cheery young lady and had very many friends, who with the loving family will greatly miss her. It has only been a short time since Mr. McGroory, sr., grand father of the late young lady, was borne to the cemetery, which makes the home just now especially sad.

Mr. Jarvis Wilson jr., entertained a large party of ladies on Thursday last from 3.30 until 7. The rooms were beautifully decorated with cut flowers, ferns and rubber plants. Those present were Mrs. W. W. Allan, Mrs. A. P. Barnhill, Mrs. J. Moore, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Holly, Mrs. Barr, Mrs. Hawkesley Merritt, Mrs. C. Allen, Mrs. J. E. Cowan, Mrs. LeB. Thompson, Mrs. J. J. A. Clarke, Mrs. Fred Harding, Mrs. Dadds, Mrs. Kerr, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Alice Walker, Mrs. Frank White, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Eaton, Kentville, Mrs. J. A. Gregory, Miss Minnie Allen, Mrs. Smith, and Miss J. Estey. Mrs. Wilson was ably assisted in caring for the pleasure of her guests by Misses Allen, Estey and Catherine Wilmut.

Mrs. Merritt captured the gentleman's prize for which which was a beautiful French china' plate. Mrs. Harding won the ladies prize, an elegant piece of china. The booby fell to the lot of Miss Alice Walker whose reward was a dainty article of bric a-brac, and to Mrs. J. A. Gregory for her art at cards a china pin tray was presented.

Mrs. Reid on Friday afternoon, Mar. 2, entertained a large number of her lady friends despite the inclement weather.

Mrs. A. P. Barnhill is quite ill at her home, 1 Duke street.

Mrs. (Dr.) Draper gave a pleasant evening to her married friends on Friday Mar. 2, at her home, Meeklenburg street. The evening was much enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holly entertained most delightfully at their beautiful Hazan street home on Friday evening, Mar. 2. During the evening the guests were furnished with horns and bells and a stirring jubilation in honor of Lady Smith's relief ensued. There were twelve tables for whist. The costumes worn by the ladies were very pretty.

Rev. Dr. Hartley's many friends both in West side and city proper will learn with regret that his health has again become precarious and he is once more in danger.

Mr. M. Connolly left the first of the week on a visit to New York.

Mrs. Thomas O'Reilly of Lancaster, who has been quite ill for several days is reported much improved.

NEWCASTLE.

Mar. 9.—Mr. Allan Ferguson entertained a number of his friends with whist last Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Nivern will entertain the Married Folks' whist club Thursday evening.

Mrs. James Robinson, M. Ilerton and Miss Robinson, returned last week from Boston where they have been spending the winter.

Mr. John Brander is confined to his residence with a heavy cold.

Coun. Tozer and wife were in town this week.

Miss Annie Hickey returned, Saturday from Boston.

Miss Grace Carruthers of Millerton is spending a few days in town.

Mr. J. N. Goding, the bustling representative of J. & A. McMillan, St. John, was in town on Saturday.

Mr. A. Wheeler is spending a few days at his home here.

Edgar Fairweather, St. John, and Wm. White, Hamilton, were registered at the Waverly this week.

P. J. Venoli, ex-M. P. for Gloucester, and now collector of customs at Bathurst, was in Fredericton last week.

Mr. John Maloney of Rogersville spent Sunday here.

ST. GEORGE.

Mar. 8.—Ash Wednesday was observed in the R. C. and Episcopal churches.

At the R. Y. P. U. meeting on Wednesday evening, a special temperance programme was given.

Mrs. Fred Seely, St. John, and Mr. Percy Gillmor were guests of Hon. A. H. and Mrs. Gillmor, last week.

Miss Edalida O'Brien gave a quilting party to a number of young lady friends on Tuesday afternoon of last week.

Mr. Alexander Cameron, of Divinity college, New Haven, will be in town and vicinity until May. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Clinch are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter.

Miss Nellie Stuart, who has been spending a few days with her friend, Miss E. O'Brien, returns to her home in St. Andrews today.

Miss Hattie Gillespie of California is visiting at her uncle's, Mr. Samuel Johnstons.

The Bicycle club meet next Monday evening with Danie O'Brien.

GREENWICH.

Mar. 8.—Miss Helen Pickett is visiting friends in Andover and expects to remain till spring.

Miss Jessie Lyon of Kingston, made a visit to her aunt Mrs. John Smith, recently.

Mrs. Blanche Richards is visiting friends in St. John.

Miss Mabel Smith expects to leave this week for a protracted visit to her aunt Mrs. Jos. Starr, in Cornwallis, N. S.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Richards entertained a number of their friends at a Whist party on Tuesday evening last, a very pleasant evening was spent by all present. Among those present were Mr. Wm. McLeod and Mrs. McLeod, Mr. D. A. Richards and Mrs. Richards, Capt. Peatman and Mrs. Peatman, Mr. E. D. Whelpley and Mrs. Whelpley, Mr. N. Gorham and Mr. C. C. Richards.

On Tuesday evening a large number were invited to a surprise party at the residence of Mr. G. A. Fowler, Mr. Fred Short being the chief mover in the affair. Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whelpley, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bogle, Miss Flossie Marley, Miss Sadie Belyea, Miss Dewar, Miss Georgie Belyea, Miss Jessie Belyea, Miss Winnie

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