



One of the most delightful affairs of the week as well as one of the most brilliant was the reception given on board the "Arava" one of the Elders-Dempster steamships; and despite the terribly disagreeable state of the weather most of the guests turned out and the ship was a scene of gaiety for the greater part of the afternoon.

About three o'clock the guests began to arrive and reached the ship's side by way of sheltered and carpeted walks from the shed. In the brilliantly lighted saloon the guests were received by Miss Troop, Mr. D. W. Campbell, manager of the line and Mr. H. D. Troop.

The scene in the saloon presented a charming contrast to the dreariness outside, and the warmth of the greeting more than atoned for any little personal discomfort experienced in reaching the ship. Evergreen entwined the balustrades, cut flowers were generously disposed everywhere and the tables were handsomely decorated with cut flowers arranged in artistic fashion.

The guests roamed at will over the ship and expressed themselves more than delighted with all its arrangements.

In the music room Harrison's orchestra discoursed sweet music, playing the following programme: Soldiers of the Queen.....Stewart Overture—Popular Kentucky.....Boettger Two Step—So long, ma Honey.....Leavitt Medley Overture—A Merry go Round.....Beyer Valse—Glory.....Dunn Cake Walk, Bunch of Blackberries.....H. Linn Potpourri—The Crack-a-Jack.....Mackie Morceau—D. Wn of Love.....B. Noix Two step—Salute to Sam Johnson.....Tutton Overture—A Gay Old Time.....Ernst Characteristic—Mirror Dance.....Sniffen March—Commander-in-Chief.....Witt

A pretty souvenir of the brilliant affair was the menu card, done in pink and gold, and which, besides the many good things in the way of the cuisinier, art contained a portrait of Mr. A. L. Jones, a member of the company, and a picture of the line's new boat the Lake Erie.

Those present were:

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| Mr. H. D. Troop,      | Miss Troop.           |
| Consul Myers,         | Mrs. Myers.           |
| T. H. Hall,           | Mrs. Hall.            |
| C. M. L. Troop,       | D. W. Campbell.       |
| Mr. J. N. Sutherland, | Mr. John Corbett.     |
| Mr. Jas. Manchester,  | Mrs. Manchester.      |
| Mr. Thos Tait,        | Mr. W. S. Fisher.     |
| Dr. Daniel,           | Mrs. Daniel.          |
| Major E. T. Sturdee,  | Mrs. Sturdee.         |
| Miss Sturdee,         | Col. H. H. McLean.    |
| Hon. T. R. Jones,     | Mrs. Jones.           |
| Mr. H. A. Austin,     | Mrs. Austin.          |
| Mrs. J. Thomson,      | Mrs. A. C. Smith.     |
| Mrs. W. W. White,     | Mr. W. O. Purdy.      |
| Mr. S. S. Hall,       | Mrs. Scoville.        |
| Chief Clerk,          | Mrs. Clark.           |
| Mr. J. U. Thomas,     | Mr. Fairbanks.        |
| Mr. Howard McLeod,    | Mrs. McLeod.          |
| Mr. Jas Ferguson,     | Rev. J. M. Davenport. |
| Mr. F. E. Sayre,      | Mrs. Sayre.           |
| Geo Robertson M P P   | Sheriff Sturdee.      |
| Misses Langan,        | C. N. Skinner.        |
| Mr E N Abbot,         | W. C. R. Allen.       |
| Mr F Harding,         | Mrs. Harding.         |
| Mr William Kerr,      | Mrs. Kerr.            |
| Mr J DeW Spurr,       | Mrs. Spurr.           |
| Mr A Irvine,          | Miss Irvine.          |
| Mr W H Irvine,        | Mr J K Storey.        |
| Mr G W Merritt,       | Mr C C McCully.       |
| Mr Chas Manning,      | Dr. Day.              |
| Mr H J Olive,         | Mr B Gandy.           |
| Mr H F Puddington,    | Misses Foley.         |
| Mr A W Macrae,        | Mr McMolkin.          |
| Mr Tuts,              | Mr R B Emmerson.      |

A pleasant surprise was given Mr. and Mrs. M. Thorne of bimonds street on Monday evening when a party of friends called to tender their good wishes on the twentieth anniversary of their marriage, and to present them with a token of goodwill in the shape of a very handsome one x table and lamp. The presentation was made by Alderman Keast in a bright and appropriate speech. Refreshments were served to the guests among whom were the following:

Mr and Mrs Mann.  
Mr and Mrs Brown.  
Mr and Mrs J W Keast.  
Mr and Mrs B W Thorne.  
Mr and Mrs Colwell.  
Mr and Mrs C W Thorne.  
Mr and Mrs W A Thorne.

Mr Leonard,  
Mr Lawson,  
S. Case,  
Mr Adams,  
H Dykeman,  
George Hoyt,  
Harry Lynch,  
Fred Case,  
A. Vail,  
H. Case,  
Blake Purdy,  
George Robinson,  
Clarence Flewelling,  
W. Nagle,  
Fred Roderick,  
Ralph Estabrooks,  
Miss Moore.

George Leonard,  
Mr Wilson,  
Mr L H Thorne,  
John Salmon,  
Mr Barker,  
Mr Elisco,  
Mr Cowan,  
Butler Thorne,  
M. Cavanaugh,  
Fred Campbell,  
John Kerr,  
T. Shaw,  
Charlie Hoyt,  
Arnold Thorne,  
J A Green,  
Mr Buck.

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| Miss Leonard,     | Miss Vail,         |
| Mary Armstrong,   | Maggie Vail,       |
| Sadie Andrews,    | May Oils,          |
| Bertie Clarke,    | Miss Scribner,     |
| Annie Thorne,     | Floessie Scribner, |
| Maggie Armstrong, | Georgie Colwell,   |
| Beatrice Thorne,  | Iva Thorne,        |
| Miss F Leonard,   | Miss H Thorne,     |
| Miss V Hastings,  | Mrs. Cameron,      |
| Bertie Hastings,  | Miss O'Brien,      |
| Ethel Chase,      | Miss Kain,         |
| Miss Hopper,      | Miss Buck,         |
| Miss McAlary,     | Annie Rhode,       |
| Miss Chase,       | Miss Ward,         |
| Maud Curri,       | Ada Chase,         |
| Julia Chase,      | Julia Biecker,     |

Miss Lou Robertson is visiting Mrs. T. H. Fowler of Fredericton for a short time.

Miss Miller has returned from a very pleasant visit to friends in Scotland.

Mr. H. N. Fairbanks a former resident of this city but now of Bangor, Me., was in town for a little while this week.

Lieut. Governor McClellan was here for a few hours on Tuesday on his way to the capital.

Miss Sturdee of London, Eng., is here on a visit to her brother, Mr. E. T. Sturdee of Duke street.

Dr. J. F. Macaulay house physician in the G. P. H. is confined to his room with a severe cold.

Mr. C. S. Harding of this city was registered at the hotel Metropole, London, the latter part of January.

Mr. Fred Patchell is here on a visit to his father Mr. R. Patchell.

Mr. P. Fitzgerald was called home recently by the death of his mother Mrs. Margaret Fitzgerald of Carleton and remained until after the funeral.

Miss Myra Romans is visiting Miss Robertson of Paradise row.

Miss Kate Hanlon organist of St. Dunstons church Fredericton spent Sunday in the city.

Miss Louise Lewin, granddaughter of Senator Lewin is a guest of Lady Laurier, Ottawa, and a favorite at the social functions of the gay capital.

Miss Casey, sister of Bishop Casey who came from Boston to be present at her brother's consecration on Sunday returned to Boston the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Casey and Mr. Walter Cummins who were also here for the same function returned to St. Stephen on Monday.

Mr. A. C. Smith who has been ill for some time has suffered a relapse as the result of venturing out too soon.

Mr. J. H. Wasson was at home to wedding callers on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and evenings, of this week.

C. J. Cosman, M. P. P. was here a few days, en route from Georgia where Mrs. Cosman and children are wintering.

Rev. John de Soyres returned the first of the week from a trip to Toronto.

A very enjoyable and pleasant reorganization meeting and social was held by Jubilee Division S. of T. this week. After the following interesting programme refreshments were served and a most enjoyable evening was spent by those present: address, chairman; recitation, Mrs. L. A. Belyea; solo, Richard Rawlings; dialogue, Messrs. F. C. B. Rowe and L. A. Belyea, Mrs. L. A. Belyea, and Miss Rome; song, James Sullivan, recitation and reading, S. P. McCavour; recitation, Miss M. Rowe; dialogue; addresses, Messrs. Stork and Powers; song, C. F. B. Rowe.

Somewhat of a social nature was the annual meeting of the Women's Home Missionary society of the Presbytery of St. John which was held in St. Andrews church on Monday afternoon. There was a large attendance and the exercises were of a most interesting nature. Excellent addresses were delivered by clergymen and others. At the close of this meeting an hour of pleasant social intercourse was enjoyed and refreshments were served by the members of the executive committee. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year, President, Miss G. W. Leavitt; vice president, Mrs. George McLeod, Mrs. Brittain, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Forthingham, Mrs. Binnig and Mrs. J. H. Thomson; recording secretary, Miss Morrison; corresponding secretary, Mrs. O. R. Campbell; treasurer, Mrs. F. R. Murray.

Writes a Moncton correspondent, "Many St. John friends will be interested in hearing of the marriage of Mr. H. H. Melanson chief clerk of the I. C. R. Passenger department and Miss Lettie O'Neill as both the young people have hosts of friends in St. John. The ceremony took place on Monday morning in St. Bernard's church in the presence of many friends. After the ceremony which was performed by Rev. Father Mehan, Mr. and Mrs. Melanson left for St. John where they spent a day before proceeding to Montreal and Ottawa. Upon their return they will reside at the Minto. The bride was the recipient of many costly presents.

The death occurred very suddenly at the hospital this week of Miss McFadden, for some time a resident of the North End. The deceased was a zealous worker in Portland Methodist church and was highly esteemed by all who knew her.

Mr. B. A. Stammers sustained a compound fracture of the leg while coasting last Friday evening on King Street East, and will be confined to his residence for the next seven or eight weeks.

Miss Letitia Dodge of Waltham is the guest of the Misses O'Brien of the North End.

Mr. D. R. Jack returned Wednesday from a three months trip through Spain and Portugal.

Mrs. H. K. Emmerson and Miss Ethel Emmerson went to Fredericton on Wednesday to remain through the session of the legislature.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Irvine left this week upon their return to the west via Boston and New York. They had paid a very pleasant visit to this city and many old friends were at the depot to see them off.

Hon. W. A. Boyd of Los Angeles, Cal. is spending a little while in the city.

Mr. F. S. Wilbur of Moncton who for the past two years has been in the Transvaal spent a day or two this week with his aunt Mrs. T. W. McLeod of Union street.

Mr. A. E. Hanington returned the first of the week from a visit to the Pacific coast.

The Misses Burchill, daughters of J. P. Burchill, M. P. F. have returned to Netherwood to resume

their studies. They were accompanied to the city by their father who went to Fredericton.

Mr. Harry Godsoe, son of Mr. Amos Godsee the retired merchant and late of the employe of W. H. Thorne & Co. left on Tuesday for Trout Lake City, B. C., to enter the employ of a big general dealers concern, which has its headquarters at Revelstoke. Harry is making a very much better move financially and otherwise than if he remained at home, though he naturally regretted severing home ties. He is enthusiastic in the idea of "growing up" with the great Canadian west and it is the best wish of all his friends that he may succeed and enjoy good health. Harry's friends about town will miss him.

Miss Tennant of Fredericton, is visiting her friend Miss Mand McArthur of North End for a few days.

The engagement is announced of Miss Gertrude Dever, daughter of Senator Dever, and one of St. John's best known and most popular young society ladies, to Norman Leslie, late of Kingston Military college, and who sails for the Transvaal with Strathcona's Horse. Mrs. Dever and Miss Dever will go to Halifax to see Mr. Leslie off.

The third and last dance in the series of assemblies was held Thursday evening in the Mechanics Institute and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The organ recital in Centenary on Thursday evening drew a very large audience, and one that was thoroughly delighted with the playing of Mr. Dussault. His accompaniments were especially fine. Mrs. Spencer and Miss Tarbox were both in excellent voice and sang their numbers in a most delightful way. Mr. Mayes also gave excellent satisfaction and was very cordially received.

FREDERICTON.

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FEB. 15.—Unfortunately my letter of last week, although mailed in time, failed to reach the publishers early enough for last week's issue and the gay gossip of all the pretty trousseaus now in preparation for the early spring and summer weddings has been lost.

On Thursday evening Mrs. C. C. Tabor entertained a large party at which, twelve tables, after much fine playing Miss Stella Sherman succeeded in winning the ladies' first prize, a pretty fan; Mr. Ralph Clark took the gentlemen's prize. A delicious supper was served about midnight, when the party broke up soon after.

Mrs. Kingdon, gave a pleasant luncheon on Monday afternoon, when covers were laid for eight.

Hon. A. F. and Mrs. Randolph left yesterday for South Carolina where they will spend a couple of months.

Mrs. Geo. N. Babbitt added much to the gaieties of last week by giving two at homes one on Tuesday and one on Wednesday and a dance in the evening for the young ladies who helped wait on the guests.

Miss Fisher left on Monday afternoon for Boston, where she will spend a short time before going south.

Lieut. Governor McClellan has arrived from Riverside and is at the Queen for the session of the Legislature.

Provincial Secretary Tweedie is at the Queen.

His Lordship Bishop Casey received a royal welcome from the citizens of Fredericton last evening on his arrival home. St. Dunstan's church was packed to its utmost capacity, all denominations in the city having gathered to do honor to his Lordship. The bishop's palace and the convent were brilliantly lighted every window being illuminated with candles, presented an imposing appearance.

On Tuesday evening next the members of St. Dunstan's church will tender a reception to Bishop Casey, that being the anniversary of his birthday, the reception will be held in St. Dunstan's hall.

The Bachelor's Dance at the Queen on Friday evening was one of the happy events of the week. More than half a hundred of the buds of the season enjoyed the hospitality of "The Bachelors" and the long programme of dances was only too short for the merry dancers. The party was chaperoned by Mrs. Geo. N. Babbitt, Mrs. E. Byron Winslow, Mrs. Bowie and Mrs. A. R. Tibbitts.

D. J. Purly M. P. P. is in the city and has taken up his quarters at the Queen for the session.

Mrs. H. Kinnear and child are visiting Mrs. Kin near's parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Hunt.

Mrs. Chas. McKeen of Woodstock is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. E. Byron Winslow gave a eunche party on Wednesday evening. The ladies were all in evening dress and the toilettes were particularly handsome. Thirteen tables contended for the prizes Miss Crookshank, Miss Whelpley, Mr. Smith and Major Dunbar were tie, they played off and Miss Crookshank and the gallant Major won. Mrs. W. E. Crockett and Mr. F. P. Robinson received the booby prizes but were consoled as they were so exceedingly pretty.

Miss Bailey entertained her friends at a five o'clock tea on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Chas. Clifton Tabor has cards out for a large evening party for Saturday afternoon from 8.30 to 6.30.

Quite the pleasantest tea of week was given by Miss Grace Winslow on Saturday afternoon, when she entertained about sixty of her friends. A delicious supper was served at five o'clock and Miss Winslow had the assistance of Miss Agnes Tabor, Miss Ethel Hat, Miss Carrie Babbitt and Miss Stella Sherman and Miss Daisy Winslow, in waiting upon her friends.

Miss Lou Robertson is visiting Mr. Thomas Fowler, Regent Street.

Mrs. Clifton Tabor gave a pleasant tea party on Monday evening.

Mrs. F. P. Thompson has issued invitations for tea at home for Friday afternoon from 4.30 to 6.30.

Miss Jennie McLaughlin of St. John, is visiting her sister Mrs. D. Lee Babbitt.

Mrs. Bailey entertained about twenty five of the students of the University, very pleasantly at a book party, on Thursday evening, when a great deal of ingenuity was displayed in the make up of the book characters.

Miss Rose Fowler was the fortunate winner of the ladies' prize. Tableaux were also part of the evenings entertainment.

Mrs. A. G. Cowie is this evening entertaining a party of friends at eunche.

Miss Stella Sherman entertained her friends on Monday evening at a whist party.

Mrs. Niles and daughter of St. John have been here the past week visiting at 'Oak Villa' the guests of Mrs. Niles' sister Mrs. Geo. Fraser.

On the invitation of Mr. Hamilton McKee, the class of 1900 celebrated the centennial of the University. At a dinner, on Monday evening, at the residence of Mr. S. H. McKee. Covers were laid for twelve. Dinner was served at nine o'clock and for three hours the young gentlemen enjoyed the gastronomy of the festive board.

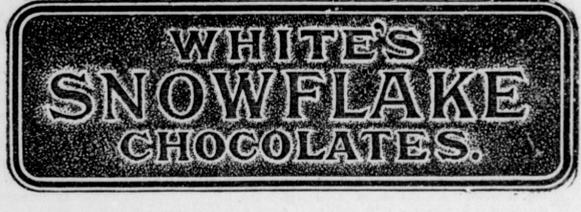
The decorations were all in the college colors, black and red, and in the centre of the table stood an immense birthday cake, heavily frosted and

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