

The continued absence from the city of many of the leaders and devotees of society no doubt accounts for the dullness at present existing in the social circles.

To be sure there have been many informal and altogether delightful little picnic parties to Blue Rock, Red Head, etc, but they have been composed almost entirely of ladies and were of such a decidedly informal character that Progress finds them scarcely worthy of note.

Blue Rock, by the way, is becoming a very popular resort with picnickers. Its close proximity to the city and the excellent facilities for bathing make it just the place to spend a few hours.

Now that the Governor-General's visit is over the coming of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York will begin to engross our entire attention. The reception committee has already been appointed and the long talked of plans for the entertainment of the distinguished guests will begin to take definite shape.

We notice by recent American papers that an effort is being made to have the Royal party visit the Pan-American exposition. This would be a big drawing card for the exhibition.

The latest London newspapers bring the results of the Cambridge Higher Local Examination held in different centres throughout England. The examination is severe and comprehensive, equal to the tests of the chief Canadian universities. In this examination Miss Geraldine Coster, daughter of Mr George C Coster, of this city came out first, winning not only her first-class, but two out of the three possible special distinctions and the Lounnan Memorial Prize for Literature. Miss Coster was formerly a pupil at Edgemoor school, Nova Scotia, and entered the Ladies' College, Cheltenham, last year. That one of the youngest pupils of that famous school should so distinguish herself must be a source of great satisfaction to all interested in education and is the earnest of future success at the university.

An engagement which is being pleasantly discussed among the friends of those immediately concerned is that of Mr J M Robinson Jr son of Mr J Morris Robinson, the prominent banker, and Miss Parker daughter of the Rev Lindsay Parker of New York. Miss Parker is not a stranger to St John people as the family have spent several summers at Giondola Point.

The annual decoration day was duly observed by the Knights of Pythias of Thursday. That the people of St. John are fully in sympathy with this pretty custom was evinced by the masses of beautiful flowers in bouquets and set pieces sent for the purpose of decorating the graves of the many who are absent but not forgotten.

Mrs. George McAvity entertained at afternoon tea on Wednesday. The affair was in honor of Mrs Brainard of Chicago who is visiting in the city and passed off in a delight ul manner.

Mrs. George West Jones, Mrs. Charles Coster assisted the hostess in dispensing hospitality. A few of the guests on the occasion were Mrs. George McLeod, Mrs. Busby, Mrs. Carleton Clinch, Mrs. J. McMillan, Mrs. Douglas Hazen, Mrs I J D Landry, Mrs George West Jones, Mrs Charles Coster, Misses Seely, Misses McAvity, Misses Furlong.

Mrs Cruikshank was hostess at a small but pleasant picnic at Manchester's Beach on Tuesday afternoon. The day was just suited for such purposes and the outing was much enjoyed.

A merry party of young people, chaperoned by Mrs Hall, left the city on Friday last for a weeks canoeing trip on the Upper St John River.

Miss Geraldine McGowan of Memramcook and Miss Alice Landry of Dorchester who have been visiting friends here have returned home.

Misses Brennan of Main street are home from a pleasant visit to friends in Nova Scotia.

Miss Kathleen Furlong who has been spending several weeks vacation at her home here leaves this week for New York.

Miss Violet Macrae daughter of the Rev. Dr. Macrae is visiting Moncton.

Mr and Mrs D. J. McLaughlin of Leinster street

accompanied their daughter Mrs N Babbitt to her home at Liverpool.

Mrs John H Thomson and daughter Miss Mariel Thomson are in St Andrews, guests at the Algonquin.

Mrs MacLaren and the Misses MacLaren are also spending this month at that fashionable resort, St Andrews. They have taken rooms at the Kennedy House.

Dr Morton of Scotland is in the city a guest at the home of the Hon James D Forbes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rainie are spending the month at St. Martins.

Mrs. T. Pagsley left early in the week for Chatham where she will visit her mother.

Mrs. Arthur Sullis and children are sunning at Gagetown.

Miss Florrie Tapley of Marysville is visiting relatives in the north end.

Miss Gladys McLaughlin of Wentworth street is at present in Fredericton, paying a visit to her friend Miss Daisy Winslow.

Miss Ella Payne is home from a very pleasant trip to different parts of Nova Scotia.

Mr Henry Smith of Philadel his is visiting his sister Mrs McLaughlin at Riverbank.

Mr and Mrs Ernest H Turnbull who were recently married at London arrived in the city this week. They are guests at the Royal where many of Mr Turnbull's friends have called to meet his handsome wife.

Miss McVey of St Stephen who has been visiting at the home of her sister Miss Smalley, has returned home.

Miss Myra Frink left this week for Quebec to spend a few weeks with friends.

Miss Blanche Rankin of Germain street is visiting in Yarmouth.

Miss Georgia Scammell is spending the week with Fredericton friends.

Miss Alice Quinn of Boston is the guest of her sister Miss Fannie Quinn of the South end.

Mrs. Thomas McAvity who is sunning at Rothersey is entertaining the Misses McLeod of Toronto.

Miss Doherty and niece Miss Ella Stanton returned this week from a pleasant visit to Amherst and vicinity.

Miss May Gallagher of north end is paying a visit to her relatives at hotel Minto, Moncton.

Miss Katie Donovan of Boston has been spending her vacation with her parents on City Road.

Miss Gussie White who has been studying nursing in New Hampshire is home for the holidays.

Miss Hunter of the Ladies College, Halifax is visiting her sister Mrs H G Fenety.

Mrs Dr Couillard of Fredericton and Miss Waycott of St Louis, U S visited friends in St John this week.

A number of the city young ladies and gentlemen accompanied by their chaperons will enjoy what promises to be a delightful outing at the Feras on Monday next. Besides the usual out of doors amusement and supper on the beach, dancing for which good music will be provided will no doubt be a recreation that the majority will participate in.

A double wedding of much interest will take place at St. Peter's church on Monday morning next when Misses Sadie C. and Jennie Mullin will be united in marriage with Mr. Robert Phillips and Mr. John McNeily respectively. The Misses Mullin have for some time conducted a fashionable millinery store in the North end and their many friends will witness the important ceremony. Mr. McNeily belongs to the West end. The bridal trips will be to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Miss May Gillespie of Boston, is enjoying a vacation in the city. Miss Gillespie formerly resided here and is being warmly welcomed by her many friends.

Miss Gertrude Byron left this week for her home in Sussex, where she will spend her vacation.

Miss Mabel Smith of Boston is in the city the guest of North end friends.

Mrs Wm Conwell of Woodstock has been visiting friends in the city for the past couple of weeks.

Miss McManus and Miss Florence McManus of the South end have returned from a pleasant visit to Boston friends.

Miss Nellie Roderick leaves next week to spend a short vacation with Massachusetts friends.

Misses Moran have returned from a trip to Kings county.

TRURO.

AUG 8.—Mrs C M Blanchard and Master Frank Blanchard are visiting in Pictou.

Mr and Mrs Houston, en route home to Louisville, Ky, from Sydney, with the remains of their daughter Mrs Maxham, Jr. so suddenly and sadly deceased, and accompanied by Miss Houston, Mrs A J Maxham, Miss Maxham, and Mr Egbert Maxham, were guests last night at the "Learners."

Mrs Kennan, en route from her summer home at Baddeck, to New York, to join her husband, Mr George Kennan was a guest last night at the Learners.

Mrs Fred Youston's lawn tea, last Wednesday afternoon was a very successful function.

Mr and Mrs Judson Hanson, left Sunday night for St John en route to St Andrews N B.

Among the large number of prominent knight templars, who will attend the demonstration in St

John next week are Messrs H W Ynill, L B Archibald, E Phillips, S J Waddell, J Logan, W B Alley, E Phillips, J Stanfield most of the Knights will be accompanied by their wives.

Mr and Mrs Edgar Fulton leave on Monday for an outing at Charlottetown, P E I.

Mrs Howard Wetmore is spending the week in Cape Breton.

Miss Lilla Snook leaves this week for a long visit with Fredericton friends. P. G.

ST. ANDREWS.

AUG. 7.—Mrs J D Bonness and daughter, Miss Constance Bonness of St. Stephen have been spending a few days with friends in St Andrews.

Miss M B Holt of Lynn, Mass, is spending her vacation in Boabec.

Mrs W A Herring and two children of New York, who have been guests of Mrs J C Wilson for the past week, returned to Deer Island, N B, on Friday, where they are spending the summer.

Misses Alice and Nellie Lingley of the St John school teaching staff, are enjoying a short holiday in St Andrews.

Mr and Mrs R W McLeod and Clinton McLeod of Monicely, Maine, are visiting Mr and Mrs Wm McLeod, Mr and Mrs Norman McLeod and two children are also visitors at Mr Wm McLeod's.

Rev R W Samwell of Wales, Ont. who has been enjoying his vacation at the guest of Mr and Mrs W D Forster, took Monday night's train for home.

Mr and Mrs Peat, Miss Bessie Scott, and Miss Jane Watson of Andover are at Thos Pendlebury's.

Miss Edna J Daggett of Grand Manan and Miss Ida Clark of St Stephen, are visiting at the Free Baptist parsonage, Hartland.

Mrs William M Galbraith came cus from Scotland in the 'Parisian' is now visiting her cousin, Judge Cockburn.

So It Turned Out.

During the famous Douglas and Lincoln debate and subsequent campaigns the point was frequent brought out by supporters of 'the Little Giant' that Mr. Lincoln had served only a half single term in Congress, but that Senator Douglas had enjoyed for years a national reputation.

This point, says a writer in Lippincott's, was urged in a heated discussion between an ardent supporter of Douglas and a German voter who favored Lincoln. Finally the former, thinking to overwhelm his opponent, said:

Who is this Lincoln, anyhow? Nobody ever heard of him until Senator Douglas brought him into notice by holding a joint debate with him. Senator Douglas on the other hand, is a great statesman. Why he has had his eye on the presidential chair for the last ten years.

Not is dot you say? was the reply. You say Meester Dooglas have had his eye on der President chair for ten years?

Yes, that is just what I said.

Vell, you shoost tell Meester Dooglas if he will keep his eye on dot chair shoost a leedle vile longer he will see old Abe Lincoln sitting down in it.

This closed the debate, amid a roar of laughter from the bystanders.

Literary Thrift

Grant Allen, the critic and novelist had to live by his pen because scientific work would not support him; but science saw the field in which he should have wrought.

Andrew Lang said of him that he was the most versatile man of our age, and that, if he had been able to devote himself entirely to physical science, the world would have been the gainer.

He was always poor, and as he once said about his own letters:

I am so often ill that moments fit for writing are too precious to be used for anything but bread-winning.

Once, in conversation with some friends he gave a jocular turn to this thrifty philosophy. He was in company with three philogists, Canon Isaac Taylor, Professor Rhys and Dr. Richard Morris when the talk fell on the number of words used by country working-folk in their common pursuits.

Prof. Max Muller was cited as authority for the statement that the vocabulary of some agricultural laborers consists of less than three hundred words. Allen challenged the statement, and began, in his measured sonorous tones, recounting all the things and parts of things with which a peasant has to deal every day. He had reached the stated limit before the list was half complete, and he suddenly called out:

'Look here you fellows! My price is two guineas a thousand words, and I'm not on any longer!

For Pop-Overs.

The value of a recipe lies partly in its being accurately set down and followed. Harper's Magazine has the following directions for making a breakfast delicacy called pop-overs, as they were imparted by the Chinese servant to a lady visiting in the family:

'You takee him one egg,' said the master of the kitchen, 'one lit' cup milk. You fixee him one cup flou' on seive, take pinch salt—you not put him in lump. You move him egg lit' bit slow; you put him milk in, all time move. You makee him flou' go in, not move fast, so have no spots Makee but'led pan all same wa'm, not too hot. Putlee him in oven. Now you mind you business. No like women run look at him all time. Him done! all same time biscuit.'

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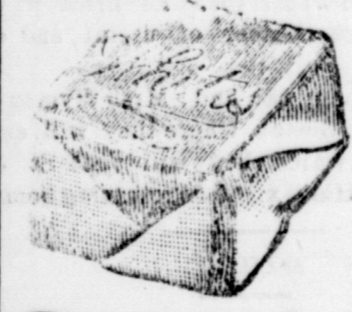
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