

The coming of the Duke and Duchess of York is already being considerably discussed throughout the city.

It will, in all probability be very late in fall before the Royal party reaches this city, as it has now been definitely decided that they will arrive at Quebec about Sept 15th. This decision is a severe blow to Halifax people, who were planning elaborate preparations for the landing at the garrison city.

If we can place any reliance in the rumors at present floating around, the coming month of roses will break the record of previous years in matrimonial ventures. We have already heard of three—four—five weddings for that month. And Dame Rumor also hath it that Buffalo and the Pan-American will be the destination in the honeymoon trips of at least three of the happy couples.

The splendid concert given by the Boston Sixette club at the Mechanics Institute on Thursday evening was very much enjoyed and thoroughly appreciated by those fortunate enough to be present. A local quartette also appeared to good advantage and received considerable well merited applause. Miss Ellsbee, the soprano, possesses a very sweet flexible voice and she was forced to respond to several encores.

A very pleasant function and in fact the only event of the week worthy of note was the At Home given by Miss Stephenson on Thursday afternoon, at the residence of Dr. Christie, Wellington Row. The reception was from 4 until 6 o'clock and during that time fully two hundred friends called to pay their respects to the hostess and her charming niece, Miss Alice Christie. The reception room parlors and dining room were artistically decorated with ferns, potted plants and crimson flowers. Miss Christie was becomingly gowned in white and blue and ably assisted her aunt in receiving and entertaining the guests. The dainty refreshments were served by several young lady friends all prettily gowned for the occasion. The tea and coffee was dispensed by Mrs. P. R. Inches and Mrs. Lucien Allison. Mrs. Mortimer and Miss Kaye escorted the guests to the dining room and also assisted in serving.

The function was indeed most successful and considered one of the very pleasant events of the season.

In the evening a pleasant dance was given for the young friends of Miss Christie. The guests numbered nearly one hundred and it is almost needless to say that they thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment provided for them and merrily tripped the light fantastic to the music of Harrison's Orchestra. Supper was served and the dance brought to a close at quite a late hour.

Miss Jessie Walker leaves here on Monday for Boston to attend the wedding of her brother, Mr. Dacre Walker, the date of which has been fixed for May 29th. Miss Walker, Dr. T. D. Walker, and Mr. Edward Walker will probably leave on the following week to be present on this auspicious occasion.

A pleasant party left this week for New York en route to the pan-American exposition at Buffalo. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell, Miss Russell and Mrs. H. Baines. They will be absent several weeks and will probably return by way of Niagara Falls and Montreal.

Mrs. Frank Lee of St. Stephen who has been here for the past week has returned home.

Miss Clarke, also of St. Stephen was visiting friends here last week.

Miss Dodge has returned to her home in Moncton after spending several weeks in a very pleasant manner with friends both here and in Fredericton.

Miss May Burton of Halifax is visiting friends in the north end.

Mrs. Dewdney, wife of the Rev. A. D. Dewdney, Rector of St. James church is but slowly recovering from her recent illness. Her many friends will be grieved to hear this.

Miss Geraldine Sears, daughter of Mr. Edward Sears who has been very ill is improving somewhat but has not as yet regained her usual good health. It is to be hoped that the summer months in the country will benefit her.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Barry who are erecting a new house on Leinster street, are boarding at Carville Hall until the completion of their new home.

Mr. Simeon Jones came from New York this week and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Keltie Jones of Caverhill Hall.

Among the St. John people who left recently for Buffalo were Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Barnhill and Mrs. John E. Moore, who were passengers on Tuesday's train for that city.

Mrs. W. B. Gagnon of St. Stephen was in town

for a few days this week. She left again on Thursday for her summer home at the Cedars.

On Wednesday Mr. Robert Thompson arrived from New York with his new yacht, which he has purchased for the pleasure of his family and friends. The yacht was visited yesterday by many admiring friends. Mr. Thompson had several guests on this cruise from New York. They were Mayor Daniel, Ald. Armstrong, Messrs W. B. Edwards, W. Watson Allan and A. W. Adams. The trip down was much enjoyed.

Mrs. M. Barnes is home from a two weeks visit to New York and other American cities. Mrs. Hunter who has been spending the winter with relatives at Yarmouth arrived here on Monday and was for several days the guest of her nieces, Misses Beatty, West end. She left for her home in Fredericton on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rogers have returned from a short trip to Annapolis.

Mrs. Percy Albott [see Miss Bessie Rogers] received her friends on Wednesday and Thursday of this week at her pretty new home on Germain street. She was assisted by her mother and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Harry Rogers.

Mrs. Wm. McLaughlin has been suffering from a severe cold during the week. She intended going out to her summer cottage at Woodman's Point but was thus prevented from doing so.

Mrs. J. Verner McLellan is entertaining her sister Mrs. A. J. Webster of Shediac.

Miss Dorothy Matthews, who has been studying music in Germany for the past couple of years has returned. She came by way of New York and was accompanied from that city by Miss Parker, daughter of Rev. Lindsay Parker, who will spend the summer with Miss Matthews at Gondola Point.

Westfield, one of our favorite summer resorts, is already assuming quite an air of gaiety. Many city families being comfortably settled at the many pretty cottages, all bent on enjoying to the full extent the pleasures of suburban life.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bullock have recently left town, and are occupying their very pretty cottage at Westfield Beach.

Mrs. P. R. Inches and family will go to their summer residence on the river about the first week in June.

Lady Tilley and her niece Isabelle Howland are visiting in Toronto, where they are being quite extensively entertained. They return to St. John in about ten days, remaining here for a few weeks before proceeding to St. Andrews where they intend spending the summer.

Miss Laura MacLaughlin has returned from a most delightful trip to Bermuda. She was absent about six weeks.

Miss Helen Sinclair spent part of last week here with friends. She was enroute to her home at Newcastle, returning from Boston where she has been pursuing her musical studies for the past year.

Mrs. (Judge) King and daughters Miss Roma and Mrs. Reynolds and little Master Reynolds returned to Ottawa on Monday. Mrs. King's sister, Mrs. H. A. Austin accompanied them and will remain in Ottawa for a few weeks.

On Wednesday a pleasant event took place at Springfield which was of especial interest to St. John people, in as much as the gentleman in the case was from this city. On that day at the home of Mr. W. E. Case, his daughter Miss Julia Case was united in marriage to Mr. Arthur B. Vail, one of the popular proprietors of the Globe Laundry. The bride was attired in a travelling suit of navy blue with hat to match and was attended by Miss Maggie Vail, sister of the groom. Mr. Charles Spragg of Sydney, ably supported Mr. Vail. The ceremony was performed about 2 o'clock in the presence of the relatives of the contracting parties. At its conclusion a dainty wedding luncheon was served and the happy couple left for the city. They drove at once to their home at 95 Sydney street, where an informal reception was held in the evening, many of Mr. Vail's friends calling to meet his bride and to extend congratulations and good wishes for the future happiness of both.

Mrs. Carter who spent several months with her daughter, Miss May Carter at St. Stephen and with relatives in the city, returned on Wednesday to her home at Kingston, King's county.

Mr. Jack Pauley of the Thomas E. Shea company arrived in the city on Monday and for the summer months will remain with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pauley of the South End.

Mrs. Mulcahey, wife of Capt. Mulcahey is here from Ireland and will spend the summer with her mother Mrs. J. M. Driscoll at Lancaster Heights.

Mrs. W. Hatfield has gone to St. Marinas, where she purposes spending the summer months.

Mrs. J. Bass and two children of Halifax are paying a visit to friends in the west end.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Arthurs of Boston, Mass. spent the week here enjoying the beauties of our city. They were guests at the Victoria.

Miss Burns left this week for Boston to pay a visit to her sister in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Martin and child of Houlton are here for a few days. They were accompanied by Mrs. Eaton also of that town.

Mrs. F. J. Neale, Master Neale, Miss Pierce and Mrs. Harding came down from the capital on Wednesday and spent the rest of the week here.

Miss Hattie Tweedie of Moncton was in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamlin of Boston who are

touring through the provinces were here the greater part of this week, guests at the Royal.

Miss McAvity is in Toronto the guest of Miss MacLeod.

Mrs. J. Gardner Taylor is also spending a few weeks in Toronto, the guest of relatives.

Mr. James Dalton who has been studying medicine at McGill arrived home on Wednesday and will spend the vacation with his parents in the North end.

TRURO.

MAY 15.—Hosts of people called last week on Mrs. Will Yorston. The bride's mother-in-law Mrs. Yorston, presided at the tea-table, and Mrs. Fred Yorston and Miss Yorston assisted. The bride looked very charming in her wedding gown of white silk with mousseline de soie and pearl trimmings. Mrs. Fred Yorston was in blue silk and Miss Yorston wore an exceedingly becoming gown of Henrietta cloth in a lovely grey shade.

This week Mrs. Davies is receiving her visits assisted by Mrs. Kaulbach, her sister Miss Nora Black and Miss Ebel Robbins.

Within the week we have had two very successful evenings in the Opera house. On Friday evening last The Boston Sixette, gave one of their ever charming and high class musical concerts. The audience was large and thoroughly appreciative of the splendid rendering, of a choice programme and the generous response to encores for every number.

Theatre goers and lovers of the Drama, turned out en masse last night to see W. S. Harkins' Company, put on the "Little Minister," which they did to everyone's satisfaction. Miss Bonstelle and her support are strong favorites here and the return of Mr. Harkins' company for a longer engagement next month is eagerly anticipated.

M. M. Dickie and a party of friends, left early this morning for the fishing quarters at Economy Lake. PEG.

MONCTON.

Progress is for sale in Moncton at Hattie Tweedie's Bookstore and M. B. Jones Bookstore.

MAY.—Mr. and Miss J. C. Mahon of Havelock are here guests at the Brunswick hotel.

Miss J. A. Flett of Campbellton was in town for a few hours on Monday. She was enroute to Amherst. Many Moncton people went to Sackville on Monday to be present at the concert given that evening by the Russian Pianist Godowsky. They report a very pleasant and successful entertainment.

Mrs. John Sargent and children of Sydney, C. B. are here spending a few weeks with friends.

Miss Maggie Wood is in Sackville visiting Mrs. Clifford Amos.

Miss Winnie Barbarie of Campbellton is here visiting relatives.

Many are grieved to hear of the very serious illness of Miss Ethel Ozden.

A splendid entertainment was given in the vestry of the Central Methodist church on Friday evening last. The programme consisted of a lecture by Mr. J. F. Hawke, on the Land and Legend of William Tell, and several solos by Mrs. Lyman and other well known artists.

The Baptist Mission Band concert held at Mrs. J. E. Price's residence last evening was a decided success. The programme was greatly enjoyed. Miss Davison sang, Misses Tricie Crandall and Bessie Doyle were heard in a duet, Miss Eva Doyle rendered a piano solo, Misses Boyd and Greta Rogers gave readings and Geo. Tingley played a cornet solo.

Miss LeBlanc has just returned from a pleasant visit to Boston and New York.

Mr. Fred Lockhart, son of Mr. W. J. Lockhart, I. C. R. trackmaster, is home from Texas where he has spent the last three years railroading. He is accompanied by his sister, Miss Jessie Lockhart, who went to Mexico last summer for her health which is much improved.

Miss Gertrude O'Neill of Boston, is spending a few weeks with friends in town.

Misses Maggie and Katie Culligan of Boston are in the city for a short time guests at the Minto Hotel.

Mr. J. Goodwin and Miss Goodwin have returned from a short trip to New York and Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Glendenning are receiving congratulations on the birth of a young son.

Miss Lucy Lefurzey was a passenger from Moncton Saturday on a visit to her home in Summerside.

NEWCASTLE.

NEWCASTLE, May 16.—Miss Helen Sinclair has returned from Boston.

Rev. Mr. Goldsmith of Bathurst, was in town on Thursday.

Rev. Mr. Pickies preached at Tabustiac on Sunday last.

Mrs. W. J. DeBlois of Halifax, who has been visiting Montreal is spending a few days with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Robertson of St. John spent Sunday with Mrs. Wm. Withrell. Mr. Robertson will remain a few days.

Mr. Thibbets, of Fredericton, one of the members of the 2nd Canadian Contingent, is visiting friends in town.

We are pleased to state that Edward Sinclair Esq. was very much improved in health yesterday. Dr. Sinclair, wife and family of California are expected home here this week.

WOODSTOCK.

MAY 15.—Mrs. G. Gentle and A. B. Monson, Houlton were at the Aberdeen Wednesday.

Mr. G. R. Ketchum's family who were living with their grandmother at Upper Woodstock, have moved to Ashland, where Mr. Ketchum now lives.

Mrs. Livingstone Dibblee of Woodstock, is in the city at the home of her sister, Mrs. George Ingram, King street east. Mrs. Ingram is dangerously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Tappan Adney are visiting Mrs. Adney's old home in Woodstock.

Rev. J. Murray, Bath, was in Woodstock last Friday.

ST. GEORGE.

MAY 16.—Rev. Mr. Lavers returned from Yarmouth on Friday.

Miss Sara Baldwin who has spent a few days with relatives returned to Boston on Wednesday.

Rev. Mr. Lynds was inducted rector of St. Mark's and Christ church Pennfield on Sunday morning. Bishop Kingdon performing the ceremony.

Mrs. and Miss Watson of Boston are among late arrivals.

Rev. Mr. Fraser has taken the house recently occupied by Mr. J. Sutton Clark.

Miss Julia Lynch and Mr. McCartney were married in the R. C. Church on Wednesday afternoon. The bride was unattended and wore a handsome blue suit. After the ceremony which was performed by Rev. Father Lavery, luncheon was served at home of the bride's father, Manor road.

The death of Mrs. John O'Brien which took place

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