



The holiday passed off as pleasantly as usual. The weather was all that could be desired and the many excursions by boat and train were liberally patronized.

During the greater part of the day the streets were practically deserted and it is safe to say that only those who could not possibly get away remained in the city.

Bay Shore and Rockwood Park were thronged with picnic parties and the beautiful evening following the rather warm day made many of them prolong their return to the city until quite a late hour.

Many enthusiastic golfers wended their way towards the links and there despite the heat enjoyed several games. Before returning to the city a dainty little lunch was served at the club house.

The King's Daughters convention opened in Centenary church on Thursday evening. Many delegates from the provinces and in fact from all over Canada were present.

Col. and Mrs. J. Russell Armstrong are entertaining very distinguished visitors this week. They are Mr. and Mrs. R. Stewart Solomon and their daughter of Cape Town, South Africa.

On Wednesday afternoon they were entertained at luncheon by Col. and Mrs. E. H. McLean. Several other ladies and gentlemen also being present. The dining room was prettily arranged with ferns and cut flowers while the music of an orchestra added much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

On Friday by invitation of Col. McLean, Mr. Solomon and Col. Armstrong left for a short fishing trip to Bonny River, Charlotte county, Mrs. Solomon and Miss Solomon remaining in the city until their return.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomson and family leave in about ten days for their annual camping trip to the south branch of the Miramichi. As usual they will take a party of young ladies and gentlemen with them and all are looking forward to a most delightful outing.

On Monday Mr. Rev. Armstrong and Miss Armstrong gave a pleasant picnic party to Rodhesay. The outing was in honor of Miss Solomon and was of course much enjoyed. Boating and outdoor sports were indulged in and the return to the city was made at quite a late hour.

The death of the Rev. Dr. Bennett which occurred on Saturday last occasioned universal regret for the revered gentleman was well known and highly respected. The funeral services were held at St. John's presbyterian church on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Fred Bennett of the custom department came home to attend his father's funeral. His sisters Mrs. J. Boko of Chicago, Mrs. Gardiner of Montreal, Mrs. Speers of Fort Fairfield, Me., and Mrs. J. E. B. McCready of Charlottetown were also here to attend the last sad rites.

Misses Mabel and Harriet Olive who have been in Boston for some time past are here visiting their parents in the West end.

Miss Lillian Beckwith is spending her vacation in Boston and vicinity.

Miss Campbell is visiting relatives in Bridgetown.

The engagement is announced of Miss Elsie Robinson, daughter of Mr. J. Morris Robinson to Mr. Ellis formerly of this city but now connected with the British bank at New York.

Another engagement being pleasantly discussed is that of Miss Nana Stone, daughter of Mr. J. R. Stone Germ in street to Mr. Kent Scovil. Miss Stone is a brilliant pianist having but recently returned from abroad where she had been pursuing her studies for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miles entertained about twenty five guests on July 1st, at their summer home Meadow Crib. A very enjoyable time was spent by all.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. S. Miles left this week for St. Martins where they will spend the summer at their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Forbes and Miss Bertha Forbes left this week for St. Martins to spend the summer. Progress understands that a young peoples' dance at the assembly rooms in the Mechanics Institute is being planned for a near date.

The invitations have not yet been issued but the dance will probably come off within the fortnight.

Mr. Douglas McLachlan who has been spending a few weeks vacation with his parents here left on Saturday last enroute to his present home at Minneapolis.

Mrs. John H. Thompson, Mrs. F. Fraser and Mrs. E. A. Smith spent several days of last week at Chipman. They returned to the city on Friday evening.

Miss Jessie Gordon Forbes is in Fredericton visiting Mrs. E. R. Edwards.

Mrs. Osborne, wife of the general superintendent of the C. P. R. has arrived in town. They will take up their residence on Coburg street.

The garden party to be held on the Barrack Square on next Thursday afternoon and evening promises to be an enjoyable event. The proceeds are in aid of St. John the Baptist church and with the able efforts being put forward by energetic committees the fair will no doubt be liberally patronized.

A new and interesting feature of the entertainment will be the flower exhibit and sale. This work will be in charge of Misses Margaret Kirk Clara O'Connor and May McQuiggin assisted by many little girls.

Mrs. Spencer, wife of Mr. H. B. Spencer, Superintendent C. P. R. Ottawa and Mrs. Struthers, wife of R. B. Struthers M. D. Sudbury, Ont., with their children are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Philip Martin, West St. John.

The many friends of Miss Muriel Carr, M. A. of McGill University daughter of Mrs. John De Soyres of this city are pleased to hear that she has been appointed to a fellowship in Radcliffe college.

Miss Lizzie McInerney of Pitt St., left on Thursday morning for Connors, Madawaska County, where she will spend several weeks vacation.

Mrs. E. S. Carter accompanied her sister, Miss Fenety to Fredericton this week. She will visit her mother at Lisdes Hall.

PARRSBORO.

[Progress is for sale at Parrsboro Book store.

One of Parrsboro's fairest maidens Miss Florence Smith daughter of Mr. R. T. Smith was united in marriage this morning in the presence of a large number of guests including the Sunday school class of the bride to Mr. Hugh Mosher of the Commercial bank of Windsor, Berwick by Rev. W. G. Lane.

The house was artistically decorated with ferns, mosses and daisies, the bride couple standing under a true lovers knot suspended by an arch. The bride wore white organza, veil and carried a bouquet of white carnations. Miss Lila Stewart of Ottawa, the bridesmaid wore a cream gown and the little maid of honor Miss Marie Day, niece of the bride pink silk. The groom was supported by Mr. Harley Smith, Miss Maude Dickinson, Bessie Upham, Bessie Gowe and Augusta Holmes, Dr. McArthur and Messrs. Varley E. Fullerton and W. Butchard assisted at the breakfast following the ceremony.

The happy couple left by train for their wedding trip amid the best wishes of a crowd of friends at the station to see them off. The bride's going away gown was Easter cloth with revers of white satin covered with Battenburg, hat to match. Many beautiful and valuable presents were received.

A ladies' whist party at Mrs. A. H. Nephaw's on Wednesday afternoon was much enjoyed.

Mrs. P. D. Holmes entertained a party of young people on Friday evening at progressive whist for the pleasure of her two sisters the Miss Blair who are visiting her.

ST. GEORGE.

July 4—A very large number of strangers were in town on Dominion Day, there were excursion parties from St. John, St. Stephen and St. Andrews to witness the celebration. The first on the programme was the Polymorphine parade, which took place at 10.30 a. m.

Water sports followed immediately after parade. Land sports commenced at 3 p. m. In the evening a fine musical concert was given in Cutts Hall, Miss Helen Hibbard, St. Andrews was the soloist, Miss Kennedy pianist; a male quartette from St. Stephen and the St. George band made up the programme.

Miss Edith Baldwin has returned from Amherst where she has been to attend the wedding of Miss Moffat. She was accompanied home by Miss Maude Sprague of North End, St. John, who will be her guest for a few weeks.

Mrs. Charles Lee and family, St. John, and Mrs. Daniel Gillmor and family, Montreal, are settled in their summer homes.

Mrs. Fraser is visiting her son Rev. Mr. Fraser. Mrs. Nase, North End, St. John, is a visitor at her son's Dr. Nase.

The dwelling house of Mr. Robert Gray at Letang was struck by lightning on Thursday evening last the chimney fell and the cat was killed in the cellar.

Mr. Hugh McLean with a party of twelve spent July 1st in St. George.

A large number went on the excursion to Calais to-day Thursday, Miss Sadie Epps is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. Cobwigger—How is the family in the next flat?

Mrs. Hillaire—I couldn't ask for better neighbors. Their little boy is tongue tied and they use only noiseless rockers.

The Real Captain Kidd.

Despatches told the other day, how working men, engaged in tearing down an old house at Damariscotta Mills, Maine, found in the walls a pot of Spanish gold, 'which might have been placed there by Captain Kidd.' The silly phrase indicates the popular idea of Kidd's actions—that he buried treasure anywhere and everywhere along the Atlantic coast. Yet the truth seems to be that all the valuables he really did conceal were discovered during his lifetime.

Two hundred years ago William Kidd was hanged at Execution Dock, London, and time has sifted out from many fables some of the facts about his career. It seems that he was born at Greenock, Scotland, and was the son of a non-conformist minister who had suffered imprisonment and torture for conscience' sake. Some of the father's sterling stuff must have been in the son. He went to sea, rose to be captain, and made a fortune.

He had specially distinguished himself as a privateersman against the French in the West Indies, and when the Earl of Bellamont, Governor of Massachusetts Bay, undertook in 1695 to stamp out piracy, no less important a New Yorker than Robert Livingstone recommended Kidd for the command of the expedition.

There would probably be gold gained, as well as good accomplished, by such a movement, and Bellamont and others of the nobility and gentry raised six thousand pounds to fit out the pirate catchers. A new ship was provided, the Adventure Galley, of two hundred and eighty seven tons, and mounting thirty four guns. And Kidd, who had retired and was living at his ease, gladly made ready to go to sea again.

There was difficulty in raising a crew at Plymouth, England, where the vessel was built, and Kidd sailed her to his home port, New York, where five years earlier, he had been presented with a hundred and fifty pounds for protecting the colony from pirates. At New York he shipped men enough to make in all one hundred and fifty-four. Then in September, 1696, the Adventure bore away in search of the pirates 'who prowled between the Cape of Good Hope and the Straits of Malacca.'

But after a while strange tales began to come back. It was said that Kidd had turned pirate himself, that he had seized the Quidah Merchant, East Indianman, and other ships of his own nation. Finally the governors of all English colonies were ordered to seize him at sight. So when Kidd turned towards America, in 1699, he left his ship near Haiti, and with a few men in a small sloop sailed up to Gardiner's Island which lies off the east end of Long Island, New York. Thence he sent an emissary to Boston, to Billamont, protesting innocence, and asking if it were safe to come ashore.

Apparently Bellamont encouraged him. Kidd ventured to Boston. A week later he was arrested, to be sent to England. Political complications caused a years delay, but in May 1701, he was put on trial at the Old Bailey, charged not only with piracy, but with burning houses, massacring peasantry, brutally treating prisoners, and murdering William Moore, a gunner on his ship.

Kidd answered that his own crew forced him into piracy; that after they had cruised a year and found no pirates, and there fore no booty, they mutined and made him do their will. He admitted killing Moore, 'as he sailed,' but asserted that he had to do so to maintain discipline. There seems no doubt that his trial was grossly unfair. He refused counsel and all facilities for making a defense. Still the charge of piracy failed, but he was convicted of the murder of Moore, and Kidd and nine of his crew were hanged.

As for the 'treasure' of this man, who may have been better than his reputation some was buried at Gardiner's Island, some was stored on his little sloop and some was carried on his person. It consisted of about eleven hundred ounces of gold, twenty three hundred ounces of silver, seventeen ounces of jewels (sixty nine stones), fifty seven bags of sugar, forty one bales of merchandise and sixty seven pieces of canvas, the total value being about fourteen thousands pounds.

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