



Socially, this has been one of the very duller weeks of the season. The Lenten spirit seems to prevail everywhere, and even the small and informal afternoon teas have been strictly tabooed.

Skating has been about the only amusement of the week and this very pleasant and health-giving recreation has been most heartily indulged in.

The Monday evening skating club has afforded much enjoyment to its many members and such meetings are looked forward to with almost as pleasant anticipation as a dance or ball would occasion.

The entertainment at the Boy's Industrial Home on next Tuesday evening promises to be of a most interesting and enjoyable nature.

Lady Tilley and Mrs. E. A. Smith who have always been deeply interested in the workings of this institution have charge of the affair. The ladies have been indefatigable in their efforts to make this entertainment a successful one and as the proceeds are for such a laudable object, namely, that of purchasing a piano for the institution, the need of which has long been felt, there is no doubt their efforts will be rewarded by the attendance of a large and representative audience.

Sleighs will leave King Square at 7 and 8 o'clock and on their arrival at the Home the concert will take place after which tea will be served.

Those who will assist at the entertainment are Miss Frances Travers, Miss Howland, Miss Elizabeth Furlong, Miss Jarvis, Miss Gertrude Seeley, Miss Daisy Sears, Mr. J. Royden Thompson, Mr. D. Pidgeon and the Male Quartette.

Miss Blair, daughter of the Hon. A. G. Blair, who has been in the city for a short time, went to Fredericton this week, where she will visit for a short time.

On Wednesday evening Hon. Thomas R. and Mrs. Jones celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The celebration took place at the residence of Mr. F. A. Jones on Charlotte street. A large number of guests, chiefly relatives of the venerable couple, were present and the evening was passed in a most delightful manner.

The daily papers have given notice of the recent marriage at India of Miss Lucy Bridgeman to Mr. Herbert Shaw.

Miss Bridgeman for some time resided with her grandmother, Mrs. Reading in this city and during that time made many friends who will wish her much happiness in her new life.

Mrs. Alex. Macaulay gave a very pleasant children's party at her residence on Princess street, on Friday afternoon and evening last. Quite a number of little folks were present and thoroughly enjoyed the games and music and dainty refreshments that were provided for their entertainment.

This week will close the engagement of the Valentine stock company. When the company arrived here it was their intention to remain until early spring but they have met with one disappointment after another and so have decided to try their luck elsewhere.

All the ladies of the Valentine Company and Miss

Blanche and Miss O'Brien in particular have made many friends during their stay in St. John and should they return to this city they will be sure of a warm and hearty reception.

The Oratorio Society will next week commence practising Mendelssohn's Elijah, which will be given a production some time during the month of May. The members of the society are enthusiastic over the idea and intend to work well and thus secure its undoubted success.

Miss Alex. Corbett who has been visiting here has returned to her home in Woodstock. Mr. and Mrs. James D. Seeley returned on Thursday from a trip to the West.

Miss Mabel Pugsley of Amherst who has been visiting friends here has returned home. Mr. and Mrs. M. Barker Ferguson of Sydney, C. B., are visiting Mrs. Ferguson's parents in the west end.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Edwards of Main Street entertained about fifty of their friends at their home on Friday evening last. Progressive whist, music and dancing were the amusements provided, all of which were heartily indulged in by the guests. Supper was served late in the evening and a most delightful time enjoyed.

On Friday evening of last week a surprise party gathered at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Moore Charlotte street, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Miss G. Foster one of the first contingent to South Africa and a brother of Mrs. Moore, was presented with an address and gold watch by W. H. McDonald on behalf of the gathering. The following were among those present.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dunham. Mr. and Mrs. Jas Sullivan. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McDonald. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Foster. Mr. and Mrs. F. Pearce.

Mrs. H. M. McDonald, Mrs. S. Dunham, Miss J. Dunham, Miss J. Holmes, Miss J. Mow, J., Miss H. Galbraith, Miss L. Henderson, Mrs. Metcalf, Mrs. P. Marshall, Miss A. McConnell, Miss D. McConnell, Miss L. Clarke, Miss M. Clarke, Miss L. Henderson, Mr. S. Foster, Mr. M. Foster, Mr. R. Penny, Mr. Herb Phippin, Mr. F. Foster.

Miss M. A. Nannery gave a very interesting and instructive lecture at a meeting of the Ladies Association of the Natural History Society on Thursday afternoon. Her subject was 'A Trip across the Rockies.' Miss Nannery has gleaned much information during her residence in the west, which information she imparted in her own inimitable style.

Miss Maud Estabrooks of this city is in Wolfville the guest of her aunt, Mrs. L. E. Wortman. Miss Estabrooks attended the recent ball given by the seniors of the academy.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Savage of Fredericton were in the city early in the week. They were guests at the Victoria Hotel.

Mrs. Wm. Carnall (nee Miss Conagher) received her friends on Wednesday and Thursday of this week at her pretty home on Elliott Row.

Many friends of Mr. Jack Kirwin, bookkeeper at Stetson & Cutler's mill are grieved to hear of his prolonged serious illness. On Friday a slight improvement was reported, a continuance of which will relieve much anxiety.

Miss Bartie has returned from a three weeks trip to Boston and New York, whither she had gone in quest of the latest styles in spring and summer millinery. Miss Bartie's opening, which will be at quite an early date, promises to be unusually attractive.

Miss Mildred Boyd of North End is home from a pleasant visit of three weeks with relatives in New York.

Miss McNicol of Moncton is here paying a visit to her cousin, Miss Eva McNicol.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McBride, of Montreal, are in the city visiting Mrs. McBride's father, Mr. J. H. Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Doody have returned from a pleasant trip to New York.

Rev. Harvey Morton left this week for Halifax enroute to his new field of labor in Trinidad.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fisher also left this week for a six weeks trip to the West Indies.

Mr. E. J. Scovil formerly of this city but now located in Peterborough was married in that town on February 14th to Miss Ada F. Dunn of Wilmersburg. Mr. Scovil is a son of Mr. E. G. Scovil of this city and during his residence in the west has made hosts of friends. He has also been very successful in business ventures and promises to be a typical western business man.

On Wednesday evening the triumph of Paardeburg was commemorated by a dinner given at Lang's restaurant at which most of the returned South African heroes were present. A number of representative citizens were present and a pleasant evening was spent with songs and speeches and in relating war anecdotes.

ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS. [Progress is for sale in St. Stephen at the book store of O. S. Wall, T. E. Atcheson and J. Vroom & Co., in Calais at O. P. Treat's.]

FEB 27—The curlers with several ladies as mascots, started on a trip which was supposed to be a victorious one last Thursday. Somehow or other the victory went the other way and they met defeat at Fredericton on Thursday and also had similar fate at Hampton.

St. Croix hall will doubtless contain a good audience this evening, it being the occasion of the presentation of Evangeline under the control and management of Mrs. Rodderbaugh. About eighty persons will take part. Some of the scenes are said to be extremely pretty and Mrs. Rodderbaugh who recites the piece has met with great success wherever it has been presented.

Mrs. Seth M. Whitney entertained a party of lady friends with five o'clock tea and whist on Thursday afternoon last.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Stimpson have been called upon to mourn the death of their youngest son, Charles, a bright lad of 18 years. It is only a few days since their second son, Archibald, was stricken down by death. The double calamity has been a terrible blow to the family and the keenest sympathy is expressed for its remaining members. Considerable interest has been evinced in the game of hockey this winter. The town team has been very successful, their last victory being on Friday night, when they succeeded in defeating Woodstock.

CHATHAM. Feb. 27.—Mrs. Archibald Fraker entertained about thirty couples on Tuesday evening last. A splendid repast was served about eleven o'clock,

after the evening had been spent in dancing, music and other amusements. Twelve o'clock arrived all too soon, when a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close, all present voting the affair a great success, and expressing the wish that they might soon again have occasion to partake of the hospitality of so admirable a hostess.

Mr. W. B. Snowball returned Monday night from his trip to Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Malone returned Monday evening from their wedding trip.

Mr. J. W. V. Lawlor of the McLaughlin Carriage Co., is at the Adams House.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Church are entertaining the congregation at an "At Home" in the Masonic Hall this evening. Where is the young man who would not wish to be a member of St. Andrew's—at any rate for tonight?

ST. GEORGE. FEB 26.—Miss Edith Baldwin is visiting Miss Maude Sprague, St. John, North End.

A dance for the benefit of the band was given in Court's hall on Monday evening of last week. Twenty-one dollars was realized.

Senator Gilmor, Ottawa, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gilmor, Montreal, are spending a short time in town.

Mr. Charles Johnston has returned from Calais and is confined to his home with a carbuncle. A party of twelve enjoyed a fine sleigh drive to Upper Falls and an oyster supper at the home of Mrs. McKay on Wednesday evening.

Mr. James O'Brien, M. P., and Mrs. O'Brien, leave this week for Fredericton.

Mrs. Mersereau, Eastport, is staying with her mother Mrs. Milne, who has been quite ill. Mrs. Eldorado Gilmor returned Monday from a visit in the West.

Miss Jean Kelman gave a charming birthday party to a number of her young friends recently.

Miss Hettie Lavers is recovering from an attack of La Grippe. Mr. Sutton Clark arrived home this week from a business trip to the United States.

Mrs. K. P. Gilmor entertained a few young Misses Saturday evening for the pleasure of Miss Ethel and Edith Gilmor who are her guests. MAX.

ST. ANDREWS. FEB 28.—M. N. Cockburn is in St. John this week on professional business.

Mr. G. W. Ganong, M. P., was home on business last week. He also accompanied the St. Stephen curriers to Fredericton and Hampton.

Robert Stuart has given up work in St. George and will return to Houlton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hooper leave Montreal for New York, whence they sail by the Oceanic on Feb 27th on a two months' trip to England and the continent.

Miss Nellie Hibbard has passed a successful examination before the school board in Boston and is now in charge of a school in the 'Hub'. While regretting that the provincial school staff is to be deprived of her services, we congratulate her upon her success.

Mrs. Frank S. Cummings of Deer Island, was in town on Monday.

Among the legal lights in town on Tuesday were James G. Stevens, Jr., George J. Clarke, W. C. H. Gimmer and J. W. Richardson of St. Stephen.

W. C. H. Gimmer came down from St. Stephen on Tuesday to visit his mother who has been in poor health.

Miss Hunt drove to St. George on Tuesday, to take charge of the school in Pennfield.

The ladies of the Methodist church have arranged for a supper in Memorial hall on Easter Monday night.

NEWCASTLE. FEB 28.—Mr. James and Miss Susie Stables entertained a large number of their friends at whist at their parents home last Tuesday night.

Mr. G. Copeland has returned from Campbellton where he had been visiting his daughter Mrs. D. O. Coole.

Dr. and Mrs. Sprout and young son were visiting Mr. Sprout's home at Sussex, and returned home Tuesday night.

Dr. and Mrs. Nicholson have returned home from New York and Boston.

Master Willie Stables entertained a number of his young friends at a party last Thursday evening.

Miss F. Murray of Boston is visiting her sister, Mrs. Joseph Jardine.

J. M. Aitken entertained a number of his friends at his home last evening.

F. J. Quinn of Quebec was registered at the Waverly last Thursday.

Rev. Mr. Purcell, of Chatham was in town Friday.

Mr. John Walsh returned home on Saturday after an extensive cruise in the woods.

Miss Sadie Hairman has returned home after visiting friends in Sackville.

Mr. C. Layr left on Tuesday morning's express for Sydney, C. B. Mrs. Quinn is visiting friends at Moncton.

WOODSTOCK. FEB. 28.—Rev. B. Colpitts and wife left on Thursday last for Bloomfield, Kings Co., where their daughter, Mrs. William G. Cochran, was very ill. Miss Luella Colpitts has been with her sister for some weeks. Mrs. Cochran died on Friday the 22th, in her thirty-sixth year. The funeral took place on Monday at 10.30 a. m. Henry Jordan of Houlton, spent Monday night in town, visiting his sister, Mrs. J. C. Millmore. Miss Catherine Rankin has returned from a visit to St. John. Mr. and Mrs. Howard F. Wetmore, St. John, are in Woodstock. Miss Alex. Corbett, has returned from St. John, where she was visiting. The Misses Belle and Cassie Gillin, of Hartland, attended the race at the roller rink Saturday night, and returned home Sunday. On Tuesday morning last Mr. Merbert E. Hascall and Miss Alice L. Thibodeau were united in wedlock at St. Gertrude's church by Rev. W. F. Chapman. Miss Lizzie Day was bridesmaid and Mr. J. Lewis Millmore best man. The young couple received many warm congratulations. They left by the afternoon train for Portland, Me., where they will make their home. W. E. McMullin and wife, St. John, were at the Aberdeen last week. T. L. Dyer, Houlton, was at the Aberdeen Friday. T. L. Connelly and wife, Benton, were in town for a short time quite recently.

To Study London's Fog. The Rev. J. M. Bacon, who has become widely known by his balloon studies, intends this winter to ascend to the top of one of London's worst and blackest fogs, and to explore its constitution scientifically. He will try the effect of gun cotton explosions in dissipating the fog. Umbrellas Made, Re-covered, Repaired, Dressed 17 Waterloo.

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