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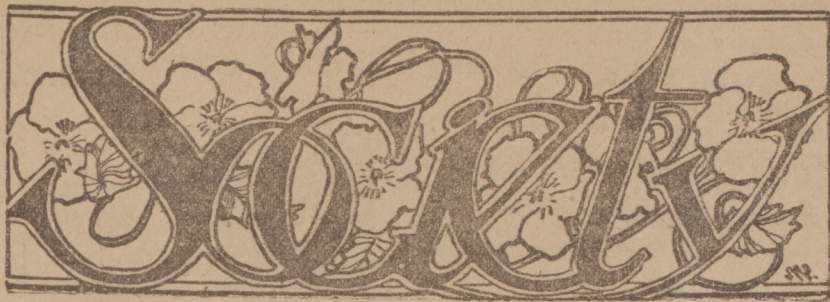
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A very pretty at home was given by Miss Gardiner-Taylor, East King street, to introduce into society her sister, Miss Eileen Taylor. The table at which Miss Mary Trueman and Miss Iona Kerr presided was artistically decorated with white chrysanthemums. Among the young ladies who assisted in the dining room were Miss Charlotte Vassie; Miss Jessie Foster; Miss Constance Inches; Miss Mollie Robinson; Miss Phyllis Stratton; Miss Katie Hazen; Miss Elsie Jardine and Miss Gwen McDonald.

Miss Taylor was hostess in the evening at a very enjoyable dance. The programme of white pounce with trimmings of lace, while Miss Eileen Taylor was gown in a dainty creation of point d'esprit over white silk.

How few fully realize that Christmas is so near. And yet it is but six weeks away. How many will be wise enough to do their holiday shopping while it is yet early, instead of waiting until the last moment and so wearing themselves out and thus becoming unfit to enjoy the holiday, which should indeed be a real pleasure into which one should enter, heart and soul—instead of being a drag both mentally and physically. Ah! well, but human nature is prone to err, and after all humanity is but natural!

The busy hostess has had enough to do to attend to her daily duties without "meeting trouble half way," as the old adage goes. St. John society is in need of something original, and although promises have been made, nothing has been forthcoming.

Not a few ardent workers in the Church of England are already turning their attention towards the duties of the Dorcas society, and in this connection it may be noted that many little sewing parties are being planned to prepare tokens of good will. It may be well to observe in passing that St. Paul's Needlework Society will feel keenly the loss of Mrs. A. G. Hamilton-Dicker, who, among her manifold duties always gave this branch special attention.

Referring again to more material matters, it has been learned that the Ladies' Curling Club are preparing for the season's play, but it is understood that no games will take place before Christmas.

A very pleasant time was spent Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Hamm, Douglas avenue, when a large number of friends were present to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Hamm on their wedding anniversary. They were presented with a handsome piece of cut glass as a souvenir of the occasion. During the evening progressive whist and other games were indulged in.

Mrs. W. D. Forster was in St. Andrews last week.

Miss Hart, of St. Andrews is visiting in the city.

J. M. Robinson, Jr.; A. O. Earle and J. A. Belyea were in St. Andrews Monday.

Mrs. George Warwick was hostess at

a very delightful at home on Friday last, at her residence, Princess street.

Miss Margaret and Miss Alice Burton arrived from St. Andrews yesterday and will spend several months in the city.

Miss Mary Inches has been visiting friends in St. Stephen during the past week.

A ST. ANDREWS NIGHT.

Invitations have been issued for the annual celebration of St. Andrew's Day, which falls on the last of the present month. The auditorium and assembly rooms of the York Theatre have been secured for the event, which is being anticipated with pleasure by the members and their friends. The early part of the evening will be devoted to a real old Scotch evening, which will be opened by an oration followed by a programme in which some of the best local talent will participate.

Supper will be served in the large hall downstairs, and the remainder of the evening the members and their guests will trip the light fantastic, thus rounding up a right royal celebration of the feast of the patron saint of the land of "Bonnie Doon."

PERSONAL NOTES.

Miss Frances Travers, who has been visiting friends in New York, is expected home this week.

Mrs. Thos. McAvity has issued invitations for an at home on Wednesday next.

Mrs. de B. Carritte has issued cards for an afternoon bridge party on Thursday of next week.

Mrs. George Warwick is entertaining this afternoon at her home, Princess street.

Miss Constance Inches entertained on Monday afternoon in honor of Miss Mary Bartlett, of P. E. Island.

MADAME MODJESKA.

Society is looking forward with interest to the appearance at the Opera House this evening of Madame Helena Modjeska. The announcement of her visit here has received with enthusiasm by all lovers of the higher branches of art, and no doubt her visit will be looked back upon with a very great deal of satisfaction.

AT OTTAWA.

Mrs. Norman Guthrie, Miss Florence Fielding, Miss Marjorie Blair and Miss Laura Toller were among the guests at a very enjoyable tea given by Mrs. Reginald Beckett, in honor of Miss Stewart of Quebec.

Invitations are out for the state dinner following the opening of parliament on the evening of the 22nd inst.

Miss Winifred Rowan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rowan, and her guest, Miss Muriel Webster of Kingston, will be two of the season's charming buds who will make their debut at His Excellency's drawing room on Saturday, the 24th November.

Hon. Senator Thompson of St. John, N. B., arrives in town next week and will occupy his former apartments at 23 Albert street.—Citizen, Nov. 14.

## Falls Into Lap of Political Good Fortune



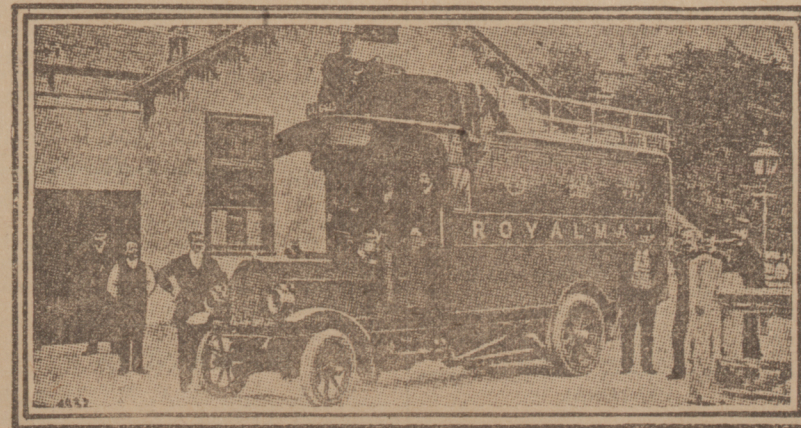
FREDERICK SKENE PHOTO BY TALK

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—When it became practically assured that he had been elected state engineer and surveyor, with immediate supervision over canal improvements to cost \$101,000,000 and road improvements to cost \$80,000,000, wide interest was taken in the personality and career of Frederick Skene, of Queens Borough. Mr. Skene is only thirty-three years old, the youngest man who ever held the position of state engineer.

All of Mr. Skene's engineering experience has been in the highway department in Queens. His salary has been \$9,000 a year.

"I do not care to discuss what I will do or will not do," said Mr. Skene, "except to say I will perform the duties of my office in the best way I know how, independent of party. I understand fully that the position is a responsible one, and I shall endeavor to be a credit to myself and to those who elected me."

## English P. O. Department Progressive



The conservative English post office has taken to the "gasoline post office" slowly, but now it is testing this rather business like looking vehicle. It has a powerful engine and a body large enough to hold several clerks.

## RECITAL WAS BIG SUCCESS

Miss Mildred Isaacs Delighted Capacity Audience in York Theatre Last Evening.

The recital in piano and elocution given by Miss Mildred Isaacs at the York Theatre last evening was very largely attended, the auditorium being crowded. Miss Isaacs was introduced by His Worship Mayor Sears and the evening proved one of the most enjoyable of the kind that has ever been given in St. John by a local artist, and indeed it may be said that few professionals could have made a better impression.

The programme was selected in excellent taste, affording ample opportunity to display the full range of her talents, both as a musician and elocutionist. The audience was most appreciative, giving expression to their approval by frequent applause. During the evening Miss Isaacs was presented with several beautiful bouquets. Her rendering of the chamber scene from Hall Caine's "Christian" was among the most interesting numbers on the programme. The vivacity of Glory Quayle and the austerity of John Storm were made very real to the audience and brought out the unmistakable dramatic power of the artist.

In piano, her performance of Liszt's 13th Rhapsody was beyond all praise, showing as it did, careful training and diligent study. Her touch, while delicate, is delicate and artistic and her work gave evidence of a clear conception of the characteristics of the composer.

Following this came a reading, entitled "How the Lee Rue Stakes Were Lost," by Hood. This was decidedly a triumph. The audience listened in breathless silence until the end, when they burst into storms of applause. Several times during the evening Miss Isaacs was obliged to respond to encores.

As a closing selection she gave the letter scene from Macbeth, and of this it is enough to say that she more than made good.

His worship the mayor observed that he was sure that all present had enjoyed the evening, which he hoped would be a means of helping Miss Isaacs to future success.

## SUPERVISED PLAYGROUNDS

(Toronto Globe.)

Play is for young children an absolute necessity. It is quite impossible for them to grow up physically strong and active unless they have abundant opportunities to exercise their bodies and limbs. It is just as impossible for them to grow up morally robust and capable of habitual self-control if they are not allowed constant opportunities to play with other children. Only in this way can they learn that other people have rights as well as themselves, and that if they are to remain members of society they must be prepared to do to others as they would have others do to them. All the pulpits talks and Sunday school teaching they may be subjected to will not do for them in the way of moral training what they can do for themselves in social play. The ordinary games suitable to young children afford also the best kind of intellectual training, which includes alertness, resourcefulness, presence of mind, power of concentration, and other acquisitions which no school class work can so effectively supply.

This truth has been for several years recognized by the educational authorities of some of the large cities in the United States and by a few smaller cities in Canada. Playgrounds have been set apart for the use of children only, have been suitably equipped for the purpose, and have been placed under the oversight of properly-qualified caretakers. Only in this way can children living in tenements and slums get any chance to play, because it is quite impracticable to let them have the use of the streets for that purpose. Their persistent inclination to make a playground of the highways is the cause of many a fatal accident to children who are too young to think of the danger they are incurring or to comprehend it. The instinctive desire for play overmasters them to such an extent that while engaged in it they have no thought for anything else. It is unspeakably tragic to know that the natural passion which might easily be made a means of physical, mental, and moral salvation is allowed to become a deadly peril to child-life in all large cities.

With the exception of a few fairly good playgrounds attached to public schools, hardly any provision has yet been made to meet the needs of young children in Toronto. School playgrounds are for school pupils only, and for them during only that part of each day which is spent at the school. But there are many children living in congested parts of the city where they cannot attend the public schools. They are of kindergarten age or less, and their parents or guardians could not afford to send them to a kindergarten even if there were one available. Moreover, what they need at their age is not conventional and make-believe games in a dusty schoolroom, but real play in the open air, and with plenty of space in which to run and tumble without risk of serious injury to themselves or others.

The locality most in need of public playgrounds is the area between Queen and College streets, and between Yonge street and University avenue. The density of the population there has been greatly increased by the accession of many foreigners who live in crowded dwellings and build small dwellings in backyards. Any one who desires to get some idea of the number of children within the area above defined can gratify his curiosity by a walk down one of the longitudinal streets on a Sunday afternoon. A considerable part of that space will some time be taken up by the new General Hospital, but within what is left of it there should be several small playgrounds rather than one large one. This is a matter for the consideration of both the city council and the board of education, the former having under the park purchase system the right to acquire the land, while the latter should look after the maintenance and supervision of the playgrounds.

GANS VS. NELSON.

The negro says he is anxious to fight Nelson again. He will sign articles with the Dane as soon as his match with Herman is over. "I will fight Nelson," he added, "on the same terms I offered him immediately after the Goldfield battle. The weight is to be 135 pounds, and I am to have sixty-five per cent. of the purse, win, lose or draw. That is just ten per cent. less than he demanded when we fought before, and I am making a very good offer, considering the fact that I have the right to dictate the terms."

Gans will begin training at Baltimore next Monday for the fight with "Kid" Herman, which is scheduled to take place at Tompkins, Nov. 14.

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