

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

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DORCHESTER.

[DORCHESTER is for sale in Dorchester at George M. Fairweather's store.]

May 27.—Dorchester has so lately contributed a share of amusement to the readers of PROGRESS in the description of our own manager, as exhibiting in St. John, that I feel it credit to good, and I may rest upon my oars. It is slightly interesting to our feelings to lose the monopoly of that instructive and entertaining performance, yet most our bosoms swell with pride to realize that every fair looking spectator must allow that it is, at least, only second to the late P. T. Barnum's "greatest show on earth." It made positively its last appearance in the city yesterday, I believe.

Nothing happened in our village on Monday to make the festive day, save the closing of the shops. One enterprising business man kept his open, presumably out of kindness to the public. Fishing was the order of the day, though the results were very inadequate to the exertion expended, so far as I have observed. After all it is the day among the trees, and far from the turmoil of everyday life, that constitutes the charm for most of us, I fancy. Of course a few fish and a few dollars' worth of excitement. The evening train was crowded with returning excursionists, and it struck me that, if they could not resemble the "traps," they had the "jags" all right! Possibly it was from too zealous guarding against snake bites.

The only party given during the last week was a small one at Mrs. B. Palmer's on Saturday evening. It was in honor of Miss Moffat, of Amherst, and the guests enjoyed the evening extremely. Cards and dancing were indulged in to a great extent. Mrs. Church showed symptoms of appearing.

Spent the day with her friends. She expects to move back to her house very soon, and everyone will give her a hearty welcome, as the summer is so short.

Miss Clara Barnes and Mr. Wm. A. Barnes, of Moncton, spent Sunday and Monday with their sister, Mrs. Lynda.

Dr. A. H. Chandler was in town on Monday and Tuesday, and caught some very fine trout in "Bulmer's pond," I heard.

Miss Moffat, of Amherst, has been visiting Mrs. David Chapman for about a week, and is to be here some days longer.

Mrs. Douglas passed through Dorchester last evening on her way to her home in Amherst. Her long visit in Georgia has improved her health very much.

Mr. J. H. Hickman is remaining a week in Boston, and he is too very much better.

Mr. A. Dew Howard spent Sunday and Monday with friends in Dorchester.

I am afraid I was a little previous in announcing the Moncton dramatic club's entertainment for the 2nd of June, but I only echoed the general impression. It is to take place some time in the near future, but I do not think it is quite decided upon.

We rejoiced in the second fine Sunday since Easter on Trinity Sunday, and it was much appreciated. It was unusually interesting from a church point of view this Sunday, as the dramatic club's birthday coming at the same time. Our church is dedicated to the Trinity, and the services are always particularly bright and pleasant, and the change to which is also the anniversary of the consecration. The floral decorations were extremely pretty on Sunday.

Dorchester has been getting a new sidewalk, and I am afraid we must withdraw from the streets and leave the honors to be divided between Charlottetown and Moncton. Our most unique and interesting piece has been rebuilt, and while slightly more agreeable to those who take their walks abroad, it is less leaves us with, but a short length of the antique style, not enough to give us a fair chance.

Miss P. S. Chandler is visiting Boston. Her friends will regret to hear that she has not been well while in St. John, and that the change to a warmer climate may quite restore her health.

Mr. A. J. Hickman returned last Wednesday evening from a short visit to Moncton.

The usual contingent of summer visitors has not yet begun to arrive, and perhaps it is just as well, unless they are prepared for very fine weather.

I hear that Miss Peters is expected from Boston some time next week to visit Mr. Hastings for two weeks.

It seems to me we should get up some amusement for our guests this summer, and should recommend to "our girls" that they emulate the example of the Fredericton maidens and the girls of the city. The masculine portion of our youth and beauty would certainly appreciate their efforts to amuse, and what could be prettier than a group of damsels with a damask glow upon their cheeks and fire in their eyes, gaily plying the errand of pleasure? They are always so graceful when they run, as we must all have observed many times; and I hope some one may take hold on this suggestion, and carry it to a successful ending. She may call upon me for the form of a cricket cap.

Long or Short Engagements? Which do you prefer? Write your reasons briefly and send them to "Progress."

CAMPBELLTON.

[DORCHESTER is for sale in Campbellton at the store of A. E. Alexander, wholesale and retail dealer in dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, stationery, school books, stationery, furniture, carriages and machinery.]

May 27.—Arbor day was celebrated by our schools on Friday last. Trees were planted in honor of the queen, our mayor (Mr. Alexander), Mr. McAllister and Messrs. Murray and Lablanc.

The occasion was made all the more interesting by the new school flag, which was hoisted amidst cheers. This was followed by the singing of "Our Own Canadian Home," which was well rendered by the scholars. Speeches were made by Revs. A. F. Carr, C. P. Wilson and Mr. J. E. Price, district superintendent of the International railway, complimenting the teachers on their success.

The demonstrations on the 25th were a grand success. The grand street parade, headed by the Moncton Cornetband and followed by the Campbellton firemen dressed in uniform, and an endless procession representative of trades and professions, was the grandest ever seen here. The aquatic sports gave the highest satisfaction to all. The Moncton band delivered some choice music in the afternoon, and the evening was taken up by the Express club concert. The freemen's torchlight procession added to the pleasure.

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CHARLOTTETOWN.

[DORCHESTER is for sale in Charlottetown at T. L. Campbell's bookstore and by S. Gray.]

May 26.—Yesterday passed off very quietly in Charlottetown. We celebrated the birthday of our most gracious sovereign in various ways. Some hired a horse and carriage and took their best girl for a drive in the country; others made up a party and went fishing, while a large number strolled to Victoria park to witness the foot ball matches, and view the brilliant playing of the Lawn Tennis club.

Both scenes were graced by the presence of the best governor and his charming wife, while many of the lesser lights were also there. The first game of foot-ball was between the Prince of Wales and St. Dunstan's college, commenced about 2.30 p.m., and resulted in a "draw," neither side scoring a point.

The Prince of Wales team played well taking quite a number by surprise, as the general opinion was that St. Dunstan's would have a "walk over." The next match was between the celebrated New Glasgow team and our own invincible Abegweit.

There was more than ordinary interest displayed in this game, as the New Glasgow boys came to us flushed with victories, and a kind of "See it and conquer" hero comes' expression upon their countenances. We gave them a cordial greeting, for they are indeed very good fellows, and our boys are quite too much for them in a foot ball match.

The game began about four o'clock, and until half time was called, the ball went flying about the field like a goal. During the second half the Abegweits scored two touchdowns, which were converted into goals, and the game closed with the victory of the Charlottetown boys—8 to 0. The Abegweits were looking very good, and the New Glasgow team's brilliant running being a fine feature of the game.

The conclusion of the play cheers were given to the victors, and the New Glasgow boys were then given a "walk over" by the Abegweits.

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HALIFAX.

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C. G. Norton & Co., - Barrington street
111 Bedford street
Andrews & Sons, - 171 Bedford street
Hattie & Mylne, - Morris street
Connolly's Book Store, - George street
Pocock's Drug Store, - 107 Gt. George street
G. J. Kline, - 107 Gt. George street
W. B. Dole, - 171 Bedford street
M. A. Quinn, - 25 Barrington street
H. J. Murray, - 145 Pleasant street
H. Silver, - 145 Pleasant street
Canada News Co., - Railway depot

May 27.—Another "hare and hounds," given by Mrs. James Thomson, N. W. A. Really the girls of the town are getting to be first-rate climbers of fences of course, I mean! Others get to the top of the fence, and there hang by their petticoats until either the petticoat or the fence gives way and the queerest part of it all is that they don't mind it a bit. I have seen my sex in all sorts and kinds of attitudes, but I have concluded that dangling on a picket fence is by all odds the least graceful and the most undesirable.

Mrs. Clarkson entertained her friends last Friday at a musical concert, and she succeeded in doing what many fail to do, I mean in collecting together really musical people, who thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful singing and playing which they heard.

The Queen's birthday was kept, of course, on the 25th. Shops closed and every body was in a festive mood. The Bedford hotel was filled all day by an overflowing list of pleasure seekers, and the road was lively with equipages of every description. It seems to me the sun always shines more brightly on her majesty's birthday than on any other holiday in the year, and the good people in Halifax enjoy it to the full.

Mrs. Cotton was driving to Bedford with her husband, who will remember is the manager of the Bank of Montreal, the pony stumbled and the two-wheeled cart, of course, tipped. Mrs. Cotton was thrown clear over the dashboard! When picked up it was found that her face was badly cut, and she was pretty well shaken up, but I believe there was no serious result, which seems truly wonderful. Both Rev. Mr. Hamlin, rector of St. Paul's, and Mr. W. P. Doull, of the "Herald," were in town on Monday, and left for Pictou by the "Herald" on Tuesday.

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NEW GLASGOW.

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The queen's birthday was observed generally as a holiday. The streets were a deserted appearance and in fact seemed more like Sunday than any other day. The races at the union park in the afternoon attracted quite a crowd, while many availed themselves of the opportunity to enjoy a day's fishing in the rivers and lakes throughout the county.

Miss Margaret McGregor arrived home on Monday from a trip to Boston and New York.

Mr. Will Yorton spent Sunday in his native town, Truro.

Miss Taylor is quite ill. She has closed her house and is now with her sister Mrs. Churchill on Water street.

Mrs. Clark and her grand-daughter entertained a number of young people on Wednesday evening.