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# OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

## ST. STEPHEN.

St. Stephen, Feb. 24.—On Monday afternoon Miss Edith Johnson gave a very charming reception at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Johnson, Calais, for the pleasure of her guests, Mrs. William Howard and Miss Kimball, of St. John. The hours of the reception were from 3 until 6 o'clock, and in spite of the severity of the rain and wind storm there were a large number of guests. As it was Washington's birthday the decorations were strictly patriotic. Patriotic colors red, white and blue, and the stars and stripes were most artistically arranged throughout the house and in the dining room were particularly handsome. In this room Mrs. Johnson, assisted by Mrs. Frederick T. Pote, Miss Carrie Murchie and Miss Florence Bradman, served dainty refreshments in old colonial style. The table—silver and china—were all in the style of the days of General Washington. The reception was most informal, the presence of a number of gentlemen helping to remove the stiffness and formality that usually accompanies afternoon receptions.

Mrs. William Renne last Friday evening gave a bridge party at her residence. It was enjoyed by a number of lady friends.

Miss Mabel Algar will be the hostess to the Onaway Club on Friday evening. This club meets for the purpose of sewing, and many dainty pieces of lace and fancy work are fashioned by its members.

The progressive whist party given in the Knights of Pythias Hall for sweet charity's sake which I mentioned in my last letter, was greatly enjoyed last Thursday evening. There were a large number of guests and a goodly sum was collected and given to a very aged and worthy old lady, adding much to the happiness of Mrs. Joseph M. Murchie, who so generously plans and arranges this party each year. At the close of the game the prizes were presented to the fortunate winners. Refreshments were served and merry conversation brought to an end a most pleasant party, which not only entertained those who attended but is the means of giving happiness and comfort that will last during the whole year.

Mr. John Black, jr., of the Bank of Montreal, St. John, is making a few days' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Black, at their home, "West Wilde." Mr. Black's young friends are glad to have him at home if only for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Todd and Miss Fanine Todd will leave this week to spend some time travelling in the middle and southern states.

Mr. Charles H. Clerke is visiting New York and other American cities.

Miss Frederick T. Waite will entertain the whist club, of which she and Mr Waite are members, at her residence on Tuesday evning.

Miss Margaret Maxwell's friends welcomed her home from Amherst on Friday last.

The Readers enjoyed a delightful evening at the high school rooms last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Hubbard, of Washington, who was summoned to Calais owing to the serious illness of her daughter, Miss Helen Hubbard, is the guest of her sister, Mrs Wilfrid L. Eaton.

Miss Kimball, of St. John, is the guest of Miss Edith Johnson this week.

Mrs George Lord, of Calais, most generously opened her handsome home on Tuesday evening to the public that lover of Tennison might listen to a reading of Queen Guinevre, given by Miss Eva Helen Holmes of of Eastport in aid of Good Will Farm, a charity that greatly interests many ladies and gentlemen in Calais. There was also a musical programme and the entertainment was one of much enjoyment.

On Wednesday evening Miss Bertha Adams entertained the whist club, of which she is a member.

A bridge party and picnic supper enjoyed at the home of Miss Stephen Gardner, on Saturday evening, by her lady friends, was one of the pleasant and informal society events of the week.

Mrs. Herbert Johnson, of St. George, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert S. Wall, and is most cordially welcomed by her friends.

Mrs. Hogan Grimmer is spending a few days in St. John.

A dance was planned by some of the young bachelors, to be given in Red Men's Hall on Monday evening, but owing to the rain storm it was postponed.

Mrs. Albert Benton, of Philadelphia, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. M. Johnson.

## ST. ANDREWS.

St. Andrews, Feb. 25—Once more we are enjoying the quiet Lenten season, and the guilds and sewing societies are most industrious, manufacturing all sorts of beautiful things, with which to wile the dollars from the pockets of our unsuspecting summer tourists.

Mrs. T. R. Wren very pleasantly celebrated her birthday on Saturday last by entertaining a number of her friends with a delightful tea party. After a delicious repast each guest produced the inevitable bag of fancy work and thus the evening passed away all too soon. Those present were Mesdames Nelson, Clark, Barnard, Simpson, Clarke, Burton, Cockburn and Miss Mary Rose.

The Young People's Whist Club held its meeting Thursday night. The first part of the evening was devoted to whist, and later the guests enjoyed a few dances, breaking up about midnight, after spending a thoroughly enjoyable evening. Those present were Misses Bessie Hibbard, Lelia DeWolfe, Ina Clark, Bessie Clarke, Lottie Hartt, Given Jack and Clara Gove; Messrs. Calder, Gove, Kerr, Grimmer, Hartt, Richardson, H. Richardson, Stewart.

The Ping Pong Club which has had such pleasant meetings during the winter, will not continue during Lent, but will probably be revived later.

The Canadian Literature Club met at the home of Mrs. Frank Barnard on Tuesday evening. This meeting, which was devoted to the study o Sir Gilbert Parker's works, was conducted by Allan Kerr, who gave an interesting address on this subject. Miss Miriam Mowat read a paper that showed careful study and thought and was greatly appreciated. Mrs. Barnard and T. Armstrong contributed music to the evening's programme, which was altogether very enjoyable. An appetizing repast was served, after which the guests enjoyed a pleasant hour before departing.

Doctor and Mrs. Wade are moving this week to the house owned by Mrs. Nelson Clarke. The house they are leaving has been purchased by Mr. McColl, of Chicago, who contemplates extensive alterations and repairs. Mr. McColl spends a great part of his time here, and will no doubt make it a beautiful place.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott, who have been visiting their sister, Mrs. A. W. Mahon for some weeks, were to have left last week for their home in P. E. Island, but, owing to the severe storms and great uncertainty about the boats, they postponed their departure until Monday.

Allan Grimmer, who is attending the U. N. B., has been quite ill, having symptoms of typhoid, and has been taken to Victoria Hospital. His many friends in St. Andrews hope that it may be nothing serious.

Miss Florence Hibbard, who was expected home today, is having such an enjoyable visit in St. John that she has postponed her return for another week.

Mrs. Cunningham, who came home to attend the funeral of her father, Angus Kennedy, left on Monday evening for her home in New York. Miss Amelia Kennedy, who came at the same time, will remain with her mother during the rest of the winter.

Mrs. A. W. Mahon has been quite ill with a severe cold.

Aubrey Allen has had an attack of grippe, but is quite recovered.

Miss Wiggins returned on Monday from a lengthy visit to St. John, and is staying at the Anchorage with Mrs. Andrews. She will not open her house until spring.

Mrs. Charles Kennedy has quite recovered from her illness and is able to be out again. Mrs. Kennedy has made so many friends during her stay in St. Andrews and they all look forward with much regret to her departure for Winnipeg.

R. E. Armstrong returned on Monday from a short trip to Ottawa, where he had been on business in connection with the fishery commission.

Nathan Treadwell left on Wednesday evening for a short trip to Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenlaw, of Waweig, spent a few days here the first of the week, visiting their daughter, Mrs. S. A. Hartt and their son, King Greenlaw.

Miss Amy Stuart, who had quite recovered from a severe attack of grippe, is now suffering from a relapse, and is quite ill.

R. B. Van Horne paid a flying visit to St. Andrews this week, returning on Wednesday to Montreal.

Miss McLaren has gone to Caribou (Me.) to attend her brother's wedding.

## BATHURST.

Bathurst, Feb. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Hanen entertained a number of friends on Friday evening at a pit party. "A most enjoyable affair" was the verdict of all. After several games of pit had been played, a number of amusing games were indulged in, and a little dancing by those who were not strict keepers of the Lenten rules.

Several snowshoe parties are spoken of to take place in the near future, while enough of the "beautiful" remains with us.

Miss Mabel Blackhall, who has been visiting Miss Kerr, was called home to Tarraquet today by the very serious illness of her father. Her friends regret Miss Blackhall's sudden departure and very sorry to learn of the sad cause.

The ladies of the R. C. congregation are this week engaged in making a carpet which is to be laid in the upper sanctuary of their church. The carpet is a very handsome one, imported from England, and is, I understand, donated by T. D. Adams.

Mrs. Frances Miller, who was visiting her sister, Mrs. G. Gilbert, last week, returned to Chatham on Monday.

Miss Nellie Branch has returned from Derby, where she had been visiting her sister.

Miss Belle Mullins is at home again, after making a short visit to friends in Newcastle.

Miss Rita Wilbur is visiting relatives in Quebec.

His Lordship Bishop Barry and Rev. J. O'Leary were here for a few days during the week.

Her friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Kent Branch, who has been very ill, is much improved.

P. C. Simon, of Loggieville, spent Sunday and Monday in town.

Their many friends in Bathurst have heard with regret of the decision of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fenwick to reside for the future in Sackville, and while regretting their departure from Bathurst, wish them much success and prosperity in Sackville.

Mr. Hansen, principal of the grammar school, who was very ill during the first part of the week, is able to be out again.

Mrs. D. Lordon fell on Monday morning on her way to morning service and broke her arm badly. The bone was set by Dr. Gordon Duncan and the injured lady is resting somewhat easier today.

The numerous friends of Mrs. Alex. Stout were much grieved to hear of her death on Sunday morning. The deceased lady was only in her thirty-fourth year and was much loved by all who knew her. She leaves besides her husband six small children, one an infant a few days old. The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon and was very largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Read, pastor of the Presbyterian church. The choir of the same church conducted the musical part. Much sympathy is extended to Mr. Stout and the other members of the family in their bereavement. Mrs. Foote and Mr. Moore, of Economy (N. S.), sister and brother of the deceased, both came in time for the funeral. J. Stout, of Fairville, St. John, and J. Stout, of Campbellton, also attended the funeral.

John Morrissey, of Newcastle, is in town this week.

P. J. Burns has returned from Chatham.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hinton sympathize with them in the loss of their bright little boy.

## MONCTON.

Moncton, Feb. 25.—There is a very perceptible lull in society circles this week. The voice of the "kettle-drum" is no longer heard, nor is the wrend of revelry audible either by night or day. Very small teas, church entertainments and good works will have to take the place of dances and skating parties for the next few weeks, and while milady mortifies the flesh in one respect she is supported during the ordeal by the consciousness that she is doing the best thing in the world for it in another, giving it a long rest and a chance to recuperate in time for Easter.

Report says that at least three of our most charming society girls are spending the quiet season in superintending the preparation of garments which, alas, will not be worn in Moncton; and that if not at Easter at least before the early summer we shall be called upon to part with them for good—not our own good by any means, but that of three fortunate young men.

Fifteen more of our best and brightest buds have turned their thoughts to the welfare of many instead of only three and have undertaken to furnish a ward in the new hospital by their own unaided efforts. These clever young housekeepers are devoting the penitential season to a careful study of their cookery books, and a very active practice of domestic science—in other words they are taking orders for home-made bread, biscuits, cake, pastry and candy, all of their own manufacture. Our girls don't need any advertising. We have almost to surround them with barbed wire fences to keep them with us until they are fairly grown up; but once it becomes noised abroad that our youngest maidens are capable of earning so large a sum as will be required for the thorough equipment of a hospital ward, by their own skill at cooking, we won't even have time to try the wire fence prevention—they will be snatched from us almost out of their cradles! These enterprising young ladies are also preparing a musical and literary entertainment which they intend giving in Oddfellows' hall next Monday evening. They are deserving of all possible encouragement and it is to be hoped they will have a record audience.

A number of our society ladies are confined to their homes from illness. Mrs. F. C. Jones, president of the ladies' curling club, has been ill for the past ten days suffering from nervous exhaustion, brought on, her physicians fear, from over-fatigue caused by a too enthusiastic devotion to curling; but I am happy to say she is now convalescent. These energetic ladies of the club have been practising every morning and frequently playing matches in the afternoon with curling stones weighing forty-two pounds and the only wonder is that more of them have not succumbed before this to the effects of over-exertion.

Mrs. R. A. Borden has been suffering from a severe attack of the ever-prevalent grippe, but is now on the road to recovery.

The many friends of Mrs. K. Bezanson will hear with very deep regret of her serious illness at her home on Alma street. Mrs. Bezanson has been suffering from nervous trouble for some months and while not dangerously ill, her condition is far from satisfactory to her friends.

Mrs. R. W. Simpson has been confined to her home for the past week with an attack of the common enemy, grippe.

James Geary, whose serious accident was noted last week, left town on Saturday night for Montreal, where he intends consulting Dr. Buller and obtaining treatment for the injury to his eye.

The numerous friends of Rev. E. Bertram Hooper, rector of St. George's church, are congratulating him on the successful completion of thirteen years' rectorship of the church. Mr. Hooper's popularity is such that he bids fair to remain in his present position for at least thirteen years longer, unless he desires to make a change himself.

Miss Helen Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Cole, of Alma street, has been very seriously ill for the past week with congestion of the lungs, but her friends will be glad to hear that she has improved decidedly in the last few days, and the prospects are excellent for her early recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Tennant and little daughters are spending a few days in Amherst, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tennant.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rettie returned last week from their wedding trip to the upper Canadian cities.

Mrs. A. J. Gorham and her daughter, Miss Wilhelmina, are spending a few days in St. John.

Frank Bezanson, of Sydney (C. B.), arrived in town yesterday to pay a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. Bezanson, of Alma street.

Mrs. J. F. Allison, of Sackville, who has been spending a week with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Y. Smith, of Highfield street, returned home on Tuesday.

Mrs. E. A. Reilly, accompanied by her infant daughter, left town last week to spend a fortnight with relatives in Chatham.

The many friends of Miss Jessie Dowe, who has been devoting herself to hospital work in Boston, since her graduation two years ago, are giving her a most cordial welcome home again and are glad to hear that she intends spending at least a year in Moncton before renewing "the strenuous life" again. We seem to be losing so many of our girls that it is a most agreeable change to hear of one of them coming back to us.

Miss Bessie Jones is recovering rapidly from her recent severe illness and will soon be able to be about again as usual.

Mrs. B. F. Reade was again the hostess of a ladies' whist party on Monday evening, entertaining about twenty of her lady friends, who spent a most enjoyable evening.

It would almost seem as if the downtrodden sex had resolved to assert themselves and play in their own back yards, since the new woman seems determined to exclude them from her games—of whist at least. As an offset to the all-prevailing ladies' whist we are beginning to hear of a good many men's dinners and cosy little evening stag parties. It almost looks as if we had brought our punishment upon our own heads, and the dear things were learning to do without us.

Robert Clark, manager of the Bank of Montreal, entertained a number of his masculine friends at dinner on Saturday at his handsome residence on Church street. Hon. H. R. Emmerson, minister of railways, was the guest of the evening and the party was made up of well known Moncton men, friends both of the minister and of his host.

D. I. Welch entertained a number of brethren of the wig and gown at a barrister's dinner on Tuesday evening at his residence on Alma street. Amongst the guests were Judge Wells, R. A. Borden, F. A. McCully, C. A. Steeves, R. W. Hewson, W. B. Chandler and one or two others. Mr. Welch is an ideal host, and to say that the evening passed pleasantly fails to do justice to the occasion.

Mrs. F. P. Reid gave a small but very delightful skating party at her residence on Highfield street on Saturday evening. The gathering was in honor of Mrs. J. F. Allison, Miss Pipes and Miss Harrison, guests of Mrs. J. W. Y. Smith, and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed. The earlier hours were devoted to skating at Victoria rink, the party returning to Mrs. Reid's for supper.

Philip Williams, of Sydney (C. B.), paid a short visit to his home in Moncton last week.

Miss Bessie Trites is giving a whist party to a number of her girl friends this afternoon at her home in Lewisville.

Mrs. George B. Willet left town last week to spend a short time in New York with her daughter, Miss Margaret Willett.

A very sad death which occurred on Saturday morning was that of Mrs. Charles E. Morton, who died very suddenly of heart failure, leaving an infant daughter but two weeks old. Mrs. Morton, who was formerly Miss Bertha Mills, of this city, was a young lady of a particularly gentle and amicable disposition, and her sudden and early death was a great shock to her friends. The funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon from Mrs. Morton's late home on Bonaccord street and was very largely attended. Rev. E. Bertram Hooper held a short service at the house, after which the remains were taken to St. George's church, in which the deceased lady had been an active and enthusiastic worker, and a very impressive service was held, the church being filled with those who had gathered to pay a last tribute of regard to one who was held in such high esteem in the community. Amongst the numbers who sent beautiful floral tributes were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lockhart, Miss Hanington, Mrs. J. C. Weldon, Mr. and Mrs. Munnis, Mrs. J. W. Whitehead, Mrs. M. McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palmer, Mrs. William Capson, Miss Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Morton, Miss Jennie Morton, a beautiful pillow of carnations from the husband, a crescent from the widowed mother, cross from Mrs. Morton, senior, Morning Star Lodge Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen a circle, and from the Knights of Pythias of Moncton a beautiful harp. The pall-bearers were members of the brotherhood and the Knights of Pythias—Messrs. George Fryers, W. E. Sherrard, Miles Wilson, Geo. N. Palmer, Charles Clarke and N. I. Lutes. The interment took place in the rural cemetery.

The event of the week was the curling match dast evening between three rinks of ladies against the same number of gentlemen, and the exciting contest drew a large number of spectators to the rink. The male members were handicapped by being obliged to play with their left hands, and either from this reason or because the ladies gave such a good account of themselves the laurels of victory fell upon feminine brows. The ladies' rinks were made up as follows: Miss Florence Newman, Miss Mollie Harris, Mrs. H. A. Peters, Mrs. E. H. Allen, skip, against M. B. Jones, C. Mitchell, George Ackman, J. W. Kaye, skip; Mrs. C. W. Robinson, Miss Newman, Mrs. T. W. Bell, Mrs. F. C. Jones, skip, against F. C. Jones, W. E. Marks, E. W. Givan, A. H. Newman, skip; Miss Sumner, Mrs. F. J. White, Miss McDougall, Mrs. E. Bertram Hooper, skip, against J. Urquhart, H. A. Peters, A. E. Barton, F. W. Givan, skip. The ladies are feeling extremely triumphant and the gentlemen are saying that they would never have dreamed of beating their fair antagonists anyway, even if they had not been handicapped. I did not hear whether the ladies set up the oysters like little men or not.

Mrs. John Jardine, of Rexton, is spending a few days in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jardine, of King street.

The many friends of John Avard, of Shemogue, will regret to learn that he is quite seriously ill at the residence of his son, I. F. Avard, of Cameron street.

"Just one word in conclusion," as the parsons say—if the compositor should ever again make me describe a lady in evening dress as looking "neat" instead of sweet, as he did last week, you may rest assured that you will have heard the very last from

## HOPEWELL HILL.

Hopewell Hill, Feb. 26—Mrs. W. J. McAlmon, who has been ill for the last two weeks, is able to be out again.

A. C. M. Lawson, of Chipman, Queens county, is in the village this week.

There have been several surprise parties in this vicinity lately, and more expected. The young people met last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Russell and spent a pleasant evening.

The S. & H. railroad is cleared between Hillsboro and Salisbury, and the train is making reuglar trips over that section.

Two barns on Marys' Point were burned on Tuesday night, together with one ton of hay. The buildings were on the property occupied by John Roberts, and owned by an American company that operated the stone quarry there years ago.

## SUSSEX.

Sussex, Feb. 25.—The fancy dress carnival in Alhambra Rink on Saturday evening was from all pionts of view a decided success—good ice, good music and a variety of costumes from the dainty pretty ones to the ridiculous and funny, all combined to make the affair very enjoyable.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Kinnear entertained a number of friends on Friday evening in honor of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. George Brown, of California.

Miss Gussie Law, of St. John, spent Sunday with her sister, Miss Grace Law.

A genuine old fashioned house-warming was given Mr. and Mrs. William Stockton on Tuesday evening. About thirty friends, young and old, drove to their residence, which had been completed but a short time, and with dancing and games of all sorts the hours flew by. All decided they had had a "regular good time."

Miss Blanche Worden gave a small party on Monday evening. A beautiful bronze clock and a book of poems were presented to her by her boy and girl friends. The entertainment was in the form of book conundrums and being something novel, was very much enjoyed.

Mr. Walter Sherwood's party on Monday evening was a very enjoyable affair. Mr. Sherwood will return on Friday to St. George where he is employed in the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The many friends of Mr. Rob Lucas will be glad to hear of his good fortune in securing a very remunerative position with a steel company in Buffalo. Mr. Lucas is at present with the Dominion Iron & Steel Company at Sydney, but will leave for his new position about March 1.

Miss Gough, of Summerside, sang in the Free Baptist church on Sunday evening and much delighted the congregation. Miss Gough has a voice of great promise.

Sussex, Feb. 26.—H. E. Sinnott has sold out his grocery business to Geo. W. Carleton, who will continue in the old stand. Mr. Sinnott has accepted a position with the Sussex Mineral Spring Company as bookkeeper and will commence his duties the first of March.

James Lamb and wife have gone to Boston to make a two weeks' visit.

Geo. Myers and his daughter Kate went to Boston yesterday afternoon to attend the funeral of Chas. Foster, who died at that place Wednesday. He was Mr. Myers' brother-in-law.

F. W. Brown, of Trinida (Col.), who has been visiting friends here, started for home today. His wife, nee Miss Violet Kinnear, will follow in four weeks.

Sussex, Feb. 29.—The adjourned meeting of the citizens held ten days ago will convene tomorrow night to receive the report of the committee. They will recommend several amendments to the town's incorporation act which, if secured and adopted, will no doubt give us good government and safeguard all interests.

A. C. McCready and wife will leave here next Wednesday for Vancouver (B. C.), where they intend to make their future home. Miss Bertha Burnett, who went to Montreal last week on a visit, will join them there and accompany them west.

Mrs. D. H. Fairweather, who has been suffering with rheumatism for two months, is slowly recovering.

Miss Brock, of Rothesay, spent Sunday in Sussex, the guest of Mrs. J. M. Kinnear.

G. W. Fowler, M. P., left Saturday night for British Columbia on a business trip.

The Provincial Dairy School opens their annual course of instruction tomorrow, March 1, with a large attendance of students from all parts of the province.

## CHATHAM.

Chatham, Feb. 24.—Miss Jean Purves, of Campbellton, who has been visiting friends here, returned home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scovil, of St. John, are in town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Marquis entertained a number of friends Friday evening at a pit party.

Mr. Alex. McEwen, one of our enterprising young men, expects to leave soon for the west.

The whist party at Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fleiger's, last Friday evening, was much enjoyed.

One of the most successful social gatherings of the season was the party given Monday evening by Mr. and Mrs. John B. Bell. The amusements were dancing, progressive whist and pit, the guests participating with evident enjoyment. Supper was served about 1 o'clock. Among those invited were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fleiger, Mr. and Mrs. W. Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McCully, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Watters, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. MacLachlan, Mr. and Mrs. S. Heckbert, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Loggie, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruddick, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ruddick, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. C. Johnson, Misses Louise Stewart, Hattie Chesman, Mary Fleiger, Maynie Cameron, Alice Loggie, Jessie Stothart, and Laura Morrison, Messrs. J. L. Stewart, Harold Loggie, James McNaughton, Fred Eddy, Wilmot Strang, J. McIntosh, Alex. McEwen and David Sadler.

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Strang last evening. Though unexpected the guests were cordially welcomed and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Chatham, Feb. 27.—The annual business meeting of the Chatham Temperance League was held in St. Luke's church Wednesday evening. After a short address by Rev. D. Henderson, the following officers were appointed: Rev. D. Henderson, president; Rev. J. M. McLean, Rev. Jas. Strothart, L. H. Abbott, vice-presidents; D. P. MacLachlan, secretary; S. McLoon, treasurer; Alexander MacKinnon, James Edgar, Dudley Walls, William Gray, Samuel Irving, George Stothart, William Mather, A. C. Woods, W. S. Loggie, executive committee.

On account of the extreme cold weather and very bad roads wood is very scarce in town. The comparatively small quantity of country wood that is hauled to town is quickly sold, for nearly twice the sum it would have brought last year.

The W. H. Brown farm at Lower Newcastle, including part of Bartibogue Island, was sold at public auction on Thursday and was bid in by William Damery for William and John Inn's. The sum paid was $2,200.

D. L. Mitchell is in town.

The government thermometer registered 18 below zero this morning.

W. C. Whittaker, St. John post office inspector, is in town.

The Chatham Grammer school cadet corps, which was organized last fall by Major MacKenzie, has become quite an institution. There are now two companies, No. 1 having an enrollment of 40 boys between the ages of 14 and 18, and No. 2 with an enrollment of 35, from 12 to 14 years old.

The government has promised carbines for the senior company.

W. R. Wing, manager of the Tracadie Lumber Company, was in town Thursday.

## ST. MARTINS.

St. Martins, Feb. 25—Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather a number of sleigh driving and snow shoeing parties have taken place here of late, Harry Calhoun, who has lately returned home from sea, is one of the chief leaders in these outings.

Many of the lumber crews have owing to the late rains been compelled to temporarily suspend operations.

Capt. Robt. Carson very narrowly escaped serious accident yesterday while standing on the deck of his schooner, the R. Carson, which was discharging freight at the wharf here. In attempting to dodge the guy line he stumbled and fell in the hold of the vessel, a distance of some nine feet. The captain was considerably shaken up and had his leg and ankle somewhat hurt.

Miss Elsie Wishart has gone to St. John to take a position in the office of her uncle.

Walter Sweet has returned from Salisbury where he has been visiting his father.

Miss Ayer, of St. John, is visiting at the home of F. M. Anderson.

The farmers of this place are gladly looking forward to the building of a cheese factory here in the spring.

St. Martins, Feb. 29.—A pie and basket social was held by the Methodists in the Masonic hall, St. Martins, on Saturday evening, 27th inst. John C. Boyer disposed of the pies with his usual success, $4 and in some cases $5 being cheerfully exchanged for a nice pie.

In the guessing contest Mrs. Connell's cake was secured by Miss Bessie Kirkpatrick, who guessed within an ounce of the weight—the cake weighed nearly 15 pounds and at 10c. a guess increased the funds considerably.

Fownes & White's mill is to start operations again this morning, the men and teams having left the village to resume operations after the rain of last week.

## FREDERICTON.

Fredericton, Feb. 25.—The Lang Syne Whist Club meets this evening with Mrs. Lee Babbitt.

Miss Bona Johnston will leave on Saturday for New York, where she will prosecute her profession as a nurse.

Miss Chandler, of Dorchester, is the guest of Mrs. Ketchum at Elmcroft.

The Ladies' Bridge Club had a very enjoyable evening with Mrs. W. C. Crocket on Tuesday.

Miss Gregory is in St. John visiting her sister, Mrs. Alex. Macrae.

Miss McLeod, of Toronto, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Manning.

Miss Edith Gibson, of Marysville, has gone to Lowell (Mass.) to visit her sister, Mrs. J. P. Shaw.

Mrs. Alward has returned to her home in St. John, after a short visit here with Mrs. A. F. Randolph.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Alice Temple Day, of Marysville, to John Gibson Christie, accountant at the local branch of the Royal Bank of Canada and formerly of Woodstock, for March 10.

Fredericton, Feb. 26—(Special)—Hon. A. G. Blair spent today in the city and returned to Ottawa by this evening's train.

News of the destruction by fire a short time ago of Robert Aiken's depot camp on the Aroostook River has reached here. He had stored in it a large quantity of supplies to be used in his stream driving operations, and everything went up in smoke. The loss is estimated at $3,000. It is not known how the fire caught.

Pte. Graham, of No. 4, R. C. R., was this morning sentenced to 42 days' imprisonment in the guard room after having been court martialed. He and another soldier, a short course man, got into a fight at the barracks, and the short course man reported Graham.

It is understood that Archie McDonald, of Hunt & McDonald, has purchased the cottage in George street, occupied by W. P. Flewelling, and will take possession on May 1.

Joseph Armand Mowatt, son of Rev. Dr. Mowatt, of Erskine church, Montreal, formerly of this city, has offered himself as a missionary for China, and it is likely that Erskine church will undertake his support.

The saw mill at Robinson's Point, about five miles below the city, has been leased by James A. Patterson, of Grand Falls.

Mr. Patterson will remove to this city. He already has upwards of 6,000,000 of lumber cut and, this with other, will be manufactured at the Robinson's Point mill.

Reports from up river are that there is not so much snow in that district as there is here, but the lumbermen do not seem to think there will be any great trouble in getting out their lumber.

## WOODSTOCK.

Woodstock, Feb. 25—Miss Thomas, of St. John, for two weeks past has been acting agent of the Western Union Telegraph Company, relieving the agent, Miss Clarke, of this town.

The members of the local golf club will hold their annual meeting on the first Monday in March, to make preparations for the seasons' work. The rifle club will also hold a meeting in a few days to have everything in readiness for the summer's shooting competitions.

The Carleton and Victoria counties quarterly meeting will convene with the Albert street Baptist church here on Tuesday, March 8, and continue its meeting on the following day.

Roy M. Watt, son of John Watt, mail clerk, who was recently operated upon for appendicitis, continues to improve and will soon be able to leave the hospital.

Aaron Perry, principal of the Broadway school, who has been ill for about a week, is recovering and will be able to resume his school duties next Monday.

Michael Kennedy, a well-known citizen, is dangerously ill from the effects of grip and heart disease, but with chances for recovery.

The hockey match this evening between the Century Racing Club hockey team, of Fredericton, and the local team, was too one-sided to prove interesting for a large crowd present, the locals winning by a score of 10—0.

Carpenters are at work in St. Gertrude's church remodeling the altar steps preparatory to placing an expensive carpet over the entire chancel floor, which it is expected will be laid before Easter Sunday.

St. Patricks' day will be celebrated by the two divisions, the A. O. H. and ladies' auxiliary, by a concert and drama, with addresses by prominent speakers on the evening of that day in the A. O. H. room. Active committees have been appointed to make the affair a success.

Woodstock, Feb. 29.—The fancy dress carnival to be given by the 67th Regt. Band in the Century ice rink next Saturday promises to be the crowning event of a very pleasant skating season. Thirty dollars will be given in prizes, and a large number of costumers will compete.

It is rumored that John L. Carleton, recently appointed county court judge for Carleton, Charlotte, Victoria and Madawaska counties, will make his home in Woodstock, which is the central town of his jurisdiction. Judge Carleton will receive a hearty welcome if he decides to make his home here.

A large contingent of Woodstock Orangemen are making preparations to attend the sessions of the Orange Grand Lodge which meets in St. Stephen on Tuesday, March 8th.

J. Frank Tilley, dairy superintendent, left on Saturday night for Sussex where today he resumed his duties as instructor in the dairy school.

Miss Edith Jordan leaves this week for Butte City, Montana, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. Shaw.

James Sullivan, traveler for a Philadelphia house, who has not visited home for two years, is spending a short vacation with his mother here.

Miss Carrie Winslow, Fredericton, is spending this week here, the guest of Miss Gussie Connell.

Charles F. Rogers, Northampton, one of the directors of the fat stock association, leaves tonight for Ottawa to attend the convention to be held in that city this week.

A. B. Connell, K. C., and F. B. Carvell, who were counsel for the People's Bank in its suit against Mr. Estey, of Fredericton, argued before the supreme court last week, returned from Ottawa Saturday.

Michael Kennedy, a well-known citizen, who has been seriously ill from a complication of diseases at his home on Broadway, today is resting easily and the chance for recovery is bright.

H. A. Connell will leave for Halifax today on a business trip.

The fire horse owned by the town cut a leg quite badly the other day which will destroy his usefulness in the fire department, and a special meeting of the town council will be called tomorrow night, at which it is expected the town will authorize the purchase of a span of horses for town purposes.

## WHITE'S COVE.

White's Cove, Queens county, N.B., Feb. 22.—Our oldest people say this has been the coldest and one of the most stormy winters ever experienced here. In proof of the former it is said Jack Frost has made inroads into cellars never before visited by him.

The storms have seriously retarded the work of the lumbermen. The highways have been so blocked that they were well nigh impassible and the many people who postponed the hauling of their intervale hay are wondering whether they will get it home this season or not. About one half of the hay cut on the intervales is yet there and much of it, if left in its present position, would be greatly damaged, if not carried away by the spring's freshet. If the present great body of snow does not disappear gradually there is every promise of a big spring freshet. Then again many persons are in need of this hay now, and are unable to haul the same on account of the condition of the roads.

A heavy southerly wind set in early this morning accompanied by rain. This break in the weather will be gladly received by everyone, as the snow is fast settling. The long and steady cold spell has seriously interfered with our water supply; many wells and springs in this and nearby sections having gone dry, forcing the people to melt snow for their farm stock. The depth of snow does not permit people to drive their cattle any distance for water, as has sometimes been doneduring a drought.

Also owing to our weather conditions the mails have been very irregular. The fault has not in any way been due to our mail driver, L. D. Farris of Young's Cove Road, for we have to say of him that he has prosecuted his duties most faithfully and when many men would not have travelled.

Mrs. J. W. Farris, of Mill Cove, who has been suffering from inflammatory rheumatism and under the care of Dr. M. C. Macdonald of the Narrows for some time past, is very slowly recovering.

LeBaron Hanselpacker, of Mill Cove, is suffering from spinal trouble. Dr. J. A. Cusswell, of Gagetown, is attending him.

Rrch. McLean, of Carleton county, is visiting his sister, Mrs. James Kennedy of White's Point.

G. W. Gunter has recently assumed charge of the school at Upper Gagetown for the remainder of the term. Our school is without a teacher and it seems impossible to secure the services of one.

S. B. Orchard has the school at Robertson's Point.

Owing to the state of the roads the Rev. F. N. Atkinson was unable to fill his morning's appointment at Mill Cove yesterday.

Rev. H. H. Gillies, rector of Cambridge and Waterborough, who has been on a visit to Boston and New York, arrived home Saturday, but had no service in the church here yesterday.

Rev. Mr. Foote, Methodist, had service in the evening and a fairly good audience.

Hon. L. P. Farris, minister for agriculture, arrived home from the capital Saturday, where he had been attending the celebration of Senator David Wark's 100 birthday.

Miss Martha Orchard, who is teaching the Upper Jemseg school this term, spent Sunday with friends at Mill Cove.

Rev. Messrs. Atkinson and Hayward are conducting a series of revival services with the Narrow's and McDonald's Corner Baptist churches. It is just possible that they may extend them along to the Mill Cove church.

Duncan Cameron is home from the woods at Westfield and Messrs. James and Blair Kennedy are expected soon.

## GAGETOWN.

Gagetown, Feb. 27.—All mail routes to and from this place have been exceedingly interrupted by storms during the past two weeks especially. Last week from Welsford there was one round trip made in place of three. From Westfield there were two, the last one with mails of Wednesday, 17th, and Friday, 19th, reaching here at noon on Sunday, 21st. This week we have had one trip by Westfield, the mails of Monday, Wednesday and Friday reaching us last evening, and by way of Welsford two trips will be made. The roads through the country districts are reported to be the worst ever rememebred.

Rev. Mr. Harris, with his wife and daughter, arrived in the village yesterday. Mr. Harris is lately from Devonshire, England, and comes here to take charge of the work in connection with the Methodist church on the Gagetown circuit.

Miss Lambert, of Lords Cove, (N. S.), is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. W. Elliott.

Fred Cooper has returned from Chipman where he was engaged with the Chipman Lumber Co. for the past month hauling logs.

Percy Barnett, of Kingsclear, York county, is a guest at Mr. T. S. Peters.

## BELYEA'S COVE.

Belyea's Cove, Feb. 22—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Webster was the scene of a very pleasant gathering on Friday, the 19th, it being the thirty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. About sixty of their relatives and friends gave them a surprise party. After a bountiful supper, which was enjoyed by all, Rev. Mr. Perry presented to Mr. and Mrs. Webster a purse of $20, besides other presents too numerous to mention, on behalf of those present.

The bride and groom responded, thanking their friends in a few well chosen remarks, after which speeches were made by Rev. Mr. Perry, J. C. Wetmore, James Macrae, Coun. J. A. Mott and others, and the gathering broke up about 11 o'clock, all having spent a pleasant evening.

Arthur H. and Albert C. Wetmore, who have been in Nashua (N. H.) the past summer, have returned home. The roads here are pretty well blocked with snow, making traveling and the delivery of mails very difficult.

## SYDNEY.

Sydney, Feb. 24—The Women's League of the Methodist church decided some time ago to give a series of at-homes for the purpose of getting acquainted with the new-comers and to promote sociability. The first was held at the parsonage and was very successful as was also the second at Mrs. Ernest