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Owing to the inclemency of the weather society has been somewhat retarded in its activities during the past week.

Social festivities in connection with churches and philanthropic institutions are over for the season, and as home events generally follow one another during the fortnight immediately preceding Lent, it is safe to say that this year will be no exception to the rule.

Mrs. W. S. Fisher is entertaining at an at home this afternoon.

Mrs. Vassie will give a bridge, whist party at her home, Mecklenburg street, this evening.

A very enjoyable event of the present week was a five o'clock tea given by Mrs. Fred Peters at her residence, Germain street.

The hostess was assisted in receiving by Miss Mollie Peters and Miss Irene McBride, of Montreal.

In the dining room the decorations were unity and artistic, and Mrs. Henry Rankin and Mrs. Horace King presiding at the tables. The following ladies assisted as waitresses: Mrs. Fred Harding, Miss Jane Stone, Miss Zillah Rankin, Miss Hannah Logan, Miss Nan Barnaby, and Miss Ethel Robertson.

Hal Stetson and Miss Frances Stetson entertained a number of their friends at a very jolly snowshoe party last Monday night. After a delightful tramp a dainty repast was served at the Golf Club, and the remainder of the evening passed in dancing.

Miss Edith Fairweather was hostess at a very enjoyable bridge party last Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Elsie Moore entertained a number of her friends at a skating party on Wednesday evening last. The guests afterwards assembled at the home of Mrs. McDiarmid, Queen Square, where an hour or two of games and music brought a pleasant evening to a close.

Mrs. (Dr) W. P. Bonnell entertained about forty of her friends at a very enjoyable thimble party, at her home, Queen Square, yesterday evening.

Mrs. H. C. Rankine was hostess at a very delightful gathering of the Young People's Whist Club at her residence, Germain street, last Tuesday night.

Miss Edith Fitzgerald entertained at whist at her home, King street East on Wednesday evening. About twenty couples were present and the parlors were artistically decorated for the occasion. The ladies' prize was won by Miss Alice O'Regan and the gentlemen's by J. A. Barry.

A Montreal paper says:—"The Hon. Edith Root, Mrs. Root and Miss Root were guests of honor at a luncheon given by Sir William and Lady Van Horne, Bonaventure and Bonaventure, at the table decorations, and covers were laid for sixteen. Those present including the guests of honor, were Lord Strathcona, Sir Thos. and Lady Shaughnessy, Lady Tait, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Meredith, E. B. Green-coville, Miss M. H. Hickson, Miss Creelman and Dr. Peterson."

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Van Horne are spending the winter in Cuba.—St. Andrews Beacon.

F. S. Bonnell, inspector of the Northern Life, who has been on the north shore coast, is confined to his bed at the Windsor Hotel, Rogersville, suffering from la grippe. Dr. Bourret, who is in attendance, expects that Mr. Bonnell will be able to continue his trip in a few days.

Mrs. Ogden Mills is Dance Hostess

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—To the many notable entertainments of the season must be added the dinner dance given Wednesday night by Mrs. and Mrs. Ogden Mills at their residence, Fifth Avenue and Sixty-ninth street. Departing from the custom she has observed for several years, Mrs. Mills invited only a very small part of her visiting list, instead of the three hundred or four hundred usually asked. Nor was this the only change. Differing from other years, the dancing was preceded by a dinner, to which about ninety persons were invited. The list of guests included the younger friends of the Mills family, which, of course, included the various members of the Livingston family. The general tone of the floral decorations was pine and red, mainly American Beauty and Killarney roses, lilies, orchids and palms from the conservatories of Mr. and Mrs. Mills, in Stateburg on the Hudson.

The hostess, wearing a gown of pale blue velvet, combined with satin and gold embroidery, with ornaments of diamonds, including tiara, collar and pendants, received with her daughters, Misses Gladys and Beatrice Mills, the former in a gown of pink satin, and Miss Beatrice in a costume of white tulle embroidered in silver.

The guests were received at the head of the marble staircase and close to the entrance to the ballroom. This is a beautiful room of Louis XV style, in ivory and gold, with French gray brocade hangings.

Dinner was served in the marble dining room, at nine tables, each decorated with a centerpiece of different shaded roses. The table decorations were of the classic, ash trays of metal with painted Dutch scenes; French sewing baskets and glass pens; pomme, in ivory, travelling cases, bound in leather; leather cases for memorandum books, parcels covered with velvet; and gloves, boxes and a number of French novelties in silks and satin.

In one of the pretty and effective figures danced Miss Mills appeared in the centre of a huge bed of natural lilies and gave out the favors, clusters of Japanese lilies. The cotton lasted nearly two hours, when there was a seated supper.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL
Interesting Sessions of Local Council Held Yesterday Afternoon and Evening.

The annual meeting of the Local Council of Women, held in the Orange Hall, yesterday afternoon, was very largely attended. Nearly every local society with which women are connected was represented and reports were received from each.

Mrs. David McLellan was in the chair and gave an interesting address in which she referred to the appointment of a police matron and the obtaining of a patrol wagon.

W. E. Earle's offer to give the newboys a skating party at the Victoria Rink on the morning of February 6th, was discussed. The ladies' committee were asked to provide a luncheon and a committee of ten were appointed to make arrangements.

The reports of standing committees were heard. Mrs. T. H. Bullock, convener of the committee for the passing of laws for the better protection of women and children reported that little progress had been made.

Mrs. Murphy, convener of the committee for the custodial care of feeble-minded women, reported that there were no feeble-minded women in Mrs. O'Leary's residence.

Reports from the different societies were also received.

At the evening session, His Worship Mayor Sears, addressed the meeting, the secretary, Mrs. D. P. Chisholm presented her report, and Hon. R. J. Ritchie made an address in which he referred to the necessity for a police matron. R. Maxwell, M. P. P., also spoke and papers were read by Mrs. Bullock and Mrs. Fiske.

Miss Edith McRoberts left this morning for Woodstock to make her home with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Jordan.

Mrs. Wm. Haley leaves next week for St. John, where she will make an extended visit with relatives.—St. Cross Courier.

THE RICHES OF NEW ONTARIO

Over 700 Miles Long and
Nearly 400 in Width—What
Algoma is Asking For.

SAULT STE MARIE, Jan. 31.—The wonderful silver discoveries of the Cobalt region have created a world-wide attraction to Canada, in general and New Ontario in particular, with the result that millions upon millions of dollars are being poured into the country by capitalists, prospectors and others and eager to get a share of the good things going. Gratifying as this is to all Canadians, there is danger of Cobalt being looked upon as comprising the whole of New Ontario, whereas it is only a very small though enormously wealthy section. In the Algoma district the inhabitants have awakened to the fact that it is necessary to get a hustle on in order that the government and the people of Old Ontario should be made aware of the colossal resources that exist in that vast district in the way of minerals, oil, timber, water powers, natural harbors, waterways, and fertile lands. To carry out this educational work, all the municipalities have formed themselves into a union and are sending a monster delegation to Toronto to wait upon the provincial government to seek their aid in the development of these valuable resources.

It should be remembered that New Ontario is over 700 miles in length and nearly 400 miles in width, and extends from the western boundary of Quebec to the eastern boundary of Manitoba and from Lake Huron and Superior on the south to James Bay and Albany River on the north, is one of, if not the richest countries in the whole Dominion, and is inhabited by over 120,000 people.

Yet despite all its wealth, New Ontario claims that but poor assistance is given the district in return. The people of Algoma have been the first to form an organization to make known their most pressing needs, and they will make an appeal to the government and the legislature at an early date for liberal grants to aid them in building good roads and to build a house of refuge, where the poor and needy transient visitors can be accommodated, restored to health and started out to earn an honest living once again. Also will they seek the assistance of the government and the legislature to the whole mouth of the Spanish River, so that navigation is impossible. Repeated attempts have been made by the people to come to an amicable arrangement with this company for the use of the river, so that boats may bring in coal and supplies for the town, but without success. Now the town is sending a deputation to Ottawa to ask the Liberal government to use its power to have the river made free for navigation. This is essential to the growth and development of the town.

A party of Americans interested in building a smelter there say they will have to abandon the idea unless the river is opened up. This will mean an irreparable loss to the town.

Again the Hudson Bay Company and C. P. R. own large tracts of valuable land which they refuse to sell whilst the three Indian reservations retard the progress of the district. Many other similar instances could be quoted, but these will suffice.

What is now wanted is that the provincial government should pay heed to the demands of New Ontario. They want a main highway from North Bay to the Soo for vehicular traffic, supplemented with a light railway the whole distance. There are plenty of water powers in the district to generate the electricity necessary for its operation. It would aid in the development of the town to promote new industries, make it possible to have a good mail service, a trunk telephone, additional telegraphic facilities and quicker and cheaper transportation.

AN INTERESTING ADDRESS
Rev. P. J. Stackhouse Deals With the Saloon Problem Before Gurney Division.

Rev. P. J. Stackhouse last night delivered an interesting address before an open meeting of Gurney Division S. of T. held in Temperance hall. The meeting was largely attended.

Mr. Stackhouse's address was on the saloon problem and he spoke decidedly in favor of the prohibition of the saloon system, as delineated in Wednesday's Times.

Mr. Stackhouse said that there were three possible policies that could be adopted in regard to the saloon. The first was the do-nothing policy. This was the policy in vogue at the present time. All legislation and political parties favored this plan.

The second was prohibition or doing away with the saloon altogether. It was no use, he said, to put a prohibitory law on the statute books unless public opinion supported the passing of such a law. Those who had made a careful study of the saloon problem had found that the saloon had two attractions. First, as a place where alcoholic liquors can be dispensed, and second as a social center for men.

The third policy for robbing the saloon of its harmful power was to take away its social attraction. The Every Day Club was doing a great deal to take men away from the saloons. The company system took away all profit and this would naturally tend to have the saloons made less attractive. Saloons conducted on this basis by Christian men would in the end be a help to the cause of temperance.

Rev. Mr. Stackhouse then intimated that he would answer any questions. Joshua Stark arose and asked the speaker if, as a Christian man he would dispense liquor. Rev. Mr. Stackhouse replied that he did not consider he would be doing wrong to stand behind a bar and deal out liquor if, by so doing, he would be lessening the evil of intemperance.

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