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Hockey has always been played in Halifax in a moderate degree, but never until this winter, has it been what was strictly called fashionable. At the games of the past two or three weeks however, a very smart assemblage of spectators has been present; and no small excitement and interest reigned among it, to judge from the intense faces of individual members of it.

The game on Friday last was a particularly good and exciting one, the opposing sides being the "Bankers" and the "Whites." The latter was captained by Mr. George Kreny, who is really in some measure responsible for the great revival of the game of hockey in this latter team, which won very pretty a hardly contested match. On Tuesday night the "Whites" played the "66th" and the ladies' hockey match was proposed for Friday last, public opinion—privately expressed—having been instrumental in stopping it. Of course the ladies' hockey, which is played so much at Rideau Hall has formed a precedent in the matter, but it is one thing to play hockey when one knows the game well, is in practice, and properly dressed for such rough work, and quite another when all these things are conspicuous by their absence. To play one's first game of hockey (not to count a little knocking about of a block of wood with a hurley, which every girl has probably done, as playing) before a rink of spectators, required an amount of nerve, which I am glad to say Halifax ladies did not seem to possess. The Friday's match was by tacit consent, postponed sine die.

Last Saturday was the most exquisite spring day imaginable, and a large portion of society went out to the dockyard, in the afternoon, to see the last of the outgoing troops. The "Jelunga" was under a scene more like an ant hill than a ship, she was so alive with people going busily, and to all appearance aimlessly, about her decks. There was an air of false hilarity about the crowd of soldiers on the lower deck, which was pathetic in its way, a somewhat light one in many cases, where the sweethearts on the wharf was already thinking about consoling herself; the upper deck was full of ladies in smart bonnets, and spring raincoat, for which the warm day lent an excuse; and men in uniform—some leaving with the ship, and others merely come to bid their departing brothers in arms, farewell. The saloon, during the major part of the afternoon, looked like a club-room, or a masculine tea-party, for the Leicestershire regiment kept up their reputation for hospitality until the very last Halifax friend had left the ship.

What with the bright, warm day, and the constant coming and going of the many colored crowd, the Jelunga looked very bright and pretty. Some people, however, probably saw no beauty in the scene, which only meant that they were leaving comparatively old friends to go to sea. It was late in the day before the troops got finally off, and the Leicestershire regiment could really be said to have left Halifax; the great majority of them followed by good wishes of the people left behind.

Mr. White, A. D. C., Major Ferguson, were passengers on the "Jelunga" as far as Bermuda, whence they will go to Florida.

Major Waldron, R. E., will, I believe, sail on the mail steamer this afternoon for England, on a short holiday.

Mr. G. C. Caswell, of the Bank of Montreal, leaves next week for New York, where he will probably be stationed for some time. Mr. Caswell will be greatly regretted by his Halifax friends, with whom he has been very popular. He was a prominent member of the risk committee this year, and will be missed on it during the next season. Mr. Stikeman, will, I hear, replace Mr. Caswell in the Bank.

Colonel Raymond has returned from England.

On the return of Surgeon Major Lee-Hall, which will take place at the end of April, Surgeon Major Dorman will go to England, where his marriage will take place. He and his bride will come out to Halifax in the early summer.

Among the list of departures for the other side of the water are Mrs. Prier de Saone, Mrs. Arthur Morrow and children, who leave very shortly for Germany, where Mrs. Morrow intends spending a few months. Dr. Morrow, I regret to hear, is leaving Halifax for Montreal; but the fact that an excellent opening has been offered him there will help to console the large circle of friends and relatives who entertain a sincere regard for the clever young physician.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ida May Mitchell, daughter of Mr. George Mitchell of this city, and Mr. Frank Hope, of Montreal.

There have of course been no entertainment during the current week, excepting the concert given by the Dalhousie Glee Club at the Academy of Music, which can hardly be called a social event, because one pays for admittance. Sir John Ross patronized this performance, of which I heard excellent prophecies which were no doubt fully realized.

There are two concerts announced for next week, and unfortunately for the same evening of it. This seems a pity as many people would gladly give both the Church of England Institute and the Academy Cadets their patronage, if only some other arrangement could be made to regard the dates. Both concerts have a very fair programme, that for the benefit of the Academy Cadets perhaps a little more "drawing" than the other.

I hear of a large party to be given in Easter week, invitations for which are not yet issued. There will be a small luncheon party on Easter Monday, and in all probability a couple of dinners during the week, given to welcome the Liverpool regiment.

On Wednesday evening the officers of the R. A. and R. E. entertained at dinner Colonel Hamilton and the officers of the Liverpool regiment, who are as yet hardly settled in Wellington barracks. It is I think, over fifty years since this regiment was in Halifax, but I believe there are several old inhabitants who remember it as it then was.

It is a painful thing to be obliged to admit that the purple veil has arrived in Halifax, and that women who ought to know better are wearing it. The very smart contingent have the knowledge and the sense to avoid it, but the average woman has surrounded with it her old winter hat, and goes out rejoicing. It is hard to say whether this fashion is more ugly or more vulgar.

To the ladies interested in the S. P. C. I would like to make a humble suggestion. Why not get up such a League of Pity as has recently been instituted among Scotch children. Lady Clementina Hay, aged fourteen is the president, and the Duchess of Fife's daughter was the first member. It would be quite easy to get information about this.

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league, and form a similar one; as every one knows it is the rising generation who need to be interested in the prevention of cruelty.

Mrs. George MacLeod of Charlottetown is making a short visit to Halifax.

Mayor Crookenden N. A. has returned from England, where Mrs. Crookenden has been spending some months.

Mrs. Norman Lee, who has been spending the winter in the south of France, will come out very shortly to join her husband, the Rev. F. Norman Lee. Her health is much improved, she has greatly improved.

Regarding certain paragraphs which have lately gone the rounds of the papers concerning the cloth worn by a certain gallant officer of this garrison while on his travels in Canada, it does not seem to me that I have ever heard that checked tweeds were a costume out of place in a hotel smoking room, though it seems that Montreal people think so.

Of course it must be admitted that Halifax regulations as to men's dress are very lax, only on Sunday does one ever see a black coat and top hat, and then it is the exception. At all times and afternoons here, men wear ordinary tweeds. In Canada the reverse is usually the case, which explains the stir made over a very little matter.

PICTOU.

MARCH 29.—Mr. and Miss McLean, of Halifax, were the guests of Mrs. John Yorston last week, as was also, Miss Campbell, of Tatamagouche.

Mr. W. Campbell was the guest of Mrs. Fred Fraser.

The gentlemen's whist club met at Mrs. Joe Gordon's last Wednesday evening.

Rev. D. M. Gordon returned to his home in Halifax last week.

On Wednesday morning Prince street church presented an unusually bright appearance, the event being the marriage of Miss Mary Campbell, second daughter of Mr. H. Primrose, and Mr. Charles Percie of Westville. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. A. Falconer. The church looked exceedingly pretty, being beautifully decorated with arches and flowers by a number of the bride's friends, the bridal party standing under a home spun white canopy.

Long before the hour the church was crowded with spectators, the front of course, being reserved for the guests, which numbered about seventy, and who were ushered to their seats by Messrs. James and Harry Primrose, Mr. Dickson and Mr. Ross. Sharp on the hour the groom walked up the aisle supported by his groomsmen, Mr. C. F. Wolfe, of Westville, and a minute afterwards the wedding hymn was sung. The bride entered the church leaning on the arm of her father, looking exceedingly handsome in an exquisite gown of white tulle, with a very long train, veil and orange blossoms, she carried a lovely bouquet of white roses and lily of the valley.

She was attended by Miss H. Primrose, who carried a large bouquet of pink roses. The little maid of honor were Miss Olive Bayne and Miss Hazel Primrose, who were also dressed in white silks, lace hats, tan shoes and stockings, the former carried a pretty bouquet of crimson carnations, and the latter yellow daffodils. After the ceremony the wedding march was played by Miss Annie McDonald, after which the guests proceeded to the "Cottage" where a sumptuous breakfast was provided, and congratulations were showered on the happy pair.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Yorston, Misses Campbell, Mrs. and Miss McLean (Halifax), Miss Campbell, (Tatamagouche) and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fraser, Miss Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. John Davies, Miss K. Davies, Mrs. Snow, Mrs. W. Gordon, Miss Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gordon, Mrs. Smith (St. John), Miss Gordon, Misses McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Munro, Mr. and Mrs. R. Johnston, Mr. and Miss C. Ives, Mrs. Dawson, Misses Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ives, Mr. and the Misses Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot, Miss McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Calnek, Dr. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Munro, (Westville), Mrs. George Rutherford and Mrs. Kinnear (Stellarton) Miss Carmichael, (New Glasgow) Miss De Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston, Mrs. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McLean, Miss Ross, Rev. and Mrs. Falconer, Westville, Mrs. Harris, Messrs. Fraser, Campbell, Shaw, Ross, Dickson, A. Campbell (Truro).

Some of the dresses worn were very handsome, Mrs. Howard Primrose, mother of the bride, wore a pretty dark brown cloth with fur, and bonnet to match.

Mrs. Bayne, looked charming in heliotrope cashmere, with silk and chiffon trimmings, large felt hat with velvet.

Mrs. Clarence Primrose, an English suit of pearl grey, handsomely trimmed with braid, bonnet to match, pink roses.

Mrs. Primrose, light checked cloth, with silk vest felt hat with wings.

Mrs. McLean, a lovely gown of violet velvet, embroidered vest and velvet hat with feathers to match, and looked extremely well.

Mrs. Smith, looked very handsome in light grey cashmere, jet trimmings and feather bonnet, of grey and pink.

Mrs. George Rutherford in a pretty grey suit black trimmings, feather hat, looked very well.

Mrs. R. Johnston, black silk, black net hat with green trimmings, most becoming.

Mrs. Calnek, brown satin, with velvet trimmings, velvet bonnet with forget me nots.

Miss Winnie McDonald, bluish colored cloth, large green velvet sleeves, and leather hat.

Miss Winnie Carmichael, handsome light cloth gown, with lace trimmings, large black hat.

Mrs. Munro, black silk with jet, velvet hat with ostrich tips.

The bride, who is a great favorite, was the recipient of a number of very handsome presents.

The travelling costume worn by Mrs. Fergie, was navy blue serge, light checked vest, large blue felt hat with wings, and lawn cloak. They left by the afternoon train, for a trip through the States.

Mr. Campbell, and Mrs. A. Campbell, of Truro, spent Wednesday in town.

Miss Carmichael, Mrs. Sinclair, and Mrs. Mathe-son, of New Glasgow, were in town last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Primrose, returned to Tatamagouche on Friday.

Mrs. McKean and little daughter, of Cape Breton, spent a day in town on their way south; they were the guests of Mr. W. Curran.

Mrs. W. Gordon, and Miss Davies were "at home," to a number of their married friends on Thursday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. McLeod, of St. John.

Mr. I. Johnston, Mr. Robson, Mr. DeVeber and a number of others from New Glasgow, spent Saturday in town.

Mrs. Munro, entertained a few friends quietly, but very pleasantly at cards on Friday evening.

Mrs. Grant, of New Glasgow, spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. McLeod, returned to their homes, last Friday.

On Thursday evening a very nice concert was given in the Masonic hall, by the Pictou band, Orchestra, and Ladies Glee Club, for the benefit of Mr. Henderson, (bandmaster). It is just within the last two months that we have been able to get up an orchestra here, and I am delighted to think that their first appearance before a large audience was such a success. Some of the vocal solos were very good, Miss Janie McKenzie's song, "Tell me Maiden" was quite the gem of the evening, Miss Millie McDonald is also worthy of mention. The accompanists of the evening were Miss McDonald and Miss Kate Thompson.

The many friends of the Hon. Alonzo Spencer late American Consul, here, regret to hear of his sudden death while on a visit home. Much sympathy is felt for his wife and little son.

Mrs. Grassie, who has been the guest of Mrs. H. G. Ives for some time, returned to Halifax on Monday.

Monday afternoon the ice being perfect on the harbour, a friendly game was arranged between New Glasgow and Pictou Curriers, to be played at Abercrombie Point. A good game was played, resulting in a victory for the former.

Mrs. Bayne and little daughter, are spending a few days with Mrs. John Yorston.

Rev. T. D. and Mrs. Stewart of Westville were in town last week.

Mrs. A. C. McDonald are receiving congratulations, on the recent arrival of a little daughter, in their household.

Mr. J. H. McMillan Jr., is home again after quite a long trip to the States.

Rev. R. Atkinson has received a call to Berlin, Ont. It is accepted by many friends will be sorry to lose such an eloquent preacher.

BRIDGE TOWN.

March 28th.—Mrs. John Lockett entertained about twenty five of her friends at tea on Thursday.

Among those invited were Dr. and Mrs. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. W. Chipman, Mr. and Mrs. Nelly, Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bath, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rumsey, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Healy, Mr. and Mrs. Hastings, and Miss Elizabeth.

Rev. W. H. Warren of Sackville was in town a few days last week.

Mr. Horace Bailey arrived from England last week. He is soon to be married to one of Bridge-town's young ladies.

Mrs. S. Mack was summoned to Digby on Tuesday, by the sudden illness of her sister, Mrs. Munroe.

Doctor Leslie went to Boston on Monday accom-panied by his little daughter Ethel.

Mrs. Nelly and Mr. Albura Nelly went to Boston on Wednesday. Mrs. Nelly will spend the summer there.

Mr. F. Fitz Randolph spent a couple of days in town last week, the guest of Mrs. George Hyatt.

Miss Jessie Stewart, Digby, is the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. J. McCormick.

Miss Ella Chesley returned from a visit to the States, on Saturday.

Mr. A. Young, American Consul at Windsor, was the guest of Mr. W. F. Fisher, over Sunday.

Miss Edith Quirk went to Wolfville, on Monday.

Mr. George Higgins was the guest of Mrs. J. H. Healy, over Sunday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Whidden on the arrival of a little stranger.

Mr. J. W. Fisher has returned from Maine, after a long absence.

ANNAPOLIS.

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MARCH 29.—Mr. Louis Whitman is at home for the Easter holidays.

Miss Ritchie returned to Halifax last week.

Mrs. Jamieson leaves tomorrow for a few weeks, visit to Boston.

Miss Dakin returned to Digby last week.

Mr. George Ritchie is home from Quebec.

Mr. Ned Hall has resigned his situation in the Post Office. His place will be filled by Mr. George Hughes.

Mr. F. C. Whitman was in Halifax last week.

AMHERST.

[Progress is for sale at Amherst by George Douglas.]

MARCH 29.—The native African singers have been the great sensation of the week, tickets for their concert being at a premium nearly a week previous to their arrival. A large number who could not be accommodated in Music hall went to Sackville on Tuesday evening.

Sociability is quite properly confined to the churches this week. The members of the baptist congregation giving a very pleasant affair in that way on Tuesday evening, which was largely attended.

This evening an egg social takes place in the Methodist church and bids fair to be an event of great interest. Easter eggs of untold varieties have been prepared and the display will be quite unique. The rarest specimen will be awarded a prize.

Prof. Sterne left on Thursday last for Chicago, where he will represent a German piano company. Mrs. Sterne will make her home at River Herbert with her mother during his absence, a move which will be much regretted by her friends, particularly the members of Christ-church choir, where she is leading soprano. Miss Bouman will preside in Mr. Sterne's place in St. Stephen church until his return.

Miss Mabel Hillson, of Moncton, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. T. Hillson, Havelock street.

Mrs. Bourne is paying a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Courtney Bliss.

Miss Myra Black has returned from a short visit to Sackville.

Mr. C. A. Tilden, of St. Catharines, Ont., is spending a few days in town to the pleasure of old acquaintances.

Dr. J. C. McDougal, of Parrboro, was in town on Tuesday.

Miss Hattie Black entertained her schoolmates on Wednesday evening at her home on Havelock street. A very pleasant time was spent playing "Lost Heir." Miss Bussell was the prize.

A reception will be held at Helen Cottage, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Main, on Thursday evening.

Mrs. James Brown and her daughter, Miss May Brown, spent a few days in Springfield visiting friends and returned home on Wednesday.

A very nice afternoon tea was given by Mrs. Jodrey on Saturday at her pretty home on Laplace street. The merry event was for Miss Lena, a bright little Miss who helped matters along in a charming way. About forty small guests were present, who enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content. Mrs. Jodrey never withholds her hand as far as good things are concerned, and little parties are a special feature in her household, that are always most satisfactorily given and pleasantly hoped for.

Mrs. D. F. Quigley gave a pleasant little five o'clock tea for her daughter Nellie on Wednesday evening that afforded great pleasure to the young guests assembled, as it was somewhat lengthened into a party by games and general merry-making.

Bishop Courtney is expected in town next week, to be present at the Easter meeting in Christ church.

MARCH 29.—The fancy dress ball at Mrs. Reuben Fulton's on Thursday evening last was a very brilliant affair. At about nine o'clock the guests began to arrive, and at ten the spacious rooms were as well filled with as varied an assemblage as has ever gathered in our little village.

Among the guests, Miss Fletcher in Grecian costume was very much admired, and Miss Cumming, as Goddess of Liberty, almost caused the Queen's officers to desert their flag and country.

Although dancing had been indulged in for some time before the arrival of the Truro young people, everything seemed to have new life as if to welcome them. Mr. Harry McDougall was perfectly irresistible as a 16th century gentleman. Mr. H. C. Yail acted the courier to perfection, and won all hearts with his gallant bearing.

Mr. C. C. Coleman danced his usual number of waltzes and acted the courier exceedingly well. Mr. A. W. Cummings, a country squire, was true to life, his portly figure, suiting the character well. Mr. Doherty was a perfect juggler, and Mr. W. E. Spencer made a good cavalier.

Among those present were:

Mr. Gault,	Japanese Gentleman.
D. M. Doherty,	"Juggler.
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Holmes,	Chinese Fortune Teller.
Geo. Corbett,	Chinese Fortune Teller.
A. W. Cummings,	Courier.
Herbert Smith,	Student.
Frank McNeill,	Spanish Count.
Henry McDougall,	Gent 16th Cent.
C. C. Coleman,	Courier.
Miss McDougall,	representing Spanglers.
Miss Smith,	"Flower Girl.
"Lillian Smith,	"Marguerite.
"Lillian Fletcher,	"Grecian Lady.
"Lizzie Cumming,	"Goddess of Lib-ty.
"E. Fulton,	"Spring.
"Miss Johnston,	"Japanese Lady.
"Joe McNitt,	"Italian Fortune Teller.
"Emma Fleming,	"Luna.
"Jean McDonald,	"Gypsy Fortune Teller.
"Gedder,	"Red Riding Hood.
"Kibel Fulton,	"Music Girl.
"Mr. F. W. Blake,	"Viceroy.
"Miss E. Gatchell,	"Butterfly.

ANTIGONISH.

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MARCH 29.—About fifty of the Antigonish people went up to New Glasgow last Friday evening to see and hear the African choir.

Mr. Hale a special train was procured for the purpose. The Savannah Minstrels returned last Saturday after a pleasant and profitable trip of about a fortnight in Cape Breton.

Miss Clara and Annie Cunningham returned from Halifax, where they had been spending some days, on Monday.

Mrs. H. Henry is visiting friends in Halifax.

Several parties have been down at the harbor goose-shooting lately. They have mostly been very successful, one gentleman shooting seven geese in one day and another party of seven securing in all seventeen geese.

There has been a great deal of sickness in town this last month. Mrs. McLeas and little Ethel Cunningham were both very low with pneumonia but are out of danger now.

Miss Besie Foster is spending a few weeks with friends in Halifax and New Glasgow.

Mrs. Borden, Pughwash, was in town last week, the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. D. MacMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris spent last week in town the guest of their son Mr. C. E. Harris.

Miss Ella Bonnell returned Monday from Brook-lyn, New York.

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