

Provincial Notes.

YARMOUTH.—All Yarmouth nearly has been a victim to "la Grippe," your correspondent among the number. As Solomon says "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," so if I consulted my feelings just now, I should talk of nothing but that interesting and all absorbing topic, the "Grippe" but that would be scarcely fair to the general public, who nearly all have a little story of their own on the same subject, so I will cast about for something more original. Society does not seem to be in a very brilliant frame of mind just now, perhaps owing to the fact that the melancholy days of house-cleaning have arrived. And every one stands in deadly peril of stumbling over a scrubbing bucket or a step-ladder. The lawns are getting beautifully green, and patches of crocus with their brilliant coloring of yellow, Heliotrope and white gladden the eye on every side. The May-flowers have been beautiful this year, but are misnamed as May flowers in this locality, as they are about done by the 1st of May. I wonder if they smell as sweet when they are called trailing Arbutus.

Mr. T. B. Flint, M. P., left for Ottawa Saturday evening, accompanied by Mrs. Flint. They intended leaving by Wednesday's boat but were detained by the sickness and death of Mr. Flint's mother who was buried Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Goff of Charlottetown, P. E. I. passed through here Saturday on their way to Europe *via* New York.

The Milton Brass Band have presented their leader Mr. W. C. Kaine, with an elegant silver cornet valued at \$75.

Mr. Ken. Webster, returned from Halifax Saturday, where he has been attending Dalhousie.

Miss Kelley has closed her Art Studio for a couple of weeks, and is visiting friends in Boston. We understand Miss K. is going to Europe in the early summer.

Miss Baker is spending a few weeks in Halifax. Mr. Baker, returned from there Friday night.

Miss Eva Pelton left for Halifax on Monday to visit at her friend Mrs. Harrington's, Tower Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Jolly celebrated their crystal wedding Monday evening. They are both noted for their genuine hospitality.

The Rev. Mr. Smithson, of—most anywhere,—supplied the pulpit of Trinity Church last Sunday morning and evening. He is said to speak three languages, and, judging from his efforts on Sunday, he must have been trying them all at once. What he said might have been orthodox, or might not. We could not understand a word of it, but seemed to be listening to a succession of whispers and crows.

Mr. George Tooker and Miss Tooker returned from Bermuda a short time ago, where they had been spending the winter.

Mrs. T. V. B. Bingay, jr., is visiting in Digby.

Mrs. Cummings of Truro, is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Byron Robbins.

Mr. Charles Pelton leaves for Boston, Wednesday evening, to take a position in an attorney's office there.

Miss Dora Murray entertained a few of her young friends last Friday evening, at one of those inexpensive, but none the less pleasant, little dances, for which Yarmouth is so justly celebrated.

Mr. Dave Saunders also had a dance, at his residence, on the same evening, at which all enjoyed themselves immensely.

County Court is being held here this week, Judge Savary presiding.

SACKVILLE, N. B.—Sackville is not a large town nor a very gay one and weeks go by sometimes without special events, though other weeks seem pretty full. On Friday evening last Mr. Powell M. P. P. delivered one of the series of popular law lectures in the University lecture hall. He is a distinguished Alumnus of Mount Allison and the attendance of students and others was large. This series has been a most interesting and useful one with the general design of teaching the duties and privileges of good citizenship.

I hear that the band are to have a concert very soon. They have engaged Mrs. Harrison, Miss Landers and others.

I hear Mrs. Harrison is engaged also for concerts in Moncton and Amherst, and in June goes West to fill engagements in Ontario in July and August, including Grimsby Park during the August season.

Prof. Mack and his staff are busy preparing for the closing concert of the conservatory. By the way, the closing exercises of the three Mount Allison institutions are always of a very interesting character. As they are the principal concern of which our town boasts the convocation and closing entertainments form the chief event of the year. I shall have more to say after they have come off.

Miss Landers and Mr. Barnaby of Amherst give a concert next week in that town.

Prof. Sterne was in town this week.

Dr. Inch was at St. John, Saturday, attending the funeral of a former student.

Mr. J. Wood, M. P., left for Ottawa on Monday; Mrs. Wood accompanied him.

Most places have peculiar local fashions of some sort. Here it is quite the style for people of both sexes to kick their toes against nails and ends of boards and to stumble on the sidewalks, I really believe though that most people rather unwillingly follow this fashion. Surely it is somebody's duty to mend our ways.

CLEOPATRA.

ARICHAT.—Fish news in a society journal may offend the nostrils of your aristocratic readers; but as I notice in MacAlister's list the names of a great many of the so-called *codfish aristocracy*; perhaps they may, at least, find originality in the subject, and not leave my communications unread.

To-day there are eight sail of American fishing vessels in our harbor, ice bound. Two of them are commanded by Arichat boys, William and John Thomas, sons of Thomas Thomas, who a couple of years ago emigrated to the United States. The crews of these vessels, numbering 130 men in all, are making the town quite lively.

The lobster fishermen are prosecuting their calling under difficulties. Besides being menaced with drift ice, they find it impossible to procure bait.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gruchy entertained a few of their young friends, before breaking up their winter house-keeping and taking their departure for Petit de Grat, one evening last week, dancing was indulged in and a very pleasant evening spent.

Dancing is the prevailing amusement here and considering the scarcity of partners, our young ladies are very proficient in it. A Quadrille party is spoken of at Mrs. Bosdit's to take place next week.

Commercial Travellers are more or less lionized by "Society" people here. This is due, first, to the scarcity of young men in the town, and secondly, to the very deserving way in which they conduct themselves. I don't know if it is only the deserving ones who visit Arichat, or whether they are all deserving, but I write as I find them. Since spring trade opened a half dozen at least of these gentlemen visited the town every week, and in certain social circles quite a flutter was discernible while they were here.

The social reciprocity that existed between Canso and Arichat appears to have been "abrogated." This is to be regretted, because we have a surplus of females and Canso a surplus of males.

Several young ladies are taking lessons in painting—hand painting. The walk to the class gives them an opportunity of displaying their new spring dresses and meeting their high sprung shadows.

Dr. Hallett and his charming wife are about leaving us and settling at Londonderry. They will be missed in social circles.

The spicy game of poker is only indulged in and that moderately, by the incurable male veterans.

SARDINE.