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The good sleighing has triumphed over the very cold weather, and there were drives and dinners every night last week, most of them to Bedford. There is some talk of reviving the old afternoon drives, with no hosts, but everyone meeting at some central place and driving to a convenient stopping place for tea. They were very cheerful and sensible affairs, and a boon beyond words to young men and maidens, who are usually not allowed (the latter, be it understood), to join the evening drives.

The upsides of the week were many, but fortunately there has been no harm done. Colonel and Mrs. Anstruther-Duncan were among the victims, with others too numerous to mention.

A very pleasant snow-shoeing party took place on Thursday afternoon, with a long tramp in the park and tea at a well known and hospitable house in the south end.

Some of the people new to snow-shoeing came to grief very thoroughly, and one man was displaced with his shoes early in the afternoon and went on with the party without them. Luckily, the snow was hard.

Mrs. Montgomery-Moore leaves at an early date for England, where she will spend the remainder of the winter. The Misses Colbourne will accompany her, and the pleasant weekly afternoons at Bellevue will be much missed.

The rehearsals for the tableaux are going on with energy, and the costumes are to be things of beauty. Everyone providing his or her own, great pains are being taken. It is a new departure to enlist children in so late an entertainment, and it is to be hoped for their sakes, that the pictures in which they appear may be shown early in the programme. It is rather a strain by the way to have to construct two fancy costumes, one for the carnival and one for the tableaux, but several people are accomplishing it.

Colonel Gilmsey and the officers of the Leinster regiment gave a skating party at home Saturday afternoon at Wellington barracks, which was to have taken place last Saturday but was postponed.

The artificial rink near the tennis courts behind the barracks was in excellent order for skating after which there was tea served indoors and dancing in the messroom.

It was quite a new departure in entertaining at least on a large scale though last year there were some very small skating teas given at the R. A. Park rink.

Every one, likely and unlikely, good skaters and otherwise, seems to be getting ready for the carnival on Feb. seventh. There will be some old costumes worn, but very few, and some of the new ones are most elaborate. I hear that one of the prettiest of all is being made of crinkled paper, of course over a solid foundation; the bodice and skirt will be nearly covered with roses, and a charming hat, also of paper will be worn. Two ladies are going in domino, exactly alike; their identity will be confined (which is probably what they desire) as they are precisely the same height and both very good skaters. The costume already goes with smoothness and the figures are very elaborate and graceful. Captain Kent has been indefatigable in directing the practices, in spite of this sprained ankle, which has obliged him to appear at the rink on crutches. There are whispers



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of a supper to be given after the carnival, but it is to be small, and not by any means a general entertainment, so that most people will arrange small slipper parties for themselves.

One of the general's late A. D. C's, Major Apsey Smith, will shortly visit Halifax with his wife, Miss Kinnear, of Halifax. It is stated that they will be guests of the general.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Elliott are to pay Halifax a visit. They are well known in society circles here. Mrs. Elliott was Miss Ethel Watson, a relative of the late Admiral Watson.

There was a large number of society people at the north end Exhibition rink last evening to see the hockey game, including Deputy Surgeon General Oliver, Miss Daisy Oliver, Captain and Mrs. Colbourne, Geoffrey and Mrs. Morrow, and a party of thirty from the Leinster regiment, including officers and their wives.

A musicale was given at the Industrial school, Wednesday evening by the Misses Wood, Captain J. Taylor Wood and others, which was very much enjoyed.

During last week there was a tea at the residence of Mrs. Dr. Tobin. A dinner was also given at the residence of Senator Power, at which were General Montgomery-Moore, Archbishop O'Brien and Rev. Father Daly.

Archbishop O'Brien was entertained at dinner at Mount St. Vincent on Tuesday.

Another enjoyable dinner was given Thursday evening at Thorndale. The guests included Colonel and Mrs. Anstruther-Duncan, Miss Daly and Captain and Mrs. Colbourne.

There was a card party Monday evening at the residence of Colonel Clerk which proved to be one of the pleasantest events of the week. There were no ladies present.

A pleasant dinner was given at the residence of Senator McKen during the week, and cards are out for a similar function this evening.

Mrs. Harris, Spring Garden road has issued invitations for a tea for this (Thursday) evening, a legislative dinner is to be given at Government House this evening.

TRURO.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Truro by Mr. G. O. Fulton, and Messrs. D. H. Smith & Co.]

Feb. 1.—Miss Bessie Smith who has been visiting friends here, returned home to Dartmouth last Saturday.

The Quatrille club had another very pleasant evening last Thursday: Mrs. H. A. Lovett and Mrs. Fred Prince were the chaperones. Among those present were Mrs. A. D. Wetmore in a very becoming gown of yellow silk with dunes of very handsome white lace. Another very becoming and effective toilette was worn by Mrs. Fred Fuller composed of black velvet with short bouffant sleeves of maize colored silk. Mrs. Will Blenkinsop wore a charming gown of lovely pink moire silk, with soft baby waist and chiffon trimmings. Mrs. D. B. Cummings was in a lovely gown of yellow silk with much jet trimmings. Mrs. Cummings' young visitor, Miss Chipman from Boston, wore a pretty gown of pink silk. Miss Eva Murray wore a lovely and most becoming toilet of white silk, arranged about the bodice with pearl passementerie and chiffon.

Among others present were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Patterson, Mrs. Robt. Dickie, Cannd. Mrs. E. W. Crowe, Mrs. J. J. Taylor, Mrs. H. B. McLaughlin, Miss Jean Thompson, Miss Maie Smith, Miss Bessie Smith, Misses Bigelow, Miss Snook, Miss Hensley, Misses Thomas, Miss MacLean, Miss McDonald, Miss Frances Somerville, Miss Shand, Mrs. B. H. Blanchard, Miss Barnstead, Mr. and Mrs. McMullin, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gourley, Mrs. A. McCullough, Miss Hockin, Miss Nelson, Miss Crowe, Miss Yorton, Messrs C. A. Armstrong, G. H. Williams, W. Crowe, L. Crowe, G. Crowe, W. Laurence, F. Snook, E. Vernon, P. Webster, Stanfield, J. Ross, R. Hanson, W. Blenkinsop, A. V. Smith, V. Jamieson, Dickenson, F. Cotton, W. Yorton, N. P. McKay.

Senator McKay leaves the latter part of the week for Ottawa.

About the same time, Mrs. McKay and Miss McKay leave for a visit of some weeks' duration, with friends in Boston.

Mrs. H. C. Blair gave a very pleasant evening last Friday to a number of the Misses Isa and George's friends; a short snow shoe tramp to Mc Clare's mill, and round home by the "Holland" was thoroughly enjoyed, despite the extreme cold on the return of the party to the house, a very appetizing lunch was partaken of, and then dancing was enjoyed for a couple of hours. Among the young people who enjoyed Mrs. Blair's hospitality were: Miss Eva Murray, Misses Snook, Misses M. McKenzie, G. Donkin, Lulu Archibald Rae Smith, Jennie Flemming, Leta Craig, Gerlie McIntosh, Tudie Cummings, Mabel Murray, Annie McCurdy, Messrs D. McCurdy, G. Snook, J. Hay, H. Murray, A. Crowe, H. Donkin, W. Butchart, F. Dickie, K. McKenzie. Mrs. David Blair's "at home," last Wednesday afternoon was one of the largest and most successful functions of the kind given here for some time. Mrs. Blair's rooms are so roomy, and admirably disposed, for entertaining a crowd that no discomfort was experienced by the very large number present. The hostess was assisted in dispensing her hospitality by her mother, Mrs. Armand, Mrs. Henry Blair, Mrs. A. C. Patterson, and Miss Eva Murray.

Miss Rankine, Woodstock, is the guest of Mrs. Moorman, "Arlington Place."

Mrs. N. S. Casson, who has been visiting her relatives at the "Lysamni" returned home to Moncton today.

Mrs. H. P. Wetmore has returned from a visit with home friends in Woodstock and St. John, N. B.

Miss Sterna, Yarmouth, is visiting her friend Miss Robb.

There were a great number of snow-shoe tramps, during the past week; the park and its charming environments affording ample and interesting ground for all.

The Misses McNaughton entertained a small party after a tramp last Wednesday night. Among those present were, Dr. and Mrs. Black, Miss Shand, Miss McKay, Miss Thompson, Messrs. W. P. McKay, G. H. Williams, J. D. Ross.

Mrs. D. B. Cummings gave a large dance on Monday evening in honor of her guest Miss Chipman, and for a number of Miss Gertrude's friends. Those present were: Misses E. Robbins, K. Butchart, Rae Smith, E. Murray, L. Moorman, Mabel Murray, E. Gladwin, Jean Crowe, J. Blanchard, G. Donkin, B. Turner, Jessie Snook, M. McKenzie, L. Craig, A. Gladwin, J. Flemming, G. McIntosh, Spencer, Nellie Stanfield, Lulu Archibald, Maud Shaffner, Misses Ira and George Blair, Misses Mamie and Minnie Snook, Misses Fowler, Misses Baidge, Messrs. A. V. Smith, W. Crowe, L. Crowe, W. Butchart, A. Crowe, F. L. Cotton, G. McCallum, H. Murray, D. A. McCurdy, G. Harris, H. Donkin, Sutherland, J. Hay, W. Reanne, Lewis Harding, G. Harding, T. Fletcher, B. D. Smith, J. McRoberts, D. Cummings, W. Lawrence, G. Dickie, F. Dickie, Bert Smith, F. Turner, C. Thomas. Mrs. Cummings' hospitality was too well known to require much comment; in summary remark, and Monday evening's entertainment was but a successful repeat of many charming predecessors.

Our newest bride Mrs. John Connor is receiving her friends this week assisted by Mrs. C. K. Cullen. The bride is wearing a very pretty and becoming toilette of maize colored silk crepon, with ch'ise trimmings. Feb.

PARSBORO.

[PROGRESS is for sale at Parsboro Book Store.]

Feb. 1.—The first carnival of the season or for two seasons came off very successfully in the new Aberdeen rink last Wednesday evening. Parsboro band being at present in a rather disorganized state the Springhill band had to be engaged. A special train conveyed the band and nearly one hundred and fifty people besides from Springhill returning after the carnival. There were many beautiful costumes. Miss Hattie Pettis representing "England's Queen" was awarded the ladies prize and Master Tom Day "A young Prince" the gentlemen's prize. The promenade was crowded and as many skaters as could get about comfortably were on the ice.

Tommyson was discussed by the Literary club at Mrs. Rand's on Monday evening.

The whist club spent a pleasant evening at Mrs. Upham's on Tuesday.

Rev. R. Johnstone returned on Friday from the deanery meeting at Westville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Copp have been visiting friends at Amherst and Annapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Reid are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Mrs. Cecil Parsons attended the ball at Springhill, Mr. J. M. Townshend, Q. C. spent Sunday before last with Dr. and Mrs. Townshend.

Mrs. Woodworth gave a progressive euchre party on Thursday evening. The prizes a dainty cup and saucer and a beautiful ash tray fell to Miss Upham and Dr. Smith's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Timmerman returned yesterday from their bridal trip.

Mr. J. A. Johnson of Halifax was in town last week also Mr. Fred A. Upham of Truro.

The whist club meets this evening at Mrs. D. Gillespie's.

Two entertainments of a public character are in preparation a cantata by the baptists, and a play "Among the Breakers" by some of the members of St. Bridget's church. The latter will not be given before Easter week.

SACKVILLE.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Sackville by W. J. Goodwin.]

Feb. 2.—Curling matches occupy a good deal of attention at present. Wednesday last witnessed a fierce conflict between Amherst and Sackville. Sackville beat by one. A large number watched the match through to the freezing end with unflagging interest. A few of the ladies were invited to the supper which always winds up these contests, and a pleasant half hour was spent, but as time, trains and electric lights wait for no man, this part of the programme had to be cut out rather short after a speech or two and a cup of coffee to "our next merry meeting."

A similar excitement prevailed Saturday when the Halifax curlers played before an equally large audience. The result of this match being a tie, the Sackville club is feeling at peace with all the world and at the same time hungering for another fight with the warring stones.

Taking advantage of the deep snow last week Mrs. Borden gave a snow shoe party, the first of the season. The tramp over the hills and fields by the light of a young moon was most enjoyable, the evening being just cold enough to be pleasant.

On account of the curlers' match the whist players did not get in their regular meet last week, this agreeable event being postponed for a few days when they will be entertained by Mrs. Charles Pickard.

Friday evening a delightful dance was given by Mrs. Fulton McDougall. The rooms which open into each other were brightly lighted and potted plants and prettily arranged bouquets added much to the festive appearance. The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Fawcett, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. Murray, Dr. and Mrs. Calkin, Mr. and Mrs. C. Pickard, Mrs. Ralston, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. McCully, Miss Black, Miss Ethel Ogden, Miss Black, Miss Estabrooks, Miss Emmerson, Miss Willis, Miss S. Copp, Miss Wood, Miss Keith, Miss Cogswell, Messrs F. Black, W. Black, Snowball, Tait, H. Wood, Fraser, Mowbray, Henderson, L. Harrison, Teed, A. Copp, Chandler, A. Smith.

The men were in full evening dress and the ladies looked charming.

Mrs. Fawcett wore pink silk.

Mrs. Ryan, green figured silk with white lace.

Mrs. Murray, black satin, yellow silk bodice.

Mrs. Calkin, very pretty evening dress of golden brown silk with white lace on the bodice.

Mrs. Foster, black silk, decorations of yellow silk.

Mrs. Allison, black, with pink silk bodice.

Mrs. Lane, dress of crushed strawberry color with white silk sash.

Mrs. McCully, a very quaint and striking costume of jetted black net with red silk bodice.

Mrs. Pickard, black satin with heliotrope decorations.

Miss Wood, an extremely dainty gown of pearl gray silk with grey chiffon and natural pink flowers.

Miss Black, pale pink silk with old rose velvet trimmings.

Miss Black, a very becoming costume of pale blue crepon with shoes, gloves and fan of the same shade.

Miss Ogden, muslin of old rose and white with ribbon sash.

Mr. Estabrooks, white and yellow.

Mrs. Copp, black velvet with yellow decorations.

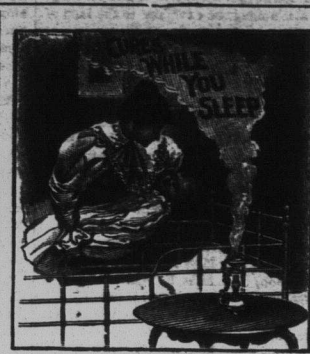
There were other pretty dresses but the crowd prevented me seeing all to advantage. Dancing was kept up with great spirit both before and after supper which was served early. It was also early before the guests could tear themselves away from the festive scene, somewhere about two in the morning.

The same evening Mrs. Wells on Weldon street gave a small tea party.

A further festivity which was much enjoyed by many was the carnival. A number went to the rink

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and took in Mrs. McDougall's dance later. The fancy dress affair was a success but there were not as many handsome costumes as would be wished to add the spectacular effect. The prizes for the most handsome costumes was deservedly bestowed on Miss Alice Ler, who represented the Emerald Isle. Her dress was of green muslin spangled with gold harps and shamrocks and a wreath of the same round a lit green cap. Mrs. John Bowser took the prize for the most original but while her get-up was extremely good there was nothing new in either the character or the way it was represented, being that of an old woman which is seen at every carnival. Wm. Welsh as a tramp took the men's prize. There were a great many dresses of this kind on the ice and it would seem a pity to discourage the popular fancy get-up when handsome costumes among the men are so seldom seen. Some of the Klondykers were capital and appeared to be in good prices carrying loads as bundles, shovels, kettles and pans were much in evidence. Among the ladies were noticeable the costumes of Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Willis, and Miss Towse. The judges were the Misses Campbell of Middle Sackville, Mr. B. Silliker and Mr. John Hanphrey.

Saturday evening a large party was given at the Residence by Dr. Allison to the students and teachers of the university, the Ladies' college and the academy. Entertainments at the Residence are always much enjoyed; there is so much space that however large the number of guests no one is crowded and the young men in the building always supplement the efforts of their host and hostess with untiring courtesy. There were a number of pretty toilettes but too many for mention.

Monday evening Mrs. Charles Pickard entertained a few friends.

Miss Roberts of St. John is visiting her aunt, Mrs. (Dr.) Stewart.

Mrs. Henry Emmerson was in Sackville last week.

Mrs. Frank McCully of Moncton is the guest of her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Calkin.

Senator Wood and H. A. Powell, M. P., have left for Ottawa.

Mr. Snowball of Chatham was in town last week. LADY OF SHALOTT.

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