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Just as predicted this has been an especially quiet week in social circles. About the only thing in the way of gaiety were parties, and of these I believe there were five—evidently the fine weather was made the most of while it lasted. The evenings were so clear and warm that the walk home was not the least enjoyable part of the outing. As the days grow cooler the equestrians are indulging in a canter, singly and in parties, through the city and the suburbs. I believe there are to be one or two riding parties shortly—weather permitting; it is always well to add that you know in St. John, and apropos of that I am reminded of the remark of a Halifax lady who was here for a day this week, to the effect that before she alighted at the depot her hands were almost perfectly straight and all her efforts to make them stiff out in the old accustomed way were unavailing. She assured me she would have thought St. John a charming city, but for the fact that she looked at it through a heavy mist—straight hands, however I am straying from matters social though there is really so little to write that one feels like making the most of any subject that comes up. I have several wedding to take place next month, but until these really do take place we must be duly thankful for smaller pleasures.

This was really a picnic week and the one given by the Messrs. Tilley at Robbessy on Saturday last is spoken of as an exceedingly pleasant affair. The city folk went out in the afternoon and returned in the evening. Tea was served and the delicacies provided were very acceptable to the picnic party, among whom were Mrs. Charles Harrison, Miss Fellows, Mr. and Mrs. Green, Miss Dyer, Misses Furlong, Mr. and Mrs. Keator, Misses Bayard, Mr. Bob Hamilton, Miss Drinkwater, Mr. Schuch, Mr. Gilch, Mr. Timmerman, Mr. Daniel. On Monday a party of young people went to Robbessy on a drive gotten up by Misses Bayard. The afternoon was spent in boating and other amusements; the party had supper there and returned to the city about nine o'clock. The party included Mrs. Charles Harrison, Miss Fellows, Mrs. George E. McLeod, Miss Furlong, Miss Burpee, Miss Dyer, Miss Harrison, Miss Albion, Mr. Keator, Mr. George Hart, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Gerard Ruel, Mr. George Jones, Mr. Ted Jones, Mr. Hunsard.

Pokick was the scene of the third picnic, which was held on Wednesday. It was given by Mr. Walter to a few of his friends, the party going up in a tug to the Giff, where a very pleasant afternoon was spent and a splendid supper served. Some of the party came back on the boat the others walked home, enjoying the bright moonlight stroll very much. Among those who enjoyed Mr. Walter's hospitality were Mrs. and Mrs. Stanley Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Keator, Miss Warner, Miss Bob Warner, Miss Keator, Miss Dever, Miss Burpee, Miss Furlong, Miss Bayard, Miss Hilden, Mr. Riddel, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Keator, Mr. Kirkwood, Mr. Holden.

Miss Dorothy Armstrong gave a picnic at Duck Cove on Thursday afternoon to a number of the younger members of society.

The Messrs. Skinner gave a dance at Robbessy last Saturday evening. It is unlikely that there will be many more dances there as so many of the summer visitors have departed, and the remainder are getting ready for the homecoming flight.

Mrs. Cushing gave quite a large reception this week, but as I have heard nothing definite about it, am unable to give any particulars regarding it.

Wadsworth Harris was, I believe, honored by society during his stay in the city and his entertainment on Thursday afternoon, was very largely attended. No one was disappointed in the least and he swayed his listeners at will. He possesses, wonderful dramatic ability. Every number was a gem in its way, though I think the best were "The Dream of Eugene Aram," "The Portrait," "The Lost Spirit," the scenes from the Merchant of Venice, and Henry VIII; a funny little sketch entitled "Kitty Treadhunter's Comforter" and "My Mother's Doughnuts." Mr. Harris goes to New York this week to enter upon his third season with Modjeska's company, which opens in the Garrick theatre next month.

Mrs. Morris Robinson spent a short time lately in Sackville, with Mrs. J. Fred Allison.

Mrs. Frederick Toller spent the week with her sister, Lady Tilley, who has returned from Rothesay.

Miss Drinkwater went home to Montreal this week, accompanied by her brother, Mr. Graham Drinkwater, who spent a couple of days here this week.

Miss Annie Babitt has returned to Fredericton after spending the summer with her sister, Mrs. J. V. Ellis.

Mr. Riddel of Columbus, Ohio, has been the guest of General and Mr. Warner for a few days.

Miss Beatrix Hatheway who has been travelling in Europe for the past three or four years arrived home last Tuesday.

Mrs. Silas Alward and her two children and Mr. W. W. Turnbull go to Penascola shortly to spend a couple of months with Mrs. and Miss Turnbull. Mrs. Turnbull's friends will be pleased to know that her health is improving.

Mr. W. H. Thorne, formerly of here and Miss L. R. Harrison with their guests Mr. and Mrs. Foster of St. Stephen spent a few days on the river this week on the "Dream."

Judge and Mrs. McLellan of Truro, N. S., are staying in the city.

Miss Mrs. Randolph of Fredericton who has been visiting here returned home last Tuesday.

Mrs. Robert Randolph who has been spending the summer at the Bay Shore has also returned to Fredericton.

Misses Osman and Osborne of Hillsboro are staying with friends here.

Miss McRae is visiting "Woodlands" Petticoat. Mrs. John Hatheway and Miss Seely are spending a short time with Fredericton friends.

Quite a number of St. John people attended the opening of the new club house at Fredericton. Among the number were Mrs. John C. Hatheway, Misses Hall, S. MacFarlane, and G. MacFarlane, Messrs. Fred Tippet, Otis Shaw, W. S. Ralston, A. Boyd, J. B. McPeake, W. A. Henderson, F. C. Jones, Otis Branscomb and W. G. MacFarlane, of the St. John Cycling Club; C. Hall, H. G. Fenety, Heber Vroom and W. Rankine.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Valpey, Detroit, are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Walker of St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Smith spent last week in Ottawa at the "Russell."

Miss Bessie Crookshank is visiting friends in Sussex.

Dr. March and a party of friends had an outing at lake Utopia last week and enjoyed themselves immensely with the excellent fishing and boating. Mr. Gilbert Davidson spent Monday in Pettoicod with his friend Mr. Keith.

Miss Alice Goodwin is visiting the Messrs. Kane, who have recently returned from a three weeks' stay with Mrs. J. Kelly of Walsford.

Miss Edna MacFarlane is visiting her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Barbour at Fredericton.

Miss Estelle Scott of Ottawa is visiting Mrs. John Dunn, Princess street. Miss Scott, who formerly resided here, is in the customs service at Ottawa.

Mr. Allen D. Ry spent part of the week visiting his Maine home.

Miss Jack of Nebraska is here visiting her grand parents Mr. and Mrs. Reed of Mount Pleasant.

News of the death of Mrs. Henry Ranney in a London hospital after having undergone an operation for appendicitis, was heard this week.

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with sincere regret. She was at one time a prominent figure in St. John society and after leaving here lived for some time in New York where the death of her husband occurred. For the last two years she has been travelling on the continent as governess and chaperone to the daughters of a New York gentleman, several St. John people met her during their travels lately and say she was wonderfully changed from the time when her beauty won so much admiration wherever she went. The news was received here with universal regret.

Miss Elizabeth Hall is spending a short time in Fredericton with her aunt Mrs. M. S. Hall.

Miss Watson is in Sussex visiting Mrs. C. D. Davis.

Misses Mabel and Alice Estey are visiting Fredericton guests of Miss Lillian Estey.

Mrs. Chip Skinner, Mrs. (Dr.) Lawrence, and Miss Merritt are spending a week at Fowler's, up river.

Mrs. George Coster's two daughters leave this week to attend school at Windsor N. S.

Mrs. Downville was here for a short stay this week. Mr. Heber Vroom spent a short time in Fredericton this week.

Mrs. Charles Medley has been spending a few days with Sussex friends.

Mrs. H. H. Pitts of Fredericton, who has been visiting here has gone to Marysville to visit Mrs. (Dr.) Chipman.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster and Mrs. Foster had a sail up river Thursday in the Dream.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Chestnut of Fredericton were here this week for a short time on their way to Montreal where they will remain all winter.

Mrs. W. H. O'Dell and the Messrs. O'Dell of Halifax were here this week.

Mr. R. D. Smith has returned from a visit to Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Fred Richards of Fredericton has gone home from the Cedars where she has been spending the summer.

Mrs. Daniel and family of Port Hope and Mrs. Kinmar of Chicago, who have been staying with their parents Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Kinmar, have returned to their homes.

Mrs. Maria and Sule Fraser have returned from a pleasant vacation of two weeks spent in Windsor, N. S.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Fullard, were in the city the middle of the week en route to their future home in Toronto. They were married in Halifax Wednesday morning by Rev. Dr. Foley. Mrs. Fullard was formerly Miss Lillie Leahy and was well known in Halifax where she was a great favorite.

Mrs. Upham, Mrs. and Miss Goddard of Parrsboro are visiting in the city.

Mrs. C. E. Day of Parrsboro gave quite a large party this week in honor of her sisters Mrs. Dow and Miss Rivers of St. John.

Mrs. R. Lucy of New York and her daughter Miss Bessie Lucy were here for a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Knight of Brockton, Mass., were in the city this week.

Mrs. Madeline Hawke of Norfolk Va., and Mrs. David Letcher stayed a day or two with city friends this week on their way home from a tour of the lower province.

Mr. and Mrs. Bramhall were in Bridgetown the first of the week visiting their daughter Mrs. Sandford.

Mrs. S. J. Healey of Bridgetown and her son-in-law Rev. Mr. Higgins Charlottetown were here this week on their way to the latter's home where Mrs. Healey will visit.

Miss Campbell who has been visiting Bridgetown as guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cochrane, returned to the city this week.

Miss Nan Osgood of Fall River is visiting relatives here and in Sussex.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Knowles of this city have been visiting the latter's uncle Mr. F. L. Chesley, "The Willows," Bridgetown, N. S.

Miss Pauline Baird goes to Greenwich this week to spend a few weeks.

Mrs. Thomas Everett is in Fredericton the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Louch.

Miss Bertha Boyer of Woodstock is the guest of her friend Miss Mand Sprague.

Miss Mary White of Sussex is visiting Miss Nettie Pidgeon.

Miss Margie White of Boston is staying with her aunt Mrs. W. H. White.

Mr. Jack Meehan, his sister Mrs. Frank O'Brien and her daughter Miss Laura, of Fredericton spent Monday with friends here.

Miss Nettie Pidgeon and her friend Miss Mary White will spend Sunday in Sussex.

Mrs. Marvin of High street entertained a number of her young friends very pleasantly on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. and Miss McKenna who have been summering in St. Martins returned home the first of the week.

Miss Edith McPeake, West End, has returned home after a visit of several weeks in Boston.

Miss Morris of Morrisville, who has been in Boston for the last three months has returned.

Mr. Robert Ritchie and Miss Ritchie spent a part of last week in St. Martins visiting their sister Mrs. B. D. Murray.

Mr. W. H. Currie of Shelburne, spent a part of last week here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith spent a few days lately in Marquash.

The marriage of Mr. T. W. Magee of St. John and Miss Nettie Johnson of Shelburne takes place September seventeenth.

Miss Emma Anderson of Marquash, who has been spending several weeks in the city returned home last Saturday.

Miss Florence Currie went to Shelburne this week to visit relatives.

Mrs. T. V. Cooke and Miss Cooke of Moncton, were here for a short time this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Smith of Halifax paid a short visit to the city this week.

Mrs. John Scovill has returned to St. Stephen after a few days stay here.

Miss Lillian Page has gone to Chicago to visit her brother. She intends making quite a lengthy stay in that city.

Mr. R. B. Scovill's home from a visit to Boston. Rev. Mr. DeSoyres is off on a three weeks vacation which will be spent in Winnipeg.

Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie, nee Jack, of Cornwallis who have been visiting friends in the city returned home this week.

Mr. Henderson, Leinster street, accompanied by Mrs. and Miss Henderson went to Gagetown last Saturday to spend a week.

Mr. Bert Fleming and several friends spent Monday on the river in Mr. Fleming's yacht.

Miss Troop who has been in Halifax attending the wedding of Miss Lena Troop as bridesmaid, returned home this week.

Mr. Schon of Halifax spent a few days lately with Mr. Max Unger.

Misses Weldon, Queen square, have gone to Sackville to attend the Ladies College.

Mrs. H. C. Creighton and family have returned from a two months stay in Westfield.

Miss Hennigar has returned from a visit to Bear River.

Mr. Mand Dearborn has returned from a lengthy visit to Shediac.

A very pleasant party was given by the Messrs. Weldon at their home on Queen square last Friday evening.

Dr. Draper, Mrs. Draper, Miss Blanche Draper, and Miss Crabbe and Miss O. Beach had a day's outing the first of the week which they spent at Mahogany Island.

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