

It is not often that Halifax starts anything that entails the outlay of money; however flattering the prospects may be, it seems as if the monied men of the community prefer to allow the American speculator to come here, and take the cream, while they afterwards content themselves with the skimmed milk, in the shape of 4 per cent. Now, an industry has been started under Haligonian management, and with Haligonian capital. We refer to the "Parkins Cutlery Company," which is in process of Incorporation--Mr. Parkins has been working at his factory at the North West Arm for some months, and has through the energy of two well known citizens been sent home, within this time, to bring out more machinery and "Sheffield lads" to be able to fill the orders received. It is needless for us to remark that there is no reason why men who have made cutlery of all kinds for the best firms in Sheffield, should not be able to turn out the same work here. This manufactory can at the present time turn out about a gross of pocket knives per day, at prices with which imported goods cannot compete, and it is satisfactory to know that it has been well patronized by the leading hardware stores in the city. The company has started on a firm basis with small capital, of which nearly all is paid up. We certainly wish success to an enterprise which must commend itself, not only to our citizens, but eventually to the whole of Canada.

Lady Commerell's dance at Admiralty House, Portsmouth, was quite successful. At least two hundred and fifty people responded to the invitations, but the rooms were not uncomfortably full, and everything was exceedingly well arranged. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught arrived early, and were accompanied by the Grand Duchess of Oldenburg; Miss Minnie Cochrane was in attendance. Some handsome gowns were worn by Lady Fremantle. Mrs. Crease, Mrs. Woodward, and Mrs. Beaumont, who herself looked very handsome. Miss Commerell and Miss Hewitt (the latter in a charming pink frock) were in great request as partners. Royalty supped in a solitary state, and left soon after twelve but the dance was kept up with spirit until one o'clock.

A very pleasant dance was given by Mrs. Franklyn of Enscote, for Miss Slayter, on Tuesday evening. Dancing began at 8.30, and was kept up till a late hour. Only young people were asked, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves very much.

Mrs. John Wallace had a very large "tea" on Tuesday, every one was there, and as the day was cold, dull colored gowns were chiefly worn, but still the bright colored flowers worn in the hats of this season--cheer and lighten up any social function.

Captain Stairs has departed once more to Africa, having been appointed to a command; this will hardly be a surprise to anyone, for the taste for African life was in him. And it did not seem possible that he could put up with the hum-drum, and monotony of ordinary garrison existence, even though it was at Aldershot.

The paper chase was so popular, that there are to be many such meetings during the early summer.

The officers of the 66th Princess Louise Fusiliers, are giving a Smoking Concert in the Masonic Hall, next Friday evening.

Mrs. Kaulback of Lunenburg, is a guest at Government House for a short time. Senator Kaulback has left for Ottawa.

We are sorry not to be able to report the "Mouse Entertainment" at the Ladies' College. The principal performers are, Miss McGarry, Mr. Campbell, Miss Eva Holmes, Miss Alida Seaman, Miss Lida Mott, Miss Edna Mackenzie, Mrs. Somers, Miss Lily Falconer, and Miss Edith Skinner.

We think it would be an excellent idea if all the many and multitudinous society correspondents to papers in this town and

the neighboring one wrote over their own names instead of adopting *noms de plume*, which do not enable one to discover their identity. By doing this one would avoid such irresponsible paragraphs as have appeared lately in one or two of our contemporaries. These paragraphs give information about the most personal affairs of a young lady of Halifax who is travelling abroad, as there is not the slightest foundation, as far as we can learn, for this rumor, we believe that no one has the slightest right to write, nor the slightest right to publish such an item.

An item of that kind might do such harm, as is impossible to calculate, not to mention the annoyances caused to both parties; a friendship of many years standing might be broken in consequence of irresponsible act of journalism on the part of an ill-informed person. We do not wish to take this paragraph alone, but many others that do appear, and have appeared. It has been the aim of this paper, to give offense to no one, whether in society or out of society. The truth of every paragraph that is sent is thoroughly tested, and if there is not the breath of scandal about the paper we have it at least inoffensive to any one, as it ought to be in a small country like ours.

Of course, if these ladies wrote over their own names, we are afraid it would reduce their number somewhat; this might of course be a loss, but still we would, we think, be able to put up with that loss; for it would be for the good of the community at large, but if they still retain their adopted names and titles, let them be well instructed in what goes on, and well informed as to the truth of all the rumours that are flying around this town.

A charity Bazaar is being organized by Mr. and Mrs. Klingensfeld and some friends and pupils, opening with a concert on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, and continuing on Wednesday and Thursday, afternoon and evening. Among the attractions are a genuine Vienna Coffee house, fancy and stationery stalls, with the usual complement of fortune-tellers, etc. Refreshments will be served at intervals. General admission tickets are 25 cents each, and reserved seat tickets for the first night (concert and bazaar) 50 cents. Admission to the bazaar alone from 4 to 6 in the afternoon, 10 cents.

S. Andrew's Lodge claims to be the oldest Masonic Lodge in Nova Scotia, and probably in Canada. It was established March 26th, 1768, by a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, and possesses a number of interesting relics, among others a punch bowl presented by the Duke of Kent, father of Queen Victoria.

Dr. Cowie has removed his office to 111 Barrington street, opposite St. Paul's Church, and is at present boarding at the Halifax Hotel.

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