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CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., FEB. 10TH.—His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Carvell entertained a large party of ladies and gentlemen at dinner on Monday last 9th inst.

Mrs. Malcolm Macleod, "Newlands," entertained a small number of guests at dinner on the 4th instant. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Carvell, the Chief Justice and Mrs. Sullivan, Mr. E. J. Hodgson, Q. C., being among the guests.

Mrs. Macleod has also issued invitations for a musical "At Home" for to-night (10th.)

Proprietor of the Hotel Davies threw his house open for a charity ball on Monday last, providing refreshments for the large party which assembled at the dance. The proceeds are to be handed to the various clergymen for distribution among the poor. The tickets, admitting two persons, were sold for \$2.00 each.

The City Council has voted money to buy large quantities of wood which will be distributed in the same way. This is owing to the scarcity of coal consequent upon our being frozen in a month earlier than usual last year.

The Hon. Wm. Welsh has returned from Ottawa, and has been selected with Hon. Lewis Davies by the Liberal party to contest Queen's County in the coming election.

Senator Howland has also returned from Ottawa, where he had been still labouring to further his pet plan—the tunnel.

Miss Amy Palmer, who has been so long confined to the house with sciatica, was able to take a short walk a few days ago.

The Fancy Dress Carnival held the same night was largely attended. The prizes were won as follows: for the dress best representing the character assumed—Miss Lottie Strickland, who made a capital "Britannia;" for the handsomest costume—Miss Lollie Breckon, who impersonated "Mary Queen of Scots" with grace and dignity. Mr. Alfred Bremner as Charles the II, carried off the gentleman's prize corresponding to Miss Breckon's, and Mr. Hardy was awarded the other prize for his accurate personation of a squaw.

Year before last the Tennis Club had a most successful entertainment, encouraged by the success of which they now contemplate a second to be held on St. George's Day, and at which the Fan Drill will be presented with other features. A preparatory meeting has been held, but arrangements have not yet been definitely completed.

Mr. Walter Ings is here upon a visit to his parents.

English Jottings.

The officers of the Royal Artillery are to have a new pattern of tunic, which is said to quite eclipse in point of beauty the present none too "dressy" garment. It has already been approved by the Commander-in-Chief, and the full description will be given in an edition of "Dress Regulations of the Army," shortly to be published. Officers joining the corps will take to the new jacket at once, but there will be a reasonable time allowed to those already serving to discard the "old clo."

The vexed question of mess jackets, now worn by naval officers at the express desire of the Duke of Edinburgh at public balls and other entertainments, is again agitating the naval mind, which is becoming painfully aware of the insignificant and undignified appearance of their steward-like garments. The officers feel how entirely the military mess jacket cuts them out in appearance. May I suggest, since the naval officers seem unable to rise to the occasion, that these jackets should have one, two, or three rows of distinctive naval gold lace, according to rank, and corresponding to the sleeves, round the back of the jacket, with the addition of a distinctly naval knot on the two back seams, just as the military staff have two "frog" buttons, and the A. S. C. two circles, and the Artillery some other detail? The lapels of the jacket might be faced with colour to indicate rank.

An eminent London oculist has had a case submitted to him which, in view of the spread of the electric light, adds a new terror to daily life. It goes to show, says the London correspondent of the *Liverpool Post*, that the electric light is capable of causing a malady similar in its bearing to sunstroke. It is said that though the phenomenon is new in this country, it is not unfamiliar to French savants. At the Creuzot coal mines and iron works the electric light is largely used in some shops, and candle-power reaching a very high range. In such circumstances attacks akin to sunstroke are by no means unfamiliar, happening generally in the case of persons peculiarly susceptible to electric shocks.

The defence of the Fulham gentleman, who was fined £5 for driving a tandem across the Serpentine when it was frozen over, was that he wanted to test some paper pulp with which the horses had been shod. Surely he could have experimented with this novel kind of shoe without risking the lives of himself and those who were on the ice at the time. A slippery road would have done just as well. But notoriety-hunters are often thoughtless of the fate of others. Their sole ambition is to be the hero of some exploit, whether creditable or not, which will cause people to cackle about them, and the newspapers to repeat that cackle with a substantial border of Fleet Street embroidery.

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