FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

Saturday, May 4.

Despite the fact that the weather still remains cool, there is evidence that summer is at hand. Already the parks and squares have donned their mantles of green while the purple and white crocuses are showing their dainty heads above the brown earth that like a wise mother kept secret their hiding places until the dangers of winter had passed.

Summer plans are being discussed and from present indications more people will go to the country this year than ever, but where and how they will be accommodated is another story, as complaints are being made of the scarcity of cottages to hire and of the impossibility to secure board. Especially is this felt in Westfield and at Rothesay, St. John's two most fashionable suburbs. All the same, in a few weeks the aspect of the city will have changed and in many houses the shutters will be closed, the occupants having departed for green fields and pastures new, there to remain until the autumn chill reminds them that it is again time to retrace their steps towards the dust and noise of the city streets. But that time is yet far distant, and between now and then there are happy days when the sun will shine and the waters sparkle, and when the lure of the country will have banished from their minds every thought but that of enjoyment.

On Saturday afternoon of last week Mrs. George F. Smith entertained most delightfully at a bridge of four tables for Mrs. Carruthers, of Kingston (Ont.), at which prizes were won by Mrs. Simeon Jones, Miss Frankie Tibbitts and Mrs. J. S. MacLaren. Mrs. Smith was handsomely gowned in black crepe de chene with lace trimmings. The guests included Mrs. Carruthers, Mrs. L. R. Harrison, Mrs. George K. McLeod, Mrs. Edge, Mrs. Sherwood Skinner, Mrs. James Jack, Mrs. J. Douglas Hazen, Mrs. Walter Foster, Mrs. Lucius Allison, Mrs. Simeon Jones, Mrs. J. S. MacLaren, Mrs. McKenzie, Mrs. Malcolm Mackay, Miss Bayard, Miss Tibbitts, Miss Bessie Adams.

Mrs. H. B. Robinson, Hazen street, was hostess on Monday at tea for Miss Frances Smith, of Fredericton, and Miss Elizabeth Robinson Scovil, of Gagetown. Miss Smith was gowned in blue foulard with white lace trimmings, blue toque with blue flowers. Mrs. Simeon Jones, who presided over the prettily appointed table which was decorated with pink carnations and tulips, wore a becoming costume of black chiffon over white satin, black hat with Irish lace, French flowers, and osprey trimming. Those who assisted were Mrs. R. Cruikshank, Mrs. J. Lee Day, Miss Ethel Sidney Smith and Miss Lou Robinson. Among those present were Mrs. J. Morris Robinson, Mrs. Carruthers, Mrs. Murray MacLaren, Mrs. William Hazen, Mrs. McKenzie, Miss Jack, Mrs. L. R. Harrison, Mrs. George F. Smith, Mrs. Edge, Mrs. George K. McLeod, Miss Mills, Mrs. John K. Schofield, Mrs. Sherwood Skinner, Mrs. George Wetmore, Mrs. Doheny, the Misses Peters, Mrs. Keator, Mrs. Arthur Wright, Mrs. George B. Hegan, Mrs. F. E. Barker, Mrs. J. S. MacLaren, Miss Elinor Robinson, Mrs. G. A. Kuhring, Mrs. Neales, Miss Symonds.

On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Isaac Burpee and Mrs. George K. McLeod entertained at bridge for Mrs. Carruthers, daughter of Mrs. Burpee. Mrs. McLeod was very handsomely gowned in black chiffon over white trimmed with lace. Mrs. Carruthers also wore a beautiful black and white costume. Those who won prizes were Miss Kaye, Mrs. Malcolm Mackay, and Mrs. J. S. MacLaren. Among the guests were Mrs. J. Douglas Hazen, Mrs. Charles Bostwick, Mrs. Lucius Allison, Mrs. Edge, Mrs. Walter Foster, Mrs. Sherwood Skinner, Mrs. Simeon Jones, Mrs. F. Caverhill Jones, Mrs. James Straton, Mrs. James Jack, Mrs. H. B. Robinson, Mrs. Malcolm Mackay, Miss Bayard, Mrs. J. S. MacLaren, Miss Mabel Sidney Smith, Miss Ethel Sidney Smith, Miss Kaye. Tea guests were Mrs. Murray MacLaren, Mrs. Neales of Woodstock, Mrs. Silas Alward, Mrs. McKenzie, Miss Bessie Adams, Miss Tina MacLaren.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Ethel Isobel McAvity, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McAvity, King street east, to Mr. Horace A. Porter, of St. John.

The wedding of Mr. Alfred Thomas Shaughnessy, son of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, and Miss Sarah Polk Bradford, daughter of the Hon. Judge and Mrs. James C. Bradford, of Nashville (Tenn.), was solemnized in Woodstock (Tenn.), the country residence of the bride's parents, last Tuesday evening, by the Rev. Dr. J. B. Mickell, rector of Christ church, in the presence of relatives and friends. A Catholic ceremony had been previously performed. Miss Marguerite Shaughnessy, sister of the groom, was one of the five bridesmaids at the wedding. The best man was Mr. G. Gordon Weir, of Montreal. Among the guests were Sir Thomas and Lady Shaughnessy, Mr. and Mrs. William Shaughnessy, Mr. and Mrs. Wyndham Beauclere, and Miss Edith Shaughnessy. The bride is spoken of as being a charming brunette, cultured, and a favorite in the leading cities of Europe, where she has spent most of her time with her parents, who are wealthy and belonging to one of the most noted of the old Tennessee families.

The New York Herald of last Sunday had the following item of news: "Mr. Robert L. Borden, premier of Canada, who with Mrs. Borden has been at Hot Springs taking the baths, left last night for Washington to deliver a speech tonight before the American Society of International Law, at its annual dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Borden gave a series of teas as a farewell. They entertained yesterday Mr. and Mrs. Seligman and Miss Walton, of New York; Mrs. E. R. Wheeler, of Buffalo; Miss Haynes, of Boston ;Mr. and Mrs. Leighton MacCarthy, of Toronto, and others."

A great number of women in St. John and elsewhere were interested in the meetings of the Fredericton Diocesan Branch of the Women's Auxiliary which were held in St. John's (Stone) church school room on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Interesting papers dealing with matters pertaining to the work of the society were read by women, prominent in the cultured and social life of the city, among which were Miss Elizabeth Robinson Scovil, Mrs. George F. Smith, Mrs. John A. McAvity, Mrs. G. A. Kuhring, Mrs. James F. Robertson, Mrs. G. F. Scovil, Mrs. John Hay, Miss Sadlier, Miss Louise Symonds, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. W. J. Davidson, Miss Alice Walker, Mrs. Coupe, Mrs. W. D. Foster, Miss Hanington, Miss Connor, Mrs. C. F. Woodman, Miss Louise McMillan, Miss Majorie L. Harrison, Mrs. Charles Coster, Mrs. F. B. Schofield, Miss Geraldine Coster, Mrs. W. B. Howard. Mrs. Wiggins, of Sackville, replied on behalf of delegates to an address of welcome presented by Mrs. John A. McAvity. Luncheon was served at 1 o'clock each day during the session. The tables were beautifully decorated with vases containing pink and white carnations placed among the other handsome table appointments. On Tuesday the luncheon was under the supervision of the ladies of St. Paul's and (Stone) church; Wednesday, Trinity church and St. James church ladies provided for their entertainment and on Thursday the ladies of the Mission church and St. Jude's church, Carleton, attended to the refreshments. To close the meetings a very pleasant reception was held by the girls' branches of the auxiliary in the city on Wednesday evening in (Stone) church school room at which a large number of the delegates were present. Bishop Richardson was present and an address was delivered by Rev. A. P. Shatford, of Montreal. The reception committee was composed of the following ladies: Mrs. George Murray, Mrs. Georgie Patton, Miss Connor, Miss Gladys Frink and Miss Harrison. Refreshments were served.

The twlight organ recital given in St. Andrew's church, Saturday afternoon, was a delightful musical treat. There was a large audience present. Assisting artists were, Mrs. L. M. Curren and Miss Murray.

Mrs. C. H. Fairweather, who has been the guest of her son, Mrs. Frank Fairweather, and Miss Alice L. Fairweather, who has been visiting Mrs. Pollard Lewin and Mrs. Alfred Morrisey, expect to leave for their home in the Park, at Rothesay, early next week.

Mrs. George K. McLeod and Miss Audrey McLeod have returned home from New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holly and family expect to reside at Westfield this summer. They are now at their new residence in Germain street, lately occupied by Mr. J. F. Harding.

Mr. Thomas Blair was in Boston this week.

Mrs. Kent Scovil has returned home after a delightful visit to relatives in Schnectady, New York and Boston.

Mrs. Royden Thomson has returned from Toronto, where she was visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chipman.

Mrs. Neales, Woodstock, has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Murray MacLaren, this week.

Mrs. W. Robinson is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Robinson, Leinster street.

Mrs. Frank White and son, Prince William street, will leave today to spend a week at the Wayside Inn, at Hampton.

Mrs. John E. Moore has returned home after a pleasant visit of three weeks in Boston.

The subject of Hon. W. R. Mackenzie King's lecture before the Women's Canadian Club this evening will be, The Centenary of Peace Betwen the Anglo-Saxon Races in North America. As Mr. Mackenzie King is known to be one of the most eloquent speakers in Canada, there is no doubt that the Keith assembly rooms will be filled this evening.

Mrs. Gronlund was elected president last Saturday, of The University Women's Club. The members met at luncheon after which the annual meting was held, with the result that most satisfactory results had been achieved since the club's formation.

Miss Smith, of Truro, is the guest of her brother, Mr. E. A. Smith, Carleton street.

Miss Winifred Barker has returned to St. John after spending the winter in Boston with her sister, Mrs. DeMille.

Mrs. Lavinia Straton, Kingsclear, is the guest of Mrs. George Murray, Pitt street.

Mrs. Clements and child, daughter and grandchild of Mrs. Kingdon, instead of returning to St. John this summer as intended will remain in California for probably another year.

Rev. Dean Schofield and Mrs. Schofield, of Fredericton, have been guests this week of Mrs. James McAvity.

Miss Gertrude deBury is expected to arrive in St. John this week after several months spent with her sister, Mrs. Schenkelberger, in Chicago, and later visiting her brother, Mr. Charles deBury and Mrs. deBury, in Montreal.

Mrs. H. Beverley Robinson's numerous friends in St. John will hear with regret of her illness in a Montreal hospital of scarlet fever. Mrs. Sills, of Geneva (N. Y.), is with her daughter in Montreal.

Mrs. Henry Wilmot has been the guest of Mrs. Malcolm Mackay, Orange street, during the meetings of the W. A.

Mrs. W. Shrives Fisher and Miss Grace Fisher have returned home from Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are among those who have recently become owners of automobiles.

Miss Jessie Likely has returned after visiting New York and Boston.

Mrs. George Murray, Pitt street, expects to leave Tuesday next for Schnectady (N. Y.), where she will be the guest of Mrs. W. B. Tayler, at St. George's rectory.

Mrs. Bridges, of Fredericton, has been the guest this week of her sister, Mrs. Alexander MacRae, Coburg street.

Mrs. Ranney Murray and daughter, Miss Olivia, left last Monday night for California. Before returning home they will visit San Diego and other southern points of interest. Miss Margaret Murray accompanied them. Mrs. Winters, who has been visiting the Misses Murray for some time, went with the party as far as Chicago, where she will remain.

The conversazione in contemplation by the Art Club to close the very successful season, as well as to show to the members their newly acquired art rooms on Carleton street, has been postponed for a week in order that the president, Mr. Fisher, may be present.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Carleton Allen, Fredericton, were guests in town this week.

Mrs. Doherty, of Montreal, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. George Wetmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peters leave this evening to visit New York and Boston.

Miss Grace Hayward, Queen Square, will entertain at tea very informally this afternoon.

Miss Jean Nixon expects to leave next week to visit her uncle, Rev. Mr. Taylor, in Schenectady (N. Y.)

Mr. and Mrs. Manning Doherty left this week to spend a short time in New York. Miss Frances Travers is keeping house for Mr. and Mrs. Doherty during their absence from home.

The presentation of Gilbert's comedy "Pygmalion and Galatea," in the High School hall on Friday evening, by the High School Alumnae, and which was staged under the direction of Miss Genevieve Baird, was an unqualified success from every point of view. As the statue, Miss Hatheway was very lovely, but it was upon her awakening into womanhood that her acting was noticeably fine. Mr. Jack Sears, as Pygmalion, the sculptor, gave an admirable representation of the part, his conception of the character being artistic and dignified, and he well merrited the applause bestowed upon his performance. Mr. George Morrisey, as the soldier, was splendidly realistic, while Mrs. Scott, as the wife, was also greatly commended. Miss Lawson, Miss Fleming and Mr. Rainnie were included in the warm praise bestowed on all those who took part, and it to be hoped that the rumor, that another performance is to be given in the Opera House, may prove correct. Miss Baird is to be congratulated in having produced the very enjoyable comedy.

Mr. R. Paterson entertained the members of St. Andrew's Society at supper at Bond's on Wednesday evening, before which each member was presented with a picture of the first president of the society.

Mr. and Mrs. Guernsey, of London (Eng.), who are about to make this city their future place of residence, are fitting up the Hatheway property on the Manawagonish road, and with their family expect to occupy it soon.

Miss Elise McLean was the guest last week of Mrs. David McNicoll, in Montreal.

Mr. George Robertson's friends will be pleased to learn that he is convalescing rapidly after his recent severe illness. Mr. Robertson returned home from the hospital this week.

Mr. D. C. Dawson has returned from California, where he has been for the last three or four months.

Mrs. J. J. McCaskill and Miss Marjorie Knight have returned from Ottawa and Montreal.

Hon. William Pugsley arrived in St. John Monday from Melrose (Mass.)

Mr. George Purdy, of Winnipeg, was in town this week on his way to Cumberland county.

Mr. Frank Fairweather entertained the executive of the Borden Club at dinner Monday evening in Wannamaker's restaurant.

Mr. Arthur Hazen will leave for Montreal about the first of June, having decided to accept the managership of the Bank of British North America in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gregory, of Fredericton, spent part of this week in St. John, at the Royal.

Miss McGaffigan has returned from St. Augustine, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Creelman, Montreal, were guests of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught last week and at Ottawa.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Kathleen Chandler Hewson, of Moncton, to Mr. F. C. Dickie, son of Mr. Martin Dickie, Truro.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Regan left for Boston and other cities Thursday evening.

The death took place at Richmond, Virginia, a few days ago, of Mr. Homer D. Forbes. His father, Judge Forbes, and his wife were with him. His sister, Miss Homer, accompanied Judge and Mrs. Forbes to St. John. The funeral takes place this afternoon from St. Andrew's church at 2.30 o'clock. To the bereaved relatives much sympathy is extended.

ROTHESAY

Rothesay, May 2—The funeral of Mr. Isaac Saunders took place on Saturday afternoon, and was largely attended. Service was conducted at the Hammond River church, at which place the remains were laid to rest.

Miss Todd, returned missionary from India, was last week a few days guest of Miss Pitcher, and on Thursday gave a most interesting address to the pupils and teachers of Netherwood School.

Mrs. W. W. White, of St. John, and Mrs. C. E. McPherson, of Winnipeg, were visitors to Rothesay on Wednesday, coming from the city by automobile.

Mrs. Hugh Kerr was an over Sunday guest of Mrs. Brock at Blairgowrie. Mrs. Kerr is leaving St. John in the near future to make her home with sons in Vancouver.

Among the Victorian's passengers, sailing from St. John on Friday, was Miss W. J. Pitcher, who expects to enjoy a European trip with friends. Miss Pitcher has been a valued worker in the Presbyterian Sunday school here, and was presented with a handsomely bound copy of the Book of Praise, by the school.

Sympathy is being extended to Miss Jennie Robb, of St. John, in consequence of the death of her sister. Miss Robb spent a few days last week with Miss Thomson and addressed the Loving Helpers Mission Band.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harrison and family moved from St. John on Friday and will spend the summer at The Grove, residence of Mrs. John H. Thomson.

Mrs. Allison, of Saskville, has been a few days guest of Mrs. Percy Fairweather.

Hon. William Pugsley arrived here on Monday from Melrose (Mass.)

Mrs. Fred Seely, of St. John, is guest of Mrs. Page.

Mr. T. Sherman Peters, of Gagetown, was a week end visitor among Rothesay friends.

Among those from here who have been in St. John this week attending the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, are Mrs. A. W. Daniel, Mrs. James Domville, Mrs. W. J. Davidson, Mrs. G. L. Robinson, Miss Jean Daniel, Miss Sophie Robertson, Miss Bessie Domville, Mrs. Brock, Mrs. James Pettingell, Mrs. R. P. Foster, Miss Lizzie Currie, Miss Nan Fairweather, Miss Kathleen Robinson, Mrs. Bell.

Mr. Gideon Hevenor and family moved from St. John at the week end, to Mr. J. R. Robertson's house, to be permanent residents.

On Tuesday Mrs. Stephen McAvity and Mrs. Will McAvity, of St. John, spent a few hours here, dining at the Kennedy House.

Miss Peavey, of St. John, was guest at Netherwood yesterday.

Mr. Will Mathers was here from St. John on Tuesday and crossed over to Gordon Island.

Mrs. Daniel O'Day, who has been here visiting her mother, Mrs. James Page, returned home to New York on Monday.

Mr. Alexander Kerr left this week for his home in New York, after a visit to his sister, Mrs. Brock.

Miss Ethelwyn Hall, of St. John, is guest of Miss Jean Daniel, The Rectory.

The gymnasium exhibition at the college on Saturday afternoon was greatly enjoyed and was really splendid in every number. In spite of the disagreeable weather a large number of friends were present. Afternoon tea was served. Hope is generally expressed that the entertainment will be repeated.

SACKVILLE

Sackville, May 1—Mrs. James Read, who has been spending a week in town with her daughter, Mrs. Roy Fowler, left Saturday night for her home in Campbellton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Powell, of St. John, were guests of Governor and Mrs. Wood over Sunday.

Mrs. G. M. Campbell visited St. John last week.

The death of Mrs. Trueman, widow of Thompson Trueman, occurred at midnight Saturday, aged ninety-five years. Although she had been in failing health for some time she was wonderfully bright for a person of her age, and until very recently took a keen interest in everything going on around her. Mrs. Trueman was the youngest daughter of the late Valentine Wood. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Josiah Wood and Miss Annie Trueman, Sackville; one son, Albert, of Somerville (Mass.); seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. The funeral was held from her late residence on Main street Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. David Stewart, of Springhill, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fawcett last Thursday.

Mr. Gordon Duncan, teller in the Royal Bank, leaves this week for Halifax, where he has been transferred. His place has been taken by Thos. Murray, jr.

Miss Helen Smith returned from Moncton last week, after spending the last month there.

Mrs. Duncan Cameron and Miss Cameron, who have been spending the winter in Halifax, passed through Sackville on Saturday en route to Toronto.

The graduating recital of Miss Laura Marguerite Wilson, soprano, and Miss Marie Smith Fullerton, pianiste, Tuesday evening in Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall was a great success. They were assisted by Miss Lusby, violinist, and Miss King, celloist. All did exceptionally well. After the last number was rendered the eight lady ushers, who were dressed in white, marched up the centre aisle laden with huge bunches of roses and carnations, which they presented to the graduates.

Mrs. Horace Fawcett is spending a few days in St. John.

Miss Tessie Lingley, who has been the guest of Mrs. Woodworth for several weeks, returned to her home in Campbellton last Thursday.

Mr. H. E. Fawcett returned on Tuesday from a trip to Montreal, Boston and New York.

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, May 1—The Misses Bates were hostesses last Thursday evening at a very pleasant bridge party of four tables, for Miss Florence Campbell, of Sussex.

The members of the married ladies' bridge club were entertained most pleasantly last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Robert Armstrong.

Rev. S. J. McArthur's many friends were glad to hear of the successful operation performed on his forehead in the Charlottetown Hospital last Friday afternoon, and hope he may be able to occupy his pulpit again in the course of a few weeks.

Miss Margaret Hubbard entertained most delightfully at a bridge party of seven tables last Saturday evening, in honor of Miss Florence Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Whitney, of Lunenburg, who have been visiting friends in town for the past week, left Monday night for Toronto, where they will in future reside.

Mrs. C. C. Hamilton left Wednesday morning for Shediac, where she will be the guest of Miss Margaret Evans, for a few weeks.

The Misses Hickman left last Thursday night for Montreal, having received a telegram from their mother stating there father, Mr. William Hickson, who has been receiving treatment in the hospital up there, was not quite so well.

Mrs. W. H. Robbins, of Hopewell (N. S.), who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Clark for some time, returned to her home last Thursday morning.

The many friends of Mrs. John Clark, who has been so seriously ill, are pleased to hear that there is a slight improvement in her condition.

Miss Margaret Hubbard was hostess at a most enjoyable bridge party of five tables on Tuesday evening of this week.

Mr. Jas. A. Rundle and son Clyde, spent the week-end at their home in town.

Miss Oulton, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Clark, for some weeks, returned to her home in Sackville, last week.

Miss Jean Morrison, who has been confined to her home for the past week, suffering from an attack of grippe, is able to be out again.

Miss Florence Campbell, who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. William A. Pask, for several weeks, returned to her home in Sussex last Monday.

Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer, attorney general, spent several days last week in town, the guest of his son, Don.

Geo. Miller, son of Samuel Miller, has been appointed by the militia department as caretaker of the Armory here.

Mrs. Walter Morrell left Monday morning on a visit to St. John friends.

Rev. Mr. Ross, of St. John, was the guest of Rev. H. H. and Mrs. Dean, while in town last week.

Mrs. W. J. Bates and Mrs. R. H. Armstrong left Monday morning for St. John, to be present at the Anglican Women's Auxiliary, which is in session there this week.

BORDER TOWNS

St. Stephen, N. B., May 1—The only social event of the past week was the bridge party given last Friday afternoon by Mrs. John W. Scovil at her pretty home on Hawthorne street. The prizes were won by Mrs. W. F. Todd and Mrs. F. M. Murchie. A dainty tea was served at 6 o'clock. The guests were Mesdames W. F. Todd, C. G. Main, J. D. Lawson, W. W. Inches, John Nason, Mellville McCormick, J. W. Richardson, Louis Abbot, George T. Baskin, F. M. Murchie, James Murray and the Misses Ada Maxwell and Annie Bixby. Mrs. Walter Inches, Mrs. F. P. MacNichol, Mrs. Harry Wall and Mrs. N. Marks Mills came at the tea hour. On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Scovil gave a thimble party and most pleasantly entertained a party of lady friends from 3 until 6 o'clock.

Mr. C. W. Young is in town for a few days.

Mr. Frank T. Bixby is at home for a few days' visit with his sisters, Mrs. Louis Abbot and Miss Annie Bixby.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Grant are now residing in their new home, "Bon Bungalow," recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. George W. Daniel.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Eaton have returned from the southern states, where they spent the winter months.

Mrs. Daniel Gillmor and her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Phelan, of Montreal, were here last week to attend the funeral service of the late Miss Josephine Sullivan.

Mr. Albert Lambe, of Bangor (Me.), was in town for a few hours this week en route to St. Andrews to visit relatives.

Mrs. G. Durell Grimmer, of St. Andrews, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. E. Rose, during the past week.

Mrs. O. S. Newnham and Mrs. John Black are in St. John attending the meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary now in session in that city.

Miss Beatrice Vroom, who has been in New York city for several weeks visiting her brother, Mr. W. F. Vroom, has returned home.

Ven. Archdeacon Newnham is in St. John for a few days this week.

Mrs. Julia Gillmor expects to sail this month for London (Eng.) to visit her sister, Mrs. Walter Osborne.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Daniel left on Saturday for St. John.

Miss Ellen Todd recently returned from East India, where she has been engaged in missionary work, is here for a short visit, the guest of Mrs. Irving Todd. Miss Todd has not visited her native home for several years and is most cordially welcomed by hosts of friends.

Mrs. Augustus Cameron and her young son left on Monday for Northampton (N. H.), where they will spend a few weeks.

Hon. W. C. H. Grimmer went to Montreal on Saturday evening.

Hon. George J. Clarke returned from a few days' visit in Ottawa on Tuesday at noon.

Miss Frances Lowell is visiting friends in Bangor.

Miss Georgie Stevens, who has been away during the winter, has arrived home.

Miss Vesta Moore has returned from an extended visit in Boston and New York cities.

St. Stephen, May 5—A big commercial deal has been completed here within the last few days, being the amalgamation of John Taylor & Co., of Toronto, manufacturer of toilet soaps and perfumes, and the St. Croix Soap Manufacturing Co., of St. Stephen.

The new corporation has been in existence from May 1, and will be known as Canadian Soaps Limited. Its capitalization is $2,000,000 and a majority of the shares is held by the St. Stephen interests. None of the stock will be placed on the market. J. E. Ganong, of St. Stephen, is president, and the directors are C. W. Young and G. W. Ganong, of St. Stephen; Henry Wright, A. F. Taylor, M. J. Taylor and A. P. Taylor, of Toronto. The combination of forces is made to more effectually meet the demands of a growing market. Each establishment will be run under its present name. The Ontario and western market will be handled from Toronto, the Quebec, maritime provinces and West Indies from St. Stephen.

A large expansion in the West Indian trade is anticipated from the treaty now being negotiated.

FREDERICTON

Fredericton, May 1—The subscription bridge party held at the residence of Major Massey on Friday evening for the benefit of the Tennis Club was a very enjoyable affair and much credit is due the very efficient committee in charge. Twenty-two tables enjoyed the play. The prize winners were: Ladies, Miss White, Sussex, 1st; Miss Dorothy Thompson, 2nd; Mrs. Harry G. Chestnut, 3rd, and Miss Kathleen Balloch, booby. The gentlemen's were: Colonel Loggie, 1st; Mr. Taylor, 2nd, and Mr. Harry G. Chestnut, booby.

Miss Mary McLaughlin has returned from a visit of several weeks in St. John.

Mrs. Taylor entertained at bridge at "The Gables" yesterday afternoon, four tables, in honor of her guest, Mrs. Forbes, of Halifax, when the prize winners were Mrs. J. Stewart Neil and Miss Valerie Steeves. Mrs. Forbes left today for her home in Halifax.

Miss Bessie Babbitt has gone to Porto Rico to visit her sister, Mrs. Oxley.

Mrs. Geo. N. Babbitt entertained the Lang Syne Club on Monday evening, when Mrs. Hope, of Campbellton, and Dr. Bridges were the prize winners.

Mrs. Allen Grimmer, who has been visiting her old home here, left on Tuesday evening for her home in the west.

Fredericton, N. B., May 3—The programme for the university encoenial exercises to be held on May 16 has been issued. The engineering department will be inspected in the forenoon and the academical procession will form in Doctor Cox's lecture room at two o'clock. The exercises will begin in the library at two thirty o'clock with Governor Wood in the chair.

Professor Carson will speak in praise of the founders and Bishop Richardson will address the graduating class. The alumni oration will be by Hon. George E. Foster and valedictory by J. T. Hebert. The graduating class this year numbers forty-two, one of the largest in the history of the university. It will be composed of Grace Lydia Aiton, Guy W. Arnold, Harry F. Barnes, Charles S. Bennett, George H. Cockburn, Charles H. Colwell, Margaret Louise Crocker, Jessie W. Currie, G. Bruce Dixon, James T. Duke, Robert F. Eastman, Wm. C. Ewing, Sadie W. Fish, Guy A. Fitzrandolph, Arthur H. Flood, Hattie A. Hanselpecker, Burditt E. W. Harmon, Nellie Bishop Harmon, J. T. Herbert, Charles E. K. Jones, Anna Curry Kelly, H. Edmund Lockary, Warren P. Loggie, Elizabeth W. McIntosh, Earle R. Macnutt, E. Bryson Martin, Marion W. Maxwell, Harry F. Morrissy, C. H. O'Halloran, John O'Neill, Gilbert H. Prince, Greta M. Robinson, Helen M. Robinson, George Ellis Smith, Ralph A. Tapley, Wm. H. Teed, Arthur H. Tweedie, Frederick W. Vanwart and Walter K. Willis.

Ex-Councillor B. W. Akerley of Southampton while driving along the road near his home this week collided with a bad culvert and was thrown heavily to the ground. His wagon and harness were broken and Mr. Akerley had two ribs cracked. His sister, who was driving with him, escaped unhurt.

John Mavor of this city has secured a sub contract on the Gibson & Minto railway.

Mrs. Jane Neill, widow of John Neill, died in Gibson last night. She was aged eighty-five and is survived by two sons, James S. of this city, Albert of Gibson, and five daughters, Mrs. J. F. McMurray, Mrs. Wm. McKay, Mrs. W. R. Logan, Mrs. Harry Cooper and Mrs. Arthur Sewel.

Construction work on Gibson and Minto Railway will be begun next week. George McPhail of Woodstock will probably take a sub-contract for heavy work in the centre of the line.

The body of I. McCluskey, who died in Tonapah, Nevada, was cremated there and the ashes have been forwarded to his former home in Gibson for burial.

Ald. Hugh O'Neill was thrown from his carriage yesterday afternoon and sprained his ankle.

The water in the river here is falling slightly.

Fredericton, N. B., May 3—Tonight's Gleaner says:

"It is now definitely understood here that the syndicate of American capitalists, headed by Senator Jones, of Bangor, will take over the Gibson lumber lands, which includes lands along the Nashwaak river, comprising several million acres, before the end of next week.

"A. H. Hannington, K. C., of St. John, who is representing Senator Jones and his company, spent several days during the first part of the week in this city, going over the plans and arrangement of the lands, and it is understood definitely that the deal will be closed for the taking over of the lands and mills by his company next week.

"The lands consist of several million acres of probably the best lumber lands in the province, and are situated along the Nashwaak river. There are also several mills, the mill at Marysville and the one at Blackville, which will be included in the sale. The purchase price, it is understood, is in the vicinity of $5,000,000.

"The lumber mill at Marysville, which generally starts operations as soon as the Nashwaak is clear of ice, has not started as yet this year, and it is understood that the new company proposes to close down the mill there and in future all the logs will be taken to St. John, instead of being cut at Marysville."

Fredericton, N. B., May 4—(Special)—J Isaac Good of Kingsclear who has been working for John Kilburn on the St. John headwaters, returned to the city yesterday. He said that when he left Mr. Kilburn was ready to start from the depot camp with his Qualen River drive. He has five drives in all and considers the prospects good for getting them into safe water.

Several million feet of old logs belonging to Mr. Kilburn, which were hung up last near near Seven Islands, are reported to be on the move and should reach the corporation limits within a few days.

Members of the publicity committee of the board of trade here have been informed by E. J. Payson of Moncton that he does not accept the position of publicity agent for Fredericton which was recently offered him. They are naturally a little surprised at his action in applying for the position and then declining it.

It is said that his failure to land the secretaryship of the public utilities commission, now held by F. P. Robinson, was one reason why he changed his mind. It is likely that another appointment will be made in a few days.

Robert B. Adams of this city has gone to Woodstock to take charge of Vanwart's undertaking establishment.

The Nashwaak Lumber Company's drive of four millions on the Bartholomew got out yesterday.

A. R. Gould and C. N. Crandall of Presque Isle, T. F. Lisman and C. F. Gerzert of New York, H. E. MacDonnell of the C. P. R., Montreal, and W. B. Bamford, divisional freight agent of the C. P. R., are at the Barker house today. It is said that they are here to attend a meeting of the St. John & Quebec Railway Company.

CAMPBELLTON

Campbellton, May 1—Invitations have been issued by the bachelors of Campbellton for an at home in the club rooms Thursday, May 9. The committee in charge are Mr. Frank Shepherd, Mr. Harry Ferguson, Mr. Fred Kerr and Mr. R. J. Sandover Sly. The chaperones are Mrs. W. F. Napier, Mrs. A. E. G. McKenzie, Mrs. F. E. Blackall and Mrs. G. G. Glennie.

Miss Tessie Lingley has returned from a pleasant visit with friends in Sackville and St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Benedict, of St. John's (Nfld.), were in town last week and were warmly welcomed by their many friends.

Mrs. W. S. Montgomery, of Dalhousie, visited friends here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Allingham are receiving congratulations on the arrival at their home of a baby boy.

Miss Maud O'Keefe has returned from a trip to Moncton. While in Moncton Miss O'Keefe was bridesmaid at the McKenna-Sutherland wedding.

Miss Laura Lacasse, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Roy, Moncton, has returned home.

The whist party held on Monday evening of last week in aid of the Hotel Dieu Hospital was a decided success, the sum of $120 being realized. The ladies' first prize was won by Mrs. Michaud; ladies' second by Mrs. Feaubert; ladies' third, Miss Piriette; ladies' consolation, Mrs. Theberge; gentlemen's first prize was won by Mr. James Jardine; gentlemen's second, Mr. Charles Forbes; gentlemen's consolation, Mr. Wall.

Mrs. Wilson left this week for a trip to Harcourt and St. John.

Mrs. James Reid left last week to visit friends in Sackville and Amherst.

Mrs. R. M. Hope has returned from a visit in Fredericton.

Miss Ultican and Miss Culligan, of Jacquet River, were in town last week.

Mrs. George Miles has returned from Moncton, where she was visiting her sister, Mrs. Allan H. Troy.

Two very enjoyable sewing parties were given last Thursday and Friday evening by Mrs. W. H. Wallace at her hospitable home, Water street. Among those invited were: Mrs. John Cameron, Miss Chamberlain, Mrs. D. C. Firth, Mrs. Geo. G. Glennie, Mrs. F. F. Matheson, Mrs. Hazelton, Mrs. F. M. Murray, Mrs. D. A. Stewart, Mrs. George F. Miles, Mrs. Jas. Morton, Mrs. S. J. Trites, Mrs. Lunam, Miss Kerr, Mrs. A. McG. McDonald, Mrs. Robert McKenzie, Mrs. S. W. Dimock, Mrs. James Patterson, Mrs. Richard Parker, Mrs. Burt, Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. D. Richards, Mrs. Cochrane, Mrs. B. B. Lutz, Mrs. Evan Price, Mrs. Metzler, Mrs. Harry Anslow, Mrs. Bliss Johnson, Mrs. Jasper Davison, Mrs. Trueman and Mrs. Haines.

Mrs. Thos. Roy, who has been visiting at her old home here, left Tuesday morning for her home in Digby (N. S.)

The death of Mrs. Peter Joudry occurred at the residence of her son, Mr. L. T. Joudry, on Saturday afternoon, the 20th inst. She was eighty-six years of age and was a resident of Moncton. Mrs. Joudry leaves, besides her son, one daughter, Mrs. Arthur W. Steeves, if Moncton. Mr. L. T. Joudry and his two daughters accompanied the body to Moncton Monday, the 22nd, and the funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the residence of Mrs. Arthur Steeves. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. D. MacOdrum, pastor of St. John's Presbyterian church.

HAMPTON VILLAGE

Hampton Village, May 3—Rev. Mr. Farquhar, pastor of the Presbyterian church, has returned, after spending a two weeks' vacation at his home in Nova Scotia. In his absence the appointments have been taken by Mr. Stanley Prince, of Sackville, and Mr. Chester Earle, of the graduating class of Pine Hill.

Mrs. I. B. Colwell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Almstead, in St. John.

Miss Belle Logan, of Boston, is visiting at her home here.

The closing meeting of the Girls' Reading Club will be held on Friday, May 10, and will take the form of a Dicken's evening.

The W. M. A. S. of the Presbyterian church was entertained on Thursday afternoon, by Mrs. Trimble, Lakeside.

Confirmation services will be held in the parish church of the Church of England, on Sunday morning, May 12, when some twenty candidates will be presented.

Miss Helen Cowan and Miss Gertrude Jones, of St. John, spent last Sunday here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Cowan.

A concert and pie social was held on Thursday evening in the Lower Norton Hall. The affair was under the management of Misses Harriett Alward and Norah Fairweather, teachers, and the proceeds will be used for school purposes.

HAMPTON

Hampton, Kings County, May 2—Mr and Mrs. William J. Brown, and their son Walker, of St. John, were weekend visitors to Hampton, guests of Mr. Brown's parents, Mr and Mrs. George Brown.

The Rev. W. A. Camp, pastor of the Leinster Street Baptist church, St. John, spent Monday here, overhauling his suburban residence in prospect of an early occupation. He leaves today for Toronto on the business of the union of the Baptist Foreign Missionary Board of the Maritime Provinces with the Board of Ontario and Quebec, which will occupy about ten days, after which Mr. Camp and his family will take up their residence here for the summer.

The Rev. Edward Conway, of the Cathedral parish, St. John, was a visitor on Tuesday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Conway. He went to Moncton and returned to the city today.

The death of a young child on