

The Sorcerer's Pupil

There was once a sorcerer whose name does not matter to us. However, he was a very great sorcerer, indeed, who had for a servant a broom-handle that did all his work.

You must understand that it was not an ordinary broom-handle, but a magic one. It did whatever he bade it—went up stairs and down and brought him things, cleaned his house, cooked his dinners, answered his door and worked harder than any ten ordinary servants, whenever he chose to make it, by uttering the few Latin words it became only a common broom-stick.

Now this broom-stick was very naturally the admiration of all those who saw it, and especially of the young man to whom the great sorcerer condescended to impart a little of his knowledge.

This young pupil, who had already been taught a little, was very ambitious and greatly desired to discover all his master's great secrets, and by listening at the keyhole he had learnt many cabalistic phrases, amongst them that by which he ordered the broom-handle about his household.

"Hoky poky, wum, fum, fling flang flong." Knowing this, he believed that he would, in time not only equal but surpass his master; for in that day young people were very presumptuous, indeed, and some people say that in that respect they have not altered at all.

"Hoky poky, wum, fum, fling flang flong." Then he waited anxiously for the moment when the magician should absent himself, in order to try his power. The time came at last.

The Ball at Fredericton

FREDERICTON, Feb. 17.—The Ball in the new Parliament Building last night was in every respect a great success, beyond the most sanguine expectations of all its promoters.

It was attended by the elite of the Province, and for the number of the guests, the richness of their dresses, the effectiveness of all the arrangements, and the satisfaction given to all the guests, the Ball has never been exceeded by any given in the Province.

The guests commenced to arrive soon after eight o'clock; they were shown to the dressing rooms, and then passed on to the reception room on stairs, where they were received by the Chief Justice, Sheriff Temple and Mayor Fisher.

They then passed on, mingling with the crowd, meeting friends, chatting, or criticizing, until the arrival of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, when the Ball began.

The room was crowded, and several dances were gone through before the floor was sufficiently thinned for comfort. When it was, the scene was remarkably beautiful; the rich dresses of some of the ladies contrasting with the more simple but scarcely less effective white mantles of many of the others.

The music was sufficiently relieved by the many uniforms of the numerous volunteer officers. Of the ball much might be said, but it will do to say little. It was a success in every way. It was very largely attended and it passed off without a hitch of any kind.

General Business

Miss Milligan, Boston.—White satin trimmed with red lace, and swansdown; ornaments diamonds and flowers.

Miss Adams, Newcastle.—White moire antique, trimmed with white ostrich and pink tips; ornaments, pearl.

Miss Quigley, Newcastle.—Cream pique, trimmed with ostrich and pink tips; ornaments, pearl.

Miss Murray, New York.—A rich and elegant dress, train of white satin.

Mrs. Whitehead—Silver poplin and garnet satin De Lyon, duchess lace; ornaments, diamonds.

Mrs. J. A. Logan, St. John.—Cream Fisher. They then passed on, mingling with the crowd, meeting friends, chatting, or criticizing, until the arrival of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, when the Ball began.

Mrs. G. E. Fenely—Black satin lace gown, trimmings of garnet, head dress of ecrusse feathers and flowers; ornaments, diamonds.

Golden Ball, Shoe Store

The Golden Ball and Shoe Store is the oldest established in Miramichi. It is now fifteen years since we commenced business exclusively in the above line, and we are now proud to possess a large stock of goods, who have invariably purchased from us, during that length of time.

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All persons having any just claim against the estate of the late John Macdonald, of Miramichi, who died on the 15th of December last, are requested to send in their claims to the undersigned, within thirty days of the date hereof.

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