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## Society Notes.

We regret that we are obliged to send this number to press without the promised photograph of Prince George on the front page. It is through no mismanagement of ours; all we know about it is that a cable arrived yesterday from Montreal stating the bald fact that the plate is not yet ready. We hope both subscribers and advertizers will be lenient, and will consider this extra page of reading no unfair exchange. Next week we will make amends. It is some comfort to have a little more room to work in:—even as it is the bulk of the Wanderers' reports, the report of the Halifax Garrison Artillery, and a lot of provincial news, will have to be held over. The ladies' column is cut pretty short, and clippings haven't a look in.

Such a day as last Monday interfered a great deal with what is generally known as Morris street Monday—which has become quite an institution. We fancy there are more visitors doing the rounds in Morris street on Monday than in any particular street on any particular day. Especially in those two popular houses of Mrs. James Morrow and Mrs. Stairs Duffus. In either of these most charming houses one is almost always sure to meet the smartest of people, hear the latest of news, and get the hottest of hot cakes, and in fact people come to stay and not only to pay a visit. Bye the bye I hear that Mrs. Stairs Duffus is going to move; let us hope she will not move far from where she now is, for the neighbourhood will miss her.

There was a small dinner at Sir John Ross's on Monday night; a capital dinner was given and a pleasant evening spent in spite of the cold outside; amongst those invited were—Mrs. and Miss O'Dell, Col. and Mrs. Jolly, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wylde, Miss Morrow, Mr. and Miss Thomson, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Morrow, Miss Ball, of Charlottetown, Mr. Barton and Mr. Smith.

The marriage of Rev. James Simonds to Miss Anna Fraser, youngest daughter of the late Dr. Fraser, of Gerrish Hall, Windsor, will probably take place at St. Luke's Cathedral, early during the coming winter.

Col. and Mrs. O'Brien, who are at present with Sir Terence and Lady O'Brien, at St. John's, Newfoundland, are expected to return to Halifax in January, preparatory to leaving for England.

Miss Clarkson, who has been making an extended round of visits in England, among others to Capt. and Mrs. Bouverie Clark at Norwood, to Lady Jane Van Koughnet at Tytlenhangar Park, and to Mrs. Reginald White at Titchfield Vicarage, is expected to return to Halifax after Christmas.

A very interesting and beautiful ceremony recently took place at All Saints' Home, Margaret St., London, when Miss Mary Almon, daughter of Senator Almon, of Rosebank, was "professed" a member of

the All Saints' Sisterhood. Miss Almon is now known as Sister Mary Alma, and is at present working at Eastbourne. Miss Laleah Almon was present at the ceremony.

Sleighting on the 1st December is very early for Halifax. There were a good many sleighs flying about on Tuesday, making the air merry with the sound of their bells. Capt. Jenkins was the first to start. He had his sleigh spinning round on Monday afternoon. After the recent sale of furs some of the sleighs ought to look better this year than they have lately. As far as turning out sleighs is concerned Halifax is far behind any other place in the Dominion. It is seldom that one sees a sleigh turned out with everything complete as in Montreal or Ottawa.

The simple game of "Poker" is much the fashion at present, especially amongst the smartest people. There are numerous, what one might almost call clubs, that meet at different houses on different nights to indulge in a little harmless gambling in trying to draw flushes and three of a kind. We have not heard of any great success being either won or lost; but fancy the stakes played for are as a rule low, but even at 10c. limit it is possible to loose something, if not a fortune. Ladies, as a rule, play well, and always have good luck. We know one or two who could hold their own against any old timer.

The new commandant of the Canadian militia, Major General Ivor Caradoc Herbert, is an officer of the Grenadier Guards, and has been since 1886 serving as Military Attache at St. Petersburg. He is a man in the prime of life, being but 39 years old, and it would seem that what he lacks in the way of the experience which comes with age is amply made up by his natural ability, for we are told that Col. Herbert has distinguished himself in the army and has won the favour of Lord Wolseley. His service record is thus briefly stated: Born 15th July, 1851; commissioned an Ensign and Lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards, 5th November, 1870; Lieutenant and Captain on 25th November, 1874; Brevet Major 18th November, 1882; Captain and Lt.-Colonel 2nd May, 1883; Colonel 18th August, 1889; Regimental Major 26th October, 1889; Brigade-major of the Home District from 25th February to 31st July, 1882; Brigade-Major of the Expeditionary Force to Egypt, from 4th August to 6th November, 1882; Brigade-Major of the Home District from 11th November, 1882, to 1st May, 1883; Commandant of the School for Auxiliary Forces, Wellington Barracks, from 1st November, 1885, to 6th April, 1886, when appointed Military Attache at St. Petersburg.

The war services of this distinguished officer are as follows: Served in the Egyptian expedition of 1882 as Brigade-Major—in action of Mahuta—Battle of Tel El Kebir, mentioned in despatches London Gazette, 1882, medal with clasp, bronze star, Brevet of Major, 4th class of Medjidie—served in the Soudan expedition of 1884-5—was with the Guards camel corps; action of Abu Elea, medal 2 clasps. General Herbert married a daughter of Lord Londesborough.

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