

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK IN CITY SOCIETY CIRCLES.

And the Drawing-Room Talk of New Brunswick, *Travels in the West*, *Woodstock Whispers* and the News of Sheldice.

Reception or at-home days are becoming quite popular. It is an excellent arrangement for parties residing at a distance. It is rather provoking to walk perhaps a mile or more, purposely to see a friend, only to find her not at home. I must tell of a visit I made on Friday last to a friend whose day it was. It being so miserably cold and foggy, I fancied my friend would think me an idiot for visiting in such weather and on nearing the house and observing the blinds closed I would have retraced my steps had I not noticed two other girls who, judging from their actions, were evidently feeling as ridiculous as I. But timidity soon vanished, however, when we were shown to the bright, pretty parlor, where a number of others were already congregated. We were all introduced (I think it awfully stupid and not at all good form to neglect doing this) then our young hostess busied herself with the most delicious little wafers and tea served in delicate egg-shell china—devoid of art decoration. These, she and one of the young ladies passed to us and you know it was so much nicer and more sociable than the conventional white caped maid. These and many other details I made mental note of for *PROGRESS*' benefit. The room itself was a very picture of cozy comfort. Blinds were closed tightly to shut out the fog. A large piano lamp with pretty pink shade burned in one corner, while a brilliant candelabra lighted the other parts of the room. In the grate, round which we drew for a social chat, small blocks of wood baked and cracked. Oh, it was real jolly, and when I set up a reception day I hope it may often be foggy.

Wasn't Saturday warm? I meandered up to the tennis grounds during the afternoon. There was some real good playing, but the gentlemen are much ahead of the ladies in this game. I suppose their superior strength and greater endurance of heat have something to do with it. Anyway, the ladies need not grieve over this, for I am sure they atone for all deficiencies by their graceful presence and lovely costumes. I was a bit disappointed at not receiving a cup of my favorite beverage—tea—and hope this won't occur next time. If the day be very warm, you know I wouldn't object to iced tea, *a la Russe*, which we all know how to make by adding lemon juice and sugar to each glass of tea, and filling up with iced cream.

Miss Crabbe, of P. E. I., is with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Robertson, at Miss Wheeler's. St. John Presbyterian church Sabbath school has to thank Miss Elder for a generous contribution of a dozen books towards the new library. Miss Nora Osborn, of St. Andrews, is visiting Miss Bayard, on Germain street. I congratulate Miss Edith, daughter of Dr. Barker, on carrying off the medal for general proficiency, awarded by the school which she has been attending. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Neals, of San Francisco, are visiting Mrs. Simonds, on Peters street. A number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rankine assembled at their residence, Germain street, Wednesday evening, to celebrate their wedding.

Mrs. David McLellan will accompany her husband to England. Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Simonds leave for England shortly, to be absent about a year. Miss McCallum, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. D. C. Clinch, returns to her home this week. Miss Grace Vernon is in the city, and will remain for the summer. Church, Sunday school and First of July picnics are now engaging the attention of the young people. Great numbers were disappointed to find the Tally-ho had been engaged some weeks ago for the 2nd. It's a pity we have not a few more of this very picnic-like conveyance.

"Large hats are coming to the front in the natural order of things, and they are usually becoming used to an old face; tips, fancy pins and loops of moire striped ribbons, form their elaborate garniture." I do wish the authorities would have cuspadores placed in the street cars and compel the men to use them—at least during the season of white dresses. The *Epoch* says: "One of the pleasantest traits of character in that most charming of women, Mrs. Cleveland, is the manner in which, amid the multitudinous cares of her position, she manages to keep up her correspondence with early friends."

About the third of July our popular barrister, Mr. E. T. C. Knowles, will join the benedict's ranks. Mrs. T. Smith, wife of the former pastor of St. Andrew's kirk, is visiting her father, Mr. Thos. Rankine. Mrs. S. Girvan and Mrs. Gordon Forbes are at Riverside. I have always had a great liking for this yellow molasses candy, but never again shall I derive such thorough enjoyment from its sweetness. Last Saturday I saw an old woman crouched down among the casks of molasses on the North wharf, engaged in scooping from the ground what

had oozed from the casks and depositing it in a very suspicious-looking pail. I know this woman makes the candy for some of the shops where I and many others have purchased it.

While in this complaining mood, I may as well try and get it all off at once. I wonder how many of our girls have not had the pleasure of Mrs. Mahoney's acquaintance? I mean Mrs. Mahoney who came to us when we are sure to be bankrupt, and asks to buy our cast-off clothing and pays us—sometimes—half the price agreed upon, with the promise to return with the remainder tomorrow; but, alas! with her, anyway, there is no tomorrow. She has gone into the jewelry business, now, and I am among those who would like to ascertain the whereabouts of our discarded jewelry and Mrs. M.

I hear of a party of Americans who will spend some weeks at Inch Arran. Judging from the bird's eye view I had of Mr. Connor's house, his bride will have one of the most tasteful and exquisitely furnished homes imaginable. The carpets (I think Axminster) are the richest, and prettiest I ever saw, while the furniture and other equipments are all in keeping.

Mrs. Geo. Donald is visiting Mrs. Robert Thompson. Miss Annie Elder and Mr. Cotton were married early Wednesday morning at the residence of the bride's mother. It was rather a quiet wedding, the only friends present besides the family and relatives being Mr. and Mrs. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. DeVoe, Messrs. M. Edwards, A. Finlay and F. Daniel. The bride was attired in white satin with pearl trimmings and carried a lovely bouquet of roses and lily of the valley. Her travelling dress was of dark brown trimmed with golden brown, and the close fitting hat of the same shade completed a most becoming costume. Mr. and Mrs. Cotton took an early western train.

Mrs. Geo. C. Wiggins, Miss Wiggins, Miss Celia Wiggins, of Windsor, accompanied by their friend, Miss Curren, arrived in the city, Saturday, and have been at the Dufferin since Thursday, they went for a sail on the river, and as the day was beautiful, must have found it very enjoyable. CONNOR-CARLETON—At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, St. John, N. B., on Wednesday, the 27th inst., by the Very Rev. Thomas Connolly, V. G., assisted by the Rev. John J. Walsh, John Connor, Esq., to Katie Agnes, daughter of William Carleton, Esq.

One of the prettiest weddings I have ever seen was that of Miss Carleton and Mr. John Connor, in the cathedral, Wednesday morning. Imagine a wedding at 4.45 a. m.! Yet the weather was beautifully fine for St. John, and every real friend of the parties was present. Every person knew of the happy event, because the banns were published in the cathedral the previous Sunday. Just let me interject that I like this old-fashioned custom, and rejoice at the favor it is receiving in some of the churches. It is quite the usual thing in the cathedral, and has ceased to create a sensation. All the same, I would like to be shielded from observation if I happened to be a principal. But to tell you what the bride wore. The dress was very handsome, of white cashmere, with moire panel and lace. A white veil and orange blossoms she had of course, and the pretty and valuable diamond ornaments were, I believe, the gift of the groom. Misses Agnes and Evelyn, sisters of the bride, attended her. The former wore cream cashmere, trimmed with Spanish lace, and bonnet to match; the latter, old Rose satin, trimmed with oriental lace. She carried a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Mr. and Mrs. Connor make quite an extended trip, I believe. They will visit several American cities and return via upper Canada.

Mrs. H. Godard and Mrs. A. Wishart are summering together at Rothsay. It has been whispered to me that some of the young ladies object to having their names chronicled in *PROGRESS*' society column. I'm sorry, but then you know they should not be so popular, and I hope they will reconsider the matter, and send me word of all their gaieties, for, as the Persian proverb says, "Ten measures of talk were set down upon the earth, and the women took nine." Among them was

THE GOSSIP. FREDERICTON, June 27—Rev. Mr. Sampson, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., formerly an assistant of Rev. Mr. Armstrong, rector of the Stone church, Saint John, spent part of last week in Fredericton, accompanied by his bride. He delivered a very fine sermon in St. Ann's church, Sunday morning. Rev. G. G. Roberts left, Monday afternoon, for Windsor, N. S., to be present at the closing exercises of King's college. He will preach the *Encenia* sermon, in Christ church, Thursday evening. Rev. Charles Hatheway, of Jemseg, preached in the cathedral Sunday morning. He was the guest of Rev. Mr. Alexander. Rev. Mr. Saunders, of Halifax, is the guest of Hon. A. F. Randolph, Frogmorton. He officiated in the Baptist church Sunday morning and the Free Baptist in the evening.

The party at the residence of Dr. Bailey, last Friday evening, was a very enjoyable

affair. There were between 50 and 60 ladies and gentlemen present, mostly young people, very few married people being invited. The spacious grounds were prettily illuminated and tents were erected, and seats provided for the comfort of the guests. The supper room was opened at 10 o'clock and remained open through the evening. A novel feature of the entertainment was the programmes, which were beautifully painted in water colors by Miss Bailey, each one with a different flower or design. It would be hard to say who was the belle of the evening, as all the young ladies looked particularly well.

His lordship the metropolitan and Canon Medley arrived safely in England, Friday.

On Monday, Mrs. G. B. Parkin received a cable announcing her husband's safe arrival in England. Mr. H. G. C. Ketchum sailed in the same steamer with Mr. Parkin. Dr. Fletcher, brother of Mrs. Macnutt, of this city, has gone to Halifax. He has been spending some weeks here.

Mr. Jack Ellis left Fredericton Sunday morning to walk to St. John.

Mr. Joseph Bailey, son of Dr. Bailey, and Mr. Harry Fenety, who have been attending the Harvard law school in Cambridge, Mass., have returned home to spend their summer vacation.

I stated in my last week's correspondence that "there was a large evening party at the residence of Mayor Hazen, Wednesday evening." I have heard since that I was misinformed and wish to correct the statement. Mrs. Hazen, mother of Mayor Hazen, on Brunswick street entertained some of her friends on that evening. This accounts for the mistake.

Miss Ketchum, of St. Andrews, is visiting at Government house.

Mr. Robert Rankine, who has been attending the University, and his sister, Miss Rankine, who has been spending a week with friends in Fredericton, left for their home in St. John today.

Judge and Mrs. King, of St. John, are staying at the Queen hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Grosvenor of Canterbury, are in Fredericton visiting their friends. They will leave soon for California, where they intend making their home.

Capt. George Maunsell and his bride arrived in this city from Quebec on Saturday. They were met at the train by Col. Maunsell, and drove directly to their home at Fern Hill. Mrs. Maunsell is a daughter of Hon. H. C. Austin, Quebec.

Hon. A. G. Blair, Mr. J. S. Mill and Mr. M. Tngant left this morning for a fishing cruise on the Dunbarvon. On Saturday they will be joined by Mr. Wesley Vanwart.

Mr. Nelson Cliff has returned from the South, where he has been spending the past winter.

Fredericton will appear very quiet for the next two weeks with the red coats all out of it. They left for Camp Chatham at 7 a. m. yesterday, embarking at the new railway bridge; they were joined by the Brighton engineers, who arrived here Monday evening.

Mr. Burton Foster, barrister-at-law, who has been residing for some months in Woodstock, has been in Fredericton for the last week, and I understand he intends making this his future home.

The many friends of Misses Mary Gregory and Nellie Randolph are pleased to welcome them home again for their summer vacation.

Miss Gregory, teacher in the high school, intends spending a few weeks in Digby, N. S., this summer, as does Miss Clark, teacher of elocution in the normal school.

Mr. G. W. Vanwart, president of the St. John Valley Railway company, turned the first sod of the road, just above town, yesterday afternoon. Among those present were: Mr. Temple, M. P., Mr. Hale, M. P., Hon. A. G. Blair, Mr. Fred Moore and other directors of the company.

Mr. D. L. Hanington, M. P. P., and Mrs. Hanington, of Dorchester, have been visiting their friends in this city for the past week. It was their second son, R. W. Hanington, who won the alumni gold medal at the university, last week.

I hear that Mr. John A. Morrison, of this city, has presented Lady Tilley with \$100 for the Victoria hospital, and that Mr. George Hunt, druggist, has offered to give the medicine free for one year. Mrs. Judge Steadman is a member of the hospital board. She is the first lady known to hold such a position in this country.

Mrs. Thorne, mother of Mayor Thorne, of St. John, is spending a few weeks with her friends in Fredericton.

Miss Julia Manger has returned home from her visit to St. John.

The Chantauquans were very unfortunate in regard to their picnic. As it rained on Monday, they postponed it until Tuesday. At 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon they all met at the wharf, behind the City Hall—with their baskets—where they were to embark on the steam yacht *Alice S.*, and go up river to some of the islands, have tea and return by moonlight. But, alas! there were heavy black clouds coming up in the west, and it was decided, after much talking, that it would be wiser to remain at home. We will make another attempt later in the summer, and hope to have better success next time.

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