

## Provincial Notes.

SACKVILLE.--Lawn Tennis is now all the rage. Every afternoon and evening the courts of both the Sackville Club and the Salem Tennis Club are the scenes of many exciting sets and the profusion of so many youthful debutantes in the game, make the more mature bachelor members of the clubs call "Love 15" with additional fervour. On Saturday afternoon the second tournament of the season was played between the Salem and Sackville clubs on the court of the latter. After several exciting contests, the tournament was called a draw, each club winning 3 sets.

Mr. and Mrs. Wentthrop Fawcett, of Boston, are visiting friends in Sackville.

Mr. R. P. Foster spent Sunday in St. John.

Mr. M. J. Lane, of Dorchester, was in town on Monday.

Mr. Charles Willis spent part of last week in Amherst.

Dominion Day was quietly observed in Sackville, the great majority going away. Many, enchanted by the saline vapours of the Strait of Northumberland and soothed by the melodious strains and advertising blandishments of the Middle Sackville Cornet Band took the special train to Cape Tormentine, where a most delightful day was spent. Others who pined for the speckled beauties accepted the invitation of the owners of the frosty Horton waters and went there for the day. The races at the Driving Park attracted many, and not a few went to Amherst and Moncton.

On Wednesday evening a few of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. McDougall surprised them at their residence and spent a very pleasant evening dancing. Among those present were:—Mrs. Thos. Esterbrooks, Miss Esterbrooks, Miss Black, Miss Jennie Black, Miss Alice Esterbrooks, Miss Jean Rainnie, Miss Mabel Rainnie, Miss Ryan, (Moncton), Miss Knapp, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Lane, Mr. F. Black, Mr. Hender-on, Mr. B. E. Paterson, Mr. Murray, Mr. R. P. Foster.

Miss Ryan, of Moncton, is spending a few days with Mrs. W. B. Dixon.

Mr. Melbourne Wilson, of Paradise, N. S., of the Western Union Telegraph Co., has recovered from his recent indisposition, and is more popular with the ladies than ever.

Mr. L. E. Tapley and H. H. Magee of St. John, spent a few days in town this week.

Mr. Beverly Robinson who has been visiting his sister Mrs. J. F. Allison, returned home to St. John yesterday.

Miss Scovil of Shediac is the guest of her sister Mrs. H. S. Smith.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B., July 5th., 1891.—R. A. L. Watson of this town has offered a handsome silver cup, which is open to both North and South Sydney Lawn Tennis Clubs. We trust that some one will come to the scratch, as it isn't every day we get a chance like this.

It seems a curious thing that persons travelling on the C. B. Railway should be stopped coming to their original destination by being told that there is no Hotel accommodation in North Sydney, but such is not the case. A lady and gentleman were fooled this way, and after stopping one night there, came to North Sydney, and remained here several days, remarking when they left, they had seldom in all their travels been more comfortable, it's curious but looks fishy, and more so as parties have been told the same thing on the Bras D'or boats over and over again. Who is to blame and who gets paid for it.

The sociable given by the N. S. Orchestra was not so well attended as usual, though those who were there had more scope.

Mr. Lowrey Christie left yesterday by S. S. Irthington for Montreal on a pleasure trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Weston of St. John are spending a few days in North Sydney. The former in a great piscator, but unfortunately the weather is not favorable, although a fine trout was taken yesterday by a party in town in Pottles Lakes, which weighed 4lbs. 2oz.

Curiously enough some one in town whilst reading the *Graphic* the other day, saw the following advertisement: I am a man who has 15.044 postage stamps, and wish to marry a lady who had in her possession a Mauritius stamp of a certain issue. We have it in this town, but unfortunately it isn't owned by a lady, and therefore cannot compete. The *Graphic* goes on to say that this same stamp is worth £200—Lucky Bargee.

The blind of course cannot see a joke, and it seems that other people have not charity enough to point out to them this branch of their misfortune. A poor fellow with an accordion who perambulates the streets of Windsor indicates by a placard that he has received help from Royalty, thus: "Blind from inflammation, assisted by Her Majesty, the Queen." This beats the beggar on the North Bridge at Edinburgh who appealed to public sympathy with these words: "Blind from my birth; I have seen better days!"

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