

## Society Notes.

The sleighing Monday and Tuesday was excellent, especially in the park and on the outlying roads. On Monday there were many sleighs flying around the pleasant roads of the park—for who could resist such a day? On Tuesday there was quite a large drive, about twenty sleighs went down the Herring Cove Road. Coming back, on the other side behind Melville Island, the horses in Sir John Ross' sleigh bolted, and to pass the sleigh in front, but there was not room and they went over the steep bank—upsetting the sleigh and its occupants—fortunately, and one might say almost miraculously, no one was hurt. The sleigh was smashed to atoms. In the sleigh were Sir John, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Morrow and Capt. Mullins. Altogether it was an awfully upset, but a most lucky escape.

The children are the most important individuals during this week next. Everything is given up for them. Therefore nearly all the entertainments announced are for the little ones of various years. Mrs. Fred Jones was the first, she gave a most charming Christmas party for over 60 children on Thursday, it being the birthday of one of her little girls. The little ones had a most gorgeous time of it.

We hear that Capt. Jenkins is to leave soon for a trip to Mexico, perhaps to South America.

It is very unsatisfactory work in these wintry days to make a journey to the North West Arm to pay a call, and at the end of your journey to receive the information that the people you went out to see were not at home. At the request of a member of the male sex, (the ladies hold these things in their memory better than their husbands or their sons do) we give the "at home" days of ladies living at the North West Arm: (so far as we can learn them), and hope that the publication of this list may save some one a useless journey. Mrs. A. G. Jones, Mrs. Stairs, Mrs. R. Morrow, Mrs. T. Kenny and Mrs. W. Robertson receive on Tuesdays—whilst Wednesdays is preferred by those living beyond the West Road—amongst them Mrs. A. Uniacke, Mrs. E. D. Tucker, Mrs. James Thomson, Mrs. Henry Boak, Mrs. Grier and Mrs. Francklyn.

The promoters of the Fan Drill, etc., entertainment are compelled to see their performance before the public somewhat earlier than was at first intended. Next Tuesday has now been decided upon as the date: the meantime rehearsals are being pressed vigorously forward. The programme will consist, as we have mentioned before, of (i) the Fan Drill; (ii) the Minuet, and (iii) the *Arca Belle*, in which Mrs. Holt and Mrs. C. J. P. Clarkson will appear. Mr. Charles Stabbing is managing the farce. In order to make this notice complete we ought to say, that "the sale of reserved seats has already been large," of this unfortunately we know nothing.

The names of the performers are as follows:—

**FAN DRILL**—Miss Wier, Miss Hensley, Miss S. Uniacke, Miss McKee, Miss Willis, Miss O'Dell, Miss Norton Taylor, Miss Townsend, Miss A. Stairs, Miss Storey, Miss Grant, Miss Hattie Albrow, Mrs. Mullins, Miss Slayter, Miss Gliska.

**MINUET**—Miss G. Uniacke, Miss Hilda Stairs, Miss Norton Taylor, Miss Slayter, Miss Luch de Diaz, Miss Lyde, Miss Gray, Miss Gliska, Capt. Jenkins, Capt. Monteith, Capt. Mullins, Mr. Arthey, R. A., Mr. Elliot, Mr. S. Fuller, Mr. G. Wainwright, Mr. Furness.

Miss Almon is prevented taking part in the fan-drill, by the death of her uncle, Judge Ritchie.

Miss Wainwright was also to have been in the drill, but her absence during several of the practices, coupled with the alteration in the date, made it impossible for her to get up her part properly.

The West Riding band will be in attendance, but there is some difficulty in getting the minuet music written for all the instruments, it is not improbable that the piano and violins will be substituted. The band will play for the fan-drill, and during the intervals.

Archbishop O'Brien gave a dinner at his house on Monday. Among the guests were Rev. Dr. Howley, Sir John Ross, The Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. A. G. Jones, Hon. J. W. Angley, Col. Clerke, Capt. Jenkins, Mr. McPherson, Col. MacShane, Mr. Power, Mr. O'Mullin, Rev. T. J. Daley, Rev. E. F. Murphy, and J. B. Currie.

During the past few days the Rink Private Afternoon Committee have issued circulars inviting subscribers. It has been arranged that

the committee shall have the rink on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, and Wednesday morning, from 26th December, to 31st March. The circular says, "if sufficient support is received, a Band and afternoon Tea will be provided." We earnestly hope that the promoters will achieve the success they wish for.

Whilst we must gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to the committee for the trouble to which they have gone in making these preliminary arrangements, does it not seem strange that in a committee of six, only one civilian is found serving? For this there must be a reason. It is that no civilians (other than Mr. J. F. Kenny) were asked to join, or is it that the civilians asked, (Were they asked?) to participate refused to have anything to do with the matter? What ever may be the reason it is a pity that the committee is thus constituted. In saying this we desire it to be clearly understood that we do not wish to suggest or imply that the committee is in any way incapable, or that it would take a course it thought to be contrary to the wishes of the majority of the subscribers. But, as it is to civilians mainly that the committee looks for the support without which it will be unable to carry through the scheme, we should like to see the two parties more equally represented.

The Browning Club which meets on Thursday at Mrs. Stairs Duffus' has begun its winter's work. We understand that the Club has taken up *Paracelsus*: and if the members have plenty of time before them, "perchance a long, long, time," (to quote the poem itself) they will doubtless finish it. The enemies of the Browning Club accuse them of occasional lapses into Tennyson, but that is probably slander.

Mrs. Dalziel's friends are delighted to see that she is able to be out once more after suffering from a severe sprain.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Kenny arrived from England on Sunday and will be at Thornvale through the winter.

Miss Emma Adams, who has been confined to the house for some few weeks, is among the invalids who are recovering.

Mr. Carey, of the Royal Engineers, has left Halifax for British Columbia, on two months' leave.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Hugh Murray bears the discomfort of a broken leg with great pluck and equanimity. We hope that he will soon be out again.

The Co-adjutor Bishop of Fredericton will hold the Advent Ordinations for Bishop Courtney at St. George's Church on Sunday next. Mr. Lutz, of Canso, and Mr. Withycombe, of Clementsport, are to be ordained priests; and the deacons will be Mr. Belliss of St. George's, and Messrs. Lawlor and Pitman, now at King's College. Bishop Kingdon will be the guest of the Dean at 86 Queen Street.

Mrs. Gausson is gradually getting better of her severe illness, and has lately been out nearly every fine day.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Tupper, of Winnipeg, who have been staying in London with Sir Charles and Lady Tupper, arrived in Halifax on Sunday by the *Parisian*, on their way home.

Mrs. S. G. Rigby has left town for Lady Archibald's place near Truro, where one of her three pretty little children is unwell.

Mrs. E. V. B. Foster of Dartmouth has returned to town for the winter, and is at 121 South Park Street.

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