

## Provincial Notes.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I.—The booklet mentioned last week "Society as it is in Charlottetown"—continues to be the subject of conversation, comment, and speculation as to its authorship. There is but one opinion, expressed, equally by those of low degree and by their more highly favoured brethren, and that is, that the pamphlet is uncalled for, and its publication is deprecated by all the community. Every one so far accused of being author of the production has promptly denied the accusation, whether publicly in the newspapers or privately in conversation. "Murder will out" is the consoling cry, and no one doubts that the originators will be made known. The book stores promptly refused to offer the "Satire (?) to their customers, all but one, which was in ill odor in consequence. At last the proprietor of the store fell into line, and the booklet is no longer to be bought openly. The sensation was referred to last Sunday night in the Methodist Church, and several letters have appeared in the daily papers upon the question. We have had our sensations of all kinds, and we have much to desire, but few thought Charlottetown a harbour for such opinions as are expressed, or feelings displayed in the cross-grained, misshapen, peace-disturbing ghouls which are seen everywhere about the place.

Further publications are threatened or promised (which is it?) It is none of our business, but experience *should* teach.

There is an epidemic of concerts advertised. The Odd Fellows give one for the poor on Thursday 22nd inst., the Caledonian Club follows in a Burns Anniversary on the following Friday, presumably for the same object, while the Philharmonic Society brings up the rear by rendering on Feb. 5th, Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise," the object being the equally laudable one of raising the standard of music among Charlottetonians.

Mrs. Louis Davies entertained a small party at dinner on Wednesday 14th inst.

Mrs. George Hodson gave a small dinner party for Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Longworth on Tuesday 23rd instant. Other guests were invited for the evening.

Prospects are that many more ladies and gentlemen will take part in the forthcoming Carnival than have of late years taken the interest and trouble to prepare fancy costumes. This is only as it should be, for one to skate with but four or five of one's own friends as companions, is, to say the least of it, not very exhilarating.

Things really seem to shape themselves into the Tunnel being not very far in the future. Our leading politicians, are now in Ottawa proving to "the powers that be" there, that the interest of the estimated outlay will not exceed the amount now paid for attempting (ineffectually) to maintain communication with the main land. To hope for practical results is almost "too good to be true" but some one once said something about Hope and the Human Breast.

BRIDGEWATER.—Our people must be in a sad condition, or "someone has blundered" for we have had weeks of special prayer meetings. Just think of it: whatever was the cause, one of the results is that I have hardly any social news to give you this time.

"Our railroad" is one of the chief topics of conversation. I understand there is a "split" in the company, and that the matter in dispute is now before the courts. Whatever way it is decided, the public have good reason to be thankful that they have the road, which in every way is one of the best in the Province.

Our "Quadrille Club" is proving a great success. The last dance was largely attended, and like all others, was most enjoyable. I believe quite a number are coming from Lunenburg to our next meeting. We are always glad to have them.

I am glad to be able to tell you that we are going to have the electric light. A company has been formed which will commence work at once. We need the light badly. We have been endeavor-

ing to get it for a long time, and it is a great satisfaction to know that we are going to have it at last.

Mr. E. T. Freeman of Halifax and Mr. Robb, of Amherst, are registered at the "Fairview."

Last week Senator Kaulback of Lunenburg, gave a dinner party at which a few were present from Bridgewater.

Mr. A. H. Fraser, Superintendent of the railroad, is soon to leave us. He has been offered, and has accepted a position in connection with the C. P. R. We shall be sorry to lose him.

Invitations have been received for the ball next week at Kentville. Quite a number from here, I am told, are going.

Mrs. W. H. Owen is residing at Kentville.

Last week one of our papers stated that we were soon to have a wedding, and that both parties were well known here. The question all ask, is "who is it?" It is quite a difficult one to answer as we have quite a number of young people verging on—I almost said *insanity*,—how these phrases do come up at the wrong time, I mean of course matrimony. By next time I may be able to tell you who are the particular ones in this case.

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