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HALIFAX NOTES.

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The vice-regal visit is at last settled. Lord Aberdeen is expected in June, and Lady Aberdeen a little later in the season. They will reside at Maplewood, which is to be done up thoroughly inside and out, and otherwise fitted for a temporary "Rideau Hall." Where the household, which will number forty in all, is to be bestowed, I have not definitely heard. There is a small cottage near the house, at Maplewood, which will accommodate some of them, and the rest will be quartered in the neighborhood, if possible. There is a rumor that "The Oaks" the next place to Maplewood is to be taken, and that the vice-regal party will be divided between the two houses.

There is a small wave of excitement among the younger members of society, as to whether or not Lady Aberdeen will hold a drawing-room, with the usual attendant pomp and ceremony; and there is still more excitement as to whether vice-regality will give a dance. There is a fear that if attending a drawing-room, but a good dance will do, would make their excellencies popular here forever.

There has not been a drawing-room held in Halifax since the visit of Lord and Lady Lansdowne. Lady Lansdowne had an afternoon reception merely without much ceremony or dignity about it, and a drawing-room would make the buds of this season realize what their elders went through on the last occasion.

General and Mrs. Montgomery Moore, and Captain and the Hon. Misses Colborne, have been spending the past week or more in Ottawa, so that "Bellvue House" has been shut. Its occupants return very shortly, and it is heard that Mrs. Montgomery Moore intends giving a dance on or before the Queen's birthday.

As for this past week, it has not been exciting in any way. A few small and informal teas and a couple of dinner parties represented pretty much all the gaiety.

Next week we are to have an event in the coming of the McGill University Glee and Banjo clubs, who give two concerts at Orpheus hall on Thursday and Friday next. This is their first appearance in Halifax, but their reputation comes before them from Upper Canada, where they have had a great success. Their concerts are really excellent, and it is to be hoped they will have a good house on the first night, for they certainly will on the second. Their concerts are under the patronage of the general and outstanding officers of the garrison, the great advantage of which is to my mind, that it ensures a gaily dressed and pretty audience.

The officers of the Halifax Garrison Artillery had a dinner on Tuesday evening, which was as pleasant and successful as their dinners always are. The H. G. A., by the way, marched out for the first time this season on Monday night, and looked extremely well befitting by their band with torches. They will be reviewed by General Montgomery Moore on the twenty-fourth.

A dinner was given at the club on Friday, at which the guest of honor was a departing member, Colonel Lea.

There is to be a change in the Royal artillery stationed here, so that we will have new faces again in a short time. Major Brady is among the officers leaving and will be much regretted. By the way I hear from England of the engagement of an officer who left this garrison last autumn, to a lady who is the lucky possessor of a large fortune. I regret that I am not at liberty to mention names.

H. M. S. "Buzard" and H. M. S. "Cleopatra" have left for this port, which is a sign that spring is really here. The Blake it is definitely settled, will take not only St. John but Boston on her way from Bermuda, so that we shall probably rear of festivities from both places during her stay.

Mrs. Dixon has arrived from England and will spend the summer at the Lorne House. Major Hodgson, R. A. goes shortly to Bermuda for three months. Mrs. Hodgson will remain here. The Halifax Choral Society's second grand concert comes off on Tuesday next at the Orpheus hall, and is sure to have a large audience all more or less anxious to compare the performance with those of the Orpheus Club. Two cantatas are to be sung, Cowan's "Rose Maiden," and Simon's "Ariadne." Later, Mrs. J. McE. Taylor, and Mr. George Burrows, Mr. Cummings, Mr. J. E. Currie and Mrs. W. R. Shute, Mr. Hutchins, the organist of St. Paul's church, of course conduct, while the accompanists are Mr. Logan and Mr. Burgoyne on the organ and pianoforte.

The chorus consists of seventy voices, and I hear that it is admirably balanced, and shows great precision and other pleasant qualities to the ears of a critical audience.

Mrs. S. Rigby, is making a short visit in Halifax. The very handsome silver service presented to Capt. Hill, by the officers of the S. S. Halifax, is to be seen in pieces, and is a very substantial token of the esteem in which Capt. Hill is held.

I have to thank a correspondent for a kind note and enclosure.

NEW GLASGOW.

[PROGRESS is for sale in New Glasgow by A. O. Fritchard and H. H. Henderson.]

MAY 2.—On Wednesday last about twenty young ladies, members of the sodality in connection with the Catholic church, went to Bridgewater, and gave a musical and dramatic entertainment, for the benefit of Rev. R. McDonald's church fund. They were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dixon, Miss Roberts, Stellerton, and Miss H. H. H. The dramatic part of the programme was really good, showing thorough training and no small amount of histrionic talent. The costuming and stage arrangements were effective. Miss S. O'Brien made an exceedingly fine impression with her song, "Ave Maria," by Cherubini, and responded graciously to an enthusiastic encore.

Miss Roberts sang two solos, "A Leaf from the Spray" and "Then You'll Remember Me," both of which received well merited encores. She possesses a wonderfully clear, cultivated soprano voice.

The debutante of the evening was Miss Nina Harley, her violin solos, "Chanson Allemande, No. 11," and "Finale de l'Elisir d'Amore" (Donizetti), pleasing the entire audience. She wore a very dainty costume of pale pink crepe and lace.

Mr. G. A. Dixon sang "O Promise Me" and "Venice Waters." Judging from the applause he made quite a hit.

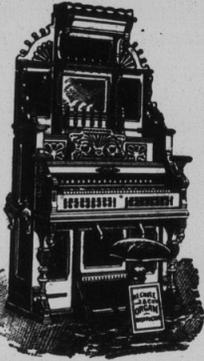
After the entertainment those who took part went on Father McDonald's invitation to Mr. Grant's residence, where an excellent supper was served and enjoyed. A special train conveyed all back to town before twelve o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham Fraser, "Riverbank," returned from Toronto on Friday.

Mr. Headleigh Musgrave, Moncton, was visiting here last week.

The first "Walking Party" this spring, took place on Saturday afternoon, when quite a number of well known young people met at "West-side Park" and with smiling faces and dainty feet, just a delightful tramp, but, alas! the season for "April showers" was not over. Among those who enjoyed the walk (and drive home) were: Misses McColl, the Misses Annie C. McE., Jean Gregor, Margie Smith, Sedelia Patterson, Mrs. H. E. Fitzpatrick, Archie McColl, Reginald Lawson, C. Lewis, Murray McColl, (St. John), and many others. They were entertained on their return at Mrs. Alfred Fraser's.

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Mrs. James A. Fraser, returned last week from Halifax. Messrs. Rob. McLean, John Bell, Chas. McLean, and D. McIntosh, are home from Dalhousie College, weeks visiting friends.

Mr. Donald Nicolson, of Charlottetown, spent part of last week here. Rev. Messrs. Bowman and Carruthers, were visiting in Halifax last week.

The Misses Bath, and Miss Carroll of Pictou, were last week the guests of Mrs. John Connolly, "Millbank."

Mr. Murray McNeil, of Pictou, is the guest of Mr. Robt. McGregor.

Miss Ella Hood, of Pictou, was visiting Miss Sadie Fraser last week.

Rumor saith the Bachelors are to give a ball in Bell's hall at an early date. If so, it is sure to be a particularly brilliant affair.

The Rovers cycle club met on Friday evening and Mr. Geo. A. Dixon as captain. The first run for this season takes place on Friday next.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Barlow, of Montreal, are spending this week in town.

Quite a large number of other people went to Stellerton on Fri. evening last, to attend the annual Christian Endeavor convention. The addresses of only impressive but very convincing. Miss Jean McDonald's rendition of the song, "Must I bear the cross alone," was simply grand. Miss Jean's very brilliant wedding may be looked for when the leaves begin to turn.

AMHERST. [PROGRESS is for sale at Amherst by Charles Hillcoat and at the music store of H. A. Hillcoat.]

MAY 2.—Among those who accepted the invitations to the calico ball in Sackville, last Thursday evening, were the Misses Main and the Misses Purdy, and Messrs. Berden, Main and J. Curry.

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Needless to say that they enjoyed the delightful event. Dr. and Mrs. Morse entertain a large number of Miss Morse's friends at a dance this evening. It seems an age since a dance has been given in town, and no doubt, it will be greatly enjoyed by those who are favored with an invitation.

Miss Bessie Rogers, of Halifax, arrived on Saturday, to spend the summer with her brother, Mr. Harry Rogers.

Miss Mabel Ayer, of Sackville, has been visiting friends in town.

Miss Travis went to Truro on Friday to visit friends.

Mr. Robert Pagnley went to Montreal last Thursday on a business trip.

Congratulations are tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Hans J. Logan, on the arrival of a son and heir.

Miss Lucy MacKinnon, who has been spending the past year the guest of her uncle in Pictou, arrived home on Tuesday, much to the delight of her young friends.

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WINDSOR, N. S.

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MAY 1.—His Lordship Bishop Courtenay held a confirmation service in Christ church on Sunday morning, about forty being confirmed. He also preached in the evening.

Miss Townsend, of Halifax, was in town over Sunday, the guest of Mrs. J. A. Russell.

Mr. Claude Eville of the Halifax Banking Co., Parrsboro, was in town for a day or so last week.

Mrs. Chas. Armstrong who has been visiting her mother returned to Middleton on Saturday.

Mr. James Forsyth is home from Poughkeepsie, where he has been all winter.

Mrs. Conway who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Drillo left home on Saturday evening. Miss "Chas. DeW. Smith and Miss Smith are in St. John.

Mr. E. M. Fulton of Truro was in town last week. Miss Rose Garvie who has been visiting Mrs. Aubrey Blackwood went to Middleton for a week or so on Monday.

On Tuesday evening of last week the Misses Curry at "The Corner" entertained a number of their friends at cards. Among those present were Miss Morris, Miss Larson, Miss E. Blanford, Miss Rose Garvie, Miss Eliza, and Messrs Henry Jones, Cummings, Allison, Eville, Morris, Bangster, Lighthow, Charlie Allison.

Miss Evelyn Kierstead of Wolfville spent a day in town last week.

Miss Leckie, of Londonderry, is in town.

Mr. T. Boush, of Halifax, spent Sunday in town. A most enjoyable evening was spent at Mrs. Alex. Forsyth's on Tuesday of last week, where a number of young people had gathered together for a dance.

Mr. George D. Geldert returned from his trip to Lunenburg.

Miss McLatchey, of Grand Pre, spent Sunday in Windsor, the guest of her friend, Miss Woodworth, "Clifton Grove."

Mr. Allison has returned from her visit to Halifax.

Miss A. E. Robinson, has returned from her trip to New York.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Grant in the loss of their little baby daughter, Kathleen.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shaw and child, arrived in Windsor on Monday from England. Mrs. Shaw's mother, Mrs. Harley, is with her.

Mr. Andrew Allen, inspector of the Halifax banking company, was in town last week.

TRURO, N. S. [PROGRESS is for sale in Truro by Mr. G. O. Fulton and D. H. Smith & Co.]

MAY 2.—Mayor F. M. Paine and his bride, who have been guests at the "Stanley" during the past week, left for Cape Breton yesterday.

Mr. Augustus McCurdy gave a large dance, on Thursday last, at her charming home in Onslow, for her son, Blair. The large number of young people present enjoyed themselves hugely, and tripped the light fantastic away into the small hours.

Dr. Walker returned last night, from a short trip to the western counties.

Dr. Chalmers, our resident veterinarian, it is rumored, intends to leave here, for his former home, on the other side of the water, in the future to reside.

Mr. E. R. Stuart and Mr. Chas. Williams, of the Merchants' Hotel, left for Halifax, en route for Boston and New York, for a holiday trip.

Mrs. Chas. Bent gave a small party on Friday evening last, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Paine. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Paine, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Miss Lockhart, Miss Austin, Miss Ella E. Underwood, Dr. Hall, Messrs. J. Ross and Vernon.

Mr. S. G. Cambers has very kindly consented to take the organ in St. Andrew's church on Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Donkin, was in Halifax, yesterday. Mrs. John Campbell, Halifax, en route for Montreal, was a guest of Miss MacDowell's for a few days, this week.

Mr. Frank Donkin, Sydney, C. B., from McGill university, Montreal, en route home, was at the "Stanley," one day this week.

SYDNEY, C. B. [PROGRESS is for sale in Sydney by John McKenzie and G. J. McKinnon.]

MAY 1.—Mrs. McLaren returned from Halifax on Wednesday.

Messrs. Crows and W. Hearn returned home last week.

Miss Sadie Harrington entertained a few of her friends Thursday evening last.

Mr. A. McRae, of the Union Bank was in town on Friday.

Mrs. D. Malleson held an evening party on Friday for her niece, Miss Daisy Townsend. The Misses F. Earle, Miss Annie McLennan and Messrs. Lourey, D. J. McDonald, Dr. Sam Latta, Mr. Frank Donkin is at home from McGill college.

Miss Driscoll, of Glace Bay, is spending a few days with Miss McCalliverty.

Mrs. J. A. Gillis and son left for Ottawa last Wednesday.

Mr. C. J. Burchill is at home from Dalhousie college. CHERRY HILLS

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