

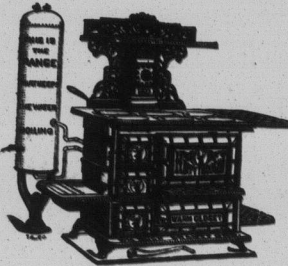
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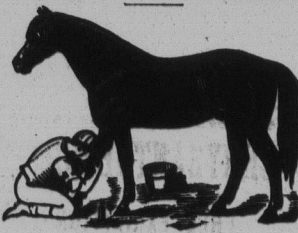
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St. John—South End.
The second of the series of assemblies came off on last Thursday night, at the Pugsley building, with greater success than was anticipated. Many absentees themselves in consequence of its being New Year's eve, as they felt it was better to be dancing. But those present enjoyed the evening immensely, notwithstanding the absence of their more scrupulous friends. About 40 participated in it, and the clock struck twelve they all joined hands and sang most lustily "Auld Lang Syne."

The next comes off on Thursday, the 14th. I hear one of the series is to be made a leap year dance. On New Year's night Miss Warner entertained a few friends at her father's residence, Mount Pleasant, as a farewell to her friends before her departure for Ohio, for which place she left last Monday, to spend the remainder of the winter. I hear of several whist clubs being lately formed this winter. The first meeting of one was to have been held at Mrs. Nowatt's, King street, east, on Thursday of last week, but owing to the sudden death of Mrs. Nowatt's brother-in-law, Mr. Nowatt, was postponed to meet Tuesday at the residence of Mrs. Douglas Hazen, Hazen street, when another postponement was necessary owing to the death of Mrs. Hazen's aunt, Mrs. Richardson. Among those belonging to the club are: Mr. and Mrs. G. Herbert Lee, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Nowatt, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hazen, Dr. and Mrs. Murray Macdonald, the Misses Macdonald, the Misses Snider and others. On Monday evening Mrs. Thomas S. Adams entertained a number of her friends at her home, which was most enjoyable, as it could not fail to be. I hear rumors of several large balls to be given shortly, one by one of our most popular bachelors. A fashionable wedding was celebrated at St. Paul's church, on Thursday, the 23rd, when Miss Nellie Barker, eldest daughter of Dr. F. E. Barker, was led to the altar by Mr. Meyers, of New York. Mr. Fred McMillan returned to his home at Aspen, Colorado, on Monday last. On New Year's day he was with his friends at a dinner at the Union club, which was a very merry gathering. Dr. Jones, of King's College, Windor, spent this week in St. John, the guest of his aunt, Mrs. John Boyd, Queen's Square.

Mrs. and the Misses Handford are confined to their home on Horsfield street with gripe. Mrs. Charles Holman and Mrs. Lee Harrison have just recovered from an attack, and I believe there are numbers of others suffering from it. Miss George Yall, of Bathurst, arrived in the city last week, having accepted the position of housekeeper to the Rev. Dr. Davenport. Miss Helen Walker left on Monday last for Salem, Mass., where she will spend some weeks. Mrs. Sherman, wife of Mr. Rev. Mr. Sherman, is visiting friends at Windsor. Miss Susan Cogwell, of Sackville, is the guest of Mrs. Charles F. Kline, of Bathurst. Mr. James Chubb, who has been confined to his residence, Orange street, through illness, is much improved.

The latest engagement which is being talked of in society circles is between a charming young widow of this city, daughter of one of St. John's most prominent business men, now living abroad, and a young society favorite and a merchant of this city. Mr. and the Misses Barker are confined to their home, Mount Pleasant, with gripe. A juvenile party was given on Wednesday evening last by Mrs. Thomas S. Adams, who enjoyed a quantity of good things provided for them. The community this week deplored the loss of a most estimable man in the person of Mr. Thomas Wilder Daniel, whose death occurred suddenly on Saturday last. Although Mr. Daniel had been brought on by several attacks of gripe, it was not thought his end was so near. Mr. Daniel always took a warm interest in the welfare of the institutions of the city. He leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters. Rev. Edwin Daniel, of this city, Daniel, Frederic W. Daniel, Rev. Allan Daniel, and Mrs. Jones. Mr. Arthur Daniel, of this city, is brother of the deceased. Rev. Edwin Daniel arrived from Port Hope, Rev. Allan Daniel from P. E. Island, and Archdeacon and Mrs. Jones from Windsor this week to attend the funeral of Mr. Daniel being the only one absent, he being at present on his way to England. **TEKESCHOR.**

Hon. A. S. White, who has been making an extended tour in the Northwest, spent Saturday in St. John. Among the strangers to town lately were Prof. Belliveau, of the normal school, Fredericton; Mr. R. E. Armstrong, editor of the St. Andrews Beacon, and School Inspector O'Brien, of Bathurst. Miss Allie Ring returned to St. John last week, after a long absence at her uncle's sanitarium, Arlington Heights, Boston, and her friends are glad to welcome her once more among them. Mr. R. H. Sweden, formerly of this city, but now of Philadelphia, who has been visiting friends here, left for home on Sunday last. Messrs. Charles and Lucien deBury, who have been spending the Christmas vacation at home, have returned to their respective colleges at Antigonish and Dalhousie. Mr. William Powers, librarian of the Portland street Methodist church Sunday-school, was presented at New Year's with a handsome chair. During the absence of U. S. Consul Sampson, his place will be filled by Mr. Jordan. Mr. James Kwine left for Boston on Sunday night, to resume the practice of dentistry in that city. Miss Mary Wheeler has been laid up for the last two weeks with an attack of la grippe. Hatchford, her sister, has also been suffering from this malady. Hon. L. J. Tweedle, Mr. R. D. Wilmet, M. P., and Hon. A. G. Blair are in town this week. I understand that the heirs of the late John McCreaney have decided to discontinue the protest in reference to his will. The inmates of the Marine hospital were entertained at a New Year's dinner on Saturday evening. The tables were beautifully decorated and a most delicious repast was served. During the evening selections by the sailors, and songs and recitations, were a most interesting feature. Instructive and Mr. Morley McLaughlin. Among those present were Rev. Mr. Spencer, Rev. Canon and Mrs. Briscoe, Mr. Russell, Misses Macdonald, Matthew, Mrs. J. C. Allison, Dr. Christie and Miss May Robinson. The accompaniments were rendered by Mr. R. P. Strand. Hon. John Costigan arrived in St. John from Ottawa on Wednesday.

The numerous friends in this city of the Rev. Dr. Burns of Halifax, regret to hear that he has been stricken with paralysis. The seizure was sudden, occurring just after Dr. Burns had left the residence of Rev. H. M. Gordon, where he had been paying a New Year's visit. Mr. H. A. Whitney, of Moncton, and the Misses Whitney are in town this week. A delegation from Colebrook and Brookville proceeded to the residence of Rev. I. N. Parker, Waterville street, on New Year's eve, and presented him with an address and a purse of money. The Messrs. Skinner, who have been spending their vacation at home, have returned to their studies at Harvard college. Rev. W. J. and Mrs. Stewart held a reception at their residence on New Year's day for their congregation. More than three hundred guests were present. The refreshment table being presided over by some of their young lady friends, and an excellent musical programme was carried out. Miss Ritchie, who has been visiting relatives at Rolla, has returned to her home in Halifax. Mr. J. V. X. Smith and Mrs. X. Smith, of the Bank B. N. A., Fredericton, spent New Year's day in St. John. On this day our city holds an attraction for each of these young gentlemen. Among the New Year's presentations that I heard of were an ebony silver-headed cane to Mrs. W. Percy Robinson, from his associates of D. company and Fredericton; a handsome Queen Anne chair and bedstead to the teachers and officers of the Leominster street school, to Mr. Herbert C. Barbour, superintendent; a brass-top pipe organ, with twelve stops, and suitably inscribed, to Mr. H. Fraser, of the C. P. R., from a number of friends, and a gold-headed ebony cane to Mr. John Coffey, of the C. P. R. Miss Kate Kerr is to succeed Mr. Frost as principal of the Peel street school. Rev. Mr. Sherman has returned from visiting friends at St. Andrews. Mr. George Fairweather has been appointed superintendent of St. John's (Stone) church Sunday school. Miss Rachel Hazen is now living at Mrs. G. C. Coster's, Union street. On Monday night Mrs. Rainnie, of Sewell street, entertained a number of young people at a very enjoyable dance. Rev. Mr. DeBour will soon leave for Bermuda, where he has accepted the charge of a church. I am glad to hear that Mrs. W. H. DeVosier has recovered from the severe attack of bronchitis from which she has been suffering for the last six weeks. Mr. Sampson, U. S. Consul, left last week for the states where he will spend two months leave of absence. Mr. W. Potter was entertained at an oyster supper, by a number of his friends before leaving for the states. Mrs. George Robertson gave a pleasant dance at her residence, Germain street, last week, at which a number of the young friends of her daughter were present. Mrs. A. H. Boddome and her daughter returned on Saturday to their home at Moncton. **DELTA.**

Many friends in this city and elsewhere will be interested to hear of the marriage of Miss Sara Green, daughter of Mr. Nathan Green, formerly of this city, now of Chicago, to Mr. Gustav Fischel, of Montreal. Miss Rebecca Hart, of this city, went to Chicago to be maid of honor to the bride who was handsomely gowned in white satin, trimmed with Duchesse lace. Miss Hart wore a yellow crepe de chine with pearl trimmings. Mr. and Mrs. Fischel will go to Montreal to live. Miss Ella Thorne, who has been spending the holidays with her brother Mr. H. J. Thorne, of this city, returned to Fredericton Saturday last. Mr. Fred Pullen of this city, has gone to South end California to spend the remaining winter months on account of his health. Miss Ida McDade and Miss Annie McDade have returned from a very pleasant trip to Boston. Miss Ida Brown left this week for Boston, where she will resume her studies at the Boston School of Oratory. Many friends in this city will regret to hear of the death of a well known and popular Fredericton lady—Mrs. Whitler, who for many years has been in Montreal. She leaves a husband and one daughter, Miss Ida Whitler, who will have the sympathy of a large circle of friends. Mrs. Moore, of Amherst, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Baird, Princess street. A very pleasant party assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tait Monday evening to celebrate the tenth anniversary of their marriage. About 50 of their friends were present and presented Mr. and Mrs. Tait with numerous useful articles in tribute. The pupils of St. Mary's church Sunday school held very successful concerts Monday and Tuesday evening of last week. Great credit is due Miss Grace Turnbull and Mr. Neale for their untiring energy in training the children. Mr. and Mrs. Tait were presented by the Electric Light Co., was presented by Mr. S. Floore on behalf of the employees with a gold ring. Rev. Father Davenport's many friends in this city will regret to hear that he has been very ill with la grippe in Fredericton. Word has been received, however, that he has so far recovered that his physician has allowed him exercise in the open air. Mrs. Oscar Hanson and Mrs. G. K. Hanson of Little Leagues, spent a few days here this week. Before going home they intended visiting St. Martin's to be present at the opening of the N. B. seminary. Mrs. Griffith, sister street, gave a very pleasant party for her son Mr. Will Lee, New Year's night. The amusements of the evening were dancing and different games, at midnight a delicious supper was served. Among those present were Miss Madge Gunn, Miss Mabel Jordan, Miss Lida DeWitt, Miss Tamme Shaw, Miss Jennie Patchell, Miss Helen Rogers, Miss Mabel Taylor, Miss Mary Rogers, Miss Maggie Sandall, Miss E. Titus, Mr. Percy Day, Mr. J. N. Goldsboro, Mr. F. S. Alwood, Mr. Thos. Gunn, Mr. Fred Fulkner, Mr. E. DeWitt, Mr. F. G. Lee, Mr. L. Griffith, Mr. A. P. Lee. Miss Hattie Taylor, of Middleton, N. S., is the guest of Mrs. Wm. Alwood, Elliot Row. Miss Maude Naraway has returned from a very pleasant visit in Middletown, Conn. A very quiet wedding took place at the residence of Mr. S. K. New Thursday morning, when his daughter, Miss Eunice Kerr, was united in wedlock to Mr. Daniel McLeod, formerly of this city but now of New Glasgow. The happy couple left immediately for their future home in New Glasgow. Mr. Arthur Schofield left this week for Springfield, Mass., there to make his future home. Mr. Thomas Crockett left last night for a trip to Boston. A pleasant event will take place next Tuesday at the residence of Mrs. Hea, Orange street, when her daughter Miss Mary Hea will be united in marriage to Mr. J. Lawrence of this city. The bride will be attended in a travelling suit of dark green cloth and will be attended by the immediate relatives of the families will be present and as soon as the ceremony is over the happy couple will leave on their bridal trip. On returning they will reside on Coburg street. Miss Jennie Hall is visiting Mrs. Currie of Amherst. Miss Desbrow, after some months visiting friends in New York and Philadelphia, returned to St. John this week. A Charlotte street merchant and a North End school teacher will take part in an interesting event in a few days. Miss Ayer, of Sackville, after visiting Mrs. McCully Black for a week, returned home on Wednesday. Rev. G. O. Gatos' mother will spend the rest of the winter at the parsonage. Mr. Heath, of the C. P. R., has taken rooms at Mrs. Quinton's for the winter. Mr. Edmund Macmillan's little daughter has been quite sick with la grippe and slow fever. Miss Bessie Bowman has been housed two weeks with la grippe. Mr. Robert McIntyre is to be congratulated. It is a daughter. After spending the holidays in St. John Mr. and Mrs. Moses Hall returned to Fredericton Monday. Capt. George Bisset was in town for a few days last week. Mr. Walter Allan is receiving congratulations this week—a baby girl.

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