

Provincial Notes.

BRIDGEWATER.—Time changes everything. Men are no longer talking of special prayer-meetings, but are now eagerly discussing politics. Political excitement in Bridgewater runs high, and its influence is felt even in social circles. We have several gentlemen here of the old school of politics, who never fail to afford great amusement to those who are cool enough to stand by and watch.

One of the first effects of the announcement of the election was, that two of our prominent citizens immediately went over the bay. They have since returned with news that the "grits are doomed."

Ladies and gentlemen of Bridgewater, take advice from Pete, to bear with Christian resignation those who are opposed to you in politics.

Before the "icy weather" came we were enjoying the pleasures of tobogganing, now that the snow is here again, Heblis Hill will once more be a scene of gayety.

Last week Messrs. H. McD. Henry and George E. Forsythe of Halifax, paid us a short visit.

On Tuesday night the Quadrille Club has its last dance till after lent. A larger number than usual are expected, and it promises to be a gay evening. After lent I believe they intend opening with a fancy dress ball.

One of the most pleasant evenings I have spent this winter, was last week at the four-in-hand sleighing party given by Mrs. Wade; all that were present voted it the jolliest of times. Some who were unavoidably absent have not got over it yet.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Owen of Annapolis spent last Sunday in Bridgewater.

Last Wednesday there was a very successful carnival at Mahone Bay. A special train went from Bridgewater. Quite a number of the young people went over, and I believe enjoyed it immensely.

Miss Ruggles of Halifax is visiting with Mrs. W. H. Owen.

I was much amused by reading in your last issue your remarks on the "militaire." I have noticed that some of your young ladies seem to think that in the militaire, they can enjoy the same exercise as the boys do in football—a free kick. I am glad however, that you have some who understand the dance better. We cannot complain here of the "high kick," but some of our dancers leave room for improvement. I refer to some of the young men who, judging by the noise they make in the "kick" part, must have very large feet.

Senator Kaulback was in town yesterday, attending court.

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TRURO.—We hear of nothing at present but the coming election. The Liberal-Conservatives have half a dozen or more candidates on hand ambitious of getting to the great "White House" at Ottawa, and willing to fight our many battles. Mr. W. Patterson will of course be nominated. He will be the right man in the right place. A word to thee O "E-eulapins": Flee from the wrath to come. Be content to "kill or cure" for a time longer and if that does not suffice for thy bodily comforts then bring on thy enormous rent rolls and call it "jack-pot."

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather on Friday evening, a goodly number of guests assembled at the hospitable mansion of Dr. and Mrs. Bent to while away the merry hours with progressive euchre. The lucky prize-winners were Mrs. Crowe and Dr. Hall for the king prizes. Miss M. Dimock and Mr. A. Campbell were content to be "boobies."

The many guests who attended the "at home" at Scrivelsby Manor from 4 to 7 on Tuesday last, were charmed with everything. Mrs. Cummings, who received in a handsome black velvet and gold brocade gown, was assisted by Miss Tremain, Miss Mai Dimock and Miss Archibald. The library, with its walls hung in blue denim, made a pretty back ground for the youth and beauty who "tripped the light fantastic toe." The table, which was a marvel of loveliness in "yellow," was spread in the handsome dining room, where the guests wandered at their own sweet will to partake of the many tempting viands.

Archdeacon and Mrs. Kaulback gave one of their small and very enjoyable parties on Monday evening.

Miss Emma Black and her brother left last week for Florida. They will be absent some months.

Mrs. W. S. Muir entertained a few friends on Thursday evening at whist.

We are wondering who will win the day in the interesting case which is to be tried at the Supreme Court in Halifax this week. The late Richard Slade and his adopted daughter were both well-known figures upon our streets, and have afforded no little amusement for us all. When "Slade's" wife died she left him in the care of Mrs. Sarah Smith and family, with the understanding the little property he had would go to them, but his would-be daughter did not see it in that light, so she decoyed the old man from his home to live with her, and had him make a will in her favor. The daughter is a very strong-minded, though "a foot in the grave young woman," and we hope she will be able in some measure to "kick against the pricks."

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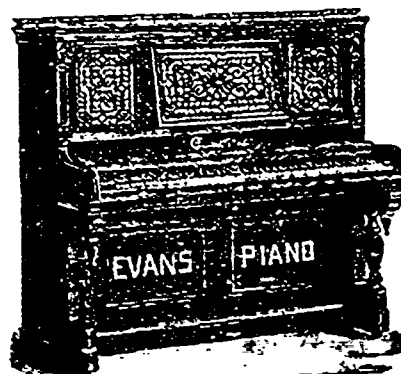
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