



Partenings of the Week

Mrs. L. W. Barker's host of friends have to say adieu to them, as they leave on Tuesday to reside permanently in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Taylor, West St. John, are visiting in New York.

The Saturday Night Bridge Club met last week at the residence of Mrs. Hugh Bruce, and a most enjoyable evening was spent by the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. John McAvity gave one of the most enjoyable home dances of the season on Friday evening last.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Mackay entertained on Friday evening last, at a dance in honor of their son, Mr. Henry Mackay.

Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft and family left on Friday last week, for Montreal.

Mrs. M. A. Curry, of Halifax, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Robertson, Carleton street.

Mrs. R. B. Patterson gave a delightful dance for her daughter, Miss Margaret Patterson, last Monday evening.

Mrs. J. Rowden Thomson is giving a tea tomorrow afternoon in honor of Mrs. L. W. Barker.

It is with much regret that Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hannay, of Ottawa, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. William Rainnie, Sewell street.

The marriage of Miss Ella Beecher Jordan and Mr. Leonard Lee Street, which was solemnized in St. Mary's church, Dorchester, Mass., on January 2nd, will be of much interest to many friends in St. John.

Miss Florence Murray, Douglas avenue, has gone to Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fraser Gregory and Miss Louise Murray leave on the 20th for an extended trip to the West.

Mrs. Frank Williams entertained at a dance on Friday last week for her daughter who has been spending the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Alexander Robertson was hostess at the tea hour on Tuesday afternoon in honor of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charles Robertson.

Mrs. George Nichol, of Halifax, is visiting her mother, Mrs. D. D. Robotham, at her residence, 100 West St. John.

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Mrs. R. W. McNeilan of Fredericton is the guest of Mrs. W. Thomson, Mrs. Fraser Gregory, Douglas Avenue, this week.

Mrs. John H. Parks and the Misses Paris have issued invitations for a bridge at their residence next Thursday evening.

Mrs. Walter E. Foster was hostess at an enjoyable bridge of six tables at her residence, Coburg street, the prize winners being Mrs. Eason, Mrs. C. Bostwick and Miss Ebel.

Mrs. R. E. Puddington and Miss Annie Puddington left last week for Boston where they will remain for the rest of the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Robertson entertained last night at their residence, Carleton street, from 7:30 until 11, at a children's party in honor of their two granddaughters, Miss Annie and Miss Mary Armstrong.

On Tuesday Mrs. J. Simeon Jones gave a most enjoyable luncheon for Mrs. L. W. Barker and Mrs. Guy Robinson at the golf club.

Mrs. Fred A. Peters was hostess on Tuesday afternoon at the guest of honor being Mrs. McBride, of Montreal.

Many friends will regret to hear that Mrs. George P. Smith met with a painful accident last week, having slipped and sprained her ankle.

Mrs. W. B. Howard entertained in normally at bridge on Wednesday evening. The fortunate prize winners were Mrs. George Blizard and Miss Lou Howard.

Mrs. Wayneon, of Montreal, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Purdy, Princess street, returned home today.

Mr. Ralph Robertson left on Monday on a business trip to Demerara and the West Indian Islands.

Mrs. Brown and Miss Fraser, of St. Martin's guests at the Dufferin for a few days.

Mrs. Dorothy Purdy, Rothsay, is visiting Mrs. Curry in Montreal.

given this season, at her residence, Carleton street, in honor of Mrs. M. A. Curry, of Halifax. The hall and rooms were radiant with flowers and palms.

The second assembly dance was given at Keith's Assembly rooms on Thursday evening and as usual was largely attended and much enjoyed.

Mrs. Adam McIntyre entertained at a most enjoyable thimble party yesterday afternoon.

Miss Alice Schofield, Horsfield street, will entertain this evening at an informal sewing party, in honor of Mrs. Charles Robertson.

Mrs. William Downie was hostess at the tea hour yesterday.

Mrs. T. Escott Ryder entertained at bridge on Friday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. Louis Barker, of Montreal.

Mrs. John W. McKean has issued invitations for an evening bridge on Friday evening next, in honor of her sister, Mrs. Arthur Hannay, of Ottawa.

DO NOT USE THE KNIFE. That is a barbarous way of treating corns—dangerous, too.

ENLIGHTENMENT ON MARRIAGE AGE Prof. Eugenics Explodes Popular Fallacy—Need be No Disparity Between Ages—Should be Comrades.

What is the best age at which to marry, and why? These questions of world-wide interest and importance were answered by Dr. Frederick L. Hoffman, LL. D., F. R. S., one of the delegates to the International Eugenics Congress, in an interview.

Incidentally, Dr. Hoffman, who occupies the position of statistician to the Prudential Insurance Company, of Newark, N. J., exploded what he described as one of the most fallacious of the popularly prevailed regarding successful marriages.

"My experience and observation," said Dr. Hoffman, "have convinced me that the best ages for marrying are between 23 and 26 for men and women alike. I have no faith in the theory that there should be a wide disparity between the age of the man and the woman."

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"The woman of a man's choice has no right whatever to demand that he should be certain of a certain number of pounds a week before he enters into wedlock with her. I strongly deplore these so-called 'marriages of convenience' in which no restrictions should be placed—within reason, of course—on the number of children."

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"In the time of Abdul Hamid access to this veritable cache of Abdullah was difficult to obtain. Ambassadorial intervention in the case of Europeans was necessary, and not always successful. Since the advent of Mahmud and the Young Turks, viewing privileges have been extended, but the signature of the Grand Vizier is still necessary to insure the unlocking of the famous portals."

"The procedure for a private view is quite an affair. After passing the sentries at the gate of the old palace and reporting one's arrival in the courtyard, a stately procession of officials and trock-coated officials, headed by a venerable Bede, issues from a side building. The guard comes to attention. Before the huge key is inserted in the lock the seal of the door is broken by the venerable one and carefully borne away. A distinct effort is required to turn the lock. The door opens only to reveal another barrier which is as solemnly unlocked. The black-coated procession flows in and takes up strategic positions in the chamber now open to view. Under the keen scrutiny of fifteen or twenty pairs of eyes distributed all over the room, the difficulties of annexation become apparent."

"The most striking object that meets the eye is the famous jeweled throne, as well as a smaller throne in the same class, and is thickly incrustated with pearls, diamonds and rubies. It is very difficult to estimate the number of stones, some of which are of a fair size, but there must be many thousands and the effect on the wall of the room is magnificent. The most extreme, its value is estimated at from one to two millions sterling. Here and there one sees a vacant setting whence the stone has disappeared, probably passing into the possession of some amble-fingered favorite of the sultan."

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SHE FRIGHTED WITH THE AGONY 'Fruit-a-Lives' Cured Her Kidneys

Mountain, Ont., Dec. 14th, 1911. "I desire to let the world know the great debt I owe 'Fruit-a-Lives' which saved my life when I had given up hope of ever being well again. For six years I suffered from dreadful Kidney Disease. My legs and lower part of my body were fearfully swollen. The pain in my side and legs would be so bad that I would faint with the agony."

"Five different doctors attended me and all said it was Kidney Disease and gave me no hope of getting well. A kind neighbor visited me and mentioned the case of Mrs. Fenwick who had been cured of a sickness like mine. I took 'Fruit-a-Lives' and in a short time I began to feel better—the swelling went down—the pains were easier—and soon I was well."

"I have gained over 100 pounds since taking 'Fruit-a-Lives'—and my friends look upon my recovery as a miracle." (Miss MAGGIE JANNACK. "Fruit-a-Lives" are sold by all dealers at 50c. a box of 25.50. trial size, 25c.—or sent on receipt of price by Fruit-a-Lives Limited, Ottawa.

AN INDIAN FAREWELL.

(Lady Gay in Saturday Night). Here is the inscription on a tombstone at Port Simpson, a place one hears much about these days: "In memory of late Legate, the Head Chief, Deneenong time before the white people came. Also three other Head Chiefs, named Legate. Also Paul Legate, the Head Chief of the Tsimshians Nation, who died a Christian; at Port Simpson, B. C., January 7, 1891, aged 45 years. Paul Legate said, the day he died, to his people: I would like to die in a lonely place, so no one would see me. I hope my people will not find me for five hours, as I think I can get to heaven by that time, and if they find my body after that they can do as they will. His body was found eight hours after, God gave him more than he hoped for."

This extraordinary inscription was copied and sent to me the other day by a railroad official, and it certainly sounds like one's idea of a noble red man. The clinging to his dignity, his dislike of having his people behold his dissolution, and his idea of the route to the orthodox paradise are real Indian. Where he got his happy name from is what I should like to find out. It sounds enough like my own to give me a sort of fellow feeling."

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NEW SALES JUST AS Dens Built After Strongly A gations Sh San Francisco, J the grassy, picture of former days, say Call, was worse th found in the Port by the federal off this week. It was thought t town" was no mo an' subcellars had a foundation for a town. Occasionally of "slave girls" an they caused, but g lieve that the old with the fire. Perhaps a posse not have penetrat Chintown for a that even the poli familiar with the know of its depthe that their secre the fire of 1906. Ho there has been rround a maze of doors secret pass doors illustrating Oriental mind as f subterranean netw be only one of sev equipped by the their system for There are no str story brick build dow is covered w sides from senti cupants from send outside world. In would have been chance for escape. The rooms are a but otherwise be a prisoner's case, impossible to get ladder and then know the secret t trap doors that w When the federat police escort brok had to search the each room before carefully concealed entrance into the these doors were hanging, and tap most inconvenient. Following the d the raid the feder the direction of