



Social Notes of the Week

WIDOW OF COLONEL ASTOR NOW SEWING AT BAR HARBOR FOR MEN AT THE FRONT



MRS. JOHN JACOB ASTOR.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor, the young widow of Colonel Astor, along with nearly all the women members of the summer colony of Bar Harbor, Me., has pledged herself to sew skirts, surgical bandages and other articles for the Allies for at least one hour a week. A room in the Bar Harbor High School will be the office and workshop, and each day from ten to one o'clock a member of the society will be in charge.

Mrs. Charles Holden, Fredericton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Blair at Duck Cove.

Mrs. C. E. Scammell, Miss Annie Scammell, Miss Frances Allison, Miss Helen Allison, Master Joe Allison and the Misses Chambers (Shelbourne, N.S.), are being entertained by Mr. Walter Allison at the South Branch on a week's fishing trip. They left on Monday morning.

Mrs. McKittick of Lunenburg (N.S.) is the guest of Mrs. Shortt.

Miss Lydia Kimball arrived home from Montreal this week where she had been visiting her sister Mrs. Dodd.

Miss Kathleen Sturdee, Miss Emily Sturdee, Miss Doris DeVeber and Miss Constance McGivern are camping out for a month on Maters Island.

Miss Belle Likely who is a nurse at Delart is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Likely.

Mrs. R. G. Wallace was the fortunate holder of the lucky ticket for the very handsome framed water color picture donated to the Royal Standard Chapter I. O. D. E., by Miss Foulis.

Mrs. Oswald Smith of Campbellton, who has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. A. Pierce Crockett, left on Thursday on a visit to Fredericton.

Mrs. Cameron (Toronto) arrives today to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fisher, at their summer home, Westfield. Dr. Cameron expects to come a little later.

Mrs. F. Stevens and little child arrived this week to visit her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Bridges. Miss Nettie Bridges who has been visiting her sister in Montreal returned home with Mrs. Stevens.

Dr. W. P. Broderick, Mrs. Broderick and little Miss Claire Broderick spent a few days at St. Stephen this week.

Mrs. George H. McKay and daughter of New York are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Whitaker, Dorchester street.

Miss Florence Whittaker (Newcastle, Pa.) is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. Hunter White.

Miss Dorothy Blizard is spending a few days at Lakeside, a guest of her cousin, Miss Catherine McAvity.

Dr. Gordon Sanction spent a few days in St. Stephen this week, attending the annual dental convention.

Miss Elizabeth Furlong is visiting at Sussex.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Jones, daughter and son and Miss Grace Schofield have gone on a two weeks' fishing trip to Mr. Jones' camp on the Nepisiquit.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McPherson (Winnipeg) are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. White.

Miss Angela Magee, who earned twenty dollars by making brass holders for knitting needles, using exploded shells which she joined by fuses.

Colonel McLean spent the week-end in the city and returned to Valcartier on Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy W. Thomson and Mr. and Mrs. P. Caverhill Jones leave today by automobile on a trip to Portland (Maine) and other American cities.

Mr. J. A. MacLaren has returned from a visit to his brother, Mr. J. A. MacLaren, who is now in the city.

Mr. Downer, Mr. Gas, Mr. D. King, Haden and many others.

The Manor House, Glen Falls, has already become a very delightful place to entertain either in a large or small way. This week many informal luncheons, afternoon teas and dinners have taken place.

Mrs. Charles Coster entertained at the Manor House at a very delightful dinner and dance in honor of her son Mr. Bayard Coster. The dinner was served in one of the private dining rooms, the floral decorations were pink gladioli. After a sumptuous dinner a delightful programme of dances was played by Miss Hogan and thoroughly enjoyed in the ball room by a large number of ladies and gentlemen present at Te Manor House.

Mr. Coster left on Wednesday for Camp Sussex. Amongst the dinner guests were Mrs. E. C. MacNeill, Miss Kathleen Coster, Miss Mary Blizard, Miss Gertrude DeBury, Mr. Shelton, Montreal; Mr. Guy Merritt, Mr. F. C. McNeill and Mr. Campbell Mackay.

A wedding of much interest to many St. John friends was solemnized by Rev. Arpad Godean, Williamstown, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Chilton Longley Harvey, Lancaster, Ont., when Mrs. Beattie Gibson Shaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, Maryville, N. B., became the bride of Colonel D. M. Robertson, M. V. O., of Williamstown, and formerly commanding officer of the 48th Royal Highlanders, Toronto. The bride was charmingly gowned in white satin with marine overdress, with heavy pipings of satin trimmed with old lace and carried a shower of roses, roses, orchids and lilies of the valley. The bride was attended by a wedding trip of several weeks.

Colonel and Mrs. Robertson will occupy the Manor House at Williamstown for the summer returning to Toronto to reside in the winter. The bride's travelling gown was a navy blue tailored suit with black velvet hat with white whip. Only a few intimate friends and relatives were present including the bridegroom's brother, Mr. Fawcett Robertson, Miss Robertson, Montreal; Mr. E. Osler, Toronto, and Mr. Gibson R. Shaw, New York.

Mrs. W. D. Foster left this week for St. Andrews where she will spend the summer with her sister, Mrs. Sills.

Miss Black, Amherst, is the guest of Mrs. Harold Godean at her summer residence in the Park, Rothesay.

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Mrs. T. Barclay Robinson leaves today to visit Mrs. Guy Robinson at St. Andrews by the Sea.

Mrs. G. R. Margolis, Alexandra street, returned home from Upper Canada, where she had been called owing to the sudden illness of her mother who is now improving.

Mrs. John A. Pugsley entertained at the Manor House at a very delightful dinner and dance in honor of her son Mr. Bayard Coster. The dinner was served in one of the private dining rooms, the floral decorations were pink gladioli. After a sumptuous dinner a delightful programme of dances was played by Miss Hogan and thoroughly enjoyed in the ball room by a large number of ladies and gentlemen present at Te Manor House.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Schofield and son Master Chipman, are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Robinson, Westfield.

Mrs. William Pugsley entertained most enjoyably at luncheon and bridge at her residence, Rothesay on Friday.

The Douglas avenue branch Soldier Comfort Association will serve tea on Friday afternoon, July 23rd, at the Bungalow, where a delightful afternoon may be looked forward to. The admission will be 25 cents in aid of the Fund.

Mr. Lawrence Scovell left on Saturday last for Fredericton where he joined Mr. Allison Taylor, Mr. Robert Randolph and Mr. Cecil Fitzgerald, and on Monday the party left for Edmundston, and will have their canoe shipped there. They will start from Edmundston and will make some side trips while en route to Fredericton. They expect to cover 300 miles during the trip.

The Royal Standard Chapter I. O. D. E. at their last meeting voted fifty dollars to be sent to the Knights of Columbus for the Serbian Fund; also each member sent an individual donation for hospital supplies. At this meeting it was announced that through their agent Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, nearly four hundred dollars had been collected in St. John by her towards buying band instruments for the 56th Battalion. It was voted that fifty dollars be added to the amount collected by Mrs. Smith for the same purpose from the Royal Standard Chapter.

Bring your knitting and come to the Bungalow At Home on Friday, July 23rd. Take the ferry at 5 o'clock and have a nice cup of tea at a very small fee and add to the Soldiers Comfort Fund.

Rev. F. L. Orchard preached an appropriate sermon to them.

Mrs. R. E. Guy Smith of Montreal, who has been the guest of her mother, has returned to her home in Montreal.

Miss Jennie Beardsley of Montreal is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry Bourne.

Miss Dorothy Hanson of St. Andrews is visiting friends in town.

Miss Murray of St. Stephen is the guest of Miss Pearl Oldham.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strain and son Ronald are spending a few weeks in Hampton.

Mrs. Winchester and little son of North Bay, Ontario, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith and son.

Miss Edith J. Pinnamore left on Saturday to visit Fredericton friends.

Mrs. Charles Chase is visiting friends in Burton.

Miss Janet Brown and Miss Kate Brown left on the evening express on Tuesday for Halifax, where they will visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. McEwan, Miss Marguerite McEwan and Miss Muriel McEwan, Northern Spys, Ribston Pipin and other apples equal in flavor to the Nova Scotia product. In the southern part of Charlotte county and indeed in the lower St. Croix valley the climate is favorable to the production of the tender varieties such as King of Tompkins, Northern Spys and Greenings. In Westmorland county, past history indicates that many sections are particularly adapted to fruit raising, and that this industry in that county and in some portions of Kent could be successfully carried on.

Now with regard to the returns from apple growing. It is very foolish to suppose that there will be tremendous profits. Mistakes will be made in the selection of varieties, and in the preparation of the orchard. There may be other circumstances, but that there is a very fair return on the careful fruit grower is a fact, and that the amount of these returns depends very largely upon his own efforts. Joseph Hawkins of Sugar Island, York county, had a neglected orchard of one hundred and thirty trees on which, including overhead charges, was made an expenditure of two hundred and twenty-four dollars and twenty cents. His receipts in 1911 amounted to three hundred and twenty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents, leaving one hundred and three dollars and five cents net profit on one and a half acres, which is equal to about fifty-nine per cent. on the value of his land. The trees were not of the best class, for had they been and the orchard been planted and raised with proper care, the annual cost would not exceed thirty-three dollars and sixty-two cents per acre for spring work. In the following year that orchard returned a net profit of three hundred and forty-one dollars and seventy-five cents per acre. During these three seasons the orchard was operated by the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, and the average net profit was one hundred and seventy-eight dollars and ninety-four cents per acre. Very few other branches of Agriculture could show such a return as this.

Word has been received here by Dr. W. D. Rankine that his son, Lieut. Franklin Rankine left on June 22nd to join his division in France.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Stanline Brown are visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. W. White at Shediac. Master Robert Brown is spending his holidays at "The Lodge."

At Lower Coveville, Albert county, an orchard of six hundred and twenty-five trees averaging thirty-five years old, was owned by H. L. Steeves. Eight rows of trees, comprising two hundred and seventeen trees, were taken over by the Department of Agriculture, and an expenditure of seven hundred and twenty-two dollars and ninety-eight cents made, this including spring work of one hundred and fifty-three dollars and twenty-seven cents, and harvesting expenditure, particularly for barrels, of five hundred and sixty-nine dollars and seventy-one cents. The revenue was one thousand, two hundred and sixty-eight dollars and ten cents, leaving five hundred and forty-five dollars and twelve cents net profit on three acres, or one hundred and eighty-one dollars and seventy cents per acre, which on the valuation of five hundred dollars per acre is a return of thirty-two per cent. In 1913 the net profits were eighty dollars and thirty-four cents per acre, and in 1914 one hundred and four dollars and sixty-six cents per acre, giving an average net profit for three years of one hundred and twenty-two dollars and twenty-four cents per acre. Had this orchard been planted to the higher selling varieties returns would have been considerably greater.

Establishing an Orchard

It is estimated that for the establishment of a thousand trees apple orchard the expenditure will be one thousand, one hundred and eighty-five dollars, including the price of the land, that the cost of maintenance will be seven hundred and eleven dollars for ten years, making a total of one thousand and eight hundred and ninety-six dollars until such time as the orchard is bearing. During the first ten years this land should yield ten dollars per acre net profit from incense after payment of all charges for cultivation. From the sixth to the tenth year the yield of fruit will be small, but for these years should return a total of three thousand dollars net. From the eleventh to the thirty-fifth year there should be in all, sixty-three thousand dollars net profit. From the sixth to the thirty-fifth year, twenty-nine years in all, the annual profit would average two thousand, three hundred and twenty-seven dollars, which is equal to one hundred and fifty dollars per acre, and after deductions are made for all possible losses there would be a much better return on the investment than would generally be had on industrial enterprises.

Strawberries

In the matter of strawberries, two of the leading growers in the province are O. W. Wetmore of Clifton, and J. C. Gilman of Fredericton. Strawberries bear the second year from planting, and Major Wetmore follows the practice of taking a crop off in both the second and third years, while Mr. Gilman harvests only one crop. Major Wetmore finds that his costs per acre including the price of boxes, freight charges, labor in picking and packing, and all cultivation expenses, average three hundred and twenty-seven dollars, and that on the first crop he would clear an average of two hundred and thirteen dollars per acre. On the second crop where his outlay is less and his revenue also somewhat less, his profit is slightly smaller, amounting to roughly two hundred dollars. Mr. Gilman estimates that for the first and second years' cultivation and harvesting his outlay is two hundred and ninety dollars and his income is six hundred dollars, leaving him a net profit of three hundred and ten dollars per acre. Similar figures and reports may be given covering raspberries, currants and other small fruits, and the Department of Agriculture will be very glad to furnish whatever information is required along these lines.

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MONCTON

Moncton, July 16.—Lieut. John L. W. Harris, of this city, has returned from Kingston, Ont., where he took an officer's course qualifying for lieutenantancy. Lieut. Harris also took a course at R. M. C.

His Honor Lieutenant Governor Joseph Wood, of Sackville, passed through the city Saturday from Montreal en route to his home.

Sir Alexander Lacoste, formerly chief justice of the supreme court of Quebec, was at the Brunswick on Monday, and left on the Ocean Limited for Montreal.

Mrs. Fred Kinear and children of Ottawa, is in the city, visiting relatives.

Mrs. Dr. A. McLean and baby, of Truro, is in the city visiting relatives.

Mrs. O. J. McCully left on Tuesday for Halifax where she will visit relatives for a few days.

Mrs. Harry Williams of Knoxville, Tenn., is spending some days in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Williams, Park street.

GRAND BAY

Miss S. Duncan of Sackville is at present time visiting here, the guest of Mrs. Chas. Patterson.

On Monday evening last a number of young ladies met at the home of Miss Ida Belyea and formed a sewing society to do work to be distributed this coming winter to the needy in St. John. Miss Alice Hawkins was elected president and Miss Edith Jenkins secretary-treasurer.

Miss Gertrude McHarg of the city was the week-end guest of Miss Leota Dixon.

Mrs. and Mrs. A. C. Wells of St. John spent the week-end here, guests of Mrs. M. H. Dunlop.

Mr. J. T. Wiswell and family and Mr. Bert Morton of Boston were the guests of Mrs. Chas. Belyea, "Breeze Brae" cottage this week, having made this trip by auto.

Miss Phyllis McDonald of New York was the guest of Miss Geraldine Mellick one day this week.

On Thursday afternoon the meeting of the Red Cross Society was held at the cottage of Mrs. A. E. Baxter.

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