FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

Saturday, Dec. 9.

It is surprising the difference it makes in a city like St. John once the jingle of the sleigh bells is heard on the streets. Even those who walk step more briskly and laugh more joyously because of their silvery accompaniment. Then, too, considering the season of the year, one cannot help but associate their merry clang with the coming of Christmas; of Santa Claus, and his centuries old herd of reindeers. The shops are beginning to assume their holiday garb and the tea tables, at afternoon functions, their decorations of holly and mistletoe.

Friday evening of last week Mrs. Allison and Miss Kaye were hostesses at a bridge of tables which was thoroughly enjoyable. The prize winners were Mrs. F. J. Harding, Mrs. G. F. Fisher and Miss McGivern. Others present were Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. Charles Coster, Mrs. C. W. Schofield, Mrs. D. Carleton Clinch, Mrs. Ward Hazen, Mrs. F. Allison, Mrs. F. Caverhill Jones, Mrs. deB. Carritte, Mrs. James U. Thomas, Mrs. Simeon Jones, Mrs. George Murray, Mrs. Clarence de Forest, Mrs. George Wetmore, Mrs. R. D. Paterson, Mrs. F. J. Harding, Mrs. G. F. Fisher, Miss Agnes Warner, Miss McGivern, Miss Frances Kerr, Miss Laura Hazen, Mrs. H. A. Kaye and Mrs. Charles Kerr.

Mrs. Ronald McAvity received for the first time since her marriage on Wednesday and Thursday of this week at her artistically furnished apartments on Chipman Hill. Mrs. McAvity's gown was a handsome black velvet, trimmed beautifully with old Limerick lace which formed a deep collar on the bodice, and trimmed the short sleeves. With this was worn the exquisite pearl necklace, the gift of the groom. One large pink rose added much to the beauty of the costume. In the dining room the lace centered mahogany tea table had as decoration white fresia, placed in a cut glass vase. Presiding were Mrs. J. S. MacLaren, gowned in heliotrope satin veiled with black and white striped chiffon, heliotrope hat, and Mrs. Murray MacLaren, who wore royal blue silk veiled with marquisette, blue and gold toque. Assisting them were Mrs. W. Henry Harrison, Miss Ethel Emerson, Miss Kathleen Trueman and Miss Marjorie Lee. Receiving with the hostess was Miss Vera MacLauchlan, wearing her bridesmaid gown of mauve satin veiled with ninon and trimmed with knotted silk fringe. On Thursday the dining room was presided over by Mrs. George McAvity, elegantly gowned in white satin, veiled with green chiffon, and trimmed with lace, smart hat to match, and Miss Tina McLaren, in handsome English costume of black satin combined with grey and white, black hat with plumes. Assisting were Miss Alice L. Fairweather, Miss Jean Trueman and Miss Ethel McAvity. Receiving with the bride was her sister, Miss Mary MacLaren, who wore her pretty bridesmaid costume of green satin veiled with white ninon and trimmed with white silk fringe.

Mrs. Roland H. L. Skinner will receive on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 13 and 14, at her residence, 131 Wentworth street.

This week Mrs. Ronald McAvity gave a "traveling" shower for Miss Lou Girvan, which was both unique and enjoyable. The gifts were stored on the deck of a diminutive ship, silver hearts strung on the rigging represented sails, while flying from the topmast was a large flag on which was printed in gold the word "prosperity." To complete the nautical illusion, a sailor lad stood at attention, in the midst of the cargo on board and helped to deliver the goods as required.

Major and Mrs. H. A. Kaye left on Friday evening for Boston and Montreal.

Mrs. W. D. Forster has returned from Boston and is at Mrs. Wilson's, 111 Paradise Row, for the winter.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. George McAvity, Orange street, invited a number of relatives to meet Miss Lou Girvan. Dainty refreshments were served, after which Miss Girvan was presented with a Christmas bonbon of generous dimensions, and a very handsome work basket, the latter having a padlock fastening with heart shaped lock. The bonbon was a dainty creation of silver tissue paper tied with white satin ribbon and fastened with orange blossoms. Gold hearts were on the fringed and gathered ends. The bonbon, which was brought into the drawing room on a large silver tray, when opened, contained everything necessary for the furnishing of the pretty work basket—a useful gift, daintily presented.

At the L. M. Club on Wednesday evening Mrs. Alexander Fowler gave a dinner of twenty-six covers, which was much enjoyed by those present.

The decorations were suggestive of Christmas. After dinner bridge was played, the prize winners being Mrs. Gordon Sancton, Mr. John Sayre, The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Emerson, Mr. and Mrs. George Mahon, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Sancton, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Miss Mollie Robinson, Miss Margaret McAvity, Miss Jean Trueman, Miss Elise McLean, Miss Janie Stone, Miss Winifred Barker, Mr. John Sayre, Mr. Harold Stetson, Mr. Cyrus Inches, Mr. Allen Thomas, Mr. J. Belyea.

Mrs. Frank Allison gave one of a very delightful series of informal bridges at her residence, Garden street, on Wednesday evening. Being the hostess' birthday, a pretty lighted and decorated cake formed a feature of the evening's enjoyment. The prize winners were Mrs. George Murray, and Mrs. Charles Bostwick. The guests included Mrs. L. R. Harrison, Mrs. Charles Bostwick, Mrs. W. C. Schofield, Mrs. D. Carleton Clinch, Mrs. George Murray, Mrs. George Hegan, Mrs. Likely, Mrs. Fred Foster, Mrs. R. D. Paterson, Mrs. Daniel Mullin, Mrs. Ward Hazen, Mrs. G. F. Fisher, Mrs. Charles Kerr, Miss Florence Kerr, New York, Miss Ethel Jarvis, Miss McGivern, Miss Kaye, Miss Laura Hazen.

A Saturday night bridge club has been formed. The first time of meeting being at the residence of Mrs. Royden Thomson, Germain street, last Saturday evening. The members composing the club are, Mrs. Percy Thomson, Mrs. Harold C. Schofield, Mrs. John M. Robinson, Mrs. Louis Barker, Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Mrs. J. Lee Day, Mrs. F. White, Mrs. W. Angus, Mrs. F. C. Jones, Mrs. Alexander Fowler, Mrs. Walter Harrison, Mrs. Jas. Seeley, Mrs. Royden Thomson and Miss Katherine Bruce, Mrs. T. Ecott Ryder, Mrs. R. K. Jones.

Mrs. Frank Starr will entertain at tea on Monday and at a ball on Wednesday evening at her residence, Carleton street. Both events are given to introduce her daughter, Miss Alleyne Starr, and Miss Gertrude Scovil, cousin of Miss Starr.

Miss Daphne Crosby gave a "sweets shower" for Miss Lou Girvan, last Saturday afternoon at her residence, Germain street. After tea and dainty confections had been partaken of a large tub filled with sawdust was brought into the drawing room. In the midst of the sawdust, there stood a Christmas tree decked in tinsel, and other suitable decorations, and lighted by colored candles Hidden in the sawdust were jars of dainty condiments, each having a red ribbon attached and Miss Girvan was of course the one privileged to discover them. The guests were Mrs. W. Angus, Mrs. Gordon Sancton, Mrs. Sewell, Mrs. Barnes, Hampton, Mrs. Homer Forbes, Mrs. W. Lockhart, Mrs. J. W. McKean, Mrs. Ronald McAvity, Mrs. H. Fielding Rankine, Mrs. D. B. Pidgeon, Mrs. Spangler, Mrs. McCaskill Mrs. Norman Sancton, Miss Mabel McAvity, Miss Margaret McAvity, Miss Florence Rainnie, Miss Lillie Raymond, Miss Lydie Kimball, Miss G. Bullock.

Mr. and Mrs. Thebaud are occupying Mrs. W. D. Forster's suite of rooms in Duke street, for the winter.

Mrs. Thomas McAvity entertained delightfully at tea on Wednesday and Friday afternoons of this week. On Wednesday in the drawing room. Mrs. McAvity was handsomely gowned in black lace over white silk. Her daughter, Miss Ethel, who assisted her in receiving wore coral pink broadcloth, trimmed with lace. Mrs. Herbert Flood and Mrs. George McAvity presided at the prettily rose decorated tea table. Mrs. Frank Fairweather, in green velvet with knotted fringe and lace trimmings, served the ices. Assisting with the refreshments were, Miss Alice L. Fairweather, Miss Jean McDonald, Miss Elise McLean and Mrs. T. Escott Ryder. Included among the guests were Lady Tilley, Mrs. Dever, Mrs. J. Morris Robinson, Mrs. Charles Fairweather, Mrs. C. E. L. Jarvis, Mrs. F. E. Sayre, Mrs. George F. Smith, Mrs. L. R. Harrison, Mrs. W. O. Raymond; Mrs. DeSoyres, Mrs. F. E. Barker, Mrs. Inches, Mrs. William Hazen, Mrs. deB. Carrite, Mrs. Alfred Morrisey, Mrs. Easson, Miss Kaye, Mrs. Charles Kerr, Mrs. Silas Alward, Mrs. Cruickshank, Mrs. H. H. McLean, Mrs. Barnaby, Mrs. Simeon Jones, Mrs. W. E. Foster, Mrs. H. C. Schofield, Mrs. James Stratton, Mrs. Stetson, Mrs. Alexander Wilson, Mrs. Edwin Stewart, Mrs. D. Carleton Clinch, Mrs. Knowlton, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Steven McAvity, Mrs. Charles McDonald, Mrs. G. B. Hegan.

Miss Lois Colston is the guest of Miss Nancy Kingdon, Mecklenburg street.

Miss Eugenia Jewett, of Brookline (Mass.), is the guest of the Misses Clinch, Charlotte street.

Mrs. James M. Magee, Wellington row, entertained on Wednesday at a largely attended reception given for the purpose of introducing her daughter, Miss Marion, one of this season's debutantes. Mrs. Magee was gowned in a modish black satin costume trimmed with lace. Miss Magee wore a lovely white satin gown with marquisette veiling trimmed having pearl embroidery, and she wore a white rose on coiffure. Presiding at the handsomely appointed tea table were Mrs. Ward Hazen and Mrs. Shives Fisher. The ices were in charge of Miss Clara Schofield. Feathery yellow and white fuschias adorned the tea table. The young ladies who assisted were Miss Bertie Hegan, Miss Madeline de Soyres, Miss Daphne Crosby, Miss Grace Magee, Miss Mary MacLaren, Miss Alleyne Starr. Among those present were Mrs. Barclay Robinson, Mrs. Easson, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. Simeon Jones, Mrs. H. S. Bridges, Mrs. DeSoyres, Mrs. Neales, Miss Symonds, Mrs. John McAvity, Mrs. Murray MacLaren, Mrs. J. L. McAvity, Mrs. G. F. Smith, Mrs. T. H. Bullock, Miss Bullock, Mrs. Roland Skinner, Mrs. W. O. Raymond, Mrs. David McLellan, Mrs. J. F. Harding, Mrs. James L. Dunn, Mrs. George Robertson, Mrs. G. B. Hegan, Miss Homer, Miss Mills, Mrs. Knight, Misses Jessie and Louise Knight, Miss Eliza Hegan, Mrs. Edward Manning, Mrs. H. B. Robinson, Miss Kathleen Gillis, Miss Jenetta Bridges, Miss Winnie Raymond, Mrs. Alexander Macaulay, Misses Bertha and Eunice Macaulay, Mrs. W. MacLauchlan, Miss Jean Leavitt, Miss Lorna Kaye, Miss Celia Armstrong, Mrs. Sheffield, Mrs. Thos. Raymond, Mrs. Pope Barnes, Miss Lillie Raymond, Miss Jean White, Miss Vivien Barnes.

Very general regret is expressed at the removal from St. John to Winnipeg of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Easson. Mr. and Mrs. Easson have been prominent members of the smart set in this city and their going away at a time when so many hostesses are absent from the city, will be a distinct social loss, but the best wishes of numerous friends will follow them to their new home in the west.

The marriage of Miss Constance Gladys Handfield Robinson, daughter of Mrs. Augustus Robinson, M. D., and Mr. William P. Hibbert, of Calgary (Alta.), took place on Wednesday, Dec. 6, in St. Luke's church, Annapolis Royal (N. S.), Rev. H. How performing the ceremony. Although it was intended that the wedding should be in the presence of only the near relatives, friends of the bride filled the body of the church and it was also due to them that the beautiful evergreen arch was erected beneath which the happy couple stood during the marriage ceremony. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charming in a white satin gown without train, veiled with marquisette, the bodice having collar and sleeves of lovely lace, a large black picture was worn, a sheaf of crimson roses was carried, and a handsome pearl and peridot necklace, the gift of the groom, completed the very dainty costume. During the ceremony the organist of the church played the wedding march and the choir rendered beautifully the Voice That Breathed O'er Eden. Afterwards the bridal party drove to Hillsdale, where luncheon was served and later Mr. and Mrs. Hibbert took the train for Halifax, from which place they will start for their home in Calgary. The bride's going away gown was of tailored blue broadcloth with hat to match. Numerous handsome wedding presents testified to the popularity of the young couple. The bride's gift to the groom was a gold watch and fob chain. Numerous friends in St. John and elsewhere wish for Mr. and Mrs. Hibbert a long and prosperous life.

Miss Edith Turner, who was the guest of Mrs. Herbert Beresford this autumn, left for her home in England, last Saturday, by steamer Grampian.

Mrs. Charles F. Baker is a guest at Miss Armstrong's, 47 Sydney street.

Mrs. E. S. Ranney Murray was hostess at tea on Tuesday afternoon at her handsome residence, Douglas avenue. In the drawing room, which was beautifully decorated with flowers, Mrs. Murray wore a very elegant English gown of heliotrope crepe meteor with Brussels point lace yoke and sleeves, ornaments amethysts and pearls. Receiving with her was her daughter, Miss Florence Murray, in primrose silk with tunic of white crystal beaded net embroidered with pearls and silk. In the dining room the beautifully appointed tea table had as decoration, handsome antique silver candelabra and white chrysanthemums. Presiding at the table were Mrs. G. R. Price and Miss Margaret Murray. The waitresses were Mrs. Alexander Holly, Mrs. Robert Travis, Mrs. Alice Winters, Miss Cecil Roberts, Miss Muriel Sadlier, Miss Bertie Armstrong, Miss Beatrice Price, Miss Annie Colter. Mrs. George Murray served the ices. Mrs. Perley Barnhill in Dresden blue silk with veiling of blue ninon, and Miss Louise Murray in grey satin brocade, conducted the ladies to the dining room. A few of those present were Mrs. Charles McDonald, Miss Gwen McDonald, Mrs. George Hilyard, Mrs. Sadleir, Mrs. Struan Robertson, Mrs. Noel Sheraton, the Misses Miriam and Grace Hatheway, Mrs. Morris Paddock, Miss Hilton Green, Miss Bessie Adams, Mrs. Kuhring, Mrs. F. Ellis, Miss Elizabeth Robertson, Mrs. Fraser Gregory, Mrs. Alfred Porter, Mrs. Tapley, Miss Marion Holly, Mrs. J. Russell, Mrs. Robert Travis, Mrs. F. E. Beatteay, Mrs. F. Barnhill, Mrs. B. Dowling, Mrs. W. Pearce, Mrs. Nichols, Miss Laurence, Mrs. G. Nixon, Miss Jean Nixon.

On Monday afternoon Mrs. Fraser Gregory entertained at tea at her residence, Douglas avenue. It was a largely attended and handsomely arranged function. Mrs. Gregory when receiving her guests wore an elegant imported gown of pink satin, embroidered in rose pattern and veiled with pink marquisette, ornaments diamonds. Miss Beverley, of Fredericton, in a becoming grey voile costume, received with the hostess. In the dining room the handsomely appointed tea table was presided over by Mrs. McLelland, of Fredericton, and Miss Louise Murray. Assisting with the refreshments were Mrs. J. J. McCaskill, Mrs. Winter, Mrs. F. E. Williams, Mrs. Rutherford and Miss Mary Tapley. Mrs. Angus McDonald and Miss Ada Tapley conducted the ladies to the dining room.

Mrs. Biederman and daughter, Miss Pauline Biederman, who, having been visiting relatives in Toronto, are expected home between Christmas and New Year's. Miss Biederman attended the grand ball which was given in Toronto for their royal highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.

The nurses' sale on Tuesday afternoon and dance on the evening of the same day at the Keith assembly rooms promises to be a great success. In the afternoon there will be candy tables, fancy work and doll tables, games of chance and the house of mirth. In the evening a feature will be the Scotch dances and some gentlemen will dance the Highland fling. Contributors are requested to send in their donations to one of the committee or to the Keith assembly rooms on Tuesday morning.

Mrs. E. A. Smith's lecture, An Evening With Longfellow, was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present. Mrs. Smith was at her very best, notwithstanding that she was suffering from a sprained arm, contracted by a fall on a slippery sidewalk.

Mrs. Ryder had a meeting of the junior chapter of the Daughters of the Empire at her residence, Wentworth street, on Tuesday afternoon. One of the events spoken of in the future was a skating carnival and later, perhaps, a ball; these to furnish means for charitable work.

The Women's Canadian Club executive arranged to meet the train last evening by which the Princess Patricia of Connaught passed through St. John on her way to Ottawa. They expected to present her with a royal bunch of Killarney roses.

It is good news that Mr. W. S. Harkins is to bring some up-to-date plays here about Christmas time.

Mr. D. K. Hazen and Miss Katie Hazen returned from Ottawa Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomson have returned from New York.

Mr. Walter Allison has returned home from Clifton Springs.

Mrs. John Gillis, Union street, will entertain at tea next Thursday afternoon.

Miss Elise McLean has returned from Boston, after witnessing the Harvard-Yale football match.

The death is recorded at Seattle of Mrs. Bertha Vanwart, sister of Mr. Clarence Allan, of this city.

Miss Ethel Smith is the guest of her brother-in-law, Mr. Gillis Keator, at Halifax, during Mrs. Keator's absence in Boston.

Miss Muriel Gillis is home from the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, to remain some weeks.

The Knights of Columbus held a successful smoker at Keith's assembly rooms on Thursday night.

A very pleasing event occurred on Thursday afternoon in the C. M. B. A. rooms, when the newly organized St. Monica Catholic Ladies' Benefit Society met and presented to His Lordship Bishop Casey a silver vase containing twenty-five red roses in commemoration of the twenty-fifth year of his priesthood. An address accompanied the gift.

Mrs. Edmund Breese is the guest of her mother, Mrs. H. D. Landry, Leinster street.

ROTHESAY

Rothesay, Dec. 7—Kingston deanery has been holding its meetings here this week at St. Paul's church. Among the attending clergymen were Rural Dean Hanington, of Norton, who was guest of Mr. Stewart Fairweather; Rev. Mr. Crowfoot, of Hampton, was also at Mr. Fairweather's home. Rev. Mr. Wilkinson, of Springfield, guest of Rev. R. W. Hibbard, Rev. Mr. Tobin and wife, Jemseg, guest of Mrs. Brock; Rev. Canon Neales, Sussex, guest of Rev. A. W. Daniel; Rev. Mr. Warneford, Johnson, guest of Mr. D. D. Robertson; Rev. Mr. Campbell and wife, Hampton, guest of Mrs. W. J. Davidson; Rev. Mr. Lawrence, Kingston, guest of Mrs. T. L. Robinson. On Wednesday the party were invited to lunch at Hampton rectory, and left here by the suburban train. On Tuesday the visitors were entertained at dinner, at the recory here.

Miss Rubins, of Gagetown, who has been here visiting her aunt, Mrs. James McMurray, goes home today.

Mrs. George Freeze, of Edmonton (Alta.), with her little son Donald, is expected by today's C. P. R. to spend three months with her parents here.

Last evening (Wednesday) the Woman's Social Circle was held and was largely attended. The programme included a book guessing contest," the prize being won by Mrs. Chisholm. Solos were sung by Miss Cole, and dainty refreshments served. The committee in charge was Miss Tees, Miss Fraser, Mrs. McFadzen, Miss L. Thomson.

Mr. Gordon Gilbert is steadily gaining toward convalescence.

Yesterday's C. P. R. brought home Mr. Frank Bogart, who has spent some months on his ranch in Alberta.

Mrs. Thomas Bell gave a very pleasant sewing party on Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Harold Green left on Tuesday for Brownville, Maine, to fill a position with the C. P. R.

A most enjoyable toboggan party was given at Kinghurst on Tuesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Allison. The moonlight was perfect, snow sufficient for good coasting and temperature just pleasant. Some of the guests were Mrs. Charles Taylor, Miss Alice Davidson, Mr. Jack Davidson, Misses Donville, Miss Dorothy Purdy, Miss Jean Daniel, Mrs. R. P. Foster, Mr. Harold Brock, Miss A. Puddington, Mr. Brown, Mr. Fred Taylor, Miss Florence Gilbert and Mr. Cecil West.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell leave tomorrow (Friday), for Boston to attend the marriage of Mr. Bell's niece, Miss Bell, which will take place in St. Paul's church, Boston. Miss Bell has visited in Rothesay and has many friends here who extend sincere good wishes.

Mrs. John H. Thomson was hostess yesterday afternoon at a greatly enjoyed sewing party, among her guests being Mr. and Miss Domville, Mrs. Hibbard, Miss Brook, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Charles Taylor, Mrs. W. S. Allison, Mrs. Thomas Bell, Mrs. B. C. B. Boyd, Mrs. and Miss Daniel, Mrs. Starr, Mrs. Longley, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. Turnbull, Miss Fraser, Miss Longley, Mrs. Blanchet, Mrs. Davidson, Miss Davidson, Miss Kinsman, Miss Alice Green, Miss Saunderson, Mrs. Frink and others. Mrs. Walter A. Harrison and Miss Marjory Barnaby were here from St. John and assisted in sewing. Mrs. Longley poured.

Miss Erica Wilrich's many Rothesay friends will be glad to hear of her expected arrival here on Friday. Miss Wilrich has been studying in Germany and is returning home to Quebec. Stopping a few days with her sister who is a pupil at Netherwood.

Mr. James Domville left on Friday for England, after a visit to his parents, Senator and Mrs. Domville.

Mr. John Purdy and Miss Purdy leave at the week end for New York to take steamer for Bermuda, where they plan to spend the remainder of the winter.

News of the death of Miss Maude Clarke which took place in Boston this week, was heard here with regret. Miss Clarke has spent many summers at Hillhurst Hotel.

HAMPTON

Hampton, Dec. 7—On Monday afternoon the Hampton Ladies' Curling Club held their annual meeting, at which their operations for the present season were discussed and the following officers elected: President, Mrs. E. G. Evans; vice-president, Mrs. G. M. Wilson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. R. A. March. The club will take up regular practice at the rinks as soon as good ice forms, and at such times as the ice is not in use by the Hampton Curling Club for local or foreign games. They look forward to several interesting contests with other ladies' clubs, and also to some mixed games with the men's club.

The Hampton Bridge Whist Club held its second gathering this season on Tuesday evening at the Wayside Inn, Mrs. William Langstroth being the hostess. Seven tables were arranged in the dining room of the hotel, and a very pleasant and successful evening was passed. Those present besides the hostess and her family were Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. March, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Schofield, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Angevine, Mr. and Mrs. T. Wm. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Barbour, Mrs. C. Henry Smith, Mrs. N. E. Humphrey, Miss Peacock, Miss Thurber, Miss Marjorie Barnes, Miss Minnie Travis, Miss Fannie Alward, Miss Emma Alward, Mr. A. J. Brooks, Mr. M. Innis. The winners of first prizes were Mrs. Barbour and Mr. R. A. March, and consolation prizes fell to Mrs. Humphrey and Mr. A. J. Brooks. The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Smith, Main street, Hampton Station.

Mr. T. Wm. Barnes and his son Roland left on Tuesday's midnight express for Amherst to attend the Maritime Agricultural Fair.

On Tuesday evening a large number of the young friends of Miss Grace Flewwelling made her a surprise visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Flewwelling, at their beautiful residence at Hampton Village. Among those present were the Misses Pauline and Agnes Williamson, the Misses Mabel and Blanche Crandall, the Misses Josephine and Louise Scribner, Miss Belle Brittain, Miss Florence de Voe, Miss Helen Collins, the Misses Ethel and Minnie Robertson, Miss L. Bailey, Miss Jennie Fleming, Miss Janie Robinson and Messrs. Ronald Evans, Otty Barnes, Harry Warneford, Percy Tait, Rev. Geo. Farquhar, Joseph Heaton, Gilford Flewwelling and D. Fleming. A most delightful evening was spent in gay social intercourse, with music, games and dainty refreshments.

Mr. Kilpatrick, of Vassie & Co.'s establishment, St. John, spent the last week-end at Hampton Station, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Barbour.

Last week an accident happened to Albert Fisher, of Lakeside, while he and his father, Mr. Charles Fisher, were in the woods, back of his property, which necessitated the young lad's careful removal to his home where, after receiving medical aid, he was brought into a fairly comfortable condition, and is now on the way to recovery.

Mr. Joseph Heaton came down from Montreal at the end of last week, and is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Evans.

Mrs. Trites, of Salisbury, who is visiting with Mrs. G. G. Scovil, Main street, was seized with a fit while out walking last week, and was for a time unconscious. She has since been under the care of Dr. S. S. King, and is recovering.

SACKVILLE

Sackville, Dec. 6—The death took place on Thursday, after a short illness, of Mrs. James O'Neill, at the age of twenty-nine years. Deceased leaves three children.

Miss Martha Avard, of Salem (Mass.), arrived here on Monday evening to be with her mother, who is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

The death of William Ayer, son of the late Cyrus Ayer, occurred on Saturday, from paralysis of the brain. Deceased was seventeen years old, and was a young man of great promise. Much sympathy is felt for his mother.

The Methodist ladies of Middle and Upper Sackville have organized a reading circle, which met at the home of Colonel Harper for the first time on Friday evening, with Mrs. Harper as president. Mrs. Fred George presided on this occasion and gave a synopsis of the book Western Women in Eastern Lands. Other ladies to take part were Mrs. Lawson Smith, Mrs. Ernest Wheaton and Mrs. Bliss Fawcett. Miss Elizabeth Harper gave a reading, and Miss Winnifred Harper sang two solos.

Mrs. Collins, of St. John, is the guest of her sisters, the Misses Duncan.

Dr. Anna Law Avard, of Amherst, who was called to Washington some time since to be with her sister, Mrs. Bowman, whose son was ill with typhoid fever, returned home last week, and she and her husband, Dr. Charles Avard are nicely settled in their home on Church street.

Mrs. W. E. Campbell was visiting friends in Amherst last week.

Mrs. Charles Estabrooks entertained a number of young girls in honor of her daughter Luella's fifteenth birthday.

Mrs. James Cadman, of Shemogue, was in Sackville Monday en route to Amherst, where she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. W. Donkin.

Mr. Lou Buckley, of Mt. Allison University, preached at Amherst Head on Sunday, and was guest of Rev. J. E. Donkin at the Methodist parsonage.

Mrs. Fred Thompson, of Upper Sackville, is in Amherst during the winter fair, and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lou Ripley.

A pretty wedding took place recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bedford Hayward, Timber River, when their daughter, Ada Maud, became the wife of Mr. Austin Andrew Allen. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. E. Chapman in the presence of a large number of invited guests. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman will reside in Amherst.

Mrs. Reuben Wheaton, of Moncton, is the guest of Miss Ogden.

Miss Grace Donkin and Miss Nellie Donkin, of Mt. Allison, spent Sunday in Amherst Head, the guests of their parents, Rev. J. E. and Mrs. Donkin. They were accompanied by Miss Martha Tuttle.

Mr. James Allen and Miss Clara B. Allen, of Botsford, were married on Nov. 22.

Mr. Archer, teacher at Salem school, has resigned and next term will take a course of manual training at Fredericton.

Mr. Harrigan, teacher of the 7th and 8th grades in the High school, has also resigned, and will spend the winter with his parents in Carleton county.

A very successful sale and high tea was held on Thursday evening in the vestry of the Methodist church, by the Ladies' Sewing Society. The tea tables were presided over by Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Awasa Dixon, Mrs. Gains Fawcett, Mrs. D. Fraser, Mrs. F. C. McCready, Mrs. Alexander Ford, Mrs. Fred Turner, Mrs. Woodford Turner, Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Hatfield, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Humphrey Pickard, Mrs. DesBarres, Mrs. James Palmer, Mrs. Edgar Dixon, Mrs. Secord, Miss Agnes Lucas, Miss Mabel Dixon and Miss Annie Carter; candy table, Miss Dorothy Hunton, Miss Gladys Borden, Miss Ethel Hickey and Miss Mabel Oulton; fancy table, Miss Jennie Richardson, Mrs. Allison and Miss Lulu Ford; ice cream table, Miss Edna James and Mrs. Horace Ford.

Mrs. Lewis Avard, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is convalescent.

The Presbyterian church, which has been closed since the resignation of Rev. A. B. Dickie, has been reopened with Mr. S. R. Prince as pastor.

Miss A. McDonald left last Saturday for her home in Pictou (N. S.)

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Allard last week.

The sum of $200 was realized at the high tea on Thursday, which goes towards placing electric fixtures and an open fire place in the Methodist parsonage.

SHEDIAC

Shediac, N. B., Dec. 7—Miss Bessie Wortman was recently the guest for a short while of St. John relatives. Miss Wortman also visited Moncton during the week.

Miss Nina Givan, professional nurse, of Worcester (Mass.), arrived in Shediac this week to spend some time with her parents, Captain and Mrs. Givan, Shediac Cape.

Mrs. Fred. Moore and little daughter Emily, of Moncton, visited Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Moore during the week.

Miss Cameron MacDougall left recently to spend a week with friends in St. John.

Mrs. T. J. Gallagher has been visiting relatives in Newcastle.

Mrs. J. V. Bourque spent part of the week with relatives in Amherst.

Mrs. H. S. Bell, who was the guest for a few days this week of her sister, Mrs. D. S. Harper, returned to her home in Moncton on Wednesday.

Mr. Lelacheur, of St. John, was the guest this week of Rev. J. and Mrs. Howie.

Mrs. Louis Comeau, of St. John, was in Shediac this week the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Bourque.

Mr. D. DeBlois Harper is expected to arrive today from Calgary to spend a few weeks in town, the guest of his mother, Mrs. D. S. Harper.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig, of Bedeque (P. E. I.), spent Sunday in town, the guests of Rev. George and Mrs. Steele.

Mrs. D. S. Harper was in Moncton during the week, the guest of Mrs. Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Stuart Campbell, of Sackville, were guests for the week-end of Mrs. Chas. Harper.

Miss May Harper returned on Monday from spending a few days in Moncton, the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Bell. Mrs. H. B. Steeves and Miss Beatrice, Harper were also guests of Mrs. Bell on Saturday last.

Mrs. Frank Smith and son Dean have returned to Moncton from spending a few weeks with Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. C. Harper.

FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 7—News of the death of Mrs. Bowder, wife of Augustus Bowder, immigration commissioner for New Brunswick, was received here today. She died in England. Mrs. Bowder resided for several years in Douglas and had many friends. She leaves her husband, one son and one daughter.

It is reported that at the meeting of the local government here last week officials of the agricultural department had their salaries boosted to the extent of $800. Secretary Hubbard came in for an increase of $300.

Fredericton men, who recently purchased trotting horses in New York were compelled to pay at the rate of $50 a ton for hay to feed animals in the cars.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick, wife of Fred Kirkpatrick, day porter in the Queen Hotel, died this morning after a brief illness of pneumonia.

Mayor Thomas announced this morning that he did not intend offering for a third term as chief magistrate. It is said that Alderman Hooper may offer for the position. Several members of the present council have announced that they will not seek re-election.

Sheriff Holden, of Sunbury county, held court at Burton at noon today for the purpose of receiving nominations to fill the seat in the house of assembly made vacant by the resignation of Hon. J. D. Hazen. The name of Warden George A. Perley was the only one placed in nomination and he is elected by acclamation.

Fredericton, Dec. 7—The Misses Beverly were the most extensive entertainers of the past week and their at home on Wednesday afternoon was attended by over 100 guests. In the tea room Mrs. J. Fraser Gregory, of St. John, and Mrs. R. W. McLellan presided over a daintily laid table, of which the color scheme was white and green. Ropes of southern smilax extended from the electrolier to the four corners of the table, which was centered by a tall venetian glass of white chrysanthemums. Mrs. Gregory wore a dainty gown of pale blue flowered ninon over pale blue satin with painted panels, with a large picture hat of pale blue satin with pink trimmings and pearl ornaments.

Mrs. R. W. McLellan was in blue marquisette over blue silk with picture hat of black velvet and white ostrich plumes.

Miss Cunningham invited the guests out and wore pink ninon over pink satin with lace and black velvet hat. The young ladies who assisted were Miss Tibbits, in black satin and black hat.

Miss Hazen Allen—White embroidered gown and black hat.

Miss Edith Edgecombe—Cream ninon with paisley bordering over white satin; large hat.

Miss Louise Edgecombe—Embroidered marquisette set in with Irish crochet lace over white satin, black velvet hat with ermine and willow plumes.

Miss Helen Mersereau—White point d'esprit over white silk with blue trimming and white hat with black trimmings.

Miss Muriel Masters—White embroidered lingerie.

Mrs. Thos. Rankine, of St. John, was here this week for a few days, the guest of Mrs. Luke Stewart.

Mrs. Ketchum gave a dance for the younger set on Thursday evening at Elmcroft.

Miss Muriel Masters was hostess at a girls' tea on Thursday afternoon and was assisted in receiving her friends by Miss Jeannette Beverly. Mrs. R. W. McLellan presided in the tea room and poured tea and coffee. Mrs. J. Fraser Gregory, Miss Cunningham and the Misses Beverly served.

The Misses Beverly were again hostesses on Friday evening at a bridge of ten tables. Mrs. J. Fraser Gregory assisted Miss Beverly in receiving and was handsomely gowned in black net embroidered in pink and black over chiffon and pink satin and wore handsome diamond ornaments. As the guests passed on to the second parlor they were welcomed by Miss Jeannette Beverly and Miss Muriel Masters. A large number of very handsome new gowns were worn for the first time. Mrs. W. H. Steeves was the winner of the first prize. Mrs. Harold Babbitt won the second and Mrs. J. Fraser Gregory, of St. John, the out-of-town visitors' prize.

Mrs. Walter Gillis entertained the Monday Club with other friends dropping in at the tea hour. Mrs. John C. Allen was the winner of the club prize and Mrs. Wesley Vanwart the visitors' prize.

Mrs. Hedley Bridges and little son were in St. John last week for a few days.

Mrs. R. W. McLellan was hostess at an enjoyable thimble party on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. A. Reid was also hostess at a thimble party on the same evening.

After a pleasant visit with her friend, Miss Whitaker, Miss Magee has returned to her home in St. John.

Mrs. J. Fraser Gregory, of St. John, who has been spending the past week here with her aunts, the Misses Beverly, returned home on Saturday, accompanied by Miss Beverly, who went down to attend the at home given by Mrs. Gregory on Monday, and assisted Mrs. Gregory in receiving her guests.

Mrs. R. W. McLellan went to St. John on Monday morning, where she was the guest of Mrs. Gregory and poured tea. At that function Mrs. McLellan wore primrose yellow satin and large picture hat. Mrs. Gregory entertained at a bridge of five tables on the same evening in honor of her guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. F. Randolph are visiting in Boston.

Miss Lynch was among the visitors to St. John this week.

Mrs. James McNally left last week for Connecticut, where she will spend the winter.

Mrs. A. T. McMurray was the entertainer of the Monday Club this week, when Miss Cunningham was the prize winner. Mrs. McMurray was again hostess at an afternoon bridge of five tables on Tuesday, when Mrs. Walter Gillis was the prize winner.

Mrs. McGregor, of Montreal, has been staying a few days with her friend, Mrs. W. W. Hubbard.

Prof. Charles G. D. Roberts, of Fredericton, was one of the speakers at a poetry dinner given recently in London by the Lyceum Club of that city.

The Ladies' Club met on Tuesday evening with Mrs. Sterling, when Mrs. Harold Babbitt, a guest for the evening, won the prize.

Mrs. H. G. Chestnut will entertain at a thimble party tomorrow evening.

Mrs. Weaver and Mrs. Shute were today joint hostesses at a smart tea and received at Mrs. Weaver's residence. Mrs. Weaver looked very dainty in a gown of pink chiffon with yoke and sleeves of white net and pearl trimmings and wore pearl ornaments. Mrs. Shute wore pale blue silk with pink oriental trimmings and pearl ornaments. The orchestra, stationed across the hall, rendered a fine programme of music. In the tea room Mrs. W.