

AN HOUR ON THE ICE.

OR, THE POET PHILLIPS AND THE CHILDREN.

How They Had a Happy Hour, Practising New Movements—How Tommy Cotter Saw and Balked—The Melancholy End of the Sport—A Winter Idyl.

When the photograph was taken from which the engraving below was made, the poet Phillips had enjoyed a great day.

Seventeen merchants had responded to his profane demand for the loan of a post-stamp, nine citizens had given him each three cents to cross the ferry, and after imbibing nine several drinks, he had six cents left over.

It was under the stress of enthusiasm aroused by the drinks and the possession

of so much capital that he started for Lily lake to show the young folks how to skate.

They were ready to take lessons.

Tommy Cotter, who had happened that way with a load of liver and bacon, sneered at the efforts of the bard. Tommy was a prejudiced party, however, and no one minded him.

The sport went merrily on for an hour. Once during that time the poet stumbled on his face, and his nose burned a hole through the ice, so that the skaters thought themselves obliged to put up a "Danger" sign.

Still everybody was happy—the poet most of all. He taught the children fancy figures such as they had never dreamed about. His own was the most fancy one of all, but the excitement ran so high that nobody noticed that.

It is saddening to reflect that such a happy gathering had an untoward ending—yet thus it was fated to be. In the midst of his most dazzling display, the poet Phillips, who had wandered from his beaten track on the ice, fell in a moist place.

He gasped feebly, pressed his hand to his forehead and stared wildly around. "You never told me that there was water here!" he moaned. "I haven't come in contact with water for nineteen years!" And he fell fainting on the ice.

The gentlemen who are seen at the extreme left of the picture are on their way for a sloop to take the unfortunate man to the almshouse. Arrived there he will be disintegrated, fumigated and given a bed in the stable—if the other cattle don't object.



SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

(CONTINUED FROM FIFTH PAGE.) BORDER JOTTINGS.

St. Stephen Dec. 6.—"The time for swapping presents," as Mr. Nye cheerfully designates the Christmas season, draws on apace, and the majority of our young ladies are busily engaged in trying to solve the problem of doing 24 hours work in twelve hours, with what results the 25th of December will decide. Our town however, is wearing a most un-Christmas-like aspect. The sun peeps out occasionally on a dismal expanse of mud and ice, and truly a good descent of the beautiful snow would be, to use a rather antiquated simile, as welcome as the flowers that bloom in the spring.

I am told that a play is projected by the ladies of Trinity, and will be put before the public in a few weeks.

Mr. M. L. Young of Vanceboro made a flying trip to St. Stephen, on Friday last, returning by Saturday's train.

Mr. Clewly Stevens has obtained a situation in Boston, and gone to swell the number of St. Stephen boys already at the Hub.

Mrs. J. M. Murchie has returned from a several weeks visit to Boston.

Major Tilton, deputy minister of marine, was in town on Thursday of last week.

Miss Alice Cullineth left this morning to visit friends in St. John.

Miss Alice Stevens leaves home this week for quite an extended stay in St. George, Woodstock and St. John.

Mr. Chas. Grant has been confined to the house for some time, suffering from the effects of a severe fall, but his many friends are pleased to see him again at his place of business.

Mr. Fred Stewart has also been obliged of late to carry a substantial staff having given his ankle quite a severe twist by a fall on icy pavements in St. John.

A most commendable undertaking and one which will doubtless be crowned with success, is the children's private charity sale to be held tomorrow at the residence of Mr. C. H. Clerke.

Rev. Mr. Harrison spent Sunday in town.

CHATHAM BRIEFS.

CHATHAM, Dec. 5.—Miss Mary Harrison, of Woodstock, is the guest of Mrs. George E. Fisher.

Miss Carrie Knight, of Musquash, is paying a visit to her friend, Mrs. Russell.

Mr. Theo. DesBrisay has recovered from his late accident and is able to attend to his business again.

Mr. Walter Miller was in town last week, taking leave of his friends previous to his departure for Russia. Mr. Miller intends opening extract works in Russia.

Mrs. A. A. Anderson entertained her numerous friends, last Friday evening, with whist and dancing.

There was a very enjoyable "at home" at the residence of Mr. D. Ferguson, last night.

Mr. R. H. C. Benson leaves next week for an extended trip to Vancouver and the Pacific slope.

ROYAL.

DORCHESTER DOYS.

DORCHESTER, Dec. 6.—Court sessions always make a little stir in Dorchester, as, probably, in most other shire towns in the province. A number of outside lawyers are generally present at the opening, and our own contingent swells the crowd very considerably. Among the strangers this term I noticed Messrs. Harvey Atkinson, Geo. P. Thomas, J. A. Harris, R. B. Smith and R. W. Hewson, of Moncton; Messrs. T. A. Kinnear and H. A. Powell, of Sackville, and Mr. W. A. Russel, of Shediac. Both Judges Botsford and Wedderburn were in attendance.

Mr. G. B. Fowler, who has been taking a vacation trip for some weeks, returned home on Friday. Mr. Wells has also returned from Baltimore, looking and feeling better for his visit.

Mr. Mason, agent of the Halifax Banking company at Truro, and Mr. A. E. Cogwell, accountant at St. John, have been in town as witnesses in a civil suit at present being tried in court.

Hon. Senator McLellan was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Landry gave a very pleasant drive-whist party Thursday evening at their residence on Mechanic street. A large number of guests were present, including several from outside places, and all were delighted with the evening's entertainment.

Mr. R. W. Hanington is visiting friends in Fredericton.

Post Office Inspector King was in town last week. It is to be hoped that he pointed out to our officials that something might be effected in the way of improvement in both the arrangement and the management of our office.

Miss Peters has gone to Boston to take charge of one of the public hospitals there.

Mrs. A. J. Hickman has gone to St. John to spend the winter.

Mr. J. R. Campbell is again at home, enjoying a short holiday before going to work in St. John. He intends opening an office in Ritchie's building, and will no doubt do as well as he deserves. He looks much better after his long stay in Fredericton and Yarmouth.

THE SHIRE TOWN OF KENT.

RICHMOND, Dec. 5.—A circulating library is about to be established in Richmond. Such an institution should be heartily supported by all our citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry O'Leary threw their hospitable doors wide open last night and the youth and beauty of the town assembled to enjoy a good time, and to do honor to the good things prepared for them by their kind hostess. Dancing and other amusements were the order of the night.

Among those present were: Miss Miller, Miss Hudson, Miss Ferguson, Miss Phinney, Miss J. Hannah, Miss Caie, Miss Annie Ferguson, Miss Florence Caie, Mr. Fred Ferguson, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Carman Bliss, Mr. Wm. Forbes, Mr. David Hudson, T. C. Weeks, M. D., and Mr. Edward Brown.

Mr. Walker C. Miller leaves for England today en route for Russia, where he will reside. Walter was a special favorite and will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Almon is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Upham Bliss. She will probably remain the winter.

Mr. Maurice Holloran has returned from Tignish, P. E. I., where he had been sojourning for the good of his health.

Mr. Frank Curran, of Moncton and Master Harry Curran are visiting at the Union.

Capt. Barker and Mr. Joseph Weeks were in town this week.

Mr. John Beattie, of the I. C. R., and Miss Mary, daughter of Mr. J. McPherson, were married at New York on Wednesday by the Rev. Mr. Cameron. The many friends of the bride and groom will join in congratulating them and wish them every happiness this life affords.

LEILA.

Always Something New and Useful.

This may be truthfully applied to Messrs. Estey, Alwood & Co's efforts to place before the buying public the latest articles made in rubber. The mill supply season being almost over, and the demand for belting being somewhat lessened, they are now devoting their energies to rubber goods generally. Rubber shoes are a specialty with this firm and the variety kept is something wonderful. Among their specialties are the popular Paragon and Stanley overboots for ladies, and the Longwood, Brunswick, and Hub, for gentlemen. They are also opening some choice rubber garments from London, that ladies should see, as they are the latest London styles. Gentlemen also should buy the new sewn and taped tweed coats, in new materials. This improved method of making waterproof coats prevents giving away at the seams, and makes rubber clothing the most desirable to buy. They are also opening Christmas specialties, among which are some large rubber dolls that must delight the heart of any child that is fortunate enough to receive such from Santa Claus, or otherwise. No doubt this firm would be pleased to see all the readers of this paper.

—Advt.

What "National Policy Jam" is.

One of Progress' advertisers, Mr. D. J. Jennings, 171 Union street, sent a small parcel to this office Wednesday, which when opened was found to be a pot of "National Policy Jam." One of the staff began to fool with the article and was rewarded for his pains by the top flying open and a very noisy imitation bust of Sir John A. Macdonald popping out. No further explanation was needed for the queer name.

"WHILE THERE'S LIFE," ETC.

The Seasonable Souvenirs Some of Our Manufacturers Send.

A little black boy, as naked as the law allows, decorated with bows of orange ribbon, looks down from the wall upon the desk of one of the writers for PROGRESS. He—the boy—is black because he has never used the St. Croix's Soap company's granulated brand. That's the inference conveyed by the pretty placard.

Portraits of Dora Wiley, Annie Pixley, Agnes Herndon and Irene Verona come from Stewart's soap works. Each of these fair ladies wears an inviting smile and "recommends you to try" Maple Leaf soap. Misses Pixley and Verona like it so well that they left most of their clothes off, when they were photographed, to show how it operates. Misses Wiley and Herndon have only washed their faces with it, apparently, but the result is dazzling. Almost any girl would be willing to use a ton or two of the soap if it would make her face look like Dora Wiley's.

The Messrs. Stewart send out also some very fetching comic cards and a set representing the flags of China, the United States, Mexico, Turkey and Spain—the inhabitants of all which countries use Maple Leaf soap, of course. The most attractive of their advertising publications, however, is a calendar for 1899, which is introduced by a plump and pleasing person of the feminine gender. This young lady is evidently of a reserved and retiring disposition, yet every man who falls in love with her sweet face will surely take courage from the thought that, "While there's life there's soap."

They Went to Law About It.

Andrew Malcolm purchased some coal, a few days ago, and the cartman who hauled it to his residence charged him 30 cents for the job. Mr. Malcolm found fault with the charge and refused to settle. He was sued for the amount, Thursday.

Both plaintiff and defendant allege that it is not the money but the principle that is at stake.

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All chronic, wasting diseases are the result of bad digestion or attended with it; and the great result to be accomplished first is to correct this defect. Nervous Debility and Neuralgia are often the results of nerve starvation. The weary hours of pain and the sleepless nights of those suffering from nervous diseases are but the beseechings of the exhausted nerves for food.

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The new and beautiful goods consists of a splendid assortment of gold and silver watches, chains, fobs, bracelets, bangles, necklets, lockets, brooches, bairpins, lace pins, cardrops, nubs and rings, sleeve buttons, links, collar and bosom studs, and a grand assortment of set and hand finger rings, of all first-class styles, at low prices; solid silver articles in table ware, napkin rings, etc.; opera glasses, spectacles and eyeglasses, together with a fine display of diamonds and other precious gems, which can be set in any style to order on the premises. Do not forget the address, and please call before purchasing elsewhere.

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1. Opening Address.....The President

2. Mixed Quartet.....Miss E. Burridge, Mrs. F. Dodge, Mr. J. A. Coster, Mr. Chas. Stackhouse.

3. Reading.....Miss C. Burridge

4. Clarinet solo.....Mr. Chas. Coster

5. Reading.....Rev. J. O. Crisp

6. Duet.....Miss E. Burridge, Mrs. F. Dodge

7. Reading.....Mr. John C. Leonard

8. Flute solo.....Mr. Fred. R. Linde

9. Reading.....Miss Margaret Ellis

10. Song.....Miss Coy

11. Piccolo solo.....Master G. Dunham

12. Male Quartet.....Messrs. F. Linde, A. Coster, J. Leonard, C. Stackhouse, J. Leonard, God Save the Queen.

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