

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

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## IRIS TALKS ABOUT HALIFAX.

MARCH 18.—A cold wave swept over the city on Tuesday last, a preliminary reminder that Jack Frost does not intend to abdicate quite so soon as the late spring-like weather might have led us to suppose. The flag again floats from the tower of the exhibition building, announcing that the ice is in good condition. Off we go, with storm clouds turned well up, covering the cars, feeling as if the biting wind sweeps around, that winter has returned in earnest. But once on the rink, who cares for cold or storm! The Leicestershire band is excellent; their selections are well chosen. Some of their waltzes, particularly, are charming. Several among the more courageous of the officers looking into the new regiment have ventured to adjust their skates. In regarding them in this new role, we are carried back to Dickens, and forcibly reminded of that memorable Christmas day when Mr. Winkle takes his first skate. But courage is half the battle, and long before this time next year the young warrior, having by that time become a proficient in the art, will, as he guides his fair partner in the value, look back with some amusement to the days when this same lady held out her hand to him as he frantically endeavored to maintain his centre of gravity. But it is really astonishing how quickly our garrison officers learn to skate, often-times, after a few weeks of practice, outstripping in grace and agility the resident waltzing. Several almost as soon as he learned to walk.

This passion week, therefore society has withdrawn itself from amusement. Consequently every breath of freedom from excitement, but this but one week remains, and then comes the glad Easter-tide, followed by a re-awakening to social life.

Among other amusements to which we are looking forward with anticipation, is the coming of an opera troupe. This is a treat which we do not often enjoy, consequently we trust that it may be the most enjoyable we understand, however, that its record in Montreal was good. We are promised such gems as the *Gondoliers*, *Fra Diavolo*, *Ernani*, *Marieta*.

Among the passengers on route for Bermuda on Saturday last, was Mrs. E. D. Tucker, who has gone to be present at the wedding of her niece, Miss Gosling, who shortly after Easter is to be married to Major Vallentyne of the 17th regiment, which by the way is to be a very grand affair.

Another engagement which we have much pleasure in announcing is that of Mr. Edward Bolton, the young partner of the firm of Gordon and Keiths, to Miss Allison, of Windsor. This young lady, one of Windsor's fairest beauties, is a general favorite in society so it is with much good will we extend our congratulations to the happy young man.

On Friday last, Mrs. A. Drysdale gave a progressive euchre party at her residence on Victoria Road. On that it was a capital affair as indeed is every entertainment given by this lady, for who could be otherwise than joyful under the bright influence of so bright an hostess! Among the guests were Miss Currie, Dr. Kirkpatrick, Miss Frye, Miss Leech, Dr. Currie, Miss Leech carried off the first prize while Dr. Kirkpatrick as a reward for his success in obtaining the Booby won a handsome box filled with havana.

Much to the surprise of his many friends, Lieut. Grant, R. N., arrived here on the trooper. He remained in the city but three days, (what happens for one young lady), leaving again for his regiment in England in the Ontario.

Mrs. W. B. Wallace, who has been spending some weeks in Bermuda, returns in the Alpha on Sunday next.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalziel have taken rooms at Belone hotel, Bedford, where, we understand, they intend sojourning for some weeks.

On Tuesday evening last the Leicestershire minstrels gave their first performance in the Academy of Music. Their band is very fine, composed of regular brass band, and is a second one, besides entirely of real instruments; to listen to which is simply delightful; the music sounds so soft, so clear, and devoid of that chattering almost indolent with the brass band.

Well, the old West Riding has come; the young ladies watched the good ship *Orontes* out of sight, then quietly turned with smiles to welcome the new regiment. The majority of the officers being unmarried render them doubly interesting to the fair sex, so, that depend upon it, after Easter there will be any amount of gaiety—make hay while the sun shines—Colonel Rolph is by birth a Canadian, and a great favorite with his regiment, Mrs. Rolph, unaccustomed to our severe climate, will not leave Bermuda before the end of April.

Among the few social events which took place during the past week, we may mention a telephone party at Fernwood, the residence of Mrs. James Thompson.

Mrs. Middletons, who has been spending the winter with her mother, Mrs. Wm. Duffus, leaves for her home in England early in April. Mrs. Middletons' bright face and charming manner will long be missed in our circles.

Col. and Mrs. Jolly return home on the same steamer, also Mr. and Mrs. James Morrow, who intend taking an extended European tour.

Miss Mabel Gregory of Fredericton is the guest of Miss Barnes, Tobin street. Miss Gregory has already been quite a favorite; it is hoped her visit will extend some time after Easter, otherwise there will be great lamentation among the waltzers.

The first among the fashionable weddings to be celebrated after Easter will be that of Miss Maud Graham, to Mr. Ernest Gregory of Antigonish. They are to be married in St. Luke's cathedral. Miss Graham, it is rumored, instead of the conventional white satin veil and orange blossom, will appear in bonnet and travelling costume.

Halifax has produced another waltz. Ye gods! When are we going to stop? This time it is a literary girl attending the ladies college who has dashed into print. Might we suggest something? Would it not be a good idea for the three waltzers to unite? We will suppose a meeting where it is decided to compile the three papers in one. It could be managed in this way by selecting the strongest writers from each; they would thus be able to produce something really readable. And we should no more be afflicted by having to waltz through those worthless columns, which are written by nearly full up.

The mission in the Roman Catholic cathedral of St. Mary's is still continuing. The men's week opened on Sunday night last. Every evening since the great edifice has been crowded to its utmost capacity. Father Himmell, S. J., the conductor of the exercises, is a most eloquent speaker, possessing that rare gift of captivating his audience without any seeming effort on his part, and at the close of his sermon making them feel that instead of his hour, he has endured but a few minutes, a tall, dark, southerner, his very presence commanding respect and looking at that gaunt form at the rather narrow face, it is up by wonderful dark eyes, which give a charm to the whole countenance, we can almost imagine that there stands before us some medieval saint, who has lately been in such close communion with heavenly thoughts, that there still beams in his countenance something of that beauty which we call genius.

## HAMPTON.

[Progress is for sale at Hampton station by T. G. Barnes, and Geo. E. Frost, and at Hampton village by Messrs. A. & W. Hicks.]

MARCH 19.—The Butternut club met as usual on Saturday evening.

Dr. Geo. L. Taylor, M. P. P., is at Fredericton attending to his legislative duties.

Mrs. E. McLeod, M. P. P., Mr. W. W. Weldon, and Mr. L. A. Curry of St. John, were in town on Tuesday on professional business.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Whelpley have closed their house for a few weeks and are occupying rooms at the Vendôme.

ter Eva Blanch, who died on Wednesday last after a short illness of that dreadful disease, diphtheria. Mr. E. T. C. Knowles, Mr. J. O. Biederman and Mr. F. H. Post, were among the visitors at Hampton this week.

Miss Hammond and Miss Raymond are visiting friends in St. John.

Miss Smith who has been spending the winter with her aunt Mrs. Evanson has taken a room at the Hotel Vendôme, during her aunt's absence.

Mr. T. A. Peters is in attendance at the annual session of the Provincial Farmer's association at Fredericton.

Mrs. B. S. Fowles and daughter are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Noah M. Barnes, Linden Heights.

Mr. Charles Humphrey, who has been visiting his sons in St. John, North End, returned home last evening.

Judge and Mrs. Wedderburn paid a visit to the city on Saturday.

Dr. F. H. Wetmore has removed to Mrs. Robert W. Barnes'.

Mr. Walter Flewelling, who has been quite ill, is out again.

Sheriff Freeze was in town on Tuesday.

Miss Borden has been spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Dawson, in Montreal, returned home this week.

## WOODSTOCK.

[Progress is for sale in Woodstock at Everett's Bookstore.]

MARCH 18.—I noticed in last week's Progress the statement that the literary club was composed of the "youth and beauty" of Woodstock. I would not have raised the slightest objection if the correspondent had said a "portion" of the youth and beauty, but I do make a protest because I know at least thirty of the youth and beauty do not belong to the literary club. I hear that the portion who do belong enjoy themselves amazingly, and the club is in a flourishing condition.

Social events are few and far between in these days, but we are living in hopes of a gay and joyful Easter, with its train of social happenings, chief among which will be the telegraphers' ball in the opera house on Easter Monday evening. It promises to be even more brilliant than usual, and I heard that the music is to come from Calais.

There are faint whisperings about the rounds of a fashionable wedding in June—the "leafy month of June"—one of our fairest belles being the bride-elect. I cannot mention names, as it is not yet formally announced. The happy young man, I hear, is brilliant and clever, and a resident of Montreal.

Miss Minnie Winslow is expected home soon from Montreal, where she has been spending the winter. She is a great favorite in Woodstock, and has been much missed from the social gatherings, so her return home will be an occasion for rejoicing among her hosts of friends.

Mrs. Norman Winslow and Miss Annie Vanwart last returned from a pleasant trip to St. John and Fredericton.

Miss Manie Allen left on Wednesday last for Prince Edward Island, where she is going for a lengthened visit.

Miss Faulkner, missionary to Africa, who has many warm friends here, will be home the first part of next month for a vacation.

The Misses Lugin, of Fredericton, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodford Ketchum spent Sunday at Upper Woodstock, with Mr. Ralph Ketchum.

## ANDOVER.

MARCH 17.—Much sympathy is expressed for the family of Mr. Thomas Cameron on account of the death of Miss Nellie, which occurred on the 4th inst. Although the day was stormy, the large number who attended the funeral showed the esteem in which the young lady was held.

The long illness of Mrs. Abraham Kupper terminated fatally yesterday morning. Although it was known she could not recover, still the news of her death was a great shock to her large circle of friends.

Mr. Henry Gralton, who has been spending the winter in a loving mother's care. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Kupper in his bereavement.

Rev. Mr. Johnston is holding revival meetings in the Methodist church this week. He will be assisted by Rev. Mr. Sellar, of Upper Kent.

Mr. James Porter, M. P. P., went to Fredericton last week to attend to his legislative duties.

Mr. Thomas F. Allen, warder for the Tobique salmon club, returned from Bangor, Me., last week, and has gone up to the "forks" of the Tobique to procure a supply of ice for the use of the club next summer. It is expected a large number of Americans will visit the fishing grounds the coming summer.

Dr. Black entertained a few of his bachelor friends at an oyster stew, Saturday evening, in his office. A most enjoyable evening was spent by those present.

Mr. S. Shea, of Woodstock, spent Thursday here.

Messrs. J. W. Dolly and Wm. Barber, of St. John, registered at Murphy's hotel, Monday.

Mr. Julius Graham, of Woodstock, paid us a brief visit Monday.

Mr. Frank Whitehead, of Fredericton, is spending a few days here.

Miss Mary Watson is visiting her sister, Miss Watson, of Grand Falls.

Rumor has it that one of the prominent members of the Andover S. S. club is thinking seriously of joining the noble army of benefactors in the near future.

## CHATHAM.

[Progress is for sale in Chatham at Edward John's bookstore.]

MARCH 17.—The Misses Ferguson entertained a number of their young friends last Thursday evening.

Miss Sargent is visiting her aunt Miss Harley at "Blink Bonnie."

Major Grant, of St. John, was in town for a short time last Thursday.

Quite a number of boys and girls drove to New-castle to attend the carnival which took place last Thursday night.

Miss Winslow left on Friday for St. John, where she is to spend a few weeks with her brother, Mr. E. Winslow.

The St. Michel's band gave a concert on Tuesday night, at that gaunt form at the rather narrow face, it is up by wonderful dark eyes, which give a charm to the whole countenance, we can almost imagine that there stands before us some medieval saint, who has lately been in such close communion with heavenly thoughts, that there still beams in his countenance something of that beauty which we call genius.

Mr. David Cameron, who has been ill for a great number of years, was much surprised and pleased to receive from some of his little friends a very handsome music box last week.

Mr. Owens, principal of the No. 9 district school, has resigned his position, to accept one nearer his home, I believe, and Mr. Bennett, who is studying law in Mr. Tweedie's office, is acting as substitute until a permanent teacher is obtained.

Mr. D. Desmond is spending a few days in town, which was her home before she moved to Campbellton a few years ago.

A quiet wedding took place at Mr. Wm. Russell's Douglastown last Monday evening, when Miss Mary Russell became the happy bride of Mr. Lamont. They left by the express for Boston where they will reside.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Flett moved into their new home a pretty little cottage on Duke street, last week.

Mrs. J. Whittle of Bay Du Vin is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Pallen.

The presence of dandruff indicates a diseased scalp and if not cured, leading to the hair and baldness will result. Hall's Hair Renewer will cure it.—Advt.

## ST. STEPHEN.

[Progress is for sale in St. Stephen at the book stores of C. H. Smith & Co., and G. S. Wall & H. M. Webster.]

MARCH 18.—The birthday reception given by Mrs. Freda Ham, from 7 to 10 o'clock on Thursday evening to the young friends of her daughter Josie, who was celebrating her sixteenth birthday, was a very pleasant affair. There were 70 guests present. Miss Josie Ham is a great favorite with the guests, who remembered her with a number of pretty and elegant birthday gifts. Dancing was the chief amusement. Supper was served at 10 o'clock, after which the young guests bid their hostess a reluctant "good night."

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Chipman entertained a number of friends at tea on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Braden gave a very pleasant tea party at the Windsor hotel on Thursday evening last.

The Windsor hotel is a very popular place to give parties. On Monday evening Mr. J. T. Whitlock, and his sisters, Misses Margaret and Jessie Whitlock, entertained several of their friends there.

The entertainment mentioned last week in aid of the Springhill fund will take place tonight, Wednesday. The names of the performers are a certain criterion of success. Miss Campbell, of Scotland, who is spending the winter in town with her sister, Mrs. Denton, was the first singer in the movement, and she was heartily joined by our best amateurs. Prof. Barnaby's name is a guarantee that the musical part will be a success, and the benevolent object in view will no doubt receive a liberal patronage.

Mr. David Chapman, of Dorchester, has been in town two days with his daughter-in-law, Mrs. D. T. Chapman.

Mrs. J. V. Bourque spent last week in Halifax. Mrs. Harris and children have left for Truro, where they intend to board for a few weeks.

Our Mayor, who has been spending a few days in Montreal, returned this week.

Mrs. Robert Daniel, of Pugwash, was in town from Wednesday until Monday of this week, the guest of Mrs. T. M. Black.

Mrs. Arthur Black, her sister-in-law, Mrs. Rich, of Chester, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blair.

Miss Stewart, of Dalhousie, has been spending a few weeks with her friend, Mrs. Charles Morse, "Grand Avenue."

Mr. and Mrs. Kelsie returned last week from a short trip to St. John and Fredericton. They did not extend their trip to the United States as anticipated.

Mr. A. M. Dickey, M. P., returned last Saturday from New York, much improved in health. He is receiving the congratulations of his numerous friends on his handsome majority, and was serenaded by the band on Monday evening at his residence.

Mrs. Robert Pugsley has been winning the love of all the ladies in town, by entertaining them, right royally. She gave another charming juvenile party on Friday, from four until seven, which the little ones pronounced "delightful."

St. Paul's congregation, Fredericton, are casting most wistful and loving glances on the popular pastor of St. Stephen's church, in town. We have not many good people that we can afford to part with.

Miss Hattie Black, of Upper Sackville, has been visiting her cousin, Miss Myra Black, this week. Mr. Mark Casey has returned from an extended trip to California and British Columbia. He is accompanied here as far as Boston, where she has completed his tour, which she returned home with him.

Mrs. Horace Pavett, of Sackville, has been spending a few days with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. A. G. Jones, who were among the guests, and kindly invited the members of the club to enjoy a dance at the Windsor hotel one evening this week.

Mr. C. C. Masters, of St. John, is here today, the guest of Rev. O. S. Newham.

Mr. S. J. King, of St. John, was in town on Friday.

Miss Morris, of St. John, is visiting here, the guest of Mr. D. B. Bousie.

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Mr. D. D. Durell, of St. Andrews, spent Sunday in town.

W. F. Todd has gone to Musquash for a few days.

Miss Mary Gove, of St. Andrews, who has been here the past two weeks, returned home on Monday.

Mr. Lottie Boardman has returned home after several weeks very pleasantly spent with friends in several places.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Francisco, who has spent the past year here, left on Monday, and will be back in a few days.

Mrs. Mary Thompson, who has been Mrs. G. W. Gange's guest for the past two weeks, intends to return to St. John to-morrow.

Mr. George Gilling, of Toronto, is in town to-day.

## WELDFORD STATION.

[Progress is for sale at Mrs. S. J. Livingston's grocery store, Weldford Station.]

MARCH 18.—Mr. J. D. Phinney, M. P. P., Mrs. Phinney and Miss Phinney were at the Central on Thursday night and left for Fredericton on Friday.

Mr. W. M. McLeod returned from St. John by Saturday night's express, and in company with Mr. James F. Atkinson, drove to Richibucto on Sunday.

Mr. M. T. Glenn, wife of the proprietor of the Central, is dangerously ill.

Mrs. Dr. Keith has been very ill for the past week, but is now convalescent.

Dr. J. D. Ross and Dr. M. B. Chandler, of Moncton, and Mr. James G. McDonald, of Coleville, A. C. were at the Central on Monday night.

Mr. Stephen M. Dunn, postmaster, drove to the shiretown of King's last week.

Mr. James Languin and family, of Kingston, were at the Eureka on Monday, en route to Brandon, N. W. T., where they purpose taking up their residence.

Mr. George Wry, of Kingston, left by the same train for Brandon.

Mr. James P. Cate, of the Richibucto *Revue*, was at the Eureka on Monday night, and returned home yesterday.

Mr. Wilnot Brown, manager of the K. N. railway, arrived here from St. Stephen yesterday, and left in the afternoon for Richibucto in company with Mr. James Wood, of the Kent hotel.

Mrs. Almon, of Halifax, wife of Rev. F. H. Almon, was at the Eureka on Monday night, and yesterday for Richibucto, whither she had been summoned in consequence of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Upham Bliss.

Mr. D. J. Welch, of Moncton, was at the Central Tuesday morning.

Conductor Thomas Murray, of the K. N. railway, was at the Eureka on Monday.

Miss Aggie Clark left here last week for St. John, where she will personally reside.

Mr. Thomas Morton and family, of Rat Portage, spent Sunday at the Central, and left on Monday to visit their relatives at St. Nicholas river. Mr. Morton left New Brunswick fourteen years ago, and has succeeded well in his western home.

Mr. L. A. Griffiths, of St. John, has been in town for some days.

Rev. E. B. Hooper and family will take their departure to-morrow for Moncton, where they will permanently reside. Mr. Hooper having been appointed rector of St. George's church in that city.

Mrs. Wightman, who was so seriously ill last week, is rapidly improving.

Mr. John W. Miller, of Millerton, was in town yesterday. On Monday evening he gave the members of the Weldford brass band a few hints on how to be around again.

Each season has its own peculiar malady; but with the blood maintained in a state of uniform vigor and purity by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla, little danger need be feared from meteorological influences. No other blood medicine is so safe and effective.—Advt.

to perform on the instruments, and was much pleased with the result.

Mr. W. W. Pride purposes leaving for Boston this week.

Miss Cameron, late of Newcastle, has taken rooms at "Harcourt place," and formed classes in shadow painting. Some specimens of the work done are highly creditable to both pupils and teacher.

Mr. James Flanagan, of Richibucto, was at the Borekas yesterday.

Mr. T. F. Sheridan, registered at the Central on Monday.

Mrs. W. W. McLellan, of Newcastle, is visiting at the Central.

## AMHERST.

[Progress is for sale at Amherst, by George Douglas, at the Western Union Telegraph office.]

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