

# PROVINCIAL NEWS

## FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

### Gagetown

Gagetown, Jan. 30.—The heavy snowfall of last week resulted in a tie up of the train service on the lower end of the Valley Road on Thursday, when the afternoon train for St. John left the rails at a short distance from McAlpine's, and the north bound train also suffered a similar disaster further down the line. The accidents were said to have been due to the switches being thrown out by the frost. Wrecking engines were hurried to the scene, and the derailed cars once more put on the track. The majority of the passengers who had left Gagetown in the evening, were obliged to return to spend the night, and the train officials who had to remain on the scene were hospitably received at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howlett S. Scovill.

The Women's Institute Pantry Sale was held last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. R. Reid. Although the attendance was small, owing to the heavy snow storm, \$7.00 was realized toward the Memorial Hall fund.

Those who enjoy a game of bridge are forming a bridge club which will meet weekly during the winter months. Each player will contribute something each week to the bridge club's mammoth "bank," which will be opened at the end of the season, and its contents given to the Memorial Hall fund.

The Gagetown Driving Club which was formed here some days ago, is planning to hold an interesting race on Gagetown Creek during the second week in February. A new horse which is said to show considerable speed, has recently been purchased by Gilbert Stockford of Lawfield, and this may be one of the contestants. The

officers of the Driving Club are R. S. Brodie, H. B. Bridges, H. W. S. Allingham and J. W. Hamilton; all of whom were owners or drivers of speedy horses at the New Year's race. F. M. O'Neill is secretary.

On Thursday evening the regular meeting of the Women's Institute took place at the home of the Misses Dickie, when a very enjoyable time was spent by the members present, who occupied the greater part of the evening with their fancy work. It was decided to hold the next meeting at the home of the Misses Dickie, on Friday evening, instead of Saturday. At the close of the evening two little contests were introduced to try the skill of the members. The impromptu drawing class proved much merrier. Miss A. Dingee and Miss Molly Ditty were the prize winners. The Misses Dickie served dainty refreshments.

On Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Rigby entertained a number of friends very pleasantly at a small and informal bridge of four tables, when Mrs. John R. Dunn and Mrs. Scovill were the most successful players. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Brodie, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sutherland, Mrs. John R. Dunn, Mrs. R. R. Reid, Miss Grace Gilbert, Miss Pearl Peters, Miss Frances Casswell, Miss Molly Oxy, Miss Greta Rubin, Miss Anna Jackson, Miss Lucile Nevers, Morris Scott, R. P. Scovill, H. W. S. Allingham, H. B. Bridges.

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Walter on returning home from St. John on Saturday evening, received a pleasant surprise, when they found a company of relatives gathered at the home of Mrs. R. T. Babbitt and were invited to share in a family dinner party given in their honor. When dinner was finished each guest was invited to draw for a prize, which for the majority of the guests proved to be of a very much-provoking character, but Mrs. Walter's "string" led to a beautiful collection of pyrex and aluminum articles for use in her new home, gifts from the members of the party, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Slipp, Leigh Slipp, Miss Myrtle Slipp, Mrs. Johanna Buijs, Miss Nellie Buijs, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McAlpine, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ebbett, Miss Fred Ebbett, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Corey, Miss Geraldine Corey, as well as the members of Mrs. Walter's immediate family, Mrs. R. T. Babbitt, Miss Winifred Babbitt and E. P. Babbitt.

On Monday evening the members of the Mission Band of the Methodist Church enjoyed a social evening at the home of the Misses Eldred and Lucile Bridges. The pastor, Rev. L. H. Jewett and Mrs. Jewett were also present, and the youthful members, as well as their older guests spent an enjoyable time. At the close of the evening the young hostesses served refreshments. The Mission Band is planning to give a number of social evenings during the winter.

Rev. O. H. Peters and Mrs. Peters, who were called here by the illness and death of Mrs. Peters' sister, Miss Stella Boyd, have returned to their home in Winslow, P.E.I.

Miss Edna B. Boyd, principal of the Hillsboro Superior School, and Miss Alice Boyd of the Victoria School, Moncton, have returned to their respective schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel DeVeber have returned from spending a few days in St. John.

Miss Stella Wetmore of Hampton, was the guest of Miss Laurie Law for the week-end.

The Misses Palmer have closed their home here for the winter months, and are spending the winter in Fredericton with their sister, Mrs. A. C. W. Lawson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Reid have returned from spending a few days in Chipman with Mrs. Andrew Durrant.

Mr. and Mrs. John V. Ebb are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a little daughter at their home last week.

Miss Elizabeth Robinson Scovill went to St. John on Tuesday to be one of the speakers at the meeting to be held on Wednesday afternoon in the interests of the Forward Movement.

Rev. H. T. Buckland is attending a meeting at the Kingston Deanery at Greenfield this week.

Mrs. F. C. Nevers and Roland Nevers of Lower Jemseg, were passengers to St. John on Tuesday, where Mr. Nevers will spend a few weeks.

Miss D. W. Babbitt is visiting friends in St. John for a few days.

On Monday morning the thermometer registered 35 degrees below zero, the coldest day this winter, to be succeeded by a heavy rain on Tuesday. The rain although a surprise, was just what the lumbermen needed to just the right consistency for good hauling.

### Shediac

Shediac, Jan. 30.—Despite the exceptionally cold weather, the social functions have not ceased, and the town has been lively in that regard. A very enjoyable social event took place on Friday afternoon and evening, when Mrs. W. A. Flowers, at her home, Main street, entertained a number of her lady friends at bridge. At the afternoon function guests were present for three tables, prizes falling to Mrs. H. W. McDonald and Mrs. James McQueen. Pretty souvenirs of the game fell to Mrs. A. J. Webster, and Mrs. George A. White. The aides to the hostess at serving time were Mrs. James Stewart and Mrs. Oulton.

Mr. F. M. Hudson arrived recently from Montreal, and was for a few days the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Melanson.

Mr. Leon Melanson has returned from a holiday trip to New York, Boston and Montreal.

Mrs. H. W. Murray and Miss Beatrice Harper were in Moncton this week.

The second of a series of five games of hockey was played this week, between the local teams, Beavers and G.W.V.A. The Beavers winning 8 to 6. Mr. J. A. Kelly was referee.

Mrs. John Nickerson was called to Moncton this week owing to the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. E. Friers.

Mrs. Robert Jardine is able to be out again, after her recent illness.

A number of our citizens are confined to the house, with heavy colds.

Hon. E. A. Smith came home from Fredericton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bourque have taken up their residence in Moncton.

Mr. and Mrs. Avard White and children who recently visited her parents in Millerton, have returned and taken up their residence at the Weldon for the winter.

Mrs. A. Saar and niece, Mrs. Hendrickson, have returned from a visit to relatives in New Brunswick.

Very pleasant events of the week were the afternoon tea and evening party at which Mrs. J. W. Livingstone was hostess at her home, Main street, on Wednesday. Ladies present at the tea included Mrs. E. C. Tait, Mrs. Rose, Quebec; Mrs. A. J. Tait, Mrs. Charles Roberts, Mrs. W. Avard, Mrs. James E. White, Mrs. G. A. White, Mrs. H. W. Murray, Mrs. John Condon, Mrs. A. Flowers, Mrs. P. J. Robidoux, Mrs. M. A. Oulton, Mrs. J. McQueen, Mrs. W. Brou, Mrs. H. B. P. Condon, Mrs. Paul Robidoux, Mrs. P. Condon, Mrs. H. B. Balloch, Mrs. Bellevue, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. E. R. McDonald, Mrs. O. M. Melanson, Mrs. Avard White and Mrs. Dubé.

The evening occasion was heartily enjoyed by all attending. Musical selections, with Mrs. E. Melanson and Miss B. Harper as pianists were a part of the program, while a feature of the evening to cause much amusement was the various guessing contests and "observation table."

At the latter, a pretty souvenir fell to Miss B. Harper, while at the contests, prizes were won by Miss Evans, Miss M. Harper, Miss Jardine, Mr. A. Tait and Mr. T. Morley.

The guests on this occasion were the Misses Tait, Miss Evans, Miss Weddall, Miss J. Roberts, Mrs. D. Drillo, Dorchester, the Misses Harper, Miss Jardine, Miss Melanson, Messrs. A. W. McQueen, A. Tait, T. Melanson and T. Morley. At the afternoon function the aides to the hostess were Mrs. Livingstone, Sr., who poured tea, Mrs. A. Shore, Mrs. H. W. Murray and Miss Drillo of Dorchester. The latter and Mrs. Stone assisted Mr. and Mrs. Livingstone in the evening at entertaining their friends.

Miss Gladys Smith is visiting friends in Moncton.

Dr. Sormany was recently called to Rogersville, owing to the serious illness of his brother, Rev. Father Sormany. The latter was brought to the Moncton Hospital and later to Shediac, where he is at the home of the Doctor on Sackville street.

The sympathy of their many friends in town is extended Mrs. Geo. McDevitt of Shediac, and members of



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her family away, owing to the death of their sister, the late Mrs. William O'Keefe of St. John, who succumbed, owing to injuries from burns at her home on Union street, St. John. The remains were brought to Shediac for burial. Interment taking place in St. Joseph's cemetery. The deceased was before her marriage Miss Deria Goyang, of this town.

St. Andrew's Church Guild met at the residence of Mrs. James McQueen, Sackville street, on Tuesday.

An occasion enjoyed by the Masonic Fraternity of Zealand Lodge, took place recently at the Weldon House, when their newly installed W. M., Dr. M. A. Oulton, tendered them a banquet. Mr. James McQueen was toastmaster for the pleasurable event. Previous to the banquet the following officers for the ensuing year were installed at the Zealand Lodge Hall, by D. D. G. M. Edgett, Moncton, Dr. M. A. Oulton, W. M.; S. King, S. W.; F. Doucet, J. W.; H. B. Steeves, Chaplain; Jas. McQueen, Secretary; A. White, S. D.; J. Bateman, S. S.; W. Gunn, J. S.; A. W. McQueen, J. G.; A. Muirhead, D. of G. C. G. Charter, Tyler.

A very pleasant social occasion took place during the week, when Mrs. James E. White was hostess at a bridge and tea. The game was played at seven tables. Souvenirs of the score falling to Miss Lawton and Mrs. Pascal Poirier.

Mr. Bert Welling, son of C. N. R. and Mrs. Albert Welling left town recently to take a position in Montreal.

A number of young people from town and surrounding districts are anticipating positions in the Eaton business, which is to be opened to the public in Moncton.

Mrs. E. A. Smith has been the guest this week of friends in Amherst.

The first carnival of the season has been held in the Shediac Skating Rink, and the occasion was well patronized.

The Assumption Band rendered an excellent program. The costumes of the skaters were worthy of compliment.

Miss M. Foster carried off honors for the ladies, while the prize to the gentlemen fell to Mr. Allen Tait.

Mrs. E. Ross of Quebec and little daughter, Margaret, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Tait. Mr. Ross is expected in town Saturday to return to Quebec early next week with his wife and little daughter.

Mr. Allen Tait expects to accompany his sister, and to visit in Quebec, Ottawa and Toronto.

### Hampton

Hampton Station, Jan. 31.—Mrs. and Mr. H. I. Mowat spent Sunday in St. John.

Harrison Trimble of the U. N. B. Fredericton spent last week at his home here, the supplementary examinations being written at the university at that time.

Rev. G. C. Lawrence gave an interesting lecture in the Assembly Hall of the school house on Friday evening, entitled "Air-craft in War." The proceeds will be donated towards the school.

Rev. Fr. Fraser, of Sussex, spent last Thursday here.

The Women's Institute met on Friday with Miss Minnie Travis.

The members from the Surveying Party from the C. N. R. Department have completed their work and returned to Moncton this week.

Mr. Walter Pearce, of Truro, is spending a few days with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ryan of Augusta Maine, are spending a few days with Mrs. and Mrs. Myles McCready.

Major Donnelly, of St. John, spent last Friday here.

Mrs. Fred Spence and son, of St. John, are guests this week at Wayside Inn.

Miss Elva Appleby spent last Sunday in St. John.

The Evening Bridge Club met this week with Mrs. R. A. March.

Miss Stella Wetmore of Gagetown, Miss Dorothy Spooner is spending a few days in St. John.

Miss Edith Trueman and Miss Eva Appleby, of St. John, were guests



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Miss Normanton wore her robe, but no wig yet.

The custom of the Middle Temple is to "mess in fours," and Miss Normanton had for two of her dining companions Mr. Wells Thatcher, with whom she is reading as a student, and Mr. Holford Knight, who has been a "valiant champion of women lawyers."

"I can promise the Benchers that I will behave more sedately than Queen Elizabeth did," laughed Miss Normanton merrily to a representative of the Daily Express.

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