

FROM ALL OVER THE MARTIME PROVINCES

The spring season having arrived, summer plans are being discussed and already hostesses are preparing for the usual exodus which each year takes place in days earlier in the month of May. In little gone by it was not generally the custom to leave town until after the twenty-fourth, as before that date the weather was not considered propitious for a move into the country. Whether it is that people require more rest after the strenuous gaiety of the winter season, or because of the reputed atmospheric changes, it is a fact that country residences receive their occupants much earlier now than heretofore.

Among the visitors who have been in town this week, there were several for whom social functions were given. Captain Sills and Mrs. M. S. Sills, of New York, who were the guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. Beverly Robinson, were much entertained while in the city. Mrs. Sills, who charmed everyone who met her by her amiable personality, was the guest of honor at a largely attended reception and tea given last Tuesday by Mrs. Charles Weldon at her residence on Chipman hill. Presiding in the dining room were Mrs. Dever, Mrs. W. W. MacLaughlin, Mrs. E. T. Sturdee who were grey silk with lace trimmings and black hat. The young ladies who assisted were Miss Mabel Thomson, Miss Laura Hazen, Miss Mary L. Harrison, Miss Patricia MacKenzie, Miss Gladys Foster, Miss Katie Hazen, Miss Vera Robinson, Miss Frances Hazen, Miss Ena MacLaren, Miss Frances Hazen, Miss Nora Robinson, Miss Charles Coster in sage green crepe de chine, conducted the ladies to the dining room. Mrs. J. C. Vassie, in black net over silk, served the cream. The beautifully appointed tea table was centered by a large silver bowl filled with pink tulips, placed on a silver bordered mirror. Small silver vases contained similar flowers. Exquisitely wrought candelabras held candles.

Mrs. Weldon was gowned in black silk and wore some handsome diamonds. Mrs. Sills who received with the hostess, wore a lovely mauve satin gown. Her other guests were Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. E. Sayre, Mrs. George Rolt White, Mrs. George West Jones, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Robert Thomson, Mrs. deSoyres, Mrs. Hugh McLean, Mrs. H. A. Powell, Mrs. Morris Robinson, Mrs. Simon Jones, Mrs. George W. MacLeod, Mrs. H. Beverly Robinson, Mrs. Herbert Clinch, Mrs. Percy Thomson, Mrs. John M. Robinson, Mrs. Malcolm Mackay, Mrs. Roy Campbell, Mrs. J. V. Anglin, Mrs. James Robertson, Mrs. John Boyle Taylor, Mrs. S. S. Alward, Mrs. John S. MacLaren, Mrs. Stewart Skinner, Mrs. Daniel Mullin, Mrs. Murray MacLaren, Mrs. Eason, Mrs. W. Henry Harrison, Mrs. Fred Schofield, Mrs. Harold C. Schofield, Mrs. Walter Harrison, Mrs. Simon Jones, Mrs. Madeline deSoyres, the Misses Travers, Mrs. James Jack, Mrs. Andrew Jack, Mrs. F. E. Barker, Miss Sturdee, Mrs. John H. Thomson, Mrs. W. O. Raymond, Mrs. R. Downing Patterson, Mrs. Charles McDougall, Mrs. W. MacLaughlin, Mrs. E. T. Sturdee, Mrs. Miss Gertrude de Bury, Miss Vera MacLaughlin, Miss Winnie Raymond.

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Mrs. George F. Smith and Miss Leslie Smith, who have been visiting Mrs. Norman Guthrie at Ottawa, returned home this week. On Wednesday Mrs. James F. Robertson, Carleton street, gave a very handsome luncheon. The floral decorations consisted of daffodils and narcissus. Among the guests were Mrs. Robert Thomson, Mrs. George F. Smith, Mrs. John H. Thomson, Mrs. Downie, Mrs. S. T. Hall, Mrs. Gustav Kubring, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. F. E. Barker, Mrs. Leonard Tilly, Mrs. T. E. G. G. The Hamburg concert is exciting much interest among fashionable and musical folk. That he ranks with Padewski is acknowledged by those competent to judge. It is of interest to know that Misses Hambourg, who accompanies her distinguished husband, is the daughter of Sir Kenneth Muir McKenzie, who is permanent secretary to the lord high chancellor of England.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harrison gave a pleasant informal luncheon at her residence, Chipman Hill, on Thursday. The guests were Miss Muriel Fairweather, Miss Leslie Smith, Miss Mary L. Harrison, Miss Alice Davidson and Mrs. J. H. A. L. Fairweather. Mr. and Mrs. William Godfrey, of Vancouver, who have been making the Mediterranean trip, are expected to arrive in the city this morning by steamer Tunisian. While in town, they will be the guests of Mrs. W. MacLaughlin, of Padlock street. Mr. Godfrey, who for the past seventeen years has been manager of the Bank of British North America at Victoria (B. C.), was formerly connected with the B. N. A. staff in this city.

Among those who expect to occupy apartments at the Bellevue Hotel in Rothesay the coming summer are Mr. and Mrs. James Jack, Mrs. Andrew Jack, Mrs. F. E. Barker, Miss Sturdee, Mrs. John H. Thomson, Mrs. W. O. Raymond, Mrs. R. Downing Patterson, Mrs. Charles McDougall, Mrs. W. MacLaughlin, Mrs. E. T. Sturdee, Mrs. Miss Gertrude de Bury, Miss Vera MacLaughlin, Miss Winnie Raymond. Mrs. George Rolt White is in the city from Quebec and is the guest of Colonel and Mrs. George West Jones, of Colborne street. Mrs. White is being warmly welcomed by her numerous friends. On Tuesday Mrs. Robert Thomson, Sydney street, was hostess at luncheon for Mrs. Sills, of Geneva. The floral decorations which with the other table appointments were very handsome, consisted of pink tulips and narcissus. The guests included Mrs. Sills, Mrs. George Keaton, Mrs. F. E. Barker, Mrs. John Thomson, Mrs. H. Beverly Robinson, Mrs. Herbert Clinch, Mrs. Charles Grey, of Montreal, wife of Mr. Grey, formerly manager of the Union Bank of Halifax in this city, is in town the guest of her sister, Mrs. Prince, Wentworth street.

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