

MAYFAIR'S WINNIPEG LETTER

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PARTIES may come and parties may go, but year after year the dancing assemblies continue to be among Winnipeg's smartest events. Reorganized a few years ago as the *Three Hundred Club*, the balls have a steady popularity through the winter season. None has proved more enjoyable than the brilliant gathering in the Colonial suite of the Royal Alexandra Hotel, which opened this year's dance series.

At such a gathering the problem that bewilders every true daughter of Eve is whether to follow the lure of syncopation, and cast an anti-wall-flower glance in the direction of every dancing male of her acquaintance, or to give her first attention to enjoying the smart appearance of her women friends. More and more as the season advances I realize the artistry of the present modes. Such baffling intricacies producing such bewildering simplicities. So much thought given to line, so little to ornamentation—yet how much that little counts.

Here, as at so many of the other formal functions of this season I noticed that all-black stood forth as first in popularity among the smartly dressed, while a number of the younger set favored all-white. Mrs. Ralph McGuikin and Mrs. Athol McBean wore draped gowns of black transparent velvet, which also was the choice of Mrs. Iman Salberg, who lately had returned from Europe. Mrs. P. V. Torrance wore black taffeta with pointed lace flounces revealing a floral design of shaded roses.

Miss Geraldine Wood was in black. She was with a party of the younger set who had dined together before the ball and included: Mr. and Mrs. Monty Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgman and her brother, Russell Gage, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Gemmill, Mr. and Mrs. James Carruthers and her brother, Jack Macdonald, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Harstone, Jim Mason, Clancy Smith, Margaret Richards, Eleanor Montague and Susan Decker, of Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Logan were there also, back from their honeymoon in New York, the latter, formerly Kathryn Mackenzie, looking pretty in a rose taffeta bouffant gown which had its ornamentation in elaborate cutwork bordering the flounces.

Embree McBride was a striking figure in a white moiré, which offered a most becoming contrast to her dark hair and eyes. Her sister, Mrs. R. C. Clifford, was in aquamarine satin, princess style with a deep flounce applied low on the skirt. With them was Mrs. Edward Nanton in black chiffon. She tells me her young son now is over two months old, and Hugh Colborne is his name.

Helen Poussette, in white with crystal embroideries, was one of a dinner group who had been the guest of Col. and Mrs. J. Y. Reid, with their niece, Frances Moss, as honor guest. I noticed Constance Waugh and Mary Gundy with them, as well as her brother Charles, Jack Little, Jack Woodbridge, Nat Connacher and Jack Reid.

Misty orchid shaded to violet in the chiffon frock worn by Mrs. George Heffelfinger, with great clusters of purple flowers at shoulder and waist. With them were their guests, Mr. and Mrs. DeWalt Ankeny, of Minneapolis, the latter looking dashing in cherry-colored tulle. She was

Natalie Spencer wore white with facings of pale pink chiffon. She was there with her fiancé, Arthur Burrows, son of the late Hon. Theodore Burrows, our former lieutenant-governor. Another in their party was Kathleen Burrows, looking very well in black with crystal ornaments. Some days later she left for Toronto to visit her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sifton.

Mrs. Gerald Griffin had one of the handsomest gowns, a lovely princess of dahlia crepe with the skirt floating floorward in elongated points. Mrs. Harold Riley also looked very youthful in an exceedingly becoming frock of gold satin and net. She left a few days later to be with relatives in Denver, while her father-in-law, Mr. R. T. Riley had a visit from Mrs. Sanford Riley from Worcester, Mass., and Mrs. [See also page 71]



—Two portraits by Campbell Studios

Top: Miss Hester Russell, debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Russell, of Winnipeg, and granddaughter of the Hon. the Chief Justice and Mrs. D. A. Macdonald, of Winnipeg. Lower: Miss Natalie Spencer is pictured modelling one of the "nearly new" frocks offered at the sale by members of the Junior League of Winnipeg

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Miss Lillian... debutante... daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Allan, Montreal, who made debut at Mrs. Stan-Bagg's dance for granddaughter, Clare Ward Davis, the Ritz-Carlton

Miss Eleanor... debutante... daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hosterman, Ottawa, who will return to Ottawa during the holiday season. Miss... is at present attending the University of Toronto. Portrait by Paul Horsdal

Miss Katherine... debutante... daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Lewis, of Ottawa, who is making debut in Ottawa society this season

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