WATCH HILL'S PROGRESS.

THE RHODE ISLAND RESORT EXPECTS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON IN ITS HISTORY.

Watch Hill, R. I., June 29 (Special).—Watch Hill, the growing popularity of which is winning renown for the southwestern part of Rhode Island, is now at the threshold of the most successful season in its history of five or six decades. Successful, because practically all of its ninety cottages are either rented or occupied, and this number is nine more than a year ago; because its eight hotels and inns report bookings as more numerous than ever before, and these same hotels were never in better condition to cater to the summer guest than now; because the expenditure of a small mint of money has placed the links of the Misquamicut Golf Club on a level with the best at any shore resort on the coast; because a spirit of improvement pervades the air, and never before has so much been done to make lawns and cottages attractive; because, finally, from its vantage point of ocean and bay on three sides, Watch Hill still continues specially favored by nature with cooling sea breezes.

The new Watch Hill pins its faith on the golf links. "Sea breezes, high elevation and golf links" appears in the hotel man's appeal to the public. And well may the Misquamicut Golf Club feel proud of what has been accomplished since last season. A new four-mile course of eighteen holes has been laid out and graded. Twelve of the holes are on the rolling, rocky pasture that overlooks the long expanse of East Beach. The grading has been complete, until the course is similar to a well kept lawn. The tees and greens have been turfed, while miles of pipe have been laid to insure plenty of water to keep the course in perfect condition. That it was a long and arduous task, this reclaiming of the rocky, bushy pasture, is shown by the contrast with the primeval condition on either side. The remaining six holes are on a level pasture close by a long beach pond. The golf season opens July 4, and the annual meetings of the Misquamicut Land Company and of the Misquamicut Golf Club come on Saturday next.

A new problem confronts the Watch Hill taxpayer, and the Watch Hill citizen especially, for the first time. To-morrow in the chapel the residents will assemble to discuss the advisability of accepting an act of the General Assembly of the State incorporating the Watch Hill fire district. This act is the result of the labors of a committee appointed at a meeting of the interested ones last fall. It gives Watch Hill power to raise money by taxation for fire protection, maintenance of a water supply, lighting the highways and private houses, maintaining police, improving the highways and constructing sewers. Only those eligible to vote in town affairs on propositions to impose taxes shall be eligible to vote at meetings of the district. The act takes effect on its adoption by the Watch Hill citizens. The committee will recommend its adoption, feeling that it will do much toward improving the condition of the Hill, and securing for it what is rightfully due it from the town of Westerly.

Watch Hill's cottage colony has been growing rapidly every season, until the prospects are that in course of time it will eclipse her noted rival around Point Judith's bend. The purchase of the Everett farm ten or fifteen years ago by a Cincinnati syndicate brought a few of the well known people of that Ohio city here. As the years have passed the lines have broadened, until now there are several cities that have their summer colonies here. The New-York list, with those from the Jersey suburbs, is one of which the Hill feels proud.

For years Sherman W. Knevals, senior partner in the law firm of Knevals & Perry, of No. 34 Nassau-st., has occupied Intermere, and has taken a prominent part in the development of the Hill. So also have Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Wesson, the latter being Mr. Knevals's daughter. One of Mr. Knevals's partners, Dudley Phelps, has just taken the Folly, owned by Mrs. Hoadly and Mrs. Scarborough, of New-York. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps have heretofore resided at the old Catlin place, one of the standbys of the Hill.

Another New-Yorker who takes great interest in the Hill is Mrs. Clara Hunter Stanton. She owns three cottages—the Wicktup, which she occupies; the Teepee and the Bungalow. New-York legal circles have been represented for a year or two by Thomas Thacher, of the firm of Reed, Thacher, Simpson & Barnum. This year he is joined by William Barnum, of the firm, who has taken Neowam. Last season "Tom" Reed visited Mr. Thacher, and went home suddenly because he could not find a collar big enough to fit him. If he comes this summer he will not need to go home for a similar reason.

Other New-York cottagers are C. Ledyard Thompson, of Thompson & Mairs, in the new cottage of Mrs. A. H. Anderson, of Troy, N. Y.; Manton B. Metcalf, in the Baltimore cottage; O. F. Nichols, assistant engineer of the New East River Bridge, in the Studio; Jacob Litt, manager of the Broadway Theatre, in Cloverly, and Miss Mary Phelps, at the Catlin place.

From Brooklyn are the Rev. S. D. McConnell, rector of Trinity Church, in the Anchorage, Mrs. A. W. Tenney, widow of Judge Tenney, and daughter and Mrs. F. B. Kennard, in the Moorage; from the suburbs, John Bushnall, of Plainfield, N. J., in the Bungalow; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Darrach, of Newark, in the Teepee; A. T. Enos, of Englewood, N. J., in his new unnamed cottage; R. D. Foote, of Morristown, N. J., in the Russula; R. B. Hibbard and W. C. Hastings, of Yonkers, in Boulder Crest and Breezy Cote, respectively; J. O. H. Pinney, of Morristown, in the Alsop cottage; S. L. Schoonmaker, of Plainfield, in Intercrest, and Mrs. George H. Babcock, of Plainfield, in her new cottage.

The Ocean House, under the management for the last six years or more of J. Frank Champlain, has been open for several weeks, and Mr. Champlin is looking forward to a successful year. The improvements since last season include eight new suites and baths. The following New-York guests have registered thus far: Mrs. T. E. Ten Broeck, Miss E. A. Prall, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Frothingham, Miss Gwendolin Frothingham, Mrs. Morris Ullman and family.

The Larkin House, with its superb view, will be in charge this season, as last, of George C. Howe, of the Kensington, Fifth-ave., New-York. In spite of the fact that last season was Mr. Howe's first at Watch Hill and the Larkin House, he achieved remarkable success. Since then extensive changes have been made that will add to the comfort of the guests and greatly improve the appearance of the house. G. G. Cunningham, of the Park Avenue Hotel, will be the room clerk; J. C. Gray, of the Kensington, cashier; James Purssell, late of the Tampa Bay Hotel and the Royal Victoria, of Nassau, steward, and Miss Close, late of the Tampa Bay and the Colonial, Nassau, housekeeper.

The Watch Hill House, for years a favorite, opened on June 27, with D. C. Babcock in charge, the same as last year. C. W. Reeves is again room clerk. The house is in fine condition, with bright prospects. To-morrow a party of 100 is due from Springfield, Mass., for a two weeks' stay. The New-York arrivals thus far have been Mr. and Mrs. David Lubin.

The Plimpton, purchased a year ago by J. C. Kebabian, of New-Haven, has seen marked changes since last season. The office has been entirely rebuilt, the elevator runs in a fireproof shaft, an electric lighting plant has been installed, and everything has been done to make the hotel up to date. Gilbert Johnson will again be in charge, and the house opens to-morrow with a party from Springfield, similar to that at the Watch Hill.

The Atlantic House, C. W. Russell proprietor, is in fine condition, with marked improvements, noticeable among which is a new Colonial piazza. J. M. Kirby, of Lakewood, N. J., is the day clerk. The Columbia House, C. W. Wales, proprietor, has had George Holliday, Velmore Holliday and W. A. Downie, of New-York, as guests.

Other noticeable improvements at the Hill are the telephone exchange, electric lights and a few more business concerns on the midway.

NEW-JERSEY DOCTORS AT DEAL.

Deal, N. J., June 29 (Special).—Any one visiting Deal this week and not familiar with the goings on might easily fancy midsummer had arrived, not only with the beautiful summer weather that has prevailed, but with the crowds on drives and walks and thronging the verandas and corridors of the Hathaway Inn. The 135th annual meeting of the Medical Society of New-Jersey has been taking place at this charming seashore and lake resort, and the only hotel at Deal has been well taxed to take care of several hundred guests, all tumbled on its hospitable threshold in one day and almost at the same hour. Notwithstanding the sudden influx, there has been no lack of entertainment for the welcome guests, among whom are numbered the most honored and prominent men of the medical profession in the State of New-Jersey. John D. McGill, of Jersey City, first vice-president and acting president, made the annual address that opened the proceedings Tuesday evening. Sessions were held morning, afternoon and evening, the Wednesday afternoon session being the last on that day, and followed in the evening by the annual banquet, after which there was a most enjoyable dance, in which the ladies of the physicians' families who were present took part. Concerts, afternoon and evening, drives on the beautiful country roads surrounding Deal, and other diversions, made the hours not devoted to the business of the meeting pass pleasantly.

Striped bass have been caught on the beach of Deal this week in surprising numbers and of unusual size. From five to eight pounds is now regarded by the man with rod and line as hardly worth his bait, and this because several beauties weighing forty pounds have been landed on the silvery sands at Deal within a week.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

WAYTES COURT, THE HOME OF E. H. WEATHERBEE, IS OPEN AGAIN.

Waytes Court, at Mamaroneck-on-the-Sound, is one of Westchester County's finest summer homes now open. Its owners, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Weatherbee, have been in social retirement for some time, owing to the death of Mrs. Weatherbee's father, James M. Constable, but this year they are again entertaining. Waytes Court is noted for its beautiful grounds and architecture, and even more for the elegance of its interior furnishings, most of which have been selected by its owners in their travels in foreign countries. There are fifty or more rooms in the house, and each is furnished and ornamented with rare furniture, bric-à-brac and paintings, selected from the best productions of the various countries of the globe. In fact, Waytes Court is a veritable museum of art and natural history. The place received its name from the old Arnold homestead on the Isle of Wight. It is of Tudor architecture, with seventeenth century modifications. The lawns, which cover several acres, are ornamented with Venetian lions, bishop's wells of solid marble, brought from Rome and Avignon, and Japanese tombstones, which can be lighted up at night with candles. In one corner of the grounds is an Indian hut, with most of its accessories, and there is a fine limestone pier reaching out into the Sound, from which Mr. Weatherbee and his guests go sailing.

IN THE CATSKILLS.

HOT WEATHER REJOICES THE BONIFACES—CROWDS ASSEMBLING FOR THE FOURTH.

Kingston, N. Y., June 29 (Special).—The hot wave has brought crowds of visitors to all parts of the Catskills. Coming as it does so near the approach of Independence Day, when everybody tries to avoid the noisy patriotism of the town by fleeing to the country, the various lines of mountain traffic are suddenly immersed in business. Both here and at Catskill Landing the crowds of perspiring mountain bound travellers and their huge piles of baggage made lively work for the railway men. At this point, however, much of this labor and detention is now avoided by the solid through trains, which are taken to the mountains direct as they come from New-York without change or break. The various river boats seem to have the preference, however, with many visitors during this excessive heat, which makes the sail up the Hudson supremely delightful.

This is just the weather Catskill proprietors have been looking for, and, of course, everybody in the range is happy. The hot sun is tempered by cool breezes, and there is no suffering from the heat unless one is shut in in some narrow valley. All the resorts are now open for business, and the general prospect of a fine season seems excellent.

AT THE THOUSAND ISLANDS

THE SEASON BEGINS EARLY—GOOD FISHING—MANY COTTAGERS ARRIVE FROM NEW-YORK.

Alexandria Bay, N. Y., June 29 (Special).—The Thousand Islands, according to present indications, will be as popular this season as in the years gone by. The season on the St. Lawrence is a short one at the most, but if the weather is as perfect as it has been for the last week and a half it will be that much longer. This fine weather has induced many to come to the islands sooner than usual. The Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo is already exerting its influence over the islands, but not in detrimental fashion, as some persons at first thought, but is rather attracting many tourists here who have not visited this region before. This has made the season somewhat earlier than ordinary. Travellers to the exposition from as far West as Dallas, Tex., have been stopping at the various resorts. Some of the visitors from Buffalo make the mistake of simply staying overnight at one of the hotels and taking the boats on to Montreal and Quebec the next morning, thinking they have seen the Thousand Islands. In order to get a good idea of the islands one must remain at least a few days and take the various steamboat tours among the islands which are not on the main channel. One should not miss the fifty mile ramble, showing the important islands and points of interest; the tour on the small yacht Ramona, which goes into the narrow passages where a larger boat could not enter, and the famous searchlight trips in the evening.

Many good catches of maskinonge and bass are being made daily by the fishermen who are visiting this region. Frederick Adams, of Jersey City, caught a sixteen pound maskinonge on Tuesday, and several other large ones have been brought in. Bass are biting finely.

Among the many beautiful summer homes which have been erected since last season is the residence of Sigmund Stearns, of New-York, situated on a bluff known as Brown's Point, nearly opposite St. Lawrence Park. The location is an ideal one, giving an excellent view up and down the river. The cottage has a stone underwork built of river granite, and the upper stories are of wood, with a shingled exterior. The color is a dark green, which harmonizes beautifully with the background of pine, oak and hemlock trees on the bluff. An observation tower is built in one corner. A small inlet on the inner side of the bluff forms a natural harbor, and here Mr. Stearns has erected his yacht house.

There have been many new cottages erected this year, and a number of fine private yachts have been brought here this season. Gilbert T. Rafferty, of Pittsburg, now has the honor of owning the fastest yacht on the river. It is the Stroller, built by the Herreshoffs, of Bristol, R. I. It has the appearance of the government torpedo boats, and travels at their rate of speed. It is guaranteed to make twenty-five miles an hour, and has done better when required.

Two other fine yachts which appear for the first time on the river are the Rose, owned by A. Abrams, of Brooklyn, and the Cherokee, a new yacht built for S. H. Vandergrift, of Pittsburg.

William Jennings Bryan was a visitor at the Islands during the last week. He arrived at Clayton on Tuesday evening from Watertown, where he gave a lecture the night before. He stayed overnight at the Hubbard House. His wife, son and daughter accompanied him. The next morning he took the steamer Toronto for Montreal and Quebec. He returned on Friday and stayed at the Thousand Island House. Mr. Bryan was delighted with the island scenery. He went fishing on Saturday with a guide from Alexandria Bay, and intended to enjoy one of the famous "shore dinners" prepared by the St. Lawrence guides.

Another interesting party who were on their way to Montreal and Quebec from the Buffalo Exposition stopped at Clayton Wednesday. They were all extensive travellers, who had met each other while travelling, and planned the present trip some time ago. They first went to the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, visited the Falls, etc., and then took the boat through Lake Ontario to the St. Lawrence. They then contemplate visiting Montreal and Quebec, and on the return trip to New-York, Lake Champlain, Lake George and Saratoga Springs. The party consists of the following: M. S. Oppuamp, Geneva, Switzerland; R. Blanchard, Paris, France; John Glang, New-York; S. G. Twible, London, England; M. J. Rallie Ben, Turkey, and Herman F. Artos, St. Petersburg, Russia.

The lighthouse supply boat Haze was on the river during the last week giving out the supplies for the season to the eight lighthouses and filling the ten gas buoys on the river above Ogdensburg. Admiral B. S. Farquhar and family, consisting of his wife, son and daughter, were on board. The Admiral, who has been appointed recently as inspector of the lighthouses between Detroit and Ogdensburg, is off duty as commodore of the North Atlantic Squadron. Commander Andrew Dunlap was in charge of the Haze. His son, Andrew Dunlap, jr., an enthusiastic young sailor, was with his father.

Dr. J. H. Stebbins, of New-York, who has been a regular visitor for years among the islands, is staying for the summer at the New Windsor Hotel, Clayton.

Mrs. H. McGonegal, with her daughter Lillian, her son, Walter, and her mother, Mrs. Simmonds, of New-York, have arrived at Thousand Island Park, and are occupying their cottage in Outlook-ave.

Mrs. English, of New-York, with her two sons, arrived Tuesday at Murray Hill to remain for the summer. She has a beautiful cottage on the isle.

Judge Provost, of Brooklyn, is also spending the summer at his cottage on Murray Isle.

Dr. E. E. Swift, wife and daughter arrived at the Frontenac on Monday for the summer. Dr. Swift has been house physician at the Frontenac for the last two years, and will occupy that place again this summer.

John D. Crimmins, of New-York, was a visitor on the river last week. He stayed at the Frontenac, and also at the Thousand Island House. He was accompanied by his children, the Misses Constance and Mercedes Crimmins and Cyril and Clarence Crimmins.

R. H. Heath and family, of New-York, arrived the early part of the week, to remain for the summer at the cottage, on Nobby Island, near Alexandria Bay.

W. E. Browning has been residing at Hopewell Hall for some time with his family. George C. Boldt, proprietor of the Waldorf-Astoria, is also on the river, residing at the cottage of his manager, on Wellesley Island, while the construction of his palatial residence on Heart Island is under way.

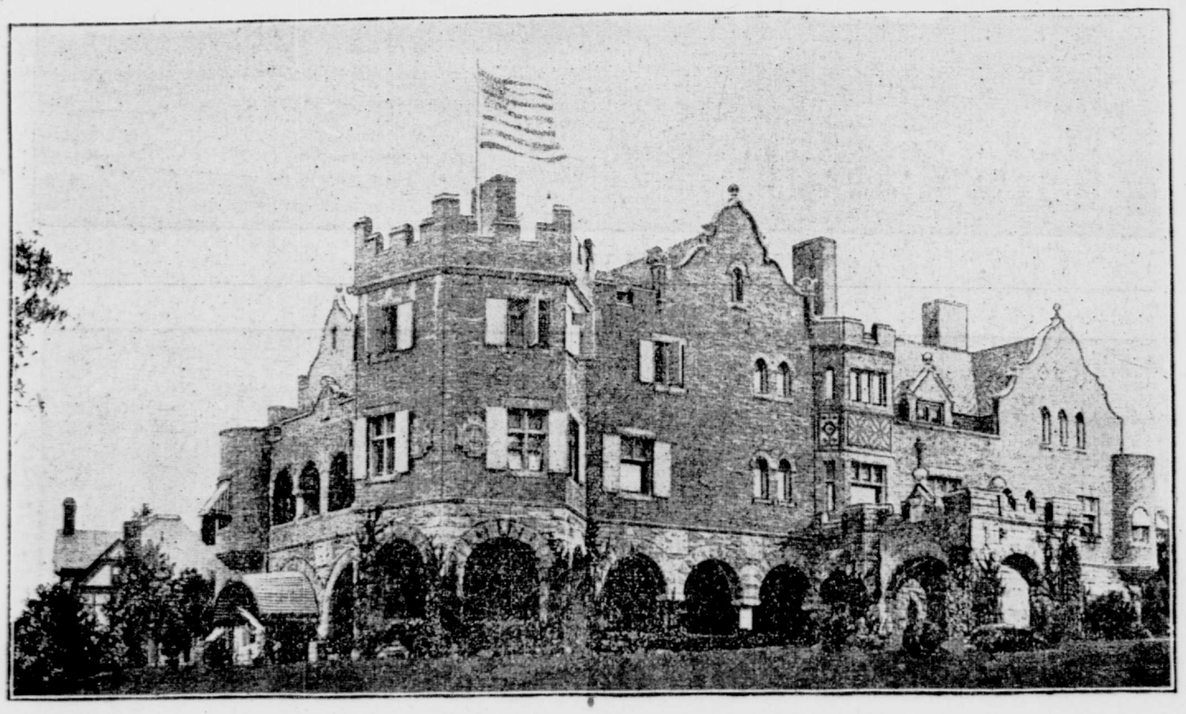
J. W. Sherwood arrived Tuesday to occupy his residence on Point Iroquois, about a mile below Alexandria Bay. J. H. Olinhant and Abram Abrams, of Brooklyn, with their families, have arrived for the summer on the river. They arrived at Clayton on Monday, and were met by their private yachts. Mr. Abrams's new yacht took his party to their cottage, on Cherry Island, just above the bay, and the Nemahbin conveyed Mr. Olinhant and family to Nemahbin Isle, about a half mile above the bay.

The following New-York people arrived on the river during the week:

Clayton. The Hubbard—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Knight, Harrys Weiswel, F. D. Hohnes, Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan Dwight, jr., C. J. Mercer and family, F. H. Gaylord, G. A. Sexsmith, Charles S. Sprague, J. M. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rittenhouse, A. R. Mackenzie, J. F. McGirven, W. J. Bonner, E. L. Robinson, George F. Gilbert, Willard Bauer, H. C. Rogers, J. K. Wells, E. T. Rannek, Frank Lisiecker and family, H. B. Steckle, Miss Lucy Reis, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Sutton, N. Dreyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Nelson, James Geddes, C. Mercer, W. C. Smith, W. J. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Silverman, Thomas F. Davies, W. J. Miller, W. W. Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Goldsmith and J. G. Ryan.

The New Windsor—D. E. Curren, A. W. Van Zee, George W. Barnum, Seymour M. Kemp, L. C. Bayard, jr., G. C. Pullman, G. E. Rogers, Frederick Myer and T. Leahy.

Murray Hill Park, Murray Hill Hotel—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jenks, Mrs. J. B. Bean, William Main, F. N. Waterman, Willard Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Walter U. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hale, Charles Baswitz and Mrs. F. Waterman.



WAYTES COURT, COUNTRY HOME OF E. H. WEATHERBEE, MAMARONECK, A TREASURE HOUSE OF ART OBJECTS.
(Photograph by Damon, Mamaroneck.)

A large Japanese vase, fourteen feet high, which won a prize at the Paris Exposition, stands in the centre of the main hall. On the first and second floor there are rooms furnished exclusively from Japan, China, India, Turkey, Italy, Morocco, Spain, France, Holland, Germany and Russia, and each contains a statue in native costume. There are also an Indian breakfast room, a music room, after the one in Conway Castle, which contains a sample of nearly every musical instrument known; a billiard room, with rare Dutch fittings; a bachelor's room, tower rooms, an old English inn, a studio, with a collection from Asiatic and African countries, and a nursery filled with one of the rarest collections of German and French toys in this country.

Mr. Weatherbee has carried his ideas to his stables, which are noted for their fine strings of blue ribbon winners at the New-York and Westchester horse shows. The stables contain French and Russian drivers in native costume, Arabian horsemen and pictures of all the noted steeds on record.

Mrs. Jackson Gourand returned the other day from Paris, and opened her big country house at Larchmont, near the summer home of her mother, Mrs. M. E. Crocker, at Oak Bluff. Mrs. Gourand has a fine stable and extensive kennels, and during her stay abroad has added a number of blue ribbon winners to her collection. Her place is likely to be one of the gayest in Larchmont this season. Last summer Mrs. Gourand, who was then Mrs. Gillig, gave several large house parties. One of them was a novel dinner party for her young daughter, Gladys, at which the guests, numbering more than a score, wore rich Oriental costumes.

Chief Mayhew W. Bronson, of the wealthy Larchmont Volunteer Fire Department, has purchased a new automobile that will run thirty miles an hour, and in the future will use it responding to alarms. Colonel and Mrs. Belden J. Rogers are also speeding about the Manor in a new automobile. There has been much activity this week at the Larchmont golf links. Prizes offered by Alfred Marshall in a mixed foursome competition were won by C. F. Sallcross and Miss M. L. Eaton. On next Tuesday there will be a women's handicap, eighteen holes, medal play, for the Pendleton prize. A prize has also been given to the club by the Bridgeport Gun Implement Company, and will be played for in July. Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Kaesche, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Bergen, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Greer, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coman, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dow, C. E. Tilford, Lloyd W. Scott and Dr. E. V. Hubbard arrived at their villas last week. Mr. and Mrs. John F. Baudoulne, who were at Larchmont last year, are to live at Orienta Point this season.

A new nine hole golf course has just been laid out by William B. Lawrence at the Gramatan Country Club, in Bronxville. The links was opened for the first time last week, and was filled with players from the artist and author colony in Lawrence Park. There are to be a number of tournaments this season for cups and trophies to be given by members of the club. Weekly dances and a number of amateur dramatic performances, under the direction of Tudor Jenks, are also scheduled for this season. All of the villas and cottages around Bronxville are now filled, and several new ones are being built. One of these is for Mrs. Custer, the widow of General George A. Custer. Mrs. Custer is spending the summer in Algiers. Among the visitors at the Gramatan Club this week were Dr. and Mrs. John H. Payne and Miss Virginia Houghton, of Boston.

Glen Ford McKinney, a member of the Larchmont Yacht Club, who is a resident of Bronxville, has moved into a handsome new country place. He has been elected one of the officers of the new Siwanoy Golf Club, which has been started in Mount Vernon. Some of the New-Yorkers who are spending the summer in Bronxville and Lawrence Park are Edmund Clarence Stedman, Major Joseph L. Robertson, Frank R. Chambers, Mr. Smedley, the artist; William A. Bates, Charles W. Bonner, Charles E. Carpenter, Tudor Jenks, Carlton, Burlitt, Ward Leonard, John S. Bates, Mrs. A. D. Klots, F. J. Meigs, John G. Quinby and William H. Thacher. Will H. Low, the artist, who is a well known resident of Bronxville, is now abroad.

UNUSUAL NUMBERS AT SHARON SPRINGS.

Sharon Springs, N. Y., June 29 (Special).—While the greater portion of the world has been miserable, under the sweltering heat of the last week, it has brought happiness to every one in Sharon. The city people are happy because they have escaped from the oppressive city heat, and the hotel people and villagers generally are happy because it is hurrying the city people into the country at an earlier date than usual.

Extensive improvements are being made on the Pine Needle bath houses.

There is a greater demand than usual for the Pavilion cottages. The cottage colony at Sharon Springs has been growing steadily for several years.

The Union, the last of the hotels to open, unlocked its doors Wednesday.

The Sharon House reports about double the number of guests it had at the corresponding date last year, and several of the smaller hotels are doing proportionately as well.

The first concert of the season was given at the Park Hotel Monday evening. Daily afternoon and evening concerts will be given in the park and at the Pavilion, beginning next week, when the band will arrive.

The colored waiters at the Pavilion will, as usual, organize a ball nine this season. The ball games afford a good deal of amusement during the summer.

The Sharon special made its first trip Monday morning.

All that is needed is plenty of just such weather, when people are absolutely driven out of town to get a comfortable place to breathe and sleep.

The Hotel Kaaterskill flung open its big doors this morning, and H. E. Eder, its manager, is jubilant over the prospects of that famous resort. Several pages of his register were filled with early arrivals, and everybody expressed delight at the cool breezes that swept over the mountain top. There is a new orchestra there this season, from the Tampa Bay Hotel, Florida, under the lead of Julius Simonson, who gave a fine programme at the opening musical to-night. Much will, of course, be expected from this new band, after the good music which has always been furnished there.

The historic mountain house also began business to-day, somewhat later than usual, and a large number of guests were received, mainly by the Otis Road. Everybody seemed pleased with the new electric lights and the other little evidences of more progressive management.

The New Grand resort, on Summit Mountain, was opened on Thursday under D. J. Sprague, as lessee, as last season, with Manager M. P. Robinson in the office. Many little improvements will be found there, especially in the outdoor attractions. The swimming pool of mountain water, down in the maple grove in front of the house, is a unique feature, much appreciated by many. The golf course and athletic grounds have been placed in good order, the roads repaired and summer life at the Grand is sure to be enjoyable.

The Rexmere, at Stamford, was opened to-day with a fine company of early guests. John Green is the special assistant in charge there, with Manager Jenkins and Dr. Churchill himself in general conduct of this resort, as well as Churchill Hall and the Hamilton, as in the past. All the other Stamford houses are actively engaged with large accessions, expected next week.

It is now believed that the arrivals for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will exceed anything of the kind known in the Catskills in recent years. Great preparations for this influx of visitors have been made. Old fashioned celebrations of the glorious Fourth have been arranged at various points in the range, and visitors need not expect to escape wholly this annual burst of patriotism, after all. But they are likely to enjoy the many unique features that are usually presented here among the hills.

Mrs. Frances M. Barr will entertain a gay house party over the Fourth at the Chateau de Navarre, Stamford. There will be an elaborate display of fireworks and a handsome spread under the trees, to which many of the townspeople have been invited.

Justice E. D. White, of the United States Supreme Court, has arrived with Mrs. White at his country home on the Hudson, near Saugerties, known as Meadowside, which he has leased for the season. A reception in their honor was given by Mrs. Charles A. Spalding at her residence, Falling Waters, on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Spalding was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Culver; her brother, Lieutenant-Commander Culver, U. S. N., and the Misses Hasbrouck, of Ogdensburg. Tea was poured by Mrs. Culver, Mrs. Thomas Cole and Miss Eleanor Deming, of Woodstock, Conn. Seventy-five or more guests were in attendance.

J. Carroll Beckwith, the artist, is at the Onteora Club, in Onteora Park. All the cottages there have now been taken. Among the occupants are Miss R. E. Turnbull, Mrs. D. D. Williamson and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Manierre, all of New-York.

The Cooperstown and Charlotte Valley Railway Company has just issued a summer book illustrating the beauties and attractions of the famous Cooperstown and Otsego Lake region, where many new visitors are now expected, since the railway connections furnished by the Ulster and Delaware line are so much improved.

The handsome new cottages of Dr. Bristol, in Bristol Park, have all been rented to desirable tenants, and there is still a demand for more private homes in that pretty village. Dr. Page, of New-York, has leased the Maynard cottage, in Prospect-st. James Polhemus and family have taken the Mondores cottage, in the West End.

Another most attractive cottage settlement is at Fleischmann's, where a large amount of money has been invested in these summer homes by well known Germans of wealth and position. The widow of Anton Seidl, the orchestra leader, has a fine cottage there, where she spends her time among her flowers and plants.

Several new cottages are being constructed in Cooperstown, where the demand for summer homes is just beginning anew. George H. Baird has leased a fine cottage on Otsego Lake, where he will entertain friends in July.

A powerful new locomotive will be added to the Ulster and Delaware Railway equipment in time for the heavy July and August traffic. All leading trains on this line are now well supplied with Pullman parlor and vestibuled cars of the latest design, and they seem to be fully appreciated. Some new conductors lately promoted will be found on these trains.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Chase, of Brooklyn, are enjoying their honeymoon at Windham.

Mrs. Alexander J. C. Skene, of Brooklyn, is occupying her handsome mountain home, Bonnie Erne, at Highmount. She is much interested in the Skene Library, established by Dr. Skene at Griffin's Corners, for which she proposes to erect a memorial building in honor of her husband as soon as a proper site is furnished.

David Hiscock, of Long Island City, has just completed a charming and costly summer home on Brooklyn Heights, Stamford, where he is already installed with his family.

Justice Samuel T. Maddox, of Brooklyn, is at Roxbury. Henry Mosler, the artist, has a fine new studio at Margaretville.

The following lately registered at the Ingleside: H. B. La Mon, Mrs. La Mon, Miss Nina La Mon, J. C. H. Tupper, Mrs. Tupper, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Blauvelt, Miss Ford, Miss Emily Ford, Mrs. D. Cox and Mrs. Ida Loomis.

LAKE GEORGE ARRIVALS.

THE HOTELS FILLING UP—PROSPECT OF A BUSY SEASON.

Lake George, N. Y., June 29 (Special).—There is every prospect of the new trolley system being in operation next week. The station and power house will not be done right away, but arrangements to furnish power have been made with the Glens Falls Electric Light Company for the present. Both the new Fort William Henry Hotel and the Lake House will be open the beginning of the week. The proprietors, A. C. Pike and M. L. Pike, say that the prospects for a successful season are very favorable. They have a large number of bookings.

Proprietor A. H. Russell, of the Marion House, says that the success of his season is assured, as he has double the bookings he had at this time last year when proprietor of the Lake House. The Marion House will open for the summer July 1.

The Sagamore is having a good season and has entertained more than twenty bridal couples during the month of June. Here are some of the late arrivals: Mr. and Mrs. Percy Ash, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Peck, Pittston, Penn.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Seibert, Mr. and Mrs. Louis V. O'Conner, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Wallach and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Kennedy, New-York City; Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. James M. Newell, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Thompson, Honesdale, Penn.; Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lederer, Baltimore; S. G. T. Bush and Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Kingsten, Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Kauffman, Springfield, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rowley, Scranton, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Lampaugh, Montreal, and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Rutty, Middletown, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Slote and family and Miss Campbell are domiciled at the Sagamore for the summer, as are also Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Mallory. The Slotes come from Brooklyn, and the Mallorys from Baltimore. Mrs. John C. Gresham and her three daughters are at the Island Harbor House for the summer. Mrs. Gresham is the wife of Captain Gresham, of the 7th Cavalry, now stationed in the island of Cuba. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. James and daughter, Miss Isabella James, of Saratoga, were visitors at Silver Bay for a few weeks this spring. Here also the general council of the Forward Movement of the Congregational Church will gather on July 8 for the purpose of making a study of the Bible. There are booked for the seven or eight days of their stay somewhere in the neighborhood of four or five hundred.

George William Warren, the well known organist of New-York City, has arrived and opened his cottage on the shores of Bolton Bay.

NEW-YORKERS AT ALLENHURST.

A RESORT OF SURPRISING GROWTH.

Allenhurst, N. J., June 29 (Special).—The growth of Allenhurst, the charming resort which came into existence only five years ago, has been marvellous. The restrictions imposed on those purchasing summer homes here have been the secret of its success, for one of the restrictions requires that cottages shall be built on double lots; consequently there is no crowding. The borough, which owns its waterfront, electric lights and waterworks, is composed of 156 magnificent seaside homes, costing from $12,000 to $100,000 each. Besides these, there is the famous Allenhurst Inn and fourteen cottages.

The Inn and Inn cottages were purchased during the winter by W. Johnson Quinn, proprietor of the Hotel Empire, New-York City. The Inn is now open for the summer, and already is comfortably filled with guests, while all the Inn cottages are occupied.

Some of the cottagers from New-York City and vicinity include former Congressman James J. Belden, George H. Bowers, Mrs. John Boyd, Russell Benedict, J. H. Brewster, Thomas Cullen, Elverton R. Chapman, Henry P. Doremus, N. W. Anthony, F. H. Dodge, W. E. Edmister, Walter H. Graef, A. M. Hyatt, J. Henry Haggerty, D. W. McWilliams, J. W. Newberry, J. J. Phyfe, Carson C. Peck, James J. Phalen, William L. Rolston, E. W. Scott, Francis M. Sutton, Gilbert M. Spier, A. M. Thornburn, Major Henry C. Wright, Alfred W. Townsend, Hewitt Boice, Richard Wrightman, C. W. Francis, James Bowers, A. H. Kellogg, Samuel H. Coombs, Mrs. H. J. Forker, Judge Jonathan Dixon, Forrest W. Dryden, P. D. Halstead, A. S. Page, Judge James G. Payne and former Congressman Miles Ross.

A few of the New-Yorkers who have engaged rooms at the Inn for the summer include F. A. Brockman and family, Theodore Offerman and family, Mrs. M. J. Kearney and family, S. C. Beckwith and family, Mrs. G. Kearney, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Waterman, J. M. Mead and family, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Young, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Cortis, Miss Louise B. Speer, W. C. Strange and family, J. C. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Davis, Mrs. Charles McQuold, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. O'Keefe, W. F. Pippy and Miss Pippy, Mr. and Mrs. Narcosa, Mr. and Mrs. E. Richard Walters, Mrs. V. M. Picabia, D. Clinton Murray and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Murray Crombie, Thomas H. Bartondale and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lockwood, Mrs. Catharine Elias and family, B. F. Tate and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. William Miles, jr., and Carl von Mayhoff and family.

Those from New-York who have taken Inn cottages include Henry A. Hurlburt, Charles Ward Hall and family, Mrs. M. Goodwin and family, H. B. Delehanty and family, J. S. Delehanty and family, Dr. G. L. Smith and family and Mrs. A. E. Allen and family.

The magnificent country home of Daniel O'Day, of New-York City, at Deal, is nearing completion, and will be ready for occupancy early next month. The house, with the twenty-two acres that surround it, will cost when completed, nearly $1,000,000.

SEABRIGHT AND MONMOUTH.

THE SEASON IN FULL SWING ON THE NORTH JERSEY COAST.

Seabright, N. J., June 29 (Special).—The twin resorts of the North Jersey Coast, Monmouth Beach and Seabright, are in summer attire. The season at both resorts has opened up most auspiciously. The cottagers of Monmouth and Seabright arrive early and stay late, many spending at least half of each year at the seashore. Monmouth Beach, strictly speaking, is a select cottage colony, but one hotel being located within its territory, and the majority of the guests are cottagers, who take their meals out.

The coach Monmouth will make its first trip between Seabright and the Ross-Fenton farm, at Deal, next Monday evening. R. F. Carman will be the whip. Last season the nightly trips between Seabright and Deal proved to be one of the features of the season. Great things are promised this season. With last year's experience to go by, the promoters expect to make many improvements.

Mayor Van Wyck is at Seabright for the season. He arrived last Saturday, with the opening of the Octagon Hotel, where he has taken rooms for the summer. John T. Hertle, Commissioner of Public Accounts, is also at the Octagon.

Polo is a new outdoor sport at Seabright. The organization of the Rumson Polo Association fills a long felt want, and, judging from the interest already taken, a bright future is assured. W. Strother Jones is president of the infant organization, which will play matches throughout the season. The club has leased a tract of land belonging to John Hone, of New-York, adjoining Thomas's Inn. Already there are forty active members, and as many more season members.

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould, Kingdon Gould, Jay Gould, Raymond, Herbert and Sewall Carey were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Herbert at a dinner given at Thomas's Inn last Sunday. Prior to the feast an interesting polo match was decided. Mr. Gould and his son Kingdon captained the opposing teams. On Mr. Gould's side were Raymond Herbert and P. F. Collier. Jay Gould and Sewall Carey supported young Mr. Gould and carried off first honors. The game was watched with considerable interest.

Ex-Senator David B. Hill will again pass the greater part of the season of 1901 with General Ferdinand P. Earle at his private cottage at Normandie. Senator Hill and General Earle have been bosom friends for many years.

Yachting on the Shrewsbury began to-day, the first of a series of regattas by the Meadow Brook Yacht Club being the attraction. The regular races will be sailed every other Saturday during the months of July, August and September. There will be special prizes every other Saturday, contributed by private members. The club is very popular among the cottagers of Monmouth Beach and Seabright.

The pretty Episcopal Church at Elberon held its first services for the season on Sunday morning, the Rev. William B. Bodine, of Philadelphia, officiating. A large audience greeted him at the opening service.

The golfing season at Monmouth Beach will be a busy one. The season membership, judging from the present outlook, will be larger than last year. The new house is now open for the reception of guests. It is a cosey structure, and admirably adapted for golfing purposes.

The first of a series of subscription concerts at the Monmouth Beach Country Club will be given on Thursday afternoon, July 11, by an orchestra of twenty under the personal direction of Nahan Franko. Altogether, there will be eight concerts, three in July and five in August. The dates selected are July 11, 18 and 25; August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. The scheduled concerts are looked forward to with considerable interest by the patrons of the club. There will be an extra dance next Thursday night at the Monmouth Beach Country Club. Elliott's orchestra will furnish music for dancing.

THRONGS AT ASBURY PARK

PREPARATIONS FOR CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY—MEETINGS AT OCEAN GROVE.

Asbury Park, N. J., June 29 (Special).—The advance guard of the Fourth of July vacationists arrived to-night, together with thousands of tourists from the cities who merely came down