

COUNTRY NOTES.

Sights and Sensations of the Rural Districts.

BURTT'S CORNER, Dec. 23, 1895.

MR. EDITOR.—Please allow me a little space in your JOURNAL, as it takes well in this place. I hope to be able soon to send you some new subscribers. I think it would pay you to take a trip around this way, as it is a great place for news and busy bodies. If you should make up your mind to do so, don't fail to call at W. H. Lawrence's, where you will be made welcome and everything made pleasant for you.

I see in your last issue that the Doctor stumbled upon some poetry; but he is likemyself, no poet at all. Oh yes, he went away back to dog days. Oh yes; there is dog no doubt, if it was traced up. Let me see if I cannot run these verses to suit the Doctor's case:

"Let dogs delight to bark and bite
'Twas not intended so;
Let bears and lions growl and fight—
It seems their nature to.
But Doctor you should never let
Your angry passions rise;
Such hands were never made to tear
The birds' and shepherds' eyes.

A SUBSCRIBER.

From Caribou, Maine.

An accident occurred here near the light house on a pond near the Aroostook river. A party of 400 were skating and the water backing up caused the ice on the pond to break without a moment's notice and the party had to skate for their lives to save themselves from being drowned, but the only loss was a number of overcoats and rubbers which went over the dam in the mad rush for land. Fortunately no lives were lost.

GEORGE WIBBERLY.

FROM ZION STATION.

The Fox and the Dog.

A medium sized brown pup put in an appearance at this place last week and set out to capture an old fox; but being too short in the shanks and thickly covered with hair he gave up the chase after a pursuit of a couple of miles and turning tail picked up the remains of an old horse, the property of the crows, and with one dismal howl struck for his ken, nel within 40 rods of Edgcombe's factory.

LATER. The dog it seems returned to the attack accompanied by another of the canine species and the both together succeeded in capturing the wily old fox, and hauling him to Fredericton. He was fortunate in getting off with a whole skin.

EDITOR.

Upper Keswick.

Xmas passed off quietly, fine weather and bad roads. Our school exam was very quiet also, as indeed it ought to be considering there were only 14 scholars present. Only a few months ago under our old teacher the register showed as high as 65 names. What is the cause of the change? Murder will out and our friends of Burtt's Corner have learned who it is that has been scandalizing them all summer. They have also learned that the innocent sometimes suffer for the guilty.

I fear, Mr. Editor, that I cannot reply to Subscriber as freely as I would wish to because to do so would require 17 columns of your paper 365 days in the

year for 39 years. This is arrived at by actual calculation.

I am very pleased to learn from him that halfbreeds are the cause of the trouble in our school. I never knew before that there was more than one half-breed in the district and as it was well known that he occupied an important position in the school we never suspected him. Mr. Subscriber must have experienced a change of heart to make that confession. No doubt he intends to lead a different life and confession is good for the soul you know, yet I am sorry to say he has chosen bad company, but birds of a feather flock together and a man is known by the company he keeps. Some men are born to a good name and character, some by sterling worth and uprightness of purpose obtain such for themselves, others again invoke the majesty of the law in the vain endeavor to obtain what would be foreign to their nature—viz, character. Several attempts have been made of late to buy our trustee, but he is not for sale.

One would not have to go very far west where if a common ordinary man were to go to a neighbor's house and insult and abuse that neighbor's wife and that too when she was in a delicate condition, he would be strung up to the most convenient tree and his vile carcass left for the coyotes and wolves yet the people in some localities are long suffering and allow such characters to encumber the earth.

Lumber camps are held about par, being quoted this winter at \$5.00. They ranged at about the same three years ago.

SELAH

Fredericton Junction.

Christmas passed off quietly, not a single arrest was made on account of drunkenness.

The greatest acquisition of modern times to the ranks of our business men is Mr. Frederick L. Loots. He is the Alex. Gibson of Fredericton Junction. The following will give some idea of the magnitude of his public works to say nothing of his private enterprises. He is building a new saw mill on Basalisk Island. If water power fails the mill can be run by wind. Asa Nason is under contract to furnish six lumber scows. George Mullin of Tracy is to provide 1000 feet of boom chains. D. W. Hartt is to furnish 1000 cubic feet of stone for building boom piers.

Mr. Loots is in communication with parties in Calais, Me., who own lumber tracts on Pisquehegan, and we understand he has placed a large order for lumber with these parties.

Lewis Duplisea and Bernard Allen of South Branch lake have been the successful tenderers for the necessary boom poles.

Mr. Loots has a car load of flour, pork, and meal en route from Toronto. He is at present negotiating for the purchase of a large quantity of bankrupt stock.

Messrs. John and William Simpson of Diamond Square, are engaged hauling one quarter million feet of spruce and pine lumber for Mr. Loots.

We have a dressmaker in our midst, Miss Owens. Parties wishing her services will find her at the home of Mr. Hugh McQuestion.

Al. Duplisea has discovered immense deposits of sulphur near the old shaft of the Oromocto coal company.

Mrs. Thomas Arties has been in rather poor health lately.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

W. H. Carten.

By some unaccountable oversight we omitted to mention the name of W. H. Carten, Druggist, Cor. Queen and Carleton Sts. among our local notices of advertisers in the Christmas issue. We regret the matter very much, particularly as Mr. Carten is one of our very best advertisers and also took an extra column for the Christmas number to help us along. As a friend, a business man and an all round good fellow, his superior cannot be found in the Dominion, which accounts for the excellent patronage he enjoys, both from city and country people and the quality and reasonable prices of his goods makes his establishment popular among all classes. We feel mean, that among all men we should overlook him, but feel glad that it was such a kind and generous fellow instead of some we have had in days past, who kicked because they wronged us and not because we wronged them.

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