

Correspondence.

Spicy News Items Gathered by Gazette Correspondents.

Fredericton Junction.

The weather has been very unfavorable for farming operations. Some few are not yet done haying, and a great deal of grain is unharvested. Potatoes will be a light crop. They were early struck with the rust and are rotting badly.

The threshers are preparing to take to the road. Much oats will have to be cut green in this vicinity. Speaking generally, this has been a bad season for tillers of the soil.

Fruit is also a small crop. Blue-berries alone have proved a plentiful and lasting crop. Most of the pickers have returned from the tented places, though a few of the ardent berry-chasers are still picking away.

One of our young men, who had become surety for another, for a tailor's bill, found himself in the hands of a constable in consequence. They went into a Junction store ostensibly to secure bail. Leaving the constable in the front store he passed through the back door and vanished from view. The constable is a wiser and a madder man.

Smith Bros. mill has closed down for the season for want of logs. They have had a very successful season's work.

Lack of water, owing to a leak in the dam, has retarded work at S. L. T. Currie's new mill. Repairs, however, have been made to the dam by Messrs. Smith and Currie and the mill is now running. A shingle machine is being added and it is intended to run the mill all winter, if lumber can be obtained.

Mr. O. S. Mersereau has stocked his new store with a well selected assortment of goods suitable for the country trade.

Mr. H. Dinsmore has also opened a general store at the Junction. He has also added an extension to his building.

The Orangemen have their new Hall boarded in and are pushing it towards completion.

No. 3 Company, 71st. Batt., under command of Capt. Hartt and Lieut. Thomas, returned on Saturday from their annual drill at Fredericton. In physique, deportment, drill and shooting, they made a good record, and Gladstone has cause to be proud of her red jackets.

First Lieut. Thos. Kelly has resigned his commission, and 2nd Lieut. G. H. W. Thomas has been promoted to the vacant position.

Rev. O. N. Mott has resigned the pastorate of the Gladstone F. C. B. churches and accepted a call to Blissville. He preaches his farewell sermon at the Junction on Sunday, Oct. 8th. His successor has not yet been announced.

Miss Minnie M. Mersereau has been engaged as assistant teacher in the Junction school.

Hyman has been getting in his work; the latest votaries being Mr. P. K. Nason and Miss Hattie Webb, daughter of Mr. Emery Webb, who were married by Rev. T. O. DeWitt, on Wednesday, 22nd. The groom is the son of Counselor Nason and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Smith.

There is joy in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benedict Prude; cause: a young daughter. Congratulations.

Mr. John McKay, who has been visiting Dr. A. J. Murray since the 24th of May last, has returned to his studies at Dalhousie College. He leaves behind him pleasant memories.

Mr. G. K. Greenlaw and family, of St. Andrews, have returned to their home. They have been visiting Mrs. Greenlaw's former home.

Mr. Ernest Alexander, son of Col. Alexander, has been home on a short visit from Houlton, Maine.

Mr. Thos. Lindsay, who, with his family have been visiting friends in Gladstone, returned to their home in Woodstock.

Mr. Edward Moore, of Fredericton, was at the Junction, last week.

Mr. George Davis, a wealthy elevator builder of Rosendale, Mass., has been visiting his friend Mr. S. L. T. Currie. He left for home on Friday.

Cumberland Point.

Sept. 24.—Mr. Acel Chapman spends his Sundays very pleasantly as the guest of Mr. Isaac Stewart.

Mrs. B. C. Babington has returned home, after having spent a few days with her parents at Elgin.

Miss Maria Camp is visiting friends at Jemseg.

Mrs. Sadie Ellsworth spent Sunday at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Elgee and their eldest son, Burpee, paid a visit to Mr. Elgee's brothers, at Stanley, York Co., last week.

Mr. Isaac Fairweather, our popular postmaster, left for St. John, on Thursday, by steamer May Queen, to spend a few days, his wife having gone some time previous to attend the funeral of their grandchild.

Mrs. Thomas Drillon, of this place is at present visiting friends in St. John.

Miss Nina Snel, of the Range, who has charge of the school in the upper district, has to go home on Friday nights, on account of the illness of her sister.

Misses Emma Knight and Mabel McLean, of Jemseg, have returned home after spending a few days here.

Mr. Hughes preached an eloquent sermon in the church here, on Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Farris and her daughter, Maud, of Houlton, Me., paid a visit to friends here, last week.

Parties have been quite numerous around here lately. On Monday night, a number of young people of this place, and the adjoining districts, gathered at the residence of Mrs. Thomas Drillon's to trip "the light fantastic." Instrumental music was admirably rendered by Lemuel Colwell on the harmonica, and by Charles Cole on the accordion, and vocal music was given by Messrs. Judson and Wallace McLean. The crowd dispersed a short time before sunrise, but not until they had expressed their thanks to the host and hostess for the pleasant way in which they entertained them.

Sept. 25.—The farmers of this place are all done haying and report the crop above the average, but the oat crop is a total failure as the rust has struck all the late oats; buckwheat will hardly be up to the average, and potatoes far below the crop of last year.

Mr. James N. Rees returned from the city Wednesday, by May Queen, where he has been visiting friends and taking in the exhibition.

It has been very cool at the Point lately and in consequence everything is turning red and brown.

The schooner Onward is loading cord-wood here for the Rockland market. The pass-word here now is, "I want them chairs."

Mrs. T. H. Drillen and two children returned home Saturday after a long visit to her husband in St. John.

Mrs. Donald Ellsworth has returned home from St. John.

Miss Bessie McLean spent last week in St. John.

Mr. Harvey Chapman and Mr. W. Vanjoy spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James H. Rees. They belong to the schooner Onward, that is loading wood at McLean's wharf.

Miss Maggie McLean left here today for Boston, her sister Miss Bell, intends leaving Thursday for St. John.

Mrs. James H. Rees spent last week with her sister at Douglas Harbor.

The party at Mr. T. H. Drillen's last week was a grand success.

Miss Clo McLean is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Annie McLean.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Fairweather are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son.

Chipman.

The trial of the Steward of the May Queen, for selling liquors in violation of law took place last Tuesday evening before Justices Ward and Fraser.

The information was laid by Charles W. Weyman, Scott Act Inspector of Kings county.

Mr. McCully of Moncton, appeared on behalf of the prosecution and Mr. Dunn, of St. John, stood for the defendant.

Court was opened in Kings Hall, in presence of a large number of spectators after which Mr. McCully called the first witness, John Parkhill who deposed that he knew George Brennan. Had seen him in the May Queen at its wharf in Chipman, Queens county between the 16th April and 14th of July.

Have you been in the May Queen? Yes sir.

Were you in the bar of the boat? Yes—in what they call the bar.

Did you see George Brennan there any time between these three months? Mr. Dunn objected to any questions being answered which were outside the charge as such answers were not evidence.

Witness says he did not get any liquor in the bar of the boat from George Brennan between the dates mentioned, but he got what they called whiskey. It tasted like intoxicating liquor.

You paid him for this liquor? There, why don't you put the question: If he did pay him, and not suggest the answer.

There was a person behind the counter who waited on me. They called him some such name as Doc or Dot. Saw this young man frequently about the boat. Could not say whether he was a hand about the boat or not. He got the liquor from behind the counter. Saw drinking glasses in the bar-room. Got liquor twice on board the boat from this same young man. Did not see George Brennan open the door of the bar. The door was open. Got a bottle of gin for medicine. Did not taste it. Got it from the same young man. No other person was in the bar. George Brennan was not there at all.

Samuel Lebby, sworn—said he had seen George Brennan on the May Queen and saw him in the bar-room.

Witness called for whiskey and got it from George Brennan. It tasted like intoxicating liquor.

Two other witnesses were sworn but their testimony was of no value; after which the Prosecutor in these cases was put upon the stand.

He stated he laid the information upon the grounds of its having come to his knowledge that George Brennan had sold liquor. Was not bound to disclose the source of his information.

Mr. Dunn contended that he had a perfect right to find out all the facts and suppose it could be proved that these Justices had been previously consulted and that there had been a committee appointed and a fund subscribed for carrying on these cases he had a right to know.

"Of course if your honors will not grant permission I might as well stop. Now, I ask Mr. Weyman who sent for him?"

Magistrates—That question need not be answered.

Ques.—How many summons did you cause to be issued on this information? Ans.—I don't know. When I laid the information I got a summons from the magistrates.

Ques.—Did you get this copy from the Justices? Ans.—Not prepared to say.

Ques.—Do you know this handwriting? "21st. September?"

Ans.—I am not positive about it. I don't know whose handwriting it is.

Ques.—Did you get a summons with a blank date? Ans.—The court made out the summons. I gave it to Constable Branscombe.

Ques.—Was that the copy? Why don't you answer at once. Ans.—I don't think it is one.

Ques.—Why don't you think it is? You must have some reason. Ans.—Well, I gave those summons to Constable Branscombe to execute. I don't remember the date; but I believe they were returnable the 21st Sept.

Ques.—When you went home did you come back again to get another summons taken out? Ans.—I did not come back again.

Ques.—Who took this summons out? Ans.—I did not come back again to take out another summons.

Ques.—What did you do? Is memory failing you? Ans.—I wish to have everything correct.

Mr. Dunn—Well, go on. You say you did not come here again. Ans.—I did not personally ask them to issue a third summons. I expected a summons would be issued until it was served.

Ques.—Did you have a conversation with the magistrates about it? Ans.—I don't remember very particularly; but I think I had. I could not give you the words. I expected the magistrates would issue the summons until the matter was followed up.

Ques.—Well then you say this summons was not issued with your express orders. Summons dated April 14th returnable September 21st. Did you get summons returnable in this case and date left blank? Will you swear you did not? Ans.—Not that I know of.

Ques.—If you did would you not know it? You are not so stupid as you try to make believe. What conversation had

you with the magistrates? Ans.—Did not consult with them at all. I came to Chipman and enquired for magistrates.

Ques.—Who suggested that you call upon those men? (Over-ruled.) Ques.—Were you told before you came here what Justices you were to go before? Over-ruled.

Mr. D.—I want to know whether your honors are the prosecutors in this case or not. I will not conduct the case further if your honors over rule me in everything I ask.

The magistrates in summoning up the case adjudged Mr. George Brennan to pay a fine of \$50 and costs.

The new Baptist meeting house at Hardwood Ridge was dedicated last Sabbath the 3rd inst. to the worship of God. The Rev. W. E. McIntyre of Chipman, preached the dedication sermon from the words: "Fair as the moon; clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners."

Rev. Mr. Allen, of St. Andrews, assisted and Mr. Patterson delivered a fervid discourse in the afternoon.

All the services were greatly enjoyed by the large congregations that assembled at the dedicatory services. Collections amounted to nearly \$400.

A sumptuous harvest supper was held at Chipman hall which yielded \$53. Toasts and speeches were in order after church was removed and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by the goodly number present.

At a basket social up Gaspereaux the people raised 15 dollars to help pay for a new church organ.

Chipman is likely to have an ediction for councillors as the people are not satisfied that casting lots for the office is the most satisfactory method of selling the franchise.

Hampstead.

An excited man these days is Mr. John McChonchie of this place, who resides on what is known as the "Old Stockford Place."

It appears that on the front of his place there is an enormous rock, probably brought there during the glacial period, as it is strictly alone and forms a distinct mark.

Rumor has had it for many years that treasure was buried beneath its shadow. How the rumor originated is not known. But anyway so strong an effect did it have that Mr. Louis Kerr, of St. John, accompanied by another party, and a mule and road, worked at the spot last fall. It is said the rod worked although no talk was made by the handlers and nothing more was thought of the affair, till Mr. McChonchie's son, Wesley, dreamed for three nights in succession the same dream of more than Klondike riches hid at the foot of the aforementioned rock.

Still no action was taken by either father or son to unearth it.

But consternation and chagrin reigned in Mr. McChonchie's breast, when the other morning he observed where a horse had been tied for some hours to a tree near this rock and that an excavation had been made and the impression, lined with rust, was plainly there, of an old fashioned baking pot of the largest size.

No trace of the parties can be found as the road was much cut up.

Treasure searchers are out now in all directions and some are trying to sleep the twenty-four hours so as to give opportunity for dreams.

But in the meantime Mr. McChonchie and son, Wesley, are very indignant men.

If our village has declined as a centre for general trade, it has increased in one particular.

That is the undertaking establishment carried on by Mrs. John Slipp & Sons.

Years ago Mr. John Slipp began making coffins in a local way, but the superior neatness of them and the taste and delicacy displayed in their trimming by Mrs. Slipp soon gave them a wide reputation, and although Mr. Slipp is now dead the business is still carried on successfully by the above mentioned firm, and embraces not only the parish of Hampstead, but Petersville, Wickham, Kars, Greenwich, and parts of Gagetown, Cambridge and Johnson.

Their caskets are procured in Toronto and trimmed on the premises to order.

They have just received their full supply of both caskets and trimmings which is one of the largest ever brought and kept in Queens County, which amply testifies to the satisfaction they have given in their preparation of these "Houses of the Dead."

"From death to life is but a step" so now we must tell of the smiles on the faces of Messrs. S. Allen, Geo. F. Thompson, Thos. Hastings, and Geo. Watson, when receiving the congratulation of friends because of little strangers added to their homes.

Messrs. Geo. F. Thompson and John Dunham have returned home from Stur. "Ada G."

The former talks of spending the winter either in the balmy climate of the West Indies or on the broad bosom of the Mississippi River, the latter has engaged as master pilot with Mr. Mayes Case, of Wickham, for his cordwood team.

Miss Ada Dunham and Mrs. Annie Wood have left for Boston, the former, on a visit, the latter, permanently. Mrs. Wood, who has made many friends during her two years stay here, will be much missed.

Mrs. George Worden, Miss Lena Worden and Master Alden Worden, of Sussex, left for home on Friday. They were the guests of Mrs. Worden's brother, F. C. Stults.

Word was received on Friday, by telephone, of the death of the infant son of N. W. Eveleigh, of Sussex. Mrs. Eveleigh is the daughter of I. S. Vanwart, of this place, and he and his son, Everett, and daughter, Edith, at once left for the funeral.

Beautiful monuments have lately been erected to the memory of the late Mrs. Geo. B. Thomson by her sister, Mrs. Marie Cowperthwaite and the late Albert Palmer, ex M. P. P., by his widow and son, now residing in Sussex.

Mrs. R. B. Wallace, Miss Mildred Wallace, Master Dylon Wallace, and Miss Lena Wasson arrived from St. John Saturday. They are stopping at Mr. Joseph Wasson's of Sunny-Crest.

Mr. R. W. Ferguson returned from Gagetown on Saturday.

We are to have, it is said, four contestants for councillor. The two old ones Messrs. Edgar Palmer and David O. Nickerson and Mr. W. J. Cheyne and Mr. Darrah, of Blue Mountain. Some dissatisfaction exists with the old members, it being thought that they have shown a want of care and a laxness in

duty towards the parish.

So a brisk contest is impending, the probability being that Mr. Cheyne will lead the poll for many expressions are heard that he, being a man of business, is better able to care for the parish business in many ways.

Messrs. Cheyne, Darrah, and Nickerson are Conservatives while Mr. Palmer is a Liberal.

Mr. John R. Worden observed three deer the other day come to the front of his place, drink in the river and return leisurely to the woods.

Mrs. Maria Carle, Mrs. Mabel Reid and daughter are visiting friends at Tenant's Cove.

Mr. Geo. Worden expected to leave for the lumber woods next week. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Palmer, who has been very ill, has happily recovered.

Mrs. Mary Douglas and family have moved to St. John.

Miss Mable Vanwart, who has lately returned home from Upper Hampstead, and Miss Lillie Foster took tea on Thursday at Mrs. Ferguson's.

Miss Louisa Ronaldson lately housekeeper at Mr. Wilford Vanwart's, has given up her expressed intention of returning to her home in England and has accepted a position as housekeeper with Mr. Asa Slipp.

Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter and family, of Carleton Co., have been visiting Mrs. Annie Cameron, of Cedar Cottage hotel. Mrs. Carpenter is a sister of Mrs. Cameron.

The fleeing of the summer visitor and the voice of the threshing machine heard in the land tells us that summer is gone and autumn is here.

Oct. 4. Newcastle Bridge. We are having very cold weather for the time of year.

On Wednesday last there was a small flurry of snow.

All the vines were killed several days ago.

Miss Carrie Langill, of Nova Scotia, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Wm. Coyle.

Misses Lizzie Porter and Becky Baird, of Salmon Creek, are visiting friends and relatives of this place.

Miss Gussie Porter, who has been visiting Mrs. Chas. Bailey, returned home last week.

Mr. Thos. McEachern is spending a few days with his parents, at Gaspereaux. Miss Edna Upton is visiting friends at Scotchtown.

Miss Effie Yeamans is visiting friends at Mauderville.

Mr. J. E. Miller had his eye severely injured by a piece of steel, a few weeks ago. We are informed he is some better.

The Orange Lodge of this place intend dedicating their hall in the near future.

Rev. W. E. McIntyre filled the pulpit of the Baptist church on Sunday, Sept. 26th.

The Harvest Home tea lately held by the ladies of the Episcopal church was very successful.

Quite a number from this vicinity attended the dedication at Hardwood Ridge, on Sunday.

Miss Nellie Yeamans of Woburn, Mass., intending spending this winter, with her uncle, Mr. John Yeamans.

Mr. T. W. Fulton made a flying visit to his home at Little River, on Saturday. Brown horses and low carriages are out of it and grey horses and buggies are "all the go."

Cambridge.

Oct. 5th.—Mr. Porter McCutcheon who has been confined to his bed for two or three weeks with an abscess on his leg is reported to be somewhat better.

Mr. Herbert J. Pugsley of Boston is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Pugsley.

Mrs. George W. Mullin of North End, St. John has been spending a few days with her uncle, Geo. S. Wilson.

Miss Ella Mott, of Carleton county paid a visit to her grandfather Mr. Amos Mott, on Sunday.

Miss Annabella McAlpine of the Clifton House, St. John, is visiting her brother John McAlpine, jr.

Dr. H. E. Belyea, who has been suffering from a slight attack of influenza is reported to be considerably better.

Mrs. Deborah Hartt who has been spending the summer with her sister Miss Martha Wilson returned to her home in Amesbury, Mass., last week.

Mrs. John Robinson went to Scotchtown to attend the funeral of her brother Mr. Alfred Denton, who died on Monday the 4th inst. Funeral will be Thursday at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Miss Elsie Branscombe, of North End, St. John, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. W. H. White.

Mr. Harding Fowler has purchased the Budd from Capt. George McDonald. George L. Colwell, Esq., who was appointed by the Cambridge Agriculture Society to purchase cattle and sheep for the society, went to Fredericton on Wednesday the 29th ult., so as to be present at the sale of the stock that was to be sold by the Government, on the 30th ult.

Mrs. Geo. L. Colwell returned from Fredericton on Friday, the 13th inst., where she had been for a few days visiting friends.

M. A. D. McLean is at present tending to business at Brigg's Corner.

The Range.

Sept. 29.—Miss A. M. McVicar is visiting friends at Mill Cove.

Mrs. Adams, of Boston, is at present the guest of Mrs. G. P. Barton.

Miss Nora Branscombe and Miss Maud Snell are dangerously ill.

Mrs. A. F. Barton is spending a few days with friends in St. John.

The Misses Clark and Balmain, of Douglas Harbor, were the guests of Miss May McVicar, on Sunday.

Mrs. M. G. McLean, who has been spending the past fortnight with friends at Chipman, has returned home.

Miss Mary Barton intends leaving for Boston on Thursday, 30th inst. She will be greatly missed by her many friends.

Miss Della Branscombe has gone to Salmon Creek, to visit her uncle, Mr. Fowler.

Mrs. Armstrong and niece, Miss Kane, of St. John, were the guests of Mrs. J. D. Barton, on Sunday, Sept. 19th.

Mrs. Isabella Langin and Miss Laura Cummins left on Monday, 20th inst., for Boston, accompanied by the best wishes of their many friends.

Mrs. T. Branscombe, Mrs. E. Elkin and Miss Effie Branscombe, of Cumberland Bay, were the guests of Mrs. W. O. Barton, on Sept. 29th.

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