

**Correspondence.**

**Spicy News Items Gathered by Gazette Correspondents.**

EDMONTON, Alberta,  
April 20th., 1898.

Dear Editor: Our winter has passed without cyclone or blizzard or any of the terrible snowstorms that have caused so much trouble elsewhere, and retarded traffic everywhere.

The icy barriers have been removed from our noble Saskatchewan, and its waters are flashing past in the sunlight, as if rejoicing in their new-found freedom. The Robins are here, and all the signs infallible of spring.

Ploughing and sowing have begun, and at St.oney Plains—so named from a tribe of Indians—and Sturgeon River seeding is so far advanced that the grain will all be in by the close of another week. The heavy crops of last year are likely to be eclipsed by the harvest of 1898 the condition being equal, as a much larger average is being sown and new farms put under cultivation.

Immigration has set in so rapidly that the buildings set apart for immigrants on the south side are insufficient for their accommodation, and arrangements are being made for further provision for them in Edmonton.

There are men coming in from different localities in the States to investigate the truth of the reports in circulation about this great farming country, and if they find that "the half has not been told," as many of them say—large numbers of settlers from these localities will come in at once. One instance is given of 200 families waiting for the return of their agent, and another of 600.

The excursion trains from the east, have brought a good many settlers, and families are arriving every week from the old country.

Building has been greatly retarded, and, in fact, almost at a stand still for the want of lumber. On account of the snow blockade, freight has accumulated at Calgary and elsewhere, and our merchants have been unable to get in goods long overdue. The railway accommodation under the most favorable conditions, is not sufficient for the immense amount of traffic, and when hindered produce a good deal of vexation. The defeat by the senate of the "Yukon Railway Bill has given complete satisfaction in the Territories, and when our member Frank Oliver, M. P., returns to Edmonton, he will receive such an ovation as is not accorded to many statesmen in a life time.

A. G. L.

**White's Cove.**

May 2.—Very little has been done yet in the way of farming as the weather has been so wet and backward. The May Queen is making her regular trips and we are glad to have her back again.

John McAuley was buried at the Catholic cemetery at the Den, on Sunday, the 24th ult. A large number attended the funeral.

Geo. Palmer has a cow that gave birth to three calves a few days ago. Two of them are living.

Rev. Henry Bool preforms here to-night in the Hall.

"Sea King" is in here for harbor. She has a fine scow for Young's Cove, which she expects to deliver this week.

**Scotchtown**

The weather of late has been very cold and backward. Northeast wind and rain have been very prevalent during the past week.

The steamer "May Queen," arrived here on the 27th ult.

Miss Maggie McLinnis gave a quilting party lately. The guests were too numerous to mention and a very enjoyable time was spent. The quilt is a handsome one and is called an "Album quilt."

The cemetery at Palmer's Point has had a new fence put round it lately and now presents a very creditable appearance.

**Mill Road.**

May 2.—Mrs. Wm. Logue of Hampton is visiting her sister Mrs. James Barnett of this place.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Phoebe Wallace who has been very sick is recovering.

Mr. Robert Gourley was the guest of Miss Adelia Stockford on Sunday, May 1st.

Mr. Thomas Wallace of Woodstock was the guest of Miss Maggie Maxwell on Sunday.

Mrs. James Barnett and Mrs. Wm. Logue were the guests of Deacon Brooks and family on Sunday last.

The Sunday School of this place was dismissed on account of there being no one to teach. I am afraid the good people are getting scarce.

On Wednesday last there was quite an addition to the stock of Mr. Stewart Law when his fine sow became the mother of six little pigs, but great was the sorrow of Mr. Law when he had to kill one of the little ones because it was minus its eyesight.

Guy P. Barnett was out for a spin with his favorite horse "Burke" last week.

Messrs. Hazen Dingee and Frank Hayden spent Sunday at Upper Gagetown.

Mr. Wm. McKeague leaves for St. John today.

**Chipman.**

The drives are coming down river rapidly. A portion is lodged at the Forks, another is boomed at Briggs Corner bridge and the remainder is caught at the boom at Chipman.

All the drives are likely to get out, even Kennedy and Fleming who worked up near Coal Branch in Kent county and hauled into the head waters of Salmon river are down with their drive.

Some have commenced to work on the grab all and others are getting their shanties in order.

Several parties raft their logs at the brows up river and float the joints down with the tide thereby saving a good deal of expense, labor and time.

Mrs. D. McEacheron has been very low with hemoptysis complicated with pneumonia and in her critical condition it was considered advisable to summon home the absent members of the family among whom Mr. W. McEacheron, who teaches school at Springfield, Kings Co., Pope, who teaches at Fulton Brook, Salmon River, and Fred, who is taking a course at the Commercial College in Fredericton.

Daniel Demmons left here the first of this month for the North West bound for Rat Portage where he has a brother and if he likes the place he intends to make it his future home.

Some fierce dogs fond of mutton have made sad havoc among the sheep up at the Forks, as no less than 29 of these useful animals are now missing.

John Dykeman, a well known resident of Salmon Creek, died this week and was buried last Tuesday at Red Bank.

The remains of Mrs. William Bishop will also be laid to rest at the Forks burying ground Sunday next.

(Special Correspondent.)

May 2.—The snow is all gone in this vicinity and the roads are in a terrible condition and hardly fit for travelling. The weather for the past few days has been wet and windy.

The drives are into the booms and the lumbermen have commenced rafting.

There are now located in Chipman five saw mills viz. : one gang at Briggs Corner, one rotary and portable at King's, and two portables at Coal Creek owned by Thos. Hetherington and Wm. Harding. They are sawing the lumber cut on the Hugh McLean estate.

The reverend gentlemen of this place ornamented their lawns by planting trees in them.

Miss Maggie Snodgrass has taken charge of the school on Stephenson Road. The Sunday schools have been organized.

The stmr. May Queen arrived here on her first trip on the evening of the 30th ult. We are delighted to see the smiling face of the genial captain, who after his illness was able to take charge the first trip. H. Weston (mate) was greeted with many a hearty shake. The purser in his off-handed manner will look after the comforts of the passengers. Mr. Brannen's reputation as a caterer is widely known and worthy of comment.

Mrs. Donald McEacheron, who has been suffering with pneumonia, is, under the skilful treatment of Dr. J. G. Nugent, past the acute stage of the disease. Fred McEacheron, who was called home on account of his mother's illness, left this morning to resume his studies at the Fredericton Business College.

James Garvey paid a visit to his old home in Gaspereaux last week.

Our enterprising agent, St. Clair Frazer, left by stmr. May Queen this morning on a business trip to St. John.

**South Clones.**

May 2.—The farmers of this place are making preparations for their spring's work repairing their fences and getting ready for seeding.

A number of our young men are returning home from the United States.

Mr. Samuel McCullum has purchased a fine horse from B. Pender.

Mr. James H. Mitchell intends doing a large dairy business this summer.

Miss Annie Corbett has gone to Gagetown to spend a few months.

Mr. John H. Kelly's saw mill is now running at full blast. He intends doing a larger business this season than for many years past.

The McCutcheon Bros. are erecting a dwelling house and barn this season.

Mr. George M. Corbett has gone to St. John on a business trip.

A silver thaw visited this section on Friday, which was accompanied by rain later on leaving the roads in a dreadful state with mud and water.

**Summer Hill.**

April 26.—Although we have an excellent mail driver on the route from Welsford to Gagetown, who is always on time and never misses a trip, the people of this vicinity have been complaining bitterly during the last few months about the way in which they have been receiving their mail which comes via Welsford. The St. John newspapers which should reach here on Thursday are either held over at Welsford or sent to some other office and do not get here until Saturday, and sometimes not until the next week.

Last week's Telegraph has not arrived yet. Saturday's Sun seldom ever arrives until the following Tuesday. These delays are very annoying to subscribers who are anxious to hear the latest war news. If such delays occur much longer the matter will be investigated.

Mr. George Emery returned home from Portland, Me., on Friday last.

Miss Mabel McCrackin arrived home from Portland, Me., on Saturday last after an absence of two years. Miss McCrackin who is a very popular young lady was warmly welcomed by her many friends.

**ST. JOHN LETTER.**

**A Nation of Illiterates and Beggars—The City News—The Markets, etc.**

It is not much wonder that the navy of the United States has been slow to attack that of Spain, for the Spaniards are a noble people, according to their own showing, and much to be feared.

A Barcelona paper a few weeks ago published the following interesting statistics, which it is presumed are not far from correct.

Total population of Spain	18,000,000
Able to read and write	6,104,470
Illiterates	11,895,530
	18,000,000 18,000,000

Priests, friars and nuns	71,077
Professional beggars	91,225
Servants	409,554
Office holders	97,257

These illiterates, professional beggars, priests and friars of which more than two-thirds of the population of the country are made up, no civilized man can be anxious to meet either on land or sea; Uncle Sam will never fight them at close quarters unless he finds it impossible to free the Cubans from their tyranny in any other way. The Messenger and Visitor says of the war between the United States and Spain in a recent editorial:

We have little doubt that it was a duty of the United States to intervene in the affairs of Spain and Cuba, to put an end to the war which, for years past has so cruelly devastated that fair island, and which is but a sequel to other conflicts of like character growing out of Spanish misrule in Cuba. The cause for which the United States stand in their contention with Spain is a just one.

The Scribner combination pipe organ continues to gain in favor and demand. F. A. Peters, jr., reports the firm behind in orders and the organs taking first place in all competitions where anything other than a large pipe organ is required.

About \$5,000,000 worth of freight was shipped from here to British ports last winter.

There is no foundation whatever for the report that the editor of a St. John morning newspaper has been offered the command of a Spanish torpedo boat.

Charles Colwell, a respected resident of the west side, died last Wednesday aged 61 years.

Newspapers, like men, are known by the company they keep. Language cannot express the scorn which every British subject should feel for the renegade who sympathizes with Spain in her struggle against Anglo Saxon civilization.

A cable was received here last Wednesday ordering 8,000 or 10,000 barrels of flour.

A young Millicite has begun his career in journalism in this city as a newsboy.

The Boston Optical Co., who are doing wonders for people troubled with defective vision, have located here permanently. The writer knows from experience that as opticians they have no rivals in Canada.

Because of the Spanish-American war there has been an all-round advance in the markets during the last week. The following are some of to-day's quotations. Manitoba flour \$6.40 to \$6.50; best Ontario \$6; oatmeal \$4.25; cornmeal \$2.25; clear pork \$15.75 to \$16; mess pork \$15.25 to \$15.50; plate beef \$15.25; extra plate \$15.50; roletts \$16.50; beans \$1.10 per bushel; granulated sugar 4¢ cents; yellows 3½ to 4; P. R. molasses 30 cents; Barbadoes 25 cents. Eggs are dull at 8½ cents; good butter is in demand at 17 cents. China teas are almost out of the market. George S. DeForest & Sons are landing a direct importation of about 900 chests from India and Ceylon. These hardwood chests, once a curiosity, have become quite familiar in this market.

EDWARD EDWARDS.

St. John, April 30.

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In our Store that make it the largest and most convenient (in our line) in Indiantown. We have sold out our King street business and intend giving our whole time to our Indiantown business. We are showing the largest and best stock of Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps and Mens Furnishing Goods we have ever shown. Some of our Customers say our Custom Tailoring is perfect, but we are still trying to improve it. We invite inspection and comparison of our Goods and Prices.

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