

Correspondence.

Spicy News Items Gathered by Gazette Correspondents.

Cumberland Point.

March 28.—The weather has been very fine and warm, for the past week, and the large snow drifts of the winter, have almost entirely disappeared.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Messrs. B. C. Babington and A. Chapman have completed their winter's operations, at Campbell Settlement. They speak very highly of Mr. Campbell and family, and advise their many friends to patronize this merchant as his goods are of a good quality, and of the lowest prices. Mr. Chapman states that he purchased pants of the finest material, from the above gentleman, at a reduced rate.

Mr. Acel Chapman was the guest of Miss Violet Ryder a few days ago.

Miss Della Barton was the recipient of a beautiful present a few days ago, and expresses herself as being very much pleased with it.

Mr. Kelsie Wood is now busily engaged preparing sills, for the purpose of moving his house.

As Mr. Howard Phillips was returning home from Marr Settlement, at a late hour, a few evenings ago, he saw a strange looking animal on the road a short distance from him, and becoming alarmed, as he had never seen an animal of the kind before, and not wishing to come in contact with it, he had to retrace his steps.

Oats are very cheap at present. Mr. B. C. Babington purchased a quantity of them from Mr. Robert Stuart of Canaan Rapids, a short time ago, at a very low rate per bushel.

Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Rufus Phillips who has had the misfortune of getting his horse disabled, and it is feared by some that she will die.

Our teacher has been ill for the past few days, but is better now.

Mr. D. H. Reese has purchased a fine set of harness.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Campbell spent a few days with friends at this place, last week, and received a hearty welcome.

Capt. D. Wasson, accompanied by several young men of this place, went to St. John to resume their duties on their vessels.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Drilen of this place have returned home, after having paid a visit to their friends and relatives at Woodstock and Houlton.

Miss Nina E. Snell was the guest of Miss Victoria McLean on Tuesday last.

Miss Etta Stuart is at present staying with Mrs. Robert Phillips.

Johnson.

March 30th.—When I sent the history and origin of the name Thornetown, and also the progress the Settlement had made I had no intentions of trying to underrate any locality in this county, for it always gives me pleasure to hear of any section of Queen's making any substantial progress, either financially, morally or intellectually; and I only hoped that other correspondents would have favored the readers of the GAZETTE with a sketch of the locality where they reside. Knowing that Queen's is noted for producing some of the ablest men that can be found in the Dominion, although being one of the centre counties, and having no large institutions of learning, neither any great centre of trade yet it is true Queen's has produced men who have taken first place as Speakers, Teachers, Lawyers, Doctors and Preachers—of which your correspondent is proud, disregarding of the low insinuations of our muddy-headed friend, who signs himself Cambridge. Yet I very much doubt that Cambridge is the unhappy possessor of that unfortunate correspondent.

As we all claim one grand brotherhood, and possess the same self reliance and independence, I will venture to give the readers of the GAZETTE a few more details of our surroundings—confining myself to facts. We have a fine Public Hall right in the centre of our Settlement, and a Court of Independent Order of Foresters, second to none in the County. We have Express and Telephone communications; and we have in our locality a Land Surveyor, and he is one of the boys of this place, and takes first rank in his profession, for his services have been required not only in New Brunswick and the North West, but in the Southern States of America; and one of the boys from this place is Captain of the new Victoria, steamer, which is noted for the best river boat, in the province. And these persons have gained their present honorable positions by that spirit of self reliance and independence that was transmitted from father to son. Cambridge seems to have awakened out of a spasm brought on by a bad fit of nightmare, and in his bewildered dream says: "Awake, communities, and send your deputations to Thornetown for self reliance." Yes, send them along, and they will receive fair and honorable treatment and they will have the best wishes of this community, and a helping hand will be extended to them in their different vocations of life for we are always proud to see our neighbors succeed, I said send your deputations along, I will make a proviso: There is a certain class of people whose presence is not required here, and perhaps our muddy headed friend, who signs himself, Cam-

bridge, is one. Yet there is a chance for that unfortunate fellow, he can get accommodations on the west side of the St. John river, near its mouth, near the end of the Suspension Bridge, and he will be under the care of one of the boys from this place and I can insure him kind treatment, though his case is a hopeless one. In his dream he raves about thirty thousand dollars that it would require to move the shiretown that statement is so misleading that it requires no argument to refute it. The removal of a shiretown is only a matter of time. Our muddy headed friend to the contrary, he misrepresents and has no regard for facts when he says that we are as much isolated after a snow storm as Gagetown, could a more misleading statement be written than that? This winter has been the roughest one on record for a long time, and our communications by the Central R. R. were suspended only for a short time, in fact the Central compared favorably with other railroads in our province. I have no harsh word for the old historic Gagetown, it must be acknowledged by all fair minded men, even if they live in Gagetown, that the locality is against it, for at this season of the year it is hard to reach especially by people on the east side of the river and parties from St. John. If the capital was near the Central R. R. it would be easily reached at all seasons and with small cost compared with the cost of travelling with horses. As regards the Grammar school our muddy headed friend showed signs of insanity. Give us the Grammar school and we will utilize it to the best of our abilities and try to make it an institution that every intellectual man in Queens will speak of with pride. Our muddy headed friend in his bewilderment said that the correspondent was either in his dotage or a child. I was not aware that those persons were the only ones that could tell the truth, and if I should judge our friend by his rule, I should suppose he is in the prime of life. But his rule will not hold good in this locality for the self relying people of this place have a great regard for truth.

Upper Gagetown.

March 28th.—We are very sorry our school teacher Mr. S. C. Weston, is in very poor health, and had to give up the school some three weeks ago. He is under the skillful treatment of Dr. Caswell, and we sincerely hope for his recovery. The school will be reopened as soon as a new teacher can be procured.

Some of our young friends are feeling sad as two of our prominent young men left this morning for Boston, Messrs Reud Currier, and Dale Mc Mulkin.

The people are hustling the scows along there are twelve or thirteen about ready for calking.

The people are about through with their hauling it is time as the snow is diminishing very fast.

Rev. Chas. Henderson, held a series of meetings last week, which ended in good results.

Miss Day of Burton, intends holding a concert in her school house in the near future, for the benefit of the school.

We are pleased to learn that the school in the lower district is progressing so rapidly they have taken up some new branches lately.

On the evening of the 18th, a number of the young people gathered at Mrs. E. Currier's and held a surprise party a very enjoyable time was spent. At 11 o'clock lunch was served, games of all kinds were enjoyed, all went away feeling they had spent a pleasant evening.

On the 25th, Miss Della Chase gave a party to a large number of her friends, games and amusements of all kinds occupied the evening till 12 when a sumptuous supper was served, all doing justice to the good things set before them, all feeling they had spent a very enjoyable evening.

Some of the artists of the lower district displayed their talent the other evening by painting a young man's sleigh by moonlight, but the paint being soft like the artist it took no effect on the sleigh.

Butler.

March 23.—Spring has come at last after a long and dreary winter. The water is rising quite fast. The hauling is nearly done, and the fields and roads are getting quite bare.

The hotel and livery stable is not under construction yet as Mr. David Robinson owns the land. He expects to sell it for quite a handsome sum. If the price is agreed upon, it will soon be commenced as Mr. Chas. Sams is a hustler and will carry the work on rapidly.

Mr. Rupert Sypher had the misfortune to hurt his foot very badly the other day.

Miss Pearl Robinson and Miss Bertha Akerly are visiting friends at Sypher's Cove.

Mr. James Doyle is making rapid progress on Flower Bros' boat.

Mrs. David Robinson is visiting her parents at Newcastle.

Mr. Charles Chapman is expected soon to move on Mr. James Doyle's place.

Mr. Harvey Chapman left for the city to-day.

Mr. John Sypher was visiting friends at Cumberland Bay last week.

Mr. Sidney Butler intends getting a small steam engine, next summer, to drive his turning Lathe, and other machinery under course of construction.

Mr. E. G. Sypher expects to get the job of painting the new buildings that

are to be put up next summer.

We are badly in need of a wharf at this place as it is 12 miles without a boat stop. If there was a wharf and a boat stop once a week the people would be satisfied. There would be a road from Little River Settlement through here and the distance would not be so great as where they have now to go out to the main river. We hope to see the day when there will be a wharf and a bridge here. Then there will be a stir in this neighborhood.

From Abbott's Camp, N. H.

TO EDITOR QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE

As I am a reader of your valuable paper and always anxious to hear the news of both Queens and Sunbury and as there are some boys here from both counties, I thought perhaps a few lines from our camp would be of some interest to some of your readers.

We are working for Wm. Abbott and a jolly good fellow he is. He spends his Saturday nights and Sundays at his home.

Our teamsters are Alwood Dunn, Albert Moore, of South Clones, Queens County; Fred Fowler, of Salmon Creek; Wm. Abbott, of Maine; Albert Sampson, John Buckett, Dell Rosebush, and Wm. Lord of Pittsburg.

Moore was very much surprised when he was told he had to go back on the long road with the rest of the boys.

We are sorry to say that Abbott the teamster was sick and had to go out last week.

Will Hargrove, of Lakeville Corner is tending sled for Moore.

Lester Scott is Fred's sled tender.

Jim Brown is chopping for Fred. He can chop as many spruce as any other white man. He has been spending some of his time making a gum book. Some of the boys think it is going to Boston.

Edgar Gilman is tending sled for Abbott. Ed. is a great boy and always full of fun.

We had a very heavy rain last week which caused the water to rise in the river, and as we are hauling across the river now, we had to lay back for a few days.

G. W. Burgess is one of the choppers. He goes out every Saturday on important business, and I think there are some of the other boys who would like to be able to accompany him on a similar errand.

Ed. Bateman, of Miramichi, is our scaler. I think he can use a pen or pencil as deftly as any of the boys.

Dan Kellher is our feeder and a first class one he is.

Tom Brackett is our cook and can handle as much dough as any two common cooks.

Our camp was visited not long ago by eleven girls of Coon Lake.

As times are hard and paper scarce I will conclude.

Yours, etc.,
A. BUSHMAN.

Chipman.

March 28.—A leaflet printed at Kamloops, B. C., informs us that the Chinook Indians of the Pacific coast are learning to write a new system of Phonography called the Wawa Shorthand. The publisher claims for this system greater simplicity over all previous methods and though only recently introduced, he states that already 2,000,000 throughout the world are using the "Wawa Shorthand." Unlike the Pitman method no shaded lines are used to represent elementary sounds in the Alphabet, and in this respect the Wawa Shorthand makes a near approach to the Scovil system which improved upon the Pitman style of discarding shaded characters in writing. Many of the characters in the "Wawa Shorthand," are the same as those of Scovil's system and though applied to a different use are not followed by compensating advantages.

A shorthand newspaper is also published and may be addressed.—Editor Wawa, Kamloops, B. C.

The Chipman correspondent is indebted to Senator King for late papers from the Dominion Capital as well as for a handsome copy of "The Klondike Official Guide," containing a large map of the Yukon country with a fund of useful information respecting the new Eldorado of the Northwest. By late Ottawa papers we learn that fifty cars of rails to be used in constructing the first railroad to the Klondike have been shipped by Mackenzie, Mann and Company now on their way to Vancouver. The rails weigh 45 pounds to the yard and are what are called the medium weight type.

The Central Railroad company has lately put a new locomotive upon the line. The new addition is much more powerful than its predecessor and differs from it in having six wheels instead of four. At first the engineer, never having run up on a six wheeler before, used greater caution and consequently did not make as good time at first as the schedule called for; but with experience came greater speed than before, which explains the little delay grumbled about along the line.

In the nine years that the Central has been operating it got blocked only a couple of times by snowdrifts and when it gets blocked all the railroads in the country are blocked, showing conclusively that it is none of your one horse affairs.

The genuine sunshine is telling upon our winter supply of snow and already the Salmon river is beginning to feel the impulse of the countless brooks and rivulets that "clatter over stony ways to join the brimming river."

The river is open along the shores and the ice is wasting rapidly with every appearance of running out before many days.

The lumbermen are pretty much all out of the woods after putting in a hard winter and getting very little in return for all their toil.

One of the pits at the Elkin coal mines became filled with water this spring and now two engines are at work pumping it out.

About fifteen men are engaged in digging in the new pit from which the coal is brought to the surface along an inclined slope.

Lawfield.

We have had lovely weather here during the past month, but Spring has been making an April fool of us, for we had a heavy snow storm this week.

Mr. Hansen held service in the school house on Sunday which was well attended although the roads were very bad.

Mr. Luke S. Appleby who has been visiting relatives in Lawfield has returned to his home in Woodstock. His old friends were glad to see him looking so well.

Mr. George Allen cut his foot on Tuesday.

Mr. Michael Law was in Lawfield on Friday, and reports the roads in a very bad condition.

Times are very quiet here now, but there are a few dances in anticipation when Lent is out.

"Coming events cast their shadows before": There is new furniture arriving, and quilting and mat hooking parties going on. It is certain that the services of a reverend gentleman will be required before long.

Jemseg.

April 4.—A furious northeast snowstorm prevailed here during Thursday and Friday of last week. The snow is drifted in banks giving April a midwinter appearance.

During the fine weather of March the schoormen began working at their vessels, preparing for the opening of navigation. The schooners "Benlah" (Captain Wasson), and "Uranus" (Captain McLean), are loading wood for Rockland.

P. B. McLean of Robertson's Point has bought a quarter interest of schooner "Uranus" from C. D. Dykeman.

Arch Farjot has bought F. A. Dykeman's share of woodboat Sea King.

Capt. W. F. Currie is preparing to rebuild the schooner "Welcome Home" during the summer. He intends to place her near the saw mill as soon as the freshet will permit.

The repairing and caretaking of the Jemseg floating bridge was let to J. M. Dykeman.

Messrs. Colwell, Gunter and Springer saw mill began work on 31st ult.

George Knight and Berfield Springer of White's Cove with their sawing machine, are doing the woodpiles of this place.

Capt. J. D. Colwell has gone to Mangerville. He is employed with Mr. Sewell to take charge of one of his tugs.

Measles are prevalent in this section. At a recent meeting of the Jemseg Baptist church J. D. Colwell, Moses Dykeman and F. J. Purdy were appointed deacons.

Quite a number of wild geese have arrived and the local sports are on the alert for the first capture.

Mill Cove.

April 3.—The weather has been very fine the snow disappearing very fast.

Mr. Charles Young has gone to the Klondike.

Mr. Edmond Farris has been busily engaged getting ice for the dairy purpose.

Miss Alice Munroe is teaching the school at this place.

Mr. John McAuley is reported to be seriously ill.

Mr. Leslie Wright, who has been poorly for some time, is rapidly recovering.

Central Burton.

March 30.—We are sorry to learn that Mr. George W. Lindsay of Shirley, who is suffering from a paralytic stroke is no better.

Mr. Emery A. Lindsay of Shirley, is going to St. John, we are informed, to take charge of one of Mr. Jas. Holly's tow boats.

Mr. H. McCain of Burton is a frequent visitor to this place. He is organizing a foot ball team. We wish him success.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Howes are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Mr. Thomas McFadgen has been hauling logs to the saw mill during the past week. He hauled twelve logs which sawed surveyed 2,000 feet.

Mr. Cyrus Kitchen of Swan Creek passed through here on Tuesday with a load of iron for Mr. R. F. Davis of Upper Gagetown to use on his scows.

Mr. Blanch Currier of Upper Gagetown, also passed here with a load of oakum. They had hard sledding.

The law-suit to-day between Parker Knox, of Oromocto, plaintiff; and Wm. Jonston, of Burton, defendant; before Squire McLean, resulted in a verdict for defendant. The plaintiff in the above case was arrested on an execution for taxes at the instance of Collector Cambridge and in default of payment was conveyed to jail.

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