

## Correspondence.

## Spicy News Items Gathered by Gazette Correspondents.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

TO EDITOR QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE.

Dear Sir: Kindly allow me space in your valuable paper for a few lines concerning the statements given you by McLaughlin against Mrs. Shepherd. Now, while I cannot contradict them and do not wish to interfere in the affairs of one who is a stranger, I feel it my duty having heard her lecture on three different occasions and also read her book giving the description of her life, to say that she does not in any way try to conceal her past sins but displays all her temptations and wrong doings in true light, and having done so she now (as a Christian woman delivered from the evil of her ways) is seeking with all her strength to open the eyes of all and to protect them as far as possible from being led in ignorance as she was.

I was present at the meeting when she was told of the reports that were in the Globe and she said she had come to the day that when she did not hear such things she wondered greatly what was the matter. She did not deny having done wrong but she furthermore said who had been her persecutors and the ones who had caused her so much trouble:—

She was left an orphan at the age of 15 in India whither her parents had gone her father being a priest having married in secret. After her parents death she was sent to Ireland to some relatives and it was while there she fell in love with a priest and he induced her to marry him in secret himself placing the ring on her finger and pronouncing themselves legally joined. They went to parts where they were unknown, (I forget just what place), and after two years of happy life they were discovered by another of the same profession and in a few weeks were separated he sent to a monastery and she with her baby girl into the street. After money was spent and honorably refusing help from her oppressors she was reduced to extreme want and it was then she stole something to relieve the suffering of her dying child in her arms. She was arrested, placed in jail and her baby of two years taken from her. The child died through the night and when told next morning she fainted in the dock and had to be carried away.

She was taken care of by several religious institutions but her heart had become so hardened through trouble and neglect that they could make no impression upon her. Probably it was during these times that those remarks referred to by McLaughlin were made. She was then induced to enter a nunnery or convent St. Arnos Court, Bristol, England, by the priest who had been the means of the separation. She lived there some three years I think and having gained possession of a Protestant Testament and losing so much faith in those who pretended to be her friends, she fought her way out and with the curse of both nuns and priests she was rudely pushed into the street. She has gone from one institution to another until I believe she is a woman redeemed from sin, and I see no reason why she should be crushed down now when trying to do right and if her advice and counsel were taken one would do very well. Our Saviour came to save the lost and in his own words we will say. Let him that is without sin cast the first stone. Moreover, I cannot see how one could commit so much degradation as she is said to have done and escape penitentiary for life.

Now, dear friends do not judge Mrs. Shepherd until you have read her life and heard her lectures and you will then be more able to form an opinion. Also read Father Chiniquy's life as a priest and you will find they do not differ. Had I space I would like to give some of the statements made during Mrs. Shepherd's lectures which I think would open the eyes of all and would cause those who are fortunate to know such rules exist, to wonder how do others know. Therein lies the reason why Mr. King and others are called untruthful.

As regards the challenge made by McLaughlin to Mr. King, would say that Mr. King's time is too valuable to be taken up with one so inexperienced as the former. Speaking of the challenge reminds me very much of those made by Mrs. Shepherd while in St. John, when she set apart a portion of the platform for those she invited to oppose her, (not giving names).

Thanking you very much Mr. Editor for your patience with me I will close,  
A LISTENER.

## OPINIONS OF PUBLIC PRESS.

From Boston Baptist Watchman.

Mrs. Shepherd speaks concerning that which she has both known and seen and hence her fervent words have added weight. Besides she is tender as well as earnest in her Christian spirit. It is not strange that her lectures command a wide hearing.

From Clinton (Mass.) Courant.

Last Tuesday evening Mrs. S. again lectured in Bigelow Hall which was crowded to utmost capacity. Every seat was filled and the audience consisting of both Protestants and Catholics. She spoke in a clear voice that was heard in the remotest part of the hall and elicited the closest attention of the large audience.

Northampton (Mass.) Herald.

There was only standing in City Hall last eve so great was the crowd desirous of hearing Mrs. S. She is a pleasing speaker and is not actuated by any notice save the desire to tell the truth as she believes it.

From Rev. Leroy Vernon, Pastor First M. E. Church, Synacuse.

In this city during two weeks Mrs. Margaret Shepherd has labored extensively and to great advantage. Her lectures have aroused the people and awakened in many much enthusiasm. She has spoken with great vigor, eloquence and boldness. Her work far from being sensational has been serious and sustained, performed manifestly with the sincere intent to secure permanent, beneficial and Christian results. The severity and sweep of her labors have been beyond what one could have believed possible from so slender and delicate a lady as she. Mrs. Shepherd has honored herself in patriotic purpose and service. Many bid her God-speed and applaud her laudable endeavors and deserved success.

Mrs. Shepherd also gave many lectures in Tremont Temple, Boston, and in her private lectures to ladies she addressed over 2000 women.

## Letter from N. W. Territory.

EDMONTON, Alberta,

July 20th.

Dear Editor—In my last letter I spoke of the drouth, since then we have had an abundance of rain in this district; but in many sections the crops have been permanently injured, owing to the long continued dry weather. This is particularly so on the Battle River, and south of Calgary. In other places where the rain was abundant, and the weather warm, there is danger of the grain being lodged before ripening, the growth has been so rank. Of grains, wheat and barley give the most promise, one example will suffice: On Philip Umbach's farm at Stony Plain, he had Ladogo wheat measuring 56 inches, Red Fife 52 inches, and six rowed barley 48 inches in length.

Inspector Snyder, who has just returned from a trip over the new trail from Edmonton to Lesser Slave Lake, reports meeting the "Dupont Railway Survey" party between Pembina and Athabasca, and the "Diblee Party" at the Pembina. The former party having left a few days before the latter.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Kerr, Messrs. Hetherington, Davies, and Crandall, and giving them a New Brunswick welcome to the far North West. Mrs. Kerr will remain in Edmonton until the return of the party.

Reports from the oil boring operations at Pelican Rapids, are encouraging. The flow of gas from the well bored last year is still strong and undiminished. It is odorless, can be breathed without injury, is without doubt the finest natural gas yet discovered, and superior to that manufactured. Heavy oil or tar is found in quantities in the well, and Mr. Fraser, who is in charge, expects to strike light oil when the limestone formation is reached, within the next 200 feet.

The first of July was duly observed and celebrated by the loyal inhabitants of Edmonton and surrounding country.

The twelfth was the occasion of a grand rally of the Orangemen of the various districts in South Edmonton. Speeches, sports, and a procession in which King William was loyally honored filled up a very enjoyable day.

F. Pugsley, an evangelist, is holding a series of meetings in the Baptist Church, in which an increasing interest is manifested.

A. G. L.

## Gaspereaux Station.

July 23.—Blueberries are now being picked in large quantities.

There are several dealers. J. K. Howard, Thomas W. Trott and William H. Kirkpatrick are all doing a big amount of trade in the blueberry line.

The hay crop is very good. Other crops are looking well. Everything points to a very successful year for the farmers.

Early potatoes are very plentiful. Many had them a fortnight ago.

Joseph Myles, contractor, has been away on business relating to a heavy ditching job in Sunbury. He will doubtless hire several hands.

Mrs. Dunbar, proprietress of the local hotel, has a number of tourists.

Hartley W. McCutcheon, a well known educationalist, has been engaged to teach the school in Mill Settlement West.

The trustees of district No. 4, Patterson Settlement, are yet without a teacher for next term.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bernard Malloney have rented a cottage at Enniskillen for the summer.

The road machine was largely used on the bye-roads here this spring. Beneficial results have ensued.

Travellers for E. W. Gillott & Co., Toronto, called on our local merchants lately.

A few nights ago, some evil minded person broke open the door of J. K. Howard's livery stable and proceeded to bar the tail of a highly prized roaster.

Miss Lottie E. Washburn intends going to Normal School this fall.

The candidature of H. W. Woods for the local house is arousing great enthusiasm. He will doubtless secure an overwhelming vote in this locality.

RANDOLPH, MASS.

July 25.

TO EDITOR QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE.

It is with much pleasure that I avail myself of the opportunity of writing a few lines to your valuable paper, which arrives here every Friday much to the delight of three Queens County boys who are spending their first summer in the land of Uncle Sam, and who eagerly glance over the various columns in search of some news from Petersville or Summer Hill, but of lately have been disappointed in not hearing from Petersville. Perhaps the correspondent is very busy in the hay-field and will pay up for it in your next issue.

It was with much pleasure I read in your last issue an account of the annual session of the High Court of the Independent Order of Foresters at St. John on the 13th inst. and of the enjoyable time spent by the brethren on that occasion and being a member of that order myself, I feel it my duty to extend a word of congratulation to the representatives of the various subordinate courts, who had the honor of meeting our Supreme Chief on that occasion, and I trust that the financial development of the Independent Order of Foresters during the past year is ample proof that it is one of the best orders in the world to-day.

Thanking you for the space in your paper, and wishing you every success, I will close for the present.

Yours truly,

A. W. ALLINGHAM.

Shirley.

Mr. George Lindsay, who has been ill for some time, is now convalescent.

Messrs. Banks and Lingley, of Welsford, who ship for the American market, have employed a number in this vicinity

to pick blueberries for them.

Mrs. De Merritt, of Auburn, Maine, and Mrs. Fred Parkes, of Somerville, Mass., were guests at "Sunny Brae" last week.

J. H. DeVeber, Esq., of Gagetown, was also a guest at "Sunny Brae" on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. D. Nevers and Mrs. Don Campbell are visiting at the "Pines."

Miss Nellie Ward leaves next week for Chipman, where she will visit friends, before taking charge of her school at Fulton Brook.

Miss Belle Scott paid a visit to Sheffield and Fredericton this week.

Miss M. M. Gray, who has been sketching and doing some amateur photographing in this vicinity, expects to return home shortly.

Mr. J. H. Ferguson, of Fredericton, passed through here Sunday on his way to Gagetown.

Deer are becoming quite thick in vicinity Master W. Cardner saw three in a field of grain on Tuesday.

## Johnson.

July 28.—And yet another! He styles himself "Well Wisher," etc. He imagines himself much better qualified, Mr. Editor, to conduct a paper than yourself. In fact he esteems himself a walking encyclopedia of newspaper ability. Perhaps he is bound in brass. He struts and puffs and patronizes and advertises himself as the "greatest thing that ever happened." I suppose that my letter outlining the enterprise of this section of the county was "a slanderous attack," etc. When I reported a concert, as any ordinary correspondent would, forsooth, I was indulging in vile language. I have had no controversy with any of the regular correspondents of the GAZETTE but when special correspondents have attempted to establish a reputation as wits of unusual brilliancy by attacking my correspondence in a would-be humorous manner, I have paid them back in their own coin and I guess I paid one hundred cents on a dollar. Ignorance is always to be pitied so I refrain from any criticism on his use of the word "slanderous," but would meekly suggest that he should try to become as well educated as a third grade scholar of the common school before appearing as a newspaper censor. Of course "Well Wisher" isn't attacking any one. The dear little Tootsie Wootsie only imagines himself a gas-meter with a Partridge Island Fog Horn attachment, but he is mistaken, he is only a brass whistle of small calibre and weak note and can't even furnish the steam to make his own music.

## Sheffield.

Aug. 1.—Owing to the unfavorable weather we have had for the past week the farmers of this place are getting along very slowly with their haying.

Miss Lizzie H. Pesley, formerly of Boston, Mass., now residing in Maugeville is here the guest of her sister Mrs. Thos. Bridges.

Mrs. John McGowan has left her home in Sheffield to spend the summer with Mr. and Mrs. George Bridges, French Lake.

Mr. Holly B. Bridges spent Sunday with friends at Jemseg.

Miss Lizzie and Laura Bridges are visiting their sister Mrs. Samuel Flewelling at Hampton. They are expected home on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Miles of Maugeville spent Sunday with her parents.

Miss Helen Ferguson our popular dress maker purposes going to Fredericton Monday where she intends to remain for several weeks.

Mr. W. B. Bridges spent Sunday with friends at Newcastler.

Miss Lizzie Bridges of Boston is visiting her mother Mrs. Jonathan Bridges.

Mrs. Churchill of Carleton County is spending a few weeks with her sister Mrs. Thos. Thompson.

Mr. Thos. P. Taylor spent a day last week in St. John.

Mr. Chas. Skidd lost a very valuable pony a few days ago.

Miss Mary Harrison has gone to St. James to visit her brother Rev. Harry Harrison.

A flock of wild geese passed over here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mullin, Miss Anderson and Mr. McNeill of Fredericton, spent Sunday here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Griffith.

Miss Annie Day is visiting here the guest of Mrs. Frank Day.

Mrs. Capt. Taylor spent last week here.

Mrs. Bell wife of Rev. A. C. Bell is expected here next week from Prince Edward Island.

Some of our farmers are nearly through haying.

Hear the jingle of the bells—Wedding bells.

Observer.

## Summer Hill.

July 30.—Farmers are now busy with their haying, the crop is much better than last year and far beyond the average.

Other crops are promising, potatoes so far show no sign of rust but it is feared the foggy weather may bring it.

Blueberries will not be as plentiful this year as in former years, only a few loads have yet been taken to Welsford.

Mrs. Edward Broomer of St. John is visiting Mrs. Thos. Dale.

Miss Evaline Armstrong and Mrs.

William Rodgers and family of Boston are visiting friends in this place.

Mr. George Mills of Boston is visiting friends here.

Mrs. John Corbett is very ill with slow fever.

Mr. Stewart McKinney one of the leading farmers of Petersville is very ill with tumor of the stomach and no hope for his recovery is entertained.

Mr. James Wilson of Petersville is suffering from paralysis of the throat.

Rev. J. B. Gough our new Methodist minister preached his first sermon here on Sunday evening last.

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