

Correspondence.

Spicy News Items Gathered by Gazette Correspondents.

Jemseg.

March 10.—The Sunday school concert which was held in the Baptist church on the 7th inst., proved very successful. A large number of visitors from White's Cove, Mouth of Jemseg, and elsewhere were present.

The following programme was carried out:

Singing, Our Sunday school, by Miss Nellie Purdy.

Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Blakey.

Recitation, Our Motto, by Miss Edna Colwell.

Recitation, Christ's Blessed Service, by Miss Myrtle Burns.

Singing, Throw out the life line, by Miss Amy Springer.

Recitation, Papa's Letter, Miss May Springer.

Recitation, The Sunday school, by Miss Ada Currie.

Singing, He loved me so, by Miss Rosilla Currie.

Recitation, Following the star, by Miss Clara Colwell.

Recitation, Our Motto, by Miss Lorena Burns.

Recitation, The Widow's Light, by Miss Dora Dykeman.

Recitation, Have you any stars in your crown? by Miss Bessie Camp.

The performance ended with eloquent speeches from the pastor, and teachers, after which "God be with you till we meet again," was sung.

Mr. C. J. Colwell has returned from Canaan Rapids, where he has been in the woods with a crew lumbering.

Mr. Merrit Currie is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. A. Colwell.

Miss Rosilla Currie is suffering from an attack of influenza.

Quite a number of our young men have left for St. John.

The Baptists here have secured the services of Rev. W. J. Blakey for another year.

Lower Cambridge.

March 7.—We noticed in one of the recent issues of your valuable paper, that a whip had been lost at or near Jemseg Corner, and the owner of it thought it had been eaten by a cow. Your correspondent would like to know if all whips taken to Jemseg, especially during the Quarterly meetings, were eaten by a cow. If so, we think it would be well to kill the animal, so that the whips might be recovered, and further, the people of that section would no longer be blamed in that connection.

Cumberland Bay

March 9.—Miss Eva Barton, of the Range, spend a days of last week with friends at this place.

Mr. Thomas Gale has purchased a fine organ.

Mr. Carl Fairweather passed through this section of country a few days ago.

Mr. Andrew B. Miller is spending a few days with friends at Scotch Settlement, Kings Co.

Mr. Geo. Gale was the guest of Miss Ida Marr on Saturday.

Mrs. Charles W. Barton is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Emery Branscombe of Chipman.

Miss Alice Barton is reported very ill.

Mr. Eric Welton, of Houlton, Maine, is visiting friends in this place.

The W. M. A. S. held their monthly prayer meeting on Monday night, in the school house at the head of Cumberland Bay.

The ladies are very busy preparing for the "Pink Tea" which is to be held at the Corner on the 16th inst.

Messrs. Geo. A. Barton and Joseph Green have their contract for sleepers completed.

Mill Settlement.

March 8.—The death of Miss Dora Bailey of Blissville occurred at her home, Feb. 27th. She was the eldest daughter of the late Luke Bailey. Her remains were interred in the Blissville burying ground. Rev. O. N. Mott preached an impressive sermon on the occasion from the words: "We sorrow not as those that have no hope."

Rev. O. N. Mott is holding special services at Blissville. He is assisted by Rev. T. O. DeWitt and Mr. Wayman Kirkpatrick.

J. N. Wooden of Boston is visiting his parents. He intends remaining about two weeks.

Miss Alice Kingston is home from Boston, Mass. where she has been visiting for several months past.

Mr. and Mrs. David Muir are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son.

Johnson.

March 10.—The weather since the first of March has been delightful.

Mrs. Sybil Northrup is very low.

Mrs. David Patterson, who has been very sick with a severe attack of la grippe, is slowly recovering under the skilful treatment of Dr. Brundage.

Mr. John Armstrong has commenced his maple sugar business. He intends to carry on the work more extensively than on previous seasons.

Miss Sadie Perry left for Portland, Maine, a few days ago.

Messrs. David Thorne and C. A. Hetherington were to Sussex on the 8th.

Thos. Hetherington arrived from St. John on Wednesday. His store was under the management of S. K. Foster during his absence.

Mr. M. B. Dunham, the popular blacksmith at Thornetown, reports business very dull at present.

Miss Mary J. Patterson is very sick, and is attended by Dr. Brundage.

The school at Jenkinville taught by Miss Bertha Crenlock is making good progress. Miss Crenlock is to be congratulated on the tact and judgment with which she conducts her school.

Rev. Mr. Bailey is conducting a series of revival meetings in Goshen. Much good is being done and we hope the good work will continue.

Mr. Daniel Fanjoy lost a valuable horse a few days ago.

The arrival of the GAZETTE is always anxiously looked for. It is praised by all for it gives us the news from every part of our native country.

Cody's Station.

We notice one of your correspondents has very minutely described Thornetown, how the name originated, etc. Now if you will kindly allow us a short space in your valuable paper, we would like to describe one or more of its suburbs. We will begin with Cody's Station and vicinity, for the benefit of those who have been absent for a few years, or strangers who may be interested in the locality. In the beginning the Central Railway opened up this section wonderfully, which was with many other smaller villages, comparatively unknown.

Later, a large milling operation was started by John Leonard and Sons. Then a cluster of pretty cottages was put up for the employees of mill. And gradually it grew and grew like "Mr. Phinney's turnip" until we woke up to the fact that a town had sprung up in our midst, with streets, avenues and boulevards.

After leaving Main Street you pass the residence and beautifully kept grounds of A. F. Armstrong, M. D. Farther down you come to McBrarty Avenue, lined with the neatest and cosiest of cottages.

Still nearer the beautiful river you go through well kept, shady streets. The next thing of interest that strikes you is the railway bridge, a gigantic piece of masonry, with a stupendous draw in it through which the largest vessels can easily pass in safety.

Near by is the stream mill which gives employment to a number of men and boys. Down the line of the Central a little farther you will see the handsome residence of Messrs. Fred and Howard Leonard, situated on what is called Graball Street. Across the way you will see the large store kept by Thos. Hetherington and Son, who do an immense business.

In fact, he is one of the merchants of the maritime provinces. We might go on and on describing the beauty and scenery in this section, but time and space fail us.

We would just say in closing that Mr. John Armstrongs, who did such an extensive business in the maplehoneyline last year, proposes to take into partnership Mr. T. P. Hetherington. We are told they will procure all the modern appliances for sugar making, and we hope to have in the market an article pure and unadulterated, which will surely be a treat just now, when even our present government is putting us off with promises that satisfy not hunger or thirst.

Mr. David Thorne took a party of ladies out sleighing with his beautiful team on Thursday. They drove as far as Mr. Fred Perry's and afterwards a delightful day returned the same evening.

The arrival of the GAZETTE is hailed with much pleasure here, and we wish to congratulate Mr. Stewart on the grand success of his paper.

Queenstown.

March 14.—The weather these few last days have been very warm and every sign at present predict an early spring.

The parties engaged in getting out cordwood are about through with their contracts.

Mr. J. Davis who has been engaged at Cambridge cutting wood with his wood-cutter returned home last Thursday very sick and is now under the treatment of Dr. Caswell.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Vanwart are visiting Mrs. Vanwart's parents at Mill Settlement, Sanbury Co.

Mrs. J. Dougan is visiting friends at Mill Settlement.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Redstone have returned from visiting at Belyea's Cove.

Mrs. Wm. Weston and daughter, of Gagetown, spent Sunday at Mrs. R. Scott's.

Robt. Scott, jr., is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Charleton, of Blissville, are visiting friends at Hibernia, Queenstown and Central Hampstead.

Lawfield.

We have been enjoying very fine weather this week, and the snow is disappearing rapidly.

There has been quite a number of visitors here the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Law and family were visiting friends on Sunday also Mr. and Mrs. Allingham.

Miss Annie Graham had a quilting party on Wednesday, she had a number of young friends and they had the quilt done at three o'clock. It looked very handsome. Mrs. Graham served a delicious tea at four o'clock, and the young

people spent a very pleasant evening playing games. They all pronounced Mr. Graham a delightful host.

Miss Nettie Allingham has been visiting friends in Lawfield.

Miss Violet Law spent a pleasant week in Gagetown among her relatives.

Miss Fanny Wiggins has been visiting her brother Mr. Robert Wiggins of Mill Road.

Mr. Richard Polley of Fredericton, who is moving back to Clones, had to put up at Mr. William Law's on Friday night, as the roads were so bad he could not get through.

Mr. George Allen, jr. hurt his knee last week, but we are glad to hear that he is improving.

Miss Violet Appleby is visiting friends in Hibernia.

Mr. Frank Foss of Sunbury Co., was here on Tuesday.

Mr. Nathaniel Stockford has come out of the woods this week.

Concering Joking.

TO EDITOR QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE.

Judging from Mr. Hansen's letter in the GAZETTE, it would appear that he wishes to act as "critic", and to enlighten the reading public as to the true meaning of a joke.

To give more force to his teachings he allows his pent up feelings to burst forth in a tirade against the people of Upper Jemseg.

He kindly informs us that Mr. Dykeman of that place lost a quantity of molasses and oil, of which fact we are well aware; but we do not know of any person in Jemseg laughing at his dilemma. Mr. Hansen also speaks of a house being pulled down when a man at the same village brings home a bride.

I have enquired of the oldest inhabitants of Jemseg, and no person knows of an occurrence like that named.

Perhaps the Rev. Rector has reference to the pulling down of the Temperance Inn signboard, if so we would remind him that he quite as far astray as Justice, was when he spoke of an affair.

Mr. Hansen also says he has good reason to believe I exaggerated the case in my letter to the GAZETTE; but we might say here, that it seems to be a common fault with writers to exaggerate and under estimate.

A crowd of rough men and boys throw-out vile slander and insults, is made to appear as one or two irresponsible small boys, whose yelling was not noticed by the people on the street.

We would like to know if it is irresponsible small boys who desecrate the house of God by throwing cuds of tobacco among the congregation.

Seemingly joking in the demoniacal sense is understood in Gagetown as well as in Jemseg.

Justiced.

Boston Items.

The theatres of Boston at last have found a way to let all see the stage, by having a hat room convenient to the cloak room where the ladies leave their hats.

An evening not long ago a lady made quite a sensation by refusing to remove hers, they were almost at the point of force when her better angel came to the rescue.

The friends of Capt. Brannen were sorry to learn of his sickness while in Boston, the month of February is a poor time to visit this city as the changes in the weather are more noticeable.

ON THE WRECK.

Ever since the first diver went down into the terrible wreck in the harbor of Havana, the American people have been watching and waiting and speculating on the condition of the vessel. The powerful wrecking apparatus is at work endeavoring to unravel the terrible tangle of iron and steel, and to learn whether or not the vessel can ever be made to float again.

Senator Frye says that there will be war; that any other course will be dishonorable; the news boys all cry war too; the press is at work counting on what bread will be a loaf, and the dress the men shall wear.

The press, the people and the news boys cry war war, while Uncle Sam himself is hoping this cruel talk of war will soon be over.

A London dispatch says that the Rothschilds have lent Spain \$40,000,000 at 40 per cent interest. With this that country will try and buy seven war vessels.

The engineers of war department are inspecting fortifications, river and harbor improvements.

Enlistments of seamen have been ordered for the Pacific fleet.

En Route to Yukon.

ON BOARD THE SS. DANUBE, Feb. 9th, 1898.

To The Editor of The Progress:

Dear Sir—I think that perhaps I have learned enough of this Klondike business to be able to give a word of advice to those whose minds have been unsettled by the Klondike fever.

Already the coast cities, such as Vancouver, Victoria, Seattle and Portland, are crowded with those who are outfitting for the northern trip. Every boat going north is crowded, and there are boats leaving every day from some of the points.

We left Vancouver on the 7th., and every foot of space, both for passenger and freight traffic, was taken up. We have a motley crew, say about 200 men, 5

women, 3 children, 20 horses, 125 dogs, and the hold full of freight. The steamship companies operating here are playing "clinch" and are making fortunes. We are in the Danube, said to be the best of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Company's boats, if so, I pity the rest. She is said to be forty years old and has sailed all over the world. Her condition is filthy, her accommodation is disgraceful; the charges are outrageous, yet such is the rush to Skagway that she is crowded.

A few weeks ago the passenger rate was \$32, then it was raised to \$40 and now is \$50. As to freight rates there does not appear to be any fixed or regular price. I would think that freight will amount to more by measure than by weight, they figure up the cubic feet, and they are not particular in their measurements either. There is no use in kicking, they tell you that your freight is so much and if you do not like it you can take it away. You know that you are helpless and you have to submit. Then again when you get your freight receipt you have apparently absolved the company of any responsibility as to loss or damage whether caused by the company's servants or not. The Corona, which went ashore here a few weeks ago had on board about 250 prospectors with their outfits. The boat went ashore and all the supplies were lost, leaving many a poor fellow stranded. Some went on in hopes of getting work at Skagway, others came back to Victoria to get fresh supplies. The company lost their old boat but as all freight was prepaid they are all right.

Some of us were figuring to-day the possible freight on the cargo of this ship, and the moderate estimate is \$100,000. Think of that! The earnings of the ship on this voyage \$100,000 and the ship worth possibly \$40,000 to \$50,000.

So far as I can see the rush will be entirely overdone this year and I would strongly advise everyone to pause and consider. I do not think anyone can purchase the necessary supplies for less than \$700 to \$900 and then his troubles only commence.

Let him not think as did an Englishman who came out on the same train with us, Klondike-bound, who got out of the cars at Vancouver and thanked God that the roughest part of his trip was over. The Skagway and Dyea passes are already practically glutted and I am firmly of the opinion that thousands of people will get no farther than the coast. If these passes are blocked now, what will they be when spring comes and the snow begins to melt?

It is time that an aerial tramway is under construction on the Dyea pass, but already they have contracted for all the goods they can carry over for some time.

Far-off fields look green, and I would, from the knowledge acquired by me on this trip, strongly advise any intending prospectors to stop and consider before spending their good money in the venture. Hundreds of thousands of dollars will be made by the steamship and trading companies and I have no doubt that money will be made by many lucky individuals, but what are your chances of being the lucky one?

I will mail this from Ft. Wrangle some time to-morrow and when I get to Skagway I will give you an idea of the actual state of affairs. In closing I can only reiterate my former statement that the chances this year will be very much in favor of the corporations and against the individual, possibly in the proportion of 100 to 1.

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News from the Klondike.

Seattle, Washington, March 5.—Str. Farallon, arrived here at midnight from Skagway, Alaska. Among the passengers were Thomas Graham, of Ontario, and Thomas Elliott, of Menroe, Washington. They left Dawson, Feb. 1st. They say that but a few more will attempt to get overland this winter. Their trip was accompanied by severe storms. Everything was quiet at Dawson when they left.

A large nugget worth over \$1,000 has been found on the claim of Alex. McDonald on Eldorado Creek.

"Poverty," said the platitudinous boarder, "is the cause of most crime." "Strange, isn't it," said the cheerful idiot "how straitened circumstances will make a man crooked."

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