

Correspondence.

Spicy News Items Gathered by Gazette Correspondents.

White's Cove.

One day last February while J. D. Raredon and Alexander McKinnely were hauling hay from Sheffield J. D. Raredon had the misfortune to lose his watch and chain while loading hay. They looked thoroughly for it but could not find it. A few days ago while Alex. was feeding his sheep the watch was found on the barn floor. It was not going when found but the watch was in good order and not hurt in the least.

Who is going to run the meat wagon this summer? Here is a chance for a live man to make some money, and it is just what is needed by the people. It was well patronized last summer and it should be a paying business.

Mrs. Frank Fairweather of Coal Creek, is visiting her parents and friends here.

Mrs. Sam'l F. Farris who has been ill is slowly recovering.

Leslie Wright is able to be out again and is gaining slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Darost are receiving congratulations—a girl.

Sheriff Reid passed through here on Wednesday with the mail carrier.

The ice in Grand Lake appears to be quite firm yet. Teams were travelling on it on Saturday.

Alex. McKinnely and Charley Farris are making improvements on their buildings.

Harry Orchard is sawing his wood with his wind mill.

W. H. Belyea spent his Easter vacation visiting friends in Albert County.

Bruce Farris shot a wild goose on Thursday. Geese are not very plentiful so far this spring.

Capt. Young has started the "Sea King," and is away to St. John with a load of wood.

Newcastle Creek.

There has been quite an exodus of late from this community. A number of young men have already left the place, having obtained situations in vessels engaged in the coasting trade, among whom are Messrs. Chas. McMann, Fred Basley, Edmund Haux and Geo. Wasson.

Capt. John B. Haux leaves next week for St. John to get his vessel in readiness for the opening of navigation.

Other vessel owners expect to follow shortly.

Mrs. R. A. Smith and little daughter Hazel have gone to visit relatives and friends in Boston.

Miss Alice Monroe has been engaged to teach the Mill Cove School and will enter upon her duties next week.

Mr. Harry Bridges of Sheffield, spent Sunday with relatives and friends here, prior to his departure for the Yukon Mining District.

Messrs. Hollie and Tom Bridges also spent Sunday in this vicinity.

Mrs. Hector McLean of Cumberland Point, spent a few days of last week with friends here.

Mrs. S. B. Stuart received a communication this week from her son Charles, mechanic of Havelock, stating that he was en route for Vancouver, B. C., to take advantage of the recent building boom there.

While Master Blair Bailey was exercising his steed last week it became unmanageable and got away from him. He was thrown out, but happily escaped with slight injuries.

Butler.

April 3.—The snow storm of Friday last has made very good travelling on the roads here, and people that were behind with their hauling are taking advantage of it.

The ice in the Grand Lake is good yet; the shores are comparatively good.

About all the sea faring men have gone to their vessels in St. John.

Flower Bros. have commenced work on their vessel, under the careful management of A. J. Doyle. Too much cannot be said of Mr. Doyle's skill as a ship carpenter.

Mr. A. McM. Thurott intends building a vessel. He will begin operations in a few weeks.

As Harry and Bennie Flower were returning from Little River, Sunbury Co., their horse got loose from the sleigh and did not stop until it reached home leaving them a distance of ten miles to walk and haul their sleigh. Between mud and water their walk was not a pleasant one. They are now the guests of Daniel Slocum, of Waterborough, Queens county.

Mr. Rupert Sypher has gone to Jemseg to repair his schooner the Maud S.

The many friends of Miss Elsie Barton will regret to hear of her illness; but under the skillful treatment of Dr. H. B. Hay hopes are entertained for her recovery.

Mr. Charles Flower is also sick with la-grippe.

Gaspereaux Forks.

April 21.—The many friends of Mrs. Donald MacEacheron will regret to hear that she is suffering from a severe attack of inflammation of the lungs.

The remains of the late John McDougall, of Upper Gaspereaux, were laid to rest in the Red Bank burying ground. The service was conducted by the Rev. D. McD. Clarke.

Mr. Frank Dunn is suffering from an attack of la grippe, it being a prevalent disease in this city.

Mr. Thos. MacEacheron is spending a few days with his parents.

Mr. Frank Stevenson has arrived home after having spent the winter in British Columbia. He reports times as being very dull out there.

Mr. Morley P. MacEacheron, of this place, has charge of the school at Fulton Brook.

A few of the neighbors in this place have met with heavy losses through the killing of sheep by dogs. It is to be hoped that these sheep-killing dogs will be wiped out of the place.

A number of lumbermen have fone back to the brooks to drive their lumber.

Mr. and Mrs. William Austin are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Summer Hill.

April 16.—A wood splitting frolic and mat hooking party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Corbett on Monday afternoon, 11th inst. Quite a number of the Young people of Coote Hill and Armstrong's Corner were present.

A very pleasant afternoon and evening was spent by all. Dancing was indulged in until about 3 o'clock in the morning.

The pie social held in No. 4 Orange Hall on Good Friday evening was not a very successful one, owing to the bad roads and the short notice given.

Messrs. Robert and David Scott left here for Portland, Me., on Tuesday last.

Armstrong's Corner.

Mr. William Smith and Charles Anderson are busily engaged painting a bridge here.

Miss Annie Scott, of Summer Hill, and Miss Donald are visiting Miss Mabel Queen.

Mr. John Queen, of Petersville, has returned home from Vancouver to visit his friends.

Mr. Hazen Hamilton, of Petersville, has gone to St. John, where he expects to remain for the summer.

A large number of our young men have returned from the lumber woods.

Quite a number of young people of Armstrong's Corner attended a dance at Mr. John Galey's, and spent a very enjoyable evening.

Young's Cove Station.

April 9.—Spring is here—that is the season is—but not the spring weather. But as "spring would be but gloomy weather if we had nothing else but spring," yet I think people would rather have nothing else but spring, and they could then endure the gloomy weather with fortitude.

Lumber drivers report the water low for stream driving. Some operators have to send men home on account of scarcity of water.

George Lewis, Garfield Gilbert, Thomas Lewis and others have gone to the upper St. John to stream drive.

All the old hands are back again on the Central R. R.

The driver of the Jemseg mail makes good time from the station averaging 7½ miles per hour through a sea of mud and slush.

Mrs. Caleb Lewis while calling on Mrs. Robt. Reid was seized with sudden illness. It was several days before she could be removed to her home. Dr. Earle was in attendance.

It is rumored that Thomas Nicholson has disposed of his property to Stanley Densmore.

On Thursday the new engine No. 3, Central R. R. ran off the track at the station, while drawing three loaded coal cars from the siding. This caused a delay of about six hours.

Wood chopping, mat hooking, and quilting bees are all the rage here.

Highfield.

On Saturday, the 9th inst., a pie social was held here under the auspices of the Methodist church. Twenty-one pies were sold and the sum of \$20 realized.

Our popular lumber surveyor, D. M. Pearson, was auctioneer, and D. J. Hamilton, our popular merchant, was secretary. After the pies were disposed of, the Rev. Mr. Bailey made an eloquent and pleasing speech thanking all present for their efforts in making the social a success. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to the auctioneer. After this the meeting dispersed with everybody feeling happy because everyone deserved to be.

Mr. Wm. Pearson is engaged, with a crew of men, steam-driving.

Mr. Duncan Carmichael has a busy season with his sawing machine. He is cutting wood for Mr. Fred Pearson.

Mr. Arthur Vradenburg has about completed his contract on the Methodist church at Belleisle. It is said to reflect great credit on his skill as a workman.

We are glad to see Mr. T. H. Pearson about again. His health has been poor this winter.

Mr. D. M. Pearson has gone to Fredericton on a business trip.

The home of the Rev. C. H. S. Warnford has been made happy by the arrival of a daughter.

Mr. Fred Long has about completed his maple sugar making for this season. He has sold a large quantity to our enterprising merchant, judging from the number of trips he has made to get sufficient maple candy to supply his customers.

Mr. Alfred Pearson, who intends to farm extensively this summer, has rented his brother's farm.

Miss Agnes Pearson has returned from Franklin, Mass. Her many friends are delighted to see her.

Our popular blacksmith, Mr. John Pearson, reports a busy season.

All we hear is Klondike! Klondike.

Chipman.

April 15.—The firm of J. S. Armstrong and Bro., merchant grocers, St. John, have issued a card of thanks to their patrons announcing that Mr. J. S. Machum has been admitted into partnership of this well known firm on Charlotte St. Mr. Machum, so well and favorably known in Petersville, his native home, as a courteous and upright business man, comes ripe with experience into the new firm and his many friends wish him much future prosperity.

As the whole firm are Queens county boys, with a large number of customers in the lower end of the county where the GAZETTE also circulates freely, we suggest to the business manager of the GAZETTE to secure the good will and patronage of this enterprising firm J. S. Armstrong & Machum and kindly mail them a marked copy of GAZETTE containing this item with the compliments of the Chipman correspondent.

The farmers of this vicinity intend holding a public meeting on the evening of the 23rd inst., in Kings hall for the purpose of taking into consideration the advisability of making application to the Commissioner of Agriculture for a bonus as an aid in erecting a mill for grinding wheat as provided by a recent act of the local legislature. Mr. J. H. Wilson, who owns a grist mill at Chipman, is corresponding with the head of the department and it is expected that an application from Chipman will be laid before the Governor in Council in order to secure the bounty for a wheat mill.

Mr. William Kadey of Hardwood Ridge has the misfortune to lose his dwelling house by fire last week. The fire originated in the kitchen from a defective flue and the devouring element soon gained such headway that all hope of saving the building was abandoned in trying to save the furniture of which the greater portion was secured. As Mr. Kadey had no insurance his loss is keenly felt and it is probable that the public will generously aid him to rebuild again.

The people of Briggs Corner and the Forks are to have a daily mail.

The people along Salmon Creek and Hardwood Ridge to Newcastle will be supplied with mails three times a week from Chipman which will be a great improvement upon the uncertain mail service which formerly came twice a week from Sheffield.

The other sections of Salmon river, North Forks and Iron Bound Cove will also have a better mail service than formerly.

Isaiah Morrison is selling off his household effects, intending to move back to Nova Scotia where he formerly lived.

Mr. John McDougall an old resident of Upper Gaspereaux passed away at the advanced age of 84 years and was buried last Sunday in Red Bank cemetery.

The men are all away upon the drives; the none of the lumber has come down river yet; but probably soon will as the recent showers and warm weather are causing the freshet to almost cover the islands along the river.

Red Bank.

April 8.—We had lovely weather here during the month of March. It looked more Springlike than it does at present. Many men who had gone to stream drive were obliged to return home on account of the recent storm.

Miss Maggie Fraser entertained a number of her school mates at her home on Saturday.

Mr. Leslie McInnis has purchased a fine horse from Mr. Robert Clark.

Mr. Robert Darrah has added to his buildings by erecting a large granary.

Great regret has been felt for Councilor Fraser who had the misfortune of pulling the shoeing off his sleigh while crossing a piece of bare ground. He had to send the horse and sleigh home and finish his journey on foot.

A large number of young people of Chipman and vicinity of Red Bank drove to the home of Mr. Sherman Rankine on Thursday evening, 7th inst. A very pleasant evening was spent, about thirty being present. At 6.30 the tables were spread with an excellent supply of edibles and there could be but one opinion as to the manner in which the company enjoyed the repast. When all had given the required attention to the dainties provided they indulged in various games until a late or rather early hour Friday morning.

The party broke up by singing, "God be with you till we meet again." All joined in thanking Mr. and Mrs. Rankine for the kind manner in which they were entertained.

Mrs. Andrew Brown died at the home of her son-in-law, Red Bank. Deceased was 71 years of age. Rev. Mr. Clarke officiated at the funeral. The maiden name of deceased was Isabella Smith. She was a sister of Andrew and Joseph Smith of Cumberland Bay.

Hibernia.

April 18th.—The people of this place are busy splitting their wood.

Mr. W. G. Rice will have a chopping frolic on Tuesday, 19th. Your correspondent hopes that a large crowd may gather and that ample justice may be done at the tea table.

John Dollar intends doing an extensive business in the farming line this summer.

It is reported here that Thomas Crawford, of New Jerusalem intends to move in the Boagle house this spring.

The chief topic of South Queenstown is catching drift wood and shooting dogs.

Cambridge.

April 19.—The funeral of Mrs. John Pugsley took place on Thursday, the 14th inst. Rev. A. B. Macdonald conducted the service and preached a very appropriate sermon for the occasion.

The Star has been making regular trips to Macdonald's Point for the last week and is expected to make her first trip to Cole's Island today.

Mr. John McAlpine, sr., is dangerously ill.

George H. Macdonald, of Boston, Mass., is spending a week at home visiting his parents Rev. A. B. Macdonald and Mrs. Macdonald.

W. H. Humphrey was the first to begin farming in this section. He ploughed on the 11th inst.

The many friends of Miss Mabel Straight will be pleased to learn that she is out again and able to resume her work in the school room.

The friends of Mr. Ernest M. Straight, school teacher at Lower Cambridge, will be glad to know that he is recovering from his present illness. It will be some time however before he is able to teach.

ST. JOHN LETTER.

Business in the Maritime Provinces—War on South Africa—News, Notes—The Markets, etc.

A Halifax paper of a few days ago says that the question of war between the United States and Spain excites less discussion than the question of butter supply, for the the stock in the city is well nigh exhausted and further supplies cannot be possibly obtained, for immediate use. Butter that sold two weeks ago at 14 cents a pound now sells for 22 to 25 cents, and only favored customers can purchase it at that. Such a condition of affairs is anything but creditable to the farmers of the maritime provinces. By growing fodder corn and peas and oats sown together, four acres of ordinary land should be made to maintain a grade Jersey or Ayrshire cow the year round.

Such a cow, beside supplying a small family with milk and butter, if well cared for, should produce 300 pounds of butter a year, which, if "gilt edge," would sell for \$75. If our farmers would get rid of their scrub cows and replace them with good grade milkers they would have less occasion to complain of hard times than at present.

In the interest of the port Mayor Robinson leaves for London by Steamer Lake Superior on the 20th inst.

Last Tuesday two married women met on South wharf and demolished two new Easter bonnets and wrecked each other generally. Jealousy.

Steamer Concordia sailed for Glasgow last Thursday with 68,000 bushels of grain.

Last Wednesday a bicycle was stolen from the hall way in A. A. Wilson's residence.

H. H. Dustin of Boston has bought a farm at Annapolis where he will hereafter reside.

Richard Rawlings of this city has been appointed Provincial constable. He was formerly chief of the Portland police.

Two guests at Elliott's hotel disappeared the other morning with overcoats belonging to other guests.

One hundred men are now at work on the new pulp mill at Mispeck.

Bart Duffy of the Street railway has left to join the United States cavalry.

The U. S. government is negotiating for the purchase of the steamers of the D. A. Railway.

Steamer Monticello is going on the route between Campbellton and Gaspe.

Percy Lewis, for the attempted murder of his wife a few weeks ago, was placed on trial last Friday.

There is considerable excitement in the wheat market and millers have advanced the price of flour 20 cents per barrel. Oatmeal is firm but price is unchanged. The recent change in the tariff has increased the cost of sugar from 1-16 to 1/8 cent per pound. The foreign markets are very firm and local refiners have advanced prices 1/2 cent on most grades. Extremely low prices for beans are apparently done for the present: choice hand picked are now quoted at \$1.10 per bushel. Beef and pork are higher and are active at advanced prices. Lard is also higher: a considerable quantity of pure lard of the finest quality has been imported from the United States which sells at 8½ cents in tubs and 9 cents in pails. Dried fish are arriving freely: medium cod \$3.15; large \$3.25 and pollock \$1.90 per 100 pounds. There is an active demand for butter and good ordinary grades sell at 17 cents. Eggs are in large supply and sales are dull at 9½ and 10 cents.

F. A. Peters, jr., who controls the wonderful "Scribner's Combination Pipe Organ" here, showed your correspondent yesterday a beautiful oak cased instrument of this type. It is about the size of a large upright piano, and one can scarce understand whence comes its grand church like tone, variety and power. It is certainly the best organ for small church yet produced and is made, Mr. Peters explains, in sizes up to large organs of two manuals, fit for any building.

EDWARD EDWARDS.

St. John, April 15.

Death of Cardinal Taschereau.

QUEBEC, April 13.—The death of Cardinal Taschereau occurred shortly after six o'clock last evening. Those present at the bedside when the end came were his two nephews, Alexandre and Edmond Taschereau, His Grace Mgr. Begin, Archbishop of Quebec, Mgr. Marois, vicar-general, and other members of his household. The funeral took place on Tuesday.

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