

## Correspondence.

Spicy News Items Gathered by Gazette Correspondents.

## Boston Items.

The rain has been coming down steadily for forty-eight hours. The wise ones say we have had from three to four inches and as the general opinion is we only have seven inches of water in the course of a year we have had more than our share.

One of our genial St. John boys, James Ewen, is doing a big business at his Dental Parlors, Park House. He is pulling teeth broadcast, figuratively speaking.

DeVeber Neales, of Gagetown is also booming business at the Hub.

Lorrimer and Edward Baird, formerly of Chipman, are having a clearance sale of boots and shoes.

R. J. Lafferty is slowly recovering from severe illness.

Why do not the farmers of Queens go in to the raising of dogs. Here they are asking twenty-five, thirty and forty dollars for little bull dog pups; and five hundred dollars for a Boston terrier is small to what some pay. Would it not pay better than buckwheat. But then there are dogs that can do almost everything but talk, as is shown by Corrine, the Boston terrier owned by Joseph McMullin of this city. She can tell a counterfeit bill from a good one, a good half dollar from a bad—will go from a room on the top floor to the parlor and bring back what she is told to get.

The excitement here over the loss of the battleship Maine has quieted down a little. The general opinion is that the ship was destroyed by a torpedo. Two distinct shocks were felt by Sailor Thos. Melville, which strengthens the torpedo theory. Captain Sigsbee was warned of danger to his ship two weeks ago by a Spanish circular that yelled for "death to the yankees." A sailor, name not given, alleges that he saw a floating torpedo approaching the wharf.

President McKinley announces that if the disaster was not an accident prompt measures will be taken.

Congress has unanimously voted money to build a new Maine. A Maine survivor will dive under the wreck to ascertain the cause of the disaster.

The Harvard cadets are all for war. It is a dreadful thing to contemplate that the poor human caterpillar has multiplied so fast, that the social cabbage is more than covered.

## Sussex.

Feb. 25.—On Monday eve the 21st. inst., the thrilling drama, "The White Slave," was presented in Oddfellows Hall by the Boston Comedy Co. H. Price Webber, who is a general favorite with Sussex audiences is manager of the company and also takes the part of "Jock Whirligig," a pedlar from Cow Cross in this piece. The leading lady of the company "Edwina Gray," delighted the audience with her charming impersonation of Ellianer De Fourville, an heiress, and the heroine of the play.

The evening's performance was concluded with the laughable farce "Rough Diamond."

The Minstrel show given in the Opera House, Thursday evening, the 17th inst., by the members of the Sussex Band was a grand success in every particular. The attendance was the largest ever seen in that building on a similar occasion.

The performance throughout was of the highest standard and justly merited the liberal patronage accorded it. The large audience gave abundant evidence of its hearty appreciation by the numerous outbursts of applause which greeted each succeeding piece.

The circle was splendid—the Tanbials being Jap Daly and A. D. Hallett. The Bones were Bob Delay and Harry Brown with George Armstrong as Interlocutor.

The numerous jokes were new, witty and original and evidenced abundant talent in that line.

The solos by Harry Brown and Percy Hallett earned rousing accolades as did the Piccolo solo by W. G. V. Stakes of London, Eng.

Following is the program:  
Grand chorus, "King of the Ebony Swells," Company.

Solo, "Honey does you love your man," Jap Day.

Solo, "De Lime Kiln Club," Bob Delay.

Solo, "Love's Souvenir," C. B. Spear.

Solo, "Wing My Honey Wing," A. D. Hallett.

Solo, "The Old Old Farm," Jap Daly.

Solo, "Watermelon Spoilin' down at Johnsons," H. Brown.

Solo, "Hot time in old town tonight," P. Hallett.

Doc Daly in his thrilling Burlesque entitled, "The Wizard of the North."

Saxophone Solo—Prof. Rosendale.

Prof. Roberts Boring School—Jap Day, Bob Delay and A. D. Hallett.

Concluded with the howling farce "Room 49."

The boys play in Peticoediac this evening and in Hampton on the evening of March 1st.

Rev. Geo. Sexton, M. A., D. D., M. D., L. L. D., Honorary and Corresponding Fellow of the Station Society of Science; Honorary Member of L'Accademia del Quiriti, Rome; Fellow of the Society of Science, Literature and Art, London; Member of the Victorian Institute; Phil-

sophical Society of Great Britain; Honorary Fellow of the Anthropological Society, Liverpool, etc., etc., etc., preached in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning. His subject was "Leaven."

He also preached in the Methodist church in the evening. Subject, "Seeing the Invisible."

He lectured on Monday and Tuesday evenings in the Methodist church, his subjects being: "If a man die shall he live again?" and "The origin of man. Was it by Creation or Evolution?"

His discourse on Sunday evening is generally considered as being the ablest of the series. Although not an eloquent speaker the learner doctor received the most strict attention of the large and intellectual audience.

The reverend gentleman handles his subjects in a most masterly manner and largely from scientific standpoints. He appeals to the intelligent and thoughtful mind in a way seldom practised; and to the man who thinks furnishes abundant subject for consideration, and opens up many new avenues for the active mind to follow and further penetrate into the unsolved mysteries of spiritual things.

All of his discourses can certainly be described as intellectual treats.

In my notes of next week I shall give a full report of the anniversary held in the F. C. Baptist church on the evening of the 18th inst., including Rev. G. A. Hartley's address on the Subject "Have Free Baptists any mission in the country now?" Want of space forbids me doing so in this issue.

## LEROY.

## Petersville Church.

Feb. 26.—The recent heavy snowstorm blockaded the road at the Headline Hill, but Roadmaster Andrew H. Hamilton, and his men were on the scene with teams and shovels early in the morning and in a comparatively short time had it reopened and in a suitable condition for traffic.

The highway has been kept open and passable all winter, not abandoned for the open fields as on previous winters.

Mr. Alfred Scott has purchased a wood-cutter, and has already a large number of jobs contracted. He purposes beginning operations on a number of wood piles in the Big Hill in a few days.

Some of our young people were the recipients of peculiarly appropriate valentines. The personality of the sender is a subject of deep speculation.

Our school is advancing rapidly under the efficient instruction of Miss Lucy Young, who is exceedingly popular both with parents and children.

## Lawfield.

Feb. 26.—Owing to the heavy snow storms the first part of this week it has been very quiet out here.

There was no road master appointed until Sunday last when Mr. Charles Ebbett came out and appointed Mr. Wm. F. Graham and Mr. Wm. Perry. The storms on Monday and Tuesday filled up the roads and they did not attend to their duties early enough on Wednesday to allow the mail to pass along before dinner time. So on Thursday by the united efforts of Messrs. Graham and Perry and every man, woman and child able to go out, they had the roads in good condition at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Charles McMullin will keep the roads open now as he is breaking his colt.

Quilting and hooking parties are the order of the day here.

We hope there is plenty of mat canvas in Gagetown.

Mr. Wm. F. Graham and Miss Violet Law are visiting Mrs. G. W. Allingham, Gagetown.

Mr. James Gallagher was out through here canvassing for fruit trees. He was very successful getting an order at nearly every house.

Mr. John McKinney and daughter passed through here today.

## Red Bank.

We again intrude upon your valuable space to let you know we still live. Health and happiness is enjoyed by all in this place. The only real trouble that seems to be creeping in amongst us is "Klondike" and we fear that ere long it will be the means of taking some away that we cannot well spare. Not long ago we noticed in a St. John paper that many young women had repaired to the "Land of Gold," not so much gold hunting as husband hunting. And since that time we learn of trunks being packed and hand sleds rigged up, and breastplates for dogs, etc. And there is one thing sure if the great tide of immigration which our government is seeking to institute does not import some stalwart young men whose desire it is to build up our country we shall "weld" the road in the spring for the "Far away Alaska where the Yukon River flows."

We noticed in your issue of Feb 16th notes from Boston in which reference was made to Mrs. MacDougal and family. And I am sure I voice the mind of the people of this place when I say we rejoice to know of their comfort and prosperity and wish them every success in life and even what might seem to be more than their share of the blessings that are to be bestowed upon the human family.

We noticed also that reference was made to Mr. Andrew Darrah carrying the mail to Gaspereau and that he would earn his money. Mr. Darrah don't fret over it at all. He has always earned his livelihood by honest and persistent en-

deavor and I am sure there was a feeling of thankfulness prevalent among the rate-payers of the Parish of Chipman when the news spread abroad that the contract had been awarded to Mr. Andrew Darrah; because they knew it would be performed in every particular. Besides he is kind and obliging and is not going to lay up for a bit of a snow storm as he showed us last Wednesday when he drove over his route in time while some along the line waited for fine weather. We wish Mr. Darrah success in his undertaking and hope that his faithful performance of this light task may give him promotion in the future.

Your correspondent from Chipman speaks of moose and deer falling by the huntsman rifle. There was some shot in the fall by men who held license for hunting; but, since the close season began I think the law has been kept inviolate. Because the people of the Parish of Chipman and the surrounding parishes as well, are a loyal people, who would rather see the law enforced than be found breaking it. Of course reports are circulated at times of the law being broken, but when those reports are threshed out as many of them have been, they are found to contain more chaff than wheat.

## UP TO DATE.

## Feb. 21st., 1898.

## Otnabog.

Mr. Frank Hayden spent Sunday last at his home.

Our worthy mail carrier Mr. Queen had a hard week last week as the road was not broken out for him from Lawfield to the Otnabog Bridge and was in a terrible state. Your correspondent sympathizes with Mr. Queen as I have passed over the road since the storm of last week and found it in a very bad condition. I think there should be some way provided to keep the mail route in better condition.

James H. Gallagher, who has been acting as salesman for the sale of nursery stock for Brown Bros. Co., of Ridgeville, Ont., reports that since the 6th Dec., 1897, last week's work was the best he had made, notwithstanding the many nursery agents that canvassed the country this season before him, his canvas for the last week being the Nerepis Road from Johnson's Corner to Gagetown, although the weather was very rough and retarded his progress somewhat. The man who passed over his orders said it was the best week's work he had saw this winter.

Mr. Nathaniel Stockford who is lumbering on the Otnabog, states that this is the hardest winter he has saw in a number of years—that is for doing anything in the lumbering business.

## Flower's Cove.

Feb. 18.—The snow storm of Wednesday again blocked the roads up making it very bad for the coal haulers and lumbermen.

Messrs. Porter and Edward Flower have about finished getting timber for their woodboat and expect to begin to build about the first of March.

Mr. Ernest Sypher, while working in the woods for Mr. A. McM. Thurrott, had the misfortune to cut his foot very bad, which will lay him up for quite a while.

Mud Flat coal mines presents a very busy appearance and is turning out coal of an excellent quality.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Rogers were visiting friends at Little River last week.

## Butler.

Mr. J. S. Butler & Bros. are doing a large business at lumbering this winter. Besides running the shop at full blast.

Mr. David Robinson and Mr. John Sypher are getting out a large quantity of Rockland wood.

Mr. Harry Chapman has purchased a fine sleigh and robe from Mr. Burden of Fredericton. Mr. Chapman has a fine colt, which no doubt if trained will be smart.

Mr. C. Chapman has again moved from Mr. H. F. Albright's to his beautiful residence at Red Bank. He expects to do a great deal of building next summer.

Mr. James Doyle is soon to commence Flower Bros. boat. Mr. Doyle is a splendid workman and does his work to the satisfaction of all who employ him. Besides he is a good neighbor and a man highly respected.

There is some talk of a hotel and livery stable being built at Red Bank soon to accommodate summer tourists.

Messrs. Geo. Robinson and Daniel Palmer are getting out a large amount of logs and cordwood this winter.

Miss Alma Chapman has returned home again after an absence of over a month at Lakeview.

The people of this place are anxiously waiting for the bridge which our member for Queens has promised to build across Sypher's Cove. It is greatly needed.

Mr. W. H. Sypher of Monticello is soon to move down to Sypher's Cove.

## Mill Brook.

Feb. 23.—We thought perhaps the people of the outside world would like to hear from this quiet little spot.

These seem to be dark days for our village. The last hope of being known to, or hearing from, the outside world perished with the change in the mail service. Before this change we were blessed with six mails in a week—now on Wednesday's and Friday's only, are our weary eyes and hearts gladdened by the arrival of a mail.

We never know when the letters that we send are likely to reach their destination. The first night of their journey is spent at the Narrow—if they are to go toward the capital we suppose they remain there until the next day—e. g.:—a letter mailed at this office for Gagetown on Wednesday would not reach there until Friday night. On one occasion the mail did not reach us at all owing to unfavourable weather and bad roads.

Our roads are kept open by the lumber teams.—Andrew Lipsett and son have a gang of men at work some distance beyond.

We have one advantage, however, that we do not always enjoy and that is a school under the careful management of Miss Clara J. Hendry of Central Cambridge.

## Upper Gagetown.

Feb. 28.—Misses Mabel and Maud Scott, have been visiting friends here, they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Boyd.

Mr. Wm. Hamilton and daughter spent last Sunday at Mr. Chas. Boyd's.

A pie social was held in the Temperance Hall, at this place, on Monday last. Proceeds were to go to Rev. Mr. Grey, pastor of the Upper Gagetown and Bethany F. B. Churches.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Currier entertained a number of their friends at their home on Monday evening last. Games of various kinds were indulged in and refreshments served. All express themselves as having spent an enjoyable evening.

Miss Maud Cooper, who has been at home visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cooper, left for Dalhousie on Friday last.

Mr. Fred Brooks left here on Thursday last for New York, where he intends remaining two weeks.

The many friends of Mrs. Allen of Burton will be glad to learn that she is recovering.

Mr. C. H. Gunter, lost a valuable horse quite recently. Mr. E. G. Chase has a horse which is very sick.

## MacDonald's Point.

Feb. 28.—Word has just been received of the death, at Wickham, of Mr. Garrett Vanwart, aged eighty-eight years. "Uncle Garrett," as he was universally known, was a man very highly respected by all who knew him.

Capt. A. Camp and wife of Upper Jemseg, were at the Point a few days last week visiting relatives.

Mr. Geo. R. Belyea and daughter Mrs. Christie, went to St. John on Friday last, returning on Saturday. Mr. Belyea says he had excellent driving and very brisk markets for what he had to offer for sale.

A concert will be held in the Orange Hall on Saturday evening, March 5th. The proceeds will be used to purchase a globe and other things for the school at this place.

Messrs. Akerley and Hendry are as yet busily engaged on their lumber permit. They have a crew of six men and two teams and expect to finish about March 20th.

## Douglas Harbor.

Feb. 26.—The weather of late has been quite mild. The farmers are busy hauling hay from the interval.

The people of this place were much aroused by the ironical remarks made by your Scotchtown correspondent, in the GAZETTE of the 16th ult., in regard to our lack of government improvements in this neighborhood. The reference made to the wharf and "Thoroughfare" bridge, was especially interesting, inasmuch as the former has only been promised to us, on condition that we behave well, and the latter has given out altogether. Your correspondent is, undoubtedly, of the opinion that we will never have a wharf here. But we believe that we will, and too, before a great while. The Local Government have been petitioned, and our Queens Co. members have already given us to understand that a wharf is to be built for us here.

Capt. Denton is to be rewarded for his for his untiring efforts in regard to this matter, and is to be appointed wharf master. He has a flag which he will hoist when the weather is too rough for the steamboat to touch here, and a fog-horn which he will use in foggy weather. His long experience as captain of a schooner will be to his advantage in serving the steamboat Co. here.

Messrs. D. Moore and Charles Coakley left for F'ion yesterday.

Mr. George Carle of Scotchtown while chopping fire wood, in the woods other day, gave his foot a severe cut. He is now able to get around some.

Mr. C. J. Hunter left for Upper Gagetown yesterday on business.

Mr. Job Upton of Marysville is visiting friends in this vicinity, and expects to return next week.

Mr. Peter Allen is busily engaged hauling wood for the Rockland trade.

Mr. D. Palmer who has been ill for some time is still slowly recovering.

## Fredericton Junction.

Rev. O. N. Mott, of Blissville, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 10th, tied the nuptial knot uniting the lives of Mr. James Jereau and Miss Nettie Mott.

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 23rd, Mr. David Allen and Miss Maggie Murray were married at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. John Robertson.

The young folks had a dance at Smith Bros. mill house. They enjoyed themselves.

The many friends of Miss Dora Bailey will regret to learn that she is still seriously ill.

Miss Bertha Mitchell is home from Lowell, Mass., where she has been visiting for several months past.

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