

Correspondence.

Spicy News Items Gathered by Gazette Correspondents.

Cumberland Bay

April 18.—The snow is all gone in this vicinity, and the roads are in a terrible condition and hardly fit for travelling. The weather for the past few days has been cold and windy.

The creek is open and the lumbermen have got their drives about all out.

Times are quite brisk at present. John Parker & Son have their wood-boat about ready for caulking.

Thos. Gale & Son have a large crew of men at work on their schooners.

Our enterprising merchants, Messrs. A. H. Clay and A. L. Smith are doing a rushing business in the spring trade.

Mr. Thos. Gale has been busily engaged painting the interior of his house. He has lately purchased a horse from Andrew Lipssett.

Mr. Stanley Harrison of Cox's Point, who has been in Portland, Maine, for three years, returned home on Saturday.

A sewing circle has been organized for the benefit of the Baptist church of this place.

Mr. James Pangburn returned home from the New Hampshire lumber woods last week.

The wild geese are very plentiful at present.

Waterborough.

April 20th.—The roads in this vicinity have greatly improved within the last few days.

Mr. Blair Farris left for St. John last Monday to accept a position as clerk. His many friends wish him every success.

Mr. James B. Wiggins is building an addition to his house.

Mr. Robt. Wasson, of Bartlette, Mass., is visiting his uncle Mr. Thos. Wasson.

Misses Lena and Ella Sharp, Susie and Amanda Slocum were the guests of Mrs. William Slocum on Monday last.

Mrs. C. F. Granville of Cox's Point, is visiting her parents.

The Rev. Mr. Thorne has been holding a series of meetings at Wiggins Cove Baptist Church.

C. B. Botsford and crew intend starting for the Klondike on Monday the 25th.

Mrs. William Slocum who has been confined to the house with a severe cold has recovered.

Rev. F. D. Patterson passed through this place on Monday on his way to Lower Cambridge.

Capt. Eben Slocum has gone to take charge of his schooner at Jemseg.

Mr. Oliver Farris who has spent the winter at Houlton, Me., has returned home.

Mrs. Thos. Hamm who has been quite ill is slowly recovering.

Miss Bertha McLaughlin has been dressmaking in this place for the past week.

Young's Cove.

April 21.—There has been fine warm weather here the past week, and the farmers are beginning to start their ploughs.

Mrs. William Hamilton an aged and respected resident of the Cove for the last 35 years died on Friday night. Her remains were interred in the Methodist burial ground on Sunday afternoon. Rev. I. N. Parker conducted the service. Mrs. Hamilton had many friends who will hear of her death with deep regret.

Mr. W. H. Gale left by C. R. R. on Monday for St. John to resume his duties on the Str. May Queen again.

Miss Semple of Chipman passed through here on Tuesday canvassing for the book entitled The life of Miss Frances E. Willard. She was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McLean.

The Easter service in St. Lukes Church was well attended. The Church was beautifully decorated with evergreen and flowers by Miss Effie and Allie Wiggins and Miss Nellie Gale. Mrs. Gollmer presided at the Organ. The Rector preached a fine sermon.

Newcastle Bridge.

Last evening about 8 o'clock Miss Maggie Bailey was given a surprise by a number of the people of Newcastle Bridge assembling at her residence at Newcastle Creek. Among those present were Misses Maggie Pickle, Lellah Yeamans, jr., A. Miller, Minnie Kennedy, Blanche Nightingale, Lida Bailey, Bessie Follett, Nettie Carruthers and Messrs. Harry Porter, Wood Welton, John Bailey, John Yeamans, Thos. McEachern, Ruben Kennedy, Bert Miller, Lynn Miller, Fred VanBuskirk, Thos. Bailey, Stanley Bailey. The party proceeded to enjoy themselves with games and amusements. About midnight supper was prepared by the ladies and those assembled sat down to a bounteous repast, each doing ample justice to the abundance of good things provided.

After supper, games were again indulged in until about 2 o'clock when the party broke up all expressing themselves highly pleased, Miss Bailey doing everything in her power to make the young folks enjoy themselves. Music was rendered by Miss Kennedy Miss Bailey and others.

Mr. A. M. Thurott our popular merchant is building a wood-boat at Newcastle Creek.

Mr. J. O. Yeamans spent Sunday with friends at Hardwood Ridge.

There is a reward of ten dollars offered for information of a young man who has wandered away from home and his many friends are very anxious to find out his whereabouts. When last seen he was picking his steps through the mud towards Hardwood Avenue.

Mr. Hollie Bailey is building a carriage house.

Sheffield.

April 23.—Mr. Harry A. Bridges of Boston, left here last week for Fredericton where he purposes spending a few weeks with relatives before starting for the gold fields of Alaska.

Miss Mary Burpee, of Gibson, is visiting her uncle Mr. C. J. Burpee.

Mr. Hollie B. Bridges made a flying visit to Gagetown on Friday last.

Mr. Moses Harrison shipped a quantity of potatoes to the St. John market on Friday also some fine beef cattle.

Miss Lizzie Harrison of Manguerville is visiting Miss Mary Barker.

Mrs. C. J. Burpee is visiting in St. John.

Mr. Guy Thompson who has been visiting his grandfather left on Friday for his home in Carleton County.

Mrs. Thomas Bridges has returned home after spending the past few weeks with her son in Manguerville.

Mr. William Harrison of Fredericton spent Sunday with his parents at this place.

Mrs. John McGowan has returned home after having spent the winter with friends at Little River.

Mr. William D. Bridges spent Sunday with friends at Newcastle, Queens Co.

Parish of Brunswick.

The month of March was an exceptionally fine month—more like May weather than March, but we are having rain and cold, bleak, east winds now, and the early spring that some predicted will have to hasten along quick.

Those who were instrumental in stopping the Quarterly Meeting from being held in this church, New Canaan, have sincerely repented and hope to be forgiven by the Baptist denomination of Queens county and hope that at some time in the future we will be blessed with a quarterly meeting.

Mr. Geo. E. Black an enterprising farmer of this parish left in a hurry about three weeks ago for the Pacific coast leaving a number of men to mourn his loss, or their loss, as he was involved to the extent of about \$1200.00, so I have been creditably informed.

Rev. E. C. Corey paid this place a visit in the latter part of March and preached several times.

The Rev. Mr. Shaw also paid us a visit about the same time and preached several times at Canaan Forks. A number of others have visited us but they are not all Reverends.

Mr. S. E. Macdonald, Cambridge, has returned home from Boston where he was attending the Sportsman's Exhibition.

The assessors of this parish have finished their work and a fine time of it they had according to the list. There are some people in this parish getting rich very fast. It is a great thing to have a board of assessors that can make a man rich by one stroke of the pen.

I noticed in your valued paper of a few weeks ago an account of the great men in Thornetown. I think Brunswick can hold her own with Thornetown or any other town. Brunswick has produced about ten preachers, a large number of school teachers—and good ones at that—several doctors and one doctor of the law and several others who known nearly as much as a lawyer and a dozen or more Justices of the Peace.

Colds are the order of the day. A large number of people are down with lagrippe or hay cold.

Mr. Jason A. Corey came nearly losing a valuable horse. The horse got his foot over the halter and life was nearly extinct when found.

The stream drivers have gone to their work but their is not much to drive as the lumber cut on New Canaan waters the past winter was very light.

The Baptist church of this place would like to engage the services of a good, sound doctrinal preacher for a portion of the time this summer.

Johnson.

April 19.—The people of this place are making preparations for their summer's work.

The farmers are hauling out the manure and repairing their fences getting ready for seeding.

John Leonard & Sons are giving their mill a general repair preparatory to commencing their summer's cut. Their mill stands on Armstrong's Point, where the Central R. R. crosses the Washademoak. Three-quarters of a mile farther up the river Patterson Bros. have their fine mill and they have put a stone and cement foundation under their boiler and engine and have made other general repairs and they will begin sawing in a few days. One mile from Patterson Bros. mill as you ascend the river you arrive at West Bros. new mill claimed by some to be the best mill in the country.

C. B. Parker intends procuring a mill to cut his lumber this summer. That will give us four mills in this locality.

The four mills above mentioned will cut about seven million feet of deals and boards besides a large quantity of lathes and other small lumber.

Reports say that there has been gold discovered on the head waters of the Washademoak, and a number of gentlemen have procured a mining license and intend to commence prospecting in the near future, and business will be brisk here this summer as the mills will give employment to one hundred and twenty men beside a large number of raft men.

Now, I suppose I will be accused of being sectional and wishing to brag by Cambridge. I wish I could report the discovery of gold in the locality where Cambridge resides but I cannot. Yet there is one thing I have discovered, that there is more brass to the square inch in my friend Cambridge than can be found in any part of America coupled with entire ignorance of the development of the railroad system in Canada, when he deliberately tells the readers of the GAZETTE that probably in fifteen years there will be no Central R. R. Was the prospects ever better for the Central than they are now? The probabilities are that the line will be opened to the Newcastle coal-fields this summer and will be continued to Fredericton in the near future. With these facts before us what opinion can the readers of the GAZETTE form of our friend Cambridge. I think they will have to apply the words of a noted English poet to Cambridge:

"Go, teach eternal wisdom how to rule—Then drop into thyself, and be a fool!"

Cambridge seems to assume to himself the position of a self-appointed judge and critic when he says "brag sectional wind" "and that sounds better" etc., etc. His language is so ambiguous that it is hard to form any clear conception of his real meaning and from his last letter we arrive at the conclusion that he is suffering from dyspepsia of the mind. The symptoms are unmistakable to every reader of the GAZETTE that he is suffering from want of thought and an overflow of meaningless words. Yet we are informed by the very best authority that that distemper never afflicts the Anglo-Saxon race and our friend Cambridge must belong to some other species? My remarks concerning the removal of the shiretown seems to be, the red rag that arouses the ire of my friend. Now, sir I hold that the shiretown should be located in the most central part of the county where it will accommodate the largest amount of the inhabitants of the county with the least expense. No man of any intelligence will dispute that, if the above rule holds good the capital should be on the banks of the Washademoak near the Central R. R., and it would be more convenient for the parishes of Brunswick, Johnston, Waterborough, Chipman, and when the Central R. R. is opened to Newcastle it will be doubly convenient for Canning. I am of the opinion that Cambridge and Wickham will be better served when our capital is removed to Johnston. From these reasons the eastern part of Wickham is only a few miles from the Central R. R. and the river portion of the parish would be as well served by the steamer as they are by the row boats and at less expense. As regards the parish of Cambridge a very large part of the parish would be better accommodated than they are now, as there are two daily mails that leave the Central for Cambridge, one from Cody's to the Narrows and the other from Young's Cove station and serves the people of Upper Jemseg and gives the people a good opportunity of reaching the Central R. R. any season of the year at trifling cost.

I would advise my friend to dig himself out from underneath that amount of rubbish and brushwood of jealousy and envy—the accumulation of years and clear his head of the cobwebs that darkens his mind and benumbs his reason and try to say a cheering word for any public enterprise that is started in Queens. If he cannot he will be handed down to the readers of the GAZETTE as one of the historic curiosities of the present day.

Lower Jemseg.

Mr. A. Camp while working on a brow of logs last Friday, came near being killed. He was holding one end of the log while the other was being turned. His handspike slipped which threw him on his back, and as fortune would have it he fell into a hole which saved his life. He escaped uninjured with the exception of a slight bruise on the ankle.

Tonight being Tuesday night the Debating club will meet a half hour early on account of the many speakers. The members will all be present. Many more intend joining tonight as they wish to make it a success. The subject for discussion is, "Would it be justifiable for United States to go to war with Spain." The leaders are Rev. A. J. Gollmer, and Mr. S. R. Heustis. Mr. G. B. Knight will occupy the chair.

Mr. G. F. Novers returned from St. John on Friday by Str. May Queen. He reports potatoes, pork and beef a very good price.

Mr. Wm. Carney while in the employ of Mr. Andrew Lipssett got badly hurt while breaking a brow. A log rolled over him, breaking his collar bone, also bruising his head very badly.

Mr. Bliss Blakeney and Nella Purdy have been spending a few days with Miss Gertie Titus.

There was no services in the churches on Sunday last. The day being very stormy.

The recent rain has caused the river to rise more rapidly. The intervals are nearly all covered.

Jemseg.

April 25.—The Str. May Queen arrived here on her first trip on the morning of the 19th inst. She has been thoroughly repaired and painted throughout. We were all delighted to see the smiling face of the genial Captain, who after his illness was able to take charge of the vessel on her first trip.

H. Weston (Mate) was greeted with many a hearty shake.

Engineer Grey has his old time jokes and friendly "How do you do."

The purser and steward in his off-handed manner will look after the comfort of the passengers. Mr. Brannen's reputation as a caterer is widely known and worthy of comment.

Last week a number of the farmers began ploughing and planting their early crops.

M. C. Little has moved his house from the Colwell road to a site on the farm of Theodore Titus.

The Woodboat "Flying Yankee" (Capt. Currie), has gone to Manguerville to load wood for H. G. Dykeman.

Mrs. Jacob H. Dykeman has returned home after spending a few months with her daughters in St. John.

Mrs. C. B. Colwell, sr., has made a short visit to St. John.

Young's Creek.

April 22.—The roads in this vicinity have improved very much of late. If the weather keeps fine the farmers intend to commence seeding soon.

Mr. James Rankine left Chipman a few days ago on his way to Goshen, but owing to the bad roads tired his horse out and hired A. W. Wiggins's horse to complete his journey. Two days afterwards he returned bringing with him three wagons loaded with four sewing machines and ten sacks of oats. He is a manager.

Wellington Irons while splitting wood cut his foot very bad.

Mr. Thomas Gale, of Cumberland Bay, was the guest of Mrs. C. Elliott on Monday last.

Miss Nellie Elliott who intended to go to Auburn, Maine, deferred her visit and went to Fredericton instead.

Mrs. Andrew Elliott is slowly recovering from her late illness under the kind care of Mrs. Christopher Elliott.

Mr. John Snodgrass, jr., of Young's Cove, starts for Klondike on Monday next. His many friends wish him a safe arrival and good success.

Mr. N. C. Scott passed through this place on Wednesday last on his way to Waterborough.

The road from Young's Cove Road to Cole's Island is very bad—hardly fit for a bear to walk on. The merchants of Cole's Island think that this road ought to be repaired.

Bram Guilty.

BOSTON, April 20.—The jury in the Bram trial have returned a verdict of guilty without capital punishment under a law enacted since the first trial. When Bram heard the verdict his face was turned upward and his lips moved as if in prayer. He sank into his seat, covered his face with his hands and wept.

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