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Black Crepons, 55c., 65c., 90c., \$1.20 per yard.
Black Lustre (Plain or Figured), 30c., 35c., 40c., 45c., 50c., 65c., 75c. per yard.
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Beaver in Blacks, Browns, Blues and Fawn, 75c., \$1.10, \$1.40, \$1.65, per yard.
Ulster Cloths (Smooth or Rough Finish), \$1.00, \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.40, per yard.
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Correspondence.

Spicy News Items Gathered by Gazette Correspondents

To EDITOR QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE.

It is now many months since I assayed in my youthful way to write up a few locals for your enterprising newspaper. I had a narrow escape of being annihilated, as you might have heard, Mr. Editor, for freeing my mind on that occasion and my outspoken sentiments had earned for me the proud title of "Yellow Dog" and other pet names of precious memory. As most of the men are away in the woods the boys have a good time skating in Iron Bound Cove this winter and already teams are travelling on the glare ice all the way down to the mouth of the Cove and up the Salmon river to Chipman. When the ice gets stronger I am going up to Chipman to see an old bachelor uncle of my step mother's half brother who lives up that way. I hear he has the cage ready this many a year; but the bird, I hear, is not caught yet, when caught I shall be tempted to come often and take a few lessons on courtship lest I also shall become a discarded bachelor. A good story is told of one of our staid citizens with matrimonial tendencies. He started out one evening to call upon his best girl who resided two or three miles off. Arriving at the house he gave a timid rap at the door and while waiting with bated breath for the fair damsel to open the door, with his heart beating pit-a-pat under a white shirt bosom, he became nervous at the unusual delay in answering his familiar knock and utterly crestfallen as the door at last swung open; but the fair divinity herself was not in attendance that day to give her tardy lover a pleasant reception and bow him into the parlor as was her custom. These little formalities were left to the good old dame herself who broke the news as gently as possible to the disappointed suitor, by informing him that her daughter was up stairs dressing herself for her wedding which was to take place later on in the evening. This would have been a staggering blow to an ordinary justice of the peace, and one subject to emotion might have fainted under such an ordeal, but mother wib was equal to the occasion as our bachelor friend suddenly remembered that he had an important engagement elsewhere that evening. However the good lady of the house extended such a gracious invitation for him to remain and witness the ceremony that he soon forgot all his fancied engagement for that even-

ing and remained an eye witness to the truth of the old adage, "Faint heart never won fair lady." Dame Rumor said the unlucky man took home half a wedding cake that night which he has since been using as a charm under his pillow; but the gentle sex will not hearken to the voice of the charmer, charming never so sweetly.

YOUNG HOPEFUL.
 Douglas Harbour.

Dec. 26.—The mighty nimrods are on the war path again. It is not known as yet what the spoil will consist of, but the signs of the times promise great results. Palmer, Hunter, Randolph & Co., intend doing a large winter's work getting spruce logs. The woods already resound with the sharp crack of the expert axeman.

J. C. Hunter has been engaged making an apron for the Thoroughfare bridge. He has it about finished.

The recent thaw made the roads almost impossible in this section.

Another generation has made their appearance on the carpet. Already congratulations are flying thick and fast, and among those of most importance who are receiving those tokens of esteem are Capt. and Mrs. Denton upon the appearance of a smiling little daughter. Your correspondent is informed that it already has a name, "Hattie Dora". We wish Capt. and Mrs. Denton much joy.

Young's Cove.

Dec. 19.—The weather has been very mild here so far. The Grand Lake is not frozen over yet.

Most of the young men of this place have gone to the woods which makes it very lonely.

The ladies of the Methodist church, assisted by some of the gentlemen, are engaged in decorating their church for Christmas.

There will be service in St. Luke's Episcopal Church on Christmas morning at 10.30 o'clock with a celebration of the Holy Communion and sermon by the rector, Rev. A. J. Gollmer. There will also be service in the Methodist church in the evening at 7 o'clock. Special music in both churches on the occasion.

Mr. John Murphy is again on the road, he passed through here on his way to Chipman where he bought a car load of sheep which he shipped by the Central R. R. for the St. John market.

Miss Bessie Kelly, of the Den, and Miss Annie McLaughlin, of Mill Cove, are visiting at Mrs. Michael Kelley's. There is to be a horse race in this place

on the 29th under the management of E. C. Lockett. Already there are some horses entered for the race, among the number is Capt. R. Holmes fast mare Nellie. The Capt. claims this mare can trot a mile in 3 minutes with proper training. Mr. E. C. Lockett will provide a supper and dance in the evening.

Misses McDonald and Nellie Nellie Gule were the guests of Miss Effie Wiggins on Saturday.

We look forward every week to the arrival of the GAZETTE, it a welcome visitor.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was. Sold by all Druggists, large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

Red Bank.

Dec. 16.—Quietness reigns predominant in this generally noisy place and the only reason that can be given for it is that most of the men have gone to the lumber woods for the winter and of course women are always quiet.

Exceedingly moderate weather for this season of the year keep the sleigh bells quiet and the skaters song is hanging by the eye-brows along the shores of our Lakes and Rivers afraid to venture on the treacherous ice, and it would almost seem as though Jack Frost was a little slack about his business.

Miss Evelyn Cox, our popular teacher, held a public examination, on Friday 15th inst., of the scholars of the school in this place, where she has been teaching for a number of terms. The school-house was handsomely decorated with evergreen and beautiful mottoes of welcome and cheer were placed along the walls, and although the day was stormy a full attendance of children were present and a large number of visitors. The scholars acquitted themselves very creditably throughout all the exercises, which lasted two hours and forty-five minutes. Singing and recitations interspersed the other exercises and a program which had been tastefully arranged was carried out. Special notice would have to be taken of the songs "My old Kentucky Home" and

"Harvest Song" which was beautifully rendered. The cleverness exhibited by all the scholars in the several branches in connection with the grades was convincing proof of close attention and faithful work on the part of their teacher. Some of the visitors had prepared a beautiful treat for the children, which was heartily enjoyed, thus the last examination of the closing century in Red Bank school terminated. One thing we regret and that is that Miss Cox has tendered her resignation of the school in this District and we know we voice the mind of the children when we say we are sorry, and hope the coming teacher may fill her place, not only in the school room but in the hearts and affections of the children as well.

Hoping we have not intruded upon your space, we shall conclude by wishing you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

SCRIBBLER.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, back-ache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle-working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run-down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by all Druggists.

Cox's Point.

Dec. 20.—A very enjoyable evening was spent at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Jenkins on December 18th., the occasion being the home-coming of their brother Samuel Jenkins, with his bride, formerly Miss Gertie Upton, of Jemseg, Queens County. The young couple were married in St. John, at the Baptist parsonage, by the Rev. Mr. Kelly, on December 14th. The bride was becomingly attired in a suit of blue trimmed with white silk and ribbon, with hat to match. She was attended by Miss Ida White, while Mr. George Leonard acted as best man. After the ceremony they drove to the home of Mr. White where a wedding supper was served. They arrived home on Monday afternoon by the C. R., where they were welcomed by the many friends. About sixty took tea. The following is a list of the presents which were both numerous and costly:

The grooms present to the bride, a set of furs; Mr. and Mrs. Irons and George Leonard, St. John, parlor lamp; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Evans, St. John, vases; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Granville, cake stand; Miss Beryl Harrison, fancy cup and saucer; Wellington McLean, butter cooler; Mrs. Asa Nightingale, silver pepper and salt duster; Lewis Collins, cake stand; Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Barton, vases, Miss Agnes Harrison, rose mug; Miss Bertha Barton, pillow shams, Miss Agnes Fulton, St. John; fancy pin cushion; Mr. and Mrs. Asa Smith, fancy pitcher; Mr. and Mrs. James Leavitt, dozen silver forks; Miss Violet Smith, picture scarf; Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Granville, berry dish; Mr. and Mrs. Zadoc Nightingale, half dozen cups and saucers and tea plates; Mr. Lee Farris, St. John, two fancy cups and saucers; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barton, berry dish; Mrs. John Nightingale, water picture; Miss Janie Barton, pepper and salt dish; Mrs. Rosalie Barton and Herbert Barton, preserve dishes and goblets; Edward Elkin, fancy cup and saucer and plate; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barton, fruit dish and towels; Miss Ada Barton, half dozen preserve dishes; Calvin and Cora Granville, glass pitcher; Mr. and Mrs. Chesley McLean, vegetable dish and vases; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barton, platter; Essie and Majorie Barton fancy pin cushion; Mr. and Mrs. Obed Granville, half dozen preserve dishes and vinegar pitcher; Miss Ida White, St. John, necktie; Miss Emma Carpenter, St. John, rose jar; Messrs. Capt. B. W. Wasson, Fred Basley, Frank Farris and Frank Jardine, St. John, china tea set; Mr. and Mrs. John Irons, lemonade set; Ernest and Nettie Barton, fancy jar; Ernest Titus and Harry White, chamber set; Mr. and Mrs. W. Trearwin, St. John, cake plates; J. Duplisa, St. John, preserve plate; Chas. R. Barton, glass pitcher; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Barton, tablecloth; Miss Annie Brown, St. John, butter cooler; Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Trearwin, preserve dishes; Eudaly Derritt, lamp; Mrs. Henry Trearwin, salt dusters; Miss Susie Slocum, Waterboro, berry dish; Mrs. Merritt, St. John, cup and saucer; John Leavitt, fancy mug; Miss Maggie Leonard, St. John, silk handkerchief and cash present; Miss Levina O. Barton, half dozen tumblers; Miss Maud Carpenter, table dolly; Fred Basley, St. John, fancy toys; Norman Granville, cup and saucer; Jas. Collins, bickle dish; Mrs. Rachel McNamara, mitts; Eddy Killam, preserverstand; Miss Amanda Carpenter, St. John, card receiver.

The evening was spent in amusements of various kinds. The young people tripped the light fantastic to the excellent music rendered by Chas. R. Barton while the boys from the adjoining neighborhood made it lively outside for a time by the firing of guns and rattling of cow bells. The guests departed for their homes about 12 o'clock. All join in wishing the young couple a happy voyage through life.

Lakeview

Dec. 21.—Having never noticed in your valuable paper, any items from this place, thought a few would not be amiss. The GAZETTE is to be found in a number of homes in this community and is by all received as a very welcome guest.

The weather of late has been very mild. To-day has brought about a change which gives a feeling of intense pleasure to those who enjoy the pastime of skating.

A basket and pie social is to be held at Lakewiew school house on Friday Dec. 29. After the sale there will be a concert which all should attend. The following are the committee in charge: Messrs. J. Jones, M. L. McCutcheon, A. W. Perry and Misses Maggie Briggs and Florence Black.

The F. C. Baptist Sunday School is practising for a concert to be given Christmas night. The Methodist Church S. S. will also hold a Christmas tree and entertainment in their church on Saturday evening the 23rd inst. All are cordially invited to be present.

Miss M. Briggs, our popular teacher has resigned her charge of this school. Miss Briggs has taught here for the past two years to the entire satisfaction of all and it is hoped she can be induced to withdraw her resignation and remain with us another year.

Miss Florence Black has accepted a school at Salmon Creek, Queens Co.

We are informed that Mr. M. McCutcheon leaves after the Xmas vacation to take a course at the Currie Business College.

Mr. W. Hanselbacher was the guest of Mr. Thos. McCutcheon on Monday.

Mr. Walton Black is preparing to lumber this winter on his father's property. He purposes building a new barn, and additions to the house in the spring.

Mr. Melvin Jones has his house very near completion, it is a beautiful structure and reflects much credit on the builder, Mr. Edward Coes.

Lest I weary the many readers of this paper I will close by wishing all a Merry Xmas and a prosperous New Year.

Bismark's Iron Nerve

Was the result of his splendid health. Indomitable will and tremendous energy are not found where Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25 cts at any Drug Store.

Hibernia.

We are informed that Mrs. T. W. Crawford of this place has moved to his father's home at Upper Otnabog for the winter.

James Gardiner, while cutting wood the other day, cut his foot.

The very heavy rain on Friday last stopped our lumbermen from yarding logs.

Mr. J. Wesley McConchie says he has 35 logs now lying in the woods.

Boston Letter.

BOSTON, Mass.
 Dec. 20th, 1899.

The much looked for rain which has been waiting for the purification of this New England climate has come in abundant downfalls during the past two nights and which has been most joyously welcomed. But we are lacking a snowfall, but such is threatening our vicinity and may come in a few days.

We, too, have had some skating on Public Garden Lake and the young men and maidens have taken advantage of it.

On Thanksgiving evening many of the friends and relatives met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Colwell and enjoyed a very sumptuous supper and evening. Many a grouchy turkey groaned under the carver and were enjoyed by all who participated in the unusual event. To those who could not get there owing to their business affairs we will say nothing, only that they missed a royal good time and we hope they will feel sufficient remorse to atone for their absence and come next time.

The many friends of Duncan Colwell and Frederick P. Purdy will be glad to learn that they are again able to fulfil their daily duties, having been laid up a few weeks with lame hands and feet.

Capt. Moses O. Colwell who has been in the Klondike for the past two years has arrived here and is at present night-manager at the Bowdoin Square Hotel. The happy holidays are being looked forward to.

Yours truly,
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Upper Gagetown.

Dec. 22.—The little village of Upper Gagetown has been quite lively the last week in the Christmas preparations. The children's smiling faces show that Santa Claus is expected.

The business on the corner under the partnership of Estabrooks & Burpee has been greatly increased by the approach of Christmas.

Mrs. S. C. Weston is also doing an extensive trade. Her store presents a very fine appearance.

The lumbermen and scow builders are doing a very extensive business in the woods.

The young people will miss very much, Miss Sophia Currier who has gone to spend Christmas with her brothers in Boston.

Mr. W. E. Curries who has been at-

tending the Normal School has returned home to spend the Christmas holidays.

One of the largest crowds that ever gathered in the school house here witnessed the closing examination which was held under the auspice of Mr. B. H. Dougan, the teacher. The result of the lesson exercises showed how faithfully Mr. Dugan performed his duty during the term. After the lesson exercises a very interesting program was given by the pupils which was as follows:

Recitation, "Pat and the Pig," Samuel Weston.
 Recitation "The Practical Speller" Lauretta Kensella.
 Dialogue, "When women get their rights."
 Recitation, "Mike's prayer," Mabel Coy.
 Recitation "How the parson broke the Sabbath" Pearl Currier.
 Dialogue, "The Secret."
 Recitation "Widow Springer's Daughter" Parker Currier.
 Recitation "Rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief," Sadie Weston.
 Dialogue "Boarding round."
 Recitation "Jimmie Butler and the owl," Bertie Plummer.
 Recitation, "The Difference" Laurenston Estabrooks.
 Recitation, "What the choir sang about the new bonnet," Eva Crothers.
 Dialogue "Silly Billy."
 Recitation, "Charlie's Speech," Walter Mills.
 Song "Christmas Carol," Mabel Coy and Eva Crothers.

At the finish of the programme a very handsome collar and cuff box was presented by the sixth class and a neat address was read by Fred A. Hoben, a member of the class.

Volcanic Eruptions

Are grand, but skin eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them, also Old, Running and Fever Sores, Ucers, Boils, Felons, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chilblains. Best Pile Cure on earth. Drives out Pains and Aches. Only 25 cts a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by all Druggists.

Hampstead.

Dec. 25.—Looking at the GAZETTE every week for a long time I have not seen any news from Hampstead. Where are all your correspondents? At one time we had a number. We are glad to know that one is about to enter the ministry and out poet, who called himself "Woodville," has gone to seek his fortune, during the winter, miles from home, and the only one that is left cannot find time to write for a paper.

Our winter so far has been very quiet, no sleighing and the ice to-day only fit to cross on foot.

Santa Claus arrived in all his glory and provided well in every home. Xmas presents came full and plenty and it is no wonder our mailman is belated as he must start with a very heavy load from Westfield. I think our Gagetown correspondent might be a little easier with him. We were sorry to hear that he had a narrow escape of being badly hurt, his horse stumbled by the road side and fell breaking the shaft. While attempting to help the horse on its feet, in some way, the animal hurt Mr. Thomson's shoulder, but we are glad he is able to be on the road.

Elsworth Jones, who went to St. John Hospital to have his left eye operated on, returned last week, he is improving and the doctor thinks his sight will return to the one eye, the other is entirely gone.

Dr. McDonald's house is now completed and we hope to see his smiling face in the near future.

B. W. Ferguson's family expect to move from here during the winter. We wish them success.

Our school closed for holidays on Friday, had a very small examination we were sorry that so few attended, they did not give our pleasant teacher, Miss Smith, credit for what she had done during the term and we hope it will not happen again. Miss Smith will be with us during vacation as the ice is so that she cannot get home.

We wish one and all a merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Patent Report.

Below will be found a complete list of patents recently granted to Canadian inventors through the agency of Messrs. Marion & Marion, Solicitors of Patents, New York Life Building, Montreal.

CANADA.

65,150—Albert Many, St. Hyacinthe, P. Q. Shoes.
 65,192—Maynard & Frederick, Campbellford, Ont. Bicycle Propelling Mechanism.
 65,203—Phileas Charbeneau, Montreal, P. Q. Reclining Chair.
 65,225—Albert Many, St. Hyacinthe, P. Q. Last.
 65,244—Jos. Omer Lamoureux, Sorel, P. Q. Plow.
 65,268—Vezina & Beausoleil, Montreal P. Q. Gasoline burner.
 65,280—Louis Wimmer, Elizabethport, N. J. Looping machine.

UNITED STATES.

634,599—James Wilson, Glen Cross, Man. Hay Loader.
 635,139—Robert Irving, Corwin, Ont. Fastening for stall chains.
 635,440—Lavoie & Chazotte, Montreal, P. Q. Extension fire ladder.
 635,315—N. L. Gobeille, St. Hyacinthe, P. Q. Drain Ditching plow.

Cook's Penetrating Plasters.