

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

## PATTEN, ME.

I wonder how the readers of your valuable paper would like to hear of camp life in the Maine woods. Here we are snugly housed in our camp 24x20 built of round logs about 8 logs high 7 feet high with cedar splits taken from the cedar trees and split in a rough form by the men, then comes the tar paper with which they are covered which taking it all around makes it snug and ship shape. Here we are for the route let it be long or short. Now to tell the readers where we are and who we are working for. First we go to Patten. Now to reach Patten one can travel by the E. & A. Maine's great artery of transportation which in its various systems covers the whole state with a finely conducted network of railway. Soon after leaving Houlton we hear the brakeman calling Patten we change cars for Patten and after a ride of 7 miles we arrive at Patten right side up with care. Here at Patten we hire to go up for Kellogg and Parson who are working on Waddy Brook, which flows into Sebasticus, and after passing through three lakes, namely Lake Umbagog, Lake Umbagog and White Horse we enter the East Branch of Penobscot. The firm of Kellogg and Parson have two camps, one run by O. J. Parson, a member of the firm, who in his camp has 8 and 30 men, besides our camp which I have just written. Here we are with 25 men and 6 horses. Our Boss Geo. Cunningham of Patten takes charge here and here let me say that a better boss one cannot find beside being a clever woodsman and for the first time in my career we have a christian boss. How much better it is than to hear a camp echoed by with profanity. We can truly say as one of old that our lines are set in pleasant places. Our crew composed of 25 men, all hardy sons of toil, have at present working two teams one the bay team Dick and Tick driven by the veteran teamster Fred Hunt and one would hunt for a long while before a better teamster could be found. Tending sled for him is James Stillman Judkins who well deserves the name of champion tender of the firm. Next team Chub and Fanny driven by James Mitchell of Patten who knows what he is at and when to be at it, and right here let me say for the benefit of your readers he is not a brother to the ex-champion Charlie Mitchell, but laying all jokes aside one would have to travel hard and far to find a nicer fellow or a better teamster. Fred's choppers are James E. McLeod and Kal Welch, swamper Ed Elbett and John Connors, yard tender E. McLeod formerly of Glasgow, Scotland, while James Mitchell's crew is as strong as our crew headed by the second Henry More Smith James Nason formerly of Fort Fairfield, Me., and who can lay spruce where he likes and as many as he likes, he is ably supported by a side pad Joe Bush the nigger under non de plume of F. E. M. and our swamper are Johnny the Swede and Alex. McDonald of Nova Scotia, sled tender is Len Porter who well has earned his shoulder straps, for yard man we have the world's wonder a strolling comrade who can sing an Irish song or make a darky blith with his Swaney River dance. Our cook, Harry Grayham for cooking cannot be surpassed or out done by any, and the dishes he gets up are a surprise to all and Harry is ably supported by Walter Woodbury of Patten. Jim and Walter are great chums. We know not the reason why they are. We can guess. Here let me add that while en route to our camp I had the pleasure of meeting Jock Darling the noted guide and sportsman of Maine and ex-game warden. It was from him that I learnt the full and sad particulars of the shooting of Charlie Potter who was shot by Gov. Russell's nephew and it reminds me of that little verse in our first reader:

"As a general thing we have noted  
That people who get shot  
Are killed by people who are loaded, or guns  
that are not."

Oh! well I do not wish to tire your patience  
and soon will I hear the cuckoo yell, turn out, I  
will say, so long.

SISSON BRANCH,  
DEPOT CAMP.

As it has been some time since my last items from the "depot" appeared in THE DISPATCH, I will try and write a few more of the doings and happenings of this camp and vicinity. We have been and are still having beautiful cold, clear weather, just right for work in the woods. There is about eight inches of snow now in the woods, just about right for yarding and "dragging." The teams are doing good work, both yarding and putting into the stree. The portage is in fine shape and tote teams are coming and going every day, in fact, we are almost as well informed as to news as are the people in town, as we have a daily mail only it is a day later in reaching us. We see quite a number of sports around here lately, looking for fish and game.

J. E. McCollom and E. Melville paid a flying visit to the "Celestial" this week.

When we came into the camp tonight we found the door decorated with crapes or a substitute for it and on enquiring as to the why and wherefore we were informed of the lamentable fact, that our cook and his wife had taken "French leave" of the ranche. Peace be to his ashes!

A good many of the boys are anticipating spending their Christmas at home.

Notice—for sale or to rent cheap, a nicely situated cottage on "Paradise Row" suitable for a man and wife and small sized family, lately occupied by Mr. John Fortin and wife. Enquire as to terms &c. on the premises, or at Grand Falls.

Oh, by the way, I came near forgetting to mention that there will be a goose supper at the "depot" Christmas night. Every body come.

## LINDSAY.

Last Sabbath (Dec. 13) Rev. Mr. Spargo from Jacksonville, preached in the Methodist church. The appointed hour of meeting is 2.30 p. m. but last Sabbath at that hour there were only about half a dozen and Mr. Spargo there at that time. However the preacher did not wait for the people but commenced service, and by the time he had commenced his sermon we had quite a congregation. Mr. Spargo criticized us pretty sharply on this point and I can heartily endorse his views. This is a bad fault the people of this place have, in not getting to meeting on time. Now, our S. S. should open at 10 a. m. but generally does not begin until 10.20 or 11 o'clock. Now it is not because the people cannot get around at the right time, but it is simply a habit which they have got in of thinking that because so many are late it is not going to be there on time, why they need not go either. If everybody in the world was like that, how much would be done? Well, I will not expand any further on this subject, but may give it some attention later on.

Mr. Clark A. McBride is attending the Woodstock Business College, taking a course in the "Beale" system of shorthand, under Miss L. B. Huntley. He is also taking a series of private lessons on "Voice Culture" under Mr. H. M. Twombly at the Turner House. Mr. McBride is staying at the "Woodverton House" where he will be pleased to show any one the books "Safe Council" and "Business Guide" for which he is agent.

Your correspondent was much impressed by hearing Elder Sederquest in the Advent church in Woodstock last night, he is certainly a very eloquent preacher and seems to be at home on Bible prophecies, although he may be astray about the end of the world in 1900.

## TOBIQUE RIVER.

The warm south wind of Sunday has taken off nearly all the snow. Sleighing is gone again, and wheeling is none of the best.

The Church of England horse shed was again placed right side up today. It was overturned some weeks ago by a violent south wind.

The schools closed on Friday. Mr. Niles is coming back to Arthurette for another year. Miss Hattie R. Hazleton is coming again to St. Elmo. A party of hunters from this neighbourhood shot a caribou about Butt Brook one day last week.

As Luther Grant, Frank Sprague and Sandy Sprague were returning from cruising some days ago, they report that they were tired by a caribou. It must have been a lively caribou, but it would have been scared if it had known the state of the parties told of it, when they got back to civilization. It seems to be in order now when one has been in the woods a few hours, to tell stories to match the fish yarns told by those who go to catch the speckled beauties.

Jas. L. Flanders was here yesterday. He has been away for some months. He reports business booming in Maine since McKinley was elected.

H. H. Capen gave, or tried to give a description of the "hardiness" of Houltonian, as experienced by himself. If the writer may express an opinion, (and he is not a Catholic either), Mr. Capen knows very little of Roman Catholicism; and his experiences have all taken place among unlearned and ignorant people. He does not appeal to the intelligence of his audience, but to their prejudices, not a very good thing to do.

## ASHLAND.

George W. Boone is doing a rushing lumber operation on his farm this winter.

On Thursday evening Guy McCollom's men were happily surprised by a sled load of young folk from Harland. After spending a pleasant evening, a sumptuous lunch was partaken of, then all departed for home feeling the better of the lunch.

Miss Emma McCollom has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. W. Boone.

Mrs. John Craig, of Windsor, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ernest Belyea.

Miss Blanch Clark intends spending a few weeks with her relatives in Houlton.

Our Post Master H. A. Belyea, has been sick, but is recovering.

Last Thursday, George Hallett passed through this place en route to his home at Highgate with a bad cut in his foot. He was employed in the woods for Woodford Craig, on Miramichi.

## LAKEVILLE.

The True Blue Lodge intend having an oyster supper in the Orange Hall on New Year's night. Supper 25cts.

## RICHMOND.

The members of Richmond L. O. L. No. 109 intend having an Oyster supper and a public dance in the Orange Hall at Richmond Corner on Thursday evening Dec. 31st New Year's Eve. Vocal and instrumental will be provided and a good time generally is expected. Proceeds go towards finishing the hall. The public are cordially invited.

An Oyster stew, or cake or coffee  
Will be all supplied in the hall above,  
Down below will be for the dancing  
Where you can waltz with your own true love.

Orange Lodge elected and installed the following officers on Tuesday evening the 8th. William Elise, W. M.; James Forrest, D. M.; Henry Hay, Chap.; James T. Montgomery, rec. sec.; Thomas McBride, Fin. Sec.; Osborn Toms, Treas.; Hunter Martin, D. of C.; Charles Johnston, Lec.; Wm. Montgomery foreman of committee; Albert Ray, Frank Purington, John Savage, John Kennedy, committee. The installation ceremony was performed by County Master Hipwell. After the installation of officers a pleasant evening was spent with stirring speeches from County Master Hipwell and brothers Quisen, Forrest, Savage, Kirkpatrick, Kennedy and others.

## UPPER KNOXFORD.

Rev. H. A. Charlton spent Sunday in this place, he preached morning and evening in the Baptist church.

Mr. and Miss Merrithew, of Good Settlement, spent Sunday with friends here.

Miss Perkins, of Centerville, was the guest of Mrs. Gregg last week.

Our school closed on Tuesday. We are very sorry to part with our popular teacher, Miss Shaw.

A few young people of Knoxford, Upper Knoxford, and Royaltan, have formed a small society which they call Mutual Improvement Society. The name explains its purpose. The first meeting was held at the home of E. Jones. Longfellow was the subject for the evening, favourite quotations from his works were given by each of the members. A sketch of his life was given by Miss Jones. Mr. Charlton read "Paul Revere's Ride," Miss Gallupe sang "The Bridge." One of the members who had visited the poet's grave, displayed a tiny flower picked therefrom, and gave a short description of the spot. The second meeting was held at the home of E. B. Gallupe on Monday evening, Dec. 14th, when Canada was briefly considered. Several rounds of quotations were given, then Miss Kinney read a paper on Canadian cities and their characteristics. Miss Jones read a paper Canadian Authors, also a poem by Bliss Carman. Mrs. Charlton sang the "Maple Leaf," Miss Miller gave a sketch of the Life of Governor Fraser. All then sang "Auld Lang Syne," as a good bye to the teachers who were present.

## BRISTOL.

Rev. S. J. Perry, Bath, preached in the hall on Sunday morning.

The stores are now showing a good line of Christmas goods. At C. A. Phillips' store a cheap sale will be carried on for 30 days.

The parish Sunday School convention was held last Tuesday in the afternoon and evening. The following clergymen were present: Revs. D. Fiske, S. J. Perry, J. E. Cahill, A. H. Hayward and H. D. Worden. The president gave a most encouraging report of the work being done in the parish, and briefly reviewed the past year. The sessions were both interesting, and fairly well attended. The officers for next year are: Samuel G. Armour, president; Robert Squires, vice president; Theodore Currie, secretary; D. V. Boyer, S. J. Rideout and G. H. Boyer, members of the executive committee and Mrs. J. Tracy, Supt. of Home Department. It was decided to hold next convention at Beechwood in March.

The schools closed on Friday for the usual vacation. The examination of the advanced department was held on Friday evening. A large number of visitors were present, and the scholars acquitted themselves very creditably. The prize winners were Annie McLean, Viva Davis and Lizzie Wiggins. Some appropriate remarks were made by Dr. Atkinson and Rev. D. Fiske. Miss Fraser the teacher went to her home at Grand Falls on Saturday.

A. J. McLean received a dispatch on Thursday announcing the death of his mother at Cape Breton, and he left on the afternoon express to attend the funeral.

A sudden death occurred in this village yesterday, John Tucker, a barber, who lived alone in a house near the station, being the victim. He had been drinking considerably for some days, and was not feeling well on Saturday night. He wanted some one to stay with him that night, but no one thought it necessary. On Sunday morning, about ten o'clock, two young men went in to see how he was, and found him sitting, conched down on his bed, and unconscious. Dr. Schererville was at once sent for but when he arrived he found that the unfortunate man was dead. Dr. Hagerman, coroner, was notified, but after looking at the body deemed an inquest unnecessary. He was 35 or 40 years old, and had only been in Bristol a few months, having come from Glassville to this place. Nothing whatever is known about his former life, having no relatives or friends in this vicinity.

## FLORENCEVILLE.

A number of our young men are coming out of the woods to spend Xmas.

Mrs. James McCain died last Tuesday; she was highly esteemed by all. Her bereaved friends have the sympathy of the community.

Miss Carrie L. Estey has returned home from Normal School to spend her Xmas holidays. Hollie Estey and James Peters threshed out 270 bushels of oats in 5 hours and 30 minutes last week. Who can beat that?

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We always did

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C. W. VANWART'S DRY GOODS STORE.

We are going out of business  
and are Selling Cheap.

Miss Baird and Miss Porter of Bairdsville, have gone home to spend their holidays.

We are sorry to learn that our friend, S. D. Hamilton intends leaving us soon to reside at Houlton. He will be much missed by the fair sex at Bristol as well as Florenceville.

Miss Lydia A. Giberson has gone to Fort Fairfield to spend her vacation among relatives.

The Baptist S. S. intends having an entertainment next Sunday evening in the Baptist church. Mrs. Louise Jewett attended the school examination at Greenfield last Friday afternoon.

The Methodists are going to have an entertainment New Year's eve. Tickets are being sold by Nettie Taylor and Susie Jewett.

Our Council is booming. The following officers were elected last Saturday night for the ensuing term:—W. Taylor, S. C.; J. V. Kearney, R. S.; Mrs. W. Peters, V. C.; Rev. D. Fiske, P. C.; Mrs. W. Taylor, E. S.; Mr. Curran, Treas.; James Jewett, Chap.; Barrie Hagerman, H.; Nettie Taylor, Guard; Lydia Giberson, Sect.; Nell Jewett, Organist.

## VICTORIA.

It has become more the rule than the exception for Victoria to be absent each week, as the roll of correspondents is called. This is a sad state of affairs, for such a smart little town as this, should contribute some interesting correspondence at least twice a month. Now I will start the ball by contributing this week, in hope some one, more gifted, will assume the duty, or I might say, pleasure, in the future.

Business is very slow here, with the exception of the boot and harness trade.

The young people of Victoria and Lower Wakefield combined forces and made a raid on the hospitality of the Misses Ella and Ada Dickinson a few nights ago. Your correspondent was informed that a very enjoyable evening was the result.

The Victoria Club, a local affair, gave a public entertainment in the Orange Hall on the 17th inst. The boys deserve credit for the excellency of their program and the manner in which they passed the affair off. That, at least is the sentiment expressed by several who were present.

A great opportunity for small things all this week at our store, 100 Cups and Saucers and plates and various kinds of decorated ware at cost. Call and see them. Garden Bros., Druggists.

## TOWN ELECTIONS.

Board of Trade wants a Public Meeting.

At a meeting of the Board of Trade on Monday evening, a resolution proposed by H. Paxton Baird and seconded by U. R. Hanson, was unanimously adopted. It was to the effect that his worship the mayor be invited to call a meeting of citizens as soon as possible for the purpose of nominating a mayor and councillors for the ensuing year.

Mr. Baird, in introducing the resolution, spoke of the small interest taken by the people of the town in elections, in the past. It was the duty of the board to interest itself in this matter, and use what influence it is capable of, in getting good men out for mayor and councillors for the coming year.

Mr. Hanson and others spoke on the same lines.

A communication from the St. Andrews Board asking the co-operation of the Woodstock Board in urging the government to postpone the reducing of St. Andrews as an outpost to St. Stephen until time had been given to mature schemes for fitting up Saint Andrews as a winter port, was received, and the president and secretary were authorized to draw up a resolution favoring the claims of St. Andrews, and forward it to the dominion government.

Mr. Berteau, representing McAlpine of St. John, was present and submitted a scheme for the preparation of an illustrated guide to the maritime provinces. The board decided to express its approval of the proposed work and commend it to the patronage of the business men of the town.

## All The Way From Japan.

This is the time when every body is looking around for Christmas presents. Pretty and useful articles are in great demand, by those who wish to send a memento to an absent friend. Now, handkerchiefs are useful, and when they are pretty, they may properly combine the useful and the ornamental. Some beautiful things in handkerchiefs are to be seen at McManus Bros. Japanese

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Official inspector of time pieces on the C. P. R.

manufactures are much fancied, and these handkerchiefs, to which special attention is called are made in Japan. They are a lovely thing and range in price from 50cts. to \$2.00, all in silk, with lettered embroidery. There are some very pretty handkerchiefs in white silk, with colored hemmed stitch borders. Another thing in pretty goods are some silk hand painted table covers, imported from Japan. In gloves, they have all varieties, ladies and gentleman, lined and unlined kid. A choice selection of neck-ties, always in order as a gift to a gentleman friend.

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