

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY.

## JACKSONTOWN.

The ladies of this place, have started a sewing circle.

George Good and wife, Fred Estey and daughter made a flying trip to Aroostook County last week.

Our school is under the care of Miss Taylor from Fredericton. The boys are pleased with the change.

Miss Hattie Kitchen has been visiting friends at Hartland.

Miss Lura Hoyt, of Centreville, spent a week with her cousin, Lena Burt.

Howard Everett and David Burpee have returned from their hunting trip on the Tobique. They captured a caribou.

Parties seem to be the rage of the season. Several young people met at the home of Jasper Good New Year's night where a very enjoyable evening was spent. At 12 o'clock refreshments were served, and soon after a collection was taken to help pay the expenses.

Randolph Hannah has been suffering severely from a sore heel.

I wonder what takes one of our young men to Upper Woodstock occasionally?

You will hear from me later.

## PATTON, ME.

As my last letter escaped your Imp's waste basket, it has given me new courage to try again, now perhaps this letter will not be so lucky. Your valuable paper reached us on Saturday Dec. 26 only three days after it left the office. Well does it deserve the name it so well bears and nobly maintains and how the boys look forward for the news of which your paper is full. Christmas has come and gone and let me just say here, we had our Christmas dinner as well as if we were home, that we missed around the Christmas board the faces of those we love and left so far behind. Oh! how we could picture the far away look in the boys' eyes as they gazed homeward and their looks plainly told that they were longing for spring when they could once more fold to their arms those fair girls they had left behind, how they count time! Since I last wrote we have had many changes. Our cook Harry has like the Arab folded his tent and stole away and we have in his place the hotel cook of the Pacific, Joseph Palmer who in my judgment is as far ahead of Harry as the heavens are higher than mortal earth. Joe can beat Vanderbilt's noted cook in or on any dish he can box up. Joe has cooked from Maine to California. Well New Year's will soon be on bringing with it joys and sorrows. Now, you would be tired of reading the new leaves the boys are going to turn over on New Year's even Fred says he will eat no more Turkey. I should think he would not for the boys say he ate three turkeys. I am sending you a list of the names etc. of the crew. Now I know you will agree with me that they are a large crew and right in the prime of life and they are as large hearted as you would wish to meet.

Name.	Age	Height	Where Born	Weight	M or S
Willie Hannington,	27	5.10	U. S.	150	S
Ernest McFarling,	21	6.00	Canada	180	S
Geo. Cunningham,	43	5.11	"	170	M
Len Porter,	36	5.08	"	145	M
Geo. Guphill,	30	5.10	U. S.	150	M
Fred Hunt,	36	5.10	"	175	M
J. Nason,	28	5.10	"	170	S
Jack Connors,	19	5.10	Canada	165	S
R. Hatt,	28	5.10	U. S.	180	M
W. W. Woodbury,	20	5.05	"	150	S
A. McLeod,	50	6.00	Canada	150	M
Ed Elliott,	19	5.08	"	150	S
J. Mitchell,	20	5.11	U. S.	145	S
J. Giberson,	27	6.11	Canada	195	S
A. McIntosh,	17	5.08	Scotland	140	S
Cal Welsh,	45	5.08	U. S.	140	S
S. Jenkins,	26	5.09	"	150	S
A. McDonald,	18	5.08	Canada	150	S
W. Mitchell,	35	5.04	"	135	M
J. Palmer,	32	5.08	England	155	M
H. Robbins,	23	5.11	U. S.	175	S
J. Brown,	25	5.07	"	145	S
Joe Bush the Nigger,	29	6.00	Canada	190	M

Here we enjoy ourselves, all good fellows and well met, with a boss that has a kind word for all and a crew of 23 men who take their part in the woodsman drama like trained actors on life's stage all bearing and living up to our motto, "Bear one another's burdens." We have about 14 inches of snow good dragging which at present all three teams are at so I will draw my hasty letter to a close and if this escapes the Imp's basket I may visit Hersey camp which is six miles from here and tell the readers what is going on there.

## BEDELL SETTLEMENT.

Wagons again.

Everything is very quiet in this settlement.

Miss Clare, of Woodstock is teaching the school in district No. six.

The school in district No. 7 is closed for the winter.

The Richmond poet passed through this Settlement on his way to meeting on Monday night.

Everett Atkinson spent Xmas in this place.

Edward Kirkpatrick and George Kennedy are away pressing hay.

Miss Jennie Kirkpatrick is spending a few days with friends at McKenzie Corner.

Miss Lena Slipp spent a few days with friends in Woodstock.

One of our hunters caught a deer on the 23rd of Dec. Well done, Jim.

Miss Lettie Kirk spent a few days with her sister, at Oak Mountain.

Miss Nita Montgomery is visiting friends in Woodstock.

Mr. John Montgomery is recovering from his recent illness.

Miss Queenie Price spent Xmas at her home.

Any one in need of a good hand sled would do well to call on our local blacksmith.

## TOBIQUE RIVER.

Be sure of the date, —1897.

Mr. H. H. Capen is on the war path again. He spoke for a short time at Mr. D. F. Millin's meeting at Arthurette on Sunday morning, where he told of his cure by faith, and of the way, he was misunderstood in his sermons and lectures, and reported in the public press. The writer is quite willing to concede that the speaker may not have understood what he meant to say; but the report of the lecture, (heaven save us) was quite correct, and only failed in that it did not report many other flaws in history, language, respect for dignitaries, etc., etc. "Truth is mighty," and if Mr. C. has been misreported, he may console himself with reflection that truth will prevail, and he will ultimately be triumphant, that is, if he is the truth personified.

There is a plethora of preachers up the Tobique now. One resident clergyman, Rev. J. R. Hopkins and Messrs. Millin, Capen, Blackburne, Payne and Kierstead itinerants, Mr. Millin, though, is going to be up here for six months in the interests of the F. C. B. church. Mr. Hopkins resides in Birch Ridge and has service there, also at Arthurette, Sisson Ridge and Foster Cove. Messrs. Capen, Blackburne, Payne and Kierstead hold forth chiefly at Sisson Ridge and Maple View.

A story comes from one of McNair's camps on the Right Hand Branch that the devil has appeared to the men. One man says it was the wickedest crew to swear and blaspheme that he ever heard. A teamster went out to harness his horses one morning not long since and saw something between his horses that struck terror to his heart. He ran, so the story goes, into the camp and alarmed the rest of the men who also saw the apparition, or whatever it might be. The camp is now practically deserted. Now, about that story, there are a few things that seem slightly out of joint. In the first place, nowhere, except in Paradise Lost, do we find Satan rebuking sin. Why, the old enemy is overjoyed to find the race of

Adam doing him such yeoman's service. In the next place, the old devil is too cunning to frighten his dupes out of his service. The writer would humbly recommend that a trio or quartette of the gentlemen who are abusing the devil at such a rate behind his back, at Sisson Ridge, to go to the said camp and exorcise the demon. There is not the slightest doubt but that Mr. McNair would reward them, in addition to the reward they would receive in heaven.

Your correspondent has been put upon his ear by the poetic effusion of Local Rhymers from Richmond, and now declares that if Local Rhymers keep up this thing much longer, the Tobique scribe will feel bound to retaliate.

R. K. Beveridge, of St. Elmo, got his leg quite badly hurt a few days ago, while working in the woods.

## BRISTOL.

The snow has all gone, and wagons are again in order. The ice in front of the village is in fine condition, and a track has been laid out for driving and the horsemen are exercising their fast ones.

The school reopened last week, Miss Fraser and Miss Bell continuing in charge.

W. A. Sherwood made a change in his business on Jan. 1st, and in future will deal only on the cash system. He carries a fine line of goods embracing everything usually found in a first class store.

Dave Bell, a young man of this place, met with a serious accident. He was working in the woods near Foreston, and a log rolled upon him and broke his legs.

The annual meeting of Court Sterling I. O. F. was held recently, and the following officers elected:—D. W. Kyle, C. R.; G. A. Brittain, V. C. R.; John Farley, R. S.; A. J. McLean, F. S. T.; W. A. Sherwood, chap; H. L. Cluff, S. W.; Erlon W. Bell, J. W.; F. A. Phillips, S. B.; P. C. Barker, J. B.; Dr. Somerville, Court Physician; John Farley, Court Deputy.

Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Gray, Pembroke, are visiting at their daughter's Mrs. D. W. Jones.

Dell Knott gave a pleasant entertainment in the hall on Friday night.

Mr. G. A. Brittain went to Woodstock on Monday to attend the meeting of the County Council.

## JACKSONVILLE.

The Hobos having some very important questions to decide, and the report being afloat that two prominent members were soon to leave for Colorado, and the preparation for a swell dinner being in vogue, the attendance of late has been larger than usual. At the last meeting, Clynic Gregory, the hobo secretary, read a communication he had received from Madam Francisca the belle of iron-ore hill, which very emphatically stated numerous annoyances that had been imposed on her since her return from Bangor. She mentioned that originality had always been one of her leading characteristics, and at the same time to appear stylish. That she had noticed on several occasions when having adopted anything new and up-to-date, whether in wearing apparel or deportment, she had the mortification of finding herself aped and imitated by numerous young ladies of Jacksonville and Woodstock. She had lately been thinking of getting a pair of bloomers made for winter wear and considered it would be a great hit, both for their warmth, and to facilitate locomotion through the snow, that is, if we have any this winter, and furthermore, she begged the hobo if they would consider her petition and in their colossal wisdom would devise some means of relieving her in this disagreeable predicament, and suggest the newest and latest idea of having the bloomers made up. L. R. of municipal fame made a motion that Clynic Gregory, Tom Val and Aust de Hart, of the Hijis, be appointed a committee to wait on the "Madam" and to have all power to settle this important affair to the best of their ability. J. E. Kinnear seconded this motion which was carried without a murmur. Next the foxy hobo got started on a fox story, he began with:—"Well you all know that since I have been attending Methodist meeting I have endeavored to mend my ways and try to stop lying," he then proceeded with great dexterity of the lower jaw action to explain how he had run a fox into a snare, had taken him out, jumped on his neck, until he felt certain that Mr. Fox was his meat, then carried him on his back a mile and a half through the woods, had laid him down for a minute to straighten another snare, when he heard a quick rustle and on looking up, behold Mr. Fox was nearly out of sight, sitting P. D. Q. It is not known when or where this monotonous episode would have terminated, but right there he was stopped at once by all the boys in chorus. L. T. Every related a very interesting anecdote, the sum and substance of which was that he had smoked seventeen pound of "terbacker" one corn cob pipe during the last year. Skotes Brooks wanted to tell a minkra adventure, but Tom Val told him that the odor might be disagreeable and advised him to abstain. Soul de Ironore the president of the Hobo club being called on made a few appropriate remarks. He complimented the Hobos on the rapid strides that had been made during the recent year toward advancement, although it had been predicted by some old leatherheads and mossbacks that this club could not stand as it had been run too elaborate and expensive. Certainly we have to run this club pretty steep in order to keep up with the times, and it is to our advantage to hold up the tone and dignity of Hoboism, for we have always been acknowledged as second to none among the four hundred. C. H. Every made his farewell address. He said that there was no people on earth that he felt so much at home with as Hobos, and he hoped when he returned again to Jacksonville to be able to have a game of cribbage with the boys. Jonney McDervin stated that he was about to start for Colorado but the memory of the Hobos and the pleasant evenings he had spent with them would live in his memory forever.

## LINDSAY.

I understand that there is going to be a debate in the school house, Lindsay, on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 12th. The subject of the debate will be "Pursuit and Possession." The advantages and disadvantages of each. I expect that some of our best local talent will distinguish themselves on that occasion, and that we will go away with our minds enlightened on this knotty subject. Should I have the pleasure of being present, I shall try and give a synopsis of the speeches, and have them inserted in next week's paper.

We are supposed to have an evergreen Sabbath school in this place. Well, judging by last Sabbath's mode of transacting business, I am inclined to think that the green is fading rapidly and unless some steps are taken shortly to revive its color, the name will not be very appropriate. Our superintendent was promptly on hand at the hour of 11 o'clock, just one hour late, and other things were in proportion. My advice to the residents of Lindsay is this: Either get to S. S. on time or close it up for the winter. They can take this advice for what it is worth and get just as mad about it as they please, but I can't see that I believe in running a S. S. on business principles and not making a humbug of it. I use this definition for lack of a better one.

From a remark made yesterday, I infer that our oldest resident is Thomas Strong, who is 77 years old, or in his 77th year. James McBride comes next I believe being 76, and is enjoying good health and nearly as vigorous as in his youthful days.

Miss Ella Wolhaupter, our popular school teacher, is with us again, has been engaged to teach the winter term I believe.

## ASHLAND.

The snow has all disappeared and the roads are in a very rough condition especially for travelling. We pity the poor fellow that has to tramp from Rockland to Highgate's once a week.

Guy McCollom, sen., is home on a short visit.

Miss Blanch Clark, Miss Maud Kimball and the Misses Nellie and Mammie Seely made a short visit to Lower Brighton last week.

Miss Bertie Sewell of Rockland has been spending a few days with her sister Mrs. Frank Graham.

Mrs. Merritt Taylor and daughter of Hartland spent a few days with Mrs. McCollom last week.

Carey Shaw of Avondale made a flying visit to his friends here.

Our school teacher, Leslie Huggard, has returned from a two weeks' visit at his home in Queens Co., we are glad to see his smiling face once more.

J. Ed. McCollom and wife spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy McCollom.

Someone asked the question a short time ago, Who drove the huck? We are sorry to say our huckman has sold out and gone to Tobique for the winter. He has taken up his residence at "163 Pucker street."

## UPPER WICKLOW.

The Treedie Brothers have finished their threshing on the Currie farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Gee are rejoicing over the arrival of a son at their home.

Our day school is taught by Miss White she is a popular teacher.

Our young dressmaker talks of going West the coming spring, we hope she will change her mind by that time.

Russell Boyer of Hartland is visiting at Wicklow, the guest of his aunt Mrs. David Gee.

## SISSON BRANCH.—DEPOT CAMP.

The depot camp, Sisson Branch, was the scene of a very pleasant event on Saturday night, Jan. 9th, when Messrs. J. T. Joudry, J. Hammond, J. Ed. McCollom, J. Murdoch and the crew of the camp presented our very efficient and painstaking cook, Mrs. John Nobles, with an elegant lady's hunting case gold watch as a mark of their esteem.

Victor Que-tea, on behalf of the crew presented Mrs. Noble with the watch accompanied by a very neat speech in which he assured Mrs. Noble that the gift although undoubtedly a fine one, but feebly expressed the respect in which she was held by both the English and French speaking portions of the crew.

Mrs. Noble, although completely taken by surprise, replied in a pleasant and graceful manner, thanking the donors for their kindness which although unexpected was none the less appreciated and assuring them that she would in the future as in the past do her best to merit their appreciation. As Mrs. Noble finished she was greeted by round after round of applause that spoke more eloquently than words, of her popularity with the shanty boys of Sisson Branch.

## BIGGAR RIDGE.

On the evening of the 2nd inst a pie social was held here. A large crowd attended. The amount of money received was 26 dollars which will be given to Rev. A. H. Hayward.

One of our esteemed neighbors Daniel McDonald passed away the 6th after a long and painful illness. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn their sad loss.

Jas. Scovill got his leg badly jammed while working in the woods for W. A. Biggar. He will be compelled to lay back for a time.

The roads are very bad here at present.

Service was held here Sunday evening by Rev. J. B. Gough.

Rev. J. Puddington is visiting friends through this settlement and the handy camps.

May Douglas of Queens Co., was visiting some friends here for a few days.

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