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Correspondence.

Spicy News Items Gathered by
Gazette Correspondents

Boiestown.

April 12.—James A. Hughes, late teacher of our school has accepted a more lucrative position as principal of Regent Street School, Fredericton. N. Foster Thorne, who lately taught the school at Armstrong's Corner, Queens Co., is his successor.

Gold mining is the chief topic at present. Wm. McMillan, Fred Duffy, and W. R. McClosky and others have formed a syndicate and will operate on Stuart Brook. It is said that a crusher costing \$5000 is to be at once secured. Some fine specimens have been found near that locality.

The concert given in the hall recently was the success of the season. The large building was completely filled and excellent attention was paid to the very interesting programme. Surely too much thanks cannot be tendered all those who contributed towards the literary entertainment. The sale of baskets produced a very spirited contest, the young men bidding fiercely for the tempting delicacies enclosed in the tastefully decorated baskets. As a result \$85. was realized.

Bicycles are beginning to arrive. W. A. Campbell, our genial councillor and merchant, has the Red Bird Agency; J. D. MacMillan, the very popular Evan & Dodge bicycle agency and Station Agent Sharpe handles the well known product of the Welland Vale Company. All are doing a rushing business and the dust will doubtless fly, if it ever shows up through the snow.

H. A. Cendall has found that his rapidly increasing business necessitates more ample quarters and has removed into the store in the Whalen block.

Flowers Cove.

April 7.—Owing to the great quantity of snow the hauling throughout the whole winter has been a great success.

Mr. W. G. Green, who has charge of the McFarlane coal fields has between three and four hundred chals. of coal ready to be shipped as soon as navigation opens.

It has been reported that Mr. J. S. Butler and L. E. Flower while on their way from Fredericton had to put up at the Breaus Hotel until an early hour in the morn, on account of the bad roads.

Mr. H. C. Flower, who has been stricken with a severe attack of tonsillitis is recovering slowly.

A very pleasant surprise took place at the residence of Capt. Jas. Flower, when his son, Capt. R. D. Flower, accompanied by his wife and Misses M. Estella Flower and A. Maud Flower and Mr. E. J. Miles of Gibson, arrived at an early hour Sunday morning. A very pleasant day was spent. The party left for home about 4 o'clock and arrived at Gibson about eleven o'clock that night.

We are sorry to hear that Capt. A. E. Flower met with a sad loss of a very fine hog.

Mr. B. B. Flower, who had a number of his friends to a wood frolic last week met with great success. Over 30 young men were present, besides a number of young ladies assembled in the afternoon to a quilting. A very enjoyable evening was spent when at an early hour the party left for home feeling they had enjoyed themselves extremely.

Mill Cove.

April 8.—The fine warm days of spring have come at last and the travelling on the roads is bad.

Mrs. James Stephens of this place is very sick she is under the treatment of Dr. Earle.

The school at this place is flourishing under the skilful management of our teacher Miss Pearl White.

McLaughlan Bros are busily engaged in sawing wood at this place.

The Rev. L. H. Crandall occupied the pulpit here, on Sunday last.

The many friends of Rev. G. W. Corey are glad to learn of him taking to himself a helpmate. We wish him success in life.

The people of this place are at a loss of a neighbor, Mr. Young, who has gone to Fredericton, where he intends keeping boarding house.

Johnston.

April 8.—J. W. Patterson wife and family, who have been at West Quaco all winter, returned to Starkey's to-day.

Our popular station agent, Jas. F. Roberts, is partially laid up with a touch of rheumatism.

Mortimer Thorne has been assisting in the series of meetings which have recently been held at the Narrows.

Capt. James Joslyn of Cole's Island, Captain of the Dreadnought, who was asked to be a running mate with H. W. Somerville at the forthcoming election in the fall for Councillor has declined the nomination.

Scott Foster who has been in St. John for the last few months returned home on Wednesday last.

Miss Arthurnetta Branscombe is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. J. Fred

Perry, of Salmondale, who is very sick.

Guests to the number of nearly one hundred, assembled at the residence of Councillor John Leonard of Annadale on Friday last, the occasion being the 40th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard's wedding day. A large number of valuable and useful presents were given to the happy couple. Among the prominent people from Cody's were noticed Mrs. Geo. Cody, Mrs. James McBrierty, Fred Leonard and Dr. and Mrs. Armstrong. Refreshments were provided during the evening. Dancing was also indulged in, the merry party breaking up in the small hours of the morning.

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.

To EDITOR QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE.

Kindly allow me space in your paper to say a few words to "Episcopalian," not as an opponent but as a friend.

I am a Baptist and sincerely hope that "Episcopalian" will not judge us all by one—for Baptists, as a denomination are not so narrow minded as the "Pastor of the Mill Cove Baptist Church." I read in your issue of March 22nd., an article of which the writer need not be ashamed, and in my judgment, was a just rebuke, kindly given, anything but "cowardly". I am sorry that we Baptists have to be subjected to ridicule on account of the bigotry and narrowness of one. We are all sailing for the same port, with the same Pilot, and the moment the man at the wheel leaves our ship to navigate for the "Episcopalian" brother, his own vessel is in danger of shipwreck. If we all cannot agree to worship God in the same form, why not mind our own affairs—keep our own churches right, and by the time we have done that, well, we may be quite aged, with no chances to give away on being "saved in that land where the wicked cease from troubling."

I am ashamed of the article in your issue of April 5th, by the so-called Rev. Mr. Corey. Had it been written by a schoolboy, he should be punished severely, but as it was a man, and a minister, too, his case seems hopeless. He states that "no insult was intended and none

offered," and in the same article he admits that he made use of an expression which, (in my opinion), might sound all right in a bar room, but from the pulpit, it was disgusting and disgraceful.

Now, he is either too ignorant to know what is an "insult," or so insolent he does not care whose feelings he wounds. He advised "Episcopalian" to "keep out of print," and I would say unless he has a better record than the "Pastor of the Mill Cove Baptist Church," he would do well to take the advice offered, or he might see something that would not look well in print

BAPTIST.

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, backache, 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.

Hardwood Ridge.

Some time has elapsed since anything has appeared in these columns, relative to our wide awake village.

The lumbermen are busily engaged hiring men for stream driving, the prospects for which are very favorable.

The roads are beginning to show the effects of old Sol's work; and patches are beginning to appear like the threadbare spots in politician's "yarn."

A political meeting in the interests of the Liberal party was held in the school house, on the 31st ult. Mr. Milligan, organizer, addressed the meeting on the salient points in current politics. At the close of the meeting a committee was elected for parish purposes. The officers are as follows: Jonah Mullin, chairman; M. G. Duffy, Secretary; James Power, Wm. Brown, Chas. Bidderscombe and W. A. Dykeman.

Mr. Samuel Drost is the proud possessor of a draft horse, which he has recently bought from W. A. Thurrott, of Newcastle.

Mr. William Marley has returned from the "Celestial City," where he was interviewing the government in regard to some items of local interest.

Wm. Egers while returning from Fredericton, had the misfortune to smash his sleigh. His horse evidently undertook to display his speed, with the result that the two passengers and a considerable portion of the sleigh were left—in divers places along the road. Fortunately no one was hurt.

Mr. Bishop and family, of Salmon Creek, spent Sunday with Mrs. James Drost.

Nearly every farmer is busily engaged hauling wood, preparing for spring work.

Oakham.

April 8.—The weather is all it can be desired there being snow enough to make the roads passible with sleds as yet.

Miss Theodora Thorne is home for Easter holidays.

Mr. Isaiah Patterson and family spent Easter with friends here.

Edward Kincaid carpenter of this place left for Highfield, where he will resume his work.

Mrs. Emily Hunter has returned home from an extended visit among friends.

The Misses May and Jennie Thorne are visiting their grandma, Mrs. Elizabeth Thorne.

Mr. Thomas Thorne, of Springfield, spent Easter Monday with his brother C. B. Thorne.

H. W. Somerville has had a relapse of his cold and stiffness, but it is hoped that under the skilful care of a trained nurse, from the General Hospital, which arrived Tuesday, that he will recover.

Frank Marshall has completed his contract of cutting cordwood and now he is at work making ready his summers firewood.

The home of J. E. Perry has been brightened by the arrival of a son and a daughter.

Matthias Gregory has added to his business that of making churns.

The tenants are all moving out again. Some having a large capital in foreign lands.

Mr. Daniel Perry and family passed through here on route to Belleisle, where they will visit friends.

Mrs. Francis Harvey was the guest of Mrs. Patterson on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Havelock Patterson made a flying visit to Salmondale on Monday. Richard Bettinson, book agent for C. R. Parish & Co., is doing an extensive business in that line.

There was no service held in the church here, the Rev. E. K. Ganong being absent.

T. H. Patterson has about three years wood on hand by the looks of his wood pile.

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Wedding Anniversary.

The 7th inst, was quite a fete day at the residence of Mr. John Leonard, Annadale, Queens county, when the numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard assembled at their residence to celebrate the 40th anniversary of their marriage. The weather was very fine and fortunately the house was large, as its capacity to accommodate was taxed to the utmost, people attending from all the surrounding country; from Chipman, Norton and Springfield. We noted the presence of the Rector, Rev. C. S. Warneford and Dr. Armstrong and his lady among the guests. All the sons and daughters of the family—eight in number—were also present. The tokens of esteem for the worthy couple were most truly valuable and useful, and it was remarked that the presents were all of good quality and such as might well be treasured as keepsakes.

The first part of the entertainment, consisted of excellent music, singing, accompanied by Miss Leonard, Miss Brand and Miss Minzie, on the organ. The supper was first class in every respect—as everyone acquainted with the family knows it would be. About ninety people took tea, besides quite a number who came afterward.

After these preliminaries were disposed of, the people were called together in adjacent rooms with a hall between them, where the following address of congratulation was read to the host and hostess.

ANNADALE, Queens County,

April 7th, 1899.

Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard.

Dear Friends: As we have learned that this day is the fortieth anniversary of your marriage, a number of your friends, neighbors and acquaintances have taken advantage of that rather unusual event in the affairs of human life, to tender you their most cordial congratulations.

They do so for several reasons. You have raised a large family of sons and daughters, who have so conducted themselves under your careful direction, that they are a credit to you their parents, as well as to the community in which they reside.

You and your family have always taken an active part in every movement for the religious, moral or social welfare of the community—contributing thereto financially, with a kind heart and liberal hand, without regard to class or creed. You have conducted a large business, distributing many thousands of dollars in which the people of the surrounding country largely shared.

As a neighbor your hospitality is proverbial, your home being always open for the traveller or stranger, and you were never known to turn a deaf ear to the claim of want or poverty.

Your friends ask you to accept the accompanying testimonials, not because of their intrinsic value, but rather as tokens of their good will, appreciation and esteem.

This being the fortieth anniversary of your marriage, reminds us very forcibly of the lapse of time, as well as of the fact, that the sun of your days has passed its meridian, and is descending towards the western hills of your lives. We do most earnestly hope "that the Great Giver of all Good" may so order it, that your last days may be your best ones; that you may see the desire of your heart in the success and prosperity of your children, and that the sun of your lives may not set behind darkened clouds, but may continue to shine brighter and brighter to a peaceful end.

Signed on behalf, etc.

To this address Mr. Leonard made a very feeling and grateful reply. After congratulations were over, a number of the young people having obtained possession of one of the large rooms, and being provided with a violin, enjoyed themselves to their hearts content; others were singing, some engaged in parlor games, and some older ones and possibly some younger ones enjoyed conversation. The host and hostess and all the family seemed anxious that every one should be comfortable and enjoy themselves, which they certainly did, until a late (or to some early) hour, when the party broke up and they returned to their homes, and thus ended one of the most pleasant anniversaries which we ever took part in.

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SALMONDALE, Queens Co.

April 10 1899.

To EDITOR QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE.

In your issue of the 5th inst. I notice some exaggerated notes from Oakham, and among the rest is one that effects myself to a certain extent. It states that Mr. L. Morrell from Fredericton, representing the firm of Clark & Son has been through this place gathering up sleighs and this is his second trip through this place inside of 6 months.

Now it strikes me very forcibly, being an agent of that firm, that I should confute those statements to the satisfaction of all your readers or else I should be pronounced an unscrupulous agent selling sleighs and Mr. Morrell gathering them

in or lending them for the sleighing season as it were. Good obliging people all round.

But to my knowledge he gathered in no sleighs since he left Fredericton, on that trip up to the day he came here or the day he left, without he left them with the Oakham correspondent before he came to my place.

J. Clark & Son may have a secret agent in the place and that may be the correspondent but if he so shall have to be very particular in what I do or say in the future.

I will have to ask Clark & Son if they have. I have sold for the firm of Clark & Son several sleighs during the two years I have worked for them and they can and will no doubt give enquiring friends a true and impartial account of all sleighs gathered in by Mr. Morrell that I have disposed of and I am quite willing they should do so.

Mr. Morrell being here twice inside of six months is also false as he has not been here since the first of July last.

It is Mr. Morrell's business to collect and gather in sleighs in Oakham, and do whatever J. Clark & Son advises him and he visits each and every agent and every Oakham twice a year if possible, but I think he does not call on your Oakham correspondent but perhaps some one else will in the near future.

In regard to the magnificent lumber operation spoken of I will not say anything suffice to say, that your correspondent cannot be as busy as those operators have been or else there would not have been so many idle notes from Oakham this winter.

I think this should be a satisfactory explanation, of gathering in sleighs, to clear myself of the slander and likewise to show up the characteristics of our noted correspondent.

Yours, etc.

IRVIN THOMPSON.

Armstrong's Corner.

Please allow me space in your valuable paper to say a few words for Armstrong's Corner.

Spring is fast approaching; the snow is most all gone and the men are returning from the lumber woods to begin their spring work.

Miss Jennie Nelson is slowly recovering from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. William Reid of St. John, is visiting her daughter Mrs. Wm. Smith of this place.

Miss Phebe Queen and Mrs. A. F. Beeler, of Woodfords, Me., are visiting their father Mr. Hugh Queen.

The many friends of Mr. Charles Queen are glad to see him out again after his recent severe illness.

Mr. Geo. Nelson who has been called home on account of his sister's illness has returned to St. John.

Mr. James B. Lyon is rebuilding his house that was recently destroyed by fire.

Macdonald's Corner.

April 9.—I notice in your last issue that one of your correspondents from Cambridge has found a new place on the map, to which the Rev. W. Grant Corey departs in the near future—Vermont, Mass. As long as such a town, city, or village exists I would suggest that our school teachers take note of it.

Wilson Bros. have started to build their new schooner. Mr. Alfred Wilson is acting as boss.

There will be a debate held at Cambridge Union Lodge, I. O. G. T., next Saturday evening, subject being "Which is the best for a young man starting in life, wealth or education?" Much interest is being shown on both sides and it is expected that there will be somewhat of a hot time when it takes place as some of the best speakers of the Lodge are to take part namely Robert E. Gilchrist, W. L. McDonald, Willie E. Briggs, Montie R. Gilchrist, Ralph E. Coes, Wm. H. Humphrey and a great many others too numerous to mention.

Come one come all and share the fun

Yes! all of every nation,

We all feel sorry for those boys

Whose subject is—"Education."

The ice in the lake is falling fast and everybody is anxiously awaiting the time when the Stmr. Star shall again put in an appearance.

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