

Lakeville.

Mrs Annett, who has been a resident of Lakeville for over twenty years, left on Friday for Jersey City where she will reside with her son, Fredrick A Annett. Her son, Kilburn, accompanied her as far as Boston. The family will be much missed by all; Mrs Annett was a kind neighbour and a dear friend to some. Our best wishes follow them to their new home.

Mrs William Wilson is sick with erysipelas; her mother is staying with her.

Mr and Mrs Jim McDonald left on Saturday for Boston after spending their honeymoon at home.

Miss Laura Burpee of Avondale will begin her duties as head clerk and bookkeeper in William Wilson's store next week. She comes highly recommended.

Charles H Cross has purchased a cow and churn. Who is to make the butter?

G Henry Williams spent Sunday in Woodstock the guest of Thomas Baker and family.

Gerald Bearsto who has been home on a short vacation has returned to Amherst.

Mr Bonnell, the pastor of the Free Baptist Church, preached in the Methodist Church unday morning as his church is still undergoing repairs.

Mr Oldham believes in taking "the bitter with the sweet" as bad roads are no draw back to him, he having spent Sunday at Havelock Wilson's.

Handford Tracy has purchased a fine horse from Shepherd Burr of Centreville.

Miss Mary Lindsay returns to her school this month after three months illness. C A McBride took charge of her school during her illness.

The doctor with others has suffered from an attack of la grippe; we are glad to see him again attending his duties.

Kenneth Tracy who spent the winter in Providence has returned to attend school. It would be a good thing if others could learn as Kenneth has done that education is essential in the daily walk of life.

R N T Jones who has been on the survey is back again among his old friends.

We are now listening for the whistle of the train.

Williamstown.

The roads are about done as regards hauling.

Quite a number have been hauling logs to the sawmill at Lakeville; some are hauling sand. Mr Patrick Kennedy has been hauling from the Upton sandbank where they get it dug and ready to load for three cents a bushel; he hauled 400 bushels. He intends to build a large house next summer.

Wm Page is engaged in sugar making in the so called McEgan grove. He has purchased an evaporator and will tap a large number of trees.

Clifford McWaid is helping Wm McWaid split his years wood.

Mrs Wm McWaid has had the la grippe but is improving.

Mr and Mrs Wm Page and children were the guest at John Page's, Tracy Mills one day this week.

Mrs M Annett, Lakeville, called on some of her friends here prior to her departure for Jersey City where she expects to reside in the future. She has one son located there. We all wish her a happy and prosperous journey through the remainder of her life although we are sorry to see her leave us.

Misses Ida and Edna Gillis and Lena Waters called on Miss Sadie O Jameson recently.

Andrew Jameson's family have all had the la grippe, some quite severe, but they are all recovering. John Connolly, Woodstock, called on them on his way to his daughter's, Mrs John Adams, Tracey Mills.

Mr and Mrs Asa Wedber are guests of her father, John Waters.

Mrs Russell, who has been keeping house for some time past, has returned to her home at Grand Falls.

Mrs E Churchill is at her brother's Howells Corbett at present.

Mr and Mrs John Palmer were guest of John A Porter's last Sunday.

McWaid Bros has purchased a span of horses from John Barrett Boundary Line.

Mr Allen, lumberman, Burr's Corner, York County, has been around here buying hay and oats. Charlie Cross sold his hay to him; he loaded the car at Peel station.

Granville Page, Tracy Mills was the guest of his brother, William, recently.

We cannot inform our friend at present where the school books of 1880 are to be had. I believe they were better than the ones we are using now especially the geography, arithmetic and grammar. I was in hopes of hearing of the "Open Hand" being nearer here as I had one and lent it to some one that failed to return it, but will write to McMillan and see if they have it in stock, also "Henry Moore Smith" and "The Slavin Murder" near St John N B.

Our roads are nearly impassable, they are very soft and will soon be bare in spots. The snow is wasting fast.

Mrs Rebecca McLeod is on the sick list at present; the la grippe is still spreading.

Canterbury.

Thinking that perhaps a few items this locality would be received I send the following:—

Under the influence of the late mild whether the snow is rapidly disappearing.

Since traffic on the roads was first stopped they have been nearly impassable until recently when Mr Peter Flemming and a crew broke them out again in this district. For several days hardly a team was seen in the place on account of the bad state of the roads, now however, we see again somewhat of the old time stir as more come in from the surrounding settlements.

The stores are being prepared for a renewal of active business by laying in of spring and summer goods; and indications generally point to an early resumption of that busy trade for which this place is noted, and which has been somewhat interrupted by the severity of the past winter.

There does not seem to be any unusual amount of sickness in this spring. The new doctor cannot keep the old one from a job now—house cleaning is coming on.

The school seems to be progressing favorably under principal Jas O Steves and primary teacher Miss Bessie Nicholson. The idea of a consolidated school being established at this place seems to meet the approval of some of the leading and most intelligent men here. Certainly no better location can be found than this.

Some are very sorry that coasting on the crust is done.

Scott & Son are kept busy supplying the continual call for the excellent specimens of their handiwork in the boot and shoe line.

BETSY.

Speerville.

As I have not seen any items from here for some time I thought I would write a few to let you know that we are still living.

Owing to the bad condition of the roads our pastor Mr Fowler was not able to fill his appointment on Sunday.

Last Thursday evening the young people of Speerville and Oak Mountain gathered at the home of Mr John Dickison and game and play were indulged in till eleven o'clock when an excellent lunch was passed after which the crowd broke up, all agreeing that Jack is all right.

The school at Oak Mountain has been reopened. Miss Mitchell of Vanceboro is the teacher.

Mrs R J Speer is very ill with la grippe.

Speer Bros are very busily engaged sawing wood in this place.

Miss Bertie Spear is giving music lessons in Richmond and Greenville.

Mr Wellie Rogers has returned from the Quebec lumber woods.

Who got left?

Hartland.

English sparrows in immense flocks have made their appearance and their chirping voices indicate that the winter is past and warm pleasant weather is not far distant.

It is understood that W W Shaw will rebuild the mill at the south end of the town.

Baird & McFarlane have resumed the sawing of lath. The boiler of the Shaw mill recently burned was not damaged to any extent and power is furnished therefrom to run the lath machine.

The ice is out of the Beckaguimick river and drivers have gone to the rear to bring out the logs which will furnish Sawyer's steam mill with stock for summer sawing. The mill will blow its whistle the 1st of May if not sooner.

J K Flemming M P P was here on business last week.

S S Miller of Estey & Curtis was in St John last week.

Trains are making better time than during the winter months and large quantities of freight are moving over the line.

George R Burr and W S Henderson visited Andover on Friday and Saturday last.

A W Rideout proprietor of Commercial Hotel has fully recovered from a quite serious illness.

Reformed Baptists closed their season of special services on Sunday evening last. The pastor will now pursue the former work of supply to his out lying preaching stations with services here Sunday evenings.

The Methodist, Free Baptists and Baptist are combined in revival meetings at their churches alternately. A student, Mr Steeves, is assisting in the work.

Glad to report that Page W Rideout after being confined during the entire winter is again attending to his business.

Butter is retailing for 20 cts; eggs for 18 and 20 cts but will soon be lower, more attention than formerly is devoted to raising poultry.

A number of our good drivers are going to the Aroostook and Tobique waters.

William McCollom, a boss lumberman, has been in town for a few days with his family.

Our com agent J O E is kept busy in collection of accounts, conveying, etc and disposing of useful articles in every household; bibles a specialty.

Tobacco travellers can only sell to a few of our dealers on account of conscientious scruples, respecting the weed. ADDON.

Wicklow.

A very pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr and Mrs Stanley White. Games were played until a late hour when refreshments were served. At an early hour in the morning the party broke up.

Mrs H L Olmstead is sick with la grippe.

Mrs Upton Squiers and young daughter, Mary, spent a few days in Caribou visiting friends.

Miss Leualla Hutchinson, Upper Wicklow, is clerking for E D R Phillips, Bath.

Mr and Mrs Gideon Estabrooks, Chester, are sick with la grippe.

Charles Giberson and daughter, Frances, spent a few days in Fort Fairfield last week.

A number of our young men are engaged in the maple sugar business. Sap has been running fairly well.

E R Squiers was on a business trip to Grand Falls this week.

Mr and Mrs Charles Watson and family have moved in this place. They expect to go to Vancouver in the near future.

Bristol.

The Book and Literary Club met in the post office building on Tuesday evening.

There will be a special meeting of Court Sterling on Saturday evening for the initiation of candidates.

Alpheus Gray of Goods Corner is moving into the village having bought D S Jones' house. Mr Jones

has moved into the flat recently occupied by Dr Somerville.

Dr Somerville is now nicely located in his new office next below his residence.

M A Tompkins has moved to Bath and will open a shoe shop in the building formerly occupied by Theodore Currie.

The ice is running today (Wednesday.) It began to break up on Friday and jammed down some but is now going in good earnest.

H S Gardiner, painter and paper hanger, has opened a shop in the village.

Mrs B F DeLong went to Charleston Monday to attend the funeral of George DeLong whose death occurred quite suddenly at his home there on Sunday.

Mrs Josiah Giberson aged 75 years died on Tuesday after a lingering illness of some weeks. She leaves a husband, two sons and six daughters and a large circle of other relatives and friends. Funeral will be held on Thursday morning at the Primitive Baptist Church.

Debec.

The snow has almost left us and the roads are getting very bad.

J F Ivey's saw mill commenced work for the spring on the 31st of March.

J K Flemming's crew are still employed at the Debec saw mill.

Oscar Deakin of Benton acted as station agent at Debec during H L Bailey's absence last week.

Leroy King was obliged to close school on account of La Grippe for a few days a fortnight ago and this week Limestone school was closed a couple of days on account of the illness of the teacher, C G Crawford.

The Elmwood school re-opened a fortnight ago, Miss Barton in charge.

Miss Cora Kirkpatrick has been suffering from a slight attack of our common disease.

Burns Hemphill had the misfortune to lose a valuable horse which had broken its leg. He has purchased another.

James O'Donnell continues seriously ill.

Abner Woodworth, assistant at Debec station, was laid up for a week, Morley Flemming taking his place during his illness.

John McClymont who was badly scalded by the bursting of a pipe in the tank boiler some weeks ago is able to be out again.

Mrs James Connell of Debec died on the 30th of March at the age of 89 years.

Patrick Lenehan who has been seriously ill lately is able to be around again.

There was a new arrival at the home of Wm Johnston on the 26th of March in the shape of a baby boy.

Rev Mr King has been holding prayer meetings in Mr Harron's hall for some weeks past.

Andover.

Mrs Lee Bedell has moved into the upper flat of the Geo Bedell house.

When the death of Geo Mercer of Woodstock was heard here many were the exclamations of sorrow. He was well known being in the C P R Office for a long time and with the athletes he ranked among the first. Much sympathy is felt for his mother.

Mrs Charles Lewis of Perth is receiving congratulations over the birth of twins—a boy and a girl.

Mrs Clark (nee Carrie Tibbits) of Fredericton and little son are visiting Mrs Tibbits at the Court House.

Miss Nellie Tibbits is assisting at the store of Reid Bedell.

Sheriff Tibbits went to Grand Falls on Monday and returned Tuesday.

Senator Baird returned from Ottawa on Friday. X. Y. Z.

While a hunting party were following a wounded lion on foot on the 9th ult. near Bombay the animal suddenly sprang upon Major Carnegy, of the Bombay Political Service, killing him instantly.