

Correspondence.

Sply News Items Gathered by Gazette Correspondents.

Mill Brook.

March 2.—The lumber business is quite brisk here this winter. Mr. A. Lipsett & Son will get a half million feet lumber. They have four teams and 16 men. Also Hughs Bros., Patterson & Thorne, Rath & Doherty are lumbering extensively.

Rev. I. N. Parker visited Lipsett's camp last week.

Mr. James Wetheral, of St. John, spent Sunday at the camp.

Mr. E. Snodgrass, of Young's Cove, passed through here today.

Mr. T. Langley left this place for the States on Wednesday last.

The weather has been so stormy that we only receive one mail a week.

The Gazette arrives regularly every week and gives us the news of the day.

The snow is three feet deep in the woods and so hard that it has to be shoveled before teams can get through it.

South Clones.

Feb. 26.—Since the opening of the new year, the weather has been extremely cold and stormy, but at present it has moderated. The roads last week were very heavy owing to the severe storm. On Thursday our roadmaster, Mr. Christopher Cooper summoned his men out at daybreak to break the roads which are now very fair.

There were some very gloomy faces on Thursday when our mail carrier failed to put in an appearance, but those looks were removed this morning when we all received a double share, the bad roads caused the delay.

It has been rumored that we are going to have a new store next summer. We hope it may prove a success.

Mr. Johnston Cooper, who for the past month has been failing, is rapidly improving.

Messrs. David Emery and William Wilson have returned from the woods, they claim the snow to be of a great depth.

The mumps have been very severe in this locality. The family of Mr. George Corbett has been one of the many that have been afflicted.

There is talk of building a new hall. This will be of great advantage to all and should be rushed to the front as soon as convenient.

A traveller, who passed through Clones, claims it to be one of the many places in which one might seek for health, as it has all the pleasures required for an invalid.

Lawsons.

March 1st.—The roads are in a wretched condition here owing to recent heavy wind and storms but we are now having beautiful weather.

The most enterprising farmers of Pearsonville, and Highfield, have held several meetings for the purpose of building a cheese factory. If the public can arrange and carry on the co-operative plan there is no reason why it should not be a success. It is said most of the shares have been subscribed. If this factory is built and properly equipped it will supply a want long felt by the people.

Your Highfield special correspondent in his notes of recent date is in error when he says the mails are giving satisfaction since the change. Greater dissatisfaction never existed. It is more the exception than the rule to receive the mails on time, a part of the mail matter being sent by wrong routes and it is sometimes nearly two weeks in reaching its destination. The people would gladly welcome the old system back.

Mr. D. M. Pearson of Highfield has been exercising his charger lately. Mr. Pearson carries himself like a Russian Duke, when mounted.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Thompson are being congratulated on the birth of a son.

Mr. Duncann Carmichael is to work with his sawing machine. He is at present cutting wood for Mr. A. H. G. Vradenburg.

Waterborough.

Feb. 28.—Owing to the severe storm last week the daily mail could not get through but it is now running on time. W. M. Roberts, merchant, and Wm. Vanjoy, lighthouse keeper, of this place, passed visiting Fredericton this week on business.

Rev. I. N. Parker and wife and daughter, of Young's Cove, and Mrs. Fox and daughter, of Gagetown, spent Friday, the 25th, with friends at the hotel.

Miss Maggie Snodgrass, of Young's Cove is visiting Miss Clo E. Farris.

Miss Lena Sharpe who has been visiting her aunt Mrs. W. H. White, Narrows, arrived home Saturday, 26th.

Several parties are cutting wood for the Rockland trade. They are: W. G. Slocum, T. A. Farris, and Daniel P. Slocum and Sons.

Mr. D. Mott of the Massey Harris Co. spent Sunday at home.

Miss Clo E. Farris spent Monday the guest of Miss Amanda J. Slocum.

Mrs. Wm. G. Slocum is visiting friends at Cody's.

High Sheriff Reid passed through here last week.

Misses Annie and Sadie Farris and Susie Slocum and Mr. John E. Roberts spent Friday 25th, the guests of Capt.

and Mrs. Elen Slocum.

Your correspondent left Saturday 26th on a pleasure trip accompanied by John E. Roberts, conductor. Leaving the Hotel at 2 o'clock they passed through Union Settlement visiting the lumber camp of Albert Stillwell near Pickett's Cove and arrived at Cody's Station at 4 o'clock. After visiting the smiling Station Agent and store owned by Thos. Hetherington ex M. P. P. they left for Highfield where they were the guests of T. E. A. Pearson, travelling agent for the Sun. In the evening they visited the store of David Hamilton and attended a meeting in the Hall on cheese and butter making. On awaking next morning they were much disappointed to find it snowing. After a hearty breakfast they improved an hour or so looking at Mr. Pearson's stock. Mr. Pearson is the owner of a very handsome Hackney colt. Leaving Highfield in the storm they reached Cody's at 11 o'clock and were the guests of James F. Roberts. After spending several hours at Cody's they left for home. They drove down the Washademoak River to Jones Landing; it was then snowing fast and furious. After leaving the ice they lost their way and would have had a serious time but for the kindness of Mr. Jones who started them on the right road. It was then three o'clock and in an hour they were at the hotel, after having spent a very pleasant though stormy time.

Feb. 28th.—On account of storms we did not receive but three mails last week as the trains were blocked.

Oswald Orchard has gone to Portland, Maine, where he will remain during the summer.

Harry Orchard is building a large wind mill and has it well under way. He intends sawing wood and grinding grain etc.

Walter Orchard of Chipman is visiting friends here and at Mill Cove.

Walter Farris left this morning for Waterborough to visit friends.

Some person entered the store house of Mr. John Orchard recently and carried off a lot of chickens and beef. Other parties have missed oats and beef lately. Here is a chance for a detective.

G. W. Guntter returned from Fredericton last week with a dandy pig.

Mrs. D. H. Farris left for St. John this morning to visit friends. She will remain till the steamer runs.

Owing to the depth of snow very little cordwood will be got out this winter at this place and Mill Cove.

The weather during the past month has been very stormy and the roads very bad, but now that March is here we expect better things.

Messrs. Leonard and Sons are out of the woods after a very successful operation.

Mr. Charles Roberts contemplates going away on his vessel in the near future. He will be very much missed especially by the ladies of the Sewing Circle.

Mr. John Armstrong lost a valuable horse last week.

The mumps are quite prevalent here Mr. T. P. Hetherington's family are just recovering from them, and Mr. I. VanB, Hetherington's have also had them.

Miss Pugsley of Boston, passed through by Central this week; also Lawyer Wilson. They were the guests of Mr. Thos. Hetherington.

Miss Sadie Perry arrived at Cody's Station on Friday.

We came near losing one of our young men, Mr. Mossey Doney. He contracted the western fever but it has subsided, and he has concluded to remain among us. We can ill afford to have such promising young men leave the community and we would like to call the attention of the present government to the fact that instead of encouraging a concourse of foreigners into the country it would be better if they would bestir themselves and find some way to keep our own boys at home.

"Go think of it in silence and alone."

The school question in Salmondale has assumed proportions almost as great as the Manitoba School Question. When the Secretary called on one of the ratepayers recently he was met with a tirade of abuse. The matter was finally compromised by the ratepayer offering the Secretary an order on another ratepayer which the Secretary was glad to accept, but upon presenting the order was quietly but firmly informed that such order would not be accepted. We expect this matter will yet be settled in court as the gentleman in no polite language told the Secretary that he did not propose to be run by Salmondale School District.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Dunham were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Murray of Cole's Island, on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Doney visited at Mr. A. C. Worden's on Thursday.

Lake View.

The quiet little village of Lake View was thrown into consternation to-day, when Mr. G. Whitfield Perry made an unofficial visit to the school in this place to make enquiry why his son had been unlawfully punished for a misdemeanor that he was not guilty of. The school mar'm. did not answer to Mr. Perry's satisfaction he applied to the trustees being quiet men who did not wish to make tumults in this district did not take the required action in the case. It

is said that Mr. Perry will apply to the Chief of the Board of Education, if so teacher and trustees may have enough to entertain them for sometime, it is claimed that the boy was severely beaten because he would not tell a lie.

Mr. Perry has always been noted for veracity and meekness, and will put up being imposed more than most men, there is no doubt he has been treated with contempt, much sympathy is expressed in the case, when will teachers learn to let good truthful boys that have been brought up in model homes alone.

Young's Cove.

Feb. 28th.—Mrs. Mary J. Farris who bought the farm, known as the Samuel Stillwell property, had a narrow escape of having her house burnt on the night of the 18th. The fire which originated from a spark from the flue, had gained considerable headway before it was discovered. D. W. Hetherington was soon on the roof and with plenty of water on hand soon had the fire under control. The whole building in a short time would have been entirely consumed, and would have been a total loss as there was no insurance.

Mrs. F. Farris met with a sad accident the other day. While going up stairs she struck her head against a sickle which hung on a nail and sustained a very bad cut. It was dressed by some of the occupants of the house and she is now doing as well as could be expected.

Little River Leads.

Talk about your fandangos, your concerts, etc. They are all, no doubt, good enough in their place; but be they ever so good, it is universally declared by all who were so lucky as to be present at the pie social and concert combined, furnished by the working members of the W. C. T. U. of Little River, on the evening of the 6th, at Woodville Union Hall, that they are not in it now. Ego, verily to use a slang phrase it was "hot."

After the pies and baskets had been disposed of to great advantage, thanks to the untiring exertions of the genial auctioneer Mr. L. A. Balyse, and the generous bidding of Colonel McCloskey, Councillor John Cheyne of Woodville was chosen chairman by the committee, and the following program most ably rendered:

Chorus—By staff which is composed of the following members: Messrs. Alkin Slipp and F. C. Stults, Mrs. L. A. Balyse and Misses Laura and Bertha Slipp.

A soul stirring reading entitled, "A terrible charge," by L. A. Balyse.

Solo, "I'm not particular," Alkin Slipp.

Dialogue, "We take the cake," Messrs. Bayard and Alkin Slipp.

Recitation, "Lagee Bone makes one feel queer," Master Walter Balyse.

Dialogue, "Mind your own business," Misses Ethel Palmer, Laura and Bertha Slipp, Mrs. L. A. Balyse, Mrs. F. C. Stults and Messrs. Bayard Slipp and Fred Palmer.

Solo, "Larry O. Boom," F. C. Stults.

Recitation, "Two got a man to sign the pledge," Miss Gertrude Slipp.

Dialogue, "Better than a doctor," Mrs. L. A. Balyse, Misses Ethel Palmer, and Laura Slipp, Messrs. Sydney Wakeham, F. C. Stults and Bayard Slipp.

This was the best thing of the evening and was so well rendered as to cause one spectator, whose piety, we think, he overweighed his intelligence, to hit his hands in horror, grab his hat, and start for home, declaring that he would not stay longer to witness a performance which savored so strongly of the theatre.

Then came a recitation, "Only a little girl," by Miss Ida Vanwart; a duet entitled "Angels hovering round," by Capt. Cameron and Mr. Hastings; a dialogue, the title of which we have forgotten, by Alkin Slipp, Arthur Wakeham, L. A. Balyse, Fred Palmer and Miss Ethel Palmer.

Then Mr. John R. Slipp ended the program by reciting a very deep and sentimental poem which some claim is a bit of his own muse entitled "To marry, I'm bound."

It is no more than right to state that all present were astounded at his elocutionary ability.

The performance ended by the singing of "Ain't we the cheffes?" by the staff.

The Union realized as a reward for its exertions the magnificent sum of \$38.00.

Chipman.

The sickle month of March with its falling temperature and brighter sunshine is already loosening the icy grip of winter which is now beginning to "break." It is during this month that Winter and Spring are wont to hold high carnival for the mastery, to the credit of the later be it said that thus far he has always come off victorious though not without receiving some staggering blows from his dexterous opponent. As usually at this season we have the most bleak and blustery weather, it behoves all to "Dewars of the Ides of March" and "call a halt" while the bloom is yet upon the cheek and the physical strain may be safely borne. This wild and frolicsome child of old father time was at one regarded as the first born; but now almost universally, he is relegated to third position in the calendar. We call him March after Mars the Roman god of war and the homage paid this deity to-day is but little short of that paid him centuries ago. In France March was reckoned the first month of the year until 1664 when by order of Charles IX, January was decreed

to be henceforth the first month. Scotland followed the example of France in 1590, but in England the change did not take place before 1752.

A brief visit to the school at Briggs' Corner suffices to show that good work is being accomplished by the live teacher in charge this winter. The children who were having recess, at the sound of the bell quickly mustered and resumed their seats. The attention of the whole school being now directed to the musical notes upon the blackboard, the teacher gave them a thorough drilling upon the fundamental rules of music, and the correct and ready answers evinced the marked progress the pupils are making under the efficient training of Mr. R. T. Baird of Salmon Creek. The note singing that followed was in perfect harmony and the excellent vocal music indicated that the work of the teacher was of no routine order. An exercise from poetry contained in the royal readers showed that the pupils were familiar with the most distinguished poets. The lively competition between the two classes of contestants on either side of the school was at once both animating and interesting. When the usual visitor inclined to criticize the ordinary school recitation, the various type of indifferent enunciation are the most striking, as in general in district enunciation, in both speaking and reading is the rule in all our public schools.

A small crew of men have commenced to work this week on McLean's new saw mill at Briggs' Corner. The work of furnishing the mill and getting it in readiness for sawing next spring is going forward under the supervision of Mr. D. Webster, a competent engineer who arrived this week from St. John.

It looked like business this morning to see the large volume of smoke coming out of the top of the tall smoke stack, and it may be taken as an indication of flourishing times close at hand for Briggs' Corner.

Huge piles of snow are held in reserve for stream driving next spring.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, March 2.—Several hours were spent to-day in a discussion of Hamilton Smith and his offer to build a railroad into the Yukon country, after which Mr. McDougall, of Cape Breton, continued the debate on the Yukon railway bill.

OTTAWA, March 3.—Mr. Blair announced that the government would ask parliament to grant money to survey a route from Telegraph Creek terminus of the Stikine railway to British Columbia port.

Mr. Mills, Annapolis, was informed that Thomas H. Miller was dismissed from the office of shipping master at Bear River on January 13, 1898, for active participation, proved by investigations, Albert Harris has been appointed in his stead.

Mr. Foster was informed that no lease had been given John Connor, of St. John N. B., for dredging in the streams of the Yukon or Northwest.

Mr. Kaullbach called attention to a press despatch from Washington stating that the Canadian government had given the United States vessels the privilege of carrying freight from port to port in Canada. This, he said, would be a serious blow to the Maritime Provinces' shipping and he trusted there was no truth in the report.

The premier assured the member for Lunenburg that there was nothing in it. Mr. Macdonald, of Prince Edward Island gave formal notice to the speaker that West Prince was without a representative.

The speaker stated that his writ would be at once issued for a new election.

The debate on the Yukon bill was continued until the hour for adjournment.

March 4.—The debate on the Yukon bill was continued this afternoon and evening. At eleven o'clock Mr. Bowden of Halifax, proposed to adjourn the debate, but the premier refused. Sir Wilfred said that the measure was urgent and too much time had been lost already. Sir Charles Tupper undertook that if the government would permit an adjournment he would do what he could to expedite the discussion. Premier Laurier wanted the opposition leader to agree that the debate should end next Tuesday, but the opposition leader could not promise that. Mr. Bowden closed by moving that the bill be not read a second time, but that it be resolved.

That the House, while recognizing the necessity for providing adequate facilities for transportation into the Canadian Yukon gold fields, regards as indefensible the terms and conditions of the proposed contract, but will cordially support a grant of substantial assistance in aid of the immediate construction of a railway by the best available route under simple conditions and safeguards as will prevent the creation of any railroad or mining monopoly.

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