

HERE AND THERE THROUGHOUT WIDE NORTHUMBERLAND

UPPER BLACKVILLE

We are having beautiful weather in the past and the young folks are taking advantage by skating. Mr. John Kerr of Doaktown was calling on Mr. Frederick Arbeau. Mr. Charles Morehouse left for the lumber camp, where he is engaged with John T. Sutherland. Mrs. P. Moran spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. Flora Keenan of Blackville. We are very sorry to hear Mr. Edna Arbeau of this place is ill with heart disease and look forward for his speedy recovery. Mr. Alexander Connors made a flying trip to Blackville with his fancy black driver. Mr. Chester Connors returned to the lumber camp with Mr. Evelock Gilks. Fudge Party Miss Martha Cashen gave a very enjoyable fudge party to a number of her young friends in this place. The evening was spent playing parlour games and dancing was indulged in until the wee small hours. They all went to their homes after declaring Miss Cashen to be a very charming young hostess. Mr. Chas. B. Campbell of Blackville was calling on his cousin, Mr. John Donald of this place on Tuesday last. Mr. Wilbur is very sick at his home in this village. Mr. Finton Bergin was the guest of Mrs. Grace Connors Friday last. Misses Margaret Bergin and Helen Campbell, spent Tuesday evening with Miss Martha Cashen. Installing Telephones Mr. Hebert Morehouse of the Morehouse Telephone Company, was in the village putting in new phone in the residence of our mail carrier, Frederick N. Arbeau. It looks as though Frederick means business. Mrs. Charles Morehouse spent Tuesday in Blackville where she was the guest of Mrs. John Beaton. Thrown From Sleigh We are very sorry to hear that Mrs.

Martha Donalds was thrown from her sleigh on Sunday last and painfully injured. Dr. Weir of Doaktown is attending the lady. Miss Mary Dunphy of this place, has been visiting friends in Chatham for the past week. Misses May and Laura Arbeau and Mary Ann Peterson, were calling on friends in Doaktown. Miss Mina Arbeau spent Thursday with her aunt, Mrs. Henry Arbeau. Mr. Miles Urquhart of this place was calling on his father, Pte. Wm Urquhart of Newcastle. Miss Helen Campbell made a business trip to Blackville on Saturday last. Mr. Eugene Connors was calling on his aunt, Mrs. Chester Connors Tuesday last. Mr. Milton Connors was the guest of Mr. Frederick Arbeau on Sunday. Mrs. Nathaniel Campbell and Mrs. Grace Connors spent Monday in Newcastle visiting friends. Mr. Donald Cowie is busily engaged in hauling railway ties to Upper Blackville station. Mrs. Carrie Arbeau was calling on Mrs. Percy Davidson Wednesday. Mrs. Chester Connors visited Mrs. Herbert Morehouse on Tuesday. Mrs. Jennie Arbeau of Otter Brook who has been very ill with paralysis of the throat, is improving slowly under the skillful treatment of Dr. Moore of Newcastle. Mr. Hinson Morehouse made a flying trip to Blackville with his fancy lay mare "Skip." Hinson says he is not afraid of catching a cold with Skip in the shafts.

Mr. Michael Hennessy made a flying trip to Blackville one day last week. Misses Mary Weaver and Violet Sutherland were the guests of Mrs. Susan Brennan Sunday. T. A. Hurley made a business trip to Doaktown last week. We are very sorry to hear that Mrs. Ernest Mercereau is ill at her home here. Mr. Edward Hogan passed through here today en route to Upper Blackville to purchase a colt. Mr. Thomas Dunn and daughter Lillian of Blackville spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hogan. Mr. and Mrs. John Weaver passed through here today for Doaktown. Mrs. Patrick Porter called on her mother, Mrs. Susan Brennan one day this week. Mr. Leo Brennan was calling on friends one day last week. A number of young people spent a very enjoyable evening in skating and sliding one evening last week. Miss Grace Weaver left this morning for Normal school in Fredericton. Mr. Edward Bove, Michael Hennessy and Leo Brennan spent Sunday at their homes here. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Weaver were the guests of Mrs. R. Morehouse one evening last week. Mrs. Edward Hogan was the guest of Mrs. Miles Maroney one evening last week. We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Donald Hurley.

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BLISSFIELD

The weather for the past week has been very nice and the lumbermen are glad to see it so. Mr. Patrick Porter is laying down the Big Pine. Patrick is the right man in the right place. Robert Brennan is working with Patrick Porter this winter. Mr. George Brennan is visiting friends in Sabag River. George likes to sit in the shadows of the big pines.

HAZELTON

Miss Millie Beek has returned home after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Fred Rushton, and Mrs. Arthur Kitchen at Fredericton. Mrs. Hiram Storey was visiting friends at Blissfield one day last week. Mrs. Nat Beek will spend a few days next week at Newcastle. Mrs. Chas. Collins is the guest of Mrs. James Parker. Mrs. Duncan Munn will spend a few days next week in Fredericton, with her sister, who is living in town a Jolly Camp. Mr. Charles Beek is back in Hazelton cooking for James Turner. He has about 20 men, and Charles Beek is just the boy to dish up the meals and he is a funny chap. James Turner himself is more like a school boy, for he is always laughing and making jokes. The boys all seem to like to work with him. Mrs. Edward Carr and Mrs. William Johnston were calling on Mrs. Nat Beek one day last week. Mrs. Sandy Munn was calling on her sister-in-law, Mrs. Nat Beek, in Hazelton. Mrs. Duncan Munn and sister, Miss Millie Beek, spent an evening with Mr. Fred Carr at Doaktown. Mrs. Wesley Gilks was calling on Mrs. Hiram Storey Sunday evening. We are very sorry to hear that Mrs. Allison fell from a chair and was badly hurt. She is a very elderly woman. Mrs. Duncan Munn and children received many Christmas presents from her mother-in-law, Mrs. John Munn of Holtville. Mr. Walter Ward took a flying trip to Doaktown on Saturday evening. Miss Hattie Parker was calling on Gladys Ward on Saturday evening. Susie Beek was calling on her school friend, Minnie Ward, of Hazelton on Sunday evening. Mr. Hiram Pratt was calling on his friends at Hazelton. We are glad to hear that Mr. Everett Parker will soon be able to be around again. Freda Pearl Rushton is visiting her grandmother in Hazelton. The evenings are beautiful for the young people of this place visiting Doaktown in the evenings.

SUNNY CORNER

Miss Mildred Forsyth called on friends here Friday. Mr. William Matchett, Derby, spent the weekend at his home here. Miss Margaret Johnston was the guest of her sister one day last week. Pte. and Mrs. Walter Matchett were the guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Wilbur Dunnet, Stilliers, Sunday. Miss Stella Mullin has returned to the P. N. S. Fredericton. Miss Gertrude Holland and Mrs. F. Lawlor, Redbank, spent Tuesday evening with Mrs. Allen Toser. Messrs. Fred Leach and Steward McDonald spent the weekend at their homes here. Mr. John Wells, Redbank, was the guest of Mrs. Charles Mullin Saturday. Mr. George Leach has purchased a dandy new organ. Skating is the order of the day with the young people as our school is still vacant on account of having no teacher. Pte. Guy McLean, 165th Battalion, St. John, is home on leave of absence for a few days. Guy makes a capital soldier and thinks the above Battalion all right. He was also in the 145th for a few months but was unable to proceed overseas with them on account of sickness when the Battalion left Canadian shores. Dr. Beaton passed through Sunny Corner en route to Newcastle in his car Friday afternoon. Quite a large number gathered at the home of Mrs. George Matchett New Year Eve, and spent a few jolly hours in games and music. Mrs. Frank Johnston and son Charles, Douglas town, are visiting friends here. Miss Roba McKenzie spent Thursday in Boon Road. Santa Claus was very liberal to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Matchett. He left a little daughter Christmas. Two lotteries donated by Martina McIntosh, were drawn for at the home of Mrs. James Power, New Years night. The dressed doll for St. Thomas Sunday School, won by Miss Philomena Power, ticket 49, Book C. The cushion donated to the C. M. B. A. was won by Mr. John Arsenault, jr., ticket 477. Misses Irene Sutherland and Annie Mullin drew the numbers for the lucky winners. The Railway Commission purpose cutting down to essential services the passenger train business of the country with the three-fold object of removing the freight blockade, conserving the coal supply and furnishing men where their services are needed urgently.

DOUGLASFIELD

We are glad to learn that Mr. Daniel Connell who has been confined to his bed with pleurisy, is steadily recovering. Mr. P. S. Doran who has been connected with the "flying corps" has already made a successful flight to little Germany, and has reported a great discovery of honey. Mr. Guy Tompson who has been following the game trails of the beaver for the last two months, has emerged with glad tidings of his success in securing one of the babes in the woods. Mrs. T. Buckley and little daughter who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Brehault left for their home in Athol on Thursday last. Mr. Ira Brehault who is doing an extensive lumber business this winter expects to be done this week and will be dismissing some of his crowd. The fair sex will be glad. Mr. John Irving is looking for teams to haul his logs this season. Mr. Harvey McLachlan who had the misfortune of having his ankle caught in the elevator shaft while at work at the Bathurst pulp mill and got it badly bruised is recovering. Mr. Michael Maher who had the misfortune of losing his valuable horse has again purchased a high stepper. Mrs. H. Johnston has returned to her home from Chatham Head where she spent a few days with her son, W. M. Johnston. A few of the popular young men attended the party given by Miss Walsh of Chatham Head, Friday evening. Mr. John Baldwin and Miss Edith Baldwin, spent New Year's evening at the home of Mrs. W. Gillis. Mr. and Mrs. P. McDonald of Portland, Me., are visiting Mrs. McDonald's parents here. The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. King. It's a boy. Miss Audrey Astles and Miss Janie McKenzie spent a few days at the home of Mrs. C. Dickson of Napan. Miss Florence McKenzie has returned to teach in the Douglasfield school. She spent her holidays at the home of her mother, Mrs. B. McKenzie.

PRAY, MOTHER, PRAY

"Mothers keep praying for us. We who are in the trenches know when you have had a slack day." (Message from the front.)

One evening in the twilight hours, When strolling down the lane, I stood inside a cottage porch To shelter from the rain. I heard a voice come from within. 'Twas full of love and pain— A mother asking God to send Her boy safe home again.

And as I listened so I heard Her pleading for her boy— I found he was her only son. Her comfort and her joy. But when the call to arms had come, To save old England's name, He proved himself a hero and He spurned the path of shame.

And now he's in the battle line With others doing well, The story of their noble deeds Sometime someone to tell. His name is in the papers, and His mother reads with pride, And prays again that God will send Him safe back to her side.

One day when shot and shell fell fast And one burst overhead, Around her boy it did its work— The trench was filled with dead No one could understand how he Could live while standing there. But I believe that God had heard That lonely mother's prayer.

"MAIL"

The composer of the following verses was a sergeant, F. S. Brown, of the Princess Pats, who wrote these lines three days before he was killed in action:

"What is the call, the bugle call, The call that has no better; The silver call that beats them all! The music call for 'Letters'.

You can take a silver trumpet And sound the dread 'Alarm.' T. A. will spring to action 'With his rifle 'neath his arm; But if you want to see him jump Or run like a streak of hall, Just take the same old bugle And sound the call for 'Mail'.

His hand is all a-tremble, His eyes stick out like pigs. He goes all of a-quiver From the age in his legs; And if his name's not in the list He writes like a frozen bud. Until another mail-call drags Him ploughing through the mud.

Now the moral is for folks at home— Don't wait for him to write And don't just say, "Dear Tom— I must close, I hope this finds you right." A good, long, heavy letter is the best that you can yield.

In the way of downright service to your Tommy in the field. What is the call, the cheering call That ever others better? A silver call, a longed-for call— The musty call for 'Letters'— You won't have to start a society to understand what this is about. And I advise you to cut out the above verses exhibit them where you can't escape from them, and act on the hints therein.—F. S. B.

"KEEPING THE FAITH"

England, 12-14-1916 Letter received by Mrs. James Beek of Ferry Road: Dear Mrs. Beek: After a conversation with your son Jonas a few days ago I decided that I should write you, inasmuch as I knew it would please and cheer you to know that he is still interested in things Christian. Earnestly desiring to be remembered in prayer by all who love and care for him, and swayed by a purpose to live a clean life, it has always been true as you must be aware that the man who while in the army persists in clinging to his religious convictions meets with many obstacles that are never met in any other kind of life. This I say, has been and still is true of every army. It must be all the more gratifying to you therefore to know that your boy is brave, faithful enough to the best things to cling to his former convictions, and to his religious observances. My Chaplain I rejoice with you over what I have written, and assure you that he enjoys the full confidence of his officers, and is trustworthy in the performance of whatever work is assigned to him from time to time. With every good wish in all things. Sincerely, CHAPLAIN J. WILSON, C. E. F. Army Post Office, London, England.

WHAT GERMANS READ

(Continued from page 3) The lack of cocoa, coffee and tea, in Germany is largely explained by the English statistical reports, according to which not a single ton of cocoa has during the last three months reached Germany from Holland. The one thing that is incomprehensible to us, is the fact that neutral States should allow themselves thus to be dictated to by England. Every day, every hour, we are reminded where lurks our grimest enemy, an enemy so low, so dastardly so bestial, that no understanding with him can ever more be possible. One thing is certain however, The very fact that England is compelled to wage war in this fashion proves that she herself has no longer the faintest hope of victory. Germany's food supply is assured, Germany's weapons are strong and gleaming, Germany's finances—as the new war will prove—are sound.

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