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that reported affected houses be fumigated.

I would, most respectfully submit, however, that all that should have been done has not been. No single house towards the Petley section was visited, the doctor being apparently satisfied:

(1) That the disease prevalent at Petley was identical with that brought to his notice at Britannia. (Let me hasten to say that I have no doubt myself upon this point, but it does not necessarily follow in every case notwithstanding).

(2) That the few cases of vaccination at Britannia were sufficient to ward off the disease from the whole neighbourhood for the time, and

(3) That every reported case was a bona fide one, for which compulsory fumigation was in order without question.

In my opinion the whole neighbourhood should have been gone over, and that a reasonable opportunity be afforded to all for vaccination; for to enroll names for this service under these conditions is too absurd to entertain.

To-day we have had a visit from the officer in charge of fumigation, and while every right thinking person must recognize his duty both to the public and himself in carrying out properly imposed health measures, we must not be too surprised to find some refusing to do so in this case until their houses also be visited, and the question of their having smart-pox be made a matter of medical pronouncement and not decided and acted upon because of any and every idle report. For it is a fact, I do believe, that should fumigation be enforced under penalty in every house so reported here and now, grave wrong will be done to many a family. And so we have the most undesirable situation of one poor little community divided against itself, and people refusing to carry out proper health measures all because of the visiting doctor's failure to make a due and proper investigation throughout the whole neighbourhood.

One final word or two and I shall have done with this question. I have been moved to write these two letters in what I believe to be a helpful spirit and not in any carping and critically offensive tone. All concerned are my friends and no one regrets more than I the present unhappy occasion for unnecessary vaccination. I would urge upon all the wisdom of doing everything possible to stamp out the disease as speedily as may be so that harmony and neighbourly intercourse be again the order of the day.

WALTER BUGDEN.

Petley,
March, 25th, 1920.

A little boy was only a baby when his father went away to the war. Now father is back, and finds his six-year-old son a great handful, so that many sharp chastisements have been necessary.

Boy passes window, whistling. Our small friend: "That boy seems very happy, mother."
"Yes, dear."
"Very slowly: "I think p'rhaps he has lost one of his parents."

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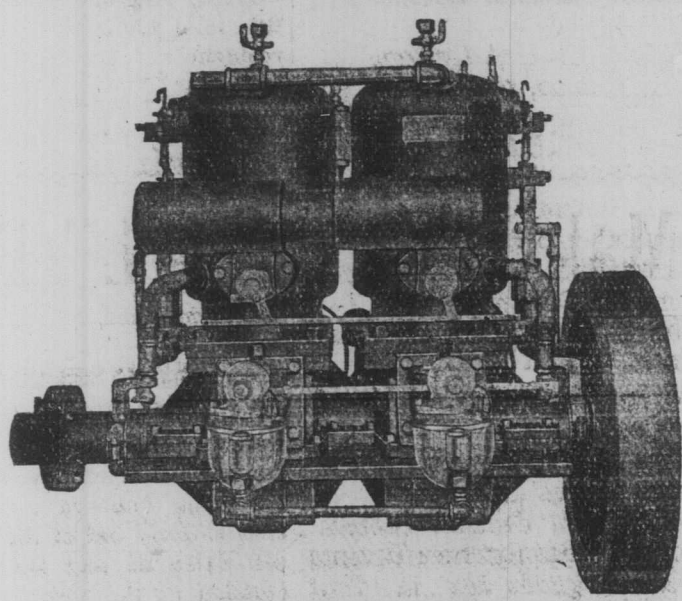
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--The Cheerful Days Of Spring--

(To the Editor)
Dear Sir.—Will you please publish these few verses in your paper, the Evening Advocate.

Once more we mill-men welcome back

The cheerful days of spring,
The sun shines down with pure delight
And the birds begin to sing.

When the rain descends so warm and fast,
And the snow begins to thaw,
You'll hear the rattling of the belt
And the buzzing of the saw.

This is a mill-man's daily work
While the Spring time days roll by,
Till into lumber his logs are sawed,
And the summer months draw nigh.

To run the job is simple,
But the work is very hard,
And we mill-men do it with a will

And wait for our reward.

The big folks may feel mighty proud

That they have an easy task,
But who is it that keeps them there?

This question, may I ask?

The mill-men and the fishermen
And all hard working men,
These are they who keep them,
In their neat and furnished den!

But everyone can't be so big,
For sure that wouldn't do,
Somebody must have the long boat

To paddle their own canoe.

And I tell you we are satisfied
As we drift o'er life's big waves,
For all of us will be alike
When ready for our graves.

JAMES IVANY.

Burgoyne's Cove,
Smith Sound, T.B.,
March 17th, 1920.

Kings Cove Was Not Fooled

(To the Editor)
Dear Sir,—Now that the winter is come and gone, and Spring is once more here, things are beginning to assume a normal course.

This has been a rather hard winter and Jack Frost has been busy all the time. But with the approach of warmer days, Jack has been obliged to retire.

Quite a few enjoyable times have been held here this winter, which proved successful and also helped dispell the gloom of the long, dreary winter.

Many of our young men are leaving soon to try their luck in the land of the Maple Leaf. May they be successful.

Skipper Aubrey Brown, the well known fish-killer, is building a new motor boat to replace the one he lost in the heavy storm of last year, nothing daunted! He is building another to bring in the fish from the sea, which may prove successful.

The Clyde called here a short while ago bringing a quantity of provisions, which were badly needed.

I suppose the House of Assembly will soon be opened, when the new Government will meet together to consider the needs of the hour. May their deliberations be sincere, for as in the past Government we know it was only a matter of bluff. They thought the people were too green to understand that well known proverb: "Actions speak louder than words."

Like A. B. Morine in his address here when he said: "You may fool some of the people all

the time and all of the people some of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time." It was the only right thing he said, as the verdict of the people at the polls showed. Thanking you for space, Mr. Editor,

Yours truly,
ELI CURTIS.

King's Cove,
March 4th, 1920. E

VACCINATION AND FUMIGATION

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir,—In my former letter I called attention to the outbreak of disease in this neighbourhood and the neglect of the Health Authorities to respond to repeated requests for an investigation.

Since that letter was written, I have seen the publication, showing that my information re such requests was correct, a doctor has visited Britannia and diagnosed the disease there as smallpox, setting on foot the usual precautionary measures.

So far well, and I for one am ready to render all due assistance in carrying out those measures.

Unfortunately the doctor visited only a few of the names affected, confining his attention to the Britannia Cove section of the neighbourhood, vaccinating a few, appointing an agent to receive names of applicants for vaccination upon, I presume, a future occasion, and issuing an order

HAVING enjoyed the confidence of our outport customers for many years, we beg to remind them that we are "doing business as usual" at the old stand.

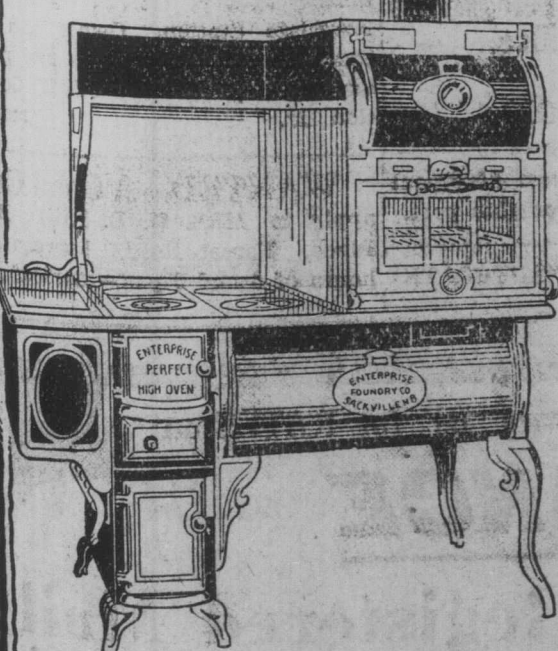
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