

OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

HOPEWELL HILL.

Hopewell, Aug. 22.—The ladies of Riverside held an entertainment at that place on Tuesday evening. Miss Mary B. Stiles, economist of Haverhill, Mass., a native of this county, was on a visit to her former home here, gave a number of readings that were well received. Mrs. M. B. Dixon, of Riverside, gave a solo, and selections on the piano were rendered by Miss Mary Turner. Ice cream and other refreshments were sold at the close of the entertainment. The proceeds are in aid of the public hall fund.

J. M. Tangley started on the road with his thrasher this week. The harvest weather is all that can be desired, and hay and grain are being secured in excellent condition. The grain crop, it is supposed, will be light.

Two large steamers arrived at Grand-stead Island on Tuesday, where they load deals. The harbor, in consequence, presents a quite lively appearance.

Mr. Devar, of Charlotte county, who succeeds Mr. Allen in the principalship of the Riverside school, arrived this week to assume his duties. Miss Mary Dalrymple, in charge of the primary department, Mr. Joseph and Miss Rebecca Bennett, have been re-engaged by the Hopewell Cape District.

The tug Delta went aground in Sarny's Creek today and is lying in a dangerous position.

Hopewell Hill, Aug. 25.—Miss Mima Reade, teacher of elocution in the Truro Normal school, who has been spending her vacation at her home at Hopewell Cape, gave a recital Thursday evening, which was very largely attended, and a pronounced success in every way.

Miss Eliza Turner, of Baie Verte, is visiting friends at Lower Cape. Mrs. M. Bradley and daughter, Miss Lina Bradley, of Moncton, were at the Cape this week.

Commissioner Chesley Smith has returned the Shepody river bridge. Mrs. Alfred Woodworth has been quite ill for some days. Dr. Murray is in attendance.

W. A. West, teacher at Dawson Settlement, spent Sunday at his home here. W. E. Reid is confined to his home at Riverside with a severe attack of muscular rheumatism.

CAMPBELLTON.

Campbellton, Aug. 22.—The new building on Water street owned by P. Bruce, is completed and occupied as a bookstore, and also as a meat store.

The Glover building is fast approaching completion, also the McDonald store. These two buildings fill in the gaps on Water street, so all business lots are now built up.

Mrs. Silver, of Montreal, is the guest of Miss Maude Johnson. Miss Louisa, of Chatham, and Mrs. Spence, of Montreal, are the guests of Mrs. A. P. McKendrick.

Miss Jessie Barberie and Miss Buckerfield returned home yesterday from their trip to P. E. Island. Dr. B. Backerfield, of Harcourt, was in town last evening.

MILLTOWN.

Milltown, Aug. 22.—Mrs. Ripley is rebuilding her house which was considerably damaged by fire. James McIntyre is also repairing recent damages to oil and out-buildings.

Two St. John teachers—Miss Scott and Miss McAlary—are visiting friends here. Rev. Robert McKee, who has been holidaying in the vicinity, will return to Vermont Monday.

Last week a number of men hereabout were hired by a New Hampshire lumber firm.

A number of new plain goods looms have been placed in the cotton mill. By a new device the filling is fed automatically so that it is possible for one man to run 16 looms.

Angus Morrison, of New Bedford, is visiting relatives in town. His many friends would like to see him return for permanent residence.

Root crops are practically a failure. Potatoes are over \$2 per barrel. All farm produce is high.

WOODSTOCK.

Woodstock, N. B., Aug. 23.—(Special)—Thos. W. Murphy, chief train dispatcher of the C. P. R., who has been an efficient member of the company for 18 years, has been employed of the office. It is said that Mr. Rennie, of St. John, will be appointed in Mr. Phelan's place here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Mott are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter. The school here reopened with good attendance under the direction of the former teacher, Miss E. Cox. She has been in charge of the school for the past two years and has won the approval of all by her judicious management.

Mr. George S. Craft returned from Boston a few weeks ago for the benefit of his health. He is now under the charge of Dr. M. H. McDonald. It is hoped that he will recover in a short time.

Mrs. Albert Cowan, of St. John, paid a short visit to her sister, Mrs. J. C. Wetmore, here.

Miss Edith McDonald, of this place, who has been residing in Boston for the past two years, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. McDonald.

H. S. McKay left for Boston last week to seek employment.

Miss Minnie McDonald spent a few days of this week at Craft's Cove as the guest of Mrs. W. H. Craft.

The young folks of the adjoining settlement, held a picnic at "The Old Stone House," ending with a moonlight excursion and dance. It was greatly enjoyed by all.

Miss Emily Craft, of Boston, is visiting her brother, R. J. Craft.

A new residence is being erected at Craft's Cove by Arnold P. Craft, J. C. Wetmore has the contract.

FREDERICTON.

Fredericton, Aug. 23.—(Special)—It is reported here that at least a portion of the Carleton county military contingent allowed to go to camp at Sussex because of the smallpox outbreak in their locality. The tenth field battery and two companies of the 87th regiment, who were liable to be excluded, but the battery will likely hold regimental camp later on. A report on the extent of the outbreak at Sussex is being forwarded to Ottawa several days ago.

Prof. Newton, of the militia medical staff, general of the militia medical staff, is quite ill at his home from an attack of nervous trouble. His condition is causing some uneasiness in his friends and relatives.

A. Sterling McFarlane, M. A., classical instructor at the High school, has taken during the vacation a special course in the final examinations. Mr. McFarlane made an average of 93 per cent, leading his closest competitor by 10 per cent. In addition to the honors Mr. McFarlane wins a scholarship giving him a year's free tuition at Harvard.

Fredericton, Aug. 24.—(Special)—The will of the late Rev. William Jaffrey, of St. Mary's, was admitted to probate today. The estate is entered as \$9,780. The balance of the estate is to be equally divided among the three surviving children. A. J. Gregory is executor.

William Forrester, who lately arrived from Dublin, Ireland, has purchased from Robert Jardine, of St. John, his farm at Springhill, Kingsclear, and will take possession on September 1. The farm contains about 700 acres, including a lot on Savage Island, and a good percentage of it is under cultivation. Mr. Forrester is a Scotchman and has 20 years experience in farming in the north of Ireland. His wife and family are now in St. John. It is understood the price for the property was about \$8,000.

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Harry Williamson, of the C.P.R. station, has been appointed leader of the 71st regiment band.

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 26.—Robert Noble, who has been up river superintendent of the corporation drive operations, has returned to the city. He started work on Grand Falls a fortnight ago with a crew of fifty-five men, and managed after a hard struggle, to get the drive as far as Killburn, where it had to be abandoned last Friday night. The continued fine weather of the past few days, caused the water to fall very rapidly, greatly impeding the progress of the drive.

The lower corporation drive, abandoned by Mr. Noble, contains about fifteen million feet. All hope of getting the stranded lumber into the booms this season has been abandoned.

Mr. Henry Chestnut has gone on a trip to England and Scotland, and a visit to the Glasgow exhibition. Mr. Chestnut expects also to visit Norway and Sweden. The voters' lists for the electoral district of York for 1901 have been received from Ottawa. They contain 5,906 names, as against 7,900 for last year, an increase of 100.

P. J. Phelan has resigned his position as local agent for the Dominion Express Co., and manager for the Canadian Pacific Telegraph. Mr. Reid, Woodstock, the express company's auditor, is at present in charge of the office. It is said that Mr. Rennie, of St. John, will be appointed in Mr. Phelan's place here.

Fredericton, Aug. 26.—(Special)—The condition of S. H. McKee, sr., who has been ill for some time, is very critical this evening. He has taken no nourishment for several days and his death is expected. His brother, Thomas McKee, of Miramichi, arrived here this evening.

MONCTON.

Moncton, Aug. 25.—(Special)—John Jeffrey is under arrest on charge of purchasing J. C. R. brass, knowing the same to have been stolen. Jeffrey's house was searched by Inspector Skeffington and acting I. C. R. Officer Belyea, and a quantity of brass, amounting to 120 pounds, of which metal found. It appears that Jeffrey, who is a junk dealer, has been buying brass and metal from some I. C. R. employee or employees, when the dealer is expected for trial some revelations are likely to follow.

SUSSEX.

Sussex, Aug. 26.—George W. Fowler, M. P., has broken ground on the front street for the foundation of another store and brick building to be occupied as stores and offices.

LONG ISLAND.

Long Island, Queens Co., Aug. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Breen, of St. John, returned home last week after spending a few days with the former's father. The school opened today. There is a large attendance.

James Lamb spent Sunday with his family at Dorchester. Fred Sinclair returned from the Cot this afternoon, where he has been rusticiating for two weeks.

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Miss Carrie, who had charge of this school last term, returns once more. Walker Terry, of Somerville, Mass., and Percy Hornbrink, of St. John, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Breen for a few days. The former returned to his home last week, his friend, Mortimer Breen, going with him.

After two weeks rusticiating William Hornbrook returns shortly to his home in Lowell, Mass.

Miss Meta Kingston, now of St. John, is home again.

Mr. Hamilton returns to Providence, R. I., August 25th, after spending three weeks vacation with friends here.

The guests of Mrs. Delong, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. family, started for their home in the city, feeling much improved from the pleasures derived from a four weeks' rest in the country.

Mrs. M. J. Clowes is bequeathed \$4,000 in cash; and to the sister of the deceased, Louisa, is given \$400 a year, to be equally divided among the three surviving children. A. J. Gregory is executor.

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ST. GEORGE.

St. George, N. B., Aug. 26.—St. Mark's church was the scene of a very pretty wedding last Tuesday evening, when Miss Mame McGee was united in marriage to Mr. George Craig. The bride looked charming in a dress of white organdy trimmed with white ribbon, and she wore a long white veil, and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Hazen McGee, and was unattended. After the ceremony the happy couple were driven to their future home on Falls street. About 100 people were present at the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Mr. Linze, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Malmen of New Denmark. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Barry.

ANNAPOLIS.

Annapolis, N. S., Aug. 22.—The apple crop of the Annapolis valley, it is reported, will fall probably about 25 per cent short on an average crop, but it is expected that the fruit will be the finest in appearance of any ever gathered.

The Annapolis Presbyterian church, which has been closed for a month for repairs and improvements, was on Sunday last, reopened. Rev. T. Irvine, of Westville, Pictou county, delivering appropriate and impressive discourses morning and evening. The church now presents a finished appearance. The interior is finished in Louis XVI. style, and the floor is hand-painted. The ceiling has triple circles finished on panels of light grey and decorated in the same style of art, relieved by dark grey with the woodwork painted to match. The walls are painted in semi-circles and decorated. These are relieved by pillars painted in dark grey, giving a decidedly pretty effect. The whole reflects great credit on the painter and decorator, A. L. Bishop, under whose personal supervision the work has been carried out. The church has also been newly carpeted throughout. The Presbyterians are to be congratulated on the improved appearance of the church building.

The Athletic Club of Annapolis intend celebrating Labor Day with a choice programme of sports and special attractions. The town is now looking at its best and the old Garrison grounds under the supervision of the commissioners are very attractive to tourists and others.

The 68th Battalion of this city will take part in the review at Halifax on the occasion of the visit of the Duke of York. The population of the county as shown by the last census is 18,842, a decrease of 508 according to the census returns of 1891.

Annapolis, N. S., Aug. 23.—(Special)—The Canadian Press Association numbering about 90 representatives, accompanied by their wives and lady friends, arrived here late this evening by a special train from Halifax. They were met at the station by Mayor Robinson, who welcomed them to the old historic town, the ancient capital of the province. They were then driven to the Queen, Clifton and American hotels where supper was provided. After seeing some of the points of interest they left by a special train for Digby, where they will be met in the morning, if fine, by the mayor and town council on an excursion on the harbor. They may visit here again.

Annapolis, Aug. 24.—(Special)—By an arrangement made at a late hour last night on invitation of the mayor of Annapolis, the Canadian Press Association members returning this morning from Digby by special aid were met at the train by the mayor and a number of citizens with carriage and drives to points of interest, including the old Garrison grounds and for a short visit to the suburbs. The visiting press men expressed their delight with the arrangements, and their appreciation of the hospitality of Annapolis. They took their train en route to Kentville.

AMHERST.

Amherst, Aug. 24.—(Special)—At a meeting of the Maritime Stock Breeders' Association, held last night, Amherst was the subject of a report. Amherst was winter fat stock and poultry show. The show will take place the third week in December, lasting three days. A committee will be appointed to receive prizes. When this is completed it will be printed and distributed. Amherst business is doing well. Amherst is doing well. Amherst is doing well.

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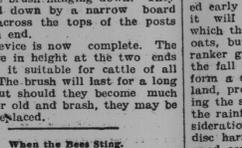
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A FLY BRUSH FOR CATTLE.

An Almost Indispensable Requisite to the Dairyman Who Would Reap the Best for His Herd.

In the summer it is just as necessary to provide cattle with a place in the pasture field where they may brush off the flies as it is to furnish shade, food or drink. The device in the illustration shows a good arrangement for this purpose. It consists first of four posts set in the form of a rectangle 12 feet long and eight feet wide. At one end the posts are about five and one-half feet high, at the other only three feet. Across each end of the rectangle an eight-inch board is nailed at the top of the posts. In the upper edge of these boards are cut notches about four inches deep and two and one-half inches wide. Beginning next to the posts these notches are cut at intervals of 18 or 20 inches.

Now take boards four inches wide, 13 feet long and not higher than one inch thick. Arrange these in pairs as many pairs as there are notches in each end board, and bore



ARRANGEMENT OF THE BRUSH. holes through them at intervals of one foot preparatory to bolting them together. Brush which has been collected from the thicket is now placed between the boards and clamped fast. For the sake of cleanliness only one of these brush is shown in the illustration. The clamps thus formed are placed in the notches prepared for them in the end boards, with the brush hanging down. They are held down by a narrow board nailed across the tops of the posts at each end.

The device is now complete. The difference in height at the two ends makes it suitable for cattle of all sizes. The brush will last for a long time, but should they become much worn, or old and brash, they may be easily replaced.

When the Bee Sting. As the sting of a bee is considered to be acid, an alkali should be employed to relieve it. Ammonia or a soft soap would therefore be a good application.

In an emergency any of the following might be helpful to reduce swelling or to relieve pain: Vinegar, olive oil, raw onion, paste made of clay and water, or flour and water, or salt and water, tobacco juice, tincture of ammonia, honey or lard.

If a person be not exceedingly nervous and excitable, cold water applied constantly to the wound will be a good remedy.

Bee stings are exceedingly dangerous to some people. A well known gentleman was stung by a bee near the base of the brain, and the poison killed him in a few minutes.

A bee sting about the face is liable to produce large swellings, and they have been known to fester and threaten blood poisoning in a few hours.

Little children are apt to wander about in the woods where bee gums are located. It is well to keep in mind these and other household remedies in such instances of bee stinging.—N. Y. Farmer.

Neufchatel Cheese Making. Neufchatel is a soft, white, and, as generally eaten, entirely uncurd cheese, resembling in name only the Swiss cheese. Very briefly and exactly we may define it as unskimmed milk, coagulated with rennet, allowed to stand until sour, the surplus curd, after which the resulting curd is salted to taste and molded into the familiar cylindrical form.

Cheese Milk Cooler. A few years ago, being in need of a tank for cooling milk in cans, and located in a rural district, I built a tank would be quite costly. I built a room 6 x 8 feet in one corner of a

ORCHARD CULTIVATION.

The Lack of It Is the Chief Cause of Barrenness.

A Canadian fruit grower says that from his own experience and that of many others the conviction is firmly formed that the lack of proper cultivation is the chief cause of barrenness in orchards, although there are many other causes. The cultivation of an orchard should begin before it is set, by having the soil in a splendid state of tilth and rich. The selection of a site is of importance. Peaches and apples do best on a lighter soil, but not leachy. Pears and plums do better in a heavier soil. Do not attempt to grow any kind of a grain or hay crop. They draw too heavily on the moisture which your trees require, and you cannot conserve it by cultivation.

You may grow a hood crop for a few years, but do not get too near your trees. As the roots extend both ways with your crop, put in a hood crop that comes off the ground early or that does not occasion any moving of the soil in the late summer or fall season. As an instance, early potatoes may be grown because they are off the ground in good time, but not late ones, for the harvesting of them keeps the soil open and prevents the proper ripening of the wood. Many young trees of orchards have been killed by lack of care in this line. A young orchard that has been enriched and well tilled tending to grow an excess of wood, but do not leave your seedling but a short time, as an orchard in a sod will begin to go down before you are aware of it. As soon as the orchard begins to bear, stop growing a crop of any kind and cultivate shallow. As soon as the ground is in proper condition in spring begin cultivating, and keep it mellow and well tilled until about the first of August, then if your soil is lacking in nitrogen (if the suckers show a growth of 12 inches and the leaves have a good, healthy, dark green, it is indicative that nitrogen is not deficient) seed with clover to begin early in the following June. If clover will not take, try peas. If you are not needing nitrogen, then sow some rye, but it must be ploughed in the following spring or it will rob your trees of moisture which they need later on. Some soil is richer than others during the fall season. These crops die and form a splendid covering for the land, protecting the roots and making the soil much more receptive to the rainfall, which is a valuable consideration. A good cultivator or disc harrow will put your soil under the use of the plow. Cultivate thoroughly.—Fraisier Farmer.

PRETTY HANGING POTS.

As a Decoration for Country House Places They Have Few Rivals.

Too often the beauty of summer blossoms is spoiled by awkwardly shaped bowls or a harsh contrast of colors. A mistake most often seen is in choosing some elaborately decorated vase or holding the simple flowers—violets, daisies or any of the wild blossoms.

The fish globe, which may be purchased in three different sizes, is one of the prettiest of flower holders. This is of clear glass, with a rim at the top that is capable of carrying a brass chain if the bowl is to be hung up. Brass and copper vessels that have been kitchen property are other unique holders for flowers.

Decorated Flower Pots. Green, it must be remembered, is the safest background for any kind of flower.

The hanging flower pots shown in the illustration are an attractive decoration for a window draped in white muslin. They may be adjusted to any desired height by lengthening or shortening the cord. Almost every flower that can be found in the garden or woods takes on a particular charm when placed in these hanging pots. They are as desirable for piazza furnishings as for indoor use.

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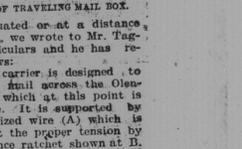
Renovating a Strawberry Bed. If you did not set out a new strawberry bed this spring (as you should have done), you may do something in the way of renovating the old bed thus: When the berries are all picked, now it off close to the ground, then give it a good tussling with a corn plow and drag it down smooth, or, if in the garden, dig a strip of the bed up two feet wide, leaving a strip of the old plants about a foot in width. A new growth will start up if there is sufficient moisture and make quite a fair bed for another season.

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TRAVELING MAIL BOX.

Simple Device by Which an Ohio Farmer Has His Letters Carried Across a River.

We recently received from the rural delivery bureau at Washington a photograph of a traveling mail box designed and used by Mr. James Taggart, Delaware County, Ohio, to convey his mail from his box on the rural carrier's route to his house across a river. Without this device he would be obliged to go some distance to the bridge across the river for his mail. As something like this would be very convenient for others



MOTOR GEAR OF TRAVELING MAIL BOX. similarly situated or at a distance from the road, we wrote to Mr. Taggart for particulars and he has replied as follows:

"This mail carrier is designed to transport the mail across the Olen-tangy River, which at this point is 225 feet wide. It is supported by No. 8 galvanized wire (A) which is maintained at the proper tension by means of a fence ratchet shown at H, the form shown at F. This iron is 2 x 2 1/2 inches and extends down the center of the post and is held in place by bolts (H). A wash pulley (D) is fastened to the post, around which the cord (K) passes. This belt of cord, known in the market as No. 60, is medium laid and is made of two strands around the pulley (D) then passes around the pulley (E) then around the grooved drive wheel (M) and fastens again at point L.

"By revolving the wheel (M) the box is pulled along the wire, thus reversing the wheel (D) which is moved in the opposite direction. In order to increase the speed the cogged gear-wheel (N) is added to the gear-wheel (M) and fastens again at point L.

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There are many places which need draining only because of some spring which does not discharge properly. The face, but rises near it and then saturates the soil all about it until it finds some place where it can drain off. We have seen such a place which that let up to the spring, changing the entire previous bog meadow to firm land with a running brook of pure spring water through it. Other places need the more thorough drainage given by the tile drains at about two rods apart to carry away not only any spring water that may come up through them, but the surface water that comes down from surrounding higher lands. One of the readiest methods of distinguishing these bogs is that where there is a hidden spring the land will be wet even in a dry season, while the other may get quite firm in times of drought. The spring also may often be found by the fact that the snow melts earlier during the winter and the grass starts earlier in the spring and keeps green during the dry spell in summer or fall.

Cooling Milk. To run all milk in a thin sheet over a series of pipes filled with ice water is all that is needed to generate and cool it. At the same time it is perhaps the easiest and least expensive method of insuring long keeping. Such series of pipes can be prepared at small cost, and with a strainer at the bottom or place where milk passes out there will be but small chance of injurious bacteria increasing and multiplying there so rapidly as to insure an early accession of the rancid and several others of the many bad flavors.

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