

The Country. An Epitome of Events Gathered by ADVOCATE Reporters

BATHURST.

Bad weather, the most disagreeable Easter weather we have had on the North shore of New Brunswick for some years. By present indications those who are supposed to be good Gloucester the weather tell us that we are liable to have a late and cold spring. The ice in all the harbours of the county is yet very firm although the Bay ice has been broken up and has nearly all disappeared. There is yet quite a lot of snow in the woods, but the rain on Sunday will no doubt cut it down considerably.

Generally speaking we are at least a fortnight behind the season compared with last year and our fond hope that our spring climate had been for some years gradually changing for the better has received a decided set back.

The farmers, however, seem to think that this kind of weather is rather good for the land, at least we have heard some of them argue in that way though why it should be preferable to warm sunshine bringing along an early spring is not clear to our understanding.

Now that winter is going, slowly it may be, but still going, we hear considerable talk about summer tourists, sport-men etc. and there appears to be a general desire among the people of the Shiretown in particular to encourage this class of travellers to come and leave their spare dollars in Gloucester county. We think the people of the county generally, do not take much interest in the Tourist questions they might, and are of opinion that if the many attractions of the southern shore of the Bay Chaleur were properly advertised, thousands of dollars might be brought into Gloucester during the summer months. Take for instance the matter of sea bathing. All along the southern shore of the Bay at intervals there are sand beaches equal to anything of the kind that can be found anywhere, and much better for the purposes required than hundreds of places which have jumped into fashion during late years. What we require is that someone or more men with capital should have pluck enough to build summer hotels along our shores and after a season's advertising we feel certain they would be crowded with visitors. We understand that the cottages erected by Mr. Mr. Robert Armstrong at the Point near the entrance of Bathurst harbour are always taken up long in advance and that there are always calls for accommodation at Youghall; more calls than can be provided. Now there are other places along the shore, hundreds of them, where excellent bathing facilities exist, and which are quite near excellent farms where all sorts of the best of food may be procured from the farmers for reasonable prices and if good summer hotels were erected at a few of these places there is not the slightest doubt that they would be full of strangers during the hot weather. The sensible city man, who has money enough to take his family away for the summer is tired of the big fashionable places, we have talked with dozens of them of late years and been assured that there is no rest or comfort for tired nature at such places as Bar Harbor, Old Orchard etc. and besides the cost of living at such places has of late years increased so enormously that a man needs to be a million aere before he can afford the living of a few weeks at the big summer hotels at the above named places. Hundreds compromise the matter by going to farm houses interior in New England, but they miss the bathing. Of late years thousands of people crowd the shores of western and southern Nova Scotia and even as far east as Cape Breton, where many Americans have handsome cottages, but few are aware of the beauties of the Bay Chaleur. It is true that when the subject of summer hotels on our shores is mentioned to men with money as an investment they point to the Incharran at Dalhousie and use it as an argument that they cannot be made to pay because we are too far away from the big cities. We do not think this is a fair argument. The Incharran might have paid in a hundred other places and we venture to say hardly anyone will dispute the fact that it would pay if it was at the entrance of Bathurst Harbour. At the same time the Incharran may not be exactly the style of house required, or the manner in which it had been heretofore run may not have been exactly what the summer tourist wished for and in that connection we notice in some newspapers lately that the old friend Fuchs of the Queen, Montreal, is to have charge of it this year and we venture to say if he does take hold of it he will make it pay. It is not the house or the style of house, but the manner in which it is conducted and above all the class of people who are reached by advertising and once let the people of the large American and Canadian cities see the Bay Chaleur from Misou up and be made comfortable at reasonable prices in a homely way and there will be such a run for hotel accommodation in the shores of the Bay as will tax a dozen houses larger than the Incharran.

In order that some sort of a start may be made in this direction and also that our magnificent hunting and fishing facilities may be better known to outsiders it is proposed to organize a local tourist association; for the county of Gloucester alone during the next week. It is true that several of our business and hotel men the year before last joined the Bay Chaleur association with headquarters at Campbellton, but it is felt that we should have a society or association of our own, where the secretary of the association has to answer questions about a stretch of territory extending from Gaspe all around the Bay to Misou during the short summer season. Since part of the territory must necessarily be neglected and though the Bay Chaleur association published a very interesting and valuable guide pamphlet last year which no doubt did an immense amount of good, still a local association can not only do all that the larger one did, but it may also be the means of inducing some person or persons with money to build one or more suitable hotels in proper places along the coast. It is not much use advertising the sea bathing feature of our summer attractions unless we can assure the city people of accommodation when they come. As regards the hunting, fishing, wild fowl shooting etc., we can safely advertise this and say with truth that there are few places in America can be compared with Gloucester county in this regard and this will probably be one of the association's first duties. We wish, however, that some person who thoroughly understands running a first class summer hotel on a good large scale, or who could manage three or four of a medium size and who has capital enough to build and equip them as they should be furnished, would take a look at some of our Bay Chaleur beaches, and we think he would decide that there is a chance to make good money at the business.

We learn that Messrs. Haldenberger and Rosenberg have purchased the land with the partly erected building which Mr. Samuel Bishop was putting up immediately in rear of their own place. It is said these enterprising merchants have now decided to build their new store with a brick casing which, will, if true, be a great improvement to an altogether wooden building. The store will be quite a large one, probably as large as any other in Bathurst at the present time.

We hope the rumor is true that we are to have an Opera house. We give it as we heard it, that Mr. John Legere was on the lookout for a brick opera house to be erected during the coming summer. There is also some talk of building a skating and curling rink, which would be a grand thing for our young folk. In our opinion a skating rink would pay well in Bathurst. We have a great number of young folks and the winter evenings are long and dreary.

The Caraque Railway people appear to have as much as they can do to handle freight coming over the line these days, besides a great quantity of ordinary freight, about twenty cars of sawn lumber from the Tracadie Lumber Company came over the line last week.

We understand Tracadie will be rather a busy place the coming summer. The large quantity of lumber got out and to be sawed up in the above concern. Messrs. Snowball's mill will be busy all the summer and the rotary belonging to Philip Arsenau Esq., should saw nearly a million. Mr. Arsenau has been sawing hardwood during the winter and has about eight hundred thousand feet about ready for shipment.

Mr. Samuel Bishop and Miss Helen Bishop are spending the Easter holidays in St. John.

Mr. Harold Girvan of the Royal Bank has returned from St. John where he spent a few days last week and the manager Mr. A. G. Bishop, is absent in Moncton over Sunday.

T. M. Burns Esq., M. P. P. and N. A. Landry Esq., are home from Fredericton for the holidays.

D. L. Johnston who has been on a visit to Boston returned on Saturday, having left Mrs. Johnston visiting friends there.

Mrs. Bliss mother of Mrs. Hooper and Mrs. McSweeney sister of the latter lady are visiting at the Rectory.

Mr. R. D. Southwood is in St. John on business.

The many friends of Miss Lena Stacy who regret that she has been so ill, are glad to hear that she is fast recovering her usual health.

A little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ramsay was quite ill on Saturday and Sunday. Her parents have the sympathy of many friends.

Mr. Charles Ellis our popular barber has lately enlarged his hair-dressing parlour by taking in a small room at the back which is a decided improvement.

Mr. Joseph D. Boucett has removed his residence and barber shop to the house occupied during his life time by the late Charles Meahan.

Mr. E. L. O'Brien, principal of the large superior school at Tracadie spent the holidays at Bathurst. Mr. O'Brien has a fine school of four departments in Tracadie and has a large number of advanced scholars under his care.

Mr. A. J. Witzell, principal of the school at Caraque also spent a few days in town last week.

Miss Lucy Alexander of Campbellton is visiting friends in Bathurst.

Senator McDonald and Mrs. McDonald are visiting their son Mr. R. G. McDonald, Manager of the People's Bank here.

UPPER NELSON.

Last Saturday's snowstorm made good sleighing here and the boys took advantage of the good driving.

Mr. McCombs of Nelson has purchased Mr. Pleaswell's fine horse.

Mr. Geo. Dawson arrived home last week.

Mr. C. Loban has finished his lumbering operations.

Miss B. Loban is home spending her Easter holidays.

A Bad Breath

A bad breath means a bad stomach, a bad digestion, a bad liver. Ayer's Pills are liver pills. They cure constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, sick headache.

25c. All druggists.

Want your mustache or beard a beautiful brown or rich black? Then use BUCKINGHAM'S DYE for the Whiskers.

Mr. Mahoney passed through here last week.

Mr. Wm. Curtis of Newcastle passed through here on his way to his father's last week.

Mr. Theo. Curtis is repairing his new barn.

R. McCombs Jr. passed through here last week.

We are glad to see our school open again Miss M. Harper being our teacher.

Mr. J. Jardine of Derby often pays us a visit.

We regret to hear that Mrs. G. Clarke has a severe cold.

Mr. David Smith passed through here with a fine looking horse.

Two of our popular young men paid a visit to our school on Tuesday last.

It is rumored that a number of our young ladies are to join in wedding after the men return from the drive.

The young men are preparing for the drive.

Miss Janie Clarke is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamont passed through here last week.

Miss Harper and Miss G. Clarke were visiting friends down here last week.

Miss Maggie Donahoe is visiting friends here. Also Mary Hayden.

Mrs. C. Clarke was visiting her parents last Sunday.

Mr. A. E. Parks drove to Chatham, with his two fine horses, last Monday.

Mrs. J. Hackett paid a visit to her home last week.

NOTICE.

To the Farmers and Builders. We carry a large quantity of

Land Plaster, Plaster, Snow Flake Lime, Plastering Hair, Nails of all kinds, Sold at Moderate Prices.

M. BANNON.

Wholesale and Retail.

NOTICE OF BILL.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the present session of the General Assembly of this province, for an act to provide for the issue of Debentures, by the Town of Newcastle to the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars, for the purpose of assisting by means of a loan some industrial company to be established in the said Town.

Dated this 7th day of April A. D. 1903.

R. T. D. AITKEN, Town Clerk.

SPRING PAPERING.



We have just opened up the largest stock of Wall Paper, Borders etc. ever handled by us. These consist of various patterns and colors in all grades. A choice line of American Papers to arrive this week.

We also have a full stock of roller blinds, Curtains, Curtain poles, Trimmings etc.

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Fashionable Tailoring Establishment.



For the balance of this month and all of February I will sell some suits in Black, Clay, Serge and Tyke at a very low figure to clear, as I do not want to carry them over. Call and see and you will be surprised at the price.

All kinds of LADIES' GARMENTS

Made to order in our establishment.

Carter Block, S. McLEOD.

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We have just opened several Cases of Mandleberg's Shower-proof Raglanettes for Ladies and Gentlemen. New Goods In Stock.

Dress Goods.

Black and colored Cashmere, Nuns Veiling and Kneecker Cloth.

Silks.

Taffeta, China and Tulle in all shades from 25c up.

Dress Trimmings.

Silk ornaments, Silk Applique, Valenciennes and Turkish Lace.

Clothing.

Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Odd Pants and Raglanettes.

Shirts.

Stocks and W. G. & R. Colored and White Shirts.

Hats.

English and American Hard and Soft hats in the new shades.

Our Room Paper stock is now complete in both Canadian and American manufacture. Call and see samples or send for book.

J. D. CREAGHAN.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

NEWCASTLE AND CHATHAM.

Displaying this week.

LADIES' WHITEWEAR, LADIES' SAILOR HATS, LADIES' FANCY RUSTIC STRAWS, CHILDREN'S SAILORS, CHILDREN'S FANCY.

Nothing very expensive in the hat line, but sensible every-day hats at Moderate Prices.

Zephyr Gingham.

A very large range and some exquisite patterns, prices 9c, 12c, 14c, 18c and 20c. There is no denying the fact that Ginghams are the most serviceable, best all-round goods that a woman can buy. They wash well, wear well, and look well. For blouse waists or children's dresses they are unexcelled. See ours before buying.

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We have been fortunate in securing a very special make of English prints to retail at 10c and 14c. These goods are 31 to 32 inches wide, patterns and colorings all that can be desired. Colors guaranteed fast, in two qualities, 10c and 14c. We have cheaper grades of prints which are considered good value.

PRICES 6c, 7c and 8c.

Shirt Waists.

Now on display a range of waists which will be found second to none we have ever shown. Quality right. Prices right.

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Farm, Garden and Flower seed in packages or bulk. Only the best variety from the best seedmen. Steel, Sumners and Ferrys.

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Come first and secure Bargains.

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