

FORUM

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1907

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Mrs. F. J. White, of Moncton, was the guest of Mrs. White of this week on Friday last.

Miss Webster, "Riverside."

Mrs. Jeffrey and family, of North Carolina, who have been enjoying the summer season at Point du Chevre, left this week for their home in Raleigh.

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Fred Malley and his sister, Miss Maud, are visiting friends in Moncton.

Miss Nellie Langin returned Sunday on a short visit to Moncton and Buctouche.

Mrs. and Mrs. Mitchell, of Halifax, who have been in town the past three weeks, left Monday for their home in Buctouche.

Miss Catherine McWilliams, of Main River, left on Tuesday for New York.

Michael Graham, of Chatham, is visiting his home in Main River.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jardine and family, with their guest, Mrs. Joyce, and some other friends, enjoyed a pleasant trip to the beach, the day was fine and the sail delightful.

Mrs. H. M. Ferguson, of Main River, is home from New Hampshire.

(A. E. Pearson, teacher of the Bass River Superior school, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Adolphus Brown, of Sussex. The occasion being a family reunion. Sunday all the members of the Pearson family dined together, which was the first time in thirty years.

Mrs. Thomas Cantwell, of Campbellton, is visiting Mrs. W. S. Malley.

Mrs. Thomas Call is very ill.

H. M. Ferguson has been quite ill but is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Thompson, who have been visiting friends in Bass River, left Monday for their home in Buctouche.

Saturday Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson gave a party in their honor, which was greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. Thomas Johnson and family, who have been visiting friends in Bass River, left Saturday for Montpelier (Ind.).

Albert Clark, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Thompson, at Lakeside, left Tuesday for Milwaukee (Wis.).

A basket social and dance were held at the church, an enjoyable time was spent and about \$50 was realized.

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Hartland, N. B., Sept. 19.—After a week of weather favorable for digging, the great potato crop is proven and almost total failure. All that has been feared in the past week, namely, that the crop would be a total loss, has happened. It is estimated that throughout the three up-river counties the average crop is three or four fold greater than last year, when, under ideal weather conditions there was a bumper yield of such prime quality.

Your correspondent knows of one man who planted nine acres at an expense of about \$400; he bought a planter, a sprinkler, a digger, increasing his outlay to \$800. After an hour's work at digging he halted his machinery to let the barn and gave up the crop—a total loss.

Another man dug thirty hills and got five hundred potatoes. But the yield would average about 10 barrels to the acre and not the not rot truck. One man planted 27 acres, ran in debt for over \$1,000 worth of superphosphate, besides his machinery, and he is trying to decide if it is worth while to dig. This is one instance among scores.

Yours is the rot that what is apparently a crop of a great loss, in a few days is only a mass of rotteness. Therefore the shipments made to Moncton and Toronto in many cases turn out to be almost total loss for the dealer here.

Another serious drawback is the failure of the potatoes to supply cars. This in itself is a cause of great loss, as the potatoes are not in season and are sold at a low price.

On the whole the canvass of the shippers reveals the fact that the yield of good potatoes will be about 25 per cent of an average crop and that on this account the product will not more than equal last year.

Had the starch factories projected last winter been brought to a realization the farmers would have had no difficulty of disposing of their poor stock, as for starch making and for the potatoes, sound or rotten, are useful.

The price remains today at 80 cents and dealers say it will not likely go lower.

Mrs. Eastbrook, who has been visiting friends in Shediac, left this week for Moncton to remain for a few days before returning to her home in Boston.

Mrs. H. W. Murray and his daughter, Margaret, returned on Saturday of last week from a visit to Sackville friends.

Mrs. James Frier recently returned from a long time in the States, where she was with her daughter, Miss Mary Weldon was in Moncton during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dickie returned home a week from a trip through different parts of Nova Scotia.

Mrs. T. Gallagher visited Moncton friends on Wednesday.

PETITCODIAC.

Petitcodiac, Sept. 19.—Rev. Allan Smith, of Riverview, Albert county, was the village Saturday, after the visit of his sister, Mrs. Robert Seely.

Mrs. Gerald W. White, M. P., of Pembroke (Ont.), spent Sunday with Mrs. White at Fairview.

Mrs. J. H. Yeomans left Thursday for Sydney (C.B.), where she will visit friends.

Rev. W. B. Armstrong went to Dorchester Tuesday to attend the meeting of the Shediac diocese, after which he will proceed to St. John to enjoy a fortnight's vacation.

Miss Grace Wilnot, of Salisbury, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. E. Humphreys.

Miss Ina Steeves, of Salisbury, and Miss Minnie Jones, of Boundary Creek, spent Sunday with the Misses Fowler.

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visiting his parents, Rev. Wm. and Mrs. Aitken, during the past two weeks, left for his home on Tuesday.

Among those who attended the tennis in Chatham on Thursday last were Mrs. O. Nicholson, Mrs. Troy, Miss Parker, Mrs. A. E. G. McKenzie, Misses Anderson, Aitken and Cane. Those attending the dance in the evening were Misses Burdell, Miss Street, Miss Fish, Miss Keir and Messrs Don Creighton, Al. Troy, J. Lewis and G. Troy.

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Miss Laura Aitken returned to school in Chatham on Wednesday.

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Mrs. Gilmore Stothard is visiting her sister, Mrs. Clarence McLeod, in Amherst.

Mrs. Osborne Nicholson spent last week in Bathurst.

Miss Anderson gave a very pleasant little dance on Monday evening. Those present included the following: Misses Robinson (Millerton), Miss Burdick (Chatham), Mrs. McKenzie, Misses Fleming and Crocker, and Messrs. Aitken, Troy, and Lewis.

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Mr. Willie Nicholson, of Moncton, is visiting his home here.

Miss Ella Parker returned to New York on Friday.

Mr. Hubert Sinclair, of Tonopah (Nev.), is the guest of his sister, Mrs. John McKane, at The Bridge.

Mrs. Beveridge, of Chatham, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. E. G. McKenzie, on Tuesday last.

Mrs. J. Russell attended the wedding of her brother, Mr. Al. McLennan, in Moncton last week.

James Hamilton, of the Bank of Nova Scotia staff in Toronto, is in town. Mr. Green, of the Royal Bank staff, is attending the exhibition in Fredericton.

Miss Jean Clark, of St. John, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. S. Fleming.

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Miss Aubrey Clark is the guest of Miss Edith Burdick, of Chatham.

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Toronto, N. B., Sept. 18.—The Londoner Iron & Mining Company, who recently acquired the iron deposits at Torbrook from George and John Macdonald, have been working on the Torbrook iron mine for some time. The power of the mine is being used for the utilization of the water power for electric purposes.

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