

**Belle Isle**

Mr. Jacob V. Gesner, of Manchester N. H., is visiting his old home here. At the time of writing there is fine crossing on the bridge not built with hands, at Tupperville.

The Misses Grace and Pearl Brooks of Centrelea were guests of Mrs. Frank Hogan last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. D. Parker entertained a large party of their friends at a most enjoyable tea on Monday evening of last week.

Mr. Charles Inglis, of Tupperville, accompanied by his daughters, Misses Jennie and Pearl, made a short visit last week to Mr. A. Clifford Bent and sister Annie.

One of the most delightful of recent "socials" was held in the Hall on Monday evening under the auspices of St. Mary's Church choir in aid of the church renovation fund. For some time work for this fund has been in abeyance, but Monday's effort will help it by somewhat over twenty dollars.

The annual meeting of St. Mary's branch of the Women's Auxiliary was held last Friday when a most gratifying report of the past year's work was presented, together with a balance on the right side of the ledger. For the ensuing year the following were elected: President, Mrs. Lyle; Vice-President, Mrs. Hiram Young; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. R. L. Dodge.

The neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Troop paid them a visit Monday evening, it being their tenth wedding anniversary. It came as a surprise to the couple, who were freely remembered by tinware of all kinds as well as silver spoons, Mr. Ernest Moore making the presentation. The evening was spent playing games, with a literary and musical program interwoven. Miss Annie King sang several selections in an able manner to the pleasure of those present. Miss Rose King favored the party with a reading. The piano solos by Mrs. Walter Springer, an accompaniment for the solo and chorus singing, added to the entertainment. Refreshments were served during the evening and the party broke up at a late hour, all expressing their heartfelt desire that the couple live long and happy.—Marlboro, Mass., paper. (Mr. Troop is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Troop, of Belleisle.

**Paradise**

A dance was held in Longley's Hall on Monday evening.

The Literary Society will meet at the home of R. S. Leonard on Monday evening next.

The members of Regina Division intend throwing their doors open to the public on Friday evening.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. William Shaw, who has been in poor health for some time, is improving.

Rev. C. W. Corey occupied the pulpit on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Wm. Brown preached in the Hall in the evening.

The ladies' sewing circle meets with Mrs. Hardy Layte on Thursday evening. A fancy sale is to be held in the near future.

Mrs. J. C. Phinney accompanied her son, Fred Huzzles, to Halifax on Monday, where he has gone to receive treatment at the hospital.

**Nictaux.**

Mr. F. A. Chipman went to Falmouth last week and purchased a Clydesdale colt.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Beckwith pleasantly entertained a number of their friends one evening last week.

Miss Mildred Vidito entered the Lawrence General Hospital, Lawrence Mass., Feb. 16th, where she intends spending three years in training as a nurse.

Rev. W. V. Higgins preached a missionary sermon on Sunday morning, Feb. 14th, and the following evening. Revs. Hobson and Bosworth addressed a meeting in the vestry in the interest of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Owing to the inclemency of the weather not many were present, but a committee was appointed to consider the work.

**Annapolis.**

Mr. J. J. Ritchie, of Halifax, is in town on legal business.

Dr. O. R. Peters, of St. John, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Corbitt.

Mr. F. W. Pickels returned Thursday from a trip to Boston and New York.

Mr. Milligan, of Pine Hill College, occupied the Presbyterian pulpit on Sunday.

Mrs. J. J. Ritchie, of Halifax, spent a few days of last week with Mrs. J. H. Lombard.

Ex-Mayor Shannon came over from Rothesay, N. B., last Saturday and is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. A. Horsfall returned to Yarmouth with her friend, Mrs. W. L. Porter, on Thursday last.

Mrs. B. Leary and her two children of Lynn are the guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Sanford Bishop.

Besides President H. D. Ruggles, Messrs. George Corbitt, H. A. West, A. M. King and Sam Riordan attended the People's Fish and Game Society meeting in Halifax.

The Assessment Court of Appeal met Tuesday afternoon in the Town Hall. Quite a large number of cases were appealed and a number of comparison appeals made.

The Secretary of the Garrison Commissioners has been notified that Sergt. William A. Daniel, of New Maryland, York Co., N. B., late of the R. C. M., has been appointed by the Hon. Minister of Militia to the position of care-taker of Port Anne and instructor of the Annapolis Royal School Cadets. Sergt. Daniel is expected to report for duty about the first of April.

**North Williamston**

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Henry Banks is on the sick list.

Last Monday evening a number of friends spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Beals.

Our community was saddened on Wednesday afternoon last on hearing of the death of Robie Garber, who died very suddenly after two days' illness. The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community is extended to the sorrowing and bereaved parents.

Mrs. R. D. Stevenson, of Brickton, was hastily summoned to South River, Antigonish County, last Monday, owing to the death of her cousin, Miss Josie McPhee, who died very suddenly after two days' illness. Miss McPhee had many friends who learned of her death with deep regret.

**ROBIE GARBER.**

Last Wednesday morning the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Garber, of North Williamston, was saddened by the death of their eldest son, Robie, aged sixteen years. He had been a sufferer from heart disease for several months, which he bore without a murmur or complaint. All that medical skill and loving care could do could not stop the disease. The Silent Messenger came at 11 o'clock, whilst he was sitting in his chair reading, and bore him to that land where pain and suffering are never felt.

Our young friend made a public profession of religion about four months ago, and was baptized by Rev. C. H. Haverstock of Nictaux. He was a member of Ever Hopeful Division No. 805, and a regular attendant at the Sunday School, where he will be much missed.

The funeral service, conducted by Rev. C. H. Haverstock, was held at the Union Hall and was largely attended. The pall bearers were John Moore, Fred Caines, Fred Charlton, and Reginald Hilsley. The interment took place at Nictaux Cemetery. May God comfort and sustain the sorrowing parents in their sad affliction.

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**Bear River.**

Stamped Mats at W. W. Wade's. First quality of Rubbers at W. W. Wade's.

Mrs. J. Arthur Rice went to Halifax on Tuesday.

W. W. Wade has a few Ladies' Furs left at bargain prices.

Mr. Frank Milligan called to see his mother on Monday, leaving again on Tuesday.

S. S. Bear River arrived from St. John on Monday and sailed again for that port on Wednesday.

Miss Ethel Purdy, who has been visiting friends in New York and Boston the last three months, returns home on Thursday.

The Rev. Mr. Waldon, who has been conducting evangelistic services in the Baptist Church since the first of January, left for Boston on Friday last.

S. S. Bear River went to Annapolis on Tuesday, from which port she will tow the tern schooner Melba to Bear River before sailing for St. John.

We are sorry to report Mrs. J. G. Purdy as being in very poor health. She went to Boston on Wednesday, accompanied by Mr. Purdy, where she will enter one of the hospitals for treatment.

**Springfield.**

Dr. Cole has returned from a trip across the Pond.

Mr. Harding Roof, of Middleton, is visiting friends here.

Miss Jennie Grimm spent a few weeks with friends at Crousetown. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Durling upon the arrival of a son.

It is pleasing to have Deacon Albert Morton and family back with us again.

We are sorry to report Earl Saunders very sick with tuberculosis in throat.

The mill of the Davison Lumber Co., at Hastings, commenced operations on Thursday, 18th.

Rev. I. W. Porter, of the Home Mission Board, encouraged the people in "Giving" in his two sermons in the Baptist Church on Sunday last.

The young people of Springfield enjoyed their annual sleigh drive to Mr. Geoffrey Meisner's at New Germany on Friday last. An excellent time was reported.

**Upper Granville**

The W. A. purpose holding a business meeting (D. V.) on Thursday, Feb. 25th.

Miss Kinsman, of Canard, is enjoying a visit with her friend, Mrs. John Bath.

The friends of Mr. William Craig in this vicinity were shocked to hear of his sudden death in Boston, and many hearts turn in heartfelt sympathy to the sorrowing ones left to mourn their great bereavement which will be shared in by the town and neighboring country.

The weekly club meetings duly assemble for social intercourse and, it is hoped, literary improvement. At the home of Mr. L. D. Fash on the 11th, the gramophone selections given by the host was a pleasing feature. At the home of Mr. R. F. Parker, on the 18th, several readings were selected with care and well rendered, especially those given by Mrs. E. P. Fellows and Miss Annie Fellows. Mrs. J. Bath's reading, "Evolution of a Hat," written by a St. John lady now domiciled in the prairie west, was humorous in the extreme. Mr. Roy Eisner also has a never-failing bit of fun in his selections.

Winter, with its record of sunshine and storms, joys and sorrows, is passing quickly, certainly giving us every variety of temperature. Lovers of zero weather with its attendant sports have had their share in enjoying the same. Skating in the open air on the rink and in various places has been good; those blessed with fine teams with all equipments for ideal sleigh driving have had a fair share of pleasure, while to the working classes sufficient snow "if on the alert" to enable them to secure good wood piles, as well as lumber, hay, and other requisites for transportation and business purposes. Farmers, too, can wear a cheerful countenance in that prices for farm products continue good, while merchants of course, as usual, can revel in luxury.

**A NEW COMPLAINT.**

Mr. J. S. Larke complains that Canadian apples sent to Australia are too large. This is a criticism that rather takes the breath away. If the names of these shippers were known in Toronto they would not lack for orders next season.—Toronto News.

Repeat it:—"Shiloh's Cure will always cure my coughs and colds."

**Smith Cove**

Dr. McGeogor is convalescent. He had a severe attack of grip.

Mr. A. M. Gidney, M. P. P., has gone to Halifax to resume his legislative duties.

A large quantity of turnips were raised last season and probably there will be a number of shipments to the Boston market when spring opens.

Mr. and Mrs. Frost, of St. John, passed through on Monday last. They were warmly greeted by Mrs. Frost's uncle, Mr. J. L. Cornwell.

A. L. Adams is developing into a good telegraph operator and railroad man, and will probably seek a position on the intercolonial during the coming spring.

Mr. Frank McGuire, son of section foreman McGuire, passed through on Saturday last from Boston en route to Kentville, where he is engaged in the office of the General Passenger Agent of the D. A. R.

The clam business has been flat this season, the price in the Boston market being so low that digging was very unprofitable, and as a result only a few barrels have been shipped during the entire winter, in comparison with thousands in prosperous seasons.

Mr. D. W. Puddington, who has occupied Mrs. Bryant's residence for a number of summers past, may conclude to board next summer, in which event his stay here would be considerably shorter. He prefers house-keeping, but he does not feel like paying a high rent.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Winchester spent the week end at South Maitland, visiting their son, Mr. Lovitt Winchester, who is station agent at that place. On their return they were accompanied by Mrs. Lovitt Winchester who spent a week here renewing old acquaintances and returned home Monday.

On Sunday afternoon there was a missionary service in the Baptist Church, the speaker being Mr. Hobson, a layman, who was born in China. His grand-father was one of the pioneers in mission work in that country, but the speaker, himself, while doing what he could for the spread of the gospel, has not been actively engaged as a missionary, his business being along mercantile and political lines. He related a number of very interesting experiences, and his address being practical and instructive was much appreciated by the large congregation.

In the Baptist Church on Friday evening last a missionary meeting was addressed by Revs. Corey and Bosworth. The former is engaged in mission work in the North-West, and the latter is similarly employed in the province of Quebec. They spoke of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, and went on to show that in order to bring the gospel to all peoples during the next thirty or forty years a vast sum of money would be required, some millions every year, which, after all, would be a small consideration divided among the members of the various Christian bodies.

The minstrel show given in the Hall by the members of Division was very successful. It was so satisfactory that it had to be repeated, the last time on the evening of the 23rd instant, just a week after the first performance. The proceeds of both entertainments netted something like twenty-five dollars. The stars on both occasions were Miss Frances Austin, pianist, Miss Nettie Merritt, soloist; Messrs. Nelson and Cossaboom, end men; Frank Cossitt, elocutionist; Miss Rose Woodman and Mr. Elmer Weir, a bride and groom true to life; and Mr. Ernest Dakin, violinist, with his sister, Miss Jennie, as accompanist. The whole program was well executed.

Mr. Dargie, furniture dealer of Annapolis, landed one hundred opera chairs for the Hall a day or two ago. The total cost of the chairs was one hundred and thirty-five dollars. They are of the regular folding kind, very neat in appearance, and will add materially to the attractiveness of the Hall, which is already a very creditable institution. About one hundred chairs more are required in addition to decorations and other improvements before the Hall is complete, and the members of Division will not relax in their efforts until all this has been accomplished, a very laudable enterprise in which they should have the hearty support of the entire community.

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**Port Wade**

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We regret to report that demise of Mr. Edwin Ryder is hourly expected.

The friends of Judson Chute, at Port Wade, tender congratulations. Many happy years of prosperity, Jud!

We are expecting a free trip to Digby on the 24th, as a large number of the Digby stores are offering special inducements, with free fares.

We have good sleighing again after the thaw, and are now able to resume wood hauling down the mountain. The lumbermen near Thorne's Cove are having a good winter for hauling logs.

The new time-table of the H. & S. W. Railway suits us some better than the late one, and we are pleased to meet Agent Crosskill on his bi-weekly visits. He is now the only agent between Middleton and Port Wade.

Messrs. Corey and Bosworth, two reverend gentlemen, are calling on the different branches of the Baptist Church this week under the auspices of the Grand Ligue Mission of Quebec; at Port Wade, Monday, at Victoria Beach, Tuesday, Lower Granville, Wednesday, and Stony Beach, Thursday night.

Capt. J. Apt got his vessel off the flats and sailed for the Banks Thursday afternoon. The Albert J. Lutz is an able sea-goer as was shown in the recent Saturday gale, when the Capt. had to be lashed to the wheel for about three hours with water to his waist most of the time, but she came right along and made Digby all right.

A bad accident was narrowly averted here last Friday as Councillor Porter was driving past when a number of school children were coasting across the highway. His horse took fright and did some damage to the sleigh, but getting control of the horse quickly, he proceeded on his way home.

**Lower Granville**

Miss Hattie Mills gave a party to a large number of her young friends on Saturday evening.

Albert Parker had an ill turn on Friday and Dr. Smith was summoned. We are glad to hear he is much improved.

The many friends of Capt. Edward P. Greenwood, of North East Harbor, Shelburne County, heard with deep regret last week that he had passed away suddenly from an attack of heart disease. Capt. Greenwood did a large business and was a very capable and influential man. He was a prominent Methodist and will be greatly missed by that church. In politics he was a very active liberal, being president of the liberal association of Shelburne County at the time of his death. He was a cousin of Mrs. James Clarke of this place and was a frequent visitor at her home.

Miss Addie Johnson entertained a large party of her friends at a dance on Friday evening.

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