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Correspondence.

Spicy News Items Gathered by Gazette Correspondents.

To Editor QUEENS COUNTY GAZETTE.

Kindly allow me space in the columns of your newsy paper to make a few remarks regarding the exhibition held at Lower Jenneq, Queens Co.

Is it an International Exhibition? I would like to ask the secretary, or any other official in connection with the exhibition held at Jenneq, whether the exhibition is international, provincial or for the county of Queens.

If it is international or provincial, then I would suggest that the notices, etc., be sent out to that effect.

If it is simply for the county, then why not have it that way. Why I ask are people belonging to the county of Sunbury allowed to join a society belonging to this county.

I hope that this matter will have the consideration of the officials, and that (the chosen few) from Sunbury will have their names taken off the society book. If the exhibition is not provincial.

And if provincial, then I hope that the books will hold names from all northern, southern, eastern and western counties, and the exhibition will prove an equal to the St. John International exhibition at the World's Fair.

Thanking you. I remain,

AN OBSERVER.

Oct. 15.

Hampstead.

Rather a distressing accident took place here on Saturday night. It appears that Mr. Christopher McChouchie, of Hibernia, came in to the wharf for a barrel of flour and some other articles. He drove his team on the wharf and tying his lines he got out to put the articles mentioned into the wagon. He had the flour in, when, the reins, either being too tight or getting caught in some way, the horses commenced backing and before they could be stopped, went over the outer end of the wharf. The water was deep and the weight of the wagon pulled them under. Nothing could possibly be done in time; and as although many stood round, the horses were drowned. They were a valuable span of bays. The loss in all the more deplorable as Mr. McChouchie is ill able to lose them. The carcasses and wagon were recovered and sympathizers buried the horses on Mr. Ed. Hasty's front.

The annual school meeting was held on Saturday. The retiring trustee Mr. Thos. Hastings was again elected. It is the intention to move the schoolhouse this winter to some less public place where a play ground can be procured; there being now no grounds for play but the road and its situation between the two stores and near the wharf renders discipline impossible.

Mrs. Geo. Wattars, of Westfield spent Sunday at Mrs. Ferguson's.

Messrs. H. H. Ferguson and Sherwood, of St. John arrived on their bicycles from Gagetown, Sunday night and put up at Mr. R. W. Ferguson's. They left on Monday morning again.

Mr. Watson's quarry is booming, he having received a very large order for curbstones for St. John. As the stone for this purpose requires to be dressed on three sides, several stone cutters from St. John have arrived to do the work.

Mr. Joselyne Cameron has been reinstated as foreman in the repair shop attached while Mr. Simon Allan is acting foreman of the quarrying during the absence of Mr. Thos. Hanks who has taken a position as crew for sch. "Albatross," Capt. N. Earle.

Congratulations are being showered on Mr. Ralph Jones, Supt. of the "Lower quarry." The occasion being his marriage. He will reside on the "Perkins" property, it having been purchased by him.

And now it is Mr. F. C. Stultz who wears the happy smile—it is a boy.

Mr. Malcolm Watson who has spent some years in the mining districts of the west, intends leaving for the Klondyke in early spring.

Mr. Geo. F. Thompson has gone to sea for the winter.

Messrs. J. E. Vanwart, R. S. Palmer, A. E. Slipp and Mrs. Slipp are away to the F. C. B. general conference at Fredricton.

Mr. E. P. Vanwart has obtained a position in a cheese factory at Sussex.

Mrs. W. J. Cheyne and son Frank are spending a few days in St. John.

Mrs. J. A. Dongan is visiting friends at St. John and Rosethay.

Messrs. Bayard Slipp Willard Slipp, Charles Hamm, and Arthur Vanwart went up to the Cambridge Exhibition on Wednesday.

As predicted, the election for councillors was sharp, W. J. Cheyne leading the poll, E. B. Palmer, twenty-eight behind, following. Mr. Nickerson was defeated. Mr. Darrah, the other expected candidate, had his nomination papers put in too late.

Messrs. Bruce Watson and W. H. Lawrence, of Mouth Kewick, York Co., are here, guests of Mr. Stephen Harrn, at the "Orchards."

Hampstead, Oct. 15th, 1897.

Chipman.

The present contract for conveying her Majesty's mails between the Narrows and Chipman expires with the current year. Recently large yellow placards were

posted up around here calling for new tenders for carrying the mails over the same land route as in former years. After the posters were up a week they were ordered to be taken down and forwarded to the post office department. This is construed as a forecast involving a radical change in the mail service hitherto supplied this section and the public may anticipate a daily mail by rail before long. As St. John every studios of its own interests has so handsomely banqueted the Hon. Minister of Railways and Canals would it not be wise for Queen's Sunbury to get up a big Farmers' Supper in honor of our worthy representative in the Dominion Commons and also to present the Hon. Minister with some wholly absorbed by these inspiring sessions.

At the annual school meeting at Upper Gasperowit, Miss McDouglass elected trustee in place of Wm. Henderson, whose term of office had expired.

A warm debate ensued upon a motion to allow preaching service to be held in the school house when finally it was carried with one dissenting voice that the building could be used for evening services. No change was made in the trusteeship of Brigg's Corner district—and the sum of \$150 was voted for school purposes.

At the Forks no annual meeting was held as the trustees had neglected to give the usual notice.

At Iron Bound Cove the ratepayers voted the use of the school house for holding occasional services. A majority of those present favored running the school nine months in the year for which sixty dollars were voted to be raised by the district.

The Municipal election passed off in the most sober fashion notwithstanding the dire presentations certain political wisewags professed to entertain in regard to the sumptuary habits of their opponents. The two old councillors were elected; but 117 independent votes cast against the lottery deal will serve as a warning in future elections.

The W. M. S. gave an entertaining concert a few evenings ago in King's hall and the president, Mrs. J. W. Manning, of St. John, delivered an instructive address to an appreciative audience.

The ordinance of baptism was administered to two candidates on Sabbath by Rev. W. E. McIntyre and received into the Baptist church.

Mr. Geo. Boice McLean's clerk has removed to his home in Nova Scotia.

A cold northwest blizzard blew all Sunday.

Cambridge.

Oct. 18.—Miss Flora Smith, who has been spending a few weeks the guest of the Misses McAlpine, returned to her home in St. John on Friday, the 18th. Dr. H. E. Belyea went to St. John, the same day.

Miss Florence Wilson, of Amesbury, Mass., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wilson.

Mrs. Silas Dakin, of Digby Neck, N. S., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Eleanor Black.

Rev. E. S. Todd and wife, of Calais, Maine, paid a visit last week to Mrs. Todd's sister, Mrs. Jas. Robinson.

Mr. W. L. Macdonald, who went to Chicago about a year ago, returned home on Saturday.

Miss Ethel Humphrey, who has been in Boston visiting friends, returned home on Saturday.

Miss Ida Fox, of Queenstown, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Florence Wilson.

Six cows and two horses and a lot of farming utensils, the property of Ira T. Macdonald were sold at public auction on Thursday, at four o'clock, p. m., by virtue of a bill of sale held by Waterbury & Rising, of St. John. Amos A. Wilson solicitor for W. & R. was present looking after the sale. W. H. White acted as auctioneer.

Mr. H. D. Mott, of the firm of Miller & Co., of St. John, spent Sunday the guest of Howard Mott.

Mr. Montie Gilchrist has gone to Fredricton to clerk in the drug store of his uncle, John Wiley.

Geo. A. Wilson went to St. John on Friday to spend a week with his brother Amos A. Wilson, barrister.

Mr. Ira T. Macdonald left last week for the Klondyke to seek his fortune.

Cumberland Point.

Oct. 16th.—The weather has been very favorable for the farmers here, of late, and they have about completed their harvesting. The crops, especially oats, are far below the average.

Mr. Kelsie Wood is erecting a new residence which he intends having ready to occupy before winter sets in.

Mr. John Leckey of Cumberland Hay has moved to Mr. Thos. Watson's.

Mr. Richard Stillwell intends residing with Mr. Robt. Wasson in the near future.

On Friday evening Mr. D. H. Reece of this place very kindly harnessed his team, gathered together a large number of young people, and drove to the residence of Mr. Chas. Spence. A very pleasant evening was spent. Mr. Reece (whose smiling countenance makes it pleasant for all) added much to the general amusement, by his ready wit and jocular performances.

Mr. David Phillips is repairing and painting his buildings which will add

much to their appearance.

Mrs. W. S. Hesse and Miss H. E. Snell were the guests of Mrs. B. C. Babington on Wednesday last.

Miss Etta Stuart has present, the guest of her brother, Mr. Sydney Stuart of Robinson's Point.

Mr. Holly Stuart made a flying trip to Chipman on Tuesday.

Mr. John Bakes who is at present in the employ of Mr. E. B. Malson was the guest of Mr. Donald McLean on Saturday last.

Mr. C. C. Edgar's eldest son, Burpee, is at present quite ill but hopes are entertained for his speedy recovery.

Miss Snell, of the Range, most kindly and hospitably entertained Mr. A. A. Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gooding, and children of St. John on the evening of her departure for the West.

North Shore Herds.

Tracadie, N. B., Oct. 12.—Thinking that a few lines from this part of our province would have interest for some readers of the Gazette, the writer is begging the kindly indulgence of the editor to publish respectively the following articles: "Tracadie and 'The Big River'" and "Tracadie and the 'Big River'."

Tracadie is a small settlement on a French village situated near the mouth of the Little Tracadie river. About three miles south of the village the "Big River" enters the head basin of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The lake is a very beautiful stream and of considerable size. The name is said to be of Indian origin and it is altogether probable that these rivers were well known before the so-called "Indians" and that the immense stretches of forest on their borders were equally as familiar to them as affording excellent opportunities for hunting and trapping.

One of the chief tributaries of the "Big River" is the Portage stream, on which, as well as on the main river, a number of good farms have been opened up—the country is practically new there yet. There is in my opinion a splendid chance for intending settlers: the surface is decidedly level, the soil fertile and free from stones—all it needs is the enterprising and wide-awake settler to develop its natural resources and thus transform the wilderness into prosperous settlements.

Between the two Tracadie rivers is well settled along the coast and on both sides of the main road leading to Chatham, Northumberland county.

There are also a number of settlements back from the coast a few miles, many of which, or at least portions of them have only recently been opened up for cultivation and consequently only primitive modes of farming are in vogue. One might not care to speak of it as "one horse farming," but it is no injustice to say it is "one ox farming," as the usual method of hauling, etc., is by single ox and cart. One of the prettiest of these new settlements is Trout Brook which gives evidence of being quite prosperous.

To all of these back settlements the village of Tracadie is the commercial centre. This village as well as the whole parish of Sanmarry of which it is a part, the adjoining parishes of Inkerman and Caracquet are largely settled by people to whom French is their native tongue.

But, notwithstanding this fact, the more intelligent settlers in most cases can talk English fairly well in the rear settlements however little is heard but the language of the friends and of the cradle and home, English, is there an unknown tongue. In the village while the merchants with one exception are of British origin and speak English naturally, yet business, etc., is transacted in both languages, the merchant having a French speaking clerk if not himself familiar with both languages.

Until very recently this place although a sportsman's paradise in some respects, was difficult of access. It has been a port of entry for some time, but so far as communication with other parts of N. B. was concerned it was greatly lacking. The building of the Caracquet Railway from Bathurst to Caracquet and the extension of said line to Shippegan via Pokemouche was a great boon to the whole coast.

The last named place, is only 12 or 13 miles from Tracadie and this was only a short haul compared with the distance goods had formerly to be hauled.

An agitation was kept up however to have the road brought from Pokemouche to Tracadie, and a company was formed, known as the Gulf Shore Railway Co., for the purpose of building said extension.

This has now been completed and the trains run right down to Tracadie regularly twice a week. The work of building this line which was partially done in 1896 and completed this summer has given work to a good many men and put considerable money in circulation. It has thus been a benefit to the whole community.

A neat little station and freight shed has been built at Tracadie and this adds considerably to the appearance of the village, and is the grand centre for both young and old when the train is expected. On the arrival of the train the engine is detached and put upon the turntable where it is in a few minutes turned around ready to start for Bathurst again. The train reaches here at noon and returns to Bathurst the same evening thus making the round trip in one day.

If this letter should fortunately, or unfortunately, I will not say which, not

be thrown into the Editor's waste basket, the writer might be emboldened to write still further. Till then adieu.

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Lower Jenneq.

Oct. 19.—The Steer, May Queen arrived at this wharf yesterday at 11.30, and had on board a good freight, consisting of potatoes, apples and about 13 head of fat cattle.

Steer David Weston was 30 minutes late yesterday on account of the hard pine sticks which had to be moved at nearly every stopping place and this took considerable time.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wright arrived in yesterday's boat. They will remain here about two weeks.

The harvest service tomorrow night will be largely attended. The church is beautifully decorated for the occasion. The Rev. of St. George's church will be present to give the harvest service. The harvest in this locality is about down to the ground, which has been somewhat dry.

Mrs. Carter, of Chatham, and Miss Jane Case here have the guests of Mrs. L. DeWitt.

Mr. B. Stone, of Hampton, is here visiting friends.

Miss Anna Kennedy, of Sussex, is spending a few days with Mrs. G. B. Nevins.

Mr. G. W. Smith is improving very slowly but seems to be gaining in strength.

Miss Amelia Heston who has been spending the past few months in Boston is expected home in a few days.

Miss Maggie VanDank, of Fredericton is the guest of Mrs. D. E. Hayes.

The funeral of the late John Parker took place on Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. He being well acquainted on this side of the river the funeral was well attended.

The heavy rain which prevailed on Thursday rendered it impossible to attend to the buildings a general shaking up.

The garden and Fair downed fine and clear and not a drop of rain was all that could be expected. The vegetables and grain and cattle were exceedingly fine. We might mention a squash raised by Whitefield Nevins which would weigh in the vicinity of 50 or 60 lbs. The fancy work department was in particular, features these being some beautiful needlework and paintings. The Baptist gave a dinner and tea and much praise is due Mrs. Thos and Mrs. G. B. Nevins for the very careful and tasty management. In the evening Rev. Dr. Casey, of Branch Street Baptist church, St. John, rendered a lecture asking for his subject, "Character," which was very much appreciated. The proceeds from the day and evening proceedings amounted to \$107.60 and the gift of \$23.00 from a particular friend on Saturday. Mrs. Casey made it known we were to thank all for their kindness. Also much credit is due Mrs. Allison Hanspecker for her assistance in music and singing.

Fredricton Junction.

A GLOBE CALL.—On Monday night, while returning from the mill with a large grit, Fred Shanks and Charles Knorr, of Mill Settlement, had a very narrow escape. As they were crossing the track at Hoyt's Crossing they saw the train close upon them. They urged on the horses, but were too late. The engine struck the back part of the wagon completely demolishing it, throwing the young men quite a distance and scattering the grit broadcast. The horses ran a considerable distance with the forward wheels, when one of them fell. The men were but slightly hurt. They say they did not hear the whistle or bell. There are several dangerous crossings on the line, and means should be employed to protect life on these much travelled roads.

The recent annual-up reminds us of a story told of an eccentric old gentleman in another part of the country. He was crossing the track with a sled load of wood, when he saw an approaching train. Holding out his hand, he shouted, "Stop a little, please, that is if you can." His polite request was unheeded, and he and his load were sent flying through the air.

The annual school meeting was held on Saturday last, when Mr. D. W. Hart was re-elected trustee.

Messrs. Wesley Nason and Jeremiah Tracy were re-elected county councillors for the parish of Gladstone by acclamation.

A picnic social was held on Thursday evening. About \$15 was realized, which goes towards pastor's salary.

One of the travelling sons of rest a few evenings ago on being refused permission to stay all night at a house, warned the referee to look out for his buildings. This place is overrun with these tramps and something should be done to abate the nuisance.

The party who has of late been visiting cellars in the neighborhood and helping himself to pieces of pork may find himself in a pickle if he does not mend his ways. One place has been visited two or three times, and this high conduct is getting monotonous.

Dr. Murray has joined the noble army of scorches, having purchased a wheel, and is fast mastering its eccentric curves. It is doubtful whether the "oldest inhabitant" ever saw the water in the Oromoto lower than it is at present. Mr. Smith realizes the truth of the line, "the mill will never grind again with the water that is past." Mr. Currie's new mill is silently waiting for the moving of the water.

G. A. Alexander, Deacon Thos. Alexander and wife and Miss Minnie Morveau are in Fredricton attending the F. C. B. conference.

Mr. E. H. Smith, John C. Alexander, H. A. Thomas and daughter attended the meeting of the Church of England D. C. S. in Fredricton.

Mr. Shepherd Boyer, of Hartland, Carleton county, paid a visit to friends in Gladstone and Blisville, this week.

In the parishes of Blisville Messrs. Taylor and Hoyt were elected. The vote was as follows:—

F. C. Taylor, 94; W. Y. Hoyt, 74; John Murphy 61; D. E. Smith, 42.

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