

# NEWS FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

These columns are free to any who desire to keep his or her community in the front by sending frequent contributions. The name of the writer should accompany each article, in confidence but not for publication.

## NEWSY NOTES FROM PORTAUIQUE.

So far we have succeeded in escaping without a single case of Influenza, while all adjacent communities have had a number of cases.

Quite a number of our teachers are home for their Christmas vacation. Among these are the Misses Mildred and Gladys Creelman, teachers from Little Bass River and Pleasant Hills; and Miss Anna Starritt, whose school the Primary at Five Islands has been closed for several weeks owing to the prevalence of Spanish Influenza.

On Thursday evening Dec. 20, the Riverside School with Miss Marion Fisher as teacher, gave a very interesting concert in the Public Hall, here.

The hall, which was most artistically decorated with Christmas festoonings and evergreens, was packed to the doors by an audience which listened most attentively to the very bright and interesting program, in which every member of the school, not forgetting the bright little teacher herself, took part.

After which the beautiful Christmas tree was divested of its many gifts by a very Jolly Santa Claus, assisted by two of the High School pupils, Mr. Ross Starritt and Miss Edna Hill.

The happy evening's entertainment closed by singing the National Anthem, after which children and parents went to their several homes all feeling well pleased with the very pleasant evening they had spent.

Miss Fisher is now spending the Christmas holidays with her parents at Bass River.

Mrs. Lorinda Davidson is spending the winter in Washington with her daughter, Mrs. Keys.

The Dorcas Society is still carrying on Red Cross Work. These good ladies have certainly done a splendid work for this noble cause ever since the outbreak of the war.

JACK FROST

## RAMBLING NOTES FROM THE WEST.

**Editor Truro News.**  
The long and cruel war is over. Germany has surrendered; and signed the armistice. A glorious victory has been won over German rule and brute force. The British flag still waves over our land; it has braved the storm and come out of the struggle with purer and brighter colors. Do we fully realize the awful price that has been paid to keep us from coming under German rule?

When we think of the death and suffering of thousand, yes, millions of the flower and manhood of the several Allied nations, we say was it worth the cost? It certainly was. We have only to look over the four years of war and see what fiendish brutalities the Germans committed in order that they might dominate the world. They would do exactly the same if they had the power.

I hope that the guilty ones, every one of them, will be brought to justice and punished to the full extent of the law, and all those, too, who cruelly treated the British prisoners.

My son, Ray, who went overseas about four months ago to have his try at the Germans did not get a chance to drop a few bombs on the enemy, peace was declared before he got thru training in England.

You will, Mr. Editor, think I am a wanderer in the West when I ask you to change my address on your paper so often. It seems I must have it wherever I go, for I get much news in it from home, I don't get any other way.

I see in a late issue of the News reference is made of the death of J. S. Johnson. We were cousins, born and lived almost within a stones throw of each other. What great times we had when boys playing together! He was a good boy.

I came out of the woods in B. C., to help with harvest, I located myself on a dairy farm, seven miles from the town of Lloydminster in Sask.; everything so up to date with all the modern improvements for carrying on dairying; milking machines, water pumped by gasoline; house and barn with electric lights. The owners are C. E. Thomas & Son, English people. It is a good place, would remain thru the winter, but the farmers in the West don't want to pay very high wages in winter. They think when they pay fifty or sixty dollars a month during the summer it is too much. It is none too much when one has to work at least fifteen hours a day and not much rest on Sunday. One can get higher wages than that in the woods working ten hours and all day Sunday to rest.

Frost struck a large part of the Provinces early in the summer. It came just after the wheat was headed out. The result was thousands of acres were cut immediately after for green feed;

while some was left standing, the owners thinking it may be some good, but it was not. So it was a total loss to them; it was not cut but left standing.

The weather so far has been very pleasant; the only thing that would prevent the farmers from ploughing all winter is snow. The ground is so awfully dry; frost has not the least effect on it. All the moisture, that has fallen since the first of July is three inches of rain and two inches of snow. They have to go pretty deep for water from eighty to one hundred and twenty feet.

Swift Creek, B. C.

C. N. JOHNSON

## NOTES FROM LONDONDERRY, COL. CO.

Dec. 21—No new cases of Flu.

Rex Fleming is out after being confined to the house with Flu, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cox left on the 19th for a visit to N.S.

Ray Rogers, Folly Mt. was here 19th Arthur Patriquin has purchased the Dunlap Store and has set up a meat market there; which his daughter Miss Clarissa is conducting a restaurant and bakery in the same store.

Mrs. A. W. West spent the 17th at the home of her father, Thomas Lec. Miss Ethel Lee went to Truro on 18th.

Wilfred McLean has moved his family to Folly Mt., for the winter. He is engaged with Jack Bailey who is lumbering on Folly Mt.

Clarence Dunsee formerly of Belmont is also in the employ of Mr. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Giddins were at Londonderry on 20th.

Mrs. Love has gone to the Station to relieve Miss Boomer, Gt. Village, who has been nursing the sick there.

Miss Leta Cox, teacher at Collingwood, Cumberland County, is home for vacation.

Wm. McCulloch, has had a successful trip to points on N.B., buying up furs.

Rev. Father Graham went to Halifax on 18th.

Mrs. J. W. Fulton, the Station, spent the 19th with her mother, Mrs. Reeves.

Mrs. R. O. Shatford was in Truro on the 17th.

Miss Elsie Tabor spent the 15th in Truro.

Mrs. Hingley visited friends at the Station on 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. MacKay, East Village, was here on 16th.

Miss B. Jobb, the Station, was here on 16th.

Mrs. S. Rogers, Debort, and Mrs. B. A. Langille, Londonderry Station, were here on the 17th.

Friends of Mrs. Creelman, Truro are sorry to learn that she is ill in hospital New Glasgow.

Mrs. Creelman was quite recently a resident of this place and took great interest in Red Cross work. She has many friends in this town, who wish her a speedy recovery.

Cornelis Lee, who has been attending the College, at Halifax, is home for his vacation.

CANADIAN.

## NOTES FROM LONDONDERRY STATION.

Dec. 21—Stewart Tipping, who was ill with Influenza at the home of W. W. Giddins, where he had been employed, died on the 18th and was buried in the Mahon Cemetery, Gt. Village on the evening of 19th.

This is the second son of Mr. Robert Tipping, Mt. Pleasant, to die of this fatal malady within a week. He was also a member of Mispah Lodge, L.T.B.

Both these young men Norman and Stewart, were quiet most respectable and well liked by all their acquaintances and the father and other relatives and friends will have the sincere sympathy of all in their sorrow. They have a brother Suther Tipping overseas.

Hibbert, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Giddins, who has been hovering between life and death with pneumonia after an attack of Flu is somewhat better still in a precarious condition.

Miss Boomer, Gt. Village, who has been nursing the sick ones at this house has gone home for a rest.

Mrs. Love, Londonderry, has kindly taken her place for awhile.

Mr. Robert Tipping, Mt. Pleasant, was here on the 18th to see his son, Stewart, who died that night.

The families of Wilbert Smith, East Village, John and Frank McLean, Folly Mt, are down with Flu.

A few gallons of rum were seized by Inspector A. P. Fleming here recently.

Frank Simpson, East Mines Station, was here on the 17th.

Mrs. A. W. West and sister, Miss Ethel Lee, spent the 18th in Truro. Stewart McLean, the Misses Grace,

Bessie, Masters Carl, Ernie and Lament went to Truro on the 21st.

A. L. Peppard intends visiting Truro on the 22nd Mr. Peppard shipped a fine veal calf to Truro this week weighing 100 lbs.

Mrs. Sydney Rogers, (Debort) was here one day last week.

Miss Mattie Fleming, teacher here, who has had to close her school on account of Flu, and who also had planned on having a Xmas tree for her school, has had to defer the arrangements till after Xmas. She will have a New Year's tree on Jan. 8th.

Wilfrid McLean and John Bailey, Folly Mt., were here on the 18th.

Mrs. G. R. Slack of this place visited friends at Folly Lake on the 20th.

Alonzo Dill was in charge of I.J. Soys office and store here last week. The regular secretary and Clerk, Rex Fleming, being confined to his home with Flu.

Raphael Richard, Londonderry was here the 17th.

Carl McLean, Belmont is spending his vacation at his home here.

Miss Winnie Lindsay, and Miss Sylvia Fulton, Gt. Village, who have been teaching in the West are spending a week in Bellville, Ont., en route home for Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lindsay attended the funeral of the late John Fraser, at Glenholme on the 21st.

Mrs. Ethel Lee, Londonderry, spent the night of the 18th with Mrs. West of this place.

Miss Violet Patriquin, East Mines, has just recovered from an attack of Flu.

Dr. T. R. Johnson, Gt. Village, went to Halifax in the 19th taking with him a patient, who was suffering from effect of the Flu.

J. McInnis, Londonderry, was at this station on the evening of 20th.

SAILOR.

## MUSQUODOBIT NEWS.

As former notes steered clear of the waste basket, I feel encouraged to try again.

On the evening of December, 12, about seventy friends and neighbors of A. C. Day (better known as Owe) assembled at the home of his brother Mr. Walter Day, to congratulate him on his safe return from France. After some time spent in conversation, the Rev. Mr. McIntosh took the chair and opened with a few bright and original remarks, among them being, "that while the world celebrated Victoria Day, Dominion day, and many other days, this night we celebrate "Musquodoboit's Day." At the close of his remarks, Mr. Day was called on and for about an hour, entertained the company with a bright and racy account of some of his many experiences in France. He is still suffering from a severe wound in the leg. Lunch was served soon after eleven o'clock and the evening closed with a hetary singing of the National Anthem.

Another of our lads in khaki, Munroe Lindsay, arrived home unexpectedly on Friday evening. He came across on the "Regina", and came up by way of Shubenacadie, taking the community by surprise. He is a son of S. S. Lindsay of this place, and was one of the Nova Scotia lads mentioned for conspicuous heroism in the charge and capture of Vimy. He was twice wounded, the latter time having a very narrow escape, and carries as a souvenir the machine gun bullet which was taken from his tunic, after passing through his body.

V. M. Hanna is home from Halifax for the holidays, and his brother, Lieutenant W. F. Hanna, of the Imperial army, who went to Toronto to take a pilot's course, has now received indefinite leave, and is expected home for Christmas.

Mr. Henry McCurdy arrived home Saturday from Moncton to spend the holidays.

Miss Margaret Reynolds of Upper Stewiacke, and her friend Miss Ross of Tatamagouche, are spending a few days with the former's aunt, Mrs. Harry Guild, of this place.

Mrs. Leland Lydiard and Mrs. W. H. Jones spent last week-end in Halifax.

Mr. Allison Brown, one of the old and respected citizens of Elderbank, died December 17th. Funeral service, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Archibald, was held in Elderbank church on Friday afternoon, December 20th.

There have been numerous Christmas entertainments among the school children. One held in Brookvale on Thursday evening, Elmvale on Friday evening, Glenmore Monday evening, and Middleton Sunday-school holds theirs in Temperance Hall on Tuesday evening, Christmas Eve. Will send you a program later.

NUNTIUS.

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## NOTES FROM SHUBENACADIE.

Dec. 23rd. Our School closed on Friday the 20th for the Xmas holiday on the same evening a Christmas tree and entertainment was held in the Temperance Hall. The decorations were fine and the Tree was loaded with presents for all the children, a splendid entertainment was provided by the younger children of the school and when Santa Claus came down a rope ran the ceiling there was great excitement among the children, many wondering where he came from. The exercises reflect great credit on our teaching staff, who must have gone through considerable trouble and personal expense in providing such a pleasant evening for the young and old alike. The proceeds amounted to twenty dollars and will be devoted to the 'Bell' fund which now amounts to \$30.54.

The Imperial Munition Board are loading deals now, having a force of about twenty men at work under the direction of Mr. Wood who is a guest at the Sherman House while in Shubenacadie.

Miss Otlie Caddell is home from Dalhousie for the holiday season.

Miss Loraine Leck has joined the staff of Clerks J. A. Kirkpatrick for the Xmas holidays.

Mr. Angus Fitzpatrick arrived home on Saturday for Christmas week.

One of the oldest and well-known citizens, in the person of Mr. Chas. Fraser, passed away at his home on Dec. 17th after a comparatively short illness, funeral services was held in the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. H. Upham officiating.

Miss Jean Kirkpatrick who has been ill for a week or more is well again and able to be out.

The Misses Jamesena and Bertha Moore are home for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. Walter Pentz is in charge of the Drug Store during the absence of his father who is visiting in Ontario.

On Sunday evening Dec. 15th Rev. Harry Burns of Millford occupied the pulpit in the Presbyterian church in Shubenacadie.

During the last few weeks quite a number of our soldier lads and one nursing sister returned to their homes and loved ones in this village and vicinity. The first to return after the armistice was private Prescott Miller. Then came Judson McKinlay and Cecil Miller, Clinton McPhee of Indian Toad and Munroe Lindsay a former Shubenacadie boy whose parents are now residing in Middle Musquodoboit, a hearty reception was extended to each and all on their return by the large crowd gathered at the train to give them a welcome home. Sidney Parker who has many friends in Shubenacadie returned home the same evening leaving for his home in the Gore the following day.

## ECONOMY, COL. CO.

Dec. 23rd. As it is nearing Xmas I must send a few lines to the Home Paper to wish our Editor and Staff, as well as all the readers of the News a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year. I have to acknowledge my neglect in not repeating some matters, especially the death of some of our neighbors, Mrs. S. H. Murray, who died October 23rd, aged 73 yrs. Mrs. Murray was a great sufferer at the last, and bore all very patiently. She leaves, besides her husband two sons and one daughter; Lewis, G. Murray of California; Chas. B. Murray at home and Mrs. J. W. Winter of Fox River, Cum. Co. Another Death I wish to record is that of George Banes; he came to Economy, from some part of Quebec, about 13 or 14 years ago; he lived at Mr. Dexter Hill's most of the time. He was about 35 or 40 years; a very civil, good living man, though not as highly gifted as some. He knew how to behave himself, better than some. I record this in case he might have some relatives, who would like to know what became of him. He died of lock jaw.

The last week has been very fine and mild.

Mr. McLean & McKay have another vessel started. The Keel is laid and also not a big crowd to work yet, they are getting along fine with J. W. Winter, of Fox River as boss builder.

Mr. R. P. Soley has the foundation laid and men to work preparing timber for a Schooner. We do not know whether he intends starting building this winter or not.

Mrs. Howard W. Taylor has moved from Cove Road, to Central Economy, for the winter, to be near the school.

Mrs. H. M. Taylor has moved from Providence, R. I., to their farm at Cove Road, she has four of her family with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kinzie, who were on said farm for two years have moved to Pleasant Hills, Col. Co.

A Happy New Year to all.

A. M.

## URBANIA, HANTS CO.

Dec. 24th—Our school has been closed for the past week as there has been quite a number of cases of "Flu"; but all are convalescent.

Mr. John E. Barbrick left on the

23rd for Boston; he will be very much missed here as he was a general favorite. Congratulations to Mr. John Dahan, who has secured for himself a life partner; friends here wish them a long and happy wedded life.

Mr. Geo. Cook with his wife and mother have moved to Mill Village. Messrs Harold Dimock and Walter Rose also Mr. Geo. Dingle have been busy with their woodaws. In this place for the last few days.

Mrs. W. C. Mills, Truro, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Rose. Miss G. L. Dimock spent a day or two in Truro last week.

Mrs. S. B. Macaloney received the sad news that her nephew, Lieutenant Thomas E. Carter, was killed in action instantly by machine gun fire. This hero's grief stricken parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Carter of Andover, Mass., have the sincere sympathy of their many friends here and they have the comfort of knowing that their boy gave his life for right and justice.

## EARLTOWN COL. CO.

Dec. 23—Christmas is coming round again and we wish the News Editor, Staff and readers a very Happy Xmas and a Prosperous New Year.

We are enjoying fine weather and the winter is passing very pleasantly. Morning Ray Division had a good meeting on Friday, the 20th. After adding ten new members to the roll and some other necessary business the Division, closed, after a short recess, a Peace Banquet was held, the Hall, being well decorated for the occasion. A bountiful repast was served by the Sisters of the Division in which war-time Restrictions were slightly forgotten the meeting was then called to order and the Following Program ably carried out:

Chorus—Jauneta, mixed voices. Duet—Oh Canada—H. F. Sutherland and J. G. Ferguson.

Reading—Wm. J. MacDonald. Song—March of the Cameron Men.

—Earl MacKay.

Song—Sleep and Forget—Howard Murray.

Song—When I Dream of Old Erin, —Grace Walley and Jennie Ferguson.

Chorus—Old Uncle, Ned—Mixed Voices.

Bass—Solo—Killarney—Howard Murray.

—National Anthem.

After which the meeting closed after spending a very Pleasant and Patriotic evening.

Saturday evening Miss Walley gave a Xmas Tree to the Pupils of her school. Miss Wally as usual carried this out with credit to herself. The entertainment was good, the school children only taking part. The tree was well laden with presents. About 6.15 Santa Claus appeared, clad in his big fur coat, and his face beaming with smiles, after a neat little speech in which he told the children how happy they looked as an appreciation of Peace after such a cruel and Bloody War, then the Tree was stripped and Santa passed the gifts around in a very pleasing manner; after which he wished all present a Merry Xmas. He passed thru the door like a thunder bolt to keep other appointments.

Miss Wally will leave this morning by mail coach for her home in Newport to spend the Holidays, where we wish her all the happiness of the Festival season.

Miss Mary E. MacKay, the Herald and Mail Staff, Halifax, is home for a short holiday.

Miss Gladys Sutherland, Teacher at Brule Point, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Mr. Lawson McKay, the Royal Bank Staff at Parrsboro, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McKay, West Earlton.

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## NEWS FROM GREAT VILLAGE.

Dec. 22.—Stuart Tipping died at the home of Ward Giddens, Londonderry Station, of Influenza last Wednesday.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tipping as this is the second son, who has been laid in the Mahon Cemetery within a week.

The quarantine has been lifted from our village all who have had Flu are able to be around again.

Several of the Free Masons from our Village attended the funeral of Mr. J. Fraser, Glenholme, Saturday.

Pte. John Fraser and Mrs. Fraser were in town Saturday. Pte. Fraser who enlisted in Vancouver in the 158th Bn. has just returned from overseas and is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. George Fraser, Masstown.

Capt. Barmon, who enlisted from Medicine Hat in the 175th Batt. two years ago and later was transferred to the 31st Bn, and went to France was quite seriously wounded and returned to England a short time ago, arrived home, Saturday evening to his family, who have been residents in our Village during his absence. We welcome this brave soldier to our Village.

Mrs. Charles Johnson, Edmonton, and Mr. and Mrs. Broome of New York, are guests of Mrs. James Cong-

don. Mrs. Nathan Wood, Oxford, is visiting her mother Mrs. Catherine Cummings.

Miss Elizabeth Cummings has returned home from Economy.

Miss Christina Williams is home from Halifax.

Miss Elsie Layton is home from Wolfville Academy.

Miss Marion Williams and Maimie Robinson are home from Normal College, Truro—as are Miss Edna Robinson from Business College, Truro. Masters Harold Layton and Tom McClauchin from Truro Academy.

Those at College in Sackville who returned for the Christmas holidays are:—Misses Marguerite and Lillian McCough, Irma Geddes, Natalie Blaikie and Harold Geddes.

Miss Beatrice Fulmer, who has been teaching school in Pictou County and Pte. Angus Fulmer are home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. L.J. Layton and son Jack drove to Truro Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Spencer, also Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Hill were in Truro the latter part of the week.

Mrs. Tinkum has her sister's little son from Boston visiting her. Privates Fred Peppard and Wm. Kent are home from Halifax.

Miss Irene Layton of Glenholme was in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Little were in town Saturday.

Mr. Scott Fulton, Allen Davison and others from Bass River, motored thru to Glenholme to attend the funeral of Mr. John Fraser Saturday.

Miss Mattie Fulton, who is teaching in Glenholme is home for Christmas holidays.

## Elmton Arrivals.

W. W. Bowers, Town; A. W. Nugent, St. John; P. C. McGuire, Halifax; J. Guther, Moncton; Harry McCabe, Lower Economy; Victor Hill, Economy; E. Densmore, Noel Shore; diav Gamble page Wilson, Bass River; A. F. Keirstead, Montreal; George S. Killen, Economy Pt; George Wood, Halifax; M. J. Lewis, Onslow; L. A. O'Brien, Truro; Charles Hill; Onslow; Jo. Creelman, Truro; J. L. Snook, Halifax; S. J. Wilson, St. Stephen; Harry E. Doyle, Five Islands; Ralph Morrison, Five Islands; R. C. Murray, Economy; Mrs. Jean Kirkpatrick, Antigonish; J. V. Magie, Moncton; Maud Keith, Oxford; M.E. McLellan, Waltham Mass; Leta Faulkner L. Economy; Elsie Corbett, Five Islands; Alice Soley, L. Economy; Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Faulkner, L. Economy; Henry Peppard Truro; F. W. Rushton, Westchester Lake; R. A. Lewis, Up. Economy; A. Lewis, Up. Economy; T. P. Bentley, W. P. Moore, C. Johnson, T. W. Patillo, Truro; L.E. Beattie, B. Allen, Toronto; E. J. O'Brien, Moncton; Clarence Lowe, Aylesford; W. R. Huntley, Parrsboro, O. Bennett, C. Morrison, Lawson Jenks, Murphy, Parrsboro; W. R. Dill, Bass River; Lou Thompson L. Five Islands.

## MEAGHER'S GRANT, HX. CO.

Dec. 21.—I must try to give you some news from this town.

I have lost my best friend and lifelong chum