

Belle River Notes.

The farmers, fishermen and mechanics of this vicinity are busy preparing for the spring's work.

Mr. John Gillis has a large barn in building which will add another to the large number of buildings in "Gillisville."

Mr. Alex. Compton has completed his work on Belle River Bridge. The Government should be congratulated on securing the service of such a good workman as Mr. Compton. He thoroughly understands his work and always gives satisfaction and value for every dollar of public money he receives. We understand he has secured a \$700.00 (seven hundred) job on the break-water at the mouth of the river which is badly in need of repairs. He expects to begin work in June.

Capt. J. F. Goodwill McDougal, one of our enterprising young men is building a new schooner under the supervision of Mr. Wm. Bullman, of Lot 48, a man who thoroughly understands his work and the work is being pushed on rapidly and the captain thinks he will have his vessel sailing by August.

Mr. Daniel McLean our obliging postmaster and enterprising merchant is doing a rushing business. He got a large supply of summer goods this week. They came by the "Minnie Bell," Capt. J. A. McDolald. This is the first vessel that entered this port this season.

Our school is in a flourishing condition, and the people are loud in praise of Mr. Albert Fraser and Miss Christina Gillis the teachers. Several students are preparing for the entrance examinations to the P. W. C. this season.

Another thing this place can boast of is a very old and respectable couple, Mr. Ronald Stewart and his amiable partner, who are 94 and 88 years old respectively. They are both strong and healthy and Mr. Stewart is able to attend the cattle and be about as well as ever.

Mr. Alex. Matheson, a much respected resident, of this place, who has been ill for the past winter, (sorry to say) is not improving much.

RESIDENT.

Must Have Loved Him.

Many stories have been told of a Manchester man who is supposed to be the—well, to put it humanely—plainest man in England. But we think the following is the funniest:

"Mamma," a child was heard to say in an awestruck whisper, after a prolonged survey of the peculiar features of the guest, "that gentleman's mamma must have loved children very, very much."

"Why so, my dear?" inquired the unsuspecting parent.

"Oh," returned the child in the same audible whisper, "cause she brought him up."—Strand Magazine.

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THE NEW YORK YOUTH.

Story of a Promising Boy, a Schoolteacher and an Escaped Dog.

A drawing teacher in the upper regions of the borough of Manhattan tells me of a curious instance of what she calls the crescent freshness of the metropolitan youth. Tommy was the most incorrigible pupil in that particular room, making the half hour spent there daily one of mingled doubt and anguish of spirit to the drawing teacher. The other day Tommy was evidently engaged in some new form of mischief. His drawing pad lay upon the desk before him and his hands were hovering over it, now swooping down at one side of the paper, now at the other, as if corraling some unwilling ant or other insect seeking to escape.

"Tommy," said the drawing teacher suddenly and sharply, "what are you doing?"

"Nothin'," was Tommy's instant reply. Then he added, "Nothin' but keepin' this 'ere dawg from runnin' away."

"What dog?" queried the drawing teacher. "I see no dog. What do you mean?"

"Course ye don't see no dawg," said Tommy, ceasing his gymnastics under her sharp glance and straightening up. "Yer too far away." The other scholars were all attention by this time, which was precisely what Tommy wanted, and he assumed a look of unsmiling innocence as he continued, "I drowed a runnin' dawg, not a standin' still one, an I was a-headin' 'im off so's he wouldn't run off th' tablet an git on th' floor."

The other children laughed uproariously at this, whereupon Tommy surveyed them with such an assumption of surprised indignation that their mirth was redoubled. The teacher was now genuinely angry. She was a matter of fact young woman to whom normal school methods were both law and gospel, and here was a flagrant case of downright falsehood that must be exposed as an awful example to the entire grade of pupils. She walked slowly and firmly down the aisle and picked up Tommy's tablet. The white sheet was unrolled by a single mark of any kind.

"Tommy," she said sternly, exhibiting the sheet to the pupils, "there isn't a dog or anything else here."

"Course there isn't," said the unabashed Tommy. "Wha'd I tell ye? Ye made me set up, an he got away. He was a greyhound, he was."—Town Topics.

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