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## BELLEVILLE ITEMS.

Miss Forbes, of Montreal, made a short visit with Mrs. J. J. B. Flint. We were pleased to see our cousin in town.

At the weekly lecture given on Mar. 1st under the auspices of the Y.W.C.T. U. and the Y.M.C.A., Mr. J. J. B. Flint lectured on Astronomy. Miss Belle Holton gave a vocal solo, Miss Edith Jones a violin solo, and Misses M. Jones and A. Booth a piano duet.

We were pleased to see Mr. W. S. Holton of Port Huron in the city for a couple of days.

Mrs. J. E. Harrison of Bridgewater has been visiting friends in town.

Mrs. J. J. B. Flint recently entertained the friends of her neices Misses Mary and Belle Holton at an evening At Home, which was much enjoyed by the large number of guests.

An afternoon needlework party was not long since given to the friends of Mrs. W. W. Bourne by her sister Mrs. Wilson, while a large number of the friends of the Misses Holton accepted Mrs. Wilson's hospitality and spent a most pleasant evening.

We with deep regret begin to see signs of the removal from our fair city to the country across the line of one of the families numbered in our clan, and we thereby lose our energetic business manager of this thriving little paper, and others who have helped keep this same paper up to date. However, though we shall miss them much in this work we shall miss them still more from amongst our social gatherings and our everyday life. For as we step into their home which is fast becoming bare and forlorn, as old familiar objects are stored away in barrels and boxes, while the hammer's noisy ring is heard through the house it makes our hearts feel very sad and we desire that we might keep them with us. But this seems not to be; so with a deep drawn sigh we wish them a safe journey and every success in their new home.

## MONTREAL.

Miss Ritchie delighted her Montreal friends with a visit, the only regret is that it was so short.

Mr. Arthur Holden has returned with renewed health from a restful visit of a month with his relatives in Bath, Me.

Mrs. Robert Burns is rapidly improving and hopes to leave Strong's Hospital by March 28th.

A novelty in the way of an evening gathering was that recently given by Miss Sarah Holden to her artist friends, about fifty in number. Each guest represented some picture, either by costume or an emblem worn on the shoulder. At times during the evening

those in costume by posing formed a picturesque sight. There was a good deal of amusing competition for the prize awarded for the most correct list of paintings and artists represented.

Even the supper table was artistically decorated having as a centre piece, a handsome mirror in the shape of a palate outlined with flowers

ELLA E. HOLDEN.

#### TORONTO ITEMS

Dr. Gregg spent two or three days at Easter with his daughter Bessie, in Clinton and found all in better health than usual.

Miss Lizzie Burns, D'Arcy St., has been enjoying the holidays among relations in Galt.

Little Angus Gregg has succeeded of late in solving the problem of locomotion and is getting about splendidly on all fours.

Miss Lizzie McLaren, Hamilton, is the guest of Mrs. John Wanless, Jr.

#### EMERADO, N.D.

Masters Louis and Willie Bleecker spent their Easter vacation at home.

The boys are making good progress at the University.

#### BRITISH AND FOREIGN ITEMS.

The new address of the Rev. R. F. Burns, D.D., is 4 Tudor Road, Upper Norwood, London S.E.

The Rev. Dr. Burns and family recently enjoyed a short visit from Miss Agnes Orr of Glasgow.

The Gipsy Amateurs Orchestra (of which Miss Mary Burns is a member) have recently taken part in a successful concert in aid of the Norwood Cottage Hospital, and also at a special service at St. Olan's Church, London Bridge.

Miss Mary Burns was also one of an orchestra which played at a recent meeting in Wandsworth Presbyterian Church.

J. A. Stead Burns has changed his address from Liebig Strasse 21 to Liebig Strasse 2 IV, Leipzig, Germany.

A social club is about to be organized for the study of German which will meet fortnightly at the house of Mrs. A. MacKay, Broughty Ferry.

#### DETROIT.

The following facts from the records I have been looking up and tabulated in the form of a family chart may be of interest. My records show we are connected with at least as many as stated, who can be located.

204 persons who were born Bancrofts.

112 persons who married Bancrofts.

316 Total.

57 persons who were born Jones'

25 persons who married Jones'

82 Total.

162 persons who were born Holdens.

64 persons who married Holdens.

226 Total.

As eighty-one names occur in two or all three of the above families the grand total of persons represented is 543.

24 Bancrofts were born into the Jones family.

40 Bancrofts were born into the Holden family.

2 Jones' married Bancrofts.

2 Holdens married Bancrofts.

1 Holden married a Jones-Bancroft

Our little ones, Howard and Marion are four times related to Dr. Rufus Holden's family. They are twice Holdens and twice Bancrofts.

All of which is submitted in the hope that you may find something of value for your paper.

Respectfully Yours,

W. H. HOLDEN.

#### EDITORIAL.

We have now reached No. 9 Vol. 2 of the "Seaview Gazette." I thank those who have helped me, by their contributions and sympathy, during my

term of office. Our monthly has been far from perfect, but it has not altogether failed in its object, for we certainly have had stirred up within us a stronger feeling of kinship, than previously had been shown during the present generation; and we have exhibited a commendable force of character in carrying out what we determined to do.

The other day in reading a sketch in the life of Lord Byron, I came upon the following, "His later poems were published in the "Liberal" a periodical started by him in conjunction with Shelly and Leigh Hunt, of which only four numbers were issued." Also in the Life of J. R. Lowell I noticed the following "In 1843 he commenced "The Pioneer" a literary and critical magazine.

Three monthly numbers were issued containing articles from Poe, Neal, Hawthorne, Parsons, Story and others; the publishers failed, and the magazine was discontinued. The Bancroft Clan may not have the ability to compete with the contributors to these periodicals, but we have shown a pluck under rather discouraging circumstances that I admire exceedingly.

We regret that owing to an oversight on the part of the printer, the "foreign items" were omitted from the March issue of the GAZETTE.

#### WESTWARD HO!

In the year 1810, Philip Clement of Goffstown, N.H., left his wife Elizabeth Bancroft, his two little girls, Elizabeth, aged four years, Phoebe Sawyer, aged two years, and the grave of his first-born; where no doubt these affectionate young parents sorrowfully lingered, as for the last time they read upon "The Pine or Monumental Oak" George Clement, Born at Nashua, Oct. 22nd, 1803, Died of croup, Jan, 5th, 1806.

Those of us, who have little graves know how much sadness and disappointment is expressed in these few words.

Journeying westward as far as Potsdam, N.Y., Phillip tarried for a time with his brothers-in-law, Isaac Bancroft

and Mr. Parlin (Martha Bancroft's husband;) not getting the work he sought, he crossed the mighty St. Lawrence and settled in the township of Augusta, Upper Canada, where he commenced preparing a home for the loved ones who were to follow the next year.

Believing he owed it to the country that gave him a living he took the oath of allegiance, and ever after was true to his adopted land.

Before the snows of the winter of 1811 had melted into spring the home was finished and the mother and little ones arrived, and on Nov. 11th, the first Canadian, of our mighty clan, breathed that glorious air of which we are all so proud.

During the troublous times that followed the war of 1812, this little girl, Lucy, to the great amusement of her American parents, on seeing some Indians approaching the house rushed in, shouting, "the Yankee's are coming."

On July 2nd, 1815 another little girl came named Martha; on Nov. 20th, 1819, came another, Sarah; another on March 1st, 1825, named Jane; and finally we read upon the chart that on May 16th, 1828 a boy, George Clement came. The family now numbering seven children, lived about two miles from the present city of Brockville, where the father worked at his trade of harness-maker. In 1812 he was the only one of his trade between Montreal and Kingston; and had the contract for keeping in order the accoutrements of the dragoons, who were constantly on the move up and down the boundary line; he also was an officer of the commissariat; whose duty it was to see that the Scotch colony, settled near the present town of Perth, received the rations which the government allowed for one year, with the free grant of land.

As the father worked, the children, after school, enjoyed their play house, a sheltered nook on the shore of the St. Lawrence whose beauty and grandeur at that early age they thoroughly admired.

Time rolls on, and our children are growing to womanhood, and almost

*Elizabeth Clement  
Mother of Lucy Bancroft*



before we are aware of it, a ruddy faced lad, young Billa Flint of Brockville, who upon first sight, decided he had found the girl he wanted for a wife, came down; and upon the very rocks, where the children had played at house keeping; Phoebe accepted the hand and heart of her ardent lover, who all through life has shown such force and determination of character, and has played such a part in our family history.

A few years after these young people removed to a village called Meyers' creek on the beautiful Bay of Quinte now the city of Belleville. The next event, was the marriage of Elizabeth, to Rufus Holden of Prescott; at that time a clerk with Billa Flint, senior, merchant, they shortly removed to Belleville.

Then, in August 1834 came the cholera, and took away from wife and daughters, the head, the bread winner, of the family. Shortly after Mrs. Clement with her family removed to Belleville, the change being strongly recommended by her son-in-law, young Billa Flint, the rising merchant and general store keeper of the place.

Next, came the marriage of Lucy, to Ezra William Holton of Brandon, Vt., a clerk with Billa Flint, (also his second cousin.) Then the marriage of Martha to James Harrison, county Monaghan, Ireland, clerk with Billa Flint.

Then came the death of Sarah, on June 12th, 1837, caused by the bursting of a blood vessel, during a paroxysm of coughing. The family having diminished to mother and two children, Mrs. Clement decided to break up house keeping and accept the offer of her generous, affectionate son-in-law Billa Flint, who loved her as he did his own mother, and live with him.

Again, the following year, Mrs. Clement was called upon to mourn the loss of her only son, her last born. We read: "George Bancroft, drowned in the river Moira, July 1st, 1838, aged 10 years."

"I had a nest full  
Once of my own,  
Ah! happy, happy I  
Right dearly I loved them:  
But when they were grown  
They spread out their wings to fly;  
O, one after one they flew away  
Far up to the heavenly blue,  
To the better country, the upper day,  
And I wish I was going too."

From the home of her devoted daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Flint this gentle, quiet mother passed away, June 10th, 1851. Then, we note the marriage of Jane Clement to Nathan Jones of Mount Vernon, N.H., clerk with Billa Flint.

In Belleville, the beautiful City of the Bay, on one of its finest streets, Bridge Street, in four of its handsomest places, lived for many years, four of these sisters Elizabeth and Phoebe, directly opposite each other, and a few yards west of them lived Lucy and Jane, directly opposite each other. Martha having moved some fifteen years after her marriage to a village about thirty miles north, owned and built by Mr. Flint called Bridgewater.

Dr. and Mrs. Holden, Mr. Holton and Mr. Jones left their Bridge St. home for their eternal.

Mrs. Flint died at the home of her favorite nieces, Esther and Martha Holden, and Mrs. Holton died at the home of her only daughter, Mrs. J. J. B. Flint.

The four remaining ones Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Mr. Flint and Mrs. Jones are feeling the weaknesses and infirmities of age, and we often feel when we go to bed, that when we wake in the morning we may find them gone.

As a family we are loyal British Subjects, but we are not ashamed of our New England descent, in fact are proud of the Puritan blood in our veins, for we think, from it we get much that is best and strongest in our character, our mothers were women who would have died rather than swerve from that which they thought was right; that their mantle may fall upon us, their children, is the earnest wish of one of them.

E. J. H. F.