

Editorial: We, the editorial board of our Newsletter, are pleased with and grateful for the articles sent for our use. Also, we appreciate suggestions for future articles and areas of research. However, we do not always use material the very month it is sent to us because, believe it or not, sometimes we have something on hand already, or are planning a future Newsletter on a particular theme. Sometimes, too, our typist simply runs out of space but we are grateful for all contributions. In terms of further research into a topic sometimes the best we can do is raise the subject and wait for a response. Fortunately, we often do have some feedback (see the letter in this issue re: Eldon Mullin, whose Biography was in Vol 4, #1) but it is not always convenient for one of your editors to spend time looking through archival material to find something on the settlement of Hibernia or the wreck of the Maggie J. We would, of course, like to be more balanced in terms of the areas of the county we write about, but this depends upon your contributions. So once again, thank you, and do please keep your notes and articles coming.

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Biography: Senator George Gerald King 1836-1929

The following article appeared in "The Maritime Baptist" in 1927, and was written by Rev. J.H. Crandall, M.A., B.D. We owe its preservation and use here to Dr. Frank Baird, Miss M.G. Otty and Mr. A.P. Hetherington.

"Of the men who have helped to build and maintain the economics, commercial and national life of our country, few have held a higher place than the subject of this sketch. About seventy years ago, he entered upon an independent business enterprise and for more than half a century was the head and soul of that business. For nearly half a century he has shared in the responsibilities of the Dominion Parliament, first as member of the House of Commons and since 1896 as a member of the Canadian Senate. Now, past fourscore years and ten, he rests from his labors and enjoys the quiet, restful twilight of his long and eventful day.

Senator King was born at White's Corner near Bellisle, N.B. on December 11, 1836. His grandparents, Colin King and his wife, Ann McKenzie King came to New Brunswick from Fintry, Scotland. His father, Malcolm King, was a blacksmith. He married Elizabeth Hickson, and George was their oldest son. His years of school life were few; but by wide, diligent reading and keen observation he secured fine mental training and discipline. Very early in life he formed habits and espoused principles from which he never swerved. In boyhood he signed a temperance pledge in the old Baptist Church at Hatfield's Point, and to this day he has maintained that pledge unbroken. Loyalty to the truth, unswerving honesty and strict integrity have characterized his entire life. Entering the employ of White Bros. of Sussex, who were then running a chain of stores in Saint John, Hatfield's Point, White's Corner, Bellisle, Sussex, and Smith's Creek, he worked in their stores for seven years, or until he reached the age of twenty years. After a trip to Ontario, during which he declined many attractive business offers because he was unwilling to sell intoxicating liquor he began business at Brigg's Corner, in Queen's County. In 1858, he married Miss Esther Briggs, daughter of Daniel Briggs. By energy, diligence and care, his business grew and prospered. In order the better to carry on lumbering and trade, he removed to Chipman (formerly called Lilloet) in 1870, and built there a mill and store with a dwelling overhead. Shortly after this his brother William C. King returned from California and the two brothers entered into partnership. This firm under the name of G.G. and W.C. King, carried on the business until the lamented death of the junior partner in 1897. The business was then reorganized and has since been known as The King Lumber Co., Limited.

The first mill was built in Chipman in 1871. A few years later this mill was burned, but another was immediately erected, and the lumbering has been carried on continuously by the firm for all these fifty-six years. This industry has given employment to a large number of men and has been a great contribution to the prosperity and progress of the community and country. It was largely through Senator King's influence and initiative, that the first railway was built from Morton to Chipman. This was afterwards extended to Minto and thence to Fredericton. He also secured the building of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway through Chipman. Originally this was surveyed some miles northward from Chipman through a section encountering great difficulties of construction. In all his life he has shown a fine public spirit and has espoused every course that was for the general good.

During most of the years from 1878 to 1896, Mr. King represented Queen's County in the Federal Parliament. In the latter year, he was appointed to the

Senate, and has sat in the Red Chamber during every session since that date. During all these nearly fifty years of public service, and amid all the stress that such service inevitably brings, he has "worn the white flower of a blameless life", and not even his political enemies could successfully charge any lack of probity or any unfaithfulness in public trust.

The home life in the senatorial mansion was especially happy. His wife was a companion and helper, sympathetic in all the enterprises of his life, inspiring him to the highest endeavour, and making his home a restful retreat after the toils and distractions of the outside world. She was indeed a Mother in Israel, and the whole community was enriched and benefitted by her quiet ministry and gracious helpfulness. Besides two daughters who died in their infancy, there were in the home three daughters and four sons. Ida Geraldine married Mr. E.E. Crandall. She was well known in the Maritime Provinces through her splendid service in the UBWNU. For a number of years they resided in Vancouver and from her home there she passed to the Better Home last Autumn. Ella Colburn married Mr. R.D. Richardson. Mary Louise married Mr. W.E. Nobles, now of Edmonton, Alberta. George Herbert, the eldest son, was for a number of years a member of the New Brunswick Legislature, representing Queen's County. James H. practised medicine for a number of years; he is now Minister of Health in the Dominion Cabinet. Malcolm B. is a successful and prosperous lumberman in Vancouver. Frederick E., the youngest son, practises dentistry in Vancouver.

Senator King has been for many years a member and loyal supporter of the Chipman Baptist Church. Although his parents and people were all Presbyterian he and his brothers all became Baptists. His brother, William C., was for many years a deacon of the Chipman Church and Superintendent of the Sunday School, doing a work that is now efficiently carried out by his son Harry. The youngest brother, Rev. Malcolm King, was a successful and faithful pastor in a number of churches in the Maritime Provinces.

In the days when the family were at home, the Family Altar was maintained good literature was provided, and a genuine Christian atmosphere pervaded the home. In even the busiest seasons, time was found on Saturday afternoon to drive to the old church at Briggs' Corner to the Conference meeting. In the building of the meeting house in 1899, and again in the erection of the new structure in 1921, Senator King had a large share. In all his life and work he has maintained high ideals; and now, honored and respected by all who knew him, cherished and cared for by an affectionate family, he rests from busy toil and enjoys the memories of a well-spent life."

Senator King died on

Genealogical Information on the Briggs Family of Chipman

Please Note: We note that there is a discrepancy between the date and parentage for Esther Briggs King given here and that in the above article. Since names and dates are a genealogist's stock in trade it is likely that this short piece is correct and was properly researched by the contributor, Donald P. Wright.

"Ebenezer Briggs, for whom Briggs Corner is named, was born at Sheffield, c. 1794, the son of Ebenezer and Diadamy (Chase) Briggs. When he was about 13 years old, his father died, and his mother moved her fatherless family to Grand Lake, where they settled at White's Cove.

On Aug. 4, 1819, he married Mary McGregor, the daughter of Daniel and Esther (Moss) McGregor of Waterborough, and they settled on Salmon Creek in 1825, where he became a prosperous farmer and millowner.

Mr. Briggs died May 6, 1881, aged 87. His wife died Jan. 10, 1862, aged 61 (Inscriptions from gravestones, Briggs Corner Cemetery, taken in 1938.) They had the following issue:

1. Daniel; b. c. 1824; m. Mehitable Wiggins.
2. Samuel; unknown.
3. Eleanor; b. c. 1824; m. Dec. 22, 1842, James J. Bennison, son of George S. and Mary c. (Perley) Bennison; d. White's Cove, June 6, 1897.
4. Ebenezer; b. c. 1826; m. Hattie Burpee Taylor.
5. Diadamy Ann; b. c. 1828; m. Alexander D. McPhee.
6. Louisa; b. c. 1830; m. Samuel Myers, son of Jacob and Jerusha (Bunnell) Myers; lived in Saint John.
7. Hiram; b. c. 1834; m. (1) Henriette Estabrooks, dau. of Joseph Fletcher and Ann (Estabrooks) Estabrooks; (2) Ann Purdy Langley, dau. of Jacob and Sarah Ann (McGregor) Langley.
8. John; b. c. 1836; m. (1) Marion Taylor; (2) Sarah Jones.
9. Esther; b. Oct. 11, 1838; m. Oct. 23, 1860, the Honourable George G. King; d. Jan. 29, 1909.
10. William; b. c. 1840; m. Rebecca Lowens.

Letter from E.B. Sargent re: Recruitment of Teachers for South Africa:

Educational Department
Bloemfontein, March 20th, 1901.

"Dear Dr. Inch, --- Perhaps you will remember a visit I paid to you at Fredericton in the summer of last year in connection with some enquiries which I was making unofficially into the educational system of New Brunswick.

Very soon after that time -- in fact while I was in the Province of Quebec -- I received a cablegram from Sir Alfred Milner asking me to undertake provisionally the education of the new colonies. I have been at work since the beginning of November, but military law has made it difficult to do much as yet. However, there seems a likelihood that by the middle of the year civil administration will have been thoroughly established, and that the important educational buildings, which are now used as hospitals, will have been released by the military.

At Pretoria there is a fine Staats Model School, as well as a Staats Gymnasium and a Staats Meisjes School.

In thinking over various ways of beginning work there, I have come to the conclusion that none would be more satisfactory than to ask for the temporary assistance of experienced teachers from a country which in many ways might provide a model for the new educational system to be introduced here.

New Brunswick is the country which I have in my mind's eye, and there are three of your staff whose work I particularly admired, namely, Mr. Eldon Bullin, Principal of the Normal School; Miss C.E. Bridges, who conducts the kindergarten of the Model School, and Dr. H.S. Bridges, head master of the High School, and superintendent under the St. John School Board. There was also a Miss Nicholson in the York Street School whose method of handling children attracted my attention.

I would like to sound you as to the possibility of the first three, and Miss Nicholson or any teacher whom Miss Bridges preferred to her, coming to South Africa for a year's work and putting the Normal School at Pretoria (perhaps also the Gymnasium) on the right lines. To spare them would, I know, put a strain upon your arrangements; all I can say is that just as in the war, we needed the best soldiers we could find, so now England and her colonies will have to provide the best civil administration.

I do not know what salaries the ladies and gentlemen named are at present receiving, and your Annual Report does not give me the information but my idea would be that all their travelling expenses as well as their salaries for the time that they were away, should be paid by the Transvaal administration, and that a bonus of (say) a quarter of their salary should be added.

I will not make any more definite proposal than this before I hear from you as to the possibility of the plan being carried out.

If they are willing to come, and you can spare them, perhaps you would mention what salary each is now receiving; then the whole matter could be settled by cable with the assent of the Colonial Secretary and High Commissioner.

I wish it were possible for me to have your advice in many matters of importance which arise for decision every day. I know none to whom I would more readily go. It would help me in my work, if you could let me have your Annual Reports, as they come out, one copy for the Transvaal, and one for the Orange River colony. They should be addressed to me as Acting Director of Education at Bloemfontein and Pretoria respectively. I will, of course, send you my reports in return.

With grateful remembrances,
Believe me,
Yours very truly,
E.B. SARGANT

In Memoriam: Carrie Gertrude Mott 1906-1984

Our Society was saddened this winter by the death of one of our valued members, Mrs. Carrie (Dykeman) Mott of Waterborough. Mrs. Mott was a public-spirited citizen of her community and county and will be missed by all of us. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family.

Correction to Samuel Crawford's Journal Vo. 4, #1: One line was inadvertently left out: "His siblings and their birth dates are: Assa B., b. 1857, Josephine b. 1859, Samuel b. 1861, Charlotte b. 1863, Thomas b. 1864, Annie b. 1867 and Alice b. 1870.

Also in the note re: results the way the books finished was omitted:

Also in the race results the way the heats finished was omitted:
They should read:

Gagetown, February 1st, 1896, 3 year old colt race		5 heats
S. H. Crawford's North Wind Jr.	1 place	I I 2 I I
L. A. Slipp's Jems	2 place	2 2 I 2 3
Frank McAlpine's Roy	3 place	I 3 3 3 2

Statements of Hampstead Cheese Factory, Year 1881

Total amount of milk: 395,639 lbs.
 Amount of cheese made: 37,439½ lbs.
 Average no. lbs. milk to 1 lb. cheese: 10 5/100 lbs.
 Average selling price of cheese per lb.: 12½ ¢
 Average selling price of cheese less cost of working: 10 77/100
 Proceeds from sale of cheese: \$4,692.67
 Total expenses of manufacture: 660.00
 Net proceeds from cheese: 4,032.67
 Paid S. Cameron for hauling milk 126.00
 " A. Palmer " " " 50.00

Average price per cwt. for hauling milk: .04 46/100
 Those that sold milk were:

McGee	C. Carpenter	G. Merritt
S. M. Hamm	R. Slipp	A. Merritt
S. Smith	W. O. Slipp	M.J. Hewlett
B. S. Palmer	S. L. Peters	H. G. Fox
D. Palmer	John Slipp	Fraser Fox
B. and G. Palmer	C. H. McAlpine	George McAlpine

The largest amount of milk was 54,025 lbs. shipped by B. & G. Palmer and the smallest amount was 2,003 lbs. shipped by W. O. Slipp.

William L. MacDonald's Notes

These notes were photocopied for us by John Beyea who has a book called "Gospel Hymns No. 6" which at one time belonged to Rev. Alexander Black MacDonald. His (A.B.'s) and William's signatures are both on the flyleaf.

William Lewis MacDonald, as readers of "Those Days Are Gone Away" will recall, was the son of Janet and Alexander MacDonald and a brother to the Rev. A. B. and the others. His notes in the hymn book are:

"Sunday, July 14- 1895- 6½ p.m. Ma, Pa, Jennie, Joe, & Black singing. Just sung "Jesus Tower of my soul". Rose and Ethel upstairs. Will.

Sunday forenoon July 5 - 96 N.E. rainstorm, raining a pour since dark last night. Geo. A. here all night. Both schooners here today. William MacDonald.

Wed. aft. Nov. 24th -1897 Clear cold day N.W. wind. The ground is nearly white with snow. Lake partially frozen over. Star came up to Mott's wharf yesterday.

Sun. aft. Jan. 16th 1898. Cloudy day wind North. Snowed about 5 inches yesterday and last night. Quarterly meeting at Upper Jemseg today. Father and Mother have gone. Nobody else has gone so far as I know. W. L. M.

School Return August 22, 1844

Parish of Waterborough, Jemseg No. I The teacher is David Bates, a married male of forty-three years who has been licensed to teach since Sept. 1st 1833. The subjects taught were: Spelling, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Book Keeping, Mensuration, Geography and English Grammar. The pupils and their ages are:

James Smith Boyd	15	Jacob Dykeman	15	Michael Harkin	10
Elizabeth Carney	5	Deborah Gidney	11	Eleanor Harkin	8
Andrew Davis	9	Charles Gidney	9	Adelaide Hallett	6
John Davison	9	Adbury Gidney	7	Daniel O'Lary	6
James Davison	7	Anna Gidney	4	Elizabeth Nevers	11
Patrick Dinny	17	Robert Glenn	12	Mary Nevers	5
John Donny	15	John Glenn	8	George Nevers	9
Gilbert Dykeman	9	Charles Harrison	20	William Nevers	9
Jacob Dykeman	7	Jeremiah Harrison	18	Amanda Porter	13
Frederic Foshay	14	William Harrison	14	William Porter	11
Anna Foshay	7	Archibald Harrison	10	Mehetabel Porter	7
Eliza Jane Sharp	11	John Smith	15	Stsphen Smith	13
Bedford Wright	12	David Wright	10		