

Boiestown N.B.
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Dear Ruby:-

Thanks for your letter received this A.M. and without ~~any~~ ^{any} thing to do, that will give more enjoyment then writeing to you, I will try and pound out a few lines right now,

It is good to know that you are in good health, and it is especially good to learn that Doris is much better and able to go back to work again, And we suppose she is doing office work? where she can be seated most of the time,

I can hardly believe that I went two years without writeing you a letter? But it could be at that as I was not in very good condition to write any one for several months, , But thank God am able to do so now, This time last year I was in a hospital under care of nurse's around the clock for a term of fourty seven days, and a nurse for three months after coming from the hospital, My old ticker was acting up along with other troubles that caused doctors and our family to believe that I would not recover, But it is hard to keep an old woodsman down, Some how I never believed that I was so ill, and that I would pull through for the time being at least , There is not much hope that I will ever be young again, which of course is impossible at my age, But am able to be around for my meals every day, For a long period while in the hospital I could take very little nurishment of any kind and got very weak, But started to enjoy food right away after I was brought home, and ever since eat what ever is in sight three or four times a day,

I wish Lizzie could eat more, but guess she will have to be on a strict diet so long as she lives, as well as taking Insulin by needle every day, We both get around quite a bit when the weather allows us to go with Preston, He has taken us into Fredericton several times as well as to visit with Alda and Mary earlyer in the fall, But since real winter has been with us we simply hole up and enjoy our selves at home, We get lots of reading matter as well as raido and T.V. to keep us interested, We have a woman with us to do the house work, so are getting along fine, and again looking forward to the spring when we can get around out doors more then right now,

Last week it was very cold in this neck of the woods, with the thermometer down below zero every night, One or two places near here it was down to 40 below, Then a big rain came on last Tuesday that took off a great deal of the snow, We here in the central part of N.B. have had no real bad storms like east and south in Nova Scotia, bad storms have hit there as well as the eastern part of the New England States, especially in Maine and N.H.

Josie and her husband drove up and spent five or six days with us during C *hristmas*

they were lucky to get back to their home in Rochester when they did, as a snow fall in Maine and N.H. blocked roads in some sections that cars were stalled all night on one road between Rochester and Summersworth, We did not notice the storm up this way, and highways in good shape for winter driving,

Preston and his wife are leaving here on January 31st to drive down to Boston, Lurline will visit among members of her family, and Preston will fly from Boston to Ottawa in Canada as a representative from New Brunswick at a meeting called by Mr Sinclair" Minister of Fisheries for Canada, He will be in Ottawa attending the meeting, and then fly back to Boston to attend a dinner meeting Put on by the members of The Miramichi Salmon Association, Preston has been manager of the Association since it was formed two and half years ago, which has grown to more the 700 members, Two thirds of them residents of U.S.A. Quite a few members from N.B. will be attending the dinner meeting in Boston next week, Sinclair, Minister of Fisheries in Canada will attend the meeting as a high light among the speakers, If I was a few years younger I would attend the dinner, as it will be a great get together for sportsmen,

"Bill" Preston's son is now in Toronto working in the office of a mining company that he has been employed with since leaving school, He spent most of last summer doing field work in N.B. and Quebec A letter from him since going to Toronto states that he would rather be out in the "Wide Open Places" then in an office, Perhaps when spring comes again he will be doing field work some place in Canada, He was in an office all last winter at Newcastle N.B. We are of course glad that he is in an office rather then out living like an Eskimo in the far north of Quebec province such as he and two companions spent quite a while during late summer and early fall far from the outside world after being flown in by air, and left on their own except by raids with the outside world, He has taken to the mining game like a duck takes to water,

A letter from Mary-Jane in France last night tells that little Sheila , Her young daughter has been quite ill, but is now much better, Teeth and a bug she picked up some place made her quite ill for a few days, We have not heard very much from Elaine, Alda's daughter who with her husband is in Germany, They have two children, A boy and a girl,

December 29th, last, Preston, Lurline and Bill had a conversation with Mary -Jane and her husband in France by telephone, It was a kind of Christmas present for them all made possible by a cousin, and one that they are not likely to forget in a long while, They report that they were able to carry on the conversation much the same as if it was a local call, It made Mary-Jane very lonesome and she had a good cry when it was over,

We are greatly interested in the Mineral Supplement you mention in your letter as a great help for some people who are ill, If it is a medicine for diabetes. Grammy is able to get many kinds

of foods that are on sale right here in Boiestwon, But there may be others that are not on sale here, If is not to much trouble we will appreciate it very much to have the literature you mention you can send us, It may be something new that has not found its way to this neck of the woods, and it would be nice to compare it with what we have here,

I was to see Steve Logan a few weeks ago, He has bought a new home just across the road from where he has a daughter living, I was a bit surprised to learn that he is living alone, as he was living with a son, and had fixed up the sons home with new bath room hot and cold water, but he had a chance to buy his nice little home right near, but was living alone when I was there,

He told me about his trip to see Effie and Maud in U.S.A. I dont remember having met Effie's daughter Florence, Your family tree like our own is scattered around very much in U.S. and has many branch that we both have never met, In fact that has been my experiance, Only a week or two ago, My brother Harold spent several days on Grand Manan Island, He and a man looking over some mineral claims, and while there met a man of my own name, William T. Griffin, and on comparing notes found that his Grandfather was a brother of our Grandfather, Thomas Griffin,

It was there that Grand Father Griffin found his first wife, Leah Savage, and their children was named, Elias, Olive, John, and Joseph, His second wife was Mary Mathews, I am not sure if they were married in the city of Saint John, or on Grand Manan, Anyway I do believe Mary Mathew's was from that Island, You without know that they had the large family of twelve, and among them your Mother and m Dad, I was to young to remember very much about before they left N.B. But have been lucky enough to meet a goodly number in U.S.A. Dad, Uncle Ben and Ellen spent their lives in this country, Now I am of the opinion that all have passed on, with the exception of Uncle Jim, I dont know if he is alive yet or not, He was the youngest of the family, and if alive now will be the age of eighty five or six June the 2nd, coming, Uncle Ben was the last to pass on early last spring,

Harold's wife took a very serious heart attact while Harold was on Grand Manan, and was hard to find as he was in the woods most of his time, In the mean time Mary was so ill it was necessary to rush her to a hospital, Harold came home as quickly as possible, and found Mary very ill, Almost passed away

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A small air craft with three goverment officials aboard crashed some place on a Flight from Fredericton to Moncton last Tuesday night, and the many aircraft and ground crews have been scouring a good part of N.B. ever since with out any trace of the men or air craft, Saturday planes were over our section almost at tree top level looking for lost craft, But to date no success,

Well, Ruby! I have been long winded with this letter, and told very little. Anyway it is enjoyment for me to write you and others, As I have little to do other wise, We have a woman to do the house work, and like myself Lizzie has little to do except sew or knit,

We always had lots to do, Untill the last few years since we sold out our business except try and enjoy our selves as much as old folks can, We have a number of old friends and relations that I like to write to once in a while, and also enjoy letters received from them, Two or three time each year we get letters from Maud and Tom, and among our old guests that came to our camps there are a number who still keep up a corespondence, Many others have passed on, But there are still many who come to The Griff-Inn's every summer, and few fail to visit Grammy and I, and some times we have a chance to reminisce and talk over old times,

Saturday last we received a card from Shirley and Sylvia Haraden stating that they have been in Florida since the New Year and are enjoying the climate very much,

This is it for the present, and with lots of Good Wish's for You and Doris from Grammy and I, May you both enjoy good Health and Happiness throught out all the year,

Very sincerely

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