

features of some. For instance take Mr. Washburn, a near neighbour & one who had his farling, privately, but a kind neighbour I call to mind, how once, after we had finished threshing our corn, a few days after, as father was cleaning up around the strawstacks & burning some of the chaff, whilst away for dinner, the fire crept to the stacks, & burned the whole. This was a serious matter, for we having a large number of cattle to feed in the winter were depending upon this. By the way, we often used to get some of the surplus straw from Mr. Washburn; on this occasion, on the opposite side of the road, he had about fifty acres of barley. He came to father & he & I did, I was looking over that paddock of yours, and if I could have seen any place where you could have put those cattle I would have carted cut & carted all that barley into your paddock & it would have saved you the trouble of doing so. His crop had not been harvested at the time of the fire. Yes I recall father sending one off on horse back to Mr. Washburns, with two fifty pound cheeses in a sack. It was an awkward load. He was very gouty at the time & I had to take them inside & I remember him giving me some reading matter Mr. Carthy's History of Ireland & Macaulay's "John Bull & his Island" or was it England? John Bull & his Island

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There was Mr. Dawson, but he was a bit exclusive, but a great man for fishing & shooting & had a sixty guinea gun. He also followed up Coursing, & it was after being at a Coursing match at Ranjwira, that on his homeward journey, he was drowned in the Selwyn river. When Mr. Washburn heard of the occurrence, he cursed the Selwyn. I think he (Mr. Dawson) had been well connected at home or at least well to do. His sons were of a different sort, & in no ways uppish. Jack, Tom, Bill, Willie, Jim & Joe, & three daughters. (He Mr. D.) had a tutor for his family, a Mr. Sanderson, who married one of the daughters. I cannot verify a report that he <sup>(Mr. D.)</sup> introduced the water cross into the district. Mr. Reuben Withell dabbled a bit in various matters & patented a Barrel Churn, as a churn it was worked on a different principal, than the ordinary, which had the breakers fixed into the barrel. This and the churn itself manipulated by the turning of the handle at one end. Mr. Withell's patent was that ~~it~~ it had a handle at each end, the one to turn the barrel & the other adjusted to the breakers which worked in opposition to the other. Worked independently it was not very heavy work, but with both operating it was exceedingly doubly so, in fact, he was very much angered when some one told him that it required a