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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST 1902.

A Happy New Year
To all our Readers.

Many weeks have now been taken up with the investigations by the commission appointed by President Roosevelt to inquire into the troubles in the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania. Much of the testimony is misleading and contradictory. A notable instance of this kind was given last week. Evidence had been presented showing that the miners are so poorly paid that they send their children, boys and girls, to work at an early age. Thus it was proved that girls under twelve years of age worked all night in silk factories because their fathers, who were employed in the coal mines, could not support their families. To meet this striking allegation the coal mine owners put in as an evidence a statement showing that the father of one of the girls earned with one laborer \$1,400 in one year, and that another with one laborer earned \$1,600. A more complete answer apparently could not be made, and the commissioners, if the matter rested there, would be justified in finding that the fathers who sent or allowed their little girls to go out to work were doing so because they had a thirst for money. But further inquiry was made, and then it was developed that the coal mine owners, or their agents, were deceiving the court, that the miners spoken of, instead of having the comparatively large wages, were paid with one laborer, had to divide it with five or six men, so that the amount for each was small, and, therefore the work of the children was required to meet family expenses. The coal mine owners in reality were doing a sharp trick, but it was a trick that failed. Judge Gray, Chairman, warned the representatives of the company that these disclosures called in question all their statements of earnings. When the testimony was begun on the part of the operators, the leading counsel claimed at the outset that he would prove that the miners averaged more than \$600 a year in wages, that they were paid more than similar workmen in other trades, that the industry was healthy and that the miners' union had created an intolerable reign of terror. Impressive testimony was introduced bearing on the latter point. Revolving instances of persecution were narrated, ranging from expulsion from societies and the refusal of merchants to sell them goods, to beatings and jury. An effort was made by the attorneys for the united mine workers to exclude this on the ground that the outrages could not be legally charged to the union, but the commission decided the evidence should be heard and then weighed and sifted. The fullest publicity is desirable as that in itself is likely to do something towards checking the abuses complained of. The commission have a difficult task, and the progress of the investigation must necessarily be slow in order that a sound and accurate judgment may be arrived at. In the meantime though the mines are being worked to their fullest capacity it is impossible to estimate the suffering and inconvenience resulting from the labor war known as the coal strike.

At the meeting of the National Reciprocity League Conference held in Detroit recently, a resolution was adopted urging that Congress should take action with the view of clearly defining a policy of reciprocity with Canada. Mr. Eugene Ross, of Massachusetts speaking on the subject, said: "If we can bring it close home to every voter that it is an unfair condition when we buy of our largest per capita customer only forty per cent of what we sell to her; that upon her side there is a natural and worthy determination to close her markets against us in the advancement of her own manufacturing interests; that the loss of our Canadian trade threatens the closing of our mills and factories; that the policy of 'give and take' in trade and commerce is the only policy that promises stability; that the nation at the north exhibits possibilities relatively as great as our own, and that it is a mistaken economy to substitute an artificial trade barrier for a commercial one; that the commercial co-operation—if, in a word we can impress upon the people that fundamental business principles are being violated by our politicians, that the outcome can be only loss and disappointment; then we shall accomplish real progress with this cause of Canadian reciprocity." Mr. John Charlton, of Canada declared the present trade policy to be detrimental to the interests of both countries and efficiently calculated to promote variance and ill-feeling.

—There are no new developments in the Venezuelan question, but it is understood that Venezuela will agree to submit the case to the Hague Tribunal. Senator Baralt, the Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs, has made the following statement: "Venezuela agrees to pay all her debts, the payments to be guaranteed by a certain percentage of the customs receipts of the port of a special loan, also to be guaranteed. I anticipate the proposal to submit the issue to the Hague Tribunal will be acceptable to President Castro."

MR. LLOYD'S NEW BUSINESS STAND.
Mr. J. E. Lloyd is moving this week into his new quarters in the Primrose building on the corner of Queen and Granville streets, where the old store was located. The store is one of the finest to be found outside of a city. Its dimensions are thirty by thirty-seven feet and its broad corner entrance adds to its effect of spaciousness. The entire front on Granville street is of plate glass, and a broad window on Queen street, adjacent to the entrance. The appointments and fittings are all of modern design, an especially attractive feature being a glass show-case with shelves enclosed, in which a tempting line of confectionery, including the celebrated Lovett's enticingly claims attention. Another unique feature is the biscuit counter which shows the samples in front, while drawers, dust and air proof, hold the biscuits and are drawn out from the inner side of the counter. The line of groceries, which is of the choicest and best, occupies the compartments on one side, while a large and carefully selected stock of crockeryware fills the Queen street side. The windows will attractively display both lines, and also a choice variety of fruit, in which this establishment deals largely in season. An office and a storeroom are at the rear. The building is heated by furnace. Mr. Lloyd, though not many years a citizen of Bridgetown, has established a name for honorable business dealing and has a large patronage. He is also progressive and alive to the interests of the town and his many friends and the community in general will join the Monitor in wishing him a "Happy and Prosperous New Year."

Local and Special News.

—Write 1903 to-morrow.
—Parliament will probably be summoned to meet about the 15th of February.

—The Yarmouth has been placed on the Bay Route in place of the Prince Rupert.

—A meeting of the County Farmers' Association will be held at Annapolis on January 13th.

—D. A. R. Steamer Boston brought five hundred Nova Scotians home to spend Christmas last Wednesday.

—Mr. Everett Tate, of Middleton, was badly hurt last week by being thrown from a wagon. The injuries to his back and neck were quite severe.

—J. F. Outhit, of the law firm of Logan, Jenks and Outhit, has purchased the Parador and will conduct it as an independent journal.

—The case of Calder vs the Victoria Beach Railway Company, was finished at the Supreme Court at Halifax on Monday last week and judgment reserved.

—To-morrow being New Year's Day and Feast of the Circumcision there will be morning Prayer with Holy Communion in St. James' Church at 10 o'clock.

—Christmas Day was clear and pleasant and passed off quietly. There were services in two of the churches, and many pleasant family reunions were held.

—Miss Madge Morse was presented by the Wardens of St. James Church in token of appreciation of her services as organist, with a Christmas gift of twenty-five dollars.

—Mrs. John Piggett, who was reported last week as severely injured by being thrown from her carriage is progressing as favorably as could be expected towards recovery.

—The Spectator understands that Mr. F. Harrison, who purchased Red Mr. DeBello's place in Annapolis a year or so ago, intends again removing to the tropics, where he has spent the last fifteen years.

—The communion of the Lord's Supper will be held in the Gordon Memorial Church next Lord's Day at the morning service. The usual preparatory service will be held on Friday evening.

—A serious accident occurred to Mrs. Medcraft, of Thorne Road, mother of Mrs. James Evans, in which by falling down stairs, on Tuesday last, she broke two ribs and otherwise injured herself.

—There will be a special meeting of the Paradise Agricultural Society on Friday evening, January second, at 7:30 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

F. W. BISHOP, Secy.

—The best evidence of Canada's bounding prosperity, says a London journal, is to be found in the plethora of railway projects now being prepared for the coming session of the Dominion Parliament.

—A meeting of the Bridgetown Agricultural Society is called for Friday evening at eight o'clock, at the office of U. S. Miller, Esq., for the purpose of electing delegates to the County Association in connection with other business.

—The Annapolis County District Division will meet with Clarence Division, Thursday, January 8th. The hour of meeting has been changed from 2 p. m. to 10 o'clock in the morning on account of many matters of interest to come up at this session.

—After December 31st the S. S. Yarmouth of the Dominion Atlantic Railway will perform a tri-weekly service between St. John and Digby leaving St. John at 7:45 a. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, returning, leaves Digby same days at 2 p. m.

—Mr. D. J. Nelly, of Newton Theological Seminary arrived home Wednesday on vacation, says the Middlebrook. Mr. Nelly succeeded in securing the entrance prize scholarship requiring an average of ninety per cent. This is the first time this prize has gone to an Acadia University man.

—The Christmas service of St. James' Church was repeated on Sunday, December 28th. An anthem was sung by the choir, and Mrs. Harry Ruggles gave great pleasure by a beautiful solo, "The Birthday of a King." The church was tastefully decorated with evergreen.

—Miss Mary Dodge was the recipient of a Christmas gift of fifteen dollars from the congregation of the Methodist church on Christmas Eve in recognition of her valued services as organist. Miss Dodge wishes through the columns of the Monitor to express her thanks to the donors for the gift.

—The explosion of a lamp caused the destruction of a home, with its contents, and the death by burning of Mr. Nelson Vidotto, of Brookton, last Wednesday. The fire caught in a bed. Mr. Vidotto lingered until yesterday morning, when death relieved him. The funeral takes place to-morrow.

—With Sydney Herald—Rev. F. M. Young visited Gloucester Bay on Tuesday, to attend the induction service of E. L. Stevens, the new pastor of the Baptist Church in that place. Mr. Young delivered the induction charge to the pastor, Mr. Vincent on the charge to the church. Revs. Weeks, Meikle and Hart also took part in the service.

—A riot occurred last week at Haldar's Cove among the Italian laborers on the railway. They have been unpaid for some time, and attempted to forcibly possess themselves of a sum of money which was the price of horses sold by the son of the Contractor, Wheaton. They also took possession of the books of the time-keeper, but were finally pacified by the assurance of McKenzie and Mann that their wages would be paid.

—The Post Office Department is now in a position to supply a seven-cent postage to accounting post of fices. This stamp, which is of a yellow color, will be especially convenient for postage and registration fee on single rate letters, whilst it may also be used for other postage purposes to the extent of its face value. The minimum quantity of this seven-cent stamp to be issued to any postmaster will be a sheet of five stamps.

—The Acadia speaks of Mrs. Wm. Spencer as the oldest resident of Wolfville, and one of the oldest in Kings County. She is 96 years old May 10th, 1902, possesses all her faculties, and enjoys excellent eyesight, having never worn glasses. Mrs. Spencer is the mother of eleven children, five of whom are living. She has four grand-children, 36 great-grand-children, and four great-great-grandchildren. From present indications it appears that she will live to see the centennial of her birth.

DEATH OF W. E. ANDERSON.
The death occurred yesterday afternoon of W. E. Anderson at the home of Mrs. L. A. Dickie, where the deceased, who was a helpless cripple, has been cared for, for many years. Notwithstanding his invalidism, he was intelligent and genial, and had many friends. He was exceptionally kind-hearted and gave liberally of his assistance. His illness was pneumonia and was of only two days duration, his infirmities quickly succumbing to the disease. The funeral will take place at the house this afternoon, and the remains will be forwarded to New York for interment.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

Christmas, 1902, has come and gone, leaving many hearts made brighter and better with the joy of giving and receiving. The local Christmas charities were generously supported, Bridgetown well sustaining its reputation for liberal giving. Forster's Hall was well filled on Christmas Eve by an eager, expectant crowd of boys and girls. A long table loaded with tempting goodies occupied the center of the room. At one end of the room a curtain mysteriously concealed the tree. Supper was served from half-past five till half-past six, and capacious as were the youthful appetites, the time arrived when even delicious pink and white and candied frosting lost its alluring delight, and then small packages were put up for the younger brothers and sisters at home, or perhaps a taste for mother. The table having been cleared and the children seated around the room, a Christmas hymn was sung by the group of young ladies having the affair in charge, and then Rev. Dr. Jost gave a short talk to the children. The grave attention with which the hymn and the well-chosen remarks of Dr. Jost were listened to was in marked contrast to the hilarity which was renewed when the curtain was parted revealing the brilliantly lighted and decorated Christmas tree. Every child received a bag of candy and an orange and the smallest children were made happy with toys, games, books, etc. Some of the merchants had made liberal contributions of caps, mitts, mullers, and stockings. The supply of these appreciated commodities was not equivalent to the demand. The tree stood at last denuded of her glittering ornaments and the children lingeringly dispersed bearing away with them the memory of an hour which will, in the years to come form one of the brightest pictures in the panorama of childhood's days.

The young ladies who undertook this labor of love wish to express their gratitude to the Forsters, who have for three years past given the use of their hall, to Mr. Beckwith, who has cheerfully donated the use of electric lights and other favors, and to all those kind citizens who so generously assisted them in preparing the treat. It is hoped that a larger and more conveniently appointed hall may be available another year. Indeed, if trustees of one of our churches were approached with a request for the use of their vestry where a cook stove and dishes were available but the request was refused, and the church thereby missing a noble and fitting opportunity to convey to half a hundred impressionable young boys and girls truth and beauty of that religion which is founded on the life of one who loved the children and who taught us the joy of doing good and giving happiness to others.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. F. C. Harris spent Xmas in town, and Mrs. Mark Curry are spending a few days in town.

Miss Keith Grant, of Lawrenceton, is visiting Mrs. Reed Wade.

Mr. Harry B. Crowe, of Annapolis, is spending a few days in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinney, of Yarmouth, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Reed.

Miss Margaret Hawley, of Waterville, has been visiting at the Manor for a few days.

Mr. Primrose Parker, of Sydney, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. H. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harvey were guests of Mrs. Edward Fitzgibbon, over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Crube and little son spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Quirk.

Miss Blanche Frazer, of Clementvale spent Christmas with her friend, Mrs. Charles Lewis.

Mr. Bancroft, principal of the Freeport schools, has been spending a few days in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Whitman spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Whitman Esq., Annapolis.

Mr. Fred Reed went to Halifax last week to attend the funeral of his father-in-law, Mr. W. D. O'Donnell.

Mr. Edward Armstrong, of Kingston spent Christmas in town, the guest of his son, Dr. M. E. Armstrong, of Halifax, who has been spending his holidays in Bridgetown returned yesterday.

Mr. Hendry Stewart and sister, of Charlottetown, spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lockett last week.

Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Beckwith, of Halifax, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beckwith during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Abbott have gone to Meteghan where Mr. Abbott has been appointed Station Agent on the D. A. R.

Mr. Louis Phalen, who has spent the past year in Boston, returned to Bridgetown last week and has rejoined the Monitor staff.

Mrs. Albert Brown and Mrs. Wm. Brown, of Clementvale and Miss Esie Elliott, of Mr. Hanley, are guests of Mrs. Harry Chute.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Perry and children, and Mr. Arch F. Young of Boston, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Young during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. E. H. Cameron, who was principal of the Bridgetown schools last year, now a student at Yale, is spending a portion of his holidays in Bridgetown, and is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McManus spent Xmas with her parents in town, says the Windsor Tribune. Mr. McManus returned to C. B. this morning. His wife will remain in town till after New Years.

The Reverend F. P. Granton was presented with a handsome Morris chair and a picture, says the Spectator, by some members of the congregation of St. Luke's Church, in appreciation of his efforts during the recent mission services.

—From statements made before the Senate committee at Washington, by the Gloucester delegation in opposition to the ratification of the Newfoundland treaty negotiated between Secretary Hay and British Ambassador Bond, it transpired that Gloucester fishermen have been evading the United States tariff laws. Gloucester vessel owners have been sending their vessels to Newfoundland and procuring cargoes of fresh herring from the Newfoundland fishermen, and have entered the fish thus purchased into the United States duty free, as though they were the catch of American fishermen.

It is understood that the ratification of the Hay-Bond treaty will interfere with the Gloucester people are strongly protesting against the ratification.

REQUEST

The subscriber would request that all parties owing him please call and settle their account as soon as possible to enable him to raise funds to purchase new stock that he may continue his business.

E. A. COCHRAN.

FRESH ATTRACTIONS

—AT THE—

NEW CORNER GROCERY

Our stock of Fine Groceries, Provisions, Canned Fruits and Meats, and all the dainties that are found in an up-to-date Grocery store, is complete, and will be sold at the lowest possible margin of profit.

FINEST DISPLAY OF CHINA AND CROCKERY IN THE COUNTY.

J. E. LLOYD.

Opening

We are back to the old corner stand, and are much better prepared to cater to the wants of the public than ever before.

We thank our friends for the increase of patronage and patience displayed during the season of moving, and wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

J. E. LLOYD.

GRATEFUL RECOGNITION.

Mrs. S. N. Jackson wishes to gratefully acknowledge the gift of a beautiful silver-plated ink stand from the members of "Maple Leaf Mission Band." In a short address it was presented by Miss Mabel Piva at a meeting held in Clarence Hall Dec. 26th. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson provided an Xmas treat of cakes, candies etc, which was much appreciated.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Bent desire to express their gratitude to the people of Bridgetown and vicinity who have so kindly come to their assistance since the loss of their home by fire.

FOUND

Found at 11 in the Annapolis River, Fox Boat, painted white, with letter "F. W. K." on bow. Owner may have same by proving property and paying expenses.

H. D. STARRATT, Esq., N. S.

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