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WEDNESDAY, May 11th, 1898.

-A few months ago and the attention of the world was attracted by the efforts of France to obtain a hold in Western Africa and at the headwaters of the Nile. There is no doubt that her efforts were intended to checkmate the increasing supremacy Great Britain in these portions of the Dark Continent and the expeditions that traversed the country under the French flag actually encroached on British territory to such an | School street. extent that it was feared at one time that in extent that it was feared at one time that in order to protect her interests Great Britain would have to oppose the invaders with an Wilmot last week. would have to oppose the invaders with an armed force. The trouble however blew over and now we learn that what is left of the expeditions have been withdrawn and France has practically given up the idea of ever obtaining a strong hold on the great continent tensive colony in the British empire. The French expeditions accomplished nothing. Frenchmen have not that adaptability to conform with climate and other conditions, nor that steadfastness of purpose that characterize the Anglo-Saxon colonizers and have gone far to make the British empire what it is to-day.

—Dr. Trotter of Acadia has secured pledges for \$30,000 of the \$60,000 necessary to be raised by next November.

-The energy displayed by the promoters of the Nova Scotia Pork Packing Company is commendable, and we cannot but believe that their efforts will establish an industry farmers of western Nova Scotia, and will rerisk their capital in the undertaking. The provisional directorate is composed of men and their names inspire confidence in the along the river. prospects of the enterprise with which they are connected. The first call of ten per cent, has already been made on the subscribed capital and this means that enough scribed capital and this means that enough stock has been taken to warrant the establishment of the factory and that the preliminary steps will be taken at once. With a Knafper for Boston. good market for hog products and ample facilities for hog raising, our farmers ought to be greatly benefitted by an industry which will constitute a new factor in the increase of otia, and which is due to a growing confidence in the stability of the resources of

-The whereabouts of the Spanish fleet is —The whereabouts of the Spanish fleet is pany has been made—evidence that still a mystery. Admiral Sampson's fleet terprise will speedily be established. sailed from Havana waters for Porto Rico with the intention, no doubt, of interegeting the Spanish squadron, but though the American ships have been reported in sight off that island, no tidings have been heard from the Spanish squadron, but though the American ships have been peropted in sight of that island, no tidings have been heard from the Spanish squadron have left the Cape Verde islands about a fortight ago. There is something mysterious in the movements of the Dons and it is feared that they are planning a coup that will satisfy Americans that if their gunners lack precision, their admirals are naval strategists of a high order. It is strange that such a large fleet can remain at tea for solong a time without being reported. They cannot carry supplies that will permit them to keep out off port much longer, but the prospective battle ground is no more likely to be off Porto Rico than in Massachusetts Bay. If the whole squadron has not gone to the bottom, definite news of its whereabouts ought to be published this week.

—Authentic reports of the battle in Manila Bay indicate that Commodore Dewey gained a glorious victory for American arms. His ships were exposed to the fire of land batteries as well as that of the Spanish fleet, but his ships and his men ercaped comparatively without in jury, while eleven of the enemy's warnips were sawns, one shore battery and the more of the same than the did not be made to the professional and business career it was him in for Curry Bros. & Bent, has opened a general insurance agency, with office at the second wife Rachel, daughter of the late of the many three such as anywhere were such as anywhere were such as anywhere the main pair of each of the such and the such and the such and the such as a sunday necession and business career it was him microlated professional and business career it with the intention, no doubt, of intercep-

at anywhere between three hundred and one thousand, inflicted. The city of Manila has not yet been taken, but Dewey's squadron controls the Bay and will likely be able to obtain sufficient supplies until the arrival of the transports from San Fernance.

vanced until now it is selling at a higher price than it has commanded for a decade. All this is great fun for North American growers, who now realize what a bonanza wheat field really is when the foreign supply is short, and it has made millionsires of the lucky speculators who have the terms of the lucky speculators who have the lucky speculators who is short, and it has made millionaires of the lucky speculators who bought at less than a dollar and have sold on a market varying from twenty-five to seventy cents higher, but there is a large percentage of the population of the continent on whom the increased price of bread stuffs will bear heavily. It is to be hoped that the market will soon drop

we note that this year much more is being done by the hotel and private boarding-house people to furnish comfortable accommodation for our hot weather visitors.

Nearly every town along the line of the Dominion Atlantic Railway has had its hostelries improved and increased, and this change has been brought about by the persistent efforts of the transportation company.

Mrs. Stephen Phinney of Hampton sent

Local and Special News.

-Board of Trade meeting to-night. -Fresh shad in the market last week. -Seed Potatoes at S. Chute's, Lower

--Mr. L. R. Fairn is moving into his new policeman took a census recently. —Second Spring Opening at Miss A. Le-Cain's Friday and Saturday. See ad. 1i -Our M. P. has done his full share of —The packets Hustler and Temple Bar brought good cargoes of freight from St. John last week.

-Mr. A. C. Charlton has commenced work on the foundation for his new house on

- The St. John schooner Vado came up the river yesterday and is being loaded with piling by Ricketson Bros. —The survey of the proposed Coast Railway route from Yarmouth to Halifax is being rapidly pushed forward.

-Mr. R. A. Crowe is having his house, recently purchased from Mr. Jas. H. Hawkesworth, remodeled and improved. -- Mr. S. N. Weare is levelling up the ground around his new house and will have an attractive lawn when the grass grows. -The Driving Park is now in condition for driving purposes, and those who wish to use it may obtain tickets from the Secretary. - Unusually high tides have prevailed during the past few days and the water has been over the dykes in a number of places

-Mr. Hugh Fowler, the general agent of Bowker's fertilizers, is placing an immense quantity of these manures with Nova Scotia farmers this spring.

-Mr. E. C. Young has a collection of eventy-five varieties of our native woods which he will probably exhibit at the pro-vincial fair this autumn.

—Commencing Monday the 16th inst., the parlor cars of the Dominion Atlantic railway will be attached to the daily express trains between Halifax and Yarmouth. —The first call of 10% on the subscribed stock of the Nova Scotia Pork Packing Com-

-Mr. Ogden, of the Bedford fish hatchery, fish fry in the Paradise Lake. The fish

price of bread stuffs will bear heavily. It is to be hoped that the market will soon drop again to average figures, though the prospect for such a change, before the new wheat is on the market, is not at all good.

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The lobster factories have began their spring work.

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Dan Godfrey's English band will appear in Halifax on Tuesday, 17th inst.
Rich gold bearing quartz, it is reported, has been discovered near Parrsboro.
Dalhousie's graduating class last month included Nova Scotia's first colored lawyer.
The fishery protection fleet will carry machine guns as a part of their equipment this season.
Miss Margaret Payson of Weymouth is one this season.

Miss Margaret Payson of Weymouth is one of the four nurses who left Toronto for the Klondike last month.

Klondike last month.
C. T. White's steam saw mill, at Apple River, was destroyed by fire last Friday.
The loss is \$20,000.
If there are any races for them, the Lynch Brothers, the Halifax professional oarsmen, will visit Toronto this year.
Lieut. Governor Daly has presented the Digby Agricultural society with a thoroughbred Jersey bull calf of the best stock.
Negotiations are in progress by which the Negotiations are in progress by which the town of Lunenburg may be supplied by electric light from Bridgewater, 12 miles distant. Mr. Francis Crispo, who was forty six years in the Canadian custom service, died on Tuesday, 3rd, at Waterville, aged seventy-six

six.
Sir Louis Davies says that it is the intention shipped a hundred toot span from bridge for Wilmot last week.

—The Y. M. C. A bicycle club were on parade Monday evening. There were a dozen wheels in the procession.

—Mr. Geo. I. Bishop, of Lawrencetown, is quite ill suffering from the effects of a recent attack of paralysis.

The S. S. Pennsylvania, the largest steamer that ever arrived at Halifax, brought 1,000 Galician immigrants to that port last Thursday. They all left for the North-west.

Dr. F. J. Bowles editor of the The Million Medical Magazine New York and Dr. Dr. F. J. Sowies editor of the The Milton Medical Magazine, New York, and Dr. David Webster one of the advisory board of the publishing company are Nova Scotians. The Truro Condensed Milk Factory was totally destroyed by fire on the 4th inst., as was also Manager Thomas's house. Insurance, \$27,000. The factory will be rebuiltat once.

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The Halifax driving club will hold their first speed competitions at the exhibition grounds on Queen's Birthday. The events will include 3 00 class, trot and pace, \$80: 2.35 class, trot, \$125; 2.25 class, trot and pace, \$150.

Samuel Lyons, head engineer of the Stewiacke foundry, was instantly killed at that place on Tuesday. He was working at the emery wheel when it suddenly broke, a portion of it striking him violently over the heart. He leaves 10 children.

For the first time in nine years, the Maritime Province colt stakes failed to fill. However, 16 entries were made, four in each stake, and in justice to those who have made

stake, and in justice to those who have made entries, it has been decided to re open the stakes, entries to close May 30th. Death of Thos. W. Chesley. Thos. Willett Chesley, Esq., barrister died at his home in Granville last Wednesday at the advanced age of 94 years. He was descended from Philip Chesley, who was probably born in or near the city of Dover, England, and was in 1642 one of the founders of Dover New Hampshire. Samuel Chesley, sr., spent the winter of 1758-9 in Halifax, and in the spring was sent to survey the 500 acre. sr., spent the winter of 1758-9 in Halifox, and in the spring was sent to survey the 500 acre lots set off to the New England emigrants at Granville, and settled there himself. His son Samuel then junior, but afterwards styled Samuel Chesley, senior, when a youth of 18 became a zealous Methodist under the preaching of Rev. Mr. Black, the distinguished father of Methodism in Nova Scotia. He became by his second marriage to Louisa, daughter of Phineas Lovett, the father of the late T. W. Chesley, his fifth child, but the first by his second wife.

rst by his second wife. Mr. Chesley was born in 1814, and in-eriting a fine farm three miles below Bridge-

esteem and respect, and who believe that if he committed errors, they were of the head, He was buried with Masonic honors

he Bay and will many afficient supplies until the arrivation ansports from San Francisco. The yof the American fleet is character as one of the most notable of modern has. The Spanish gunners were unable he accuracy of the American gunners sunk the Spanish vessels at long range. Had the conflict occurred at closer quarters a different story would have been told.

—The collegiate year of the Acadia University will terminate by the commencement exercises lasting from May 29th to June 2nd. Dr. Butler, president of Colby University, will prenate the Baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class Sunday, May 29th.

—Mr. Elias Messenger of Paradise has sold his farm to Henry S. Jones of Lawrencetors in who takes possession at once. The price paid was three thousand one hundred and firty dollars. Mr. Messenger moves in to the house occupied by Mr. L. R. Fairn on Washington St.

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At Mt. Hanley on May 5th, 1898, Mrs. William Armstrong died at her residence at the good old age of 92 years 3 months and 14 days. She was taken a few days ago with a slight cold and on Wednesday afternoon she could sit up and converse as well, seemingly, as usual, but on Thursday morning death came.

Mrs. Armstrong has been a faithful follower of the Lord for over 60 years. She leaves 4 children, Mr. D. H. Armstrong, Mrs. Murray Ethott, Mrs. Aaron Balsor, and Mrs. William Slocomb, beside a very large circle of grandchildren and friends to mourn the loss of one so kind and true. To these, in the hours of bereavement, it is pleasant to recall the beautiful life characterized through the long years by a holy unselfishness. Tis blessed to know she rests from her labors and her good works do fol low her. Trom ner labors and ner good works do follow her.

The funeral was largely attended on Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church. Our pastor, Rev. E. E. Locke, preaching an excellent sermon from 71st Psalm, 17 verse and first clause of 18 verse.—Com.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

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A fine building lot on the Church Road, with we acres of choice hay land and a thrifty roung orchard. Also eighteen acres of super-or pasture land capable of making good hay and. At the same time, if not sold at privated Hay. Terms made known at day of sale

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DOUBLE-POINTED CARPET TACKS,

Hat and Coat Hooks, with a lot of other goods All at Lowest Prices. WANTED

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The subscriber also keeps for sale cedar Shingles of all grades, Lime and Salt, which he offers cheap for cash.

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Spring Roller Blinds. Whitewash Brushes,

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First Meeting: TUESDAY, MAY 24th, 1898!

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Stock Now Complete. WOMEN'S FINE OXFORD SHOES, 15 different

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Best Northern Grown Timothy, Red Clover and Alsike, Seed Barley and Buckwheat. Field Peas Garden Book I. Globe and Giant Intermediate Mangels, Purple Top, Swede and White Turnips, Carrot, Parsnip, Beet, Onion and Cabbage Seeds,

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now with our celebrated "Art Baking Powder." Call and inspect.

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We have opened 82 packages of DRY GOODS.

for the Spring Trade, which makes our stock now complete in every department, and the largest and best we have ever shown. Our last instalment of DRESS GOODS arrived last week per S. S. "Romanian." We are able to show all the newest

effects in Dress Goods, Dress Linings and Trimmings,

Ladies' Blouse Waists, Corsets, Muslins, Waist Silks,

Carpets, Curtains, Art Draperies, Room Paper,

Floor Oil Cloths. MEN'S CLOTHING, in large variety.

GENTS' FURNISHINGS. We cheerfully invite inspection

- - - Quality Sells.

STRONG & WHITMAN'S SPRING

W. BECKWITH.

is now complete in all lines.

We have been too busy to keep track of all the cases, bales and small packages which we are opening daily, but we have opened a great quantity, and are busy selling and re-ordering all the time, and our stock at the present time is one of the finest ever shown in the town. An inspection will convince you of this fact.

Our Stock of DRESS GOODS : : : : :

is one of the best ever shown. In light Fancies we are showing an excellent range of Two-Tone Effects from 25c. upwards, and in Black Brocades and Plain Alpacas from 24c. to 95c. per yard. Lining and trimmings to match from the

60 pieces DAINTY MUSLINS: : : : comprising French, Swiss, English and Canadian makes, from Sc. per yard upwards. For variety of Trimmings for these goods we cannot be equalled, as we can give you any desired shade in Silk Lace, Chiffon Lace, Chiffon Ribbon, Wide

Chiffon in plain or gathered, and an immense range of Cotton Laces in any width required. Colors-White, Cream, Butter and Black.

BLOUSE SILKS in great variety. Roman Stripe Wash Silks from 35c. per yard upwards.

LADIES' BLOUSE WAISTS, : : : : Wrappers, Corsets, Undervests, Whitewear, Silk and Taffeta Gloves, Hosiery, Plain Black and Fancy Sunshades—a fine assortment.

The Directors are now arranging a Special Race, full particulars of which will appear later.

Carpets, Straw Mattings, Lace Curtains, Art Draperies, Room Papers, Curtain Poles with either brass or wood trimmings, Roller Blinds from 18c up, Floor Oilcloths and Linoleum from one yard to three yards wide, width to match.

READY-MADE CLOTHING! Men's, Youths' and Children's. For a dressy suit for a child ask to see our Brownies.

GENTS' FURNISHINGS! Hats, Caps, Bicycle Pants, Bicycle Belts, Bicycle Hose, etc., etc., Shirts and Ties,

in fact everything to be found in a well assorted stock of Gents' Furnishings. STRONG & WHITMAN.

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