

## The Weekly Monitor.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1888.

## The Annapolis Valley Still Ahead.

A writer in the American Garden in speaking of California, says:—  
"The raisin industry is the most profitable of all the fruit producing industries now being developed in California. The returns are enormous, and while expenses are heavy, the net profits are greater than those from any other agricultural pursuit. It is a poor crop that does not yield to gross per acre 2 tons of raisins worth \$100 a ton. The cost of production is about \$75 an acre, leaving for net profit from \$100 to \$125 per acre. The foregoing extract is not taken from a real estate document, but from a campaign document issued by the Democratic State Committee in California."

Let us see, this industry is the most profitable of all the fruit producing industries of this much advertised State. Apples are our most profitable crop. On one acre about fifty trees can be got out. After these trees come into full bearing, they will yield an average of at least three barrels of fruit per tree. As prices rule now they are worth \$2 per barrel. The expense of gathering and barrels would be about \$75, leaving a net profit of \$225. How does this compare with the Garden State?

"What about the lighting up of our streets referred to in our last issue. Let someone make a move in the matter, and have an informal meeting called to discuss the ways and means. The cost would be small and the comfort great. After the lamps were running a few weeks we would wonder—so we do in regard to the water works—how we got along without them in the past."

A drop of water works, last week a fire broke out in the building occupied by the Kentville Star, and other tenants. Two streams from the water service were sent to the building, and when the exact location of the fire was discovered, which was among a lot of waste paper and rubbish in the basement, and probably prevented a fire that would have caused loss equal to the half, if not the whole, cost of the water works system. The fire was caused by spontaneous combustion in a thought. Beyond some slight damage to the plan of the office by the wetting, very little damage was done. It is certainly a great boon to any town to have such efficient fire protection, as have Kentville and Bridgetown.

The New York dailies are nothing if not sensational. The recent election that Canada has received into United States politics has drawn a large amount of attention to her from the press of the big republic. Various schemes in regard to our Dominion are being formulated, one of which is that we are to be "annexed." The projectors are not very definite as to just how such a scheme is to be carried into effect, but discuss it in a sort of vague way that leads to nowhere. Another idea of having us "annexed" appears to be received with a good deal of favor, and the New York World is full of editorializing on the subject. The United States papers look like this after the Annexation of Canada. Even big newspapers build castles in Spain occasionally. That our annexation is not likely to be available for a few years, at least, as there are several preliminary to be adjusted before the union can be consummated. Rather!

When we burrow under the Stars and Stripes, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are each to be raised to the status of States. Perhaps an Annapolis boy will be president some of these days, and perhaps we may get the "Missing Link" built, and perhaps have a commonwealth of the State of Nova Scotia and the State of New Brunswick.

The Hon. Atty. General's letter to the Halifax Chronicle in which he discusses holding annexation sentiment has called forth replies from a number of writers. Two of the adverse comment was that on which Mr. Longley stated as his belief that a change in the near future take place in the present condition of the country, more particularly as affecting its relations with the mother land. His sentiments upon this subject were expressed in such a way that the writers named felt called upon to somewhat severely criticize them. Both Mr. Russell and Mr. Powers are Liberals, and their letters have of course been freely copied from and made use of by the Halifax Herald which maintains that the Atty. General has annexationist leanings. Other writers again applaud the views expressed by the A. G.

Colchester is agitating for a repeal of the Scott Act.

The Steamer Yarmouth is still running between Yarmouth and Boston and making good time.

Shafter & Dixon have ten tons of mending to arrive shortly, which will be sold very low, and don't you forget it.

Flour is on the decline so we understand. This will be good news to many.

FERRAROS.—The next regular communication of Rotary Lodge, A. F. & A. M., will be held to-morrow night (Thursday).

Measles. Shafter & Dixon are to the front with a big ad. this week setting forth the excellence of their fine stock of goods for the holiday season.

Our friends will kindly remember that we want news from all over the County. Therefore, matters of interest occur in your respective localities, please send them in.

The Rev. R. B. Dunn, whose brilliant lecture in Bear River, not long since, on "The Talking Clock," gave such universal satisfaction, is to lecture at Smith's Cove, Dec. 20th, on the subject, "A Locomotive on Legs." Rev. Mr. Young, in whose church he is organist, has announced him as "one of the finest lecturers he has heard in Canada or the United States." He has listened to Cook, Beecher, Gallaher, and Talmage. The people of that place are expecting a rare treat.

A GOOD IDEA.—A lady belonging to this County, but now a resident of Boston was lately back in the province paying a visit to her friends, Shespeke high of the Monroes, and remarked that a year ago her brother paid a subscription for the paper, making her a present of the same. His visits were eagerly looked for, and were almost as a weekly letter from home. She could not have desired a more agreeable Christmas present. It would be well if many would follow that brother's example. Absent friends would highly appreciate this act of kindness. Who will try it? Now's the time.

His Honor, Mr. Justice—Old Santa Claus has left at J. E. Sanctor's a grove of nice little rings just the size for children under nine years of age, with instructions to him that he is to give one to every little girl who lives in the town or county who will bring her mother with her to examine his beautiful Xmas stock. He does not ask you to buy, only come and look. Who will be the first?

## Local and Other Matter.

—Pictures framed at four cents per foot, two doors north of Monroes Office.

A LIVERY CO.—Fifty-three persons under sentence of death, are confined in the Kansas penitentiary.

John Lockett is selling 10 yds. of fall yd. wide Grey Cotton for 50 cents.

Schr. Temple Bar, Capt. Longmire, made her last trip this week, for this season, and will now lay up for the winter.

—Wooden ships are said to be worth 50 per cent more than they were a year ago. Freight is still on the up grade.

—The weather has been much more agreeable for the past week. The snow fall to date has been very light.

—John Lockett is giving a special discount Ladies' Fine Kid Boots and Over Boots.

Don't forget the Xmas Tree, The Monitor, etc., at Lawrencetown, on the 18th inst. (Tuesday next), and the Meat Supper and Xmas Tree at Middleton, on the 19th inst. See adv.

Notice.—All those not running regular advertisements of at least two inches in length, will be charged for the space in local, and no charge less than 40 cents.

The Sigsbee, E. Walsh, of Bear River, reported about at Cutler, Me., that in an early position and it is hoped will be got off weather proof and favorable. Her cargo was re-shipped to Boston.

—Just opened at John Lockett's, with Handkerchiefs, Ladies' and Gent's, in a box, Gent's Fur Gaiter Driving Gloves.

The Resignation of last week gives an excellent picture of Charles Wesley the founder of Methodism, who died a hundred years ago, and whose centenary is celebrated this year.

The New Data Store.—Messrs. DeBolis &amp; Frimmon, will open their handsome new premises this week. The windows are in plate glass and the interior fittings are of the best workmanship.

Christmas advertising is making great demands upon our space now. We however, set our paper in small type, and in the most condensed form possible, and in this way give our readers as much reading matter as most country papers. After the holidays we will endeavor to make amends for any short coming at present.

An Annapolis man informs us that a number of cattle were taken on board the Steamer Dorcas last week by having a rope instead around their horns and then hauled up some distance, suspended in mid-air, to the deck. The cruelty of the may be understood, when one of the crew was being sent to the deck, some men busy means of loading cattle will have to be resorted to by Mr. Taylor, the owner of the Steamer Dorcas, for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will intervene the steamer's owner.

Now is the time for great bargains in Overcoats and Ulsters at J. W. Beckwith's. An usual he intends to have none to carry over the summer.

## Lawrencetown Items.

Nelson Division boom. An animated debate was the order of the evening lately. Subject—"The Greatest Education, John or Travel." Rev. J. T. Eaton, John Hall, Rev. C. Cornwell, O. T. Daniels, and others made things lively. Last Saturday evening was "Poet's Evening," selections from poets and recitations.

The sheriff has closed the mills of Bowley, Belmont & Co. and other executors. Creditors intend testing validity of assignment. Music for some one!

## Lively time preparing for Christmas.

## Hampton Items.

A beautiful organ has been placed in the Baptist meeting house. The organ was a great success to the organ of our pastor, Rev. J. Webb.

South Farmington Items.

Mr. R. W. Dilliver's house at Trenton was destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning last. The fire caught from sparks from a stove in a bedroom upstairs.

Mr. Dilliver's loss is quite heavy, owing to the fact that he has a large stock of goods on hand.

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