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## REMNANT SALE.

Our annual sale of ends and remnants which always follows at our store after Stock-taking will commence Tuesday, January 21st. Doors open at 9 A. M. Sale will continue until all remnants are sold.

## CASH IS KING

We offer the remnants of our entire stock at crowd-drawing prices: consisting of ends of Dress Goods, Prints, Flannels, Flannel-ettes, Sateens, Muslins, Laces, Ribbons, Silks, Furs, Gloves, Boots and Shoes, Wall Paper, etc. etc.

High values will go at low prices during this sale. It is impossible for us to itemize every article and quote prices.

TUESDAY, 21st will be, the DAY OF DAYS.

Taking advantage of it will be your duty.

YOURS VERY TRULY,

## CLARKE BROS'

### IS OUR FARM POPULATION DECLINING?

Edw. Fulton of Bass River writes thus to the Mail:—  
Sir,—I am sorry to find myself almost alone in trying to keep alive the agitation for replacing the thousands of Nova Scotians who have succumbed to the lure of the west and vacated so many of our farms—some of them the very best. It seems we can get men to write up every other feature of our provincial or national life, political, social, religious or otherwise, but this one falls of hearty and vigorous support. The provincial government has never in all its history set itself to a more worthy task. I believe the man entrusted with the work, Mr. Barnstead, is bright, wide awake and capable. So I say, give him every encouragement in his work. Every hint or practical idea that can be suggested should be brought forward that he may be fully armed for the task which he has been called.

#### SUGGESTIVE FIGURES.

To bring before your readers an idea of the gradual decline Nova Scotia has suffered in the country districts during the last 30 to 40 years I am going to give you a detailed statement of the present population, home by home, in regular order, in a section with which I am well acquainted. I will use numbers instead of names, for an obvious reason, stating the standing say 40 years ago as compared with today.

No. 1—Then family of 4 or 5; now sold and vacant.  
No. 2—Then family of 2; now vacant generally.  
No. 3—Then family of 3; now still occupied by family of 5.  
No. 4—Then family of 3; now unchanged.  
No. 5—Then family of 10; now three gone west, family now 5.  
No. 6—Then family of 8; now family all dead or scattered in United States. Home rented to strangers.  
No. 7—Then family of 9; now all scattered; home vacant.  
No. 8—Then family of 8; now all dead or in west; but two at home.  
No. 9—Then family of 7; now not a vestige of the home remains.  
No. 10—Then family of 10; now only two remain.  
No. 11—Then family of 6; now only one remains.  
No. 12—Then family of 11; now no vestige of home remains.  
No. 13—Then family of 6; now 4, farm well maintained.  
No. 14—Then family of 9; now 4, farm well maintained.  
No. 15—Then family of 5; now all scattered, part in United States.  
No. 16—Then family of 7; now 2, part in United States.  
No. 17—Then family of 3; now home gone.  
No. 18—Then family of 7; now 2.  
No. 19—Then family of 9; farm abandoned years ago.  
No. 20—Then family of 7; now all scattered, new occupants.  
No. 21—Then family of 10; now 2, part in United States.  
No. 22—Then family of 2; vacant.  
No. 23—Then family of 5; now all scattered, house rented.  
No. 24—Then family of 5; now house remains.  
No. 25—Then family of 11; now 2.

POPULATION LESS 75.  
About 20 of these families have one to five members in the west or in the United States and the population has declined in all about 75, whereas we should naturally have naturally expected a gain of twice that. This is a hard story to tell. This slump has not occurred in a poor backward section by any means, but in a district fully up to the average in natural resources and among people classed as fairly prosperous.  
There is not now a dozen children of school age in these twenty-five families, or rather, where twenty-five families once were. In the olden time there were certainly over fifty school children. This tale of decline can be told of hundred of localities.  
THE SCHOOLS SUFFER.  
School inspectors tell of many sections reduced below the point of ability to maintain a school both for lack of children and assessable property. Churches lament the reduction in contributions on account of the exodus. Temperance and fraternal societies crumble to pieces because the young people have left the province. It is a state of affairs that every one

has seemed afraid heretofore to touch but the time has come to tell the naked truth, however unwelcome. A church in which I used to worship and where a goodly congregation was wont to regularly assemble was a few days ago offered for sale at public auction. It is on a public thoroughfare, one of the great roads of the province, but no service has been held in it for years. It is time we awoke.

EDWARD FULTON,  
Bass River, January 2.

To the above letter a correspondent replies as follows:—

Sir—Edward Fulton is not alone, as he supposes in his patriotic effort to keep alive the agitation for attracting increased settlement in this province. He should not feel discouraged from continuing to wield his facile pen in the furtherance of that important work, because he really has lots of company. Many artists, pastising the provinces of the Maritime Provinces and urging young people to stay at home have been pointed from time to time and I understand the exodus to the United States was probably lessened by this advice. Several boards of trade in the Annapolis Valley went a step further and advocated the taking of practical measures to obtain new settlers of a class suited to the special conditions existing here.

The provincial government experimented with the matter in a quiet way for several years, but without very great success, until perhaps recently, as parties who were brought to Nova Scotia, after more or less trouble, would remain possibly long enough to get ready to go further west. The difficulty to be faced was to get settlers who would stay. The ordinary immigrant was not of this class. The Nova Scotia Press Association took up the subject in 1905 when it was just in the state last described. A committee was appointed to visit the premier, Hon. G. H. Murray, and were accorded a particularly ready hearing, first, because it was a subject in which Mr. Murray was deeply interested and had given a lot of time to, and second, the readjustment of the provincial subsidies made available, the much needed wherewithal to engage in this work. The premier said he had the money and the inclination, all he wanted was a practical suggestion how to go to work. The proposal of the Press Association was presented, and the committee was asked to put in writing. This was done.

It was in effect, this, that it was impossible to proceed successfully to settle abandoned farms in Nova Scotia until the government possessed a list of their situation, facilities, character of soil, price, etc.; that a bureau should be created with an efficient superintendent to collect this information; that this official in due course should collect statistics about the industries of the province, and other matters, and later, when the necessary data was secured and tabulated, the next step would be to decide the best way to give this to the public in England, United States and elsewhere. Various schemes of advertising through illustrated journals, etc., were discussed in a general way with the premier. Mr. Murray promptly declared the Press

Association's plan the most practical he had heard, and announced that he would adopt it. Now, he said, names a man for the bureau. He himself at the time named two gentlemen, one of whom, Mr. Barnstead, has been appointed. Mr. Barnstead's name came up through articles he had been publishing in the Annapolis Recorder, urging the collection of vital statistics.

As stated, the bureau is now a concrete fact. An organization is thus created by law and armed with the necessary funds and authority to go ahead and try various well-considered plans for aiding settlement, industrial development and indirectly an increase of tourist travel. Far from the work being in the forlorn and forgotten position which Mr. Fulton's remarks might imply, it was never in better shape to accomplish something.

The requisite data is in course of collection and later will be distributed in some efficient manner where it is calculated to do the most good. At the instance of the Nova Scotia Press Association, a plan has been accepted providing for steady and permanent official attention being applied to this objects for which the new Bureau has been created. The lesson is that the united influence of the press of the province is potent for good, and the secret of its power is the use of its columns to freely discuss questions of strong provincial and local interest either editorially or by correspondents such as Mr. Fulton and others. More power to the press of Nova Scotia as an agency which can do things is the New Year wish of

READER.

Most people know that if they have been sick they need Scott's Emulsion to bring back health and strength.

But the strongest point about Scott's Emulsion is that you don't have to be sick to get results from it.

It keeps up the athlete's strength, puts fat on thin people, makes a fretful baby happy, brings color to a pale girl's cheeks, and prevents coughs, colds and consumption.

Food in concentrated form for sick and well, young and old, rich and poor.

And it contains no drugs and no alcohol.

ALL DRUGGISTS, 50c. AND \$1.00.

### Holiday Donations to The County Institutions

To the Editor of the Sentinel:—  
Christmas again has come and gone. The vacant chair in the home seems to bring more sadness in our lives on that day than at any time throughout the year. It also brings longing to be at home with loved ones, but how many there are, who through various and unfortunate circumstances necessarily must be deprived of this privilege. Consider the vast number of institutions throughout the world and which are filled with thousands of stricken humanity and to whom the most treasured gift, which we, who are less unfortunate enjoy—that of liberty, to say nothing of the many other privileges which institutional life does not afford. But let us now compare the situation with that of but a few years back. It is scarcely necessary to mention details as to the manner in which unfortunately dependent on public sympathy and support were treated, and as it is to day, it is quite evident that Christianity is playing its prominent part and that every effort has been made to better conditions, with the result that today in nearly all cases the afflicted are receiving the treatment that humanity demands. Notwithstanding all this, human nature craves for something to still the monotony of every day life. It seems to soothe and cheer the heart, and it is here where the Christian spirit moves us in taking action to supply the comforts and needs of those who are unable to provide for themselves. It affords me much pleasure in testifying to the ready and hearty manner in which the many friends of Bridgetown and vicinity, contributed toward the welfare and comfort of the inmates of

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### BOVRIL the kitchen economist



Much of the left-over food you now throw out can be turned into delicious dishes by the addition of a little Bovril.  
It gives warmed-over meats the juiciness of the original cooking.  
It gives body and strength to soups and gravies.  
It gives a delicious, piquant flavor to cold meats and hashes.  
Every day you will find Bovril a help and an economy in your kitchen.  
Bovril contains the essence, flavor and nutrient substance of the very best beef. It gives strength and nourishment to the invalid, and helpfulness and economy to the cook.

All good grocers sell BOVRIL.

our County Institutions on Christmas Day, many of whom are yet wearing smiles from that day's pleasure. May those who contributed have the pleasure of knowing that they did what they could to bring a little brightness into the lives of these unfortunate. May I be permitted to extend my most hearty thanks to all who in any way added to the happiness of our inmates on that day and at all times. In justice to those who have contributed toward the Christmas fund, Dr. Jost has kindly consented to audit all accounts and his report is herewith appended.

Yours truly,  
A. F. HILTZ.

This certifies that, at the request of Mr. Hiltz, I have examined the lists of amounts donated recently, for the purpose of providing Christmas entertainments for the County Hospital and County Home, and find that they show a sum of \$77.55.

I have also examined all the bills and find an expenditure of \$76.18, thus leaving Mr. Hiltz hands \$1.37, which he proposes to use in giving an outing to his charges as soon as sleighing permits.

I remain  
Yours truly,  
Crawsick Jost.

Whereas our County Institutions are filled with unfortunate inmates whom it is our desire to make as happy as possible during the Holiday Season.

We the undersigned therefore extend it a privilege to subscribe the following amounts for that purpose:—

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| W.G. Clarke        | \$5.00 |
| Mrs. James DeWitt  | 1.00   |
| Oliver S. Miller   | 1.00   |
| Karl Freeman       | 2.00   |
| W.H. Cochran       | 2.00   |
| J.I. Foster        | 2.00   |
| O.T. Daniels       | 2.00   |
| J.E. Lloyd         | 2.00   |
| J.Harry Hicks      | 1.50   |
| A.D. Brown         | 1.00   |
| J.W. Beckwith      | 2.00   |
| Fred R. Fay        | 1.00   |
| Edwin L. Fisher    | 1.00   |
| W.E. Reed          | 1.00   |
| W.D. Long          | 1.00   |
| J.H. Hicks & Sons  | 2.00   |
| E. Ruggles         | 1.00   |
| C.L. Piggott       | 2.00   |
| Sam Wear, parcel   | 1.00   |
| W.J. Hoyt          | 1.00   |
| Williams & Tibert  | 1.00   |
| H.H. Johnston      | 1.00   |
| C.H. Strong        | 2.00   |
| Mrs. C. Jost       | 2.00   |
| E. Bent            | 2.00   |
| I.M. Otterson      | 1.00   |
| R.F. Chandler      | 1.00   |
| M.E. Armstrong     | 1.00   |
| Mrs. Jas. Shaud    | 5.00   |
| Miss Isabel Hardin | 2.00   |
| R.A. Crowe         | 1.00   |
| Dr. DeBliss        | 1.00   |
| Miss Annie Outhit  | 5.00   |
| W.H. Bosch         | 5.00   |
| J.W. Ross          | .50    |
| Miss M.A. Shaud    | 1.00   |
| S.W.W. Pickup      | 13.85  |

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