

We Wish You All A Merry Christmas. THE ARCLIGHT. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1888.

The Arc Light this day appears before the reading public without apology for its existence other than that the necessity for some such publication seems to urge itself upon the persons who have undertaken the work; suggested by the fact that quite an extended patronage has hitherto been accorded to newspapers printed in this locality, and that for the full development of any section of country, town or industry the newspaper is the recognized and indispensable factor.

With this well understood axiom in mind we need not very greatly expand upon the necessity of all classes of people, private citizens, business men, mechanics, laborers and all other residents of this important town and its surroundings, to meet by material encouragement the arduous duties voluntarily assumed by the publishers. To all we may say: "Give us your eyes, your ears, your judgment, and of your means so far as you can afford, not charity, but patronage; commensurate business encouragement. Ask for merit, and we shall most heartily return your money's worth, if ability and enterprise (moderately assured to be true) can produce it.

The thriving towns of New Glasgow, Truro, Yarmouth, each have newspapers which these towns should well be proud of. What better evidence of the esteem in which their several papers are held in view, than the large patronage bestowed upon each paper by merchants in the several ways of advertising, jobbing, etc. The business men of the towns mentioned believe in newspapers, not merely as mediums for the attraction of custom, but count upon them largely to boom the town, create a sentiment of loyalty to the place amongst the residents, speak the views and point out the necessities as well as the advantages of the locality where they are published. Under such conditions a newspaper, no matter what its financial condition when first issued, is bound to succeed, and in time to become profitable to its promoters. A spirit of "help one another, boys," is the proper spirit in the case of a newspaper more than of any other undertaking.

Acadia Mines was always noted as a business rivalry. But we believe that the rivalry has ever been upright and of the most amicable nature. There can be no doubt of the effect of competition in business. Competition, carried to pre-cribed limits creates business. In many cases, however, the advent of a new rival in the presence of another of like nature, is hailed by the already established firm with anything but gratification, sometimes a sending of ill-will and sectionalism. Such conditions are abnormal. There is always room for more, notwithstanding the crowd; but there is no crowd at the top; that's where a business man should strive to get. And by fair dealing, a knowledge of human nature, tact and enterprise, each individual firm or business, no matter how small, should strive to get. Beside room, there is money enough for all. The question of how much is for each is the one that should be asked.

A certain newspaper man, not a hundred miles from the capital of the county of Kings, has been drumming all over the country for jobbing, and so far as his capabilities are concerned, he has found more than he could attend to. Acadia Mines received him, and bestowed upon him largely. He went to Truro, and while there, encountered a printer, who entertained him. The stranger remarked how successful he had been; but, said he, in an apologetic but modest way, "I never canvass outside of my own county; except in places where work cannot be obtained with equal facility, and in no good condition." With all his eagerness to make money, that printer may well be taken note of by residents of all sections. There is nothing like patronizing your own institutions, when the conditions are alike. Don't give trade away from your town; but with diligence and inquiry, secure prices, samples, etc., and if satisfaction cannot be had, then try elsewhere.

The British in Egypt. Rebels Completely Routed at Suakin.

London, Dec. 20.—A despatch from Suakin says the British and Egyptian made an attack yesterday upon the rebels position. They stormed the redoubts and trenches and after a brilliant engagement, lasting half an hour, drove the enemy into the bush. The rebels are reported to have lost a thousand men killed. The British loss is slight. The British are encamped in the rebels position. The victory was complete. A later despatch says the British lost four killed and two wounded during the gallant cavalry charge. The Egyptians and Black regiments charged the trenches and carried them brilliantly, losing two men and 20 wounded. The only officers wounded in the attacking force were two Egyptians. The rebel loss is now stated to have been 400. The Standard's correspondent at Suakin sends the following particulars of the battle: "At 4.30 this morning the man-of-war Race opened the battle by shelling the enemy's trenches. The ships up the coast followed suit and landed parties, who fought fires and placed dummies in position. They had the effect of deceiving the enemy coming from Handoub. The whole force moved toward the enemy's left flank with a naval detachment of 100 men and cavalry and mounted infantry scouting and protecting the flanks and rear, and two lines comprising battalions in double companies rushed toward the left corner of the enemy's trenches, the British infantry and Egyptian reserves lining the embankment between the water forts. General Grenfell and staff occupied the position to the left of the water forts. Four or five heavy salutes of guns and mortars from every fort bore on the trenches."

ST. BRIDGETT'S HALL, Acadia Mines. Her Selections are Narrative, Humorous, Patriotic, Tragic, etc., and are of the best presented to the people of Nova Scotia. The lady has read in most of the large cities and towns of Canada, and in all cases has great satisfaction. TICKETS AT POPULAR PRICES. Dec. 21.

The "Haytian Republic," Trouble.

The placid face of naval life in the United States is rarely ruffled by international frictions, and when the shadow of a "war cloud" no bigger than a man's hand, originating in a state perhaps not much larger than the hand, flits across the horizon, it creates a prodigious wrinkle, and is magnified into a first class *casus belli*. Visions of active service, promotion and prize money fit through the brain of fleet-captain, midship and Jack. All are tarred with the same brush and all anxious to prove that they are of some use to the world, and only want an opportunity to prove it. Hot blood and the exercise of arbitrary power by that little ambitious hornet's nest of the tropics—Hayti—has stirred up the administration, and for the last week the Navy Yard at Brooklyn has been the centre of intense activity, particularly among the newspaper reporters, in getting the fleet ready for Hayti.

For some months past, Hayti has been playing its national game of revolution. An American steamer—the Haytian Republic—owned in Boston, and plying be-

tween that city, New York and Haytian ports, engaged in the laudable and philanthropic purpose of carrying arms to the rebels, or assisting either side as it paid best, was seized by the *de facto* government of Port-au-Prince for violation of the blockade. The new gunboat Boston, Captain Ramsay, was sent to investigate the matter, and while doing so his ship was attacked with yellow fever and he had to flee. However, he was there long enough to learn that the blockade was not effective—only a paper declaration—and he reported to his government that the seizure of the Haytian Republic was illegal. The government of Hayti agreed to leave the question of legality of seizure entirely to the American government, and the Secretary of War soon decided that the vessel must be given up and the owners compensated for the loss and detention. Demand was made on the government of President Legitime for her release, but while not refusing he neglected to comply, and hence the activity in the naval circles.

Orders were given at once to get ready all the available force, which consists of the corvettes Galena, Yantic, and Richmond, and the first two are off to sea. Admiral Lee is in command of the fleet, and his instructions are to proceed to Port-au-Prince, demand the surrender of the seized vessel, and, if the demand is refused, to take her by force, put her in possession of her owners, and of course if goes without saying, to punish any force that offers any resistance to his demands. It is scarcely probable that there will be any resistance save perhaps a protest, as the Haytian government has only one small war steamer, and there are rumors here that she has been sunk by a collier with a German Commercial vessel. There are rumors, too, that the Haytian Republic has been bribed to prevent her surrender, but there seems no basis for them. It is scarcely probable they will be reckless enough to do this, as they certainly will have to pay roundly for her if they have.

The Chignecto Ship Railway.

An Ottawa Telegram says that Mr. Ketchum, engineer and promoter of the Chignecto Ship Railway, which is to connect the waters of the Bay of Fundy and the Straits of Northumberland, is in that city to complete arrangements with the government in connection with his works, for which parliament at its last session granted him a subsidy of \$170,000 for a period of 20 yrs. Mr. Ketchum says that all contracts in connection with the enterprise have been awarded and all operations commenced. The railway is estimated to cost five millions of dollars, and is expected to be finished by Sept. 1 of next year. Docks are to be constructed at either end for the reception of vessels before they are transferred to the railway. That at the Bay of Fundy and the one at Chignecto will be 800 feet long, in addition to which there will be a landing dock 200 feet in length. At the Bay of Fundy there will be a hydraulic lift, which will raise and lower vessels 40 feet.

The construction of the docks will be much more costly than that of the railway itself at Bay Verte, where the water is at present very shallow. The channel will have to be bridged at the Bay of Fundy, and there will be a gate to impound water sufficient to float vessels of 25 feet draught. The railway altogether will be seventeen miles in length. When vessels are lifted from the locks they will be placed on cradles made to adjust to the sides of the vessels, and these will extend over four steel rails of the weight of 110 pounds to the yard. Under a large vessel there will be about 200 wheels. Mr. Ketchum says this railway will be the only one of the kind as yet constructed, and will create a sensation in the engineering and commercial world. He laughs at the fears that shipowners will not care to allow their vessels to be treated in the manner described, and says the trade will be ample enough when the railway is completed.

One of the reasons why Scott's Emulsion has such a large sale is, because it is the best. Dr. W. H. Cameron, Halifax, N. S., says: "I have prescribed Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, with Hypophosphites, for the past two years, and found it more agreeable to the stomach and have better results from its use than any other preparation of the kind I have ever used." Sold by Duggists, 50c. and \$1.00 and Thos. E. Atkins, Acadia Mines.

A sensational despatch from Chicago announces that there is a revival of the anarchist movement there.

We are indebted to the Turo Guardian office for considerable material, and to several of its hands for timely assistance.

The house of Michael Dwyer at Blythe, Ont., was burned on the 9th inst. Dwyer's wife and daughter, and the latter's three young children were burned to death. Mr. Dwyer and one child escaped.

A great many of the items to be found in this issue were arranged and put in type, for an edition of the 6th inst., but chaos confounded us, and order was only created out of confusion by dint of labor and expense. We are only too well pleased to find our work as satisfactory as it now appears. Readers will please pardon the lack of harmony, and the apparent staidness of the news referred to.

A staging at the Blast Furnace fell at noon on Wednesday, a distance of thirty-five feet, causing serious injury to James Scourrah, and endangering the lives of six others, all of whom were at work on the staging. Christopher Patriquin saved his life by holding on in mid air until rescued by parties from above.

CATARRH. CATARRH OF THE EYE. CATARRH OF THE EAR. Sufferers are not generally aware that these diseases are contagious, or that they are due to the presence of living parasites in the lining membrane of the nose and ear. Microscopic research, however, has proved this to be a fact, and the result is that a simple remedy has been formulated—whereby catarrh, catarrhal deafness and hay fever are permanently cured in from one to three simple applications made at home by the patient once in two weeks. N.B.—For catarrhal discharge peculiar to females (white) this remedy is specific. A pamphlet explaining this new treatment is sent on receipt of ten cents by H. Dixon & Sons, 303 West King St., Toronto, Canada. Sufferers from external troubles should carefully read the above.

Miss McGarry, of the Ladies' College, Halifax

has been secured to give EVENING'S READINGS THURSDAY Evening, 27th inst., at ST. BRIDGETT'S HALL, Acadia Mines.

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ACADIA MINES STORE. GENERAL & COMMISSION WAREHOUSE.



James Atkins, Livery and Boarding. FURNACE STREET. First Class Team and Short notice. Acadia Mines, Dec. 20, 88.



Bargains! Bargains!! Closing Out Sale.

HAVING desired to go out of business by January 1st, 1889 I now offer my entire Stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Books, Stationery, Pipes, Cigars, Tobacco, Xmas, and New Year's Cards, Toys, Fancy goods, etc., etc. Positively at Cost.

Do not be foolish and pay the prices for goods because you can get a month or so time to pay for them. But call with cash or good security and save 50 per cent. Butter and Eggs taken in exchange. N. T. MILLS, FURNACE STREET. ACADIA MINES.

New Advertisements.

GEORGE H. LAWRENCE, Agent, WESTERN FIRE ASSURANCE COY. Office with G. W. Cox & Co. Acadia Mines, Dec. 20, 88.

THE GLASGOW & LONDON FIRE INSURANCE COY., J. J. FALCONER, AGENT. Acadia Mines, Dec. 20, 88.

C. C. D. DONKIN'S, HAIR-DRESSING and Shaving Rooms. NEXT Door to G. R. Smith's Store. Everything New, Neat and attractive. First-Class Work Guaranteed. Fine Cigars. Acadia Mines, Dec. 20, 88.

JOHN LEE, TONSORIAL ARTIST, HAIR-CUTTING, Shaving and Shampooing. Ladies' and children's Hair-dressing a specialty. Particular attention paid to monthly customers. Private razors and razors for parties desiring them. Shop directly opposite Episcopal Church, Acadia Mines. Acadia Mines, Dec. 20, 88.

THE MANUFACTURERS' ACCIDENT INSURANCE CO. CAPITAL OVER \$1,000,000. By the payment of a small sum the following benefits can be secured in case of accident: Sum payable at death \$3,000. " " on face of recoverable loss of sight of both eyes 3,000. " " on loss of hand or foot 3,000. Weekly allowance (for 26 weeks) during temporary or total disablement 15.00. G. W. COX, Agent at Acadia Mines. Acadia Mines, Dec. 20, 88.

FOR SALE. The VALUABLE property directly opposite the American House and owned by the undersigned will be disposed of at a BARGAIN. The house is well fitted, and is specially adapted for a BOARDING HOUSE, being closely situated to the works. For particulars apply to STEPHEN TURNER, Acadia Mines, Dec. 20, 88.

STEPHEN WATSON, Fish Dealer. FRESH SALMON, Codfish, Haddock, Mackerel, Haddies, Salmon and Skate in their season. I guarantee all Fish fresh. Received direct from the boats, and packed in ice. Delivery every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. STEPHEN WATSON, Acadia Mines, Dec. 14, 88.

RESTAURANT. The subscriber begs to announce that he is now prepared to furnish MEALS and LUNCHEONS at all hours. Oyster Stews, Baked Beans, Chops, Soups. A full line of temperate drinks. JOHN BUTLER, Church St., Acadia Mines, Dec. 20, 88.

BLAIKIE BROS., IMPORTERS and DEALERS IN DRY GOODS, BOOTS and SHOES, HARDWARE, CROCKERY-WARE, GROCERIES, ETC. Flour and Meal a specialty. BLAIKIE BROS., Commercial Street, Acadia Mines, Dec. 20, 88.

Surgical Operations. Boots and Shoes. By the aid of Feet, making good the Legs, binding the bones, healing the sores, mending the constitution, and supporting the Body with a New Sole. My Custom made Boots and Shoes will be found as Elastic as an Act of Parliament, and admirably suited for those who tread only in the paths of routine. Their durability is equal to truth in itself, and they fit the feet as fairly as innocence the face of children. Also, supply the Ladies with their Right to be well as lefts. DENNIS MURPHY, Truro, N. S., Dec. 20, 88.

Free! 16 Grand Love Stories, a package of goods worth \$2.00 in 100 Picture Books, that will surely put you on the road to a handsome fortune. Write quick and send the silver to help pay postage. A. W. Kenney, Yarmouth, N. S. Dec. 20, 88.

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G R A N D Xmas. Display, AT S. H. SMITH AND SONS, 1,000 Kinds CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Fancy Cups and Saucers, Brass Goods, Silver Cake Baskets, Butter Dishes, Lamps and Lanterns, China Tea Sets, Children's Sets.

A Large Assortment of HARDWARE.

(From a needle to a Charter Oak Range.) Building Hardware, Farming Utensils, Carriage Bolts, Zinc, Sinks, Pumps, Coal Hods, Crockery, Glass, Silver and Earthen-ware, Cutlery, Fire-arms & Ammunition, Shot & Powder Bags, etc., etc.

We don't sell some small articles at cost to introduce old stock. But we get all new goods and we have the prices at a living profit.

Save \$20 a Year by Buying one of the CHARTER OAK RANGES

Don't forget to call and get your supply for Xmas, as the Prices are Rock Bottom.

HARNESSES. We have a good stock of first quality Harnesses, made by first-class workmen. We put the best stock in our Harness that can be bought. We will warrant a 5 ft. Trace not to stretch 7 ft. when it is wet.

ALL PRICES.—Horse Rugs, Goat Skin Rokes very cheap. Cribbles from 20 to 25 cts. Cheapest ever known to be sold.

FARMERS & TRADERS. Don't visit Acadia Mines without giving S. H. Smith & Son a call if you want any goods in their line. We want your trade and deal with a firm where the good and prices suit you. We have enlarged our shop double the size, and are prepared to do a business.

S. H. SMITH & SON, PLEASANT STREET, ACADIA MINES.