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Local and Special News.

—Halifax has waded to the necessity of pursuing a broader and more enterprising trade policy if it is to compete with St. John as an entrepot from which the products of the upper and eastern provinces may be shipped to Great Britain. While St. John has been providing facilities for this trade, in building incinerators and wharves, Halifax has been resting happy in the thought that the only convenient channel through which trade with the Old Country passed was through the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

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—Nova Scotia cheese sells in Halifax at 8c and 5c per lb. In Ontario seven cent cheese is now general. —Miss Margaret Sparr, of Melrose Square, and Miss Lily A. Miller, of Round Hill, have been engaged to marry, respectively, the Hon. J. W. Beckwith, of the Department of the Public Schools of the town. —The Superintendent of Streets with a force of men wrought a thorough change in the gutters and sidewalks along some of the streets in town last week. These are needed for further improvement if the road fund holds out.

New Advertisements.

AT RANDOLPH'S A LARGE STOCK OF Women's Hygeian Undervests, Misses' & Women's Fast Black Cotton Hose, Women's Summer Cashmere Hose, Boy's Knickerbocker Hose, Men's Black & Colored 1-2 Hose, Women's Colored and Black Silk Gloves, Men's Lisle Gloves, Fancy Handkerchiefs, Fancy Braids.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Bridgetown Importing House 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, GENTS' FURNISHINGS, in large variety. We cheerfully invite inspection. Prices Tell Quality Sells. J. W. BECKWITH.

—The contract for building a Sunday-school house adjoining St. James' church has been awarded to Mr. Joseph Brooks. —By screening, in widths from 24 to 36 inches, at Shipley's. Also, Mixed Pains, several new shades, just added. —Mr. Ernest C. Haycock, the newly appointed instructor in chemistry and geology at Acadia, is from Westport, Digby county. —The Annapolis county hay crop for 1898 will probably equal the heavy yield of last year. Crops of all kinds are looking remarkably well.

—Three two-topmast schooners are at the wharf now, and the Nugget called this morning. Two of them, the Starbuck and the Annapolis, will be loaded with piling by Mr. L. D. Shaffer, while the Ours will be loaded by Richardson Bros. —Mrs. T. Troop Messenger has purchased of Mr. Ambrose Bent the property known as the "Theby Brook" farm, which, added to the largest and finest farms in the valley. It will be fitted up as a fine clear settlement to be known as "The Orchard." —Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Miller arrived on Monday from a week's visit in Cape Breton and were warmly welcomed. Mrs. Miller, though her home was in Sherbrooke, Guyshoro county, has been in Bridgetown several times and has made many friends. —The first summer girl from the great city has struck the Valley, and she is as fresh and cool as New England weather on the day before a January thaw.

We want Everyone To Know

We are selling our second carload of BUGGIES at very low prices and Easy Terms. To arrive in a few days ONE CAR OF Mowers and Rakes. Mowing Machine Sections Wholesale and Retail. N. H. PHINNEY, Manager. Lawrencetown, June 11th, 1898.

—The making of a large army of volunteers is a difficult process, even in a populous country like the United States, where fighting seasons have boasted that ten millions of recruits would flock to the standard in time of need. Nearly two months ago President McKinley called for one hundred and twenty-five thousand volunteers for the Cuban campaign, and the full complement has just been mustered in. It is not that the cause of the country is not a popular one; neither is there a scarcity of men—but the great mass of the people are not to be stirred to any extent by an ordinary call to arms. A hundred thousand is but a small portion of ten millions, and the average white-headed man, whose time is thoroughly occupied in his business pursuits, will say "There will be enough of volunteers without me." Probably had the president asked for one million men his countrymen would have shaken off their apathy and risen quickly to the needs of the occasion.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. F. R. Fay returned from Lunenburg last Monday. —Mr. T. P. Calkin, of Kentville, was in town last Saturday. —Mr. N. R. Harrows, of the Union Bank, spent Sunday in Halifax. —Mr. Justice Savary returned last week from a trip to New England. —Mrs. Elizabeth Hazen, of St. John, N. B., is the guest of her cousin, Miss Ruggles. —Miss Etta Messenger is home from Acadia Seminary, where she has been studying music and painting. —Mrs. J. W. Longley was in town last Wednesday attending the funeral of the late W. Y. Foster. —Mrs. Harry Ruggles and children left on Monday for Halifax, on a visit of a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Taylor. —Miss Nellie Hoy returned from St. John on Saturday accompanied by her sister, Mrs. James Gordon and little son. —Rev. J. Webb, of Springfield, and Miss Webb, were in Bridgetown last Wednesday en route for the Western Baptist Convention at Yarmouth. —Mrs. J. E. Lloyd and child, of Brighton, Shelburne county, arrived last week. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd have taken rooms at Mr. George Hoy's. —Rev. N. B. Dunn, pastor of the Baptist church at Osborne for four years and a half, has assumed the pastorate of the Third Baptist church. —Walter Chipman, a native of Bridgetown, son of Wm. Chipman, Esq., now of Guelph, has been named a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Edinburgh.

—The death occurred at Westville, Pictou county, on the 10th inst., of F. H. Calkin, for many years head clerk at the Acadia Coal Co.'s office there. He was 42 years of age. —Hon. L. E. and Mrs. Baker, Yarmouth, celebrated their silver wedding Monday, 6th inst., with a grand reception; over 200 guests had their respects to their host and hostess. The house and grounds were beautifully decorated; numerous valuable presents were received. —Work on the Buggies block progressed wonderfully during the week. The bricklayers have the first story wall up on two sides and the wooden framework is also in position. The lower part will contain a large store, the Bank branch and the Messrs. Ruggles' law office. —A bill passed the federal parliament, Thursday, to ratify the award of Judge Burdidge in favor of the Dominion Atlantic Railway, and to authorize the payment to that company of \$100,000 for the commutation of its privileges in respect to drawback on customs import duties.

—The exhibition given Monday evening by the gymnasium class under the direction of Mr. R. O. Weaver was a very enjoyable affair. The boys also gave a fine musical and a few weeks and had only one class practice. The exhibition was a very successful one, and the boys were performing many difficult feats on the horizontal and parallel bars with the ease and skill of professional athletes. The club swinging, trials of strength, boxing and family games were also given. In a darkened room, was a pleasing and surprising feature of the program. The judges, Dr. J. P. Grant and Messrs. F. R. Fay and J. R. Puley awarded the prize for the best gymnast—a silver medal. The judges were Mr. E. A. Howe. The mayor made a most interesting speech, and the boys on their work. He regretted that through some delay in carriage the order for the occasion had not arrived in time for presentation that evening. The delayed prize, however, arrived yesterday and the editor got a peep at it. It is a handsome little trophy and is highly appreciated. The medal will be suitably engraved. Mr. Howe was promptly touched by his classmates, who were apparently all his success. —The main part of the program was a treat indeed. The solos by Miss Marion Deane and Lydia Munroe were pleasingly rendered, and were also done by Miss Munroe and Mrs. Moore. The Y. M. C. A. male quartet sang with good effect. —The Rev. F. P. Grestaker opened the meeting last week with a few happy remarks, and made an ideal impression of credit. There were about 150 people present.

Dominion Day!

Supreme Court Docket. —Supreme Court sittings next Tuesday, Mr. Justice Ritchie presiding. The following civil causes will be tried: —Held Rice vs. W. R. Stewart, F. L. Miller for plaintiff; Mothers for defendant; J. J. Ritchie, Q. C., for plaintiff. —Walter David, vs. James Murdoch, O. T. Daniels for plaintiff; E. Ruggles, Q. C., for defendant. —Wm. Turner, O. T. Daniels for plaintiff; J. J. Ritchie, Q. C., for defendant. —Commercial Bank of Windsor vs. John Ross, O. T. Daniels for plaintiff; J. J. Ritchie, Q. C., for defendant. —Potterell vs. Walter Walker, E. Ruggles, Q. C., for plaintiff; W. E. Roome, Q. C., for defendant. —Queen vs. Wallace, the only criminal cause on the docket. —Walter David, of the Annapolis Company, has received many flattering comments from the Press. We quote the following: "This was Mr. David's first appearance in the Westboro and he took the audience by storm. He is a humorist par excellence, and brought forth shouts of laughter and spontaneous applause by his quiet rendition of every selection. No humorist has carried so many laughs down the stream. He was unable to keep silent and had gone down twice when Captain Mallam arose after him. He went down a third time but Mallam was nearly blind, and even had his head above water again. A boat had in the meantime been married and the captain and his chief officer were soon picked up. Tepper was soon restored and neither of the men suffered any material injury from their odd bath. It was a plucky act and the bravery of Captain Mallam deserves substantial recognition."

—The unreliability of the vast bulk of the war news that has been furnished to the public by the great news agencies is proven by the official announcement from Washington that no move had been made to land American soldiers in Cuba till this week. There is now no doubt that an actual invasion is in progress, and a landing should be effected by Friday or Saturday. The transports will be conveyed by a large fleet of battleships. All military reported landings have been on paper only. On every eight weeks of war, with little or no fighting, the campaign will be a disaster. On every day to turn every advantage into disadvantage. —The financial outlook in Canada is brightening as the month of 1898 slips away, is admitted everywhere. On every hand we hear the cheering news of an increased output from the mines, factory and farm. The tonic thus administered to a depressed trade is producing grand results in the upper and western provinces; in the maritime provinces the improvement in general business has not been so marked, and yet we know there has been an improvement. New industries are being established; capital, long idle, is being pressed into service; in the result of this will be to increase the circulation of currency and quicken the pulse of trade till every vestige of the commercial stagnation of the past few years has disappeared. Apparently Canada is just on the threshold of an era of prosperity such as has never obtained in the history of the federation. —The question of establishing national granaries for wheat in England is receiving considerable attention just now. It is felt in all the leading circles that such a scheme would prove a great boon in case of war or any time of dearth. Before the Agricultural Committee in England evidence was given by Mr. W. Beckwith's states, at 50 cents a bushel. It was suggested that had a store of wheat should be established in different parts of the United Kingdom. One difficulty would be to arrange those stores; houses so that large quantities of wheat could be kept without injury for a length of time in the humid climate of England. —Manitoba is getting some valuable concessions from the Dominion. In all, nearly \$700,000 has been passed to the credit of that province during the present session of the federal parliament. The credits are on account of school lands and refund of interest deducted on account of legislative buildings. Won't the other provinces be jealous?

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Dominion Day! Celebration at Bridgetown

The BRIDGETOWN DRIVING PARK CO., (LIMITED) will hold a meeting on the Bridgetown Driving Track on July 1st, with the following program: \$450.00 IN PURSES. No. 1—FREE-TOP ALL (Trot and Pace) Purses, \$200.00. No. 2—2-35 Class (Trotters only) Purses, \$150.00. No. 3—3-35 minute Class (Trot and Pace) Purses, \$100.00. Entries close June 29th. Purses divided in the usual way. N. T. A. rules to govern. Association reserves right to declare races off on any unavoidable cause. O. S. MILLER, Secretary.

STRONG & WHITMAN'S SPRING STOCK is now complete in all lines: We have been too busy to keep track of all the cases, sales 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 Alpaca from 24c to 95c per yard. Lining and trimmings to match from the cheapest to the best.

60 pieces DAINY MUSLINS comprising French, Swiss, English and Canadian makes, from 8c 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, White, Silk and Taffeta Gloves, Hosiery, Plain Black and Fancy Sunshades—a fine assortment.

HOUSE FURNISHINGS Carpets, Straw Matting, Lace Curtains, Art Draperies, Room Papers, Curtain Poles with either brass or wood trimmings, Roller Blinds from 18c up, Floor Oil-cloths 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. The statute provides the holiday, and the citizens of Bridgetown will provide a good programme of high class entertainment for those who will spend the holiday with them. Citizen committees are now actively engaged in perfecting arrangements for the great events of the day.

SPRING STOCK NOW COMPLETE! Dress Goods! Our Stock of DRESS GOODS is the best we have ever shown, having had to repeat a good many lines. Special values in All-Wool Serges at 22c. See our Black and Colored Serges at 30c, 45c, and 75c. See our Plain and Fancy Alpaca; all per ces.

Hosiery! We have the best values in Cotton, Lisle Thread and Cashmere Hose ever shown in this town. See our Searles Cashmere Hose at 25c; it's a dandy.

Corsets! 2 cases CROMPTON CORSET COMPANY'S CORSETS in all the leading lines. Gloves, Laces, Vests and Sunshades in great variety. JOHN LOCKETT & SON. WANTED—Any quantity good clean washed Wool.