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## Greetings

Once more the festive season has rolled around and Christmas, with all it means, will soon be with us again, bringing the old and familiar message, "Peace on Earth, Good will Towards Men", which still stands true in spite of much that happens.

In all those things that may be for their material and moral welfare during this festive season, the staff of The Acadian wish their readers and advertisers an abundance in addition to

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

## CHRISTMAS

Christmas is not a day or a season, but a condition of heart and mind. If we love our neighbors as ourselves; if in our riches we are poor in spirit and in our poverty we are rich in grace; if our charity vaunteth not itself, but suffereth long and is kind; if when our brother asks a loaf we give ourselves instead; if each day dawns in opportunity and sets in achievement, however small; then every day is Christ's day and Christmas is always near.—James Wallingford.

## MAKE THEM WORK

At the present time there are a number of physically able men doing time at the county jail at Kentville, who ought to be at least earning their keep. Under present conditions they are simply the guests of the public living well and doing nothing towards the maintenance of themselves or their families. This should not be allowed to continue further than is absolutely necessary and our municipal rulers should get busy in the direction of the solution of a problem that has already existed too long. In other parts of our Dominion prison farms and workshops are maintained and "doing time" is not such a pleasant pastime as it is here. If our provincial or federal governments have not already provided the necessary machinery to make a similar course possible in Nova Scotia they should be approached at once and asked to do so. Our new Municipal Councilors have here an opportunity for service that will justify their tenure of office and a chance to make good that will be appreciated by their constituents.

## A GROWING EVIL

The large amount of business that is every week going from Wolfville and vicinity to mail order houses that rightfully belongs to local merchants is becoming alarming. Merchants and customers alike realize that there is something wrong that deserves immediate investigation and correction. No one can be blamed for desiring to get the most for his money in these times when prices in every line of goods are abnormally high and quality far from what it should be. But there is no reason why the local dealer cannot do practically as well for his patrons as the foreign house. In too many cases the trouble is not all on the side of the purchaser and the merchant will do well at the end of another year to question very closely his methods. If he is in a position to compete in the matter of prices and quality with the outside dealer it is up to him to bring the fact home to the home people. The well written and widely distributed advertising matter of the mail-order house, is a powerful influence to overcome, but the local newspaper if properly used may be made fully as effective or more so. The merchant nowadays must show the public that he wants their patronage and that he is prepared to give them good service. The customers on the other hand must remember the claims of the local merchant and the difficulties with which he has to contend. A getting together in this regard and a full consideration of "the other fellow's" interests will do much to correct what unquestionably is a real evil.

## AVERAGE PRICE OF FOODSTUFFS ADVANCES ONE-THIRD OF ONE PER CENT. IN NOVEMBER

The average wholesale prices of 32 leading staple food commodities during the month of November show an increase as compared with the general average during October of .323 per cent. or about one-third of one per cent. The outstanding feature in the markets during the month of November was the steady increase in the price of flour, which showed an advance of from 40c to 20c every week during the month, the average price of Manitoba hard wheat flour being \$7.05 per barrel as against the average of \$6.75 for October. Cereals also inclined upward, particularly rolled oats and cornmeal, the average price of the former being 15c per bag and the latter 27 1/2c per big bag, higher than the average in October. Eggs and butter were higher by 2c per lb., while cheese increased 4c per lb. as well. The comparison of prices shows declines of a few cents per dozen on canned tomatoes, corn and peaches, while a shade reduction is noted in shelled almonds, walnuts and rice.—Canadian Grocer.

## BAD BOY!

Sympathetic Stranger: "My boy, I'm sorry to tell you that your poor father has just lost a leg in an automobile smash."  
Small boy throws cap high in the air and cries:  
"Hurray! Now I'll only have one boot to black."

## Bell Ringing One Of The Oldest Christmas Customs

What would Christmas be without the melody of the bells ringing good will toward men? Bell ringing is one of the oldest of Christmas customs. At one time in England, the fingers gave their services free, nor would they accept any special payment. The peal was rung as a matter of course, and was the natural expression of English joyousness. The merry music of the bells in Great Britain and wherever churches have peals of bells, is today as much a feature of Christmas as the decoration of church and home with evergreens, or the provision of the good cheer which always marks this festive season.

What an outcry there would be if an edict were issued forbidding the ringing of the bells during the coming festive season! Yet this was actually done during the Commonwealth, for in 1652 the wise men of parliament gave orders that "no observation shall be had on the five-and-twentieth day of December, commonly called Christmas day."

It is quite certain that this edict was disregarded in many places, while in others it led to open rioting. At Canterbury the mayor of the city tried to enforce the new rule, but the people were not going to be deprived of their pleasures so easily, so they took the law into their own hands, broke the mayor's windows—and some of his bones—as well—and affirmed their intention of keeping their Christmas in their own fashion, just as their fathers had done before them.

## IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

During a Convention of ad-writers held recently some one told the following story:

A man entered a shop one cold day and bought a woollen muffler. When he opened the muffler he found inside the photograph of a beautiful girl with a note concluded in these terms:

"If you are single please write me." A name and address followed and the man smiled. He was single. He placed the photo on his library table. In a week he had fallen in love with the picture of the beautiful girl. So he wrote to her. A week passed, during which the bachelor was in a fever of impatience. Finally he received this terrific blow in the shape of a letter:

"Dear Sir, The Mary Jones to whom you wrote was my grandmother. She died nine years ago, aged eight-seventy. Yours truly—"

Upon investigating this strange case the broken-hearted bachelor discovered that he had purchased the muffler from a dealer who did not advertise.

Moral—Write for our ad rates.

## SAY THESE QUICKLY

There was an old lady named Carr Who took the three-three for Forfar. For she said: "I believe It will probably leave Far before the four-four for Forfar."

A freshie from the Amazon Pu nighties of his Gramazon The reason's that He was too fat, To get his own Pajamazons.

## DISSOLUTION OF WORLD AT HAND



Miss Christabel Pankhurst, formerly a famous suffragette, now an evangelist in Toronto, is preaching that the end of the world is almost at hand, and claims authority from the Bible for her statements.

## LET US GET AFTER TOURIST TRAFFIC

British Columbia is awakening to the tourist business as a source of revenue, and Nova Scotia could well afford to follow her example, says Dr. P. E. Doolittle. Nova Scotia, he states, has a great deal more than British Columbia in the way of historical romance to offer the tourist and we should capitalize it. "What tourist would not wish to visit the Land of Evangeline, Louisburg, the scene of the landing of Champlain, Poutincourt, De Monts, etc., the old Fort Beauséjour and other places. The American tourist," he said, "would pay well for good service. He'll pay \$20 a pound for fish if you'll let him drop worms in your streams." Nova Scotia is as fine a holiday country as British Columbia, but in the latter place they go after the business.

The lawyer was cross-examining a witness to a robbery.

"When did the robbery take place?" he asked.

"I think—" began the witness.

"We don't care what you think, sir. We want to know what you know."

"Then if you don't want to know what I think I may as well leave the stand. I can't talk without thinking. I'm not a lawyer."

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BRIDGEWATER MIDDLETON

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# Now Is The Time

and this is the place to purchase your Christmas Candy, Raisins, Nuts, Fruit, Etc.

**BIG DISCOUNTS** allowed on all **CASH** orders from now until Christmas. I have a large stock of Xmas goods that must and will all go if prices and quality count for anything.

My store will be open every night except Sunday until after Christmas.

Moirs XXX Chocolates, 50 different varieties, 60c. lb. Moirs XXX and Williards in Fancy Gift Boxes a wonderful assortment ranging in price from 40c. to \$5.00 each.

**MARGUERITE CIGARS.** Wrapped in Holly Paper making a grand good Xmas Gift for the men.

**SPECIALS** Snowballs 75c. to \$1.25 each. Lucky Tubs 75c. to \$1.25 each. Crackers 10c. to 20c. each. Xmas Stockings 15c. to \$2.50 each. I also have a large amount of Xmas Trimmings, Games, Flashlights, Mouth Organs, Boxes of note paper, Toys, etc. All going at 1/2 price.

**CANDY** I have a larger stock than ever of pure mixtures all ranging in price from 25c. to 40c. lb. When you are ready to buy your Xmas Candy remember I have the goods you are looking for and my prices are low.

**RAISINS** Table Raisins new stock 35c. and 40c. lb. Table Raisins new stock in pkgs, 40c. each. Seeded Raisins new stock 15oz. pkg. 6 for \$1.05. Seedless Raisins new stock 15oz. pkg. 6 for \$1.05. Seeded and Seedless new stock 11oz. pkgs. 6 for 90c. The above Raisins are all Guaranteed to be new stock.

**HOLLY** I am having 100 lbs. Holly for the Xmas trade. Place your order at once.

**ORANGES** California Navels, also Floridas and Jamaica Oranges. If you want Extra Large oranges come in and let me show you some. Prices range from 40c. per doz. up.

**GRAPES** Large size Malagas, 30c. lb.

All Groceries, Flour and Feeds at greatly reduced prices for cash only. Make out a list of your wants.

GET MY PRICES

## MEAT AND FISH DEPARTMENT

When you are out shopping be sure and pay my Meat and Fish store a visit even if only to look around. You will find the shelves filled with every kind of Canned meats and Fish also vegetables etc. You will also see the reason this store is called one of the Best Meat and Fish Stores in the Valley.

Mince Meat.....25c. lb.	Bologna.....30c. lb.
Sour Kraut.....6 lbs. 30c.	Cooked Ham.....60c. lb.
Salt Herring.....50c. doz.	Head Cheese.....30c. lb.
Corned Beef.....15c. lb.	Cooked C. Beef .30 and 40c. lb.
Bloaters.....07c.	Sliced Bacon.....45c. lb.
Kippers.....07c. each	Ham.....40c. lb.
Smoked Herring.....30c. Box	Pork Sausages.....25c. lb.

Vegetables of all kinds sold by weight only

Fresh Beef, Lamb, Veal, mutton, Pork, etc. at market prices.

Fresh Fish from Digby every other day

Digby Haddies and Filetts.

I have just installed an up-to-the-minute Bacon Slicer so that all Bacon, etc. can now be sliced to suit the most particular person.

Book your order at once for Turkey, Goose, Duck, Flowers and Chicken.

More than 500 lbs. Turkey have already been booked so hurry along your order as I can only get about 800 lbs. this year.

# J. D. HARRIS