

Middletown.

Our merchants report sales fairly good during Christmas week, with cash receipts fully up to the average of previous years.

On January 1st, Middletown is to become a port of entry with Mr. J. P. Shaffer, Collector of Customs.

About a week before Christmas a testimonial to Rev. Joseph Gault, the esteemed pastor of the Methodist church of this district, was suggested, and so rapidly was the suggestion acted upon...

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Springfield.

Messrs. E. Jefferson and M. Burdage, of Kingston, were here last week visiting.

Miss Nellie Bars, of New Germany, spent a few days here last week visiting her many friends.

Mr. Richard Grimm was home for a few days last week, visiting his relatives and friends.

Messrs. George Freeman and Stanley Morrison came home on the 22nd to spend their holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey, of Bridgewater, are visiting Mrs. Ramsey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freeman.

Miss Cora Darling, who is teaching school at East Hallowell, is enjoying a visit among her friends here during the holidays.

Mr. Ernest Mason, of Acadia College, is at home spending his Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mason.

Mr. Ernest Mason, (sic), preached in the Baptist church last Sunday morning to a very attentive audience.

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Good-Eye Old Year, Good-Bye.

"The old year's death and the new year's birth" are the two great facts of the year's passing.

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Political News.

The petition against Sir Adolphus Carter has been dropped, as was that against Mr. Legris in Massachusetts.

The preliminary objections raised by Mr. N. F. Davin in the West-Asiatic election petition have been carried to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Conservatives of Montreal West have formed a new association called the Chaplain Club. Its motto: "Equal justice and the constitution for all."

Speaking at Cornwall recently, Hon. Mr. Fisher stated that the government was prepared to meet prohibition legislation if the people requested it through the proposed plebiscite.

Mr. Pease has made the necessary deposit to appeal to the Supreme Court from the recent judgment condemning him to refund the \$100,000 of the Bala des Chaleurs railway money.

Mr. John T. Ross, a barrister, of Halifax, has been appointed a commissioner to investigate charges of partisan interference with politics brought against Nova Scotia C. C. R. employes.

Mr. J. B. Hays, ex-mayor of Bradford, has been nominated as the liberal candidate to contest South Branch, which constituency has been opened by the unsetting of Henry, the late Terry member.

Church Services, Sunday, January 1st.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND—Rev. F. P. Grosvenor, Rector, in St. James' Bridgetown: Service at 10 a.m.; Evening Service at 7 p.m.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

To all our Patrons WE EXTEND OUR THANKS FOR PAST FAVORS, AND WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON WE WISH YOU ALL A Prosperous New Year. JOHN LOCKETT & SON.

ONLY A COLD Seavey's East India Liniment '96. A Merry Xmas! '96

Cheese! A few Williamston Factory Cheese and a quantity of Home-Grown Hops.

What shall the Present be? Where Shall I Get It? WHY AT J. E. SANCTON & SON'S.

Car't Eat Hood's Sarsaparilla

Hood's Sarsaparilla

ONCE MORE W. E. PALFREY Has Something New

Grocery Line that can be desired, while in FLOUR, MEAL, FEED, Etc., our lines are unsurpassed either in quality or price.

With an Eye to the Festive Season we have in stock a most desirable and useful lot of pleasing patterns in Crockeryware, besides a host of Fancy Cups and Saucers and other Xmas articles, which will repay the purchaser to inspect.

CONFECTIONERY AND FRUITS in endless variety, and choicest selections are now in stock.

APPLES in endless variety, and choicest selections are now in stock.

M. ISAACS & SONS, Ltd., LONDON, ENGLAND. RECEIVERS OF NOVA SCOTIA APPLES.

New Advertisements.

The Award FOR THE SINGER SEWING MACHINE Will be made at our office SATURDAY, Jan. 2nd, '97, AT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.

It is with very great pleasure that I once more wish my friends and customers "A Very Merry Christmas." Although engaged in a somewhat harder business than a year ago, I am still able to offer some special inducements to those who are in search of Xmas presents.

What will make a better present for the young folks than a nicely painted Sled or a nice pair of Skates.

We also have a choice selection of Fancy Silverware. If you want a Nice Pocket Knife we can offer you your choice of over 50 different styles.

Xmas Goods! CALL AND INSPECT OUR LINE OF Toys, Games, Dolls, Jewel Cases, Ink Stands, Photo and Autograph Albums, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Toy Thumb Lamps, Fancy Cups and Saucers, (in Matsuch and Plain), Moon Mirrors, and other goods too numerous to mention.

Important Notice! FOR ONE MONTH THE BRIDGETOWN CUSTOM CLOTHING CO. will make up to your special measure a fine Tailor-made Suit for \$12.50 to clear.

RAISINS! Try our Four Crown California Raisins, best in the market.

FRUIT! Oranges, Lemons.

Confection'ry Our line of Confectionery includes Royal Mixed, Cream Mixed, Cream Mixed, Chocolate, Penny Goods, and other lines.

NUTS! Walnuts, Almonds, Filberts, Peanuts and Mixed Nuts.

FANCY SLIPPERS! We will close out the balance of our Fancy Slippers in Ladies' and Men's, at a low price.

Important Notice I wish to call the attention of the public to the fact that I have a large and well selected stock of Groceries, Hardware, Fancy Crockery, and a lot of useful and fancy articles that I have not space at my disposal to enumerate. Give me a call. I will use your right.

RICHARD SHIPLEY. Turn on the althode Rays! Our Fine Selection of HOLIDAY GOODS Will Stand the Test.