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—The Hunts' Journal quotes from the Monitor-Sentinel the case of accidental shooting, by which another unfortunate lad lost his life, and makes the following pertinent comment:—

"Parental authority is certainly somewhat lax in these times, for if it were exercised as in the old times, there would be fewer young boys running round with guns, shooting promiscuously, not even our native birds escaping. While we sympathize with parents who lose their boys by such accidents, could these not frequently be prevented by enforced prohibition in the use of guns by mere lads? In this respect prevention is better than grief after the trouble comes."

This is a subject which has been frequently referred to in these columns. It is amazing how careless parents are in regard to the placing of firearms in the hands of young boys. The sale and use of firearms to minors, should actually be prohibited by legislation, but how can it be expected that the law-makers will take an interest in the matter when parents, who should be most concerned, show so much indifference?

—Another grave danger which menaces the welfare, both bodily and mentally, of our boys is the deadly cigarette. Although legislation has already been secured to protect the youth of our land from the fatal results of this poisonous drug, it is no uncommon thing to see mere children victims of a habit which will result fatally to healthy growth of mind and body. The hope of the nation is in its boys and girls. They are worth caring for.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of Monitor-Sentinel:—

The following is an extract from the letter of an occasional correspondent who was over in England last year. As for some years he has made a close study during repeated visits and is largely interested as a shipper and sometimes as a receiver of his own apples in England, his opinion should be of some value, and we recommend it to the attention of those apple growers who are interested in the co-operative movement, on which we may have something more to say at no distant date.

"I have just read in a Halifax paper some notes on the work of the United Fruit Co., Limited, of Berwick, N. S. The fact that their representative has made arrangements with twenty-eight different firms in England to handle their stuff I look upon as a bad move."

"For the sake of argument, we will take Sheffield. Perhaps he will give a man there three hundred barrels to sell. The competition is then taken out of the room in Liverpool for this man's requirements, and it is probable that as they are on commission he will get them out to his neighbours at the best possible price! So you will see that in twenty-eight different towns this takes the competitive bids of twenty-eight men after stuff out of the room. The consequence will be—and is—that the Midlands towns have very often more apples than they ought to have. Prices suffer in consequence, and there is no competition in the sale room."

"The Australians and Tasmanians found this out years ago when they tried the same thing. They now confine their shipments to Liverpool and London, and give part of their consignments to most of the regular well-known and recognized firms. When I was in London last June their representatives told me that from practical experience they had found this to be the best method of distributing their fruit. Some of them even go so far as to say that they found selling to people in the Midlands and outside ports tended to lower the general results of the sale room."

"If Tasmania and Australia, two of the greatest socialistic countries in the world, have found this out, I wonder when the very enlightened Nova Scotians will come to the same conclusion."

## Bridgetown Past and Present

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fire bell at the Town Hall provides the general alarm, and an ample supply of hose for attachment with the hydrants of our excellent high pressure water supply assures our town of the fullest possible protection from fire, from which dreaded calamity the town, as a whole, has been singularly free for many years.

### COURT HOUSE

In the early eighties the Sessions House was burned, and it was moved that the sessions of Court and Municipal Council, which had been held semi-annually in Bridgetown, be removed to Annapolis Royal to save the expense of re-building a second county Court House. Some of the more enterprising of the citizens of Bridgetown of that day, among whom J. W. Beckwith was a leading spirit, determined that the Town should not thus lose its claim to a share town, being favorably located in the centre of the county, and having consequently other recognizable advantages, they formed a joint stock company to construct the present Court House, which stands opposite the Town Building referred to, and which has been not only successful in retaining the semi-annual sessions of Court and Municipal Council, but also has proved its usefulness and the business sagacity of its founders, in being the scene of all social, literary and dramatic entertainments during the intervening years. Its usefulness in the latter sense has been somewhat superseded by the new Primrose Theatre, established by A. R. Bishop and A. C. Charlton, primarily as a moving picture theatre, but lately re-furnished and accommodated with stage fittings for the presentation of dramatic entertainments, for which it is becoming increasingly popular. It is situated in the second story of the handsome brick block known as the Primrose Building, which is one of the finest business blocks of modern style and structure which now adorns our business streets, and was erected through the enterprise of the Primrose brothers, Doctors Samuel, James and Frederick Primrose, the latter being the only one of the three now living. These early benefactors of the town also had previously built a large wooden business block with living apartments in second and third stories of neat architectural appearance.

Another example of public enterprise was shown by the heirs of the late T. D. Ruggles, who constructed, for the occupancy of the Bank of Nova Scotia, the store of Strong and Whitman and the offices of T. D. Ruggles and Sons, a fine brick building on Queen Street, with hall, and offices in its second story. A few years later, on the opposite side of Queen Street, another brick building of the same nature was constructed by L. D. Shafner, and now owned and occupied by C. L. Piggott. The latest addition to the brick structures of the town is the neat brick block of J. H. Longmire and Sons, completed during the past few months.

### BUSINESS STANDS

Another imposing business stand of an earlier date was erected by the heirs of the late James Shipley and is now owned and occupied by N. E. Chute with the Oddfellows' Hall in its second story.

The Royal Bank Building was re-constructed from the old business stand of Runciman, Randolph and Co., and is quite an imposing feature of the business section.

One of the finest business establishments of the town, though of modern construction, is that of J. H. Hicks & Sons on Queen Street, near the approach to the Bridge. This replaces another fine building which the firm suffered the loss of by fire. It contains one of the finest stocked furniture ware rooms in the Province. The second story contained also the undertaking and upholstering departments. Another attractive business stand in the same locality is that of E. L. Fisher. On the opposite corner stands the former home of the Electric Light Co. plant, now used as offices.

A additional re-constructed buildings on Queen Street are those of Karl Freeman, formerly the Fraser building, and the Crowe, Elliott and Co. establishment, formerly the Cox building, both attractive and ornamental features of Queen Street, with their wide plate glass fronts, displaying their extensive lines of wares.

Other remodelled business stands, though more modest in appearance, are those of John Ross, W. W. Chesley, W. E. Reid, John Lockett and Son (two buildings), J. I. Foster, J. E. Lloyd (formerly the Murdoch block), Moses & Young, O. F. Ruffee (occupied by J. Harry Hicks) Miss Annie Chute's W. A. Warren, T. A. Foster, a building adjoining the Shafner Block, and J. W. Beckwith.

There are but few localities remaining that are not creditable to the business of the town, and these will probably be rebuilt in the course of a very few years. One of the latter sites will doubtless be occupied by the new public building which the citizens of Bridgetown have been led to believe will be a gift of the Dominion Government within the near future. This building is expected to shelter the post office and customs department and be also an additional welcome architectural feature of the town.

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## Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association

The Forty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association will be held in the Assembly Hall, Middleton, on January 29th, 29th and 30th.

The program and order of business will, subject to necessary changes, be as follows:—

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON (2 o'clock)

Opening Prayer ..... S. O. Parker, Berwick  
President's Address ..... S. O. Parker, Berwick  
"The Saw Jose Scale Situation in Nova Scotia" Dr. R. Matherson, Truro  
"Some Important Points in Box Packing" Prof. Saxby Blair, Kentville  
"Marketing Apples in Boxes" ..... R. S. Eaton, Kentville

### TUESDAY EVENING, (7.30 o'clock)

Address—Orchard Fertilizers ..... Prof. J. P. Stewart, State College, Penn.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING (9.30 o'clock)

Reports of Officers .....  
Election of Officers .....  
Reports of Committees .....  
Resolutions .....  
The Future of our Horticultural Exhibitions—R. J. Messenger, Lawrence town, and M. Cumming, Truro.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON (2 o'clock)

"Sprays and Spraying" ..... Prof. J. P. Stewart, State College, Penn.  
"The Brown Tail and the Gipsy Moth" ..... Dr. Robt. Matherson, Truro.  
"Is the Brown Tail Moth Spreading in Nova Scotia?"—Field Officer Sanders, Round Hill.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING (7.30 o'clock)

"Some Phases of the Export Apple Trade" ..... W. W. Moore, Ottawa  
"Nova Scotia Fruit in Western Markets"—C. W. Baxter, Chief Fruit Instructor Prairie Provinces.

### THURSDAY MORNING (9.30 o'clock)

"Thinning Apples on a Commercial Basis" ..... John Buchanan, Berwick, F. H. Johnson, Bridgetown; J. M. Robinson, Berwick.  
"Is the Shipping of No. 3's to British Markets a Commercial Asset to Nova Scotia?" ..... William Craze, Kentville

MANNING ELLS,  
Secretary.

means of telephone communication, which to our forefathers of forty years ago, if they could have conceived of such an endowment to the coming generations would have spurned it as an impossible flight of the imagination.

This article will not be completed without at least a passing reference to Bridgetown's numerous and growing industries, which we are compelled to leave for a later issue.

### HOTELS

Two other re-modelled buildings which would be unrecognizable to our forefathers are those known as the Grand Central and St. James' Hotels. They are attractive and commodious, and in every way suited to the accommodation of the travelling public.

The two churches heretofore referred to, the St. James (Church of England) and the Baptist Church are pleasing examples of Church architecture built within the foregoing period. In addition we should not omit reference to the many modern well-kept residences which go to make Bridgetown a modern attractive residential centre. The scope of this article will not permit particular references to the many pretty residences with spacious lawns and gardens, happy home centres in which the citizens of Bridgetown dwell, surrounded with all modern conveniences of heating, lighting and sanitary appliances, in many instances linked with each other and the outer world by the

Epworth League Entertainment

The patients of the County Home and Hospital assembled in the Recreation Hall on Friday evening, when they were favoured with a very pleasant evening's entertainment, under the auspices of the Epworth League, Bridgetown.

The programme consisted of various vocal and instrumental selections, interspersed with readings and comic character songs. Uncle Josh, in the person of H. B. Hicks, related a very interesting account of his experience in attempting to read a railroad sign, and Albert Burns, in the role of the colored parson, created considerable merriment.

At the close of the programme the patients were treated to a goodly supply of cake and syrup, provided by members of the League. Among those who took part in the evening's entertainment were H. B. Hicks, Mrs. H. B. Hicks, Rev. B. J. Porter, Mrs. Porter, Mrs. A. Bishop, Albert Burns, Edna Fulmer, Percy Burns, Juanita Bishop, Edna Burns, Miss Laird and Miss Wilkinson.

The management of the Institutions extend their hearty thanks to all those who were associated in the work of the evening's entertainment.

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<b>Ladies' Flannelette Night Gowns</b> Regular ..... \$ .75 \$ .85 \$1.15 Sale Price ..... .59 .65 .89		<b>Men's Stanfield Underwear</b> Regular ..... \$1.00 \$1.25 \$1.50 Sale Price ..... .80 1.05 1.15 Sizes 34 to 44	
<b>Misses' Flannelette Night Gowns</b> Regular ..... \$ .58 \$ .85 Sale Price ..... .42 .65 Sizes 12, 14 and 16 years.		<b>Boys' Stanfield Underwear</b> 25 p. c. off	
<b>Ladies' Black Satin Underskirts</b> Regular ..... \$ .59 \$ .90 \$ .98 \$1.95 \$1.50 \$1.65 Sale Price ..... .39 .65 .75 .89 1.10 1.15		<b>Women's and Boys' Heavy Wool Hose</b> Sizes 7 to 10, going at 19c. per pair	
<b>Ladies' Flannelette Waists</b> Regular ..... 60c. and 85c. Sale Price ..... 45c. and 59c.		<b>Men's Fleece Lined Underwear</b> Regular 60c. kind for 42c.	
<b>Embroidered Corset Covers</b> Regular \$ .28 \$ .32 \$ .38 \$ .45 \$ .50 \$ .60 \$ .75 \$ 1.10 Sale Price .22 .25 .29 .32 .39 .42 .55 .85		<b>Boys' Fleece Lined Underwear</b> Going for 29c. each piece	
<b>Long Sleeved Knitted Corset Covers</b> 19c. each		<b>Men's and Boys' Overcoats, Reefers and Suits</b> A big saving on these lines 25 p. c. off	
<b>Ladies' Knitted Undervest &amp; Drawers</b> Regular \$ .25 \$ .35 \$ .42 \$ .45 \$ .55 \$ .60 \$ .85 \$ .90 Sale Price .19 .25 .32 .32 .39 .45 .59 .65		<b>Ladies' and Children's Ribbed Cashmere Hose, 25 p. c. off</b>	
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## Municipal Council Holds Session for 1913

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present time than the bigger one, of a Hospital for Consumptives. I believe that a nurse for our Municipality, for this purpose could do a great deal of good in relieving suffering and educating the public in properly caring for their sick and stamping out the contagion of this disease.

I have no doubt that if the Government should enact legislation in this line that our people would gladly support "a handmaid of Mercy" for so humane a purpose.

Sincerely yours,

M. E. ARMSTRONG,  
Health Officer.

## Weather Reminiscence

Mr. W. H. Burns, one of Bridgetown's older generation of citizens, in conversation with a representative of the Monitor, stated that the present winter is the most open and mild he ever remembers. Being in a reminiscent vein, Mr. Burns recalled the winter of 1858-1859, stating that on November 4th, 1858, a frost set in and gradually increased with snow, and this remained until the end of February, 1859. Turnips, cabbages and apples had been garnered, but over half the potato crop was lost. Three weeks before Christmas, 1858, the blacksmithing establishment of James Carleton across the river was burned out. John E. Sancton, who was the captain of the fire brigade, ordered the old fire engine to be taken over, and as fast as water was poured into the engine from buckets it was pumped out again on to the fire. To obtain the water, the captain ordered the men to go to the river and cut through the ice. The banks being very slippery, two gates were laid down, and Mr. Burns worked his way out on to the ice in the centre of the river, and before water could be reached no less than two feet of ice had to be cut through. In spite of their arduous efforts, the whole building was destroyed.

## WINTER AND SPRING

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