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Editorial Brevities.

Let us at this Christmas season catch the true Christmas spirit, and keep it with us throughout all the coming years.

One result of the war has been to bring Denmark, Sweden and Norway into closer sympathy. The small nations had a rude awakening when Germany violated the soil of Belgium.

A man in Iowa was soundly thrashed by his wife last week for not paying his newspaper subscription after she had given him the cash to pay it. May her crown be trimmed to order and her harp have an extra string.

'Unto others'—that is the keynote of Christianity. Not to save oneself, but the man by the wayside. What a country this would be if it were a Christian country—Christians, without their pagan overgrowth every day!

Mr. Winston Churchill describes the officers and men who took part in the German raid on the English coast town last week as 'the baby killers of Scarborough', and the phrase is one that is likely to stick. The raid was an utterly senseless proceeding so far as naval tactics are concerned, and the bombardment of unprotected towns was a crime against which the whole world outside of Germany should earnestly protest. The Germans have demonstrated that they are worse than savages in war, and the New York Times was quite right when it declared that the world cannot afford to let Germany triumph in this conflict.

One of the resolutions referred to the incoming executive of the Maritime Forward League for their consideration urges a uniform educational system in the Maritime Provinces. Whoever gives a little serious thought to this question must see that there would be a great advantage if we had exactly the same system, the same qualifications for teachers, and the possibility of an exchange of teachers between the three provinces. Families frequently move from one province to the other, and find the conditions with regard to the schools quite different in regard to studies, text books and grading. There is no sound reason why uniformity should not prevail.

None of us will ever forget this Christmas of 1914. We have had glad Christmases, and sad Christmases, but we shall never have an other quite like this. It will seem difficult for some people to sing 'Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace to men of good will' when God's glory is being shamed by ambition and the reckless pouring out of human blood. Yet never has a Christmas dawned since the first Christmas, that has more deeply and truly shown the spirit of Him, who came to bring peace to the world. Our hearts are open as never before to the cry of the homeless and fatherless little children, and the world, with great tenderness and self-sacrifice, is ministering, this Christmas, to human misery and need, in His name.

Santa Claus is needed more than ever this year. If only some good fairy would come along and wave a wand that would turn the world kind, that would fix things nicely.

Still it would be sort of selfish to expect it from the fairy, wouldn't it? What have we done for the fairy, that she should mend our troubles for us? Would it not be better if more of us lived up to what we say we believe—that kindness-give is the key to kindness come, that our happiness is precisely the measure of happiness that we bring to others? The idea is as old as the hills and as practicable as the multiplication table. It only needs to be applied. It awaits even the cynic and the scoffer, that they may take a new joy in life, and feel that this isn't such a bad old world, after all, if one treats it in the right way.

Then, all together, to do a good turn to someone this Christmas, particularly to help Santa Claus in his hardest mission of his long career.

The True Spirit of Christmas.

This is Christmas, and the day will be generally observed throughout Christian countries. 'Tis a joyous season of the year. It is the time for merry-making, the time for family reunions and festivities. There will be joy and gladness in most homes this day. But there will be many homes in which, through poverty, sickness or death, there will be an absence of the customary pleasures of the day. The observance of Christmas teaches one a lesson of others. In accordance with the Christmas spirit, people go outside their own domestic circles and lend a kindly, helping hand to others, especially those in need or distress. This is as it should be!

The Christmas spirit has an elevating influence on humanity, and it is to be regretted that there is not more of it in the world. What a happier and better world it would be to live in, if more of the same ideals were present throughout the entire year. There would be less sorrow in the world, fewer inequalities in wealth and attainments, if there were a wider acquaintance with these ideals. Ideas, particularly in business and public life. The last century has seen much progress in the direction, and events point to greater movements along these lines in the present century.

Golden Wedding.

On Monday evening last Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Prat celebrated their golden wedding at their residence on Main street by a gathering of their friends and neighbors. During the evening a purse of gold was presented by Rev. R. F. Dixon, who read the following address:

To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Prat: Dear and Respected Friends,—We, your old friends and neighbors, respectfully tender you our warmest congratulations on this, the fiftieth anniversary of your marriage. Many of us have enjoyed the privilege of your acquaintance for a large and some for a greater portion of the half century that has passed over your heads since this happy event, and our esteem for your many sterling qualities has grown with increasing years. Such of us as are connected with St. John's church, Wolfville, would here express our deep appreciation of the long and faithful services of Mr. Prat as warden and vestryman of the parish of Horton, and we pray that you may long be spared to each other and to the community, of which you have been for so long a useful and honored member. As a tangible evidence of our esteem and good will we ask your acceptance of this purse.

May God be with you and brighten your future path and guide your steps and at eventide may there be light. (Signed) Mr. and J. F. Herbin, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Evans, the Misses Evans, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Harvey, Mrs. Sherwood, Mrs. Blair, Mrs. L. Halliburton-Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Creighton, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Borden, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Starr, Miss Gladys Starr, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Crawley, Dr. and Mrs. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. Harold D'Almaine, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Corwin, Dr. and Mrs. Jones, Rev. H. A. Harley, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. H. Starr, Mrs. Bowles, Mrs. Gilmore, Rev. A. M. Harley, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Starr, Mr. and Mrs. John Starr, Rev. Canon Hind, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Simpson, Mr. J. R. Marshall Black, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Starr, Rev. R. F. Dixon, Miss Mabel Dixon, Mrs. Lawlor, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harvey, Mrs. Aubrey Brown.

Canada's Greatest Expert in Root Growing Will Lecture at Truro, January Next.

There is no royal road to agricultural success—no patented plants or methods of cultivation. But every part of the world possesses some advantage over other parts and the greatest success will be achieved by making large use of such natural advantage.

One of these natural advantages in Nova Scotia is the suitability of soil and climate for root growing, a matter which the following figures clearly establish:—

The average yield for the past three years, of turnips and mangels for the Dominion of Canada, as published in the Canada Year Book, was 357 1/2. The corresponding yield for Nova Scotia was 550 bushels. This difference to a large extent represents the superiority of maritime over central Canada as a root growing country. These figures are brought in to still stronger relief when we state that the average yield per acre of turnips, of the boys under twenty one contest in Cumberland, Colchester and Pictou was 1,000 bushels, and 1914 was not a good year for root growing.

In Great Britain and other European countries farmers grow acres of turnips and other roots to feed their cattle and sheep. In fact, turnips constitute the foundation of successful farming in Scotland and other parts of the Old World as well. Without them it would be almost impossible to economically grow those magnificent sheep and cattle which have made so many farmers in those countries prosperous. The idea is 'catching on' in Eastern Canada, but not rapidly enough for those who would like to see our farmers achieve a greater degree of prosperity right now. More knowledge of varieties, methods of fertilization and cultivation, of harvesting and of growing and selecting seed is needed.

For this reason, the College management at Truro is bringing to the next Short Course Mr. Paul Eving, a native of Sweden, and now Root Crop Expert at Macdonald College, Quebec. Mr. Eving will be at Truro on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 11th and 12th, and will give a course of five lectures, including an evening one, illustrated with lantern slides. He will take up in this course all phases of root growing in Eastern Canada. A rare opportunity to acquire a further knowledge of root crops, which should be given more extensively than ever in our country. The chance is particularly opportune for those younger farmers who plan next year to enter one of the Turnip Growing Contests in the province. It is also opportune for farmers who are planning to grow their own turnip and vegetable seeds, which will be very difficult to secure should the war continue throughout 1915, for the greater part of these seeds are grown in those European countries which are now engaged in warfare.

The course at Truro begins on Jan. 15th and concludes on Jan. 18th. No tuition is charged and all rail fares provide a single fare on the Standard Certificate plan. It will pay you to write to Principal Cummings, of Truro, for information.

Another valuable and attractive feature which will be added is a course of practical instruction in gasoline engines. The purpose of the last engine in Canada has been somewhat of last year. Almost every farmer nowadays has the kind of instruction and many could take advantage of the Short Course for the same reason.

TO EVERYONE GREETINGS!

May this be a Merry Christmas, fully permeated with the joy that every Canadian must feel in the sense of his duty well accomplished during the present trying times.

In presenting the season's greetings to the trade let us thank one and all for their support during the past twelve months.

R. E. HARRIS & SONS PHONE 16-11.

Wedding Bells.

Miss Jennie Wyman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Wyman, and Arthur Upham were united in marriage at the home of the bride, 138 Brown street, Thanksgiving Eve, by the Rev. James E. Coons, pastor of the Ashbury Temple. There were many friends and relatives of the couple at the ceremony and the reception which came afterwards.

Miss Grace Wyman, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid and the best man was George Baker. The bride wore a wedding gown of cream white crepe meteor with chignon and lace trimmings and carried a shower bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley. The dress of the bridesmaid was yellow crepe de chine and her bouquet was of yellow tea roses.

The wedding ceremony was at 7 o'clock and as the bridal party came into the parlor the Wedding March was played by Miss Mac Rich, of Boston. The decorative scheme was yellow and white and there were large bouquets of yellow chrysanthemums in the rooms. The reception was from half past seven until nine o'clock and the ushers were Herbert Upham, George Keys, Frank Chaplin and Albert Mackay. After the wedding trip to New York, Mr. and Mrs. Upham will live at 375 Crescent street, Waltham.

The couple were generously remembered with wedding gifts of cut glass, china, silverware and linen.

The young ladies who served refreshments were the Misses Ruby Studholm, Jennie Mackay, Mildred Upham and Myrtle Wyman. The decorations were arranged by Miss Abbie Wyman. C. H. Sterns catered and the decorations were furnished by Florist Taurer.

Mr. Upham is employed as a jobmaster by the Waltham Watch Company. (The above clipping from a Waltham, Mass., paper will be read with interest by many who made the acquaintance of the bride during a recent visit to Wolfville.)

Seminary Notes.

The term just closed has been most successful. The attendance is slightly in excess of last year's corresponding term. About twelve new pupils are expected to enter in residence. This will tax the accommodations to the utmost.

Miss Gilbert who retires on account of ill health, will be succeeded by two teachers, one in piano and one in voice, thus enabling these departments to accommodate all pupils who desire to register for work.

Mr. L. H. Martell, barrister, of Windsor, was nominated on Thursday by the Liberals of Hants County as their standard bearer in the next Dominion election.

Flashlights—new stock, splendid goods and value, at RAND'S.

Known in Wolfville.

MacLeod, Alta., Dec. 9.—A vivid scene of tremendous enthusiasm, John Herron, former M. P. of Pincher Creek, was nominated yesterday as candidate to contest the next Dominion election for the Macleod riding. Although seven candidates were nominated, but with the exception of George Hoadley, M. L. A., of Okotoks, all withdrew. Mr. Hoadley was unable definitely to say whether or not he could stand, owing to business matters, and after a short consultation he withdrew his name and Mr. Herron was declared nominated. The names placed before the convention were George Hoadley, M. L. A., of Okotoks; Colin Macleod, barrister, Macleod; John Herron, ex M. P., of Pincher Creek; Dr. Johnson, of Lundbreck; L. S. Gowe, editor, Macleod; J. T. Fawcette, barrister, Macleod; and Robert Campbell, M. L. A., Rocky Mountain. The candidates were all called upon for speeches. L. S. Gowe, with a fighting speech on the naval question, was also most enthusiastically received, and there is no doubt that his name had been allowed to go before the convention he would have received very liberal support. The following officers were also elected during the convention: Patron, Sir R. L. Borden; honorary president, Hon. E. E. Mitchener; president, D. J. Gier, Macleod; first vice-president, James M. Carter, Blairmore; second vice-president, A. A. Ballycky, barrister, High River; secretary, A. C. Kimball, Pincher Creek; executive, three members from each local riding. (Mr. Gowe was a former member of the staff of THE ACADIAN. We are pleased to note his growing success in the great west.)

Opera House.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

On Wednesday next, Dec. 30th, H. Price Webber and company, including the ever popular Frank Oliver, will hold the boards with 'East Lyna.'

Tonight and New Year's night a four reel program will be presented. On or about Tuesday, Jan. 12th, the great five reel Life Photo Feature, 'The Banker's Daughter,' which has been secured at heavy expense, will be shown, followed shortly afterwards by 'The Ordeal' (five reels) a story of the Franco-Prussian War.

The exchange assures us that both these features are top notch, superior to 'The Greyhound,' recently shown here and which met with the universal approval of all our patrons. Watch for dodgers of these attractions and keep their advertised dates reserved for them.

Better see the Town Clerk about your taxes as he is now busy making out warrants, but can spare the time to give you a receipt for value received.

THE GROTTTO—Special attractions at the Grotto this year.

Acadia Collegiate & Business Academy BOTH YEAR A Residential Day School for Boys Preparation given for University Matriculation in Arts, Science, Engineering, Medicine, etc. IN THE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT Courses are offered in Stenography, Typewriting, Bookkeeping and other Commercial Subjects leading to Diploma. A LABOR AND EFFICIENT STAFF OF TEACHERS. Send for a Calendar describing Courses and giving Prices. Address PRINCIPAL W. L. ARCHIBALD, WOLFVILLE, N. S.

A Merry Christmas AND Happy New Year TO ALL WM. C. BLEAKNEY, PHONE 56, MCKENNA BLOCK.

A Watch will make a most pleasing and economical Christmas Gift. Bracelet Watches are very popular and convenient and our prices are reasonable. You can get a good one for \$7.00 with a leather strap. \$10.00 to \$15.00 for gold filled expansion. \$25.00 to \$50.00 for solid gold. In Boys' and Men's Watches we have them from 1.00 to \$35.00. \$10.00 will get a good serviceable watch in gold filled, silver or nickel case. Silver Toilet sets, 10.00 to \$25.00. Parian Ivory Toilet and Manicure sets, 5.00 to \$11.50. Rings at all prices. Cuff Links are needed by everybody, 50c. to \$6.50. A nice assortment of Limoges China that mother will be pleased with and best of all they are stock patterns and can be added to from time to time or replaced if broken. J. W. Williams JEWELER & OPTICIAN.

OPERA HOUSE W. M. BLACK, MANAGER. WOLFVILLE A Merry Christmas AND A Happy & Prosperous New Year To All Our Patrons.

Fine Farm for Sale. Well located within a short distance of railway station. Contains fifty acres of excellent land, ten acres in woodland. Orchard capable of producing 1000 barrels of apples, in excellent condition. Farm cuts thirty tons of hay. If you are looking for a good proposition this is your opportunity. Apply at once to Box 482, Wolfville.

Evangeline Rink IS NOW OPEN FOR THE SEASON Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings and Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Admission 15 cents. SEASON TICKETS—Gents' \$3.25 Ladies' 2.75 SPECIAL SKATE TO-NIGHT SEASON TICKETS GOOD SKATES GROUND AT RINK.

Herbin's Xmas Goods Special values in Cameo Rings, Stick Pins and Pendants. A Man's Watch with full guarantee from \$5.50 to \$20. This is Herbin's special. A fine line of Wrist Watches, Parian Ivory, Ebony and Sterling Toilet Sets and single pieces.

J. F. HERBIN JEWELER & OPTICIAN Cash Store. Christmas Goods now arriving. Oranges, Bananas, Grapes, Nuts, Figs, Raisins, Dates, Appricots, Peaches, Prunes, etc. Confectionery from 10c. to 50c. Mocha XXX chocolates, 50c. to 60c. in Fancy Boxes, 50c. to 2.00. Prices ALWAYS RIGHT. C. W. STRONG Wolfville. Leslie R. Fairn, ARCHITECT, ATLESFOLD, N. S. MINERAL LIMENT CURE Diphtheria.

CHRISTMAS.

The Christmas Season is here, and should be observed as usual, more especially for the children. We have a very complete stock of useful and inexpensive articles that will please without depleting your pocketbook to any great extent.

Special reductions on the following goods: Ladies' and Children's Coats, Dress Skirts, Silk Waists, Trimmed Hats, Flannel and Lawn Waists. 20 per cent. off any of the above lines. Ladies' Umbrellas, Neckwear, Mufflers, Gloves.

Handkerchiefs, all styles and prices. New ideas in Boxed Handkerchiefs, Collar and Cuff Sets, Fancy Ties, Handkerchief and Collar Boxes. Brush and Comb Sets. Stamped Linen, Embroidered Centre Pieces. Working Threads.—Complete assortment of D. M. C. Brilliant Balkans. Wools! Wools! All our Wools were bought before the advance and are sold at old prices. Berlins, Zephyrs, Beehive, White Heather, all shades. Slipper Soles.

THE 'GROTTO' SATURDAY THE 12th This popular place for Toys will be opened Complete assortment of Toys, Games, Books, Rocking Horses, Dolls Carriages, Christmas Tree Ornaments and Decorations and everything that makes Xmas. BRING THE CHILDREN. FREE FOR ALL. Special attractions every evening beginning MONDAY EVENING the 21st.

J. D. CHAMBERS. CALL AT WOODMAN'S TO SELECT YOUR XMAS GIFT The very latest in FURNITURE. The Famous Hotpoint Electrical Devices. How about a Toaster or a Flatiron? LINOLEUM 20 new patterns, imported direct from London, Eng. Pictures Framed Without Delay

'Never put off till to-morrow the Christmas shopping you can do to-day.' We have a complete and varied stock of CHRISTMAS GOODS Suitable for presents. They are dollars cheaper than the same goods in St. John's, and are elegant enough to satisfy the most refined tastes. Ladies' and Gents' Traveling Cases \$1.00 up. Military Brushes 2.00 to \$5.00. Manicure Sets \$1.50 up. Hand Bags 2.00 to \$5.00. Baby Sets \$2.00. Safety Razors 25c. to \$5.00. Hair Brushes 50c. to \$1.00. Fancy Confectionery 50c. to \$1.00. Cigar Cases, Cigars, Pipes, Brushes, Soaps, Perfumes, Thermos Bottles, Hot Water Bottles, etc. Christmas Cards, Seals and Tags. No trouble to show goods. ACADIA PHARMACY The Penstar Store.

Not many Shopping Days now before Christmas, and not much Time to lose. Don't put off your buying until the last moment. Our Holiday Stocks continue at their best and you can make a much better Selection now than by waiting. We never had better Value and Satisfaction to offer in Christmas Games Christmas Books Christmas Toys Christmas Dolls Christmas Novelties Christmas Decorations Calendars Half Price to close them out. FLO. M. HARRIS. WOLFVILLE BOOK-STORE.

ABOUT FAMILY GATHERINGS during the Christmas holidays. In many cases the gathering will never again be made up of the same persons. A photograph of the group would become priceless in after years. That's where we get interested in the celebration. Photo 70-11. EDSON GRAHAM It need not cost anything just now, as the pictures may be finished at any future time.