

Today on business in connection with the new shipbuilding concern, the Duff, Binn Co. Ltd. of that place.

Mrs. Thomas C. Shreve announces the engagement of her daughter Violet to Mr. Henry Gardner Morse, of Boston, the marriage to take place next month.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Henshaw and their son, Wallace L. Henshaw and wife and baby, of Salem, Massachusetts, all spent Christmas with Mrs. Carey A. Morgan, at Lansdowne, Digby County.

Mr. Kenneth Parry, who has been foreman at the Courier office for several months, left here on Saturday for Kentville where he has accepted position with the Kentville Advertiser.

The following were among the passengers who left Digby for Halifax via Monday's express: Mrs. Daniel Dillon, F. M. Steadman, Augustus Spurr, Capt. Harry P. Cousins and Sgt. Harry Williams.

Yarmouth Telegram: Mr. James J. Wallis, who since March 1st, 1917, has been foreman of the Yarmouth Times Ltd., left by the D. A. R. Friday morning for Digby, where he assumes the management of the Courier.

Launching at Centreville, Digby Co.

A very successful launching took place at Centreville, Digby Co., last week when the new steamer Frances Boutillier went of the ways. This steamer has been built by A. Boutillier and Co., under the supervision of Norman Reinhardt, of Liverpool. The frame is of Digby Neck wood which is considered the most durable material in Canada. The cabin and house are finished with Douglas fir. She is equipped with a 120 fore and aft engine, a large tubular boiler and up-to-date machinery built by the St. John Iron Works and installed by James McCulloch, of Annapolis Royal. The powerful machinery, combined with her easy lines, is expected to give her good speed.

The Frances Boutillier is much larger than the steamer Centreville, built by this firm some years ago, and operated between Centreville and St. John, proving an important factor in the fish business of A. Boutillier as well as a good convenience to the people of Digby Neck.

Death of Mr. Archibald L. Raymond

The death took place at Alliston, Ont., on Thursday, Dec. 12th, of Mr. Archibald L. Raymond, aged 53 years. Death was caused by cerebral hemorrhage. The deceased was born in Beaver River, Yarmouth Co., but resided in Digby for a number of years, before going to the United States, where he lived 25 years. Besides a widow, who was formerly Miss Christine Ray, of Clenaspont, he leaves one daughter, Mrs. Wesley Cogswell, of Pittsburgh, Penn.; also one brother, Mr. Stewart Raymond, of Digby, who attended the funeral, which was held at Brighton, Mass., Dec. 15th.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald, of Toronto, has been named "Victory." We trust they will always have a Victory Bond.

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To Our Friends and Customers

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J. HARRY HICKS

Phone 1-3 Corner Queen and Granville Streets.

To Our Friends and Customers

Christmas is again drawing near, and we have made special effort to supply the wants of our customers, and have in stock a large assortment of STAPLE AND FANCY GOODS FOR XMAS TRADE.

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MIDDLETON

Miss Miriam Morris, left on Thursday for Halifax to spend a few weeks. Miss Evelyn Bentley, of Annapolis academy, spent the Xmas holidays at home.

Miss Evangeline Young spent last Sunday with Mrs. Norman Marshall, of Kingston.

Mr. R. W. Mahoney, of the commerce Bank staff, spent Sunday at his home, in Parrsboro.

Miss Evelyn Smith, of the Royal Bank staff, spent Xmas at her home in Lunenburg.

Mr. Carman Neily and bride spent Xmas with Mr. Neily's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Neily.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Parsons spent a few days at Mahone Bay, the guest of Mrs. Parson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Westhaver.

Pte. John Clark returned from overseas on Christmas. His many friends in Middleton were glad to welcome him home again.

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BRIDGETOWN HAS PROSPEROUS YEAR

ALL OF OUR INDUSTRIES HAVE BEEN WORKING FULL TIME

The Financial Standing of the Town is Satisfactory.—Sinking Funds Invested in Victory Bonds.—Will Have a New Railway Station in the Near Future

The Mayors of Nova Scotia are requested by the Halifax Herald to make an annual report to that journal. The following appeared in Wednesday's edition from Mayor A. B. MacKenzie, of Bridgetown:

We have had a fairly prosperous year, and all of our industries have been working full time.

M. W. Graves & Company, cider and vinegar manufacturers, erected last year near their present plant, a large concrete building, and installed a large and expensive evaporating plant, and have had a profitable year.

The supply of cider apples this fall and thus far this winter, has been encouraging, and there is practically no waste, as they are now drying, their pumace and shipping it away for commercial purposes.

The Annapolis Valley Cider Company who manufacture chiefly bottled cider of an established brand, have been kept busy supplying the increased demand for this very wholesome and non-alcoholic beverage.

J. H. Hicks & Sons, builders and contractors and owners of a large woodworking factory and warehouses, last season purchased a saw mill and a large tract of timber lands on the South Mountain and did a large lumbering business last winter and expect during the present winter to put a large number of men in the woods and increase their output.

This firm during the past year have completed a number of large building contracts in the city and elsewhere, and still have a number on hand with the prospect of more during the coming year.

The Larrigan factory has had a busy year, as in addition to their increasing regular trade, they have had some large war orders to fill.

The merchants report good sales during the past year with the prospect of a better holiday trade this year than for some years past.

The farmers in this vicinity have enjoyed good crops on the whole and have increased their acreage largely during the past year, and now with the opening up again of the European markets for their fruit, they hope to realize better prices.

The financial standing of the town is satisfactory and by the auditors' report for the year ending December 31st, 1917, published last year, we had a cash balance in the bank to our credit, and we hope this year to have as good, if not better financial statement to submit to the rate payers.

Our sinking funds are all now invested in Victory Bonds, thru the Eastern Trust Company, ensuring us a much larger rate of interest thereon.

An old land mark, the D. A. Railway station, at the southern boundary of the town, was destroyed by fire some weeks ago, and the Company thru their efficient manager has already submitted plans for a new and up to date building with larger freight sheds, to accommodate the increased amount of freight handled here, which is one of the most important on the line.

I understand that the work on the new station is to be commenced at once and according to the plans, which have been approved, when completed the new building will be a great acquisition to the town.

The Bridgetown Steamship Company still continues to give satisfactory service, with their steamer "Valinda" between this port and St. John, under the efficient management of Capt E H Lewis, and they carry a large quantity of freight for our local merchants as well as for those in the surrounding country.

A Big Improvement The Kentville Advertiser already shows a big improvement in the make up under the direction of Mr. Geo. H. Chisholm, formerly editor and manager of the Digby Courier. We feel sure that the people of King's county will appreciate Mr. Chisholm's ability as an all round newspaper man and an excellent printer and give him a large circulation with his newspaper and a big patronage in his job printing department. Watch the Advertiser grow.

"STANDING ROOM ONLY" THE ENTERTAINMENT IN THE RECREATION HALL NEW YEAR'S EVE A BIG SUCCESS

"Standing room only" was the word very shortly after the doors of the Recreation Hall had opened for the Entertainment given on New Year's Eve. As mentioned in a previous issue, the Christmas entertainment for the inmates of the County Institutions had been postponed until this date, and it shows continued, even increased interests in this annual event that as year succeeds year, the hall is crowded almost beyond capacity.

As usual the decoration befitting the season, whilst the monster and well laden Christmas trees on either side of the stage imparted the distinctive Christmas touch. As will be seen from the subjoined programme a varied entertainment had been provided. When each and every participant acquitted themselves so well, it would be wrong to make any special comments but we think all will permit us to say "The boys made a great hit."

Messrs. Hiltz and Myers, the superintendents of the respective institutions, for themselves and also on behalf of those committed to their charge, wish to tender their heartfelt thanks to each and all who in any way contributed to the evening. They realize that without this assistance it would be impossible for them to give the pleasure to their wards which they feel is their due at this season.

PROGRAMME

Piano Solo—Miss Ethel Daniels. Part Song—Young Ladies Chorus. "Over the Waves we Sotly glide" Song—"Hail Midway Empire" Rev. E. Underwood.

Reading—Mrs. Whiteway. Song—"Snow" Miss Juanita Bishop. Song—"Dear little Jammy Face" Mrs. Kennedy.

Song—"Love Moon" (In Costume) Miss J. Bishop, and Mr. Arden Lewis. Piano Solo—Miss Ethel Daniels. Song and Chorus "Chin Chin Chinaman" (in character) The Boy Quartette.

Reading—Mrs. Whiteway. Part Song—"We are Fairies" Young Ladies' Chorus. Rev. E. Underwood. Song and Chorus "Are you from Dixie?" (in character) The Boy Quartette.

Allied Nation Anthem—Interspersed with chorus. Soloist—(in character) Mrs. Kennedy. National Anthem

The young ladies' chorus consisted of the Misses Flossie Troop, Gertrude Hartnett, Juanita Bishop, Hilda Troop, May Marshall, Mabel Marshall, Merma Marshall, Grace Ricketson, Ruth Fowler, Reta Abbott.

The Boys' Quartette, Messrs. Walter Ricketson, Arden Lewis, John Longmire, Max Young. Accompanist, Mrs. A. P. Little.

At the close of the programme Santa Claus appeared, the presents were distributed from the trees, and thus a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

Subscriptions To Christmas Fund

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Total: 92.25

The above has been checked and compared with the vouchers of Expenditures for the Christmas trees etc., a balance remaining slightly over the proceeds of the entertainment which has been placed to the Hall maintenance fund. This also provides treats at other seasons of the year.

ERNEST UNDERWOOD, Treasurer.

The question is asked what has become of the steamer "Boston," which carried in pre-war days, thousands of Nova Scotians to New England on the Yarmouth line. The United States government bought her for \$30,000 and spent at least \$125,000 in alterations and repairs. The steamer was never put in commission, however, and now is laid up at the Erie basin in Brooklyn.

Manufacturers of nets and twines, who had withdrawn all prices, are now advising the trade that they are able to quote again owing to the fact of a large volume of special war orders now being cancelled. There have been two drops, one of two cents the other of nine cents per pound, since Dec. 14th.

The new aux. schr. Primorio arrived at New York Dec. 27th from Annapolis.

THE PAST YEAR IN DIGBY COUNTY

DIGBY'S GREATEST DEVELOPMENT, THE PROSECUTION OF SHIPBUILDING

Sercurity of Labor a great handicap.—High Prices for Farm Products Greater than Any Previous year.—Nearly Half a Million Subscribed to the Victory Loan.

Mayor Frank W. Nichols, of Digby, writes the Halifax Herald as follows:

Development and progress of business during the past year has been satisfactory. Every industry and business has contributed to the wealth of the community, including farming, fishing, ship building, lumbering and the summer tourist business. It goes without saying that the scarcity of labor has been a great handicap, but available labor has produced greater results and every effort has been taxed to the limit.

The volume of farm products has been satisfactory, with a slight shortage in hay and a considerable loss of an unusually large crop of potatoes from rot. High prices have resulted in the return from this branch of industry, being perhaps greater than any year during our history.

Fishing on the whole has been successful with prices above those of previous years resulting in a return to this community greater than in any other year and in a better manner to the fishermen as well as the dealer.

The greatest development has been in the shipbuilding industry. Twenty-four vessels of an aggregate gross tonnage of 10,677 tons have been launched in Digby county during 1918, exceeding the product of the most prosperous period in the days of shipbuilding 30 or 40 years ago. This form of production of wealth has added greatly to the prosperity of the community. Those possessing raw material used in the production of ships have largely participated in this as well as the workmen who have enjoyed such high wages. The wealth produced this way has exceeded the highest expectations of those who ventured their capital in such undertakings.

For various reasons including restraints on travel and the strain of the world war, the volume of the tourist business has been restricted to a very large extent. Hence a much smaller return has resulted. In spite of this a fair business was done and satisfactory profits were made by many who were engaged in such undertaking. Now the war is over, all are looking forward with confidence to this business being restored to a greater prosperity.

We are certain that the capital in such business is well invested with a certain prospect of good returns. The development of an excellent nine hole golf course, since the outbreak of the war has added much to the attraction of Digby as a summer resort, and it is evident that a better class of tourists may be expected with the return of normal business conditions.

One of the best evidences of the prosperity of this community was the volume of subscriptions by our citizens to the Victory loan for 1918. The municipality of Digby with a population of a little more than 10,000, mostly rural, subscribed \$425,000 to this loan.

With the achievement of peace there is an immediate prospect of a rapid return to normal labor conditions. We are looking forward to the future with full confidence that we shall enjoy a long period of prosperity and the successful development of our staple industries. These results we are sure will reach a point beyond what has ever been accomplished in the past.

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