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A bill has been introduced in the American Congress to abolish the infliction of capital punishment in all but five cases, and even when it may be lawful to impose the death penalty, it shall be for the jury to decide by bringing in a verdict of guilty without capital punishment.

It will stand out as a great national reform in criminal law and its administration, and bespeaks as much for the christianity and civilization of the nation as did the overthrow of slavery. In no way may the justice of a people be better judged than by a glance at their laws, and in every case the criminal law is the last branch of a national jurisprudence to lose its barbarous, indelible severity.

The American are going a step in advance of the rest of the world by not only refusing the number of capital offences to five, but by investing the trial jury with a discretion over the degree of punishment to be meted out to the guilty himself. This is a step towards the total abolition of capital punishment. The true object of a system of laws is to protect property and liberty and safeguard the rights of the people.

Mr. W. J. Sheehan's handsome three year old stallion DeFrancis weighs 11 cwt. Mr. S. N. Ware, of Medford Hall has a sleek article in Mand Rampart and she is a good clip for a youngster.

Mr. W. E. Crowe, of Halifax, has purchased the property of the late Mrs. J. B. Kinney, in that city and will run it in addition to his usual business.

Mr. J. H. Beckwith has a talking machine on his counter that is proving an interesting attraction. It is a first rate soloist in both vocal and instrumental music.

Mr. R. S. McCormick returned from a successful moose hunt last Friday. He and Arthur D. Hall, of Annapolis, spent ten days in the vicinity of Lake Umbagog and also a moose and a caribou.

Mr. A. S. Harris, of Cornwallis, who a few months ago purchased Mr. J. E. Schaefer's farm in Williamsburg, has sold the property to Messrs. Edgar and Elvin Schaeffer and has bought a portion of Captain's fine fruit farm at Chipman's Corner, Kings.

Personal Paragraphs.

Mr. E. P. Fellows is visiting in Truro. Harry Fowler, of Kentville, spent Sunday and Monday at his home here.

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Local and Special News.

For genuine Bargains the great rush is to Street & Williams.

It is thought that Dominion parliament will open on Thursday, March 4th.

Attention is directed to L. Chute's most down sale advertisement.

A good broom for 10 cents each at H. R. Snares.

Bridgetown commended the New Year resolutions of the people.

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POTTER OYLER, Spitalfields Market, London, RECEIVER OF APPLS.

Now Will You Bite? The beautiful snow has come, and my fish, Stickle and Double darters are ready to run, and I am selling at cost.

An Exhibition of Art Work. Will be held by MISS SWAIN.

Over Medical Hall, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 18th, 19th and 20th of Jan. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

GRAND MARK-DOWN SALE! As long as this ad. appears I intend selling my entire stock of Boots and Shoes and Overcoats at greatly reduced prices.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The - Bridgetown - Importing - House FINAL REDUCTIONS

Furs, Ladies' Jackets, Men's and Boys' Overcoats. Just now, when the frosty days are upon us, the need for the above goods asserts itself.

2 Ladies' Fur Capes, 1 Ladies' Fur Cape, 1 Ladies' Fur Cape. Former Price \$10 50, Reduced Price \$7 50.

Ladies' Jackets, Ladies' Jackets, Ladies' Jackets. Former Price 2 50, Reduced Price 2 00.

Men's Heavy Ulsters, Men's Heavy Overcoats, Men's Heavy Overcoats. Former Price 8 50, Reduced Price 6 00.

J. W. BECKWITH & SON. Don't delay too long, for your size may be gone.

Cash Bargains! LADIES' FURS & JACKETS. 3 only GREENLAND SEAL CAPES, 25 inches long, price \$21.00.

LADIES' JACKETS. 6 LADIES' JACKETS in Brown and Black, prices \$5.25 to \$8.00.

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

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