Deep Brook.

Mrs. Walter Purdy left yesterday for Brookline, Mass., for a three month's visit among friends and relatives.

Mr. J. M. Nichols came home yesterday from an extended trip to Grand Manan and vicinity. He has been travelling in the interests of the Comet Stove Polish Co.

The drowning accident at Clementsport on Tuesday last has spread a gloom over the whole township. All three of the families were well known for miles around, and the same sympathy is felt in this locality as could be felt by those living next door to the bereaved families.

A very radical change, and one badly needed, was made in our schoolhouse during the Xmas holidays. A new top floor of kiln dried stock, matched, was laid over the entire building, and the old wooden seats replaced by new iron seats from the Bridgetown Foundry Co. which, with other needed repairs, places our school house among the modern up-to-date institutions.

Our rector has lately received some presents worthy of note. The members of St. Matthew's church at Deep Brook made him a donation of a new driving coat and a sum of money, and the members of St. John's church at Bear River, gave him a purse also.

W. A. Wilson, varnish manufacturer, of Montreal and London, has been doing the province lately. He arrived here on Saturday to solicit orders for his firm.

Mrs. A. E. Cornwell has returned home from a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Currell, of Bridgetown.

Miss Mary Boice has secured a position as assistant book-keeper in the store of Geo. E. Corbitt, Annapolis.

Mr. Geo. H. Boice is accountant and collector for Dr. R. J. Ellison, of Bear River.

Several of the farmers of this place have gone into the logging and cordwood business this winter. Some are cutting and hauling for the merchants in Bear River, and others are cutting on their own responsibility. The last fall of snow seems to show every prospect of a season of good sledding.

Springfield.

Quite a large number of delegates from this place attended the Annapolis County Conference of Baptist Churches last week.

Mrs. John Crouse donated a very large and handsome cloak to the Baptist Church on the 9th inst.

George Wilson and William Saunders, of Tremont, who have been spending a few days hunting moose, returned to their homes on the 12th.

Messrs. Herman McNayr and Emery C. Durling visited Middleton on the 13th.

Mr. Ernest Freeman and his sister, Ethel, spent several days last week visiting relatives and friends in the Annapolis Valley.

Mr. R. J. Smeltza is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Charlton.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Eliza Charlton fell and broke her leg on the 12th. Dr. Freeman is attending her.

The friends of Pastor Webb, at Falkland Ridge, held a donation party at Deacon Charles R. Marshall's on the 14th inst. A very pleasant evening was spent and a large number of useful articles, besides some cash, was presented to the pastor.

Rev. E. L. Steeves, B. A., of Paradise, will preach at Springfield at 11 a.m., Lake Pleasant at 2.30 p.m., and at Falkland Ridge at 7 p.m., next Sunday. Pastor Webb will preach at Paradise and Clarence. Pastor Steeves will also give a lecture before the members of the B. Y. P. U. on Monday evening.

St. Croix.

Mrs. Hannah Brinton, Mr. and Mrs. James Hall and Deacon Hill and wife spent Wednesday evening at Mr. Robert Chute's, Hampton. The organ was brought into requisition and a hearty sing enjoyed in spite of the torrents of rain that fell outside.

Some of the ladies have been calling on Mrs. Wm. H. Sabeans; they found her comfortable and happy and slowly recovering.

Mr. Ingram Miller and Mr. Ellis, from the United States, were at Mr. John Miller's quite recently.

Our farmers have a large quantity of cordwood and poles cut in the woods and the snow was just what they wanted to let them haul it out conveniently.

A donation for Pastor Coldwell was held at Mr. Norman Milbury's on the 10th inst. An excellent supper was provided. Mr. Ebor Brinton was appointed secretary and Mr. Wm. C. Hall treasurer and the donors soon made up a purse of $18.00 to which $5.00 has since been added. The Pastor made a happy response to the speech of Mr. Jarvis Brinton, who made the presentation. A very pleasant evening was spent and at the close a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Milbury for opening his house for the occasion.

Paradise.

Miss Bohaker, of Granville, left on Monday to visit at Gates' Mountain after having spent a few days with Mrs. H. W. Longley.

Miss Fowler is spending the winter with her Aunt, Mrs. B. Starratt.

Fine sleighing since Sunday morning.

The epidemic of parties continues to maintain its hold upon the people.

The meeting of the B. Y. P. U. on Sunday evening was quite interesting.

The Division is getting along quite well, iniations every evening. Next Saturday evening a debate by Mr. I. M. Longley and B. K. Daniels, subject, "Are we happier than our forefathers?"

Miss Sarah Lane familiarly known as Aunt Sally, died at West Paradise in Dec. last. Deceased was nearly 100 years old and was well known by a large number of persons for several generations as she had been a nurse until within a very few years. She retained her faculties remarkably well until within a very short time before her death. Her remains were interred at West Paradise. Services were conducted by Pastor Steeves.

Belleisle.

Officers installed in Belleisle Division S. of T. for present quarter are: Archie Troop, W. P.; Ethel Longley, W. A.; Mabel Fash, R. S.; H. G. Parker, A. R. S.; Maude Parker, F. S.; Fletcher Parker, Treas.; Maggie Troop, Chap.; Louis Walker, Con.; Annie Troop, A. Con.; Robert Bent, I. S.; Fred Walker, O. S.; Alexander Fraser, P. W. P. During the last quarter 14 candidates were initiated. This claims to be one of the most prosperous and best working local divisions in the county.

We are pleased to state that Mrs. Abner P. Neily, who has been so seriously indisposed for some weeks past, is slowly improving.

Mrs. John K. Winchester, of Lowell, Mass., called among friends here on her way home last week.

The demand for fruit is good here and buyers are offering large figures.

H. F. Williams, the veteran drover, bought a car load of cattle in this section last week. He has driven through here since November near four hundred sheep.

First sleighing of the season last Sunday, the 16th.

Port Lorne.

Miss Delma Hines, of Roxubry, and Miss Bessie O'Neal, of Arlington, were guests of Mrs. Thos. Beardsley a few days last week.

Mrs. Joseph Brinton has returned from a visit among friends at Bear River.

Mrs. Allan, of Torbrook, is here for a short time.

Mr. Nowlin, of New Tusket, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Wm. Grant.

Miss Rosengreen, of Lawrencetown, a former teacher, made some short calls here last week.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, February 2nd, for the purpose of making arrangements to buy a parsonage; all are invited to attend.

Rev. E. P. Coldwell will preach Sunday, 23rd, at St. Croix, 10.30; Hampton, 2.30. Conference at St. Croix Saturday, 2.30.

Leonard Brown has gone to the States.

Port George.

Martha Pierce has gone back to Annapolis.

C. A. Elliott has returned from his excursion trip to the United States.

Pastor Toole failed to fill his appointment Sunday evening.

Owing to the five inches of snow we now have, the wood-piles are being started.

Blanche Parks spent last week amongst friends in Middleton.

Etta Fritz and Mertie McKenzie have gone to East Boston for an indefinite period.

Mrs. A. Elliott has so far recovered from her illness as to be able to visit her daughter, Bessie Reagh.

East Dalhousie.

We are sorry to report that Mr. C. W. Saunders is ill with a bad cold.

Deacon T. A. Wilson, who has been ill for about eight months, was able to attend church last Sunday.

Messrs. C. and M. Roop were the guests of their sister, Mrs. Elton H. Saunders, on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Thomas DeVaney, of West Dalhousie, was here visiting friends quite recently.

Mr. Robert Wilson was in Springfield on the 17th, the guest of Rev. and Mrs. J. Webb.

Miss Green, of Springfield, spent several days here last week visiting friends.

B. Y. P. U. Convention at Nictaux.

The semi annual convention of the Annapolis county B. Y. P. U. convened at Nictaux on Tuesday, the 11th inst., with a large number of delegates from nearly all the churches present. At two o'clock a devotional meeting was led by Rev. E. L. Steeves, and promptly at 2.30 the president, Mrs. J. W. Brown, took the chair and convention formerly opened by all singing "More Love to Thee" and prayer led by brother J. F. Bent, of Springfield union. After reading of minutes by Secretary Steeves, Mr. W. C. Parker, of Nictaux, gave a hearty address of welcome, which was well responded to by Rev. F. M. Young.

Reports from the following societies were read by secretary and supplemented by verbal reports from delegates present: Middleton, Paradise, Springfield, Torbrook, Clarence, Melvern Square, Falkland Ridge, North Williamston, Nictaux Falls, Lawrencetown, Inglisville, Prince Albert.

"The Young People in our Churches" was the subject of an excellent paper read by Mr. Reg. Morse, B. A., of Lawrencetown. This was followed by another paper of equal merit, "The Sacred Literature Class a necessity to our Young People," by Mr. Stephen Rogers, B. A., of Nictaux.

Mr. C. F. Armstrong gave a paper and talk on "An Ideal Method of Teaching," which was much appreciated, especially by all teachers present. This was one of the specially helpful things of the convention.

Rev. Lew Wallace followed with an earnest and able address, "How best to utilize the material of the Conquest Missionary Course."

Some discussion followed during which Rev. E. L. Steeves, by request, briefly explained his method of conducting a S. S. class.

The evening session opened at 7 by singing "I Need Thee."

Rev. H. N. Parry read 32nd Psalm, followed by Rev. E. E. Locke in prayer. The choir beautifully sang "I Come to Thee," after which the president in a graceful manner introduced Professor Tufts, of Acadia College, who spoke on "Annapolis county's obligation to Acadia College." Professor Tufts prefaced his remarks by the general statement, "The college needs students, and Annapolis county needs the college." He said no year of the college history had found the roll without names of students from this county. Of the total graduates of the college one in every six and a half came from this county, and this year the county has one in four; one quarter of the graduates for the provinces from Annapolis county. He went on to explain the reason for this high average by showing that the valley always had good schools and was for years regarded as the headquarters of education. This county is the pioneer in female education. The late Mr. Fitch brought teachers from the United States for the seminary at Clarence and afterwards at Paradise. He always felt like taking off his hat to an old sign "Nictaux Academy" near this spot, when passing it.

We must go back further for a reason for this educational bent; we are Anglo Saxons of good Puritan blood. The New England people settled up and down this valley and we have here the same spirit and genius that founded Harvard, Yale, Colby, Princetown, Brown, and other colleges; hence Acadia College.

A work so well begun should not be allowed to lose efficiency. We must increase, hence the obligation to increase the capacity and efficiency of the school. Out of 80 graduates for this county 26 are ministers making their influence felt in various parts of the world. A large number of them are teachers doing excellent service. Public life is served well by many of our graduates, some holding high political positions. A goodly number are lawyers and doctors, most of them distinguishing themselves. Add to these a large number of young men who did not graduate, and scores of young women who have been educated by our seminary.

Loyalty to our country requires of us that we should keep that citadel strong. We have one of the finest countries in the world—continents of wheat field and rivers of gold are ours. Europe is coming to us by and by. Let us be prepared to receive them, and teach them and mould them into good Canadian citizens, so that Canada shall be known for the high quality of her people.

As New England life moulded the western territories, so should Nova Scotia mould her great West. We now find our graduates in every western town and village; let us multiply them by tens and hundreds.

What will education do? Ask Japan. She realized what education has done for the world and sent her boys to Germany and other western educational centres, and behold the Japan of to day. When the Puritans left England and came to this country, they came not to make a living but to mould a life. They built not only house and barn, but church and school house also. It is one thing to make a living, but a far nobler thing to make a life—a life that is felt and appreciated, that will influence character, shape destiny and mould a nation.

After the choir had led in singing "where thou leadest I will follow," Rev. Dr. Trotter was introduced to the audience. Dr. Trotter spoke in the highest terms of the work being done at Acadia in each of the three departments, seminary, academy and college. He would also place special emphasis upon the fact that Acadia was a Christian school. The religious life, though not always equally high, was always good and genuine.

We have at Wolfville in college property, six buildings, a fine campus, and a beautiful college park, worth in all $125,000. We have also a one hundred thousand dollar endowment yielding six per cent. interest. Better than all this we have have a noble and inspiring history. The academy has educated 3500 young men; the seminary 1600 young women, and the college has graduated 500 in arts; and 300 more have studied in the college who did not graduate. With a freshman class this year of 51 we may be confident that the school will soon be taxed to its utmost. Unfortunately we also have a debt of $70,000 and a distressing deficit of a thousand dollars a year; and this creates a most serious crisis. We must do something; we want to raise at once $75,000. This is no small task, for seventy-five thousand dollars is a large sum, especially in view of the present unpropitious times, but the board of governors believe it to be not impossible. There are some favorable conditions. In the first place Mr. Rockefeller's gift of $15,000 is an inspiration to all others, and then we have given us four years in which to raise this money. What we need now is pledges, but have have four years in which to redeem them, paying an equal proportion each year of the four. Again, we have a constituency of 40,000 Baptists upon which to depend. All the provinces are going to contribute and we can do it. Already $17,000 have been pledged and the canvass is scarcely begun. "I have confidence that the effort of the board will be carried to complete success."

E. L. Steeves, *Sec.*

NOTES.

The weather for convention was delightful. The roads were all that could be desired.

The hospitality of the Nictaux people was unbounded, and it is believed that some delegates ate four or five meals during the day.

Everybody nodded approval when President Mrs. Brown took the chair herself.

Paradise and Clarence had the largest number of visitors and delegates present, about thirty coming from that church. This, by the way, was the only society up to date in regard to wearing colors, a natty bow of blue and orange ribbon being worn by each—orange the society color and blue the adopted color of the county.

One fourth of the graduating class at Acadia are from Annapolis county; not bad is it?

It is natural for Baptist visitors to look for historic landmarks at Nictaux.

Provinces Awakened.

In answer to a demand on the part of the thousands of American tourists who annually visit the maritime provinces for better hotel accommodations, there has been formed a company whose object is to bring about the erection of public houses at all the more favored resorts in and about the Annapolis valley. The first movement will be made at Wolfville, N. S., where it is proposed to put up a modern structure, to be known as the Acadia Inn. If success attends this enterprise, other buildings of a similar character will follow.

It is an admitted fact by Nova Scotians themselves that their province is not properly equipped with hotels, and that something must be done in the way of providing better accommodations if it is hoped to increase the number of American tourists to their country. At the same time, they have felt that it would be next to impossible to interest sufficient local capital with which to secure sites and erect the hotels, and the above company was, therefore, organized, in which are a number of Boston and Cambridge gentlemen, in order to give the project a promise of success.

The Dominion Atlantic railway is taking an active part in the movement, and, through its wide influence in Nova Scotia and this section of the United States, will prove an important factor in the realization of the desired end.—*Boston Herald.*

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

To the Editor of the Weekly Monitor:

Dear Sir,—As a Priest of the Church of England, I beg to express my deep regret that a writer with such a reputation as R. R. McLeod should be so *intemperate* in the cause of "Prohibition and Temperance Reform," as to vilify a branch of Christ's Church, which he calls a "weak sister."

With a long rigmarole of vulgar abuse this gentleman proclaims to the world that "the Church of England, clergy and laity, may, and largely will, stand aloof from the temperance work in our province." But, with all his flippant remarks about the church's ritual, and quotations from her prayer book, the writer must know that there is not a more consistent teacher of true temperance than that "weak sister" which he treats so disdainfully.

The Church of England is not in the habit of "tooting her own horn" very much, or blowing the trumpet of self-praise, or beating the drum of cheap notoriety, or of courting popular opinion, but nevertheless for centuries she has been steadily pursuing her way in doing the work God has given her to do, and experience has taught her that in "quietness and confidence" her strength lies; and so her *faithful* children can be temperate, and let their "moderation be known unto all men."

But, no! That is not sufficient for these so-called temperance reformers; it serves only as an object of ridicule and contempt; and yet, sir, when all these noisy people are sunk in oblivion this "weak sister," which is a part of "the church of the Living God, the pillar and ground of the truth," will still be alive and hearty, teaching her sons and daughters "that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, they should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world;" "keeping their bodies in temperance, soberness and chastity."

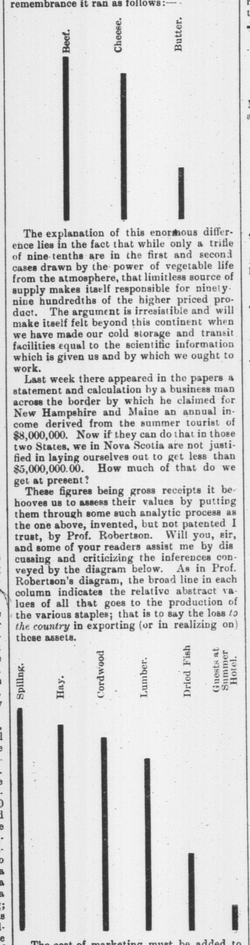
Commending this teaching to R. R. McLeod, and to all church people "by way of remembrance,"

I am faithfully yours,
Lawrence Amor.

Middleton, January 17th, 1898.

Ways and Means, and How to Make the Most of Them.

Dear Sir,—Some years ago the Agricultural Department at Ottawa published a very effective diagram showing the cost to the farmer of the various ingredients used by Nature in the elaboration of certain staple products. I am not able to lay my hands on it at this moment, but to the best of my remembrance it ran as follows:—



The explanation of this enormous difference lies in the fact that while only a trifle of nine-tenths are in the first and second cases drawn by the power of vegetable life from the atmosphere, that limitless source of supply makes itself responsible for ninety-nine hundredths of the higher priced product. The argument is irresistible and will make itself felt beyond this continent when we have made our cold storage and transit facilities equal to the scientific information which is given us and by which we ought to work.

Last week there appeared in the papers a statement and calculation by a business man across the border by which he claimed for New Hampshire and Maine an annual income derived from the summer tourist of $8,000,000. Now if they can do that in those two States, we in Nova Scotia are not justified in laying ourselves out to get less than $5,000,000.00. How much of that do we get at present?

These figures being gross receipts it behooves us to assess their values by putting them through some such analytic process as the one above, invented, but not patented I trust, by Prof. Robertson. Will you, sir, and some of your readers assist me by discussing and criticizing the inferences conveyed by the diagram below. As in Prof. Robertson's diagram, the broad line in each column indicates the relative abstract values of all that goes to the production of the various staples; that is to say the loss *to the country* in exporting (or in realizing on) these assets.

The cost of marketing must be added to this to give the correct amount to deduct from the gross receipts.

As in Prof. Robertson's calculations the right hand column is the one that is most favored by Nature. As the producer of butter has unlimited supplies of atmosphere to draw upon, so the Nova Scotian host of the summer tourist has, waiting beside him to welcome the coming guest, a province favored beyond her fellows with transit facilities and climate, boating and fishing, frowning mountain and smiling valley, deep woods and well laden orchards, rustling streams and rippling lakes, and a history that gives her a still greater pre-eminence; and finally—shall I venture? Or shall I wait and see? No sir, I will not spoil my appeal by any misplaced caution,—I will say, a population prepared to co-operate cordially and with a well sustained effort in providing rest, amusement and recreation for all who will come and make holiday with us.

I am, sir,
Yours faithfully,
Geo. W. Shipton.

Editor Monitor:—

A word in reference to the by-road from Clarence to Bridgetown mentioned in last issue of Monitor. The road is yearly becoming a greater nuisance to the persons owning land through which it winds, as each year increases its popularity as a short route between these two points. Wood that is cut and left piled near the road mysteriously disappears and even trees are cut down and go in the same manner. During the summer months the road being travelled by persons on foot (and carriages have passed through) the fences are thrown down and the cattle go out and roam at will. The road previous to '86 had not been travelled for over half a century. No person has a right to force his way across another man's property. Jus.

Britain's Position in China.

Mr. Balfour, in addressing his constituents at Manchester, Monday evening, said there was no objection to Russia having an ice-free port in China provided England was not excluded, but the government would do its utmost to prevent China yielding to foreign pressure to make regulations adverse to Great Britain, or "any improbable but possible attempt to dot the coast of China with foreign stations by protectionist countries who would raise customs or barriers to our trade." The burden of the whole declaration was that England's policy in China is for the benefit of the whole world at large.

The steamers of the French line from Havre to New York, have been ordered by their owners not to cross the Newfoundland Banks during the fishing the season, (April to October.)

The fortnightly mail service between New Zealand, Vancouver and San Francisco will be inaugurated on April 1.

J. D. Chipman was elected M.P.P. for Queens, N. B., by acclamation on the 15th inst.

To the Editor of the Weekly Monitor:

Sir, Please grant me the privilege of expressing through your columns the interest with which I have followed the history of my native town during the many years which have passed since I left the happy home of my boyhood. I can assure you that I regard the Monitor, so generously sent me year after year, as a welcome visitor; and I heartily congratulate you upon the continued and increasing prosperity of your paper. It is always wide awake to Bridgetown's best interests; and best of all, its columns are clean, and contain nothing undesirable for young people to read.

The recent incorporation of Bridgetown is a decided step in advance; and the splendid water supply, and electric lighting system will keep you in the front rank of country towns.

Your advertising columns I find also full of interest, and indicative of great business activity.

I rejoice, too, at every token of deepening spiritual life in your midst. Remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, "One thing is needful." To have all things except the "one thing" is to perish in the midst of plenty.

I read with attention the recent letter of my brother, Mr. Greatorex, and a brief comment thereon by a local correspondent. May I venture a word in the hope of bringing together friends, who sometimes misunderstand each other. All true Christians necessarily take their stand against intemperance of every kind. The fact that we do not always agree upon the best method of fighting the common foe should not lead us to forget that we nevertheless are friends. I cannot as a matter of conscience believe that prohibition is the right way to deal with the liquor traffic; but I do believe in and personally practice total abstinence from all intoxicating drinks.

The upholders of the liquor traffic are naturally using, as their strongest weapon, the division in the temperance camp. The only course left to us, who cannot with a clean conscience vote for prohibition, is not to vote at all. Above all, let us not turn our weapons against each other.

Wishing you and all old friends a Happy New Year, believe me

Yours in sincerity,
G. Osborne Troop,

St. Martin's Rectory, Montreal, 11th Jan., 1898.

The first steamer for Klondike left Victoria, B. C., on the 13th inst., with 600 passengers. In a few weeks a steamer will leave every day for the Yukon and other Alaska points, with equally as large a passenger list.

The Canadian steamer Danube, which was voluntarily placed in the custody of the United States authorities for violating the regulations of Alaska, has been released on the filing of a bond for $36,000.

Dear Sirs,—Your MINARD'S LINIMENT is our remedy for sore throat, colds and all ordinary ailments.

It never fails to relieve and cure promptly.

Charles Whootten.

Port Mulgrave.

Marriages.

Hayes—McAndrews.—At the Baptist parsonage, Middleton, January 11th, by Rev. E. E. Locke, Gilbert Hayes, of Mt. Hanley, to Mrs. Mary Ada McAndrews, of Port George.

Deaths.

Wilde.—At Neaves Road, near Bridgetown, Jan. 18th, Mrs. Aaron Wilde, aged 63 years.

New Advertisements.

SCHOOL BOOKS
—AND—
SCHOOL SUPPLIES
of all kinds, a specialty at
Central Book Store.

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Capital, - - $1,500,000.00
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JOHN DOULL, *President.*
H. C. McLEOD, *Cashier.*

Head Office, Halifax, N. S.

Agencies in all the principal towns of the Maritime Provinces, and in the cities of Montreal, Toronto, Chicago, and St. John's, Nfld. Correspondents in all parts of the world. Do all kinds of banking business.

A Savings Bank Department
has lately been established in connection with the Bridgetown agency where deposits will be received from one dollar upwards and interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. allowed.

C. H. EASSON, *Agent.*

GROCERIES!

Hardware!

PAINT!

am in a position to give satisfaction in above lines.

R. SHIPLEY.

HATS! HATS!

We want to talk to you this week about Hats.

Owing to the extensive use of Caps, we find our Hat trade during this season has been somewhat slow. In order to reduce our present stock to make room for spring goods we have decided to clear regardless of cost.

This is Our Plan:

We have placed 30 of our best sellers on our Bargain Counter, which we have numbered from 1 to 30. One of these numbers will draw the best pair of boots we have in stock (any size, ladies or gents.)

In addition to the Premium we give a Discount of 20 per cent on the said thirty Hats.

This offer is for cash only, and no doubt we will close them out in thirty days. So come along and get first choice.

E. & E. SCHAFFNER.

Lawrencetown, Jan. 3rd, 1898.

BRIDGETOWN IMPORTING HOUSE!

(CLEARANCE SALE)

WE NOW BEGIN OUR

Annual Cash Clearance Sale!

FIRST.—We offer the balance of our LADIES' JACKETS at the following reduced prices:

1 LADIES' JACKET,	$18 00	-	Reduced to	$12 00
2 " "	12 50		" "	9 00
1 " "	12 00		" "	8 50
1 " "	11 00		" "	8 00
1 " "	8 75		" "	6 00
2 " "	8 50		" "	6 00
1 " "	7 00		" "	5 00
2 " "	6 50		" "	4 50
3 " "	5 00		" "	3 00
3 " "	4 25		" "	2 50
4 " "	3 00		" "	2 25
A few odd lines,	-	-	" "	2 00

Our trade this season in Ladies' Jackets has been unprecedented, consequently our customers are aware of the extra value of these goods at the original prices.

THIRD.—We will give 20 p. c. cash discount on all lines of DRESS GOODS.

SECOND.—We will clean out a job lot of MEN'S and BOY'S OVERCOATS at about half price.

☞Please note that the 20 per cent Cash Discount we are offering off our Goods reduces a dollar article to 80c; 80c. goods to 60c., and so on. We have not time this week to enumerate, but please call and see the goods and get prices.

WE wish all our friends and customers "A Happy and Prosperous New Year," and thank them most heartily for their liberal patronage during the year just closed.

J. W. BECKWITH.

STRONG & WHITMAN'S

Annual Cash Clearance Sale

of all lines of Winter Goods has commenced.

Be sure that you get some of the bargains offered, for they are genuine. We never misrepresent either as to quantity or quality. We now endeavor to engage your kind attention to the following low lines, and we feel sure that you will find it to your advantage to peruse our mark down carefully. We start with a line of Fancy Plaid Goods suitable for Ladies' Waists and Children's Dresses.

20 pieces FANCY PLAID GOODS. 20 pieces.

Original prices, per yd	25c.	30c.	45c.	50c.	60c.	75c.
Sale prices, per yd	17c.	22c.	30c.	38c.	45c.	50c.

30 pcs. FANCY MIXED GOODS. 30 pcs.

Combinations of all shades. All extra value.

Original prices, per yd	18c.	25c.	28c.	30c.
Sale prices, per yd.	13c.	17c.	20c.	22c.

☞*This Line is well worth your inspection. Remember no trouble to show goods.*

LADIES' CLOTH JACKETS.

☞All Tailor-made. Every garment a "gem." Our Leader a heavy English Cheviot with Velvet Collar.

Original price, $2.75	Reduced to only		$1.99
" " 4 50,	plain Beaver, black and blue.	Only	2.99
" " 5.25,	" " " "	"	3.75
" " 7.00,	" " " "	"	4 75
" " 8.50,	plain Frieze, very heavy	"	5 75
" " 6 00,	fancy Frieze, very heavy	"	3.99

☞These Goods cannot be beaten for Style, Workmanship and Finish.

FURS. FURS. FURS.

4 (only) Ladies' Fur Coats away below cost to clear.
3 Astrachan Jackets, original price $18.00; marked for this sale at only $13.00
1 Astrachan Jacket, $44 00. Reduced to This is No. 1 quality. $33.00

CAPETTES. - CAPETTES.

Only one in each of the following:

$12.00 Persian Lamb and Chinchilla.	Now only	$8 25
$13 50 Copper Lynx, very stylish.	"	9 50
$9 50 Electric Seal, very stylish.	"	6 25
$13 75 Electric Seal, Alaska Sable tail trimmings.	"	9 50

These goods are the nobbiest style.

STORM COLLARS. - STORM COLLARS.

1 Astrachan Collar, large size, $6 75.	Now only	$4 99
3 Cooney Collar, " " $1.25.	"	90c
1 Electric Seal Collarette, 8 Alaska Sable tails.	"	3 95
1 " " " 2 heads, 8 tails.	"	4 99

BLACK FUR RUFFS,

Former prices, each	60c	85c	$1 05	$1 75	$2 00
Sale prices, each	40c	55c	70	1 25	1 25

FEATHER BOAS. - FEATHER BOAS.

3 yds. long. Colors: Black & White, Black & Pink, Black & Gold. Former price, 98c. Reduced to only 67c.

PLAIN BLACK FEATHER RUFFS.

Former prices, each	20c	25c	45c	55c
Reduced prices, each	12c	15c	29c	38c

LIGHT FANCY FEATHER RUFFS.

Colors: White, Cream, Pink, Blue, Gold and Tabac.
Former price, each $1.00 - - Reduced to 65c each.

OSTRICH FEATHER RUFFS.

Former prices, each	$2 75	$3 00
Reduced to	1 99	1 99

LADIES' HATS.

Balance of Walking and Sailor Hats at half price to clear.

CLOTHING.

GREAT REDUCTION on all lines of Clothing, Ulsters, Overcoats and Reefers. Call and see our clearance prices. Lower than the lowest. Highest grade of material and perfect fitting garments.

As we have not space to enumerate our large and varied stock, we wish to call your attentiou to the fact that the discounts we are offering apply to all lines of Winter Goods, and intending purchasers would do well to look at our values before buying, as we are confident that we can save them $ $ $

STRONG & WHITMAN.

DON'T FORGET

to give MISS LeCAIN a call before purchasing elsewhere, as her goods will be marked down to suit the times.

TRIMMED HATS, former price $1.50, now selling at $1.10.
$2.50 now selling at $2.10.
$6.00 now selling at $4.97.

Special BARGAINS every Monday from now until after Xmas.

Medical Hall Block, Bridgetown.

Premiums!

W. E. PALFREY

Will offer this year as Premiums

One Banquet Lamp,
One Large Picture and Easel,
One Lady's Ostrich Feather Collar.

Anyone purchasing for cash one dollars worth of goods during December will be entitled to a ticket. The premium will be numbered by a party in St. John, Jan. 1st, and numbers sent to our Postmaster who will deliver same to parties holding right ticket.

New Advertisements.

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January!

Runciman, Randolph & Co'y

WISH ALL THEIR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

A Happy New Year!

TO MEET COMPETITION!

we will for the next TWO MONTHS offer our large stock of

..WINTER..
..GOODS..
.....AT.....
:REDUCED:
::PRICES::
FOR CASH.

Men's Overcoats and Ulsters,
Boys' Ulsters,
Ready-made Clothing,
Ladies' Jackets,
Dress Goods, Cloths,
Underclothing, Gloves, Hosiery,
and other goods too numerous to mention.

Bridgetown, January 5th, 1898.

To Our Customers:

We have decided to make a radical change in our business, beginning with the 1st day of November, 1897. Hitherto we have kept long-standing accounts on our books, and some have become bad debts, and are consequently lost. Merchants who do a credit business have to add a sufficient profit to their prices to cover all such losses.

We propose on and after the 1st of November to sell all our goods for the prices marked opposite them in our circulars, which we will place in the hands of our customers at once. These circulars will be replaced from time to time as prices change.

We also wish to state that we are desirous of purchasing all kinds of farm produce, for which we are paying highest prices. All produce will be paid for either in goods or cash at the time it is delivered, so that there will be no balance standing over either one way or the other.

In return for this we require you not to ask us for credit. By doing this you will get your

GROCERIES FOR MUCH LESS THAN EVER BEFORE.

and you will have a sure market for all your farm produce.

On the other hand, we will have no bad bills and no large profits. Such an arrangement we think will give satisfaction to all concerned.

In regard to our boot and shoe department, we wish to state that the same system will apply; that is

A Discount of 15 per cent on present prices.

In conclusion we ask you to look carefully through our circular, which will be in your hands in a few days, and estimate how much you will save in a month's bill of goods if you purchase at our reduced prices. We think there is money in it for you.

Yours faithfully,

KINNEY & SHAFNER.

NOTICE!

The business known as The Hicks & Sancton Manufacturing Company has this day terminated by Harry S. Sancton selling out his interest to John H. Hicks, who will now carry on the business in his own name.

John H. Hicks,
Harry S. Sancton.

Bridgetown, N. S., Sept. 3rd, 1897.

LIVERY BUSINESS FOR SALE

The subscriber, owing to ill-health, has decided to offer for sale his Livery and Trucking business in Bridgetown.

This is one of the most paying investments in this Valley, and to the right party offers an inducement that one seldom meets with.

For further information apply to

Wm. C. Bath.

Bridgetown, Dec. 22nd., 1897.