

CHRISTMAS —AT— CLARKE BROS.

Opening of Holiday Goods Dec. 7 and following days

LIFE has no nobler pleasure than that of friendship. At the end of the busy year, full of effort and struggle, comes the season when we forget the trials and welcome the opportunities, when we count our friends, when we choose for them remembrances, not because of their cost, but because of the pleasure they will bring, when we realize to the full that life is worth living because for once it is unselfish.

The Worries of the Season

If our store may play its part during the trying days that lie between now and Christmas Eve, if it may lighten the strain of your purse (for everybody's is too small at such a time), if by good service and splendid assortment for your choosing it may help to keep the puzzle wrinkles from your forehead, it will have done all we have hoped and planned to have it do. We have given very careful thought to things useful. The list below does not represent all of what we have on our counters, but we trust its suggestions may prove helpful to you. If you should see any article that you would like later on, we will gladly put it aside for delivery at a future date. We would suggest, however, that you do this at once, while our stocks are complete and before the best are taken.

Fancy and Useful

We have many novelties in fancy and useful articles for Christmas Gifts, including Mirrors, Photo Frames, Leather Hand Bags, Brush and Comb Sets, Clocks, Jewel Cases, Music Halls, Atomizers, Cigar Cases, Leather Travelling Cases, Brass Novelties and many other articles that space does not permit us here to mention.

Gifts for Women

Had you thought of a dress or waist pattern for Xmas? Such a practical gift as this would be welcomed surely and then it would serve to remind the one who wears it of the giver. We are also well supplied with fancy neckwear, handkerchiefs, table linens, napkins, towels, gloves, boots and shoes, rubber footwear, winter jackets, umbrellas, fancy linens, etc.

Gifts for Men

There are many nice appropriate things to give a man and yet when one sits down to think of something suitable it is not an easy task. What to give father, brother, husband, son or friend can be found in our store. Neckwear, gloves, suspenders, hosiery, coat sweaters, hats, caps, mufflers, overcoats, suits, underwear, boots and shoes, rubber footwear, fancy shirts, etc.

Xmas Cards

We have them in endless variety, little remembrances of the season, such as everybody is looking for, 12c per dozen.

Books

A good book for girl or boy is the choicest of Gifts. We invite you to our Book Department.

Holiday Stationery

Why not give stationery? Always an acceptable gift. We have a most attractive assortment. Dainty boxes containing high class stationery, quality the very best and style strictly up-to-date.

Price 15c to \$1.00 per box

Fountain Pens

Why not give a real good fountain pen? Buy the best as a poor pen is a poor remembrance. We sell "Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens" and they are fully guaranteed.

Prices \$1.25 to \$5.00 each

Silverware and Cut Glass

Among the pretty novelties for Christmas giving there are many dainty things in Silverware and Cut Glass which not only adds attractiveness to the table but in themselves are serviceable. We invite your inspection when visiting our store.

FINAL WORD

Buying early is an immense advantage. In the first place it is possible to make much better selection as the stock is more complete. In the second place you have more leisure and can take your time in buying. We are always pleased to put away goods selected early and deliver them at anytime you desire.

Soliciting your Holiday Trade and wishing you a Merry Xmas

We are, yours very truly

CLARKE BROS.

BEAR RIVER, N. S., November 27th, 1915.

Bear River

December 20

Capt. Harry Moore has returned to his home for the winter.

Mr. E. W. Dyre arrived home from Litchfield on Saturday.

Mrs. J. E. Roope returned to her home in Bear River on Tuesday.

Mr. Judson Spears is spending the Christmas week at his home here.

Miss Marion Ray, Metegen Convent, is spending her holidays at home.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Miller on the birth of a son.

Pte. Chester Morgan of the 85th Battalion, Halifax, is home on sick leave.

Pte. Thomas Hancock of "reinforcements," Halifax, spent a few days at home.

Miss Dorothy Lovett, Mt. Allison College, came home Thursday to spend her Christmas holidays.

Mrs. J. P. Annis who has been visiting her sister in Yarmouth, returned to her home on Tuesday.

Messrs. Carrel and Ira Clarke of Acadia College, Wolfville, arrived home Wednesday, to spend their Christmas holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clarke.

THE PURE SEED CAMPAIGN

Year by year the importance of pure seed is being more and more recognized. Anything, therefore, of a helpful nature bearing on the subject is welcome, but when results are forthcoming from widespread and actively pursued experience then we have something of which every farmer, every grain grower, everybody interested in agriculture or in any kind of soil production, should possess a knowledge. Of such character is the Report of the Dominion Seed Commission for 1914, which has just been issued, and which can be had free by making application to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

The work of the Seed Branch Commissioner, Mr. George H. Clark, tells us falls naturally into three main parts—seed growing, seed testing and seed inspection. Seed growing includes educational and other work directed towards encouraging the production and use of better seed. For this purpose financial and other assistance is rendered by the Dominion towards conducting crop competition, seed fairs and provincial seed exhibitions. A statement of the amounts earned by the provinces under this heading in 1913-14 is as follows: Prince Edward Island, \$900.19; Nova Scotia \$1,743.11; New Brunswick \$1,051.66; Quebec \$4,522.27; Ontario \$9,399.42; Manitoba \$2,292.37; Saskatchewan \$3,717.52; Alberta \$3,658.98 and British Columbia \$1,000, making a total of \$28,285.52. Apart from these subventions, the Branch is rendering service in many ways. Information has been secured in regard to the purity and germination of seed grain being used by farmers. Other problems in relation to seed production, such as weed seed content of soil under different systems of cultivation, and the disposition, weed seed content, and feeding value of terminal elevator screenings, are being investigated.

Seed testing involves the analysis of samples which are sent to the laboratories at Ottawa and Calgary by seed merchants and farmers and investigation by experiment.

Seed inspection involves the enforcement of the law governing the sale of seed, the visiting of seed merchants and farmers and the furnishing of information regarding the Seed Control Act. For this work the permanent district officers are assisted by temporary inspectors who are employed during the busy season of the seed trade. The Commissioner is able to announce that with very few exceptions seed dealers, both wholesale and retail, are doing their best to conduct business in conformity with the Act, and that there has been a marked improvement in the trade and a gradual decrease in the violations in proportion to the number of dealers and farmers whose seed has been inspected.

The Report supplies a comprehensive summary of information obtained by inquiry regarding the wheat, oats, barley and flax being used for seed in Canada; reviews of the corn situation and timothy seed production and full details, with tables of results of seed testing operations. A great deal of attention is given to noxious weed seeds, the different kinds that are found in different circumstances being fully set forth.

It is reported that the C. P. R. has acquired the steamship Empress which has been running between Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, and will place her on the Bay of Fundy route next summer in the place of the S. S. St. George, and that the Yarmouth will remain on the route as usual.

CHRISTMAS HYMNS

The first which follows is taken from "Our Dumb Animals." The second by Mrs. Elizabeth Stewart Phelps, is based upon a supposed incident in the childhood of Jesus, taken from the Pseudo, "Gospel of the Infancy," one of the several similar fictitious writings which were circulated during the early centuries.

TO THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

(By Louella C. Poole.)

Once more the Blessed Day has come
To soothe the hearts of Christendom—
Like some cool hand that's pressed
Upon the fevered pulse of pain.
The Christmas Spirit comes again
To quiet our unrest.

Forget awhile are grief and loss,
The brooding cares that irk and cross,
From farthest sea to sea,
From northern lands of ice and snow,
To where the rose and jasmine blow,
The Holy Mystery.

Its influence benign outspreads;
On bended knees, with low-bowed heads,
With myrrh and spices sweet,
Fit recognition we would make,
Our alabaster boxes break
In tribute at His feet.

O holy, blessed Christmas-time,
Of perfumed censers, pealing chime,
Thy fairest gifts, we pray,
In boundless measures, full and free,
Bestow on those across the sea,
So sore their need to-day.

The old and frail, forget them not;
And those about whose lives are wrought
So much of hope and prayer—
Our little ones, the coming race—
Bestow on them thy tenderest grace
To grow in wisdom fair!

Sweet Yule-tide, of thy fulness bring
Peace unto hearts now sorrowing,
And unto great and small,
To man, bird, beast—to all that live—
Thy happiness to all!

—“Our Dumb Animals.”

A CHRISTMAS LEGEND

I like that old sweet legend
Not found in Holy Writ
And wish that John or Matthew
Had made Bible out of it.

But though it is not a gospel,
There is no law to hold
The heart from growing better
That hears the story told.

How the little Jewish children
Upon a summer day
Went down across the meadows
With the Child Christ to play.

And in the gold green valley
Where low the reed grass lay
They made them mock mud sparrows
Out of the meadow clay.

So, when these all were fashioned
And ranged in flocks about,
“Now,” said the little Jesus,
“We’ll let the birds fly out.”

Then all the happy children
Did call and coax and cry
Each to his own mud sparrow
“Fly, as I bid you—fly!”

But earthen were the sparrows
And earth they did remain,
Though loud the Jewish children
Cried out and cried again.

Except the one bird only
The little Lord Christ made,
The earth that owned Him master,
His heart heard and obeyed.

Softly he leaned and whispered,
“Fly up to Heaven, fly!”
And swift his little sparrow
Went soaring to the sky.

And silent all the children
Stood awestruck looking on
Till deep into the heavens
The bird of earth had gone.

I like to think for playmates
We have the Lord Christ still
And that still above our weakness
He works His mighty will;

That all our little playthings
Of earthly hopes and joys
Shall be by His commandment
Changed into heavenly joys

Our souls are like the sparrows
Imprisoned in the clay—
Bless Him who came to give them wings
Upon a Christmas day.

Readers are warned not to believe all the stories of disaster and disappointment which now emanate from Washington. There is apparently a press bureau there, of pro-German proclivities which pursues a policy of seeking to dishearten or discourage the people of Canada by the circulation of depressing statements either in whole or in part falsehoods or inferentially so. The story of the uprising in India a few days ago is a case in point.

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PROGRAM OF THE LADIES' SHORT COURSE

To be Held at the Agricultural College, Truro, N. S., From January 4th to January 14th, 1916

The Ladies' Short Course this year to be the best of the many good ones that have been put in at this College. Owing to the increased facilities the work should be much more interesting, as more individual work on the part of the students can be undertaken.

The splendid new building, which occupies such a prominent place on the campus, will give ample scope for the Household Science classes. It has been splendidly equipped, and we feel sure the ladies will enjoy the work this year much more than formerly, because they can literally have “a finger in the pie,” and each one will have her own particular table at which to work.

There will be each lady provide herself with a large white apron and sleeve protectors or wear a short sleeved blouse while attending the cooking classes.

The usual classes in Cooking, Dairying and Horticulture will be arranged and there will be special lectures in Home Nursing and Extermination of Household Pests.

Horticulture promises such interesting topics as the growing of bulbs, hardy perennials, roses and ornamental shrubs, with special reference to the growing of house plants, not forgetting such necessary things as the growing of strawberries, tomatoes and all kinds of vegetables.

Dairy work will include milk-testing, churning, butter-making, soft cheese-making and ice cream.

The lectures and practical work in poultry will give many excellent suggestions on how to make hens lay and pay.

The work in Household Science, owing to the shortness of the time, must naturally be incomplete, but no effort will be spared to make the work as interesting as possible. If prospective students wish any particular subject demonstrated and will communicate such desire we will do our best to meet their wishes.

Bring note book and pencil and come ready to not only receive information but to give it and please remember that more information is gained by asking questions than in any other way.

Tea and coffee will be provided at the new building at noon each day during the Short Course. If any of the students desire to bring their lunches with them they will be sure of a cup of either of these cheering beverages.

The lecture hours, subject to change, will be as follows:

Tuesday, Jan. 4.—10-12, Poultry. 2-4.30, Household Science.

Wednesday, Jan. 5.—10-12, Poultry. 2-4.30, Household Science.

Thursday, Jan. 6.—10-12, Poultry. 2-4.30, Household Science.

Friday, Jan. 7.—10-12, Dairy. 2-4.30, Horticulture.

Saturday, Jan. 8.—10-12, Household Science 2-4.30 Dairy.

Monday, Jan. 10.—10-12, Horticulture. 2-4.30, Household Science.

Tuesday, Jan. 11.—10-12, Dairy. 2-4.30, Household Science.

Wednesday, Jan. 12.—10-12, Horticulture. 2-4.30, Household Science.

Thursday, Jan. 13.—10-12, Dressmaking. 2-4.30, Dressmaking.

Friday, Jan. 14.—10-12, Household Science. 2-4.30, Household Science.

The special lectures will be announced later.

The Third Annual Convention of the Women's Institutes of Nova Scotia will hold its meetings from the evening of Jan. 11th, to the evening of Jan. 13th, inclusive. An attractive program is being arranged.

Students attending this Course should purchase a single ticket at their nearest railway station to Truro and ask their station agent for a Certificate, which, after being signed at the College, will give them free return.

For further information apply to M. CUMMING.

Agricultural College, Truro; or MISS JENNIE A. FRASER, New Glasgow.

THE LIME STONE QUESTION

The use of lime as a fertilizer has during the past two years attracted the attention of almost every farmer in the Maritime Provinces—not burnt lime, but ground rock. Correspondence in regard to the subject has appeared in the press, scores of letters have been received at the College, and at least three plants have been established for the grinding of lime stone in the Maritime Provinces, and more people are contemplating going into the business.

At the College at Truro ground lime stone was applied a year ago last spring to alternate strips on a field that was being sown to oats and seeded down to clover and timothy. The experiment was repeated this year. In 1914 little if any result was observable in the oats, but in 1915 the clover on the lime treated land was nearly double that on the untreated land. This year the oats on the lime stone treated land were somewhat better than on the untreated land, due possibly to the fact that the lime stone used was somewhat finer ground.

Now these are matters of fundamental importance. If lime stone will accomplish nothing else than cause a big increase in the clover fields of the country, it will pay to apply thousands of tons of it to the farms of the Maritime Provinces, for everyone knows that clover is a great soil enricher and that once a farmer has established the clover crop on his farm, he has to a large extent solved the whole question of soil fertility. More clover and yet more clover has changed many a run out farm into productiveness and has laid the foundation for the successful growing of all kinds of crops and the raising of live stock.

Now lime is abundant in all the Eastern counties of Nova Scotia and transportation facilities should make it accessible to the Western County farmer. The questions therefore arise: Can I afford to do without lime? What can I afford to pay for it? Should the farmers in my section of the country co-operate to buy a portable lime stone grinding machine? How much lime stone shall I apply per acre? And so on. These and many other questions in regard to the use of lime stone will be discussed at the short course at the College of Agriculture, Truro, to be held Jan. 4 to 14 next.

Mind that many a person has a mistaken notion in regard to the use and value of lime stone. It is not a fertilizer. It is a soil amendment that corrects soil acidity and improves the physical texture of the soil and so makes it possible for manure and fertilizer and cultivation to do better work. Be sure you understand this question fully before you make up your mind definitely as to what you will do. Nowhere will you have a better chance to study the question than at the short course at the College of Agriculture, Truro. Write for full particulars to M. Cumming, Principal, Truro.

CANADA'S TIMBER SUPPLY

According to R. H. Campbell, Director of the Dominion Forestry Branch, Canada's present supply of commercial timber has been variously estimated to be between five hundred and seven hundred billion feet, board measure, and to cover an area of approximately 17,000,000 acres. This estimate of quantity and area refers only to timber of commercial value as saw timber. It does not include pulpwood, firewood, tie, and pole material nor small timber of any description, although this has undoubtedly a very large commercial value.

The Commission of Conservation is engaged upon an investigation of the forest resources of Canada, which when completed, will furnish the basis for a more accurate estimate of the amount of timber in the various sections of the country than has previously been practicable.—Conservation.

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Read the Special Christmas Advertisements in this issue of the Monitor and you will find suggestions for your Christmas Gifts