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### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WEDDINGS

**BURGESS-SPURR**  
The Baptist church of Melvern Square was the scene on Dec. 29th of a very pretty wedding, when Alice Mary, daughter of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Spurr, was married to Frederick Ezra Burgess, the popular traveller for the Donnell Varnish Co., of Montreal, Rev. H. B. Smith, M. A. performing the ceremony. The church was tastefully decorated in evergreen and was filled with guests and well wishers.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Hortense Spurr, Rev. M. P. McCutcheon, B. A. of St. John, surmounting the groom. Miss Harriet Haley, daughter of Prof. F. R. Haley, M. A., of Acadia, was flower girl. Messrs. W. C. Spurr, E. S. Spurr and Lieut. S. E. Palmer were ushers.

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### Quebec Bridge to be Rebuilt

The work of rebuilding the Quebec bridge has been commenced. As it is an essential link in the National Transcontinental Railway, it is very important that the work be rushed to completion as soon as possible. The first attempt to build a bridge across the St. Lawrence near Quebec having ended disastrously, this work will be watched with much interest. The Toronto Globe, commenting on this great undertaking, says: "There is no reason to fear a similar occurrence this time. There was no precedent for such a bridge when it was undertaken but its collapse has furnished the necessary information and given the needed warning. All civil engineers will profit by the experience. Two special precautions are already provided for: a considerable increase in the size of the piers and a considerable shortening of the span across the navigable channel. The latter alteration will increase the capacity of the bridge to resist the enormous strain which it is subjected to. It necessitates the construction of the new north pier in very much deeper water, and this will add materially to its cost. The height of the pier from the bottom of the river to its surface will be ninety-eight feet instead of fifty-five.

The newly married couple then took the afternoon train en route to Halifax and St. John. The bride travelled in a suit of blue broad cloth with hat to match and wore a set of mink furs, the gift of the bridesmaid was a ruby ring, a locket and chain to the flower girl, and a cheque to the groomsmen. A vast number of valuable presents were received from friends at home and abroad, prominent among which was a cheque from the bride's parents.

On their return from the honeymoon journey Mr. and Mrs. Burgess will reside at Sheffield Mills, N. S.

### GESNER-HICKS

This was a quiet home wedding at Carleton's Corner, Bridgetown, on the evening of Wednesday last, the Rev. Wm. Y. Gesner, of Bellisle, officiating. The principals, Mr. William Edward Gesner, master of the "Schooner Francis" and son of Capt. Wm. Y. Gesner, of Bellisle, and Miss Margaret Arabella Hicks, daughter of Mr. Chas. R. Hicks, of Carleton's Corner, are well-known in Bridgetown and neighborhood.

The bride, attired in a dress of grey silk trimmed with sequin, entered the spacious parlor on the arm of her father, who subsequently gave her away. Otherwise both bride and groom were unattended. The ceremony took place at 6:30 in the presence of immediate friends and relatives. After the service supper was served, and a pleasant evening was spent. The happy couple left on Thursday for the west-bound express on a short wedding trip. Returning Mrs. Gesner will "receive" at the home of her father, Carleton's Corner, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and evening, Jan. 12th and 13th.

### Father Christmas Previous

Henry was a man of six, which is the age of inquisitiveness, as his mother was beginning to discover. "Mamma," he said, embarking on the two hundred and thirty-seventh question of the day, "does Father Christmas get his sleigh on Christmas Eve and drive to all the houses of the little boys and girls?" "Yes," answered mamma.

"And does he stop at each chimney and leave the right things?" proceeded Henry.

"Yes," answered mamma.

"Isn't he pretty quick to visit all the little boys and girls in one night?" "Yes."

"Well, here Henry reached the climax—"do you know, I believe he plans ahead and does some of the work beforehand."

"What makes you think that?" said mamma, asking a question in her turn.

"Why," answered Henry, "because I notice he's got all my presents put away in one of the cupboards already."

The Jews who have come to Canada in the last twenty years have achieved wonderful material success.

### What Drink Costs Nova Scotia in Money, Lives and Character

A Plea for Total Abstinence and the Abolition of the Drink Traffic. By H. R. Grant, General Secretary of the N. S. Temperance Alliance.

At this Christmas season and in view of the New Year, it is an opportune time for us who are Nova Scotians to consider what we may do to advance the Kingdom of Christ whose coming to the world was destined to bring Peace and Good Will to mankind.

Although it is a glad time to many, there are hundreds of families in our Province prevented from having a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year because of the drink traffic. Since the first of January, I have visited every county and addressed over three hundred audiences and in nearly every district, the sad effects of drink have been seen.

Taking a survey of the Province as a whole, it is appalling what the drink traffic costs us in money, in lives, in character.

### THE FINANCIAL LOSS.

Consumers in Canada last year paid for drink over \$76,000,000 Nova Scotia's share would be over \$8,000,000, or about \$12.00 for every inhabitant.

It may assist us in estimating this enormous expenditure for drink by contrasting it with the return from some of our provincial resources. For example, the return from our live stock products was.....\$6,000,000 Pig Iron.....5,000,000 Potatoes, Oats, Apples.....5,500,000 Apples.....1,100,000 Small Fruit Vegetables.....1,000,000 Lumber.....2,000,000 With the \$8,000,000 spent for drink we could build 300 twenty thousand dollar houses; or in each county build 100 schools, 100 public halls 100 Y. M. C. A. buildings, each worth \$20,000; or we could send to heaven 1,000 missionaries, and pay each of them a salary of \$1,000.

### THE LOSS OF LIFE.

At least 500 lives are shortened by drink annually in our Province. Many of these lives are cut off by terrible accidents, many by lingering disease as a result of alcoholic poisoning. Many a widow, many a mother mourns today because of the death of a loved one, who departed this life when under the influence of drink.

### THE LOSS OF CHARACTER.

Drink has debased men who otherwise would have been most upright citizens. It has produced a vast amount of vice and crime. In the development of our country character is of inestimable value. Liquor drinking means deterioration of character. In the years gone by thousands of our brightest citizens have been debased by drink. Nova Scotia is poorer in men and morals because of intemperance.

Our churches would have larger memberships but for the drink traffic. Drink has blinded the eyes of thousands of our young men to the beauty of the Christian life. The boy who begins to drink and makes companionships with intemperate turns away from Christ.

### A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

Are our churches facing the drink problem as they should? The temperance question is a question for the church. It has to do with the character of our citizens. Lives are being daily ruined by the drink habit. Last year over 3,000 men were convicted of drunkenness. This means that if Nova Scotia carries on as at present the drink business, 3,000 of our boys must be sacrificed annually, for surely life is sacrificed that goes with the intemperance. A man who had been for years a drunkard, who today is making a heroic fight against the habit recently put this question to a clergyman, "Is my boy to be damned by this drink business as I have almost been damned? Cannot you church people do more than you are doing?"

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### THE HAPPY NEW YEAR

I am the new and brave  
I am the brave, the new,  
The old year's sun hath set  
Faintly behind the blue.

I am the young and fair  
With blessings manifold,  
And wealth of hidden gold  
Unfolding everywhere.

I am the strong, the free  
Speaking to thee of power  
For the duties of the hour,  
With strength I come to thee.

I am the brighter way,  
Yesterday's heart was stirred  
With crying that it heard  
For those who sleep to-day.

I am the herald  
Of hope that never fails  
Where'er thy frail ship  
hails,  
When'er she anchors  
her.

I am the beautiful,  
The jewelled snow and  
shine  
Of stars and flowers, still  
In this new year is thine.

I am the New Year, glad  
With promises of spring,  
With blessing for the sad  
And songs for men to sing.

G. E. C.

Bridgetown, January 1st, 1910.

### They Doubt That

#### Mars Has Canals

New York, December 30.—London cable dispatches say that skepticism as to the existence of canals on Mars was shown by several well-known astronomers at a meeting of the British Astronomical Association there.

S. A. Saunders exhibited lantern slides of photographs of Mars taken by Professor Hall by means of the telescope at Mount Wilson Observatory in California. He remarked that the canals were not shown, the exhibitor on being that the telescope was too strong to indicate them. This statement evoked laughter.

Edward Walter Maunder of the Greenwich observatory said that there was no indication on the photographs, of a spider like network. Mr. Maunder said there was never any real ground for supposing that there was any evidence of artificial markings on Mars.

### TRAGIC DEATH CHRISTMAS EVE.

Chester, Dec. 30.—While his family thought him still in Halifax, whither he had gone on the previous day, J. Stanley Zinck, a prominent merchant of Chester, lay dying under the E. & S. W. Railway tracks here last night. While coming home about 7 o'clock last evening Mr. Zinck fell on the slippery trestle and was veritably to the ground below. This morning he was found dead, impaled on a barb wire fence. When found he was still holding a parcel that he had in his hand when he stepped from the train.

Hon. W. S. Fielding is 61 years of age. He was born Nov. 24th, 1848. He began newspaper work at the early age of 16 years. In 1882 he was elected a member for Halifax County, of the Provincial Legislature, and in 1884 he became Premier. In 1896 he was taken into the Laurier Cabinet as Finance Minister, which position he still holds.

### Sudden Death of Solomon Drew While Driving in Middleton

The people of Middleton were shocked on Monday afternoon by the sudden death in their midst of Solomon Drew, of Nictaux Falls. Mr. Drew was driving along Commercial St. when Mr. Owen Wheelock noticed that something was wrong with him. The horse was stopped and Mr. Drew carried into the Middleton Pharmacy where he immediately expired.

Messrs. J. L. Phinney, E. V. Thomas and Arthur Sprowl procured a team and carried the body to Nictaux where the funeral took place on Wednesday.

Mr. Drew was well and very favorably known in Middleton. He was a prominent member of the Methodist circuit and for several years served as a trustee on the Consolidated school board. His life was marked by integrity and public spirit.

The deceased leaves a widow and a daughter, Miss Bessie, at home and another daughter, Mrs. Thomas Smith, of Spokane.—Middleton Outlook.

### "As a Man Thinketh"

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he!" You cannot get away from your own thoughts, try as you may. If you start out with a fine project, but also take with you the feeling that try as you may, the project is likely to fail, you have already arranged for your future taking that thought with you in taking active presence who will wield an effective opposition to your plans.

The victories that we gain and the defeats that we sustain are all arranged for in the silent hours long before we come to the conflict. We cannot escape the effect of our own thoughts. The words that we have spoken have, like birds, flown away from us and are beyond recall; they are in the hearer's power and not our own. And the efforts of the thoughts that we think likewise pass beyond controlling. We may think what we please, but no matter how silent our thoughts, we cannot escape the effect of it!

Thoughts are all powerful. The tendency of each thought is either upward or downward. We have the power to choose what we will, and to exclude what we will, and it is out of choice of thoughts that makes us successful men and women—or failures.

Your thoughts of success would carry you to success if you would not let them mingle with those undesirable citizens of the under thought world, the anti-success beliefs and fears!

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### AN UNFAILING RULE.

She was so much of a genius that she recognized that if you are truly nice at heart, and undertake to be truly and openly yourself, you can go three times around the earth and make friends all the way.—The Century for November.

### Tupperville.

Cars of hay and wood are being loaded for export.

We are pleased to report Mrs. F. H. Willett improving in health.

Mr. and Mrs. James were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Borden Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenwick Smith, who have been visiting friends in the States, have returned home.

The Misses Bessie and Alice Kent are home on their vacation. Alice from Truro where she is attending the Normal College, and Bessie from teaching in Kings County.

### GRANVILLE HOLIDAY DOINGS

#### Granville Centre.

The young people are thoroughly enjoying the open-air rink.

Mr. Edward P. Gilliat, of Lynn, is spending a few weeks with his family here.

Miss Beatrice Gilliat, of Centrelea, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Walter Gilliat.

Mrs. Addie Mills and Mrs. Annie Troop were in Mahone Bay over Christmas.

Miss Evangeline Gilliat, of Clarence, is the guest of her friend, Miss Vera Eaton.

Mrs. R. L. Hunt and son, Master Ireland, of Bridgewater, are visiting her old home.

Mr. W. R. Willett, of St. John, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Gilbert Willett.

Annapolis Co. District Division will meet with Seymour Division Thursday, Jan. 6th.

Miss Nellie Harris, of Bear River, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Withers.

Miss Vinnie Bogart spent Christmas with her parents and returned to Halifax on Monday.

Miss Lulu Withers, who is attending the Normal school at Truro, is at home for the holidays.

Miss Ruth Gill att, principal of the school at Upper Canard, Kings Co., spent the holidays at home.

Miss Mildred Withers, Mr. Norman Willett and Mr. Edgar Hardwick spent the holidays in Boston.

Miss Mabel Troop, who has spent several months in Stanley, York Co., N. B., returned home last week.

Mrs. G. O. Fulton and daughter Miss Muriel, of Truro, are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. W. W. Troop.

Mr. Ernest R. Wade, who recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wade has returned to his work in New Brunswick.

Rev. G. P. Raymond, pastor of the Baptist church will conduct preaching service in the church Tuesday evening, Jan. 11th, at 7 o'clock.

### Obituary.

#### WILLIAM H COCHRAN

Bridgetown was startled and saddened by the news which quickly spread yesterday morning (Tuesday) of the death of Mr. Cochran, the genial and popular proprietor of the Bridgetown Boot and Shoe Store. Although it had been regrettably recognized for some months that his disease was making unrelenting progress, its sudden termination was a surprise to all. On Saturday he had enjoyed a sleigh-drive given him by one of his friends and though he had not appeared so well the dread moment of separation had not seemed so near.

His malady was a progressive disease of the spinal cord, extending over eight months, the immediate cause of his death being apparently heart failure. His attending physician, Dr. Armstrong, was summoned at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning and found death at the threshold before him.

Mr. Cochran has been a member of our business community for sixteen years, coming here from St. John, and his genial and warm hearted personality won him hosts of friends. Probably no man of our community had more warm personal friends and none would be more missed. He was identified in every movement for progress, every charitable enterprise was sure of his warm support, and his sympathies were swiftly extended to those in trouble. In his business dealings he was thoroughly respected. His word was as good as his bond.

He was a member of the Masonic brotherhood, the Foresters and the Royal Arcanum, and in the two latter he carried considerable insurance.

He is survived by his widow, two young daughters and a small son, also by one brother, Mr. Geo. B. Cochran of Marysville, N. B. and by one sister in St. John, to whom the warmest sympathies of the public of Bridgetown and vicinity are extended.

#### The many friends of Mr. Jas. Osinger

will regret to know that he suffered a severe stroke of paralysis a week ago, and now lies in a precarious condition.

Mr. Edward Palmer has purchased Mr. George M. Bent's farm and will remove here in March. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer will welcome them back to the neighborhood, while all will regret to lose Mr. and Mrs. Bent.

Mr. Joseph Tanch, who is teaching at Amherst, is at home for the holidays. Miss Alice Troop, teacher at Sandy Cove, Digby Co., Miss Annie Calnek, at Richfield, Digby Co., Miss Esther Gilliat, at Greywood, Miss Bessie Troop, at Hampton, are at their respective homes for their Christmas vacation.

A very quiet wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Samuel Bent Wednesday evening, Dec. 29th, when their youngest daughter, Stella, was united in marriage with Mr. Everett Withers. Rev. Mr. Suckling officiating. After the ceremony congratulations were in order, after which refreshments were served. The bride was the recipient of a number of useful presents. Seymour Division Sons of Temperance, of which Mr. Withers is a worthy member, presented him with a handsome parlor table. We extend to Mr. and Mrs. Withers best wishes for a happy and prosperous life.

### Lower Granville

Mr. and Mrs. George Anthony spent Christmas in Yarmouth.

Albert Parker went to Boston on Saturday to spend the holidays.

Hugh Foster and Miss Winnie Thorne attended the dance at Round Hill Hall New Years eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Covert, Jr., and child spent Christmas with Mrs. Covert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Almon Parker, Belleisle.

Miss Betts gave a Christmas tree to her Sabbath School in Karsdale Hall, Dec. 28th. The young people were all made happy and all present enjoyed the occasion very much.

### GEORGE H PORTER

The death of Mr. George H. Porter took place on New Year's Eve, after a brief illness from pneumonia, being taken ill on Christmas Eve at St. James Hotel, where he was acting as clerk.

Mr. Porter came to Bridgetown from Yarmouth six years ago, with Mr. Chas. F. Dyke, for whom he was book-keeper. Upon Mr. Dyke's return to Yarmouth Mr. Porter remained here and subsequently married a Yarmouth lady, who survives him. Mr. Porter in early days did business in Yarmouth in the firm of Leed and Porter. Subsequently he removed to Halifax and was engaged in insurance business.

In his business life Mr. Porter was noted for the uprightness and honor of his dealings, and his gentlemanly bearing and demeanor won him the respect of all.

He was twice married and by his first wife had two sons, one of whom, Ernest W. Porter, of Hamilton, Ont., survives him, but was prevented by illness from being present at the funeral.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Geo. Johnson, from the residence of Miss James, and the remains were taken to Yarmouth for burial.

### MRS. LOUISA FOSTER

The death occurred on Thursday last of Mrs. Louisa Foster, of Bridgetown, from paralysis, her illness extending over three years.

Mrs. Foster was a native of Nictaux but her married life was spent in Bridgetown where she brought up a large family. Those who survive her are Mrs. Hiley, of Melvern Square, Mrs. Wm. Meester, of Clarence, Mr. Hoyt Foster, of Penobscot, Maine, Guilford Foster, of Paradise and Capt. Nelson Foster, who is at sea.

Mrs. Foster was a faithful and devoted mother and a kind hearted neighbor and friend. She was of the Baptist denomination and was greatly attached to her church.

The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. N. McNeill, and burial held in Bridgetown cemetery.

## MONEY

at interest is a good silent partner, one that will work night and day, unflinching in its zeal for your welfare, one that the longer left alone the better work it will do.

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