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—For the last few years several different theories have been advanced by various writers to account for what they were pleased to call our change of climate. The snow fall of recent years, they claimed, was much less than that of some twenty or thirty years ago, while our winters were gradually becoming milder. Just as we had begun to think that possibly the gulf stream had shifted its course, or some other cause had materially changed the character of our winters, the blizzard of Christmas week put in an appearance this year and knocked all our theories and speculations cold. The storm of that week everywhere pronounced to have been the worst experienced during December since the year 1872. It seems to have been quite general over the eastern part of the continent, extending as far south as Virginia, where we read of trains being blocked with snow and of rivers and harbors being frozen up, and navigation entirely stopped on some of the rivers, something unknown before for many years. In New York city the cold was fully as intense and the thermometer fell as low as it did in this province. We shall have to conclude, therefore, that our climate has not undergone any change after all, but that an occasional mild winter or two is only the exception which stands out in marked contrast to the average Nova Scotia winters. And we are quite sure that the latter are the more enjoyable. Who has not enjoyed the clear crisp air and the splendid sleighing of last week? And who would exchange these for the warmer weather and muddy roads of the week preceding? No one, we feel fully assured. A winter of clear, cold weather, with plenty of snow, is much more conducive to health, while the advantages to business and in adding to the productiveness of the soil are equally as great. And we trust that the present may prove to be such a winter.

—And now another expedition is to be started in search of the north pole, or for the purpose of making further explorations in the polar seas. Just what additions these expeditions of recent years have made to our stock of scientific knowledge, or in what way they have benefitted mankind, we fail to understand. Even suppose some one more successful than his predecessors should finally discover the north pole *and climb up it* what possible benefit would it be to the human family? While the question of a route to Asia through the Arctic ocean, north of the American continent, was yet undecided, these Arctic expeditions had an object, and Sir John Franklin and others who perished in attempting to discover this passage had at least the excuse of searching for something which might possibly be of vast benefit to the commerce of the world. But when that question was once decided the necessity for these Arctic expeditions ceased, and we fail to see what practical benefit is to be derived from further continuing them. Still, however, we suppose there is a new crop of cranks every year, and if some of them did not undertake expeditions of this kind they would be doing something else equally as foolhardy.

—The year 1893 is now a reality, and in his embrace we, with all that is good and evil are gathered. It was well of him to take us with all our faults and failures, and so gently did he come and so graciously smile on us that we, even now, regard him as an old and tried friend, and with confidence place all our interests into his keeping. But when we recall the departed year and remember that, at his advent, many whose prospects were bright and who, with confidence committed themselves to his keeping, have doepped out by the way, and that their are many with whom hope has given place to despair, cheerfulness to sadness, health to disease, wealth to poverty, innocence to guilt, temperate habits to intemperate, and hope of heaven to terrors of hell, do we not have some misgivings as to how the end will find us. Let us not be deceived, for only in the embrace of Christ are we sure of safety; only on the strong arm of Jehovah can we rely for protection. Faith in God and obedience to his commands are our only guarantee of enduring happiness and triumphant victory over the reverses of circumstances.

—According to the returns made at the end of October the banks of Canada had lent to the banking institutions of New York and other eastern cities no less than $22,792,466. These loans were made because the American institutions were short, in consequence of the heavy shipments of gold which the exigencies of commerce required to be made from New York to London. The loan is of course a business transaction for which the American banks are paying a pretty stiff interest, but the fact that our banks are in a position to loan so large an amount on short notice and still have enough left to carry on the ordinary business of the country, would seem to show that there is any amount of capital in this country after all.

—As an evidence of how the property of the rich escape taxation the case of Jay Gould is most striking. At his death the value of his personal property is sworn at $70,000,000, and when his estate comes to be settled, it is quite probable that even this is an under estimate of its real value. It now transpires that he has been paying taxes on but $500,000 of personal property, and it is said that he kicked at even that amount, claiming that it was too large. It is incidents like these which furnish material for the advocates of tax reform.

—Winnipeg will furnish a very interesting portion of the Dominion government's natural history exhibit at the World's Fair. Dan McDonald's large collection of wild animals, including ten elk and moose, and six bears have been purchased by an agent of the government, and will be shipped to Chicago in the last week of this month. This collection will be supplemented by Sir Donald A. Smith's herd of buffalo now at Sover Heights, which has also been secured for the government and will be shipped to Chicago with other animals.

—The Russians have become so alive to the value of women physicians that the imperial government has granted $200,000 for a medical school for women to be established at St. Petersburg. The site has been given by the city.

Brent, the Accused Safe Burglar Still in Custody.

For quite a number of weeks past there has been considerable speculation as to whether the man Brent, arrested for the safe burglary at Granville Ferry, would be acquitted or found guilty; and though nothing definite has yet been settled, this morning he will either be discharged or sentenced. The following from the Annapolis *Spectator*, however, will at once convince our many readers that there are very grave doubts existing in the mind of Judge Savary as to his innocence, and though the MONITOR has no ill-feeling toward the prisoner in any sense whatever, it knows enough to make the assertion that whenever the prisoner could account for his whereabouts, which would tend to a legitimate calling, he was always ready to make it known, while on the other hand, when directly taxed with the question of his Granville Ferry exploit, he would give no information whatever:—

"In the Brent case the Judge in adjourning the matter till Monday, January 2nd, said he was at first inclined to think the case of the crown a weak one, but on consideration could not say that there was no evidence to go to a jury. In a jury trial there might be a disagreement that would lead to an acquittal, but a judge had more time to deliberate and must exercise common sense. He (the Judge) was rather inclined to think the crown had given such prima facie evidence as to shift the burden of proof to the prisoner, who ought, if innocent, to be able to account for himself on the night of the robbery. The prisoner took his supper at Coffin's on the evening preceding the robbery, and on the night following slept, according to his own statement to Tyler at Inglewood, in a school house between Granville Ferry and Inglewood. If he did not cross to Granville Ferry till Sunday it could easily be proved, as the crown prosecution had offered to do and to subpœna any witness whom the prisoner wished to call. The Judge also called the attention of the public to the law respecting vagrants, persons roaming about the country, begging meals at farm houses and sleeping in barns and school houses, as this man had admittedly done for some weeks before the robbery. The prisoner could on this count alone be sent to the county jail for six months. The Judge recommended the people all over the county to enforce the law vigorously, and such characters would, as a consequence, soon cease to be a bother to the public. Had the prisoner been arrested as a vagrant when he slept in Mr. Harnish's barn this trial never would have taken place. This case, as well as Carter's, was further adjourned till next Wednesday morning, Monday being a public holiday. Barnes was acquitted on Saturday."

A Royal Courtship Which Has its Drawbacks.

A royal courtship has its drawbacks, even when it is a case of true love. So Prince George, the Duke of York, has found it in the past few weeks. There is no longer any concealment of the court he is paying to the fiancee of his dead brother. His attentions to the Princess May have been so constant of late that there is really reason for believing that there is genuine affection in the match, which will be announced as soon as the anniversary of Clarence's death has passed. For some weeks Prince George was an almost daily passenger to Mortlake station, on the Southwestern railway, which is the nearest point to his sweetheart's home. At first he was not recognized by common folks, and so did not suffer from the vulgar curiosity of the mob. He became known after a while, however, and the knowing smiles of the country folk became more than his princely equanimity could face. He stopped his visits, but gained his point in another way.

It was arranged that he and the princess should visit the same place together, and thus they have been much in each other's company at Windsor, Sandringham, and elsewhere. The queen and prince and Princess of Wales are said to be highly delighted over the coincidence of natural affection and reasons of state. Certain private communications have recently passed between the royal family and Mr. Gladstone, as the result of which it is said the premier will ask parliament for a special grant for the future king and queen of Britain

Orange Blossoms.

BATH—COLEMAN.

The personal friends of our former young townsman, Howard S. Bath, D.D.S., will be pleased to learn of his marriage, which came off on Thursday last at Grafton, Kings County. The happy bride was Miss Carrie E. Coleman, daughter of Thomas Coleman, Esq., a young lady of most pleasing appearance, and greatly admired for her many other amiable qualities.

Owing to the indisposition of the bride's mother, at whose residence the wedding came off, only a few of the most intimate relatives of the large family connection were in attendance. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Thomas McFall. After an enjoyable wedding breakfast the wedding party were driven to the east-bound train *en route* to North Sydney, C. B., at which place they will reside for the future, and where Dr. Bath is enjoying a lucrative and satisfactory practice in his dental profession. The presents were many, costly and beautiful. The MONITOR tenders the newly-wedded couple sincere and hearty congratulations, and wishes both Dr. and Mrs. Bath a long, blissful, and prosperous life.

WARNER—SMITH.

On Wednesday evening, Dec 21st, 1892, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith, at North Kingston, was the scene of a very interesting affair, it being the marriage of their daughter Jennie, to Mr. John W. Warner, of Melvern Square. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. E. H. Howe of Kingston. After the happy congratulations, about ninety invited guests sat down to a bountiful laden table, and after the inner man had been satisfied, a grand time was had by games and social chat. A large number of useful and ornamental presents gave evidence of the esteem the young couple are held in by the community. At the close of the evening the happy couple left for their future home at Aylesford amid showers of rice and the best wishes of their many friends.

STRONG—MILLER.

A very pretty wedding took place at the residence of James H. Miller, Esq., New Germany, on Wednesday of last week, when his daughter, Miss May Miller, was united in wedlock to Mr. Percy Strong, a well-known commercial traveller, representing the house of Bauld & Gibson. The young couple are favorably known to most of our readers, who will join with us in wishing them every happiness. After the wedding luncheon Mr. and Mrs. Strong left for a trip to some of the large American cities.

Masonic Dinner at Grand Central Hotel.

The brethren of Rothsay Lodge, No. 41, R. N. S., A. F. & A. M., celebrated St. John's Day by a supper at the Grand Central Hotel. At eight o'clock some thirty of the craft assembled at the Grand Central and sat down to supper, and after fully satisfying themselves with the good things supplied by Mine Host Langley, Worshipful Master Forsyth proposed the following toasts, all of which were ably responded to:

"The Queen," "H. R. H. Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England." "For he's a jolly good fellow."

"Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia," Col. W. E. Starratt, P.D.G.M.

"Rothsay Lodge," Worshipful Master Forsyth.

"Our Legislatures," Bro. John B. Mills.
"Our Municipality," Bro. Alfred Vidito.
"Our Magistrates," Bros. John L. Cox, P.M. and Fred R. Fay, P.M.
"The Land We Live In," Bros. Benj. Starratt, P.M., and M. G. Marshall.
"The Profession," Bros. A. Morse, P.M., and J. G. H. Parker, P.M.
"The Ladies," Bros. E. Bent and L. D. Shafner.
"Our Visiting Brethren," Bros. E. Thompson and Parker Whitman.

After singing "God Save the Queen" the evening festivities were brought to a close. —COM.

The Windsor and Annapolis Railway.

At the general meeting of the stockholders of the W. & A. Railway, lately held in London, a highly satisfactory report for the past year was moved by the president and adopted. In the course of his speech, W. R. Campbell, the general manager, referred, amid cheers, to the large stream of tourist travel that had passed this summer through the land of Evangline as having conferred material benefit on the province as well as on the railway; and he is prepared to initiate still further efforts to expand the company's growing business. W. P. Gifkins, in a late interview with a reporter of the *Halifax Herald*, stated that the road had done a remarkably good passenger and freight business, and that the management are making preparations to handle the largely increased volume of tourist travel that is expected in the land of Evangeline next summer.

—Are you troubled with dizziness, emptiness, flatulency? Take K. D. C.—the King of Dyspepsia Cures. It is guaranteed to cure you.

Local and Other Matter.

—Good Fresh Bread at G. H. Dixon's.

—Municipal Council meets next week at Annapolis.

—Mr. L. H. Morse, now teaching at Bear River, is spending his holidays at home.

THANKS.—Miss Maud Hoyt wishes to thank the congregation of St. James Church for the gift presented to her on Xmas Eve in recognition of her services as organist.

—Messrs. Shafner & Bath have now in stock and will keep constantly on hand large quantities of both hard and soft coal at lowest prices.

—J. W. Beckwith has sold out his immense stock of ladies' Fur Goods except a few Muffs. He has two men's Fur Coats, and a few Fur Caps left. 39 tf

—Mr. and Mrs. Newcomb, of Church street, Cornwallis, are spending the holiday season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. FitzRandolph.

—A Christmas concert was given in the Centreville Baptist church last Sabbath evening, which reflected much credit upon all who took part in the exercise.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Harvey, of Halifax, arrived here on Friday last, and enjoyed the courtesies of the season among their host of relatives and friends. They returned home on Monday.

—Good news comes from Springhill. The settlement of the difficulty was elected Friday evening. The men discharged are to be reinstated, the fines remitted, and boxes are to be filled on the late basis—within six inches of the top.

VOTERS' LISTS.—The revision of the N. S. electoral lists begins Jan. 2, and applications from those whose names are not already upon them must be in before Jan. 21. There are many young men with the $250 income qualification who are entitled to become voters.

—The Annapolis County M. and M. Conference will meet in annual session at Port Lorne on Tuesday, 10th inst., at 10 o'clock a.m. A full attendance is requested. The Rev. A. Cohoon, A.M., of Wolfville, will preach in the evening. *Spectator* and *Scribe* please copy.

—The attendance of young ladies at Mt. Allison has been the highest at any like term in its history, namely: 90 resident students and 54 day pupils. Last year the numbers were 81 resident and 45 day students. The prospects are good for a still larger increase next term.

—The beautiful sleighing of the latter part of the past week was largely taken advantage of by most of our citizens, and the numerous and elegant equipments to be seen in the afternoons made the scene cheering and lively. With the exception of one or two slight mishaps and upsets, nothing serious occurred in the way of accidents.

—Capt. W. D. Bogart and wife of New York, are at present visiting their large circle of relatives and friends in and about town. We are pleased to state that the captain is looking hale and hearty, and that he is another of the many young men from this place who have done exceedingly well in that great metropolis.

—We had the pleasure of a friendly call and chat yesterday with Mr. Charles A. Foster, son of the late Israel Foster. Mr. F. is paying his friends a few days visit, after which he will again return to Chelsea, Mass., where he holds an important position with the Magee Furnace Co., and with whom he has been connected for the past thirteen years.

APPLE SHIPMENTS.—The mild weather of Monday was taken advantage of by our apple speculators all over the county. From early in the morning till late at night a constant stream of teams kept passing to and fro laden with the winter varieties of our far-famed fruit. We understand that some twelve hundred barrels were shipped from the station alone, and from several of the other stations on the W. & A. railway, the shippers were very busy in getting off similar supplies.

—Messrs. Shafner & Bath begin the new year in their recently purchased place of business under most favorable circumstances. In addition to full lines of choice cloths for spring suitings, they have particularly fine lines of gents furnishings, etc. People entrusting the make-up of garments to their care can rely on most reasonable prices and a perfect fit. Give us a trial order and we guarantee you, in all respects, every satisfaction.

HEAVY RAIN STORM.—Shortly after twelve o'clock on Sunday night a gale sprang up from the south and by the hour of one o'clock had increased to a very violent wind and rain storm. Later on it raged with terrific force and the downpour of rain became tremendous. When morning dawned the beautiful sleighing of the previous few days had become entirely spoiled, and before the hour of noon on Monday wheels had to take the place of runners.

WATCH NIGHT MEETING.—On New Years' Eve midnight services were held in both the Methodist and Episcopal churches, the attendance being quite large at both places. The services were very solemn and impressive, while the remarks made by the pastors to the quiet and attentive listeners will doubtless have a good and wholesome influence. Shortly after the worshippers had dispersed, the bells rang out the old year, and the onward march of 1893 began.

PARRSBORO LUMBER EXPORTS.—The quantity of lumber shipped from Parrsboro, N. S., during this season now ending aggregates 31,815,627 superficial feet, an increase of 7,055,354 sp. ft. over the shipments of 1891. The shippers this year were Messrs. George McKean, W. M. Kay and James Miller & Co., of Parrsboro. The shipments this year employed 33 vessels aggregating 34,994 tons, against 28 vessels of 27,503 tons last year. The quantity of lumber that will be held over this year is probably about the same as was held over last winter.

SLEIGHING PARTY.—The fine sleighing of Friday afternoon last brought quite a large number of Middleton's pleasure-seekers to our town, where, on arrivall they took up their short stay at the Grand Central Hotel. After an hour or two about town, a well-served tea was enjoyed at the above-named hostelry, and the evening was spent in a most pleasant way in music, friendly calls, etc. At eleven o'clock the happy crowd started on their homeward journey, much pleased with their afternoon's outing and the pleasant associations and kind treatment bestowed by our citizens.

—On the afternoon of Dec. 26th, the committee of arrangements of the Presbyterian Sabbath-school met at the home of Mr. Norman Chute, where they decorated two Xmas trees—one with the gifts for the children, and the other with confecsionery and fruit. Each child received a bag of candy and an orange, besides some token of love from the teachers and friends of the school. When the decorations were completed the members of the committee were royally entertained in Mrs. Chute's dining-room, where they sat down to all the good things that accompany a first-class Xmas dinner. By seven o'clock the children had assembled in the parlors and were eagerly waiting to see Santa Claus. At 7.30 the doors were thrown open and the beautifully lighted room, containing the well loaded trees were presented to view. The children stood for a moment spell-bound, and then a chorus of voices exclaimed, "ar'n't they pretty." Owing to the absence of Santa Claus on a mission elsewhere Miss Santa Claus was appointed in his stead and caused much comment and merriment. After the presents were distributed refreshments were served to the children. Then followed a short but select musical entertainment. The S. S. Superintendent, in a few well chosen words, thanked host and hostess for their hospitality,—after which they returned to their homes—the children to dream of Santa, and the older ones we trust to thank God for the Xmas day with its hallowed influences.

—Miss Mary and Nellie Quirk, two of Bridgetown's highly respected young ladies, and daughters of Mr. Jas. Quirk, took their departure by yesterday afternoon's train for Acadia Seminary, Wolfville, where they will pursue a course of general study. From a late copy of the *Acadia Atheneum*, published in the interests of this celebrated institution, we find the following: Our numbers this year are not surprisingly large though we boast a healthy increase. The Academy has seventy students, being twenty more than were in attendance at the same date last year. The Academy home is well filled, and as three teachers now occupy rooms in the building much valuable assistance is thereby rendered the student during their study hours. In the Manual Training Department thirty students have enrolled, and one hour a day, of very agreeable work, is devoted in this course. The Seminary is especially prosperous. Over sixty now board in the building, the new part of which is completely full. The Day students number about twenty-three, making at present a total of eighty-five. The old part of the building, which is not completely occupied, is capable of accommodating from twenty to thirty. After the Christmas vacation the number is expected to be swelled to this if not beyond. In the University itself the Freshman Class numbers about thirty, the Juniors twenty-five and the Seniors twenty, making in round numbers one hundred and ten.

—The Lizzie Borden trial at Taunton, Mass., has been postponed for some months.

—Slippers in Carpet, Plush, Felt and Leather, at John P. Murdoch's. 37 tf

—To our readers we extend our best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

—An article on the death of the old year, written by one of our talented residents, will appear next week.

—The services of Mass will be celebrated in St. Alphonso's Church on Sunday next, 9th instant, at eleven o'clock.

—Miss Jessamy Harte, a young daughter of Bret Harte, has made her literary debut, and her work shows marked literary and artistic ability.

—N. H. Phinney, Esq., wishes us to announce that his singing class will meet at Victoria Hall on Saturday evening at seven o'clock, and that all interested will please attend.

—It is understood that the Rev. R. Williams, of Mahone Bay, has been invited to succeed Rev. James Strothard as Methodist minister at Amherst, the latter gentleman having accepted a call to Annapolis.

—Rothsay Lodge, No. 41, R.N.S., A.F. & A.M., has its regular night of meeting Thursday evening next, 5th inst., at Masonic Hall, Bridgetown. Members of the craft are particularly requested to attend.

—Ex-Conductor "Joe" Edwards had, as usual, a novel and original holiday card for his friends. On the card is a representation of a W. & A. Ry., train and underneath in small letters the words "I am not in it."

—We would heartily thank the patrons of the MONITOR who have already so promptly paid up their subscriptions for the past and coming year. To those who are still in arrears we would suggest that they give us an early call.

—The Gilpih will case was finished at Annapolis on Wednesday. The counsel's arguments are to be handed in in writing and will not be ready for two or three weeks. In all probability the judge's decision will not be given for a month.

—A telegram was received by Capt. Albert Delap of Granville Ferry on Tuesday informing him of the loss of the American ship *Yorktown*, off Brazil. Capt. Delap owned one quarter of the vessel. The ship was partly insured.

DROWNED IN A WELL.—Theodore H. Dorman, of Grand Pre, was found drowned in the well on his premises last Thursday evening. It is believed that the unfortunate man committed suicide while laboring under a fit of temporary insanity.

CARD OF THANKS.—Mr. Whidden desires to thank his church and friends in Bridgetown for the very valuable and much appreciated fur coat which he received on Christmas eve. A warm body makes a warm heart.

—The first recognition of women in the Denmark department of agriculture is the appointment by M. Tietgen, the Danish financier, to the management of one of his large farms, of a woman graduate of the Denmark Agricultural college.

—Wolfville will vote on the question of town incorporation. A petition signed by seventy-eight electors, asking for a poll on the question under the Towns Incorporation Act was presented to Sheriff Belcher on Thursday.

—The Annapolis County District Division will meet in Lawrencetown on Wednesday 11th. A public meeting will be held in the evening, at which the question of Provincial Prohibition will be discussed. A full attendance of all interested is requested.

—The jar of beans at John P. Murdoch's was counted Saturday evening by Sheriff Morse and others. It contained 7588 beans. The nearest guessers to that number were 7580, 7590, 7594, 7593, and 7590. Mrs. A. D. Brown guessed the nearest, and is entitled to the reward.

—The Nova Scotia Government have received, by last steamer from England, a silver medal, presented by the Scottish Horticulture Association of Edinburgh, for a collection of apples sent home in October last. It is a beautiful work of art and a marvel of engraving skill.

—Rev. Dr. McGlynn has been restored to the exercise of his priestly functions, having satisfied the legate on all points. His restoration to his New York church rests with the Archibishop of the diocese, but such men as Father McGlynn will not want for a parish long.

—Our thanks are due the Bay of Fundy S.S. Co. for their calendar for 1893, printed by C. B. Webster, Boston. It is a very neat piece of workmanship and the scene chosen is a very fitting one for the company, consisting of the "Meadows" at Kentville, which forms one of the many beautiful pieces of scenery which belong to the land of Evangeline.

—We are in receipt of a new paper, *The Endeavor Signal*, edited by Mr. A. W. Fullerton, of Round Hill. It is published in the interest of the Christain Endeavor Societies, and ably fills its mission in that respect, besides containing a large amount of local matter and other good readings. We wish Mr. Fullerton, in his new enterprise, every success.

PRESENTATION.—Among the pleasant surprises of New Year's Day was that which greeted Mr. Geo. H. Dixon, Superintendent of the Baptist Sabbath School. At the close of the session Mr. Wm. Chipman asked for a few moments, when, in a neat speech, he presented Mr. D. with a very neat and valuable secretary, the gift of his many friends in school and church.

Grand Musical Event.

An Inter-Provincial Musical Convention will be held in Lawrencetown on the 24th of May next. It is expected that between two thousand and five thousand children will take part. Day and Sabbath-school children of all denominations in the Maritime provinces will be invited to participate. A building will be erected especially for this purpose. Special trains will be run and every facility afforded for making this really an inter-provincial event. Pastors of churches, musical people, Sabbath-school superintendents and day school teachers are cordially invited to co-operate. Prof. N. H. Phinhey of Lawrencetown will conduct the convention.

—For internal cramps and external chills, Johnson's Anodyne Liniment excels anything in use.

Celebration of St. John's Day at Middleton.

Tuesday, Dec. 27th, being the anniversary of St. John's Day, the officers and members of Ionic Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at Middleton, decided to celebrate the event in a becoming fashion. Accordingly, at about 7.30 on the evening of that day, between twenty and thirty couples sat down to beautifully spread and tastefully arranged tables in Masonic Hall, which was trimmed with evergreen and bunting, the whole combining to present as pretty a picture as could well be imagined. After ample justice had been done to the good things provided by Mine Host Feindel, J. H. Chute, Esq., W. Master of the Lodge, in well chosen words and a most happy manner welcomed all present to this, the first gathering of the kind since the lodge had been located at Middleton. The following toast-list was then gone through with:

"The Queen," by W. M., J. H. Chute.
"The Prince of Wales," by D. Feindel.
"The Grand Lodge of N.S." by R. H. Chipman.
"Ionic Lodge," by Rev. J. E. Warner, responded to by J. H. Charlton and Rev. John Gee.
"Sister Lodges," by A. P. Dodge, responded to by A. C. VanHuskirk for "Harmony," Geo. H. Dixon for "Rothsay," and Geo. Smith for "Union," Portland, N.B.
"The Dominion," by J. R. Cochrane, responded to by G. B. McGill.
"The Professions," by A. J. Morrison, responded to by Dr. Bell, Dr. Croaker, and Rev. J. E. Warner.
"The Ladies," by N. F. Marshall, responded to by Rev. E. E. Locke.
"Our Host and Hostess," by C. A. Armstrong, responded to by D. Feindel.

Interspersed with the speeches the company were favored with a recitation, admirably rendered, by Mrs. A. J. Morrison, and with songs by Rev. Mr. Warner, who, on this his first attendance at any public social gathering at Middleton, proved to be a host in himself, and contributed largely to make the evening one of solid enjoyment and healthful merriment. The speeches of Revs. Gee and Locke, and that of Principal McGill, were most clever and appropriate, and merit more than passing notice. After singing "Auld Lang Syne" the company dispersed, having spent a most delightful evening, and hoping that another St. John's day would find them all together again, as well as others, who, unfortunately for themselves, found it impossible to be present. Miss Lydia Young kindly presided at the organ, and to Mr. C. A. Armstrong, the genial secretary of the committee having the matter in hand, great praise is due for his services in arranging all the details.

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President, St. John, N. B.
Jan. 1st, 93.

CARD OF THANKS!

I wish to extend to my many customers my sincere thanks for their very liberal patronage during the past three years, and especially during the Holiday Season which has just closed.

I also take this opportunity to ask for a continuance of the same during the year of 1893. My stock is large and of the best quality. My prices are as low as such goods can honestly be sold for; and by a close attention to business I hope to be able to please all.

W. E. PALFREY.

Lawrencetown, Jan., 1893.

A Peculiar Relationship!
A person introducing another said: "This person's father is my father, but I am not her brother." What relation existed between them.
To the first lady from whom is received a correct answer to the above will be given a handsome Seal Skin Sacque, valued at $300. To the first gentleman from whom is received a correct answer will be given an 18 Karat Gold Watch, set with one karat diamonds, Appleton and Tracey's movement, valued at $250.00. To the next person, a handsome Mantle Clock; to the next, a valuable Swiss Music Box. The last ten answers will be awarded each a complete set of Washington Irving's Works, handsomely bound in Morocco. To the five answers received, counted consecutively but seven first and last, each will be awarded a fine Solid Silver Hunting Case Watch, valued at $18.00 each.
Any of above articles will be exchanged for cash less 20 per cent.
In addition to those we have prepared ten thousand sample cakes numbered 1 to 10,000. Every number ending with 00 will receive a prize valued at not less than $10.00.
These awards are given to introduce and advertise the
"GEM" CURATIVE SOAP,
an article which combines the most efficacious remedies for the removal and cure of all blemishes of the face and hands. The use of this Soap—which is not a toilet preparation—according to instructions will cure the most malignant form of Pimples, Eruptions, Freckles, etc., rendering the skin soft, clear and beautiful.
We have on file thousands of Testimonials from customers in England, Scotland, France and Germany, in which countries the Soap has been in use for years.
Send TWENTY CENTS in silver, U. S. or Canadian te., 2c. or 3c. stamps for a sample cake of this Soap with your answer to the problem.
Remember, the twenty cents is for a cake of the Soap, the retail price of which in first-class drug stores is twenty-five.
Address, GEM SOAP CO., Toronto, Canada.

1893. 1893.
THE COMPLIMENTS AND BEST WISHES FOR A
Happy and Prosperous New Year
TO ALL,
AND A CHANCE FOR ALL TO BENEFIT BY THE FOLLOWING OFFER:
I will give to each of my patrons who have unpaid accounts for year 1892 and previous years, a right to a guess in the number NUTS contained in a Sealed Jar in my shop—one guess for each one dollar they pay in cash on their accounts; and all purchasers of one dollars worth of Boots and Shoes in cash, the same during the month of January, 1893; and to the person guessing the nearest or exact number, when counted 1st of February, A BARREL FLOUR, free.
This offer is open for one month, and gives a chance for a barrel Flour free.
JOHN P. MURDOCH.

—THE—
Tone, Touch, Durability, Design
AND FINISH OF THE
MORRIS PIANO
is excelled by none made in the Dominion of Canada.
Our sales in the cities of Halifax, N.S. and St. John, N. B., as well as in the country generally, have brought us testimonials of the highest character.
We are also Manufacturers Agents for the
Far-Famed Thomas Organ
—AND THE—
Celebrated American White Sewing-Machine.
Write us if you wish to get a good article at a reasonable price.
J. A. GATES & CO., MIDDLETON, NOVA SCOTIA.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CARD.
In tendering the compliments of the season to my numerous customers and friends, the subscriber must first express his sincere thanks for their extended patronage during the past year, and which has increased beyond the capacity of his much enlarged business premises.
The rapidly increasing number of his customers, together with the kind expressions of confidence in his ability to give increased satisfaction, enhances the pleasure he has in wishing one and all
A MERRY CHRISTMAS,
and
HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.
J. W. BECKWITH.

GREAT
CLEARANCE SALE
Thursday, 22nd.
Friday, 23rd.
Saturday, 24th.
Of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods.
BARGAINS FOR ALL.
COME AND SEE.
T. G. BISHOP.
Williamston, Dec. 19th, 1892.

Xmas Goods
—AT—
MRS. L. C. WHEELOCK'S
suitable for young and old, comprising many of the latest novelties in
WOODEN, PLUSH, CHINA, AND GLASS WARE.
ALSO IN MY STOCK OF
Fancy Dry Goods
may be found just what is needed for the
HOLIDAY TRADE.
Lawrencetown, Dec. 6th, 1892.

CARD OF THANKS!
Change of Business
J. W. WHITMAN tenders his hearty thanks to his numerous customers for their patronage during his business career.
Also would notify them that he has transferred his general business to his son, H. H. WHITMAN, who will continue the business at the old stand. In retiring he solicits for his successor a continuance of the liberal patronage given him.
J. W. WHITMAN.
P. S.—All over-due accounts must be settled at once.
Referring to above I would solicit the patronage of all former customers and the general public.
Being in a position to buy at closest prices, I shall offer the values in the market. The stock will be replete with choicest lines in every department. By prompt attention to business I trust to merit the patronage of those who wish to buy goods at value. Second floor will be closed out at or below cost. H. H. WHITMAN.
Lawrencetown, Dec. 28th 1892.

TO-DAY!
I OFFER:
1000 Sweet Jamaica Oranges.
1000 Choice Florida Oranges.
500 Porto Rico Oranges.
200 Extra Mandarines.
1 box Fancy Lemons.
2 bbls. Sweet Potatoes.
2 bbls. Malaga Grapes.
10 baskts Choice Concord Grapes.
New crop Soft-shelled Almonds.
New crop Filberts.
New crop Butter Nuts.
New crop Walnuts.
New crop Virginia Hank-picked Peanuts.
FRESH FIGS, DATES, RAISINS, CURRANTS, Etc.
Confectionery
In the highest grade Chocolates, Creams, and Pure Sugar Mixtures.
☞ Drop in and inspect the superb and varied lines of
BEAUTIFUL XMAS GOODS
suitable for the adult and the Santa Claus Stockings.
McCORMICK.

A Merry Xmas to All
JUST OPENED AT
T. A. FOSTER'S:
Confectionery, Oranges, Lemons, Figs, Nuts & Raisins,
LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S
FANCY SLIPPERS.
SNOW EXCLUDERS AND RUBBERS FOR MEN, WOMEN, MISSES, BOYS AND CHILDREN;
MEN'S, WOMEN'S, MISSES AND BOYS' RUBBER BOOTS;
HATS, CAPS, UNDERCLOTHING, OVER-SHIRTS AT PRICES TO SUIT ALL.
ALSO A LARGE STOCK OF
CLOTHING.
Wanted in exchange for goods, any quantity of Hides, Eggs, Butter, Socks, Mitts, Poultry, Oats, Barley and Potatoes, for which I will pay highest market prices.
T. A. FOSTER.
Bridgetown, Dec. 20th, 1892.

20 Per Cent Discount
—ON—
XMAS and NEW YEARS CARDS
—AT—
MRS. MARSHALL'S,
PARADISE CORNER.

CHRISTMAS GROCERIES
CONFECTIONERY, FRUITS, ETC.
Fancy Goods and Notions.
H. E. REED, MIDDLETON, N. S.

CHRISTMAS SALE
—AT—
JOHN LOCKETT'S.
We are showing one of the LARGEST and BEST ASSORTED stocks of
Staple and Fancy Dry Goods
WE HAVE EVER OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC.
Opening This Week:
Fifty dozen Ladies', Gents' and Children's Silk, Linen and Cambric Handkerchiefs, with Handsome Initials and Borders.
Ladies' and Children's Initial, Linen and Cambric Handkerchiefs (one-half dozen in a box), very suitable for Christmas Presents.
Twenty-five dozen Gents' and Boy's Ties and Cashmere Mufflers, in all the New Styles and Shades.
Also, A Nice Assortment Gloves, Collars and Cuffs.
—OUR STOCK OF—
LADIES AND GENTS FURS
this season has been very large. Our seventh repeat order having arrived makes the assortment complete.
A FULL STOCK OF FRESH GROCERIES!
Just landed direct from the mills, 1 Car (150 bbls.) those Choice Brands of Flour "GOLDEN LION" and "GOLDEN EAGLE" at CLOSE PRICES.
Bridgetown, Dec. 13th, 1892.

HEAD-QUARTERS
—FOR—
BUTTER!
We are in a position to handle any quantity of **GOOD BUTTER** at highest market prices, for which we will pay **Half Cash,** or sell in exchange
FLOUR, MEAL,
AND ALL KINDS OF
Groceries and Crockeryware
AT CASH PRICES.

Fine Christmas Groceries.
JUST RECEIVED
A CHOICE LOT OF
RAISINS AND CURRANTS,
Citron, Lemon and Orange Peel, Grapes, Oranges, Lemons, Nuts, and a good assortment of Confectionery.
SEE OUR WONDERFUL CHEAP MIXTURE
ONE CAR OF
"OTTER" FLOUR
Has just arrived, which we will sell at
prices that will more than astonish you.
QUALITY GUARANTEED.
NEILY & CROWE,
(Successors to Shaffner & Neily),
Queen Street, - - - - Bridgetown,