Local and Special News.

-Chute's Cove post office has been change

-The Nova Scotia Farmers' Association

held an interesting meeting at Truro last week. J. R. Starr, of Starr's Point, Kings County, was elected president for ensuing

-Messrs. A. E. Sulis and W. E. Crowe,

purchased the well known Rampart mare, "Romp," from Zenas Banks, of South Farmington. The doctor got a good one.

—The appearance of the piling ground at the wharves here indicates that the opening of navigation on the river will usher in a very busy shipping season for Bridgetown.

-The New York Herald of the 9th inst.,

has a full page illustrated account of the "Treasure Haunt at Oak Island, Nova Scotia, and the finding of a mysterious parch-

-A company has been formed in Canning and Kingsport for the purpose of putting in blocks on the beach at Kingsport for the use of ships of any size in repairing, coppering or

-Monday was St. Valentine's Day.

At Bridgetown, Annapolis Co, N. S.

Terms: \$1.00 per annum in advance.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1898. ation of the flour mills lately established at New Glasgow, shows that it is quite possible for Nova Scotia to produce good wheat and to manufacture good flour, for which there is a ready sale for a limited quantity. We do not for an instant suppose that this province can ever hope to raise a sufficient quantity of grain to turn its attention to any considerable export business, in competition with the great granary of the west, but we do believe it possible and practicable for the farmers to raise enough for home consumption. Recent experiments have shown that Nova Scotia wheat will make a high grade of flour, and at average prices a wheat field will yield a farmer a fair profit. There is room in the province for two or chance for one in the Annapolis valley. Its establishment would add a new value to farm lands and encourage farmers to engage in a new industry. The New Brunswick government is now considering a scheme for nusing grist mills and our own government would do well to offer some encouragement

along this line also. -The local government came in for some pretty hard raps at the meeting of the Farmers Association at Truro last week, because of its announced intention to discontin government aid to that body. The case of the association was outlined pretty clearly, session to carry on the work of the association even though the usual government apciation has a large and representative membership, and exercises a strong influence in dealing with questions affecting agricultural interests. We are quite sure the people of Nova Scotia would like to see them continue to draw the \$1000 grant from the public treasury. The Association should great agricultural problems that to-day confront Nova Scotia farmers, and its usefulness should not be impaired by the withdrawal of government aid, since the other sources of revenue are necessarily restricted.

-Mr. Wickwire, the member from Kings, has introduced a bill in the legislature that deals with insurance matters in a way that they have not been dealt with in the days gone by. The new measure proposes t empel fire insurance companies to eliminate from their policies those clauses which virtually leave the payment of the great majority of claims at the option of the policy makers. Legislation along this line was sorely text for the dispute of nearly every claim that can arise. In the interests of business a simple promise to pay the policy holders that is required. An owner who carries policies to cover the value of his property regards them with anything but complacen cy when he reads of the disputed claims that are being continually heard in the courts. Mr. Wickwire's bill is attracting a wide interest and is undoubtedly one of the most important measures before the house.

-The importance of a newspaper has just been peculiarly illustrated. The London Times is blamed for the failure of Great Britain to place the Chinese loan, which would have been regarded as one of the greates diplomatic coups of the century. The Time published the news that the British govern ment was trying to head Russia and Franceoff in buying an interest in China, and the spread of the news resulted in such strong protests from Russia, that China, just on the verge of concluding the deal, was forced to reconsider her determination to borrow. Her credit is apparently good enough for any amount; she is unfortunately beaset by friends who are pressing their money on her and she dares not accept from one for fear of giving offenee to the others. The Times was the first newspaper to publish the designs of Great Britain and is thus blamed wholly for the failure of the scheme to purchase with British gold a controlling influence in the far East.

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-There is now every indication that Halifax and Yarmouth will be connected by a railway, to be completed probably before 1900. The terminal ports are using every influence to forward the project and the counties through which the road will run are supplementing their efforts. The proposed road will likely be a continuation of the Coast railway and will follow the shore throughout the entire distance. It will be an important venture and can hardly fail to increase the prosperity of the southern counties that have hitherto been denied the privileges of proper railway communication with the business centres. The new line will constitute quite a formidable rival to the D. A. R., and will strengthen the position of the Yarmouth—Boston traffic.

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—Economy at Ottawa.

**Local Board formed.

A Local Board of the Equitable Savings Loan and Building Association of Toronto, has been established in this town by Mr. S. H. Smith, the travelling representative of the Association, with the following Officers and Directors:—

President, J. W. Beckwith; Vice President, J. W. Benson, Chas. Shafner, H. R., Shaw. The Association gives monied men and women an opportunity to the privileges of proper railway communication with the business centres. The new line will constitute quite a formidable rival to the D. A. R., and will strengthen the position of the Yarmouth—Boston traffic.

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Wolfville have been renewed with cedar poles. New lines have been built from Bridgetown to Tupperyille and Roundhill; from Lawrencetown to Clarence and Williamston.

Ninety four instruments were placed during the year. The total now from Hantsport to Digby is 450.

It has been found necessary to sell only half of the authorized new stock.

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The old board of directors was re-elected. They are A. W. Savary, H. MacLean, S. W. W. Pickup, W. H. Weatherspoon, C. R. H. Starr, Dr. J. A. Sponagle, A. E. Calkin. A. J. Morrison and A. B. Gates.

H. A. Beldon and G. C. Miller were appointed auditors and A. B. Gates and W. H. Weatherspoon the committee on proxies for next year.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors officers were re-elected as follows: President, A. W. Savary; vice-president, J. A. Sponagle; secretary, A. B. Gates; treasurer and manager, A. J. Morrison; accountant, H. A. Beldon; head operator, Mrs. H. A. Tate. The following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, That on and after the first of June next the manager require all central

June next the manager require all central offices to be kept open during noon hour, and that notice also be given all subscribers that after that date the tolls will be increased from ten to twenty cents to subscribers. This change, however, is not to apply to messages going over joint lines."

Dramatic Entertainment The dramatic event of the season will take place to morrow evening when the Bridge-tows Dramatic Club will present the popular farce "A-Box of Monkeys." The following cast of characters is sufficient guarantee that the performance will be staged in a credit

MRS. ONDEGO-JHONES,—an admirer of rank. MRS. W. D. LOCKETT. RA BENGALINE, her niece, a prairie rose Miss Grace Healey.

Lady Guinevere Llandpoore,—an English primrose, daughter of the Earl of Pay-naught. Miss Madge Morss. "A Family Album," which was presented here seven years ago and is to be repeated by request, is considered one of the most amusrequest, is considered one of the most amusing performances ever put on a Bridgetown stage. The impersonator of Aunt Jerusha Spooner, who exhibits the "Album," is a lady of histrionic as well as musical ability. Miss Arnaud, of Annapolis, has kindly consented to give a character song in costume. Rev Mr. Greatorex will give one of his inimitable readings. Members of the 69th Band will also render assistance. The proceeds are to be donated to the fund for building a Sunday-school house in connection with St. James Church.

Hymeneal. STRONG-PRAT.

St. James Church was filled, on Wednesday morning last, by an interested assemblage to witness the marriage of one of Bridgetown's most enterprising and prosperous young merchants, Mr. C. H. Strong, to a very highly esteemed and popular young lady, also of this town, Miss Sadie, eldest daughter of Mr. Frank Prat. Rev. Mr. Greatorex, rector of the church, officiated.

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—Messrs. Curry Bros & Bent are engaged in remodelling Victoria Hall to meet the revolute to the Y. M. C. A. It will probably be ready for the Association by the end of the month.

—Yesterday Robt. Sheehan was fined in the police court for being drunk and causing a disturbance on the street, and he is being tried to day for resisting arrest, and assault ing the policeman.

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Economy at Ottawa.

— The Local House is making haste slowly with the bill to legalize the election of a Mayor and three Councillors for Bridgetown. It was introduced by the Attorney General a fortnight ago and has not yet passed its second reading. —The "Pink Tea" held at Mrs. Morgan's, Lawrencetown, last Monday evening, re-flected great credit on the ladies of the Aux-iliary and Mission Band. The decorations were extremely pretty and the tables were loaded with the choicest dainties.

Last year, at the Acadia Dairy, Wolfville, 740 tons of milk were received, from which 50,270 lbs. of butter and 21.574 lbs. of cheese were manufactured and disposed of. Milk and cream to the value of \$248.00 were sold making the total receipts for the year \$14, 333.60. Last year, at the Acadia Dairy, Wolfville

—The Western Union Telegraph Company will establish an office in Medical Hall early in the spring. This is the result of the efforts of the Board of Trade to secure a more convenient service, and will be much appreciated by the residents of the town. The office in the railway station will still be maintained. Mr. Weare, the proprietor of Medical Hall, is an old hand at the business. Ottawa, Feb. 10. - Sir Richard Cartwright's - Mr. G. W. Shipton is promoting an enterprise that will meet with favorable recognition from the the sporting fraternity. He proposes to organize a company and procure a large game preserve in this county where feathers, fur and scales may be propagated. The scheme is a good one and if acted upon in a few years would make Annapolis county an attractive resort for an army of visiting.

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The proposed Vukon railway is the subject of much discussion just now in the Federal parliament. The opposition and some of the government supporters claim that the contractors have been granted a subsidy entirely too large for the class of road that is to be built. It is not unlikely that the Senate may pronounce against the passing of the bill. Four million acres of land in the Yukon district is a big concession to grant in view of the value at present attached to that land.

Nova Scotia Gold in Boston.

Boston Post of Saturday says: "In relation to the item which appeared it yesterday's Post about the display in a local railroad office of nuggets of gold in quartz. valued at \$3000, and samples from the famous Jubilee Mine, Repfrew, Hants country, Nova Scotia, it is stated that this valuable mining property was originally purchased for \$180, and on steamer Boston, arriving at Lewis' wharf last Sunday, was one of the stockholders controlling a sixth interact. An expert offered \$50.000 for the property, which is held in abeyance."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. R. E. Feltus of Digby was in town Mr. L. D. Shafner made a business trip to . John last week. Mr. F. L. Milner made a business trip to Mr. F. L. Milner made a business trip to Halifax on Monday.

O. M. Taylor, Esq., of Middleton, was in Bridgetown last Saturday.

Miss Bessie M. Elderkin is spending a few days at her Wolfville home.

Miss Marion Dearness left last week for St. John, where she will make a visit of several weeks. —The ice houses are being rapidly filled with a good quality of ice. -The schr. Nugget has sailed from San comingo for New York with a cargo of Mrs. John Ervin, who has been visiting at Truro, her former home, a week or 'two, re-

Truro, her former home, a week or 'two, returns to day.

Miss McCormick accompanied by her friend, Miss Bertha Ruggles, left here on Saturday for a short visit at Bridgewater.

Miss Annie Kuight arrived on Monday, from Amherst, to be present at the funeral of her father, the late Mr. George Knight.

Mr. Fred Reed came home from Halifax last Monday. On dit that he intends remaining here and will soon be a partner in a business firm. —Good girl wanted. Washing done out. Wages \$6. Apply to Mrs. Dr. Robinson, Annapolis. —Sloop Spray, Capt. Josh Slocum, arrived at Table Bay; Cape of Good Hope, on the 20th December. -T. G. Bishop is paying 18c. per lb. for Good Roll Butter, and highest market price for Fresh Eggs. a business firm.

Miss Boehner, of Granville Ferry, is the
guest of her friend, Miss Alice Weare. Miss
Boehner has lately returned from Boston, -Mr. H. F. Williams, Clarence, the well known drover, has retired from the firm of H. F. Williams & Co., Halifax. where she has spent some months for the purpose of obtaining musical instruction for the voice. The attendants of St. James -Four hundred tubs of dry fish, from Annapolis, were shipped by steamer Boston on Saturday, en route for Rio Janeiro.

by a solo from the young lady, which was much appreciated. PROVINCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Valuable coal areas at Port Morien, C. B., have been sold to an English Company.

John Grant, who recently died in Halifax, was 6 feet 7 inches in height and weighed —Messrs. A. E. Suits and W. Well known in Bridgetown, are interested in a proposed electric tramway from Halifax to Bedford. 250 pounds.

Strong efforts are being made to promote the building of a railway from Halifax to the Musquodoboit valley.

The LaHave Steamship Co., is seeking a charter from the local legislature to conduct a steamboat business on the LaHave.

Mr. Walter Payson, of Acacia Valley Digby county has received the appointment of Chief Messenger in the Local House.

A creamery will be established in New Glasgow with a capital stock of 83,000. Already two-thirds of the stock has been sub-—A score of applications for admission to the Bridgetown Foresters' Court have been made within a few weeks. The court is —The smelt fishing season in the maritime provinces has been extended from February 15th to February 28th, by order of the minis-ter of marine and fisheries. -Dr. L. StC. Saunders, of Kentville, has

> A brick weighing 263 ounces and valued at \$5000, was the result of eighteen days work at the Hurricane Point gold mine Isaac's Harbor. Isaac's Harbor.
> Sydney, C. B., has offered the Nova Scotia Steel Co. a bonus of \$50,000, free site and exemption from taxation, if they will locate their works there.
> The total amount of paid-subscriptions to the Joseph Howe memorial is only, \$1,275, but there are subscriptions aggregating nearly \$1,900 more unpaid.
> Notwithstanding the strong efforts made by the local government, municipal councils

—The Valley Telephone Company has just closed its books, after another successful year. The successful operations of the com-pany are evidenced by the size of the annual dividend. dismantle the words.

New Glasgow's Town Council have to face an overdraft in the Bank of Nova Scotia, of \$12,344.77, and this account will be further increased by obeques drawn, but not presented; while unpuid taxes to Dec. 31st, 1897, amount to \$7,000.00

A Halifax firm writes that they have to good \$65.000 per year to other wayings for —G. W. Woodworth, formerly proprietor of the Western Chronicle, Kentville, is back at newspaper work again, and is publishing a spicy little weekly, The Wedge, in his na-tive town. Radias arm writes that they have the send \$65,000 per year to other provinces for butter cheese and eggs, and that the city must send out altogether about \$250,000 per year in this way for produce that should be supplied by Nova Scotia farmers.

a heat costume or gray noverty cloth. The groom was supported by Mr. Robert Cutler, of Halifax.

Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Prat of Kentville, Mr. and Mrs. George Prat of Wolfville, Mrs. George Wilcox and Miss Annie Prat of Windsor, and Mrs. and Mrs. Percy Strong of Middleton. The church was nicely decorated for the occasion with choice potted plants.

Following the ceremony a reception was held and a wedding breakfast served at the home of the bride's parents, after which Mr. and Mrs. Strong left on a short trip to Halifax.

The Montron offers congratulations and best wishes for a happy and prosperous life.

Obituary.

Mr. George V. Knight.

The sudden death of Mr. George V. Knight took place on Sunday evening last. Mr. Knight was a man of remarkably hale and vigorous appearance, and though in his 74th year had apparently none of the infirmities of age. His death, therefore, occurring after an illness of only three or four days, comes with the more of a shock. His malady was deemed at first to be of a slight nature, and me protested that medical aid was unnecessary. However, on Saturday morning a medical adviser was summoned, who found a manufacture of the summoned and the province of the summoned and the province of the summone of the summone of the summoned and the province of the summoned of the police court in the and day for

The convention adjourned to meet in May. Benediction by Pastor Webb. E. M. Barteaux, Secretary. South Meadowale, Feb. 1st 1898. —Seekers after gold are often disappointed. Seekers after health take Hood's Satsaparilla and find it meets every expectation

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er accounts at once, when same will b irm must be settled by note or cash within hirty days. Crowe & Parker. 46 4i

FARM FOR SALE! The subscriber offers for sale the well-David W. Landers,

onsisting of 30 acres of tillage and grass land, 50 acres of pasture. The house and outbuildings are in good pair and the land in a high state of culti-TERMS,—Easy

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We are through Taking Stock . . .

and find we have a number of Odds and Ends on hand which we have determined to dispose of. With this end in view we have placed these lines on our

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which must go REGARD-LESS OF COST. Call in and look it over. There is Wa'sts and Children's Dresses. money in it for you.

WANTED-Eggs, Butter, Cheese, Dried ppies, ctd., at highest market price. Also ny quantity of good Spruce Lumber.

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Masonic Store Granville Street,

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vance, which I will sell at the old prices for cash.

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Just received: A fine assortment of

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- both large and small -

Call and see them! The prices are right! R. SHIPLEY.

ment in his Bridgetown store will be

SATISFACTORY WORK GUARANTEED TO EACH CUSTOMER.

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WE ARE NOW OPENING

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Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, Grey and White Cottons, Ginghams, Prints, etc. PRICES LOWER THAN EVER.

We have just opened two cases of the best make of Prints, 32 inches wide. As these cases are direct from the mills we are able to sell them at 10c. per yard, regular price 14c.

We have still about a wheelbarrow load of Winter Goods left, the prices of

Our 20 per cent Discount still continues on all lines of Dress Goods. We have a number of dress lengths we will run off at seventy-five cents on

Room must be made for our New Spring Goods which are at this early date beginning to arrive. Without doubt our Spring Stock will be the finest, best assorted and greatest value ever before imported by us. We have taken the utmost care to import the latest effects in all makes of Dry Goods.

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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'

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Only one in each of the following: \$12.00 Persian Lamb and Chinchilla. No \$13.50 Copper Lynx, very stylish.
\$9.50 Electric Seal, very stylish.
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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 attention 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

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> very best stock, beautiful designs and workmanship, which we will sell at rock-bottom prices, on good terms. Also a fine lot of Sleigh Bells. Robes at Cost.

Our sales of ORGANS and SEWING MACHINES have far exceeded our expectations, having sold 112 Organs and 110 Sewing Machines during the past year, which shows they are first class articles and

Harnesses, Team Collars, and a full line of goods for the Horse and Stable constantly on hand.

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Winter Overcoatings,

Suitings & Trouserings. THE NEWEST GOODS AT FINEST PRICES.

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Order a pair of our \$3.00 Custom Pants. C. McLELLAN, Manager.