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ANY MERCHANT

who is not having a Brisk, Lively Tea Trade, should note the fact that merchants who make a leader of

MORSE'S TEAS

find their trade increasing daily.

Annapolis Royal.

Schr. Charles H. Sprague Aleak and Grounded in Quoddy Bay-- Successful Church Social and Tea--Hallow 'Een Pranks.

Miss Peters of Gagetown N. B. is on a visit to Dr. and Mrs. Peter.

Mrs. H. L. Rudolph and her son of Weymouth, are renewing acquaintances in town.

Mr. J. J. Ritchie of Halifax was in town over Sunday.

Mr. Edouard of Acadia College spent Thanksgiving in town.

Rev. Mr. Simpson of the Baptist Church has returned from his two weeks vacation spent up the Valley.

Before returning home Mr. Simpson attended the N. S. Sunday School Convention at Windsor.

Miss Florence Foster of Bridgetown, is visiting her grandmother Mrs. S. Has Bishop.

The schooner "Evelyn," was towed down the River Monday. It is expected she will start on her maiden voyage on Wednesday.

The schooners Charles H. Sprague and Sarah Townsend sailed on Saturday.

Mr. A. D. Munro who has been relieving Mr. J. H. Lombard Manager of the Bank of N. S. left Monday for his home in Pictou, N. S.

Mr. A. B. Atke arrived home for Thanksgiving Day, returning to Halifax, Monday.

Mr. C. McCormick, paid a flying visit to John N. B. last week.

Mrs. George Wida returned Monday from a short visit to friends in Weymouth.

Mrs. E. S. Miller and her two sons spent the week end with friends in Yarmouth.

Mr. Andrews, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wood returned to her home in Halifax on Saturday.

Mr. E. C. Beames, who was home for a day or two, started out again Monday.

Rev. Mr. Thompson of Bridgewater occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church here, Sunday last. His morning sermon was "Making an Opportunity" and was a thoughtful, instructive and well delivered address. We understand that during the remainder of this month the pulpit will be occupied by the Rev. Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Howard Abbott of the Quebec Section, of the C. P. Railway is spending a short vacation in town.

Thanksgiving Day ushered in beautiful clear weather with the sun shining and making the day an ideal holiday. The store and business houses were closed. The usual services were held in the English and Methodist Churches.

Miss Bessie Crowe of Middleton, was home for Thanksgiving.

Miss F. Buckner is visiting in Wolfville.

Miss A. Lynch is on a visit to friends in St. John, N. B.

Miss Nellie Milbury has returned from a trip to Boston.

Mr. Henry Filwell of Weymouth and his son spent a day or two last week with her sister, Mrs. W. McCormick.

Our bustling citizen, Mr. G. E. Corbett arrived home Friday last and left again Monday for Antigonish.

where he is working on some minor properties.

Mrs. George Wells left Monday on a visit to her sister in Pervick.

Word has been received here that the Schooner Charles H. Sprague, loaded with lumber by Messrs. A. D. Mills & Son, which sailed Saturday last from this Port bound for Porto Rico, sprang a leak and filled while off West Quoddy Head early Sunday morning during a south east gale and driving rainstorm. She put into Quoddy Bay and anchored, but being in danger of capsizing in the heavy sea, slipped her anchor and tried to make the upper bay, but grounded on the point near the Government break water where she lay in a dangerous position on a rocky reef. Later a tug went to the aid of the schooner and pulled her off the reef and towed her into the upper bay where there was smoother water.

Mrs. Jas. McDermand of Paradise, who has been visiting friends in town returned home on Monday last.

Miss Bessie McKay, stewardess on the S. S. Prince Rupert, who has been home for the last week, suffering from a severe cold, returned to ship to take up her duties.

Mr. H. B. Burnham of H. M. Custom Department arrived home Saturday.

The meeting of the Annapolis Royal Agricultural Society took place last evening. We were unable to get a report of the business of the meeting in time for this issue, but same will appear in our next week's items.

Mrs. Wm. DeBlais, who is now living in Windsor, where her daughter is attending school, is in town.

The Hallow'een spirit was abroad last Thursday evening and groups of our light hearted young folk could be seen, some wearing their way to the were out on mischief bent. Platforms, gates and other articles easily lifted were carried hither and there, while door bells rang and the usual pranks indulged in. It is a pity that our young people carry their fun some times past the mark of a joke. No person who has been young himself had objection to the Hallow'een fun, but where damage is done to personal property, fun ceases. We note a reward of five dollars is offered by one of our citizens who seems determined to trace the mischief done to his personal property.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Winchester who have spent the summer on their farm at Lower Granville returned to town on Friday.

Mrs. Gables Crowe of Middleton is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Edwards.

The Social and Tea held by the ladies of St. Louis, R. C. Church last Wednesday evening proved a financial success notwithstanding the rain which fell in torrents during the afternoon and evening. Seventy five dollars was taken at the doors. To clean off the balance of the food left over, a fifteen cent tea was given again on Friday evening when the amount taken made a total of one hundred and five dollars. The ladies of the Church whose membership amounts to about twelve families, are to be congratulated upon the success of their work.

OUR COUNTY ASSESSMENTS.

To the Editor of the Monitor.

Were the allegation to be made that fully half of the property in this county escapes taxation simply because it happens to be owned by a few influential individuals or corporations and that almost the entire burden of taxation falls upon the small property owners while their favored wealthy neighbors are practically exempt, the allegation would doubtless be received with surprise. At the present time when the assessment for the various districts is being prepared for the ensuing year, I desire through your columns to draw the attention of the public to a few flagrant cases of injustice of this kind, with the hope that publicity may effect a most needed reform. By the provisions of the Assessment Act it is required that property shall be assessed for taxation at its "actual value." At first blush it may appear unimportant what standard of valuation is chosen providing all the property in the County liable to taxation, be assessed by the same standard, and little objection is commonly made to the practice followed in this County, of assessing property at from one half to two thirds the actual value.

A moment's reflection, however will convince that there is a sinister motive behind this apparent injustice.

If property is assessed at half its value then the man with \$1,000 of property escapes the payment of taxes upon \$500. At the same time his \$100,000 neighbor escapes taxation upon \$50,000.

The one obtains protection and public service for \$500. without cost and the protection upon \$50,000 gratuitously. The small owner could much better afford to be assessed at full value providing the rate of taxation was proportionately reduced by the full value assessment of his prosperous neighbor.

Anything but a full value assessment discriminates against the poor man.

But this is not the most serious injustice under which the small property holder of Annapolis County labors at the present time.

It is an actual fact that while the small owners are assessed at from one half to three quarters of the actual cost of their property, an entire different and much smaller standard is taken for the holdings of many of the more wealthy and influential.

In this and a subsequent letter I desire to call attention to a few of the more flagrant cases of discrimination in this kind actually practiced in Annapolis County.

In Springfield are the headquarters of the Assessment Commission, a company owned by an usurer, party, which a few years ago purchased the Davisons of Bridgewater at a figure reported to have been one million and a half dollars. This concern is engaged in stripping this portion of the Province of its wood and shipping the product, in an almost raw condition to the United States. The management has paid the taxes on the holdings of many of the more wealthy and influential.

Turning to the assessment roll for polling district No. 25, which is the district in which the bulk of the Company's property is located, we find the Company's property assessed at the extravagant figure of 912 \$25.

Let us hurriedly examine the assets of this corporation located in this district. My inventory must of course be far from exhaustive and I will endeavor to place my valuations well within the mark.

From the roll we find that the assessor places the Company's acreage of land in this district at 1,000 acres and this is probably an extremely modest estimate.

This heavily wooded timber land is probably worth \$50 per acre, but to be conservative we will place its value at \$25 per acre or a total value of \$25,000.

At Hastings is a magnificent mill built by the Company at a cost of \$500,000. The Company ships 50,000,000 feet of lumber annually or an average production of about 1,000,000 feet per week.

I am informed that the lumber kept on hand at Springfield averaged 20,000,000 feet but we will put it at 12,000,000. This at \$12 per thousand feet, which is the minimum figure for which this lumber is sold, would amount to \$144,000.

One of the many assets of this concern is a splendidly equipped railway service consisting of thirty miles of railroad and valuable rolling stock. Probably twenty miles of this road is located in the Springfield district, but we will say fifteen miles to be quite within the mark. Upon a road similar to this the Nova Scotia government leftarranted a few years ago by placing a loan of \$10,000 per mile but we will value this road at \$8,000 per mile or a total value for the 15 miles of \$120,000.

The Company owns five powerful locomotives. The new locomotive recently purchased by the B. A. R. Company cost \$15,000 but we will estimate these at \$10,000 apiece, or \$50,000 for the five. The cost of ordinary flat cars is something like \$500 per car. The 120 logging cars of the Davison Lumber Company are more costly and we will place their value in their present condition at \$700 per car aggregating \$84,000.

The Companies steam log loaders are probably as valuable as their locomotive engines will place their cost at \$8,000 each or \$24,000 for the three.

The little town of Hastings with a population of about two hundred and fifty people is also owned entirely by the company. Beside the mill located here there are thirty or more dwellings, a large cook house, a thoroughly equipped machine shop and much other property of various kinds.

The Company also owns every foot of the little town of Crossburn. Here there is something over twenty dwellings, a school, a machine shop and other buildings. The assessors place this little town at \$500 or less than the cost of one dwelling.

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BRIDGETOWN IMPORTING HOUSE

Now open

New Direct Importations of English, French, German Goods.

Northway & Son's Coats for Ladies.

The above stock will be found the largest, finest and most up-to-date ever opened in Bridgetown.

Large Assortment of Ladies' Furs.

J. W. BECKWITH

A WORD

To the wise is SUFFICIENT in regard to our SATURDAY SPECIAL SALES.

BERLIN KETTLE Agate Berlin Kettle Size 12, 18. Price 77c. \$1.00	EMPIRE LINIMENT on Saturday. 10c. bottle SPAN HOLDER Pillow Sham Holder 23c.	PUDDING PAN Agate Pudding Pan. one qt. on Saturday 8 cents
Padlocks You can get a good padlock for 10c.	Lamp Chimney Large size 6 1/2c.	Clothes Brush Fur clothes brush 8c.
GROCERIES Shelled Walnuts, lb 32c Split Peas, lb. 35c Rice, lb. 45c Royal Baking Powder can 12 1/2c Pickles bottle. 10c Extract Vanilla, 2oz 8c Extract Lemon, 2oz 8c Khorah Jellies, pkg 9c Don Ami, cake. 13c Keens Mustard, can. 8c Condensed Cream, can 11c Table Syrup, can 13c Gusto, pkg. 9c Prunes, lb. 6 1/2c Napha Soap, cake. 4c	SINK SCRAPER and Brush, a bargain on Saturday 10c.	DISH DRAINER Large Wire Dish Drainer, yours for 10c.
GROCERIES Crest Toilet Soap cake. 4c Kipped Herring can. 9c Smoked Herring doz. 19c Dried Beef, can. 13c Currants, pkg. 9c Matts Chocolate cake. 9c Smelts, can. 4c 4oz Chocolate lbs. 35c Fudge, lb. 10c 3 lbs Mixed Candy. 25c Tiger 30 cent tea lb. 25c Mosses 30 cent tea lb. 25c Union Blend 40c tea. 35c Mosses 40c tea lb. 35c		GROCERIES

W. W. CHESLEY.

A Boston schoolboy was tall weak and sickly.

His arms were soft and flabby. He didn't have a strong muscle in his entire body.

The physician who had attended the family for thirty years prescribed Scott's Emulsion.

NOW:

To feel that boy's arm you would think he was appendiced to a blacksmith.

ALL DRUGGISTS, 50c. AND \$1.00.

S. M. BROOKFIELD
PRESIDENT.

J. C. MACKINTOSH
VICE PRESIDENT.

An Opportunity in Bonds

The chance to buy Bonds of this company at par is one which should be taken advantage of quickly.

They yield 4 1/2 per cent interest and to the conservative investor offer an investment of unquestioned value. Send for further particulars.

F. W. Harris - Annapolis
Representing
The Eastern Canada Loan Co.

Said Cigarettes Ruined Him.

ST. JOHN, November 2.—Ernest Wilson, a 36 year old cigarette fiend, was this morning sentenced to five years in Dorchester penitentiary on the charge of theft. He made a statement in court that excessive cigarette smoking was the cause of his downfall, and he smoked no less than one hundred and three one day, taking one after the other. Recently he went from home to home and was allowed to roam through the residences claiming to be the electric light wire and telephone inspector. From every place, he stated, he stole articles. When sentence was pronounced this morning he made a dramatic fall to the room floor in a hazy state. After being carried out of the court by the police, and finding he had no sympathy, he received thirty cents for two cigars. He had no sympathy.

TORONTO'S THIRSTY SOULS MUST PAY THE PENALTY

TORONTO, November 2.—The retail liquor dealers' association of Toronto has drafted the following schedule of prices, an advance of about fifteen per cent, because of the brewers' increase: Ale, porter, lager, by quart bottle, a dozen \$1.30, each 11 cents; white label and Salvador by quart bottle, a dozen \$1.40, each 12 cents; pint bottled ale, porter, lager, dozen 60 cents, each 5 cents; white label and Salvador, pint \$1.30, dozen, eight 10 cents; draught ale, porter, lager, 13 cents quart, 25 cents for two quarts, 50 cents gallon. These advances will be made.

Any person who makes a habit of drinking beer should be warned that the only way to keep his health is to buy the best. Buy it. Try it. Sold Everywhere.