Terms: \$1,00 per annum in advance. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, 1898

-Elsewhere in this issue Mr. E Ruggles defends the position of the mayor and counoil in the civic election controversy that is nowagitating Bridgetown, and inadvertently impugns the honesty of purpose and common sense of the editor in his treatment of that vexed question. Mr. Ruggles' letter would perhaps have carried more weight if written aion we were clearly within our province in to have allowed the situation to develop in pleasanter to leave undone. We have no stances, especially as they have passed over marral with the city fathers and we think the plain mandate of the law as contained in they have always been accorded a fair treat. Sec. 21, and have undertaken to play with tion is that until Messrs Craig, Eaton and | decide how best the interests of the town Lockett and Mayor Ruggles are properly are to be subserved. confirmed in their seats their every official act is liable to be questioned and expensive on a fluke" is entirely irrelevant. In the

s expensive to travel was in plain sight. We have had the opinions of other lawyers | there is nothing for them to resent. who rank high in their profession, and these averse at right angles the interpretation of the law under which our council is working. As regards the proportion of the ratepayers who are not favorable to the course being pursued by the council, we would say that, while there may be some who are influenced by personal grievances, there is still a large majority of unprejudiced voters who think the council have taken a wrong step. If As regards the proportion of the ratepayers

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The mayor charges as with a gross mistrepresentation of facus in our leader last week re the civic orish, but we doubt if he points out whetch we serred. The Mostron is not given to misrepresenting anything and in the case in question we but outlined the situation from our own point of view, and dilt fairly withs—all class we are will asked to weak as the detected.—ISSS, on 1, s. 24.

34. At the close of the first calendar year of our stand. If Mayor Roggies has read between the lines, he has done what he had no right to do and we are not to be held re specified in the conteiling in the conteiling of the conteilin

on the statute you will and it is certainly quite as legal to hold an election as it is to quite as legal to noid an election as it is to avoid one. That being the case an election would have easily disposed of our broken year of corporate existence, and have lined the town up fairly with others constituted and restricted by the same Act. No one will deap that ite mayor's general statutory term of office is one year, but we deny that ite mayor's general statutory term of office is one year, but we deny that ite mayor's general statutory term of office is one year, but we deny that ite mayor's general statutory term of office is one year, but we deny that ite his home in Brocklyn, Annapolis country term of office is one year, but we deny that the first death in a family of five children, the others are E. C. Young, Mr. A. Vidito, Mrs. E. G. Foster and Rev. J. L. M. Young, the children was the first death in a family of five children, the other are E. C. Young, Mrs. A. Vidito, Mrs. E. G. Foster and Rev. J. L. M. Young, the sevent in the present instance he has the right at 50 feb. (2 step of the state of the disease, yet he made no complete the state of the disease. He also that is the was a standing in front of Mr. Beckwith's store the other day hey into the class of the church. The blill have been done of the class of the church of Mr. Beckwith's store the other day hey into the class of the church. The blill have been done of the class of the church of Mr. Beckwith's store the other day hey and his combative rush for the analysis of the complete of the class of the church of Mr. Beckwith's store the other day he proposed to the state of the disease. He shadow was barely intercepted, by a bystander, in time to save the glass from being shattern on subsequent dispute need have arisen.

We agree with the mayor that a calcular year is generally supposed to mean the year beginning on 'annary let and ending on December 3 let at least that is the was as it is seen at tending his brother, but too seen is reflection in the plus departure.

The Boaton Watchman reports the Rev. Cale B. B. Dodge is in his eight avoid one. That being the case an election

ning on January 1st and ending on December 31st, at least that is the year as it is ber 31st, at least that is the year as it is printed on our calendars, and we presume that is why it is so called to distinguish it from a fiscal year, which may mean any twelve consecutive months, and its establishment is purely arbitrary. It is to be regretted that no satisfactory definition of the word is to be found in our ordinary dictionaries or cyclopedias, as it would help the argument at this point considerably.

Now we say, the mayor to the contrary notwithstanding, that a calendar year always closes on December 31st, and sure ly that is a logical interpretation. Mark you, the section does not say that the mayor and councillors must hold office for twelve calendar menths. Such a construction is decided by misleading. It says that these officials shall retire at the close of the first calendar by and formulation is the guest of Mr. H. H. Hamilton is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Hoyt. Mrs. Hamilton will be the gent of the gent of the gent of the gent of the says in the guest of Mr. A. Calnek.

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Mrs. H. H. Hamilton is the guest of Mr. and will be beld at Masonic Hall, Bridgetown, Thursday, and the "Prince Rupert" will be withdrawn for the late. A large at the same stay of several months.

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shall retire at the close of the first calendar year, which we submit, meant December 31st 1897. The clause "and thence until his successor is sworn into office " covers the riod from December 31st to the first Tueslay in February rather than the period from tember 1898 to February 1899. We conseptember 1000 to 1 oncuction to put on that section, especially **sametime before the close of December inext succeeding the election, in open councillors shall retire." This quotation practically fixes the termination of the calandar year as December 31st. As we take it, when a mayor and council take office on the first Taesday in February, the mayor as it distinctly says thas "the mayor shall nd three councillors retire at the end of the lowing December, but are given the month January in which to prepare a statement their stewardship, and of the general ling of the town, that the ratepayers decide whether they have done good hese opinions are respectfully submitted, and we hasten to the subject of an electoral st.

The notices posted "By order of the layor," purporting to contain sufficient rea-

sons why an election would not be held read "Whereas Sec. 18 of the Towns' Incom "Whereas Sec. 18 of the Towns' Incorin poration Act, 1895, provides that no one
'shall be qualified to vote for mayor or
'councillors unless such person shall have
'been rated on the last year's assessment.

"And whereas, from the recent date of
'the incorporation of the Town of Bridge'town, no such assessment could be made,
'and until such assessment is made there is
no constituency qualified to vote for mayor
'or councillors.

"Therefore notice is hereby given to the
'citizens of Town that for the reasons above
'stated there will be no poll opened in Feb-

"stated there will be no poll opened in Feb-"ruary next ensuing for the election of "mayor or councillors."

The council by virtue of this notice admits the necessity for an election, but says the machinery is not provided. Are the reasons above quoted sufficient? We think not, inasmuch as they need not necessarily apply. If the mayor and retiring councillors in a different spirit. Backed by his admis- were re-elected by acclamation where would the lists be required? There is no doubt commenting on the matter and we venture that this would have been the case had the to assert that it would have been less honest | council adopted the regular course and the expense would have been trivial. Had the occasion arisen we doubt not that the local still looks like a purely arbitrary and dangerous raling on the part of our civic officers.

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usually the statutes did not pro-We are confident that the validity of our vide for its compilation. It is impossi objections will be sustained and the indis- to cross a bridge until you come to it. To cretion of the mayor and council proved be- us the position of the council is still untenand a reasonable doubt. It is a newspaper's able, and we do not feel like admitting that daty to do many things that it would be far | they did what they could under the circum-

ment by the Monitor, even if more kicks | the gunpowder in several other sections that ment by the Monitors, even if more kicks the gunpowder in several other sections that than coppers have been showered on them have not the same direct bearing on the is
Dr. J. P. Grant on Queen street. from other quarters. The electorate voted | sue involved. It is always a good rule to them into the highest seats of honor and avoid trouble when it can be fairly done, and trust in their gift, and they should not toy | we contend that in this case it might easily an argument to say that, because they would ated some time after Bridgetown, and the all have been re-elected by acclamation, they | retiring mayor and councillors have been reshould hold their positions in direct contra- | gularly re-elected by acclamation. Who will vention of the requirements of the statute. attempt to say that Liverpool, in following The law calls for an election each year, and | the time honored precedent, has not acted it is only by virtue of these elections that | with more wisdom than Bridgetown? Com our civic officials acquire any title to trans- pare the expense of an election if you will with the expense of avoiding one and then

opinion of a majority of the ratepayers of No objection whatever was raised to the the town he is the only properly qualified value of the advice given by His Honor | candidate for the mayoralty and is acting Judge Johnstone, and J. J. Ritchie, Q. C., clearly within his rights in pressing his claim whether gratuitous or not. We objected to the action of the council in taking an un. In conclusion we regret Mayor Ruggles'

tried by-path, where their right of way will attempt to make capital out of our brief combe challenged, while a route, equally as safe, ment on Judge Johnstone and Mr. Bitchie. to say the least, almost as short, and much | No inputation whatever has been cast on the character or ability of either gentlemen, and The Towns' Incorporation Act.

ECTIONS UNDER DISPUTE IN BRIDGETOWN.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Monday night's storm was much more severe in Digby and Yarmouth counties than here. The freight train that left Digby for Yarmouth yesterday broke down at Plympton, a few miles out, and three cars were derailed. The express from Yarmouth was snow bound a few miles out, and the snow plow coming east was stuck at Hebron. No train has been through from Yarmouth since Monday, and the express from Halifax yesterday is not yet through. At eleven o'clock this morning the road between Digby and Yarmouth had not been broken out.

—Rey Mr. House of Notton will hall his

CHARLES P. YOUNG.

New Advertisements.

SHERIFF'S SALE! MILLS VS. CHESLEY. GILES & BENT VS. CHESLEY.

To be sold at Public Auction by the Sheriff the County of Annapolis, or his deputy, at a premises of THOS. W. CHESLEY, Ksq., Granville, County of Annapolis, on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th inst

all the Personal Property on said premises, viz.: 1 fine gray Mare, 7 years old; 1 bay Horse, 12 years old; 1 bay Horse, 8 years old; 1 bay Horse, 4 years old; 1 bay Horse, 8 years old; 1 bair of Steers, 3 years old; 6 Cxen, 7 years old; 1 pair of Steers, 3 years old; 6 Cxen, 7 years old; 1 Steers, 3 years old; 6 Cxen, 1 Cattle, 2 years old; 6 Cxen, 1 Cxen, —There was no election in Bridgetown yesterday. The retiring Councillors were re-nominated on the 25th and John Ervin was nominated for Mayor, but the Clerk, acting under the instructions of the Council rather than the statute, refused to accept the nominations and an effort is now being made to legalize the election of these gentlemen through the legislature.

EDWIN GATES, Sheriff of Annapolis County. Sheriff's Office, Annapolis Royal January 25th, A. D. 1898.

Local and Special News.

-Halifax Tram stock sold at 121 in More WANTED-A House Maid. Apply to Mrs. J. M. Owen, Annapolis. tf -W. Y. Pipes, of Amherst, has been appointed to the Legislative Council. —The Granville Centre Baptists have presented Pastor Young with a purse of \$25.00 -Mr. Geo. E. Huggins, of Granville Ferry, left last Wednesday for the Klendike gold fields.

FOR SALE—Good second hand Pung. In quire at the MONITOR office. -The Quadrille Club had another enjoyable meeting in the Court House last Thursday evening. FOR SALE—A young Cow, farrow, grade Jersey. Apply at this office.

The Halifax daily papers contained the prize lists for the The boats of the Allan and Dominion lines

—The report that the D. A. R. had bought the S. S. Monticello, formerly of the Bay route, was unfounded. —Clergymen and school teachers are not eligible for aldermanic honors in Halifax. The city charter says so. -The mercury went down to 27° below

will call at Halifax hereafter on their wes

zero in Bridgetown on two nights last week; the coldest snap for years. -Mr. David Robertson has opened an o Owing to the heavy snow storm Cres-cent Lodge L.O.O. F. postponed the supper at Beloher's till Thursday evening.

-The old Molega gold mine has been sold to a New York company, who will begin work about the 15th of February. -Rev. J. L. M. Young discusses the prohi bition question from a scriptural standpoint on the 4th page of the Moniton to day. -Rev. F. M. Young is suffering from a severe cold and was unable to conduct ser-vices in the Baptist Church last Sunday. -J. N. Rice will be at his studio, Middleton, one week, from 7th till 12th. Parties wishing work in his line please call early.

—A new lot of Prints at W. E. Palfrey's to be sold very low to make room for Spring be sold very low to make room for Spri Stock. Now is your chance for a bargain —The Minister of Militia has stated that the commander of this year's Canadian Bis-ley team is to be a maritime province man. -The Commercial Bank will erect a hand-some bank building in Middleton next spring at the corner of Commercial and Main streets. BUTTER WANTED .- W. E. Palfrey will pay 20cts. per lb for any quantity of Good Roll Butter, for the next two weeks. lin, -Mr. S. H. Smith, representing the Equitable Savings, Loan and Building Asso-ciation, of Toronto, is in town establishing a local Board.

Only one Ladies' Fur Cape left at J. W. Beckwith's. Who will be first to get the bargain. Also bargains in balance of Jackets and Overcoats.

Men's Heavy Grain Long Boots,

—The C. O'Dell Electric Light company, limited, of Annapolis, is the name of a new concern seeking incorporation. The company consists of Carman O'Dell, Joseph Foster, Griffin O'dell, Cyrus A. Perkins and Reginald S. Miller.

-On and after Thursday, the 3rd inst., the "Prince Edward" will leave Yarmouth for Boston on Monday and Thursday, and the "Prince Rupert" will leave St. John for Digby, Monday, Thursday and Saturday, returning same days. The "Flying Bluenose Express" will be withdrawn for the present.

AT TEN O'CLOCK, A. M.,

MAYOR: H. E. Gillis, 24 majority over

COUNCILLORS: Frank Pickles, 126; E. L. Fisher, 105; W. McCormick, 92. KENTVILLE. MAYOR: C. F. Rockwell, 184 majority COUNCILLORS: .Jas. Yould, 260; Dr. B. R. Ilsley, 144; C. C. McLean, 166; R. W. Eaton, 136; J. E. Eisbop, 96; G. E. Calkin, 10. WOLFVILLE.

MAYOR: Geo. Thompson, acclamation. COUNCILLORS: F. J. Porter, 142; T. L. Harvey, 141; Geo. Borden, 107; G. E. De-Witt. MAYOR: T. C. Shreeve, 15 majority.
COUNCILLORS: T. W. Longstaff, L. M.
diver and G. M. White, retiring councillors,
e-elected by acclamation.

New Advertisements. SLEIGHS!

Now is the time to get a Sleigh cheap. Now is the time to get a Sirigit cheap. We have some nice ones, made from very best stock, beautiful designs and workmanship, which we will sell at Also a fine lot of Sleigh Bells.

2 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
are giving good satisfaction.

a full line of goods for the Horse and Stable constant-

N. H. PHINNEY.

-AND-

I have a large line of

—Hon. Mr. Longley has introduced a bill in the Provincial Legislature to legalize the election of the mayor and councillors of the town of Bridgetown.

Men's Heavy Grain B. T. Boots, Men's Dongola Kid Congress Boots,

New Advertisements BRIDGETOWN Cheese & Butter Co.

LIMITED.

Tenders are invited for the supply of 10 Cords Soft Wood, 20 tons good Fresh Water Ice. All tenders to be addressed to the Secretary or before February 15th, 1898.

> A. O. PRICE, Secty. CALL AT

and get value for your money. fresh stock of Canned Goods and Choice Family Groceries just arrived. Also a full line of Fine Fruits, Confectionery, etc.

53. Choice Beef, Lamb, Mutton, Fresh and Salt Pork, Sausages. Finnan Haddies, Dried and Pickled wish and other delicacies of the season always in stock. The Ocean Accident & Guarantee

Corporation, Limited, of London, England. EO. C. LEWIS, Agent. Yarmouth, N. S.

DEAR SIR:—Kindly convey my thanks o the "Ocean Accident and Guaran ee Corp. Ltd" of London for the prompt payment of my late claim for Partial Disability, arising Twas surprised at their promptness; as I noticed the cheque was dated at Montreal four days after I passed in my complete claim

PUBLIC AUCTION!

(Signed.) W. H. WEATHERSPOON.

To be sold at Public Auction on the premses of FRED A. HUDSON, Hampton, on Saturday, February 12th, 1898, AT ONE O'CLOCK, P. M., the following, viz:

10 tons of Hay, 75 bushels of Oats, 1 Buggy nearly newl, 1 light Express Wagon, 1 single dorse Team Wagon, 1 sett Bob Sleds, 1 Pung, light Haraess. 1 Plough, 1 Harrow, and other earning Utensils too numerous to mention FRED A. HUDSON.

I will also offer my place for sale at the same ime. Terms made known at time of sale. FRED A. HUDSON.

H. R. SHAW

once more desires to call attention of the people of Bridgetown and vicinity to the fact that he is again doing business at his old stand at the corner of Queen and Granville Sts., where he will be pleased to cater to their wants in the Grocery line, and hopes by and by carrying a full line of Staple and Fancy Groceries to merit a share of their patronage.

announces that during the absence of Mr. McPhee, the cutting department in his Bridgetown store will be All Tailor-made. Every garment a "gem." Our Leader a

SATISFACTORY WORK GUARANTEED TO EACH CUSTOMER.

success. By strict attention to the requirements of our customers and keeping constantly in stock a full assortment of the purest and best

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES. CROCKERY, GLASSWARE PATENT MEDICINES FLOUR, MEAL, FEED AND OATS

to be had in the market, we can prove to you that you will make no mistake by giving us a try. All orders promptly delivered; and wishing all our patrons a prosperous New Year we remain Yours truly,

SHAFNER & PIGGOTT. Telephone No. 36.

P. S .- Cunningham's Bread and Cakes always on hand.

I wish to greatly reduce some lines, and as an inducement to intending purchasers I will make the following reductions for the next twenty days for cash: CLOTHS, suitable for Men's wear, - 20 p.c. Discount.

GENTS' UNDERWEAR, - - 25 p.c. Discount. BOOTS AND SHOES, - - 15 p.c. Discount. 2 Ladies' Coats marked \$5.75, for \$4.15. 8.75, " 6.26. 7.75, " 5.25, 11.00, " 8.50. On on all other lines 10 per cent Discount.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WE ARE NOW OPENING NEW GOODS

for the early Spring Sewing.

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 which we have cut to clear.

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.

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 strict attention to business 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' Wa'sts and Children's Dresses.

20 pieces FANCY PLAID GOODS. 20 pieces.

30 pes. FANCY MIXED GOODS. 30 pes. Combinations of all shades. All extra value LADIES' CLOTH JACKETS.

ment in his Bridgetown store will be superintended by Mr. T. J. Marshall, cutter in the Annapolis store.

CTORY WORK GUARANTEED TO EACH CUSTOMER. ETThese Goods cannot be beaten for Style, Workmanship and Finish.

> FURS. 4 (only) Ladies' Fur Coats away below cost to clear Astrachan Jackets, original price \$18.00; marked for this sale at only...... Astrachan Jacket, \$44 00. Reduced to This is No. 1 quality.

Only one in each of the following:

\$12.00 Persian Lamb and Chinchilla.

Now only \$8 25
\$13.50 Copper Lynx, very stylish.

" 9 50
\$9.50 Electric Seal, very stylish.

" 6 25
\$13.75 Electric Seal, Alaska Sable tail trimmings. " 9 50

These goods are the nobblest style.

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3 yds. long. Colors: Black & White, Black & Pink, Black & Gold. Former price, 98c. Reduced to only 67c. PLAIN BLACK FEATHER RUFFS. LIGHT FANCY FEATHER RUFFS. Colors: White, Cream, Pink, Blue, Gold and Tabac. Former price, each \$1.00 - Reduced to 65c each

LADIES' HATS.

STORM COLLARS. - STORM COLLARS.

BLACK FUR RUFFS.

FEATHER BOAS. - FEATHER BOAS.

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 that we can save them S S

STRONG WHITMAN

I am in a position to give satisfaction in above lines.

Winter Overcoatings, Suitings & Trouserings. THE NEWEST GOODS AT FINEST PRICES.

Meltons, Beavers, Whitneys, Freizes, Tyke and Bienheim Serges, Imported and Domestic Suitings, etc

Order a pair of our \$3 00 Custom Pants.

C. McLELLAN, Manager.