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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31st. 1898. -The proposition for a lasting, universa

peace, that has originated in a most unex pected quarter-in the palace of the Czar, at St. Petersburg-is the latest bit of highly sensational news. The impression has gen erally prevailed that Czar Nicholas was a warrior, who, since his coronation, has pur sued an aggressive policy for the enlarge nations whose interests in the far east seemed likely to be adversely affected by this policy. Russia and Great Britain have been practically at swords points for years; and now, just when a crisis appeared to be imminent, the Czar comes forward with a proposition for general disarmament among the great nations. The message loses much of its force, coming as it does when Britain is marshalling her forces to check Russian aggression in China, and looks like an original method of performing a diplomatiback down. In apparent intent the proposi tion cannot but commend itself to civilized nations, but to give effect to such a measure would require a vastly increased international confidence. At present the status of military and naval strength, and the justice of an arbitration court is generally shunned Sharp diplomatic practice has engendered general distrust among the nations of the world, and with swords turned into plough shares this feeling would surely be exagger ated; the limit to sharp practice would thus be removed and international discour-tesy could be pursued without fear of disas result in a great international conference a powers may be arrived at, but the original roposition is too chimerical to be considered

-The question of steel shipbuilding for Nova Scotia received marked attention at the recent meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade, and the discussions that took place there have opened the project to general comment. The field is untried, but it offers rare inducements, and we have no doubt that the experiment will be tried in the near future. In the days when wooden shipbuild ing was carried on extensively at every shipping port of any consequence in the men and was of incalculable benefit to the driven out of the ocean carrying trade by the steel hulks the shipbuilding industry in if steel shipbuilding is instituted, the province will have an excellent chance to com onfined to two or three firms in Great Britain and a like number in the United States. Here we have the iron and coal in abundance and manufacturing facilities t provide the metal for the hulls, splendid deep water harbors, and, in fact, everythe project on a business basis. With to campete with British and United States ed for steel ships in the maritime provinces that would soon result in the building of a fleet capable of supplanting the foreign bottoms in which such a large proportion of our trans-Atlantic trade is now carried.

-Old World immigrants are pouring into Canada this year at an unprecedented rate, while the United States statistics show that the number arriving at her ports is smaller than for many previous years and principally of an undesirable class. The strength of a nation depends on the character of its people : amd, in Canada, though the national ernment should be careful not to let its anxiety to swell the population of the country prevent the exercise of a proper discrimand the sturdy native stock may be overrun by undesirable exotics. A steady, industrious class of immigrants is required for our great Northwest, but it is not necessary that the steady increase in population of three decades should be supplemented by an unstable, mushroom growth. There is time enough yet for Canada to develop into the "greatest country on earth." Excessive immigration is responsible for the great population of the neighboring republic; but it has been the curse of the country-breeding disease, crime, anarchy and labor troubles, that interfere sadly with the conblight on the nation. Discriminatory immi gration legislation was introduced many years too late. Canada should profit by the mistake of her neighbor and avoid the disas

-There is entirely too much carelessner exhibited in the handling of provincial mails, and the clerks in this branch of the publiservice need reminding of the importance of their positions and the responsibility that devolves on them. Applicants for positions edge of the towns and villages of the prov ince and be able to read handwriting; but apparently, some of the postal clerks hav not this knowledge, or else they are grossly not this knowledge, or else they are grossly careless. Within the past few weeks fully half a dozen letters for the Montron office, and properly and plainly addressed to Bridgetown, have been sent to Bridgewater, and a delay of several days has resulted in the transmission of important papers. The similarity between the names Bridgetown and Bridgewater ought not to be confusing. and Bridgewater ought not to be confusing. special instructions should be issued to pre-vent the recurrence of these annoying errors.

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The federation of the British West Indies with Canada is now under discussion and there is a probability that the influence of the Imperial government will be used to effect such a union. Just now the islands are exhibiting considerable unrest, and the question of annexation to the United States has been raised, since that country has expressed a willingness to extend her territorial limits by the acquisition of island colonies. Aunexation is out of the question, since the consent of the Imperial government would certainly be denied; but federation with Canada would be equally effective as a cure for their discontent. Such a federation is to be desired as it would vastly increase the commerce of both the islands and Canada, as what the one produces for export the other-is anxious to buy, and with a bit of protective legislation to bind them closer, a very extensive and profitable trade could be established.

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Local and Special News. -Middleton has a circulating library. -New Goods arriving weekly at Shipley's. -St. Swithin's forty days of dampness are

Plum Boxes for sale at John H. Hicks -50 lbs Sugar for \$2 cash, at E. Young's,

-Mr. Frank Freeman, of Paradise, is -Can I sell you any Glassware? 1 have st received a lot of it, all sizes. R. Shipley. —There will be service in Gordon Memoral church next Sunday evening at 7.30. -Full stock of Fiour, Meal and Feed at ery low prices, at E. Young's, Lawrence-own.

-Just received 4 cases men's Military Boots; good value and cheap. J. E. Burns. -Mr. Percy R. Bentley, of Middleton, and Miss Nellie Masters, of Kentville, are to be married at the latter town to-day. -Mr. Chas. Lewis is having the cellar ex-vavated for his new house. Work on the building will be commenced in a few days. -Mr. Charles Hicks will have a handsome residence built at Carleton's Corner this autumn. The cellar is being excavated now. -Hon. J. I. Tarte, minister of public

works, was in Cornwallis on Sunday and Monday, the guest of Hon. Dr. Borden, minister of militia. —Later information in regard to the "D" andidates of the Bridgetown school places ettic Bishop at the head with an aggregate

-Mr. Elias Messenger has purchased a building lot from Mr. N. E. Chute, on Church road, and will build a cottage there-Paradise on Sat. Sept. 3rd between Nictaux and Paradise teams. Ice cream to be served

The Post-office Department is about to issue postal notes of the denominations of \$1, 182.50 and \$5. The issues already out are 25c., 50c. and 75c.

—The D. A. R. steamer Prince Rupert an down the packet Silver Cloud, of Digby, bille crossing the Bay in a thick fog last Vednesday. The crew were taken off the -- Peter Clinch, owned by N. R. Neily, of Meadowvale, won the 250 race at Mahone last Thursday, in 2394. Dash, the colt owned by Mr. C. F. DeWitt, of Bridgetown,

-Nine "D" candidates from the Bridge own schools wrote at the July examinations, ive of these were successful, Harry Strothard leads with an aggregate of 537, his low-st mark being 48. - The Lieutenant-Governor has by procla-

mation directed that all table of schools be closed on Monday, Sept. 5th, and that the day be observed as a public holiday throughout the province. —I hereby give notice that all outstanding cown taxes must be paid before the 1st day of September next. By order of the Town Council. F. L. Milner, Town Clerk. Council. F. L. July 23th, 1898.

The Bridgetown schools re-opened on Monday with a registration of 40 in the Advanced department, 22 in the Preparatory, 44 in the Intermediate and 55 in the Primary. Five pupits are in attendance from outside sections.

—The Episcopal Sunday School building just completed is a credit to the contractor, Mr. Benj. Brooks. Mr. Brooks has Mr. L. D. Shaffaer's fine house ready for the plasterers, and is commencing a house for Mr. Elias Messenger. - The Port Lorne Baptist parsonage is now

A violent lightning storm passed over Whycocomagh, C. B., last week. The house of a man named Beaton was struck, and his daughter, a young woman of 26, killed. His wife was stunned by the lightning, a visitor facadia university and a graduate of Newton Theological seminary. He has been preaching for 20 years and is now stationed in Alexander, P. E. I.

-H. C. Lydiard, the well-known Kentville driver, won the 2.19 trot at Rigby last week with Warren Guy, 2.19‡. The race took place on a muddy track, but Guy clipped 5½ seconds from his record and is now undoubtedly the fastest stallion in the maritime provinces. The purse was \$1000.

As we intimated last week, Mr. C. W. Schaffner has the appointment of colonel of the new consolidated regiment for Annapolis of the recompanies have been disbanded—three of the 72od and two of the 69th battalion.

The new battalion will be known as the 69th and will consist of the following companies.

"booby" prizes. Dancing was indulged in after 11 c'clock.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. Harry Fowler, Kentville, spent Sunday his home here. Mr. A. J. Bell of Halifax visited friends in town last week.

Hon. Atty. General Longley and Dr. Hall
were in town last Friday.

Mrs. D. J. MacQuarrie and little daughter,
Isabelie, left for Haverhill, Mass., on Mon-Mr. Leonard Shipp, formerly of this town, now living in Boston, is home on a two weeks vacation.

Mr. A. F. Newcomb was ordained last
Thursday as resident pastor of the Amherst

rom the Union Bank agency here to the Kentville agency.
Miss Minerva Hall, of Middleton, has charge of the telephone central here during the absence of Mrs. Harnish.

—School opened Monday with over 160 outpils in attendance in the four departments.

—J. E. Burns will sell boots and shoes for the next 30 days at 20% discount to make room for fall goods.

—The Round Hill, Belleisle and Seymour Divisions had an excursion to Digby by water on Monday the 29th.

—I am closing out 25 pairs of ladies pebble and dongoia boots at 75c. to 85c. per pair. J. E. Burns.

—Longmire's packet "Hustler" came into charge of the telephone centre the absence of Mrs. Harnish.

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- Mr. Percy R. Bentley, of Middleton, open coach. yesterday to spend his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beckwith. He is accompanied by his friend, Mr. Carswell, of that city.

Miss Agnes Chute and Mrs. J. P. Lawrence and son, Leslie, who have been visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Chute, have returned to their home

> he International Brick & Tyle Co. for the last eight years and has made many friends n this place.
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> Mr. C. H. Easson, manager of the Bank
> f Nova Scotia agency here, left last Friday
> or St. Johns, Nfld., on a month's vacation.
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On dit that he will be united in marriage to a popular young lady in that city, and bring a bride to Bridgetown to grace the new cottage on Church Street.

Mr. George W. Payson and wife, who have been making a tour of the province, left for St. John on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Payson were guests at Mrs. J. R. DeWitt's while here. Mrs. Payson, formerly Carrie Elise Nicholson, is a professional reader, well known throughout the United States. —Some of our citizens are under the impression that Bridgetown will not be able to vote in the plebiscite since no lists exist for this or any other purpose.

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Lost.—Between Mrs. Walker's dressmaking establishment and Washington street, a pair of gold bowed spectacles, in black case.

The finder will please leave at this office.

—At the sheriff's sale at Middleton last Thursday, Mr. Manning Armstrong, of North Kingston, purchased the house and lot formerly owned by S. E. Marshall for \$2075.

—The 69th battalion band will not go into Camp Aldershot this year, as their term.

hand during their Nova Scotia visit Chester is crowded with tourists.

Mr. H. A. Ancient, son of Rev. W. J.
Ancient, of Halifax, was drowned last
Wednesday morning at Green Bank.
Edward B. Blenkhorn, of Amherst, aged
4 years, prothonatary of Cumberland county

the past twenty-four years, died last In the Poor's House, Halifax, for the last In the Poor's Houte, Halifax, for the last civic year there were Fresbyterians 44, Baptists 34, Methodists 29, Episcopalians 167, Roman Catholics 360.

Everett Ward a successful Klondiker, belonging to Kentville, arrived home last week. He brought \$75,000 in gold and left a valuation of the state of the

netween Brookheid and Middleheld, N. S., luring a heavy thunder storm on Aug. 23rd. The Deminion Coal Co. pay fortnightly sooms \$45,000 in wages. A week ago, they said seven beats in port at Montreal at one ime discharging cargoes amounting to 23,and about two hundred and fifteen teams at work on the Midland railway. The other contractors are pushing the work in an equally energetic manner.

During the rest ch a business." Capactor O'Brien has four hundred men

equally energetic manner.

During the past fiscal year the imports of goods at the port of Halifax were very much less than in the year befor—the falling of reaching close to one million dollars. The exports from that port also fell reft to a marked degree, being over \$200,000 less than in 1807.

meritime provinces. The purse was \$1000.

-Kings and Annapolis District Lodge I.
O. G. T. will hold quarterly seasion with Morning Dawn Lodge at Centreville, Annapolis county, on Tuesday, September 6 h.
Fhere will be a public temperance meeting in the evening at 7 o'clock. Several temperance speakers will address the meeting.

-Chief of Police, Quipp, has handed his resignation to the Town Council to take effect on November 1st. Mr Quipp has been a good officer and a good citizen and has given general satisfaction. He was a chief mover in the establishment of a Y. M. C. A. here and has been instrumental in putting the Forester's court on its feet.

-Three of the four candidates from Port

Good Market for Cattle. (Amherst Press.),

Effie S. Brinton and Fred Hall. The former making the exceptional aggregate of 568 on eight papers with 100 on Geometry and 95 on Arithmetic. Mr. H. N. Stronach was the teacher and has been engaged for another year in the same place.

—A pleasant progressive whist party gathered at the Court House last Friday evening. There were ten tables in use and considerable rivalry for the priz; scores, Mr. Arthur Russel won the gentlemen's prize, a cribbage board; and Miss Clara Wier the ladies prize, a purse. Mr. C. B. Shafner and Miss Parker were allotted "booby" prizes. Pancing was indulged in after 11 c clock. There is a small sized cattle famine on in

after il c'clock.

There are 14 entries for the two races to be held at the Driving Park to morrow and some splendid speed contests may be expected. The track is in good condition and the winner of either race will surely be marked cligible for nothing slower than a '30 class. The meeting ought to be the most exciting of the season, and the track has a reputation for fair sport, that makes it the most popular in the province.

—Summer guests at R. E. Marshall's, b' "Ashlea Farm," Paradise, are seeking their winter homes. Mr. Charles Worth and family returned to Melrose Highlands last ing the masses, untouched by other zations, will invite and doubtless assistance from every friend of

Oak Island Treasure. day for their homes in Rhode Island.

—The new challenger for the America's cup evidently has notions of his own as to the proper way to win yacht races and the respect of the losers at the same time. His gift of ten thousand dollars for the relief of sick and wounded American soldiers secured him a recognition among American yachtsmen in pleasant contrast to that accorded Lord Dunraven, who failed to win the coveted prize and laid serious charges of unsportsmanlike conduct against the defenders.

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—The recital given in the Methodist of the Methodist of the Under the australia of the Epworth League, was a decided success. Mrs. Payson captivated her auditione with her first recitation, and each number of the program was received with marked on the program was received with marked of the program was received with marked of the program was received with marked of the program was received at Amherst on Saturday from Capt. Welling, who is conducting operations of the Oak Island Treasure in contrast to the indications that the treasure is being reached, are daily becoming more favorable. The water is under control, and the men are working close to the 97-foot level, and hope to reach the treasure in a very short period. Mr. Perley Putnam stated to the News this morning that the work is being rushed, but that it will probably be two months before the transel is reached. —Truro Daily News. A letter was received at Amherst on Sat

New Advertisements.

Well Made Makes Well Hood's Sarsaparilla is prepared by ex-

perienced pharmacists of today, who have brought to the production of this great medicine the best results of medical remedicine, containing just those vegetable ingredients which were seemingly intended by Nature herself for the alleviation of human ills. It purifies and en riches the blood, tones the stomach and digestive organs and creates an appetite; it absolutely cures all scrofula eruptions

DOWSETT & CO.,

Fruit Brokers 16 America Square, London, E. C. Eng. in Somerville, Mass.

The Newton, (Mass) Graphic says: Mr.
John Hall of Lawrencetown, Nova Scotia is visiting his son, S. C. Hall, for a few days, Mr. Hall is a renowned horseman and is here looking after some good ones.

D. J. MacQuarrie left for his home in Cape Breton on the 16th. Mr. MacQuarrie has been employed as foreman in the works of the International Brick & Tyle Co. for the Shafner & Piggott

Tea=Meeting!

A RARE OPPORTUNITY! AT NICTAUN VESTRY,

WEDNESDAY, September 14th. Don't forget the date, nor place, and don't orget to come. Price of tickets announced ext week; watch for the price.

> NOTICE

We have sold our Fiour and Grocery business t All accounts due us must be settled by Cash or Note on or be fore the 15th of September. N. H. PHINNEY. Manager. Lawrencetown, Aug. 19th, 1898.

With reference to the above I wish to say that I will occupy N. H. PHINNEY'S old stand, and keep a nice line of Groceries, keep a nice line of Groceries, Flour, Meal and Feed.

HANDSOME RESIDENCE 1000 FOR SALE! 1000

The Homestead of GEORGE B. MUR-DOCH, Esq., late of Bridgetown, is now offered for sale.

BESSIE B. MURDOCH,

FOR

SUMMER AUTUMN

> TRADE: SIX CASES

EXTRA VALUE!

Men's Heavy Grain Boots, " Fine Boots, " Dongola Boots,

Boys' and Youths' Heavy Grain Boots, Boys' and Youths' Fine Boots, Ladies' Lace Leather Boots, " Button Leather Boots, Kid Button Boots, " Kid Shoes.

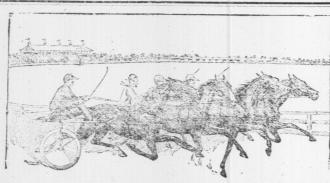
Misses' Lace Boots, Misses' Button Boots,

AND ALL AT BOTTOM PRICES.

Property for Sale!

That beautiful residential property occupied by the late JOHN H. FISHER.

Apply to EDWIN L. FISHER, Annapolis.



THE BRIDGETOWN DRIVING PARK CO.,

will hold a meeting on the Bridgetown Driving Track on September 1st, with the following program: : : PURSE \$150.00 2.34 CLASS, ... S. W. BLIGH
H. D. NICHOLS
N. R. NEILY
... GEO. WOOD
E. P. BOWLES
W. F. GIBBONS ..JOHN HALL 3-MINUTE CLASS. -PURSE \$125.00 JUST RIGHTARTHUR MARSHALL

CONDITIONS.—Pursus divided 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent. A horse distancing the field receive first meney only; N. T. A. rules to govern. Horses called at 1.45 and started at 2 sharp.

For further per iculars apply to 0. S. Miller, Secretary.

Music will be furnished.

Admission, 25c; Grand Stand, 15c.

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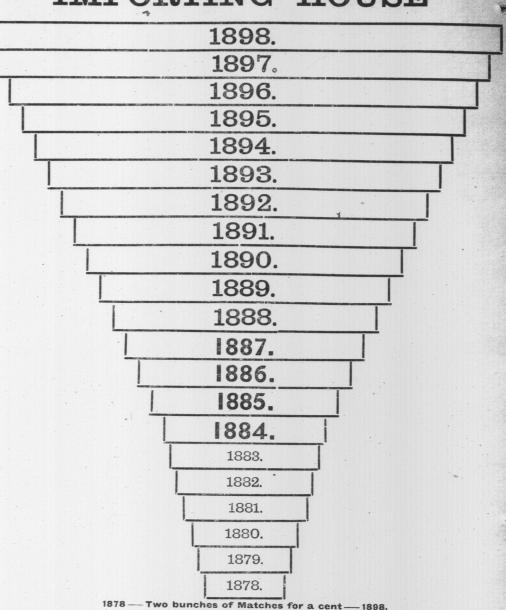
O. S. MILLER, Secretary.

All kinds of TEAS at our store and all good. We have Tetley's, Salada, Monsoon, Red Rose, Universal and Shaw's Blend, Saryunes and Oolongs at all prices from 25c. per lb. up to 60c. We claim we have an extra good value in SHAW'S BLEND at 35c. Try it.

In Canned Goods we show the largest stock in town. We have Canned Corn, Peas, String Beans, Tomatoes, Pumpkin Strawberries, Apples, Crab Apples, Pears, Peaches, Pineapple, Blueberries. We have Canned Sardines, Kippered Herring, Kipperettes, Finnan Haddie, Salmon, Lobster, Clams, Scallops, Oysters,

SHAW & LLOYD.

BRIDGETOWN IMPORTING HOUSE



This represents the growth of a business built upon

We have strived to please, the public have done the rest. J. W. BECKWITH.

Annual Mid-Summer CLEARANCE SALE

is now in full swing, and we are offering the following lots at the ridiculous low prices marked below, as we are bound to clear out these lines.

Lot 1. SHIRT WAISTS! Lot 1.

These are all this season's goods, and are made up of the finest materials. Reduced to only 39c. each 90c., 95c. and 98c. Waist, \$1.10 and \$1.20 Wai-t, \$125, \$1.30 and \$1.35 Waist,

\$1 39, \$1.45, \$1.60 and \$1 85, First choice always the best, and these goods are bound to go at these prices.

Lot 2. WRAPPERS! Lot 2. These are all the latest styles and are made up of Medium and Dark Print Cottons; the fits are perfect, and the sewing the best, in fact we can guarantee them in every way. Reduced to only 59c. each Our 98c and 115 Wrappers, 79c. "

Our 1.40 and 1.46 Wrappers, Our 1.63 and 1.70 Wrappers, Our 2.15 and 2.35 Wrappers, These are GREAT BARGAINS and will be snapped up at once. Sizes from 32 to 46.

Lot 3. CAPES! CAPES! These are all tailor-made, and the styles are perfect. Only a few left, and they are bound to sell at this cut rate of prices.

Reduced to only 59c each Our 1.25 and 1.30 Cape, 89c Our 1.50 and 1.80 Cape, 99c Our 2.25 Cape—one only Our 4.99 Cape—one only We have also a nice line of the following, viz: Ladies' Straw Sailor Hats, Plain and Fancy Muslins, Plain and Fancy Silk Sunshades, Print Cottons, &c, all of which

are reduced in proportion. STRONG & WHITMAN.

SPRING LAMB, MUTTON, SALMON, SHAD,

VEGETABLES of all kinds, B. M. WILLIAMS'. FARM FOR SALE!

HAM and BACON.

Corn Beef, Sliced Bacon, Chicken, Deviled Ham, Potted Ham, Ox Tongue, Lunch Tongue, Van Camp's Tomato, Soup, Pork and Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, etc W. M. SCOTT. Bridgetown, May 2nd, 1898.

BRIDGETOWN Boot & Shoe Store

DRY and PICKLED FISH, A Full Line of Bicycle Leggings Button and Lace fronts DRESSING DEPARTMENT COMPLETE!

"A. D. C. Tan Combination," "A. D. C. Ox Blood Combination." "A. D. C. Chocolate Combination," Box Calf Dressing, Gilt Edge Dressing, Congo Waterproof Dressing,

Boulevard 10c. Dressing, Diamond Finish in large and small bottles, Day & Martin's Paste Blacking in large boxes.

DON'T FORGET THE PLACE. MURDOCH'S BLOCK, GRANVILLE STREET. E. A. COCHRAN. WFresh Butter and Eggs taken in exchange,