At Bridgetown, Annapolis Co., N. M. K. PIPER. Proprietor and Publishe HN R. PUDSEY, Manage

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29th, 1897. -This is the closing week of 1897; another volume in a great universal history i been read, bit by bit, as its cosmopolitan authors have told their stories throughout christendom to a newspaper reading people; and yet there are many records that have not been made public. The volume is con plete, but unless history repeats itself often and our years are multiplied, it will be im possible to become familiar with all that is ritten therein. The edition is limited to one great copy that will soon be piled among the records of the past. The broad questions of national import have been discussed and with some of them we have been interested; there has been war in the old world sleighing. and war in the new; an increase of crime prosperity on the one hand and famine on the other. We have read these stories; the nineteenth century is an enlightened period and the facilities for the dissemination of news are wonderfully perfect. But the record of 1897 is also a compendium of our personal acts and the close of the year is a fitting time for a retrospective look at these. Middle Much that should have been left undone was done, and many a golden opportunity that, in spite of all, the aggregates of good

tels in Nova Scotia is, we believe, rapidly approaching. We have heard the project discussed so often and have seen so many plans in this direction fall to the ground that it has taken a good substantial prospect to encourage this belief. The encourage this belief. The encourage this period has in a letter from Mr. to encourage this better. The ment to define the Nova Scotia Hotel and Improvement Co., limited, accompanied by a prospectus of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the Boston Coal control of the Boston Coal control of the Boston Coal control of the Company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the Company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-dimensional control of the company of the control ment has reached us in a letter from Mr.

John C. Gordon, of Boston, the promoter of the Nova Scotia Hotel and Improvement Co., limited, accompanied by a prospectus of the company. Mr. Gordon is a co-director with Mr. Whitney in the Boston Coal Company, and has already done much to turn the American summer resort seeker to this beautiful province. Hon. J. W. Longley, J. F. Masters, C. H. Miller, M. D., B. H. Calkin, M. D., and Geo. W. Borden are on the list of directors, and these names are more or less familiar to our readers. Mr. Miller is a native of Bridgetown. The company purpose getting their first hotel up to the Mostrors and these names are more or less familiar to our readers. Mr. Miller is a native of Bridgetown. The company purpose getting their first hotel up to the Mostrors and these names are more or less familiar to our readers. Mr. Miller is a native of Bridgetown. The company purpose getting their first hotel up to the Mostrors and these names are more or less familiar to our readers. Mr. Miller is a native of Bridgetown. The company purpose getting their first hotel up to the Mostrors and these names are more or less familiar to our readers. Mr. Miller is a native of Bridgetown. The company purpose getting their first hotel up to the Mostrors and the season.

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Mr. Miller is a native of Bridgetown. The company purpose getting their Mr. Miller is a native of Bridgetown. The company purpose getting their first hotel up in time for the 1898 season, and it is to be hoped that they will meet with prompt encouragement. Tourist travel has developed wonderfully in Nova Scotia during the past few years, and the need for increased hotel accommodation is imperative if the American summer visitor is to be encouraged. What Florida is as a winter resort, Nova Scotia may become as a summer resort, if proper steps are taken to advertise our climatic perfection, the abundance of capital matic perfection, the abundance of capital service in St. James Church on New Year's Eve, commencing at 11.30. Immediately mon was preached up plot. According to the Division will meet New Year's night.

A sad double drowning accident occurred at Lunenburg last week, the victims being two lads, seven and eight years old, sons of force Mitchell. They week, the victims being two lads, seven and eight years old, sons of Groge Mitchell. They week, the victims being two lads, seven and eight years old, sons of Groge Mitchell. They week, the victims being two lads, seven and eight years old, sons of Groge Mitchell. They was a lack Harbor, and went through an air hole.

—Lawrencetown citizens will celebrate the festive season by dining at the Elm House Thursday evening. A tosat list has been prepared, and an after dinner conversacione will add materially to the enjoyment of the occasion.

—There will be the usual watch night service in St. James Church on New Year's Eve, commencing at 11.30. Immediately in the comment of the occasion. proper steps are taken to advertise our climatic perfection, the abundance of capital fishing streams and game covers, and the excellence of our hostelries. It is the duty of those who have the interests of the valley at the state of the valley at the state of the properties. The state of the valley at the state of the properties of the valley at the state of the valley at the valley at the state of the valley at the valley of those who have the interests of the valley at heart to afford financial aid to this new project, if they are able to do so. Their money will no doubt yield a handsome dividend and the indirect benefits accruing from the establishment of such an enterprise will be many. A large portion of the required capital will be furnished by Nova Scotian resident in Boston, who are thus interesting themselves in the sfairs of their province, and their efforts should be heartily seconded here. The fact that they propose doing their work quickly is evidence of their faith in the enterprise, and a determination to employ the wide awake Yankee push in furthering its establishment. Elsewhere in this paper we publish the prospectus of the away and commend it to the careful consideration of our readers. Mr. James Pennington, of Lequile, has, we understand, been asked to organize the company here.

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ing station on the Yellow Sea, and she has practically seized Kiacohau Bay, while Russia has taken possession of Port Arthur. These actions have caused considerable uncasiness among other nations whose commercial interests are liable to be effected, and an European Mooroe doctrine will likely be resurrected or evolved to meet the description of the property of the mercial interests are liable to be effected, and an European Moaroe doctrine will likely be resurrected or evolved to meet the demands of the occasion. Great Britain does not seem to be particularly impressed with the importance of her would be rivals for supremacy in the far east, but France, Italy supremacy in the system of issuing postal notes, which has been in existence in Great Britain for some years. The system will go into attention of the Scott Act will engage the attention of th seriously, and international complications and explanations are almost sure to follow. Great Britain has a fleet in Chinese waters large enough to protect her commerce against all comers, and this is probably the secret of her comparative disregard of what becomes of China so long as her rights and privileges are not interfered with.

County on the practical issues of the temperature dishop of Nova Scotia visited the parish of Granville for the purpose administering the apostolic rite of confirmation. There were 36 candidates presented by the rector, the Rev. J. E. Warner, who during his short year at Granville for the purpose administered the holy sacrament of baptism to 54 persons.

Local and Special News.

Sugar is advancing in price. -Men's Ulsters at J. E. Burns' for \$5.00. The foundry will be shut down for a J. E. Burns will pay 7c. per lb. for good

—Digby County's lobster trade for 1897 is slued at \$50,000. -Four lbs. good Mixed Candy for 25c. E. Burns.

—Digby county fishermen caught 2,000 arrels of shad last season. -Our merchants report a grand trade las week in spite of the rough roads. -Everything at low figures now at Ship -The Quadrille Club had a pleasant dance

in the Court House last evening -The schr. Shafner Bros. is loading pote toes at Port Williams for Havana. -A full line of Ready Made Clothing

-Mr. Medicraft, of Dalhousie, shot

-Oscar Chase, of Port Williams, has j cotia, St. John, has been transferred to the Annapolis branch.

--Pastor J. Clark's poem, "Not Lost," in a recent issue of the MONITOR, has been copied into other papers. -Attorney-General Longley lectured at liddleton last Thursday evening on "Swit-erland and the Rhine."

The party who found the small mink fu the same to the postmaster. -Apples are quoted in the Halifax market at \$3.00 and \$3.50 per barrel; in St. John the prices are \$3.75 and \$4.00.

-J. W. Beckwith is paying 18c. for good roll butter, 24c. for good fresh eggs, and will pay, for the next week, 25c. per lb. for good washed wool, in order to fill his final conwashed wool, in order to fill his fill h

Pupil's Standing. The following is the average standing of the pupils of the advanced department of the Bridgetown school from Nov. 2nd to Dec. 23rd:—

GRADE XI. GRADE X. Rita Marshall... Henry Hicks... Frank Hoyt... Kenneth Craig. Mabel Banks... Donald Craig.

GRADE IX. Harry Strothard... Lena Munro.... Gertie Young.... Nettie Bishop... Anuie McKenzie Beth Whidden....
Ella Lane...
Willie Hill...
Minnie Hawkesworth
Curtis Longmire....
Loran Manthorne... Addie Chesley

GRADE VIII Tessie Hill. Alice Huntington George Manthorne Gena Whidden... Gena Whidden
Douglas Hoyt.
Harry McLean
Archie Morse.
Ethel Howse.
James Bowles.
Carrie Piper.
Allice Young.
Annie Legge Annie Legge

Ira Jackson.

Frank Forsythe

Hymeneal.

that, in spite of all, the aggregates of good and fill will disprove the pessimistic theory of general moral retrogression. The passing of the old year and the advent of the new affords a grand opportunity, for all who will, to profit by the experience of the past. Each year is a life in miniature, and each New Year's Day is a potent factor in their crease of morality. The first day's record of each year probably constitutes the brightest page in each volume; January is the brightest may be often broken but, they are often make good ones, and cultivate a praiseworthy firmness in keeping them.

During 1897 the Mostroffs relations with its patrons have been most pleasant. Business has shown a satisfactory increase, and many words of commendation and encouragement have reached the editor, whose aim is to furnish a wide awake and reliable never paper. We thank our patrons for their encouragement and with you all

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WHITMAN-NEWCOMBE. A very quiet wedding took place at the resi-dence of Mrs. Schrader, Wednesday after noon, when her niece, Miss Maria Newcombe, was united to Mr. B. R. Whitman, of Law-

The Provincial Sunday-School Association.

barge enough to protect her commerce against all comers, and this is probably the secret of her comparative disregard of what becomes of China so long as her rights and privileges are not interfered with.

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Ottawa, Dec. 23—Canada has secured an award of \$460,000 for the Canadian sealers whose vessels were unlawfully arized in the Behring Sea by United States croisers in 1886, \$7, \$90 and 90. This award was made in Boston yesterday by the representative single of Great Britain and Canada and the United States. Mr. Justice King representative single of Great Britain and Canada and the United States. Mr. Justice King representative single of Great Britain and Canada and the United States. Mr. Justice King representative single of Great Britain and Canada and the United States. Mr. Justice King representative single of Great Britain and Canada and the United States. Mr. Justice King representative single of Great Britain and Canada and the United States. Mr. Justice King representative single of Great Britain and Canada and the United States Congress in 1894, although effered by the United State St

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. R. H. Foster, of Wolfville, was mother.
Mr. Wallace Hawkesworth, of Kentville, spent Christmas with his parents here.

Miss Letta Kinney, of Yarmouth, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Reed. Mrs. Huntington and family left yester day to visit her brother, Mr. Wm. Chipman in Wolfville.

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Mr. Harry Fowler, of Kentville, spent
Christmas at his home here.

Mr. Frank Fowler went to Kentville on Mr. Frank Fowler went to Kentville on Saturday.
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pudsey, of Kentville, spent Saturday and Sunday at their son's home here.
Mrs. Cann, of Yarmouth, who has been visiting her son in Bridgetown, left on Monday for Kentville, where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. B. H. Calkin.
Mr. Oscar W. Felch, from Greenwood, Mass., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Ada Felch, at Clarence.
Mrs. Hatch arrived on Thursday last, after a visit of several months with her daugh

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Mrs. Longley, wife of Attorney-General Longley will spend the winter in Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Hastings Freeman and little daughter, of Shelburne, have been enjoying the holidays at the home of Mrs. Freeman's parents, Dr. and Mrs. DeBlois.

Rev. F. M. Young went to Boston yesterday on a short trip.

Mr. Avard L. Bishop, of South Williamston, was in town last week.

Mr. Alex. Calder, of Halifax, was in town yesterday. He went on to Tupperville to attend the funeral of his sister.

Mr. L. D. Shafner leaves on Saturday on a business trip to New York.

Mrs. Newcombe, of Cornwallis, is visiting her father, Mr. Robert Randolph.

Mr. John Quirk, Mount Uniacke, is visiting his brother, Mr. James Quirk.

Mr. Rosley, of Halifax, and Mr. Munro, of St. John, are at Capt. M. Munro's.

minds of the children the ennobling virtues which the order teaches.

At Sunday morning service the Church of St. Mary presented a most beautiful appearance. Most especial attention had been given to the vesting of the altar—which is of cream white. The new does and altar curtains are of white and crimson cloth. White flowers were in the altar vascs. Eucharistic and years lights have also been placed upon and vesper lights have also been placed upon the altar, gifts of the members of the congregation. A pede mat was presented to the church by the C. B. S. The chancel is divided from the nave by a rood screen made of evergreen and surmounted by a cross of

Dr. J. B. Hall, of Truro, is spending his holidays at his old home.
Benjamin Whitman, of this place, and Miss Maria Newcomb, of Bridgewater, were married Wednesday, 22nd inst.
George James, who is teaching in Weymouth, is home for the holidays.
George Bruce and Avard Bishop are home from Acadia.
Mr. and Mrs. John Schaffner spent Christmas with their sons in Middleton.

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Dr. Morse has opened his new drug store.
It is one of the best in the province.
Dr. and Mrs. Saunders, of Kentville, spent
Christmas with P. H. Saunders, Esq., of
Lawrencetown.
The lecture announced to be delivered on
Christmas Eve to the B. Y. P. U. by Rev.
Mr. Steeves, was postponed until Jan 7th.
The Lawrencetown Literary Club gave
their first public entertainment at the home
of Mr. Georre Bishon last (Tuesday) evening.

I wish to thank, through the Moniton, my friends of the Bridgetown Baptist Church and Choir for their very generous Christmas gift to me, as organist. I cannot express in words my appreciation of this expression of goodwill and kindly feeling toward me, and can only trust our Heavenly Father that in future I may still be permitted to continue to serve them to the best of my ability. Sincerely yours,

FOR SALE! A few Single and Double

Seated Sleighs at Bargains. JOHN HALL. Lawrencetown, Dec. 28th, 1897.

To all to Whom it May Concern

New Advertisements LIVERY BUSINESS

FOR SALE

The subscriber, owing to ill-health, has decided to offer for sale his Livery and Trucking business in Bridgetown.

This is one of the most paying investments in this Valley, and to the right party offers an inducement that one seldom meets

with.

For further information apply to Bridgetown, Dec. 22nd., 1897. XMAS..

> STOCK about complete

Central Book Store. Call and see the NOVELTIES-prettier

NOTICE!

All persons having accounts of any kind against the Municipality of Annapolis, are reduced the mean of the condition of the committee after an area of the committee after January ist will be on the 1st day of April 1888, and bills not in hand by the end of the year will not be considered til that meeting.

Will councillors kindly see that all bills incurred in their respective wards are rendered at once that the books may be closed by the end of the year.

HECTOR MacLEAN. HECTOR MACLEAN.
FREEMAN FITCH.
E. H. TUPPER.
Committee on Tenders and Public Property

Buy Your **Xmas Poultry**

Bridgetown, Dec. 15th, 1897.

B. M. WILLIAMS'

AND BEEF

And get GOOD VALUE

Also a fine display of Xmas Confectionery AUCTION!

To be sold at Public Auction, on THURSDAY, Dec. 30th, AT ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.,

at the premises of the late ROBERT FITZ RANDOLPH, the following Stock and Farming Implements:

Oranges, Lemons, Dates, Figs, Nuts,

> and the largest stock of Confectionery

Owing to the large quantity of above goods, and having necessity for Cash, I will sell for two weeks at lower prices than it is possible

R. SHIPLEY.

Bird in the Hand is worth Two in the Bush.

We are not giving away premiums this year, but we are offering Something Better!

Discount of

25 per cent on all Dry Goods, Ready-made Clothing, Horse Ruge, Buffalo Robes, Boots and Shoes, and a Discount of 15 p. c. on all

This offer is for Spot Cash only.

QUERY.—How many dollar's worth of goods will you have to buy from us to save enough on the above discount to purchase the best premium offered in the Country?

Wishing you a Merry Xmas. We remain, yours truly, E. & E. SCHAFFNER.

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A LARGE DIRECT IMPORTATION OF

Winter Overcoatings, Suitings & Trouserings.

THE NEWEST GOODS AT FINEST PRICES. Meltons, Beavers, Whitneys, Freizes, Tyke and Blenheim Serges,

Order a pair of our \$3.00 Custom Pants.

Imported and Domestic Suitings, etc

JOHN LOCKETT & SON'S Grand Cash Clearance Sale

Commencing Friday, Dec. 31st, we will offer to the people of Annapolis County, our entire stock of Fall and Winter Dry Goods, Furs, Clothing, Men's Furnishings, Hats & Caps, Boots & Shoes,

AT AND BELOW

DRESS GOODS.

Heavy Plaid Double Width Goods, all shades. Farcy Plaid Double Width Goods Colored Cashmeres, all wool, all shades

ALL-WOOL SERGES AND BLACK DRESS GOODS.

Ladies' Cloth, in black only. DRESS AND WAIST PLAIDS.

Heavy Dress Plaids, double width
Fancy Dress Plaids, double width
Black & White Plaids, silk mixture, double width
Fancy All Wool Plaids, double width. DRESS PATTERNS.

one Dress Pattern, Blue and Black Mixed Goods. Black and Blue Silk Mixture... Black and Green Silk Mixture Black and Lavender Dark Grey Covert Suiting .
Purple Plaid.
Green and Black Mixture .
Blue Mixture . Brown Mixture Red & Bik. Silk and Wool mixture

Black & Lavender Silk LADIES' MANTLE CLOTHS.

Black, Navy and Brown Beaver Cloth ... Light, Plain and Plaided Cloakings.

Children's Winter Undervests. Ladies' Winter Undervests.

Raisins, Currants, Regular Price, each 200 49c 45c 75c 90c Sale Price, each 14c 30c 35: 55c 60c Ladies' and Boy's Wool Hose.

Regular Price, 22c 30c Sale Price... 17c 22c Children's Cashmere Ribbed Hose Regular Price Sale Price... Ladies' Cashmere Ribbed Hose. Regular Price, 35c 50c (All sizes.)
Sale Price, 25c 38c

BLUE AND GREY FLANNELS. TWEEDS. Ladies' Plain Cashmere Hose.

CORSETS. CORSETS. Regular Price, per pair Sale Price, per pair 60e 65e 80c \$1 00 \$1 35 39e 45e 69e 75e 1 00 COMFORTABLES. White and Grey Blankets.

Regular Price, per pair, 85c \$1 75 \$2 10 \$3 50 \$4 00 \$4 50 Sale Price, per pair, 65c 1 40 1 70 2 85 3 25 3 85 PRINTS. - PRINTS. Regular Price, per yard..... 9c 10c Sale Price, per yard..... 7c 7½c FLANNELETTES.

Regular Price, per yard...... 63 8c Sale Price, per yard...... 4½c 6c LADIES' JACKETS. Regular Price \$3 75 \$4 50 \$8 00 \$8 75 \$9 75 \$11 25 Sale Price 2 75 3 85 6 00 6 35 7 00 8 50 FEATHER RUFFS.

 Regular Price......
 25c

 Sale Price......
 18c
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FURS. FURS. \$11 00 7 00 6 50 6 00 2 25 \$15 75 10 00 9 00 9 00 3 50 1 , Greenland Seal Capette.
1 set Beaver Collar and Muff.
2 Dog Skin Muffs.
2 Ladies Dog Skin Capes; length, 24 inches,
1 Ladies' Columbia Sable Cape, 24 inches.
5 Black Goat Capes, 24 inches.
1 French Coney Cape, 24 inches.
3 Greenland Seal Cap. 8, 24 inches.
1 Greenland Seal Cap. 8, 24 inches. These Goods were bought below whole-sale price, and we offer them at prices which put all competition in the shade.

TABLE LINENS. BORDERED APRON LINENS.

TOWELINGS.

LADIES' KID GLOVES. HEAVY CASHMERE GLOVES. R-gular Price 180 200 250 300 400 450 Sale Price 140 150 170 220 300 320

LACE CURTAINS. Regular Price 35c 65c \$1 00 \$1 50 \$2 00 \$2 50 Sale Price 25c 48c 78 1 10 1 50 1 80 CAPRETS. - CARPETS.

FUR MATS.

- TWEEDS.

Regular Price, 25c 35c (All sizes.)
Sale Price, 17c 27c Watch this space next week for cut prices on other lines.

C WE NOW BEGIN OUR Annual Cash Clearance Sale!

FIRST.—We offer the balance of our LADIES' JACKETS at the following reduced prices:

LADIES' JACKET, \$18 00 - Reduced to \$12 00 12 50 8 50 -12 00 8 00 8 50 7 00 4 50 6.50 3 00 5 00 4 25 2 25 3 00

Our trade this season in Ladies' Jackets has been unprecedented, consequently our customers are aware of the extra value of these goods at the original prices.

SECOND. We will clean out a job lot of MEN'S and BOY'S OVERCOATS at about half price.

THIRD. We will give 20 p. c. cash discount on all lines of DRESS GOODS.

J. W. BECKWITH.