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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 1897.

—The happy Christmas time is just here; the heart of man warms towards his fellows; there's a ring of the olden time in the merry hail, the familiar greeting of the season; a cheerfulness that seems to be catching pervades the home, the office and wherever people congregate. We hear less of the sorrows and the troubles of humanity than at any other time, and the whole world is made brighter by the recurrence of this Christian festival. The young folk enjoy the visits of the mythical Kais Kringle; to them the day is not fraught with the same significance as to their elders, but every effort should be made to keep alive the good old Christmas day customs. The poor and the needy must not be forgotten. If it is a pleasure to give on ordinary occasions, it must be doubly so at Yule-tide, and many an otherwise cheerless home will be brightened by the open-handed generosity of those who have the means and consider it a privilege to add to the happiness of those less fortunate than themselves. May the Christmas of 1897 be in grand accord with the glorious gospel of peace on earth, good will toward men. In our Canadian homes, in particular, may the full tale flush of happiness be written on the faces of every fireside circle. The privilege of extending greetings of the season is regulated in a certain degree by our surroundings, and right here the MONITOR has great reason to be thankful. Into seventeen hundred homes this newspaper will carry the hearty greetings of a grateful management. Probably each paper issued will average five readers and we trust every one of them is our friend. Patrons, readers, we give you the time worn greeting, we know of none better—We wish you all

A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS.

—Principal Grant's late utterance on the prohibition scheme has caused wide-spread dismay in the ranks of the temperance workers and has undoubtedly created a corresponding satisfaction among the friends of the liquor traffic. As the principal of Queen's College, and as a contributor to nearly all the important social and political questions of the day, Dr. Grant is generally regarded as a competent authority on questions in which he interests himself, but it looks as if he had made a bad break this time. He will find it difficult to defend his position as a champion of the anti prohibitionists, against men of equal prestige who have taken offence at his treatment of the matter. To be a pronounced anti prohibitionist is a unique position for a man to occupy who is at the head of one of the finest of Canadian colleges; is a unique position for any minister to hold, and the reverend gentleman will quickly find that every church and temperance society in the land will array itself against his opinion on this great public question. In the interests of morality it is desirable that the statements of Principal Grant be called into question everywhere. There is little fear that the ranks of anti prohibitionists will be increased by his deliberations, but they will impart a new life to the old guard, and this must be counteracted by an increase in the zeal of the friends of the temperance movement.

—The new traffic manager on the I. C. R., Mr. Harris, is sanguine that he can place that road on a paying basis, by pursuing a course of up to date business management. He openly says that the day of political management is over. If the road can be run on business principles and made to pay, there will be many thousands of Canadians who will welcome the change, but we are afraid that so long as the road remains government property Mr. Harris will not have the free hand he evidently desires in the management of the line. Governments have a way of controlling the services of the country, that is never wholly in the interests of politics nor yet strictly in the interests of business, but a clever combination of both. The people of Canada hardly expect the I. C. R. to be run on the same principles as the ordinary railway, whose freight and passenger rates are increased in proportion to the lack of competition that obtains. If the new manager can create an income sufficient to meet expenses, by the practice of economy in the conduct of the road, all will be well, but if he attempts an arbitrary increase of rates he will not increase the popularity of the line.

—It is stated, that through the intervention of the provincial government a compromise has been effected with the Dominion Coal Company, whereby the mines at Victoria will continue to be operated. The Cow Bay and Gowrie mines are however to remain closed, and little short of a calamity has befallen the hundreds of miners who had their homes at those places and who earned a comfortable living in the now deserted shafts. What arrangement has been made with the company in regard to the Victoria mines has not transpired, but it may safely be inferred that there was some considerable sacrifice on the part of the provincial government. The fact is now generally recognized, that the company were granted powers entirely too great in their lease of the Cape Breton coal area. They were empowered to do practically as they like with the properties under their lease providing a certain quantity of coal is mined and the royalty promptly paid. The matter will likely be thoroughly reviewed at the next session of the legislature and it is to be hoped that the welfare of the Cape Breton miners will then be properly safeguarded against further whims of the coal corporation.

—The New Brunswick government is making a commendable effort to encourage the agricultural industry in that province. Meetings are being held and the condition of this most important industry is being discussed by authorities competent to locate the weak spots and name the remedy. Hon. Mr. Emmerson is wisely directing the influence of his government to the betterment of the general status of the yeomanry of New Brunswick. Governments, provincial, can do much to awaken a proper interest in agricultural pursuits, and while the Nova Scotia government has done much along this line, the best results of what has already been done will not be secured unless the good work is persisted in. There are several questions of vital interest to our farmers now being discussed that need government encouragement, and we hope that the required aid will be forthcoming. We refer particularly to the agitations for improved road system and for increased and cheapened facilities for marketing farm produce.

—There is a strong probability that the Behring Sea seal question will continue to be a cause for contention between Canada and the United States. Canada has practically refused to suspend pelagic sealing during the progress of negotiations toward a final settlement of the matter, and president McKinley has signified his unwillingness to enter into negotiations unless this point is conceded. In the meantime Canadian sealers will keep on killing the subjects of dispute, and if United States representatives are correct the entire herd of the northern Pacific will soon be exterminated.

Local and Special News.

—Town Council meets to night.

—Harding P. Neily, trader, of Nictaux, has assigned.

—Bath's livery business is offered for sale. See advertisement.

—Mr. Robert Randolph is reported as dangerously ill.

—Mr. Allen inspector of the Halifax Banking Co., was in town yesterday.

—Mr. Strickland was banqueted last evening at the Revere House by nearly a score of his friends.

—The withdrawals on the government savings banks last month exceeded the deposits by $29,000.

—Rev. J. H. Strothard will lecture on prohibition next Sunday evening in the Methodist church.

—Acadia College has closed for the holidays, and the Annapolis county students are home for Christmas.

—Inspector Quipp has secured two convictions for violation of the Scott Act and more are likely to follow.

—The missionary collection in the Methodist church last Sunday evening amounted to upwards of eighty dollars.

—The merchants have done a good trade this week and their holiday sales are likely to foot fully up to the average.

—Kidder, Peabody & Co., Boston, bankers, announce that they have received $627 towards the Windsor relief fund.

—Evidently otters are increasing in numbers in Nova Scotia. Mr. Bert Kinney has secured about a dozen skins within the past month.

—The police officer is busy collecting overdue water taxes. He is armed with a wrench to shut off the water in case of non-payment.

—Mrs. W. A. Corbitt, of Clarence, who was stricken with paralysis on the 9th inst., is now able to sit up and is quite improved in health

—Rev. F. P. Greatorex, rector of St. James, gave his annual magic lantern exhibition to the children of that Sunday School, last evening.

—The schr. Nugget sailed last week with a load of hay for the West Indies. The river is now blocked with ice and navigation is surely closed for the season.

—Curry Bros. & Bent's men have been working over time for the past week or two in order to meet the rush of work with which the factory is being favored.

—Mrs. Jerusha Phinney, widow of the late Phineas Phinney, of Upper Granville, died at her home in that place on the 13th inst., at the advanced age of ninety years.

—Olive Branch Division has changed its night of meeting from Saturday to Thursday. At the meeting tomorrow night the officers for the next quarter will be elected.

—Mr. E. G. Langley, late proprietor of the Grand Central, is taking a holiday trip as far south as Virginia. Mrs. Langley is staying with her mother, Mrs. John Munro.

—Crescent Lodge, I. O. O. F. elects officers for ensuing year next Monday night. Other business of importance will be transacted. A full attendance of the members is requested.

—In an interview with the St. John *Sun* Superintendent Gifkins of the D. A. R. says that next season they will give exceptionally fine steamer connection between Nova Scotia and the United States.

—The band of the Leinster regiment, Halifax, with its celebrated Irish pipers, passed through Bridgetown on Monday's express en route for St. John, where they had been engaged for a series of concerts.

—Capt. Joseph Hall, a well known citizen of Granville Ferry died on the 11th inst. His second wife, one son, George, and three daughters, Mrs. Jas. R. Hall, Mrs. Haycock and Mrs. Fred Troop survive him.

—Mr. Frank Fowler has sold his driving mare, "Clara C," to Mr. F. P. Roop, of Middleton. Mr. Roop has obtained a tidy little roadster and a trotter that can turn a half mile track very close to 2 30.

—Mrs. Jane Quereaux, formerly of Granville died at Lynn, Mass., recently, aged 80 years. She was the widow of Capt. Elias Quereaux, who was lost at sea, and had lived in Lynn for nearly thirty years.

CHEAP FARES.—Excursion tickets can be had from all stations on the Dominion Atlantic Ry. to Boston by steamer "Boston" on December 22nd, 25th and 29th, good to return up to and including January 7th.

—Mr. H. J. Crowe intends lumbering this winter at Walker's Lake, Young's Cove and Dalhousie. Young's Cove will be a new field for this work, but Mr. Crowe purposes cutting about a million feet there this winter.

—Several notes of the defunct Bank of Prince Edward Island are floating around Bridgetown, and several attempts have been made to pass them off at face value in payment for goods purchased from local merchants.

—The Court of Foresters held an interesting meeting last Wednesday night. Strong efforts are to be made to increase the membership and awaken a new interest in court here. A meeting will be held one week from to night.

—An agent for the Columbia chainless bicycle was at the Grand Central last week with a sample wheel. The new wheel weighs about twenty six pounds and runs "smooth as oil." The chainless Columbia will cost about $140 to Valley purchasers.

—The Bridgetown Larrigan Co. have our thanks for a neat photo calendar for 1898. Mr. McKenzie says business is unusually good and his eighteen employes are hard pressed to fill the orders that are coming in. The firm is turning out an excellent line of goods and their practical monopoly of the business in this province is one of the reasons for their largely increasing sales.

—The Clarence Baptist Sunday-school purposes holding its annual concert on Sunday evening, the 26th of December. The programme will consist of a Christmas exercise entitled, "Out of that Wonderful Night." Admission at the door ten cents, children five cents, proceeds to go for the benefit of the library. If the evening is not fine the concert will take place on Monday evening.

—Late Militia general orders affect the 69th battalion. In No. 3 Company, Captain and Brevet Major Wade is permitted to resign his commission and to retain the rank of Major on his retirement. Lieut. John Bustin is promoted to Captain, vice Wade. Second Lieutenant Arthur Gurney is raised to First Lieutenant, vice Bustin promoted. Angus McPhee is appointed Second Lieutenant, vice Gurney promoted.

—The colored Baptists of Inglewood have had some trouble lately in their selection of a leader for their prayer meeting services, and the matter culminated last week in an action being brought against a prominent member for disturbing the meetings. The trial was held in Justice Legg's court and attracted considerable attention. Mr. Clements the defendant in the action was honorably acquitted and the costs were taxed on the plaintiffs.

—About 10 o'clock yesterday morning one more of our aged residents passed away,—Mrs. Oliver Foster, mother of Mr. Sydney Foster of this town and Robert H. Foster, of Wolfville. Her sickness was of short duration, lasting but four days. Pneumonia, so fatal to the aged, seized her on Saturday and ended her days on earth in so short a time. She will be buried from the home on Thursday afternoon. We extend our sympathies to those who mourn.

—For the Christmas Holidays the Dominion Atlantic Railway will issue excursion return tickets at one first class fare to all points from December 31st, to January 1st, inclusive, good to return until January 7th, 1898, and to Boston via Yarmouth from December 21st to 31st, inclusive, good to return until January 9th 1898. The Dominion Atlantic Ry. has taken this initial step in offering to the public Christmas holiday excursion tickets to Boston something which has never been done before. The Prince Edward leaves Yarmouth on Tuesday and Friday at 4 p. m.

—The Committee appointed by Rothsay Lodge, No. 41, A. F. and A. M. on the celebration of St. John's Day have about perfected their arrangements. The lodge will meet at their hall at 6.30 p. m., will then, under charge of the marshal, form in procession and march to the Methodist church, where a sermon will be preached at 7 o'clock by Bro. Rev. J. H. Strothard. They will then return to their hall, and accompanied by their lady friends sit down to a dinner, which will be served by Mr. Belcher, of the Grand Central Hotel. Music, consisting of harp and violin has been secured for the occasion, and if the evening is fine, one of the most enjoyable entertainments in the history of Rothsay Lodge is looked for.

Special Business Locals.

—Big assortment of Handkerchiefs at John Lockett & Son's. 38 2i

—Oranges only 25c. a dozen at Crowe & Parker's. 39 1i

—See the Christmas Stockings all ready filled at Crowe & Parker's. 39 1i

—10c will buy Christmas Stockings already filled, at Crowe & Parker's. 39 1i

—We have a snap in Ladies' Fur Capes and Cloth Mantles. John Lockett & Son. 38 2i

—10 dozen more Men's Heavy Flannelette Night Shirts at only 59c. John Lockett & Son. 38 2i

—Don't miss seeing our grand display of Gent's Ties, 600 different patterns. John Lockett & Son. 38 2i

—Did you know that Crowe & Parker are selling 4 lbs of nice Mixed Candy for 25c., until after Christmas. 39 1i

—A present of a fifteen cent stick pin with every dollar's worth of goods you buy of Sancton during the holiday season.

Bridgetown Cheese & Butter Company.

The third annual meeting of the above company was held on Thursday last at Victoria Hall. There was a good attendance of shareholders and patrons of the company, the chair being occupied by the president, John Ervin. The minutes of last meeting having been read and approved, the president referred briefly to the operations of the year and congratulated the shareholders on the very gratifying success of the factory, as shown in the increased milk production in the district, and the slight increase in the amount paid for the milk to the patrons this year over last year, owing partly to the greater quantity of milk manufactured into butter and cheese, and partly to the better market for those products. The butter plant which had been put in this season had proved a gratifying success. The factory commenced earlier and continued longer this year than since the first year of its operation. He referred in regrettable terms to the fact that sufficient stock had not been subscribed to pay for the butter plant, and it would not have been in existence had the directors not taken the risk and borrowed the amount required on their own personal liability. He hoped that the patrons of the company would, during the next season, subscribe liberally to the stock to enable the directors to pay off the debt incurred for the butter plant. As regards the government grant there was no doubt in his mind but that it would be paid to this company, as the directors had fully complied with the law in every respect. The financial report, which would be read, showed that the dividends of six per cent. would be paid on the stock, and sixty-two cents per hundred pounds for the milk to the patrons. In concluding he stated that he would not offer for re election, requesting that some one be elected in his place, as he had now served for three years and considered that he should be allowed to retire.

The financial statement was then read and ordered to be submitted to the auditors.

The following directors were re elected: Solomon Chute, James Marshall, Andrew Walker, Donald Messenger, Geo. Ruffee and A. O. Price. F. W. Sanford was elected director in the place of John Ervin, who retires.

Auditors re elected: Messrs. O. S. Miller and Alton Messenger.

A unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Sanford, the manager, and Mr. A. O. Price for their untiring efforts for the success of the company. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Mr. Ervin, the retiring member of the board and president, for his zealous activity and interest on behalf of the company.

B. Y. P. U. Lecture Course.

A course of lectures has been prepared by the executive of the county B. Y. P. U. in connection with the S. L. C. being now conducted by the different Unions. There are nine lectures with subjects as follows:

"The Life and Letters of the Apostle Peter." F. M. Young.

"The great preachers of the first five centuries." J. T. Eaton.

"The beginning of Pedo Baptism." S. Langille.

"A history of the New Testament Canon." E. P. Coldwell.

"The Roman Empire in Paul's day." E. E. Locke.

"A Biographical Study of the Writers of the New Testament." J. Webb.

"The Gnostic Heresy." J. W. Brown.

"Lay preaching during the early centuries." E. L. Steeves.

(Subject not announced.) G. J. C. White.

The course is opened this week, different speakers appearing in the several places where there are Unions. Each lecturer is to speak at least once a month during the winter on the subject assigned him.

The County B. Y. P. U. is to meet at Nictaux in their annual conference on Monday and Tuesday, 10th and 11th of January, when addresses will be delivered by Dr. Trotter, Prof. J. F. Tufts and Rev. F. M. Young. The session will be held in connection with the county conference.

PROVINCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

Parrsboro will soon be lighted by electricity.

Coast Railway construction has ended for the winter.

Yarmouth contributed $2,250 towards the Acadia University fund.

G. D. Campbell, of Weymouth, shipped 3,750,000 feet of lumber last season.

W. E. Bligh, of Truro, doing business under the name of Bligh & Prince, has assigned.

The Richardson mine, at Isaac's Harbor, yielded a fine gold brick, worth some $6,000, last month.

A Newfoundland schooner was seized at North Sydney last week for smuggling liquors and tobacco.

The actual deficit of the Halifax exhibition commission amounts to $24,613 with $2,000 yet to be adjusted.

One hundred and twenty one applications for liquor licenses in Halifax this year against one hundred and fourteen last year.

F. E. Palmer, of Kingston, Kings county, has bought and shipped over four car loads of cranberries for a firm in Montreal this year.

The Shelburne *Budget* says that Pierce, the winner of the sixth prize in the great six day's bicycle race in New York, is a Shelburne county boy.

Capt. E. O. Smith of the steamer Yarmouth left on the 16th for Boston en route for England, where he has gone to procure a fast steamer for the South Shore route. —*Yarmouth Light.*

Wm. H. Gibson died at Chihuahua, Mex., Dec. 2. He was of the Halifax firm of Doull & Gibson, and later went into business in Truro and Kentville. He was about 48 years of age and leaves a wife and four children.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Editor Cox. of the Middleton *Outlook*, was in town on Monday.

Mr. W. A. Simson of Halifax was in town last Monday.

Mr. Jno. Lonergan the well known insurance man is in town.

Mrs. Cann, of Yarmouth, is visiting her son, Mr. W. H. Cann here.

Rev. Mr. McCurdy preached in the Presbyterian church last Sunday.

Rev. W. Phillips of Digby preached in the Methodist church here last Sunday evening.

Miss Bertha Ruggles, of Barton, has been in town for a few days visiting her friend Miss Lyle McCormick.

Mrs. Melville Johnson, of Moluncus, Me., arrived Monday to spend a few weeks with her father, Mr. John McCormick.

Rev. R. Osgood Morse, of Lawrencetown has accepted a pastorate in Guysboro County. He and his family left last week for the new station.

J. Edwards Leckie, left Rossland, B. C., on the 6th inst. for the Slocan, where he has charge of the development work on the Velvet property.

Miss Annie Russell, who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Freeman, for several months, returns this week to her home in Newcastle, N. B.

Mr. J. S. Perry arrived from Boston on Wednesday and has rented part of Mrs. Abner Foster's house where he and Mrs. Perry will reside for the winter.

Mr. C. N. Strickland who has been in charge of the Union Bank Agency here since its establishment leaves for Halifax to-day and Mr. N. R. Burrows enters upon his duties as agent.

—The Bowker will, in which Ingraham B. Bohaker has a large interest, has not yet been passed upon by the Supreme Court of Massachusetts, and probably will not be reached for some time yet owing to the large accumulation of business. The last will of the deceased was set aside in the Probate Court upon the application of the children of Thomas A. Balcom, who had been omitted therefrom, and an appeal was then taken by John Bowker to the higher court. Ingraham Bohaker's interest in the estate does not depend on the will alone, for if it be set aside he comes in as a next of kin for an equal share with the brothers and sisters.

West Brooklyn.

A very pleasant social event took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs H. R. Hiner, West Brooklyn, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 14th, it being the fifth anniversary of their marriage. A sumptuous supper was served and a very enjoyable evening was spent. At a late hour the company dispersed leaving tokens of esteem in wood, glass, etc., and wishing the host and hostess many years of happy and prosperous wedded life.

Hampton.

TIN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Farnsworth celebrated the tenth anniversary of their wedded life on Tuesday evening, Dec. 14th. About forty of their friends were present. A bountiful repast was prepared by the hostess, to which ample justice was done by those present. A large table was loaded with useful and appropriate presents. The evening was spent very pleasantly. Rev. Mr. Coldwell gave a short address, expressing his happiness at being present at so pleasant a gathering, and, in behalf of the host and hostess, thanked the guests for their useful presents.

Upper Granville.

Mr. William Hart and family have removed to Clarence.

Rev. Mr. Phillips occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church Sunday morning last.

Mr. George Young has recently returned from the States, and is prepared to do blacksmithing at his old stand. As Mr. Young is a neat and painstaking workman, we bespeak for him a share of public patronage.

Mr. Hoffman, of Upper Clarence, who purchased from Mr. Jas. E. Burns, the farm of the late Owen Bent, has moved his family here and is comfortably settled in his new home. We welcome them to our neighborhood.

Mt. Hanley.

Merry Xmas to the many readers of the MONITOR.

The farmers have been for the last week improving the soft weather by plowing.

Mr. Alfred Phinney from Lawrencetown has been visiting his many friends here.

We are glad to report that Mrs. William Daniels who had a cancer taken out of her breast a few weeks ago is able to sit up. We hope she will still improve.

Mr. Charles W. Daniels and bride from Worcester, Mass., arrived home last Thursday to visit his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Daniels. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Daniels and wish them many years of happiness in their married life,

Paradise.

A Merry Christmas to the MONITOR and its readers.

The Sabbath school has a concert and Christmas tree on Thursday evening.

Miss Balcom has a Christmas tree and entertainment on Wednesday afternoon.

The Division is now fairly at work with Mr. I. M. Longley as Worthy Patriarch.

Mrs. Cole returned from Dartmouth on Saturday, accompanied by her son Mr. R. H. Cole and his bride.

Mr. Robbie S. Leonard, Miss Crisp, Miss Delap and Miss Longley of Wolfville are home for the Holiday season.

The social season was opened very pleasantly by Mrs. Cole on Saturday evening and Mrs. W. E. Starratt on Monday evening, entertaining their friends.

Lower Granville.

A clam supper was held at the residence of Mr. Joseph Healy last week. Proceeds ($18.00) towards funds of Episcopal church.

Bishop Courtney confirmed six candidates in Christ's Church on Wednesday last, after which he delivered a very interesting address.

Another clam supper is advertised for the evening of the 22nd at the residence of David M. Foster, Esq., in the interest of the Baptist church.

The death occurred at his home in Karsdale on Thursday last of Joshua Croscup, Esq., after a lengthy illness. Mr. Croscup was one of our best known and generally esteemed neighbors. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon Rev. Mr. Warren conducting the services.

Springfield.

We are sorry to report Edward Sprowl very ill.

Mrs. Burns, of Boston, was the guest of Mrs. Adelaide Saunders last week.

A special Christmas service will be held at the Baptist church on Sunday morning, the 26th.

The ladies are busy preparing for the Farmer's Supper which is to take place on the 27th.

The High Chief Ranger I. O. F. was in Springfield on the 20th. He left here for New Germany.

The services, next Sunday will be as follows: Springfield at 11 a. m., Lake Pleasant at 2.30 p. m., Falkland Ridge at 7 p. m.

Court Forest Flower, I. O. F., will hold its regular monthly session on Tuesday, the 28th. The members will please take notice.

Fort Lorne.

Mr. John Ray is visiting friends here.

Mr. John Graves is home from sea. He came from Halifax on the 13th.

Capt Elias and Mrs. Brinton of Bear River have been visiting their parents and other friends here.

The sewing circle, intend holding a Xmas tree on Friday evening 24th, inst at the hall. All are invited.

Repairs on the pier are about completed; the engineer expressed himself as well satisfied with the way in which the work had been performed.

Mr. George Corbett is getting along nicely with his new house. Mr. Arthur Neaves has his house up, boarded in and roof shingled. Mr. Loring Beardsley is making good progress in remodelling the brown store into a dwelling house.

Outram.

The farmers have killed their poultry and sold them to different purchasers.

Mr. Maitland Balsor, who has been in Natick, Mass., for a few years is visiting friends here.

Mr. Simon O'Neal is home from Cambridge, Mass., where he has been working for the past summer.

Mrs. Parker N. Banks, who has been afflicted for the last four months with sciatica, is around again doing her own work.

Christmas with all its joy will be past and gone when we read the pages of another MONITOR and your correspondent sends best wishes for a very happy Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Miller arrived home after being absent for the last few months. Mrs. Miller has been visiting her parents in Moncton. Mr. Miller has been travelling agent for Dr. S. N. Miller.

We are sorry to report that one of our most estimable young men, Mr. Frank Balsor, is at present sick with appendicitis. He has undergone an operation. Dr. Morse, jr. and Dr. Primrose, from Lawrencetown, have been in attendance.

East Dalhousie.

Mr. A. A. Forestal, of Lawrencetown was here for a few days quite recently.

Miss May Wilson spent a few days quite recently, visiting friends on the Alton Road.

Pastor and Mrs. Webb were the guests of Squire T. A. Wilson on the 18th and 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. Constant Gaul welcomed a young gentleman to their home on the 5th inst.

Our school teacher, Miss DeVaney will spend the holidays at her home at West Dalhousie.

Mr. W. Sprowl, of Falkland Ridge, was here getting orders for "Our Native Herbs" last week.

Mr. and Mrs T. Mack, who have been in Boston since spring, returned home quite recently, to spend the winter.

The last Dalhousie Division monthly paper, which was edited by Miss DeVaney and Mr. Robert Wilson, was a great success.

Rev. Fr. O'Sullivan, P. P., preached at the Catholic chapel and Rev. J. Webb preached at the Baptist church last Sunday.

Mrs. Isabella Kempton who has been staying at her brother's, Mr. T. A. Wilson, left for the Annapolis Valley where she will visit friends previous to her departure to Boston

Lobster Regulations for Bay of Fundy.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The minister of marine and fisheries had under consideration some time ago the necessity of amending the lobster regulations so as to preserve the live lobster fishery; especially in the Bay of Fundy. Owing to representations made to him as to the injustice which would follow if these regulations were introduced without plenty of notice, the minister has decided not to bring the new regulations into force at present, as new regulations will shortly be made public to take effect at a future date.

—It is said that the agents of the Nova Scotia Game Society for Digby county are prosecuting the Stebelins, of New France, for wholesale slaughter of moose. It is alleged that 18 moose have been caught in snares by them.

New Advertisements.

SITUATION WANTED

Should anyone be in need of a good housekeeper, one capable of taking charge of all the departments of the home; or companion to the aged or invalid, they will find it to their advantage to communicate without delay to

REV. F. M. YOUNG.

Bridgetown, Dec. 22nd, 1897.

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

WM. C. BATH.

Bridgetown, Dec. 22nd., 1897.

An Excellent Christmas Present

especially to relatives abroad, would be the **Calnek-Savary History of Annapolis County**; sold by E. Dodge, Esq., and Miss Elderkin, Bridgetown; or forwarded by Judge Savary from his residence, Annapolis. $3.75 will cover book and expense of sending by mail or express. 38 2i

STRAYED OR STOLEN!

FROM the pasture of the subscriber, two yearling Jersey Heifers, each marked with swallow-tail in left ear and square crop off left ear, with notch in under side; one of light color, the other red or brown color. Information which will enable the subscriber to recover them will be suitably rewarded with not less than five dollars.

T. W. CHESLEY.

Granville, December 6th, 1897.—37 tf

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NOTICE!

All persons having accounts of any kind against the Municipality of Annapolis, are requested to render them to the undersigned not later than December 31st. The next meeting of the committee after January 1st will be on the 1st day of April 1898, and bills not in hand by the end of the year will not be considered till 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.
FREEMAN FITCH.
E. H. TUPPER.
Committee on Tenders and Public Property.

Bridgetown, Dec. 15th, 1897.

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THURSDAY, Dec. 30th,

AT ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.,

at the premises of the late ROBERT FITZRANDOLPH, the following

Stock and Farming Implements:

1 mare, 7 years old; 1 farrow cow, 1 cow, in calf; 1 heifer, 2 years old; 1 calf, 1 pair bob sleds, 1 truck wagon, 2 riding wagons, 1 sleigh, 9 tons hay, 2 ladders, 3 rollers, 1 single horse mower, 1 hores rake, 1 plow, 1 grindstone, 2 harnesses, shovels, rakes, hoes, chains, etc.

TERMS.—Under $5 00, Cash; above that amount, 6 months, with approved joint notes.

ALDA K. FITZRANDOLPH
S. BURPEE FITZRANDOLPH

BIG!!

Oranges, Lemons,
Dates, Figs, Nuts,
Raisins, Currants,

and the largest stock of

Confectionery

IN TOWN.

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 to get.

R. SHIPLEY.

A Bird in the Hand is worth Two in the Bush.

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

Something Better!

Here it is, to judge for yourself. From now until January 1st, 1897, we will give a

Discount of 25 per cent

on all Dry Goods, Ready-made Clothing, Horse Rugs, Buffalo Robes, Boots and Shoes, and a **Discount of 15 p. c.** on all Xmas Goods and Shelf Groceries.

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.

Lawrencetown, December 18th, 1897.

BRIDGETOWN IMPORTING HOUSE!

(CLEARANCE SALE)

WE NOW BEGIN OUR

Annual Cash Clearance Sale!

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

1	LADIES' JACKET,	$18 00	- Reduced to		$12 00
2	"	" 12 50		" "	9 00
1	"	" 12 00		" "	8 50
1	"	" 11 00		" "	8 00
1	"	" 8 75		" "	6 00
2	"	" 8 50		" "	6 00
1	"	" 7 00		" "	5 00
2	"	" 6 50		" "	4 50
3	"	" 5 00		" "	3 00
3	"	" 4 25		" "	2 50
4	"	" 3 00		" "	2 25
A few odd lines,		- -		" "	2 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.

TO ALL OUR PATRONS WE EXTEND OUR THANKS FOR PAST FAVORS AND WITH THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON WE WISH YOU ALL

"A Merry Christmas

—AND—

A Happy New Year."

JOHN LOCKETT & SON.

2 Only 2 more days . . 2

—TO PURCHASE YOUR—

. . Christmas Gifts!

We are Ready to Show You Now!

FULL LINES IN ALL DEPARTMENTS!

A glance at the Goods in our store will assure you that sensible gifts are what you may expect, at the **lowest possible prices.**

FOR LADIES!

HEAVY FLANNELETTE WRAPPERS!

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LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS.

Our usual large assortment comprising

PLAIN HEMMED STITCHED LINEN,
PLAIN HEMMED STITCHED LAWN,
FANCY HEMMED STITCHED LAWN,
FANCY PLAIN BORDERS in great variety from 3c. to 47c. each. Children's from 1c. up.

FURS

of every description, comprising

FUR RUFFS from 60c. to $9 75 each;
STORM COLLARS from $1.25 to $9.75;
CAPETTES from $6 00 to $15.75;
FUR JACKETS from $18 00 to $44 00.

. . DRESS . .
. . GOODS . .

in plain and heavy mixed effects, a great variety, from 18c. per yard to $1 40.

Great Reduction in

Ladies' Felt Walking Hats,
Ladies' Felt Turbans,
Ladies' Felt Sailors.

SHADES.—Black, Brown, Navy Blue, Green and Mixed Tweed Effects.

Our 50c and 55c. - Reduced to 38c
" 80c and 85c. - " " 60c
" 95c - - - " " 70c
" $1 10 - - - " " 80c

Call early and get first choice.

SILKS!

PLAIN JAPANESE SILKS for Blouse or or Fancy Work, 27 inch wide, in all shades;
FANCY BLOUSE SILKS in great variety,
SILK CUSHION TOPS, hand painted and worked;
SILK DRAPERIES of every description.

All suitable Xmas Gifts.

PERRIN'S

GLOVES

PERRIN'S KID GLOVES!

Every pair guaranteed.

Just opened, a full range of shades in the above celebrated make of Kid Gloves, in

Plain Kid Points, 7 hook lacing.
Heavy Stitched Back, 7-hook lacing.
Heavy Stitched, large 2 button.

Remember every pair guaranteed.

Great Reduction in

LADIES' JACKETS.

A choice lot to select from.

FOR GENTLEMEN!

Fine assortment of Neckwear, Elegant Silk Mufflers, Cashmere Mufflers, Plain and Hem Stitched Linen Handkerchiefs, Plain and Hem Stitched Lawn Handkerchiefs, Plain and Hem Stitched Silk Handkerchiefs in white and colors, Goat Skin Gloves (silk lined), Undressed Kid (silk lined), Goat Skin Gloves (wool lined), Undressed Kid (wool lined), Ringwood Gloves (plain and wool lined), Umbrellas, Braces, etc., etc., any of which would make a useful and lasting Xmas Gift.

Full lines of Christmas and New Year's Cards, Fancy Baskets, Dolls, Fancy Boxes Papertries.

STRONG & WHITMAN.