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### WEST PARADISE

Miss Louise Morse returned from Acadia to spend the Easter holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Morse.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Saunders spent the Easter holidays at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John VanPinskirk, of Wilmet.  
Mr. Arthur Moxie made a flying trip to Halifax last week.

Mr. Karl Saunders spent the Easter holiday at South Farmington.  
Miss Mabel Shipp has been visiting here, the guest of her friend, Miss Edna Sheridan.  
Miss Pearl Parker, teacher at Marshfield, spent on Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Saunders, continuing on Friday to South Farmington to spend the remainder of the Easter holiday at her home there.

Mrs. Thomas Borden and her brother, Mr. Melvin Daniels, were to have left for Boston on Friday last, but owing to the delay of trains, the trip had to be deferred for a time. On the preceding Wednesday evening a host of friends gathered at the home of Mr. Norris Daniels, taking a most enjoyable evening was spent by all.  
La grippe is prevalent throughout the community.

**THE RUBBER OUTLOOK**  
So far as Malaya is concerned restriction has had a very beneficial result on the outlook. Some experts confidently predict a continuous rise in price, and at least one expresses the belief that there will actually be a shortage in 1925.—Singapore Free Press.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR YEAR 1922

Mr. President, Councilors and Members:  
Following is the Secretary's report for the past year:  
The Annual Meeting of the Board was held on Tuesday evening, February 14th, at 8 o'clock, President Hicks in the chair. Total number of members present, thirteen.

After the annual routine business was disposed of, many matters of general interest were discussed. The first matter to receive attention was a suggestion made by Dr. Armstrong that, as it was then about 50 years since the founding of our town of Bridgetown, that the event should be recognized by a Centennial Celebration and an Old Home Week. This was undertaken by the Board of Trade, assisted by committees from the churches and local organizations and was carried out very successfully. The celebration began on Sunday, September the 2nd, with appropriate church services for the occasion, followed on Monday with a big day of sports and a grand street parade. The next three days were devoted to historic events. The celebration closed on Thursday after five days of very interesting programme. Many prominent speakers were present during the week from different parts of Canada and many former Bridgetown residents were about town renewing old acquaintances.

Our old friend the "Owl" was once again up for discussion. As there had been some doubt as to whether, or not, we would have this train service during the Summer months, some activity was created by the Board of Trade and interested citizens, between Kentville and Lunenburg, who brought considerable pressure to bear on the management of the D.A.E. with the result that the service was restored and the train operated until Christmas.

On the evening of May 2nd the Board held a very enjoyable banquet at Riverside Inn. About twenty-five members were present with the town clergymen as guests. Among the out of town guests were Mr. Geo. M. Graham, General Manager of the Dominion Atlantic Railway, and Professor W. S. Blair, Superintendent of the Experimental Farm, Kentville. While an excellent dinner was being disposed of, very fine music was furnished by the Bridgetown orchestra which was followed by the usual toasts, funny stories and many interesting and humorous speeches. The evening was pleasantly spent and enjoyed by all.

The matter of free express delivery was taken up by the Secretary and gone into very fully with the head officials of the Dominion Express Co., who made a special visit here to look over the situation. As one of the requirements for free delivery is that there shall be an area of at least a half square mile, as Bridgetown did not measure up to this requirement, free delivery could not be granted.

On February 26th, the Council was called together to consider the contents of the telegrams received from the Moncton Board of Trade respecting the location of the Western terminal of the Atlantic region of the Canadian National Railway. The matter was discussed quite fully and a letter was sent to the Moncton Board regretting our inability to send a delegate to the meeting of the Maritime Boards at Amherst, but that we stood united in any support of any action taken at the meeting for the betterment of railway conditions in the Maritime Provinces.

A very strong resolution was forwarded from the general meeting at Amherst to Sir Henry Thornton, Premier King, and several government officials, protesting against any change in the Western terminal. As far as I am aware, no direct reply has been received from Mr. Thornton, although a communication was received by the Secretary of the St. John Board of Trade, stating that it is impossible to make Montreal the dividing line and that he understood that it was the wish of the Maritime people that the International be kept intact, that is Halifax to Riviere du Loup. At the request of the meeting at Amherst, Sir Henry Thornton has agreed to meet representatives of the Maritime Boards at Montreal during the week of April the 9th to go into the matter fully and placed a C.N.R. business car at their disposal to and from Moncton.

The Council of the Board met again on February 28th for the purpose of considering the resolution as passed by the Municipal Council at its last session, asking the Provincial Legislature to repeal an Act of 1869 which stated that the Spring Supreme Courts and the Fall County Courts should be held in Bridgetown. As the repealing of this Act would be detrimental to the interests of Bridgetown, as well as a great inconvenience to the residents of the Eastern part of the County, in that all courts would be held in Annapolis, your Council sent resolutions of protest to Premier Armstrong, Attorney General W. J. O'Hearn, Hon. O. T. Daniels and Mr. F. R. Elliott. While I have no official statement, I understand

that the resolution of the Municipal Council will not be introduced at the present session of the house. Numerous letters and resolutions have been received from the Secretary of the Kentville Board of Trade, relative to the locating in Nova Scotia of retired British India officers. A few men are due to arrive any day now. I think immediate action should be taken to see that this section of the Valley gets a fair share. It would be very helpful to this community if a number of this fine type of men could be located in or near Bridgetown. Our Province to-day is in great need of settlers with agricultural experience who are willing to clear up and develop our fertile lands and everything possible should be done to encourage this class of people. A Bill has been recently introduced in the New Brunswick Legislature to enable rural Municipalities to grant loans to farmers so as to relieve them of financial embarrassment and to encourage agricultural development. These loans to be secured by mortgage at a rate of interest not to exceed 5% and up to a value of 50% of the farm. I think this a capital idea, as it will enable farmers to discharge liabilities incurred by the improvement and development of their land as well as assist them in erecting suitable buildings, and in stocking their farms. All of this will tend to greater production and eventually a boom to our country. I think some such legislation should be enacted in the Province of Nova Scotia if not already there.

Some letters were also received from the Kentville Board regarding the encouragement of tourist travel. On March 19th a conference of representatives of Boards of Trade and newspapers from Halifax to Yarmouth was held at Kentville and by unanimous agreement supported the Old Home Summer for Nova Scotia. It was decided that the delegates present should form themselves into an "Annapolis Valley Tourist Association", ranging from Windsor to Yarmouth and urged that the government should expend at least \$15,000 for the organization of tourist publicity. As there is to be a meeting in Kentville in a few days for organization purposes, we are asked to select a member to be our representative of this Association. This, of course, will be given your immediate attention.

Since our last Annual Meeting we are again called upon to suffer the loss of one of our very active and valued members, Captain Wm. R. Longmire. Captain Longmire's great interest in all public matters and his untiring efforts for the welfare of the community will ever be remembered. His absence now will be keenly felt, not only among the business men of Bridgetown, but throughout the business world. His influence and standard of business will be an example to us and to those who follow to his bereaved family.

Considerable business depression has been felt in Bridgetown during the past year. A large percentage of the trade comes from the farmer and the farmers who depend mostly on their apples for their living were rather hard hit, there being a poor market and only fair prices. While some of our local industries are not enjoying their usual business activity, one, at least, is showing a little sign of life. The very rainy Summer, followed by an extremely severe Winter and an over-abundance of snow, has put a handicap on the general merchandising of goods, but the merchants are hoping for a prosperous Summer, when conditions may right themselves.

W. H. MAXWELL,  
Secretary,  
Bridgetown, N. S.  
April 5th, 1922.

**AMERICANS BUY  
CANADIAN GOODS**  
Washington—During 1922, Canada sold more goods to the United States than any other country, according to figures issued by the Department of Commerce. These show that the total value of imports from Canada during the year were \$364,026,424. Imports from Great Britain totalled \$356,927,197. The imports from the Dominion show a substantial increase over those of 1921, during which year the United States received from Canada goods valued at \$235,411,044.

Great Britain's exports to the United States during 1921 totalled \$238,796,658.

**COLDEST MARCH  
SINCE YEAR 1840**  
Montreal—March came in like a lion and is going out in the same way. Meteorologists have searched their records here for a parallel to the present March and find it the coldest since 1840.

**FINED FOR KILLING MOOSE**  
Annapolis, N.S.—Harold Trimmer, of Greenland, N. S., was before Magistrate Hiram McKay, of Annapolis Royal, last week, and fined \$400 and costs for killing moose and possessing illegally moose meat.

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**CLEMENTSALE**  
Miss Esther Riley, of Lawrencetown, spent her Easter vacation with her cousin, Mrs. George Cross.  
Mr. Ralph Pierce has returned home from Boston on account of illness. We all hope him a speedy recovery.  
A dance was held at Mr. Hanley Milner's Monday night. All spent a very pleasant evening. Refreshments were also served.  
Mrs. Arthur Pulley and daughter, Miss Jennie Pulley, of Victoria, spent Sunday with their cousin, Mr. and Mrs. George Cross.  
Mr. Joshua Simpson, of Victoria, spent Saturday with his daughter, Mrs. Stewart Potter.  
Mr. DeWhite Hubley, of Waldeck, spent Tuesday with Mr. J. A. Wamboldt.

A business meeting was held in the Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon with a view to calling a minister. Some are ill at the time of writing. We wish them speedy recovery.  
A criminal at Lexington, Ky., has been given two life sentences, to run simultaneously.

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No. 100—From Yarmouth, Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, arrives 1.45 a.m.

**TRAWLERS IDLE WHILE  
GERMANS REAP BENEFITS**  
London.—The strike of the fishermen of Aberdeen against the landing at that port of fish caught by Germans in the North Sea has been in progress a month, and 340 trawlers are idle in consequence, although German vessels continue to land fish daily at Aberdeen.  
The Lord Provost of the city has advised the local fishermen to protest to the government direct against this state of things, and his advice will probably be taken.