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THE MONITOR WISHES ITS MANY READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The ratemakers have authorized the granting of a free right-of-way through the town, to the Middleton and Victoria Beach railway and the construction of a new brick school building at a cost not to exceed ten thousand dollars.

Mr. William Woodland, the small-pox patient at Carleton's Corner, has almost fully recovered. After two months of isolation the quarantine has been raised and the nurse, Miss Pines, of Kingsport, has returned to her home.

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The annual convention of the Fruit Growers' Association will be held at Wolfville, commencing Monday evening, January 20th, 1902. The Dominion Department of Agriculture is taking a very practical interest in these farmers' gatherings.

Constable Harry Wright of Halifax has been doing very effective work in this locality within the last few days in unearthing stolen goods and placing suspected thieves under arrest.

Lawrence A. Wilson, of Montreal, president of the Imperial Bachelors' Association, sends news that the association will oppose prohibition with all their might. He does not agree with the oft-expressed opinion that prohibition would not decrease the use of liquor.

Local and Special News.

—Data sold for sixty cents per bush in Kenville last week. —Hay is selling here for about \$10 a ton loose or \$12 pressed.

—The ratemakers last Friday voted to borrow \$20,000 for a sewerage system for the town, in December 1st.

—The ratemakers of Wolfville will vote on a proposal to borrow \$24,000 for a sewerage system for the town, in December 1st.

—The D. A. R. steamer Prince Edward will go south again this winter, having been chartered by the Flagler Eastern Coast System to run between Miami, Fla., and Nassau, N. P.

—While the snow lasted the trade in spruce was brisk and a large quantity of it was hauled into town. The price this winter runs at \$2.00 per cord for good hard wood, and the demand is fully equal to the supply.

—Messrs. R. J. and Alton Messer have bought up about all the surplus hay in western Annapolis for shipment to heavy hauler operators in Digby county. They are shipping thirty tons a month for three logging camps.

—Capt. Thos. W. Templeman, of Port Lorne, who has been in Lynn for the past four or five years, purchased a fishing schooner a few days ago and will engage in the fishery during the winter.

—The Sons of Temperance Committee on Legislation have decided to invite a prohibition conference of representatives of the various churches and temperance organizations at Y. M. C. A. rooms, Truro, on Wednesday, January 16th, 1902, at 2:30 p. m.

—Mr. Chas. Piggett purchased a large drop of sheep last week, taking the flock from Young's Cove to Digby Gut. There were two hundred and fifty in the flock he bought.

—For the Christmas holidays the Dominion Atlantic Railway will issue Excursion return tickets at single fare between all stations, from Dec. 21st to Jan. 1st, inclusive, good to return until Jan. 4th, and to Boston from Dec. 18th, to 25th, good to return within 30 days from date of issue.

—The ladies of St. James' church are preparing an excellent program for the reception which they propose holding in the Council room on the evening of January 2nd. There will be solos by Mrs. Harry Ruggles and Miss Lydia Munro, and others will sing. Cream and cake and home made candies will be for sale.

—The first quarterly session of Annapolis county District Division will be held with Olive Branch, Annapolis, on Thursday, Jan. 2nd, at 2:30 p. m. All Divisions are requested to elect representatives and forward credentials to the District Clerk. As it is the duty of the court and other business is to be transacted, as large an attendance of delegates as possible is desired.

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CHRISTMAS.

The following hymn is to be sung as a solo on Christmas Day in St. James church. Night of nights so calm and pure and holy.

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Holiday shoppers made good use of the good sleighing on Saturday and Monday and the streets of the town were lined with heavy teams and light rigs from early morning till late at night. Yesterday, the day before Christmas, counted by merchants as the best trading day of the year, under favorable conditions, was a regular business speller, and the rainy and disagreeable afternoon and evening will be responsible for the carrying over of much holiday stock.

If You Could Look into the future and see the condition to which your cough is subjected, you would see that it is a matter of time before it will naturally be through your throat.

FOR SALE A good pair of six-year-old work-horses in good order, for sale at a bargain. Apply to M. E. PIPER, Carleton's Corner.

FOR SALE A fine, good running horse, Mare, weight 1200 lbs., for sale at a bargain. Apply to M. E. PIPER, Carleton's Corner.

NOTICE All bills against the firm of Shaffer & Piggett must be brought at once, and not later than the 1st of January, 1902, to the firm's liabilities. SHAFER & PIGGOTT, Oct. 1st, 1901.

BRIDGETOWN CHEESE & BUTTER CO., LTD. The annual meeting of the above company will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Bridgetown, on Wednesday, Dec. 26th, 1901, at 8 o'clock. By order of the President, J. O. PRICE, Sec. Treas.

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Spectacles to suit all ages B. HAYEY & CO., Queen Street, BRIDGETOWN.

New Advertisements. FOR SALE! Good, heavy double team Harness at a bargain. F. H. JOHNSON, Carleton's Corner.

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Not an Old-Fashioned Santa Claus but one thoroughly up-to-date and he to be considered now. And we are prepared for such. We have a superb assortment of

Holiday Jewelry specially selected as being suitable for gifts. The stock consists of Clocks, Watches and Silverware of most beautiful design and finish. Prices will permit of many purchases. Only fourteen days to Christmas. Don't delay.

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NEW GOODS Carving Knives and Forks, Pocket Knives (fine lot), Glass Scissors (large and small), Butcher Knives, Cattle Ties, Axes, Whips and Lashes.

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N. M. SMITH, - Photographer, QUEEN STREET, BRIDGETOWN.

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GRAND DECEMBER SALE AND Holiday Souvenir Presentation! The greatest aggregation of Dry Goods, Furs, Clothing, Gents' Furnishings, ever shown in town. SOUVENIRS! \$500.00 worth of valuable Holiday Souvenirs in Hand-Painted Opal China, imported from one of the largest potteries in the United States specially for this sale. Also handsome Perfume Cases, Collar, Cuff, Necktie Cases, Ink Stands, Soap Boxes, Work Boxes, Cups and Saucers, Pin Cushions, Mirrors, etc. Any one of these articles will make an elegant as well as useful Christmas present. NO LOTTERY! NO GAME OF CHANCE! A present with every CASH purchase of \$1.00 upwards. Sale begins to-day (Dec. 4th) and continues until the end of the month. JOHN LOCKETT & SON.

Fall and Winter Stock complete! BRIDGETOWN HARNESS STORE Light Express and Team Harness. See our Harnesses at \$10, \$12 and \$14. Fur and Woolen Robes, Horse Blankets (all kinds), Sleigh Bells, Good stock Trunks and Bags. LOW PRICES. J. W. ROSS Bridgetown, Nov. 12th, 1901. FALL MILLINERY OPENING MISS CHUTE'S Oct. 9th and 10th. Private Sale! 1 yoke three-year-old Oxen (will trade for yoke of four-year-old), 1 Cow, 1 one-year-old Heifer, 1 plow box Wagon, 1 Ctr, 1 fine Reap, 5 tons of Hay. Apply to Wm. A. MARSHALL, Grandville St., Bridgetown.—39d