WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8TH, 1905.

-It is refreshing to find a political measure which both government and opposition unite in upholding as a neficial and proper national policy. The Conservative Victoria Colonist

The announcement from Ottawa that Canada will take over the Imperial defences at Esquimalt and Halifax is not unexpected, and will be received with general satisfaction. Logically, under our system of responsible government under our system of responsible government, it was the onlysthing to do, While the Dominion at any time would never have hesitated to assume a fair share of the burden of defence, it is obviously much preferable to assume complete control ourselves of our defences than to pay a fixed sum to Great Britain as a contribution and have no control over the expenditure. It is possible that the money, if spent by the Imperial Government would be equally effective. That, however, is not the question. The principle of retaining control over moneys voted for a specific purpose is an important one. Had Canada representation in the Imperial Government the position would

"Moreover, the feeling that we are providing for our defences at our own cost gives us a feeling of independence and relieves us from the imputation of enjoying protection which we do not pay for. Like the establishment of a mint, it may be largely a matter of sentiment, but, even so, it raises Canada a step in the scale of national dignity, and commands for it the increased respect of the world to that degree. Some such step was inevitable sconer or later, and during the enjoyment of unprecedented prosperity the time is now most opportune. It the time is now most opportune.

may be that, as some suspect, the o may be that, as some suspect, at jet of Sir. Wilfrid Laurier is gradually to reach the goal of Canadian in dependence. Whatever the object is, the policy is a proper one. While we do not believe that Canada will ever heart of the control of the c not believe that Canada will ever to as well off independent as part of the British Empire, nevertheless if the time should ever come when it may be deemed best in our own interests at take that step, the fact that we have become accustomed to the responsibilities of nationhood by their exercise will be so much to our advantage."

on, which has been consider ing the North Sea incident, must b event of more than temporary significance, and must do much to promo settlement of international disputes by arbitration. That their decision ha received the sanction and approval of both the British and Russian nations speaks volumes for the diplomacy of

the question of the presence or ab sence of Japanese torpedo boats in the whether members of the Board or not, North Sea, declaring merely that the are invited to be present. gered and that he had the right, under the circumstances, to act as Russian government's engagement to indemnify the victims of the deplor

Montreal Witness:-The fact tha fore the end of February sounds cheer ful to us in Quebec, who are still in the luxurious feather bed of winter while Nova Scotia is blockaded to the first explored the region, predicted mong whom is our Annapolis count that it would one day become the representative, Mr. J. A. Bancroft. most fertile and populous part of British North America. As the natu al habitat of the bison, he said i could not be otherwise. Published Great Britain, this fact will be the best of all advertisements, as Alberta is ahead of England.

Kings County Farmers' Association is Active.

The following resolutions, recent passed by the Farmers' Association our sister county, are most opportun and speak well for the enterprise of this Association. It is just such aggressive action as this by our fruit growers' and farmers' association that has resulted in much of the bes legislation for the benefit of our farm ers during the past two decades. These and other questions of importance will probably be discussed at the next of the Annapolis County Farmers' Association. In the mea time we commend them to the consid eration of the readers of our count R. J. MESSENGER, Secty. A. C. F. A

RESOLUTION RE FRUIT EXHIBI-TIONS PASSES BY THE BOARD. Whereas, The Fruit and Flower Shows previously held in Kentville, Bridgetown and Wolfville have been exceedingly useful in advertising and encouraging the fruit industry of this

refore Resolved, That the Kings Therefore Resolved, That the Kings County Farmers' Association earnestly urge upon our Provincial Government the importance of giving the Annapolis Valley an annual grant of five hundred dollars to aid in holding an annual Fruit Show.

C. C. H. EATON, President.

JOHN N. CHUTE, Secretary. Kentville, Jan. 23rd, 1905.

RESOLUTION RE STEAMSHIP SER-VICE PASSED BY THE BOARD. Whereas, The importers and exporters of merchandise, etc., in Canada have been seriously handicapped by the slow and irregular line of steamers running between the winter ports (St. John and Halifax) and London in the past.

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And Wiereas, The present service is
very unsatisfactory on account of not
fulfilling the specifications of the con-

fulfilling the specifications of the contract.

And whereas, We require a much faster service in order to keep the legitimate trade from being driven from Canadian ports to, those of our competitors, it is the opinion of the members of this Association here assembled that the movement taken by the St. John Board of Trade in requesting the Federal Government to call for tenders for an all-year-round service between the winter ports of the Maritime Provinces and London is a very important one and should be endorsed by every business man interested in the improvement of Canadian commerces.

Therefore resolved. That the Kings County Farmers' Association earnest-ly request the Department of Trade and Commerce to call for tenders for an adequate steamship service between St. John, Halifax and London after July, 1st next, as specified in the estimates, requesting such tenders to left open until April 1st, 1995.

C. C. H. EATON, President, John N. CHUTE, Secretary, Noticille N. S. Feb. 4th, 1995. last autumn in company with her two

Local and Special News.

ce of baptism at the Baptist Church

-Mr. Parker Whitman, while chopoing wood on Monday, had the misfortune to cut his left foot quite bad

-The days of sailing of the steamer Yarmouth from St. John to Digby and return are Monday, Wednesday, Thurs -Yesterday was the first day since

Feb. 10th that the Halifax daily papers have reached Bridgetown on the day of their publication. -Outlook:-The greatest farce of the ockade has been the Kentville-Midlleton mail service by team. That from Annapolis, after the first trip, has been well managed.

TO LET .- A small store. A good usiness situation, and at a reasonable UNION BANK OF HALIFAX,

Bridgetown, N. S has gone before and perhaps for what s yet to come, we have had ten days of almost uninterrupted sunshine and noderate temperature - ideal winter

-The lumbermen in various parts of the province are reported to be coming out of the woods. Owing to the great depth of snow, about five feet on the level, it is impossible for oper -The quarterly meeting of the An-

apolis County Baptist Ministerial Conference, which was announced to ake place at Annapolis Royal on February 20-21, has been postponed to March 13-14, at Annapolis. -Today being Ash Wednesday, di school-room at 7.30. During Lent, ser-

rices will be held every Wednesday a ternoon at 4 o'clock; also on Fridays at 4 o'clock (for children) and at 7.30 -Within the past few days more pots of alarming magnitude have been scovered on the sun. They are cor

idered ominous of atmospheric disturbance. The croakers are saying "they thought this weather was too -Services in the Baptist churche ext Sunday will be as follows:-Bridgetown, morning and evening with baptism at the latter service

ranville Centre, in the morning;

Centreville in the afternoon at 2 clock; and Dalhousie, in the evening Trade, announced for last Monday evening, was postponed until tomor row (Thursday) evening, at eight o'clock, in the Council Chamber. All interested in the welfare of the town.

reek chartered a vessel at New York o load 300 tons of hard coal imm liately for this port. Everyone her will render Annapolis safe from the fuel famine that is threatening other

Nova Scotian towns. -A Bill to prevent the shipping of iquors to non-licensed and Scott Act stricts in Nova Scotia has been in roduced by Mr. McGregor in the Pro vincial Assembly, and is being debated there. It has received the support o famine point. Colonel Palliser, who a considerable number of members, a

> -Seven hundred bhls, of apples wer shipped to St. John via S. S. Gran ville this week, says the Spectator The shippers were Messrs. S. E. Ban roft, of Round Hill, and Arthur Har ris. The apples from Round Hill had to be trucked from that point to the teamer's wharf here, a work of cor siderable difficulty on account of th

heavy condition of the roads. -The weekly sewing circles in con nection with St. James Church are ow beginning. The first meeting of the adults will take place tomorro (Thursday) afternoon at the home Mrs. H. Ruggles, at 2.30, and notice will be given of the place of meeting of the congregation will meet on Tues

day at 7.30, at Mrs. Underwood's. -The D. A. R. track this morning i clear from Halifax to Meteghan. Yes erday the express from Halifax ar rived here one and a half hours late This is the first passenger train that Feb. 15th. She only went as far as annapolis yesterday and returned Halifax. Freight trains have sind bassed through, bringing considerab

-Next Sunday, in all the Anglica churches throughout the Diocese of Nova Scotia, collections will be taken aid of the Clergy Superannuation Fund. Owing to a serious diminutio of income last year, the committee vere compelled to make a reduction of 25 per cent. on the half-yearly pay ments of pensions in January, 1905 and unless a liberal response is mad-to this appeal, will be obliged to re duce the promised payments next July They are therefore appealing for in reased support of this deserving fund

-Six members of the Lunenbur ockey team, which left Halifax on th 12th of February, started on the 20th urg. They had a terrible experience and would have perished from exp sure had they not found shelter in a empty shanty. The following morning they decided to return to Middleton In an exhausted and famished condi ion they succeeded in reaching Nictaux, where they received the hospi tality of a resident and were conv

by team to rejoin their friends at

Middleton. -A telegram received here on Febru ary 22nd announced the death of Miss and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Parker.
Lizzie Baldwin Jefferson, youngest Mr. Trtus desires to public daughter of Mr. Bernard Jefferson this town, which occurred on the 21s ult. at the home of her aunt, Mr Newell, Haverhill, Mass. Althoug the deceased had been in delicat

Local and Special News.

-Navel Oranges and Bananas expe ed today. Mrs. A. J. Weir.

-Rev. W. L. Archibald was in tow last week in the interest of the second orward movement for Acadia College. n the vicinity of \$1,000 was secu in pledges from the friends of Acadia ere and in the other sections of the Bridgetown Baptist Church.

-"Which is contributing most to th rosperity of Canada today, the farmr or the mechanic?" is the subject to be discussed at the next regular se sion of Court Bridgetown, I. O. F. which convenes on Wednesday evening March 15th. A large attendance is ex

-MacKenzie, Crowe & Co. have had close down their tannery and larran factory, owing to certain lin of stock running out. As freight is being moved forward, doubtless work will be resumed in a few days. ame of trade for the above firm this ear is very promising.

-Trackmaster Murphy's working ain and men, working west from 'aradise, and Conductor Herbert's crew, working east from Annapolis Some of the train hands had not had their clothes off for sev -The Women's Missionary Society of

he Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. E. C. Young last evening. The ne, it being the seventeenth annive sary of the re-organization of the se with a life membership certificate. since its organization. Refreshments were served at the close of the session. -Mr. Burpee Whitman, of Lawrence own, has the sympathy of his many riends in this, his native town, in the

oss he has sustained through the de-Thursday. Mr. Whitman and his two ons were working on the Union Bank y telephone that his house was on fire. Immediately upon receiving the word, he and his sons harnessed their eam and started for the scene of the

fire and made the distance from

Bridgetown to Lawrencetown in half

-A sensation was caused in commeral circles on Monday by the news that the Bank of Yarmouth had suspended payment, owing to the failure Redding & Sons, boot and shoe anufacturers, with liabilities of over \$400,000. It is now stated that the irrent press despatch from Halifax oncerning the intention of the Union Bank of Halifax was misleading, and hat the visit to Yarmouth of General Manager Thorne and Inspector McRae of the Union Bank of Halifax, was for he purpose of making a rigid examnation of the business of the Bank of

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs W E Starratt, of Paradise vas the guest of friends in town this Mr. and Mrs. J. Harry Hicks paid a

visit to their former home (Clements oort) this week. Miss Grace Healy returned from " rolonged" sit among friends in Am herst, Halifax, Kentville and Middle-

Mr. E. R. Jack, of Sydney, arrived resterday to take his position as jun-or clerk in the Union Bank of Halifax Rev. M. C. Higgins has accepted a all to the pastorate of the Baptis

Church at Goldboro, Guysboro county and expects to begin work there short Ferry, who was temporarily engage to take charge of the parish of the Church of England at Dartmouth, has een elected as rector of the parish.

Mrs. Greatorex and daughter are with im in Dartmouth. Miss Mina A. Reade, who resigne n the N. S. Provincial Normal School to take up work in the foreign mis-sionary field, has been declared by the amining physician of the American oreign Missionary Board, unfitted any foreign field and has been ad vised to give up public work for a me. Miss Reade will spend the winter at Newton Centre, Mass., assisting in the literary department of the

American Foreign Missionary Union. Lawrencetown vs. Bridgetown To-Night.

The volley ball league at the Y. M. have been played—Bath's team won from Cummings', Dr. Armstrong's eam won from Hicks', Cumming team won from W. Longmire's, T night Dr. Armstrong's team will play W. Longmire's. Large audiences have been witnessing the games. The Lawrencetown basket ball tea will play the Bridgetown team here tonight, at nine o'clock. A volley ball match and a pass ball game will also be features of the evening's en-

The Truro Senior and Junior basket ball teams are expected here March 20th and 21st.

CARD OF THANKS.

The many friends of Mr. John Titus n Bridgetown, Granville Ferry and the tervening section of Granville, prented him on Monday last with a handsome and serviceable fur coat beautiful lap-robe as ar expression of their appreciation of his services as mail courier. The prery by Mr. and Mrs. James M. Gilliatt Mr. Trtus desires to publish his recognition of the kindness of the people, whom he delights to serve, and xpress has sincere thanks for their

very acceptable gift. fordville. Ind., on the 15th ult., age 78 years. He was the author of Ber

known. His career as a soldier politician is most honorable.

Town Officers and Committees.

At a meeting of the Town Council held on Monday evening, the following town officers and committees were ap

pointed:-TOWN OFFICERS. Health Officer—Dr. Gideon Barnaby.
Presiding Officer—Harry Ruggles.
Poll Clerk—George N. Eaton.
Town Assessors—L. D. Shafner, Arthur Charlton, W. E. Reed.
Fire Wards—R. Allen Crowe, Joseph I. Foster, W. A. Craig.
Fire Constables—C. L. Piggott, N. E. Chute, Edmund C. Hall.

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Weighers and Measurers—Karl Free-nan, John H. Longmire. Wood and Lumber Surveyors-John Hill, Avard Beeler, T. G. Mack, P. Fence Viewers-Samuel Prat. Murray

Log Surveyors-T. G. Mack, J. W. Pound Keepers-Murray Chute, Major Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate-Fred Fred COMMITTEES. Police and Licenses-Lockett, Long-

Poor, Insane and Public Health-Coster, Harlow, DeWitt. Streets, Lights and Public Property
-Harlow, Lockett, Hoyt.
Finance and Tenders—Hoyt, Foster, eWitt. Water and Sewers-Longmire, Foster, DeWitt. Sewer Construction-Lockett, Foster Board of Fire Escapes-W. W. Ches y, J. W. Peters, Loran Hall. Revisers of Jury Lists-Foster, Lock-

PORTABLE MILL FOR SALE I am offering for sale my PORTABE SAW-MILL which is now situated at West Paradise, Annapolis Co., N. S. Parties wishing to pur-chase can see me at my home at Lawrencetown on March 6th, 7th and 8th.

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J. A. MCNEILL, Secretary, Digby, N. S. Dated at Digby, Feb. 18th, 1905.—514i



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