

The New Year.

We must write 1896 now. One more year has been added to the countless ages of the past, and to-day we enter upon a New Year. The old year is now a matter of history.

The New Year which begins to-day finds the affairs of men about as our New Year's have found them. The millennium is yet a long way off. Swords have not yet been beaten into plowshares, neither have men ceased to hate one another.

—A by-election for the Canadian parliament which results in the defeat of both government and opposition is a novel experience in Canadian politics.

—In wishing you and yours the compliments of the season, we wish you to be happy and successful in all your undertakings.

Three Important Reforms. SUPERINTENDENT MCKAY ASKS FOR CHANGE IN OUR SYSTEM OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Dr. A. H. McKay, superintendent of education for Nova Scotia, is evidently a man who concerns himself about some things much more important than the usual small details of pedagogy.

It would be a great boon to the world if the English and American commonwealths were to be in touch with that of the rest of the world.

Mr. Galtch Bent, of Benville, is confined to his home owing to the fracture of one of his ribs. While endeavoring to turn his horse and wagon on Friday last, one side of the vehicle was forced so far into a ditch that he was unable to get it out.

Curry Bros. & Bent have received another contract in Halifax, for the construction of a large building, containing two stores, a bank, and a number of other buildings.

Midnight services were held last night in the Episcopal and Methodist churches, and the attendance at both places was unusually large.

WEEKLY MONITOR.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Local and Special News.

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—Notwithstanding that we are at the commencement of the year, the weather is as soft and mild as that of September, and in different parts of the country farmers are busily engaged in plowing.

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1896. BARGAINS! 1896. CORNMEAL! Previous to Stock-taking, Feb. 1st, we offer BARGAINS IN ALL LINES OF WINTER GOODS. Flour, - Meal, FEED! Just arrived direct from Boston, 240 bags Cornmeal. Give us a call if you want a bargain.

Wishing all my friends and customers a very Happy and Prosperous New Year, and with many thanks for your generous patronage during the past year. I remain, Yours respectfully, H. R. SHAW.

Must be sold! BARGAINS Goods at Cost and less. Grocery, Glass and Tin-ware, and Boots at immense discounts. Toys, Dolls, Games, and all Fancy Goods almost given away for cash.

MISS B. LOCKETT OFFERS THE BALANCE OF HER Christmas Groceries, FRUIT, Confectionery, Raisins, Nuts, etc. A VERY FINE DISPLAY OF Fancy Goods, China and Glassware, Gift Cups, Lamps, etc.

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