Springfield.

Master Lester Starratt, who has been very ill is recovering.

Captain George Guilder, of Lunenburg, is visiting friends in this place.

Mr. John Charlton and his mother spent several days last week in New Canada, visiting relatives.

Miss Lizzie Stoddart, of Stoddart Town, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. Grimm on the 11th and 12th.

Mr. Adoniram Saunders, of Tremont, spent a few days here last week visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ward, of Tremont, spent a fortnight, quite recently, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Stoddart.

Mr. Phinney and Mrs. Parker Gates, of Melvern Square, spent several days last week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Omer Stoddart.

Messrs. Clifford Chesley and Alexander Hiltz, of Day Spring, Lunenburg Co., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Grimm last week.

Captain George Guilder captured two live porcupines last week in the woods. He intends taking them to his home at Lunenburg.

Rev. Stephen Langille, of Clementsvale, spent a few days last week at Falkland Ridge the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Hartley Marshall.

Mr. Sylvanus McNayr has his son Delbert and his son-in-law, Mr. Baker, with him this winter. They are getting out sleepers for the railroad.

Mr. David Starratt and his daughter, Miss Clara, made a tour through the Annapolis Valley last week, calling on their relatives and friends.

There is to be a sacred concert at the Baptist church on next Sunday evening, Feb. 21. A silver collection will be taken up to help pay for the church bell.

Austin, the twelve year old son of Mr. Parker McNayr, met with a serious accident while out coasting on the 12th by running into another sled. Dr. Freeman was sent for as it was feared that the boy was injured internally.

It will be quite unnecessary to inform the public who reside within several miles of our village, that the new bell for the Baptist church, has arrived and is doing its duty; it has already proved itself eloquent enough to tell its own story, and that to a large audience.

Lawrencetown.

Mr. Chas. Miller returned from Wolfville on Monday.

Dr. Ilsley, of Kentville, was in town the latter part of of last week.

Miss Nellie Morse is visiting her cousin, Miss Azuba Fitch, of Clarence.

The citizens of town and vicinity are busy harvesting their annual supply of ice.

Nelson Division will have a fraternal visit from Brooklyn Gem Division next Saturday evening.

We are all pleased to know that the proprietor of the Elm House has been very successful in his new enterprise.

Miss Elva Jefferson and Mr. James L. R. Miller returned on Monday of last week from a pleasant sojourn among friends in Annapolis and Round Hill.

We are glad to learn that apples are on the rise, and that people who have been unsuccessful in the past will realize better returns for their fruit from now out.

The members of Nelson Division on Saturday evening last paid a fraternal visit to the members of Clarence Division, and on the homeward journey, as the double team turned into the field of Mr. Elliott for home the yoke broke and let the tongue down. The big sleds ran on to the horses, owned and driven by John Morgan, and caused them to run and clear the sleds. They were finally captured in the woods by F. B. Bishop. No one was injured.

Mt. Hanley.

Rumor says we are soon to lose one of our best young ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Messenger, from Centreville, have returned home.

Mr. John C. Balsor is at present visiting his children in Massachusetts.

Mrs. D. H. Armstrong gave her many friends at "at home" party last Monday night.

Mat and quilt fever are beginning to spread in our community. I guess we all will catch it.

Mr. Percy Miller, from New Germany, was the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Miller, over Sunday.

Miss Ethel E. Banks, who has been sick at her grandmother's, has returned home, much improved in health.

Mrs. Bessie Balsor, from Douglasville, who has been visiting her sister Mrs. J. C. Balsor for over a week, returned home last Monday.

Mr. Leonard B. Miller, from P. E. Island, is at present visiting his mother, Mrs. Lavina Miller. Mr. M. did not arrive in time to see his father laid to rest.

Mr. Renforth Elliott and Miss Gertie Foster, from Port George, drove to Hampton last Saturday to visit his sister, Mrs. H. M. Chute, for a few days and to attend the concert.

Outram.

Miss Mina B. Beals, from Lawrencetown, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Allen Miller.

Miss Lilian E. Brown, from Evergreen, visited her parents over Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. George Barteaux, from Williamston, was the guest of Mr. W. Healy over Sunday.

Mrs. John C. Brinton and daughter, Mrs. B. J. Hines, are at present visiting friends in Roxbury.

Mr. Alfred M. Healy and sister Susie were visiting friends in Hampton and St. Croix over Sunday.

Mrs. R. Bent and Mrs. P. Banks, gave their many friends a very interesting party the other evening.

Fine weather, good sleighing, and a bright new moon. Parties seem to be the order of the day and night.

Mr. Everett Healy from South Natick, Mass., is at present visiting his parents and friends for a few days.

Our school teacher, Miss Barteaux, is again on the sick list. We hope she will soon improve in health.

Paradise.

Miss Brown, of Torbrook, has been visiting at Major Cole's.

Rev. J. H. King filled the appointments of the church last Sunday.

Mrs. B. Starratt has returned from her visit among friends in Boston.

A little girl came on Monday to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Durling.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Durling, of Spa Springs, visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O. Balcom and other relatives last week.

Mrs. H. Young is spending a few days at Victoria, Kings Co., where her daughter Ida is teaching and will visit Mr. and Mrs. W. Young, at Waterville, before returning.

Mrs. C. S. Cole invited her friends to spend the evening with her on Friday last at Mr. D. C. Freeman's. Mr. and Mrs. F. with their characteristic hospitality entertained them with as good grace as if the guests had been of their own inviting.

Hampton.

Mrs. Phinney has gone to Digby on a visit.

We are sorry to report Mrs. T. S. Burton on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hines, of Mt Hanley, have visited her sister, Mrs. H. M. Chute.

Miss Minnie Dodge, of Bridgetown, spent a few days here, the guest of Mrs. J. F. Titus.

The Temperance entertainment came off last Saturday evening. The hall was packed to its utmost capacity, and an attentive audience listened to recitations and dialogues, interspersed with music appropriate to the occasion. The choir was led by Mr. Robert Chute, and Miss Luella Chute was organist.

East Dalhousie.

Miss Charlton, of Springfield, is visiting friends here.

Mr. Robert Wilson was in Springfield visiting friends on the 6th.

Mrs. Mary Wilson started on the 13th to New Albany to visit relatives and friend.

Rev. J. Webb will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday morning and afternoon.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Edmund Hiltz had the misfortune to fall on the frozen ground, near the house, and break her arm one day last week. Dr. N. P. Freeman set the bone.

Central Clarence.

Miss Moore, of Brooklyn, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Emma Rumsey.

Colds seem quite prevalent among the old and young in this vicinity.

Mr. Dow I. Morse, of Bear River, is the guest of Mrs. Rupert Chesley.

Rev. J. Harry King filled the pulpit in the Baptist church on Sunday last.

Miss Florence Robinson, of Halifax, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. F. Williams.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Industrial wages in New York averaged $436 last year.

The widows of India equal four times the population of London.

The office of Dominion Commissioner of Patents is to be abolished.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, has a population exceeding forty-two thousand.

The epidemic of la grippe has assumed unprecedented proportions in Ottawa.

McCulloch, of Winnipeg, is the undisputed champion amateur skater of the world.

The great Bradley-Martin ball at New York last Wednesday night cost $300,000.

The Mayor of Ottawa has divided his official salary between the Hospitals of that city.

Canada is to be represented at the Central American exhibition which opens at Guatemala on March 15th.

The Cuban insurgents are credited with several victories over Weyler's soldiers since the first of February.

The population of the state of Kansas was estimated at 1,600,000 in 1888. In 1896 it had fallen to 1,300,000.

The Windsor, Ont., Council last week refused to pass a resolution to employ no aliens on corporation work.

England imported 4,969,000 bushels of apples from all countries in 1894, and 6,177,000 in 1896, each year ending Jan. 1.

The Professor of Economics in the Stanford University, California, is a vehement opponent of the gold standard of values.

Cuba is to have a reformed system of government, the Spanish queen regent having signed a decree to effect that object.

A bill giving women the right of suffrage, was defeated in the Nebraska legislature last week by a vote of fifty-six to thirty-six.

The Imperial government has ordered the text of the general arbitration treaty between the U. S. and Great Britain to be published.

The provinces of Puerto Principe and Santiago De Cuba, with the exception of fortified towns, are in the possession of insurgents.

Twelve hundred apple evaporators in Wayne County, N. Y., will produce 35,000,000 pounds of the evaporated fruit this season.

In the British house of commons Wednesday the bill providing for the closing of public houses on Sunday was rejected 209 to 149.

Fully 175,000 barrels of potatoes have been shipped from New York to Havana, already this season—the largest shipment in ten years.

Up to the end of January, about 2,500,000 barrels of apples had been shipped from the United States to Europe, against 600,000 last year.

Siberia now produces $29,000,000 worth of gold yearly, and the mines will be rapidly developed when the trans-Siberian railway is completed.

Hon Mr. Dobell, who has just returned from a visit to England, states that the prospects of the lumber trade with Canada are excellent.

A large syndicate of English and American capitalists is effecting a combine of the wood-working machinery manufacturers of the United States.

The monument and tomb of General Grant, in New York, which has been in course of erection several years, is nearly completed. It has cost $600,000.

The Canadian Cotton Company, controlling all the important mills in Ontario and Quebec, will shortly order a general shut down for three months.

It is officially stated that 2,750,000 persons are now employed on the famine relief works in the different districts of India where the scarcity of food prevails.

By an overwhelming majority the United States senate on Monday 8th inst. decided to discuss the Anglo American arbitration treaty with closed doors.

The C. P. R. will run colonists' specials every week during March and April, to meet the requirements of the settlers' movement towards the North-West.

Lady Aberdeen, the wife of Canada's governor-general, will be the convocation orator at the commencement exercises of the University of Chicago on April 1st.

An open letter to the women of the United States urging them to use all the means in their power to further the passage of the arbitration measure has been issued.

The German Government has ordered the prosecution of several university professors who recently signed a declaration in favor of the striking dock laborers in Hamburg.

Dr. James Johnston, a Canadian, has made a journey of exploration across the continent of Africa, from the west coast to Zanzibar, without losing a man or firing a shot in anger.

The city of Moncton is asking the New Brunswick Legislature to pass a bill "to provide for the payment of an annual salary to the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Moncton."

The Mormons have entered upon the task of converting Manitoba to their faith. Three Mormon missionaries have located in Winnipeg and three have been sent to provincial points.

The Montreal *Herald* says the Beaver line of steamships has been sold to Messrs. Peterson, Taft & Co., the owners of the turret steamers that have made money trading there for years.

The Massachusetts legislative committee on constitutional amendments has voted to report an amendment to the constitution striking out "male," thus giving women the full right of suffrage.

Affairs in the Transvaal are assuming a warlike appearance. The Boers are fortifying their capital. Kruger claims that the Jamieson raiders have not yet been sufficiently punished.

Private and official advices and private letters from English officers show that the troubles in the Island of Crete are caused by Greek agitators, and that the Christians are undoubtedly the aggressors.

At the dairy department of the Ontario agricultural college it was found that during the last year it has cost from $24.36 to $39.89 to feed a cow for one year. The average of the herd is $31 per cow for the year.

At Carson, Nevada, Saturday the first license under the new law regulating glove contests was issued to Dan Stuart. The document will be photographed by newspaper artists and afterwards framed.

The United States squadron, which tried to blockade the port of Charleston, failed miserably. The little *Vesuvius* slipped out quietly past the line of ships notwithstanding that they used their search lights and all the modern devices.

The motion for a new trial for Thomas M. Bram, the convicted murderer of Capt. Nash, of the barkentine *Herbert Fuller*, has been denied in the United States court, the judges holding that the alleged newly discovered evidence was merely cumulative. Appeal will now be made to the United States supreme court at Washington.

District Division S. of T.

District Division of this county met with Nelson Division in Temperance Hall, Lawrencetown, on Tuesday Feb. 9th, at 2 p. m. The question of Scott Act enforcement was discussed, and a committee consisting of Rev. S. Langille, Rev. J. W. Brown and S. N. Jackson, Esq., was appointed to interview the inspector. A vote of thanks was tendered to C. F. Armstrong for his efforts in the press to secure better law enforcement. The coming plebiscite was also discussed and it was decided to invite all the temperance workers of the county to meet with the District Division and organize for the plebiscite campaign. The officers for the current year were elected and installed. S. N. Jackson, D. W. P.; C. F. Armstrong, D. Scribe. Reports of the state of the order in the county were received, showing satisfactory progress. Ten divisions were represented by 16 delegates. A public meeting was held in the evening; Rev. S. Langille, was the chief speaker; subject, "Plebiscite."

HIS OWN FREE WILL.

DEAR SIRS,—I cannot speak too strongly of the excellence of MINARD'S LINIMENT. It is THE remedy in my household for burns, sprains, etc., and we would not be without it.

It is truly a wonderful medicine,

JOHN A. MACDONALD,
Publisher Arnprior Chronicle.

Political News.

The petition against Hale in Carleton, N. B., is off.

Archbishop Langevin denies that he has changed his attitude on the school question.

In the Marquette, Man., election trial, Dr. Roche, Conservative, is confirmed in his seat.

Martin, conservative, and Yeo, liberal, members for East Queens and East Prince, P. E. I. have been confirmed in their seats.

Hon. Mr. Prendergast's resignation from the Manitoba legislature has precipitated a bitter contest in St. Boniface. J. B. Langon is the conservative candidate, has the support of Archbishop Langevin, and S. A. Bertrand is the Greenway candidate.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

The Fruit Shipping Problem.

To the Editor of the Monitor:

DEAR SIR,—Perhaps I should be grateful to my critics for making it necessary for me to again return to a discussion of the interesting subject of the revolution in our fruit shipping business. In the first place, I wish to say that I have no quarrel with the farmers, who have not only a right but a duty to perform in protecting their interests against injustice or mismanagement on the part of those who undertake to do business for them. They certainly have a right and a duty to themselves by making their productions give to them the largest possible return. But sir, I protest against men posing as the only and the best friends and guides for the farmer, who are more usurers, doctors, lawyers, politicans and merchants than farmers, while denouncing others who for years have endeavored to make a special and thorough study of the fruit shipping business that the highest possible result may accrue to all concerned from their efforts as shippers.

Not a few of these agitators, during the discussions on this subject so much before us of late, have shown themselves to the well-informed shippers to be lamentably ignorant of the cause which they have undertaken to champion, or must be downright demagogues of the first water.

Now sir, to my critics. Since the publication of my first letter we have had in your valued paper a letter from Messrs. Musgrave & Co., from the standpoint of the shipping agent, and Mr. Shipton, who repudiates having the Shipping Company held responsible for the exhibition of business proficiency on the part of the charterers and patrons of the steamship "Nor." Then we have had a letter in the Wolfville *Orchardist* from one who signs himself "Shareholder" of the proposed company, and who says: "She (the 'Nor') was always referred to as the 'farmer's boat,' and those who solicited freight for her are certainly responsible for the opinion which everywhere prevailed that she had been brought here by the Company or under its auspices." We also have a letter from Mr. Wm. Young in the Kentville *Advertiser* of the 12th inst., a gentleman who stands very prominently in the new affair; and he is so intimately acquainted with the "Nor" business that under certain conditions he "will be very glad to give all details of the arrangement in connection with the 'Nor.'"

I think Musgrave & Co. must have intended to perpetrate a good joke when they classed the "Nor" with the "Campania." From the standpoint of the underwriter they are the same; so is the oldest and poorest boat of the Beaver Line. But from the standpoint of the reform shipper, who denounces the middleman who employs the slow boats of our regular services, and the one who would fain hold some one responsible for the apples rotted in ocean tramps, a boat with less than 200 horse power and another of 3000 horse power, making three miles to the former's one, is a difference of some importance.

"Shipper" says "there has recently been manufactured in certain quarters a disposition to fight the regular lines, giving the preference to tramp steamers because of past treatment from those lines. This is not business like."

Now sir, a word as regards reform in freight rates. When Musgrave & Co. attribute the fall in freight rates from Halifax to London to the recent agitations they are merely attending to business and profiting by a chance to tickle the farmer's ears, and are, like the rest of us, looking for the *main chance*. Business is business, but when the leaders of the reform movement do this they are either exhibiting a censurable ignorance of the real truth of the matter, or are acting the part of demagogues.

The "Nor's" rate of 55 cents from Halifax was above the market rates, and above Boston and Portland rates, 7 cents per barrel. The rates from St. John and Halifax two months ago were not above Boston and Portland rates. In fact, the first cut in freight rates was made when navigation in the St. Lawrence closed and the bulk of apple shipments had been made. As the winter season advances and apple export falls off, this article becomes more and more in request for a light freight along with the more heavy cargo. This is so with all the great points of export. This is so with Halifax, or Halifax is not the port to hold the business.

"Shipper" says "that there was a good thing made out of the venture at a 72 cent rate, everyone at all well informed on the freight question will readily understand. Now the question I start out to ask is this: Who got it? Was it the Halifax firm, or did the provisional director of the company who hustled for freight for his share in it?"

I have already encroached too much upon your space, and will have to take another opportunity to show who gets the chromos.

Yours very truly,

J. R. ELLIOTT.

Duty to be Imposed on Ground Bone.

To the Editor of the Monitor:

DEAR SIR,—Being in receipt of information that leads me to believe that through the influence of fertilizer manufacturers, there will be a duty placed on ground bone, it stands every farmer in Nova Scotia in hand to enter a protest against such a blow being struck at the main industry of the country, especially in Nova Scotia, in that our soil is especially adapted to the use of ground bone, and so long as we are exporters of apples, hay, and other farm products, we must return it to the soil in some form.

Now, while the policy of the United States is protective, they recognize the fact that upon successful agriculture depends the welfare and prosperity of the nation, and therefore admit all fertilizers and chemicals for agricultural purposes free, chemicals when applied to arts being dutiable. Now, our provinces are purely agricultural, they thrive by the products of the soil, and that being the case, everything (especially ground bone) which is applied to the soil as plant food should be admitted free. The soil is a machine, so to speak, the farmer puts into it so many pounds of plant food in the form of ammonia, phosphoric acid, and potash, which he purchases in the form of bone, potash, and other fertilizers. These, with the help of nature and our cultivation, are elaborated into manufactured products, such as apples, hay, potatoes and other crops. As a manufacturer or producer, shall we be taxed on the raw products?

If our community was not purely agricultural, and lived by manufacture of another nature, it might be well to keep the duty on, but as it is an agricultural country there is no judgment or justice in it. We do not produce one-third part of the plant food we consume (or ought to consume.) Our manufacturies of fertilizers are very small, the capital engaged in the business in the province does not exceed probably half a million dollars, whereas there are many, many millions engaged in agriculture. Which will they protect? There are some thousands of tons of bone used in the provinces, and the moment a duty of 10% is imposed, up goes the price $3.00 per ton. There has never been a year in the history of the country when there was as much bone used as last year, and I think I am safe in saying there has not been a year for a long time when there will be so few oats imported, and so many acres of ground seeded to grass. Hoping, Mr. Editor, I have not encroached on your valuable space too much, I remain

Respectfully yours,

FARMER.

Reply to Councillor Vroom's Letter.

To the Editor of the Monitor:

My friend Mr. Vroom wants to know what I want the Council to do more. Of course they adopted the Inspector's report and reappointed him and cannot go back on that, but still at the April session they might instruct him to prosecute old offenders for second and third offences and not always for first; they might also instruct him to see that in every case the judgment of the court was carried out without fear, favor or unnecessary delay. The Inspector, according to his own reports, has not done these things, and the Council alone has the power to insist that he do them. I think Mr. Vroom must admit that these are only reasonable demands, and if at the end of the year the Inspector has not obeyed their instructions then they should try and find somebody who would. I would also advise the Council to instruct the Inspector wherever he has good reason to believe that a person is engaged in this unlawful business he shall take steps to secure evidence against him. The Inspector has already, I understand, acted on this principle, and the Council has always paid his bills, so it is not a new thing but has worked well wherever it has been tried in this county and elsewhere. The old plan of trusting to the temperance people to furnish evidence has been faithfully tried and proved a failure, not so much because temperance people were unwilling to furnish evidence, but the witnesses they named were often insufficient to get a conviction so the Inspector has often been less willing to use their evidence than they have to send it. I believe the Inspector is fully justified in paying no attention to anonymous letters. If the Inspector is only to be a public prosecutor and the temperance people are to furnish all the evidence then the temperance people should have the pay rather than the Inspector for that is the most difficult part of the work. The county all'ance had no trouble to get a prosecutor without a salary who did more work in one year than the Inspector in 1896. The Inspector according to his own report is "appointed to enforce the Scott Act" which means to punish offenders; to do this he must prove them guilty; to do this he must have evidence. The way to get evidence is to look for it. How many criminals would be punished if all our law officers sat down and waited for evidence to come to them!

This is about as plain as I can make it; not the members of the Council but their authorized agent should get the proofs and then he would know just where he stood and not lose so many cases through insufficient evidence. I am surprised that Mr. Vroom should express dissatisfaction with the Inspector's work in the press after passing his report without the censure or protest. After accepting the Inspector's work the Council takes the responsibility off his shoulders and must bear the blame if there is any to bear. As Mr. Vroom has failed to tell what the temperance people have left undone perhaps I had better state what I believe the temperance people should do and save further correspondence.

So far as my knowledge goes the temperance people are not under any moral or legal obligation to administer any statute, common, or moral law, other than what pertains to any good citizen, neither more nor less. Every good citizen I believe, should, when he becomes aware of a violation of any law, report it to the proper legal authority, and give evidence in court if required, and the legal authorities look for any additional evidence required to secure a conviction. This is done in other cases, and I think it should hold good in Scott Act business. I am willing, always have been, to do this much, and I believe the temperance people generally are willing, but to go into the detective business at my own charges, I am not willing; and temperance men, where they are known, would be simply throwing away their time to attempt it. That man of Mr. Vroom's who did not want to be seen in the Inspector's company, certainly acted wisely if he ever expected to work up another case. If Mr. Vroom thought he hit me by that story, he is "barking up the wrong tree." It is the constitutional right of every citizen of the British Empire to grumble, and I am prepared to use my right whenever I believe the public good requires it. Mr. Vroom is one of the temperance people, will he not kindly tell us the particulars, what they have not done and what they ought to do.

C. F. ARMSTRONG.

Letter on Incorporation.

SIR,—Judging by the last financial report from the Town of Annapolis Royal, incorporation has proved a good thing for the citizens of that town. The mayor of the town says in his report, that owing to expenses arising in regard to litigation, extra poor bills, and the bills incurred in consequence of a case of diphtheria in a family of that town, they were obliged to raise their assessment from 95c. to $1.05 per $100.00, but he was pleased to inform them that even that rate was much lower than before incorporation.

For the sake of comparison between Annapolis and Bridgetown, let us suppose that a citizen living in this town is assessed as follows:

For County and School purposes,	$1400
For Water and Electric Light,	1800
He pays taxes as follows:	
Poor and County at 38½c.,	$5.39
School at 31c.,	4.34
Water at 10c.,	1.80
Electric Light at 12c.,	2.16
Road Work, 9 days	4.50
County Poll Tax,	.30
School Poll Tax,	1.00
Electric Light,	.30
	$19.79

Now the same property in Annapolis would be assessed for all purposes $1500, which at the rate of $1.05 for $100.00 would pay the sum of 15.75

Poll tax,	2.00
	$17.75

Which shows a credit of $2.04 in favor of the incorporated town of Annapolis Royal, besides all the advantages obtained under incorporation.

I have been informed by leading officials of that town that the taxes for the present year will be again reduced to the old standard of about 95c., which is about all that is required for the running expenses of a town of that size.

RATEPAYER.

Bridgetown, Feb. 15th, 1897.

What is Electricity?

Dear Mr. Editor:

For the benefit of the many readers of your valuable paper, I take the liberty to explain what Electricity is, as it is before the scientific world to-day.

The science of electricity to the general public, is still enshrouded in mystery. To those who have studied it most, however, it is becoming more definable, more tangible, and more easily understood. Until within the last ten years, it was truly said that no one knew what electricity was. Now, however, we can positively assert that no such "thing" as electricity exists. It is now a well known fact, the results of careful scientific research, that what we term "electricity" is nothing more or less than a strain resulting from stress in the ether pervading all interstellar space. Electricity, therefore, is a strain, a condition, and possesses no individuality. This ether rests in everything, and may or may not be in a state of equilibrium. Any unbalanced state results in either heat, light, or electricity; the latter condition being simply a prolongation of the vibrations in the ether beyond the point which results in light. An atom of ether is so small, compared with an atom of matter, that it would pass through the most dense substance, such as a thick glass bulb, from which the air has been extracted, as readily as water through a sieve.

I remain,

ARCHIE O. WALKER,
Bliss College of Electricity,
Washington, D. C.

The Fence Question.

To the Editor of the Monitor:

DEAR SIR,—I see that local public opinion is being aroused in regard to the proposed pole fence on the new road between Lawrencetown and Clarence, in Ward 3.

If my memory serves me correctly, there was an agitation over this matter of fences, two or three years ago, either in the Council or the House. I believe it was then recommended that all new fences on highways should be of wire, thus obviating the necessity of road breaking, and decreasing delay and inconvenience to the travelling public.

We understand that the municipality is willing to pay for the putting up of a wire fence. If this is not correct, then why not circulate a paper for private subscriptions; I know there would be no difficulty in securing the necessary amount.

TRAVELLER.

Lawrencetown, Feb. 15th, 1897.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.—Permit me to acknowledge the kindness and benevolence of the Inglisville people in making their retiring Pastor and wife a substantial donation of cash, produce and wood, in that place on Monday evening, Feb. 1st. Fraternally,

PASTOR J. HARRY KING.

Marriages.

MACK—FELLOWS.—At the residence of Mr. S. K. Mack, Granville, Thursday, 11th inst., by Rev. F. M. Young, Mr. J. Allen Mack to Miss Lottie, youngest daughter of Mr. James Fellows.

PILL-PRICE

The days of 25 cents a box for pills are numbered.

And are supplanting all others. All druggists sell them.

Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills at 20 cents a vial are surer, safer and pleasanter to take.

Cure Constipation, Sick and Nervous Headaches, Dizziness, Lassitude, Heartburn, Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite and all troubles arising from liver disorder. Sold by S. N. Weare.

For Sale!

The fast sailing schooner "Richard Simonds," now lying at the Carribean wharf, Granville Ferry, 45 tons register, well found. Sails, running rigging, chains and anchors good. Well adapted for the fishing business. Will be sold reasonable. Apply to

CAPT. NORMAN RAY,
Margaretville, Annapolis Co., N. S.

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Church Services, Sunday, February 7th.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—Rev. F. P. Greatorex, Rector. In St. James', Bridgetown: Morning Prayer, Litany and Sermon at 11; Sunday-school at 2.30; Evening Service at 7. In St. Mary's, Belleisle: Service at 2.30. Seats free.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. F. M. Young, Pastor, Bridgetown: Bible Class and Sabbath-school, 10 a.m.; Preaching Service at 11 a.m.; Evangelistic service 7.00 p.m. B.Y.P.U. Tuesday evening at 7.15 o'clock. General social service Friday evening at 7.30. Service at Centreville on Sunday afternoon.

GORDON MEMORIAL CHURCH.—Rev. R. S. Whidden, Pastor. Service at 3.15 o'clock. Bible-class and Sunday-school at 2 p.m. Meeting Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. Service at Annapolis at 11 a.m.; Bible-class and Sabbath-school at 2 p.m. General prayer-meeting at 7.30. Seats free in both churches. All are cordially invited

PROVIDENCE METHODIST CHURCH.—Rev. J. Strothard, pastor; A. Lund, assistant pastor Sunday-school 9.45 a.m., preaching at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. by the pastor. General Class every Monday evening at 8; Prayer-meeting every Wednesday evening at 8; Epworth League every Friday evening at 8. All are cordially invited.

Granville: Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., alternately.

Bentville: Preaching every Sabbath at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., alternately.

Mountain Mission: Preaching fortnightly, Durling's Lake at 10.30 a.m., Hill at 2.30 p.m.

ROUND HILL.—G. J. Coulter White, pastor Preaching service on the last Sunday of the month at 11 a.m., and on other Sundays at 7 p.m. Prayer-meeting Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Sunday-school after morning service, other Sundays at 2.30 p.m.

LAWRENCETOWN CIRCUIT.

METHODIST CHURCH.—REV. J. H. TOOLE, Pastor. Preaching service at Inglisville at 11 a.m., North Williamston at 3 p.m., Lawrencetown at 7 p.m. Epworth League at Port George on Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock, and at Lawrencetown on Friday evening at the same hour. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

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This is the complaint of thousands at this season. They have no appetite; food does not relish. They need the toning up of the stomach and digestive organs, which a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla will give them. It also purifies and enriches the blood, cures that distress after eating and internal misery only a dyspeptic can know, creates an appetite, overcomes that tired feeling and builds up and sustains the whole physical system. It so promptly and efficiently relieves dyspeptic symptoms and cures nervous headaches, that it seems to have almost "a magic touch."

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They will be lower in price than the Cut Nails were in '96.

Last year we sold five tons of White Lead and 20 bbls. of Paint Oil. This year we expect to sell more, as we think we have bought right—just a shade below the others.

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THE CHANCE OF A LIFE-TIME. As we want to clear out the entire stock of Cloths now on hand before stock-taking we make this unheard of offer.

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On hand and to arrive

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We may say we look for higher prices in Ontario Flours. They are now half a dollar lower than American winter wheat flour, and of course exporters are now buying wheat and flour in Canada.

WE HANDLE

American Cornmeal in bags,

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We make a specialty of Porto Rico Molasses, and have now on draft a first-class grade.

Why do we have the largest Tea trade in the county.

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There is no doubt in the minds of wholesale houses that a duty is to be imposed on

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I have acted on their advise and ordered heavily, and I would advise my many customers to secure a few pounds at least NOW. I have in stock all the leading brands, and will quote fine figures on a quantity for cash.

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P. S.—I have quite a quantity of Apple Paper on hand, which I will sell at cost to clear. J. E. S.

Lawrencetown, Jan. 26th, 1897.

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A LARGE LOT OF

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JUST RECEIVED.

Suitable for Clothes Lines and Bed Cords.

I am selling this Rope at a reduced price.

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NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.

NOTICE is hereby given that JOHN L. MORSE, of Clarence, in the County of Annapolis, Trader, has by deed of assignment dated the 27th of January, 1897, assigned to me all his property, real and personal, for the benefit of his creditors.

The said deed has been duly registered and filed at the office of the Registrar of Deeds at Bridgetown, and a duplicate lies at my office at Clarence, aforesaid, where the same may be inspected and executed by creditors.

FREEMAN FITCH,
Assignee.

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NEAR BRIDGETOWN.

Apply to T. D. BUGGLES.

Bridgetown, Dec. 1st, 1896. 3m

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Try a pound of the

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If you are not using it call for sample and give it a fair trial. Other Teas in stock.

Tartan Blend, - 30c
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I have a large stock of the above, and will make the price right. Give us a call before buying.

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Bridgetown, Jan. 26th, 1897.

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Xmas is on us again

I wish to call your attention to the following Xmas lines:

Confectionery.

Having purchased a fine selection of Confectionery from leading manufacturers in Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the public may depend on finding a choice variety. Put up in fancy boxes, a Xmas present in themselves.

Fruit.

A fresh lot of Oranges, Lemons, Figs, Dates, Grapes, Raisins and Nuts.

Fancy Articles

As times are hard, I tried in making my selection in this line to get goods not only for ornament, but for use, and at prices within the reach of all.

F. C. PALFREY.

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As long as this adv. appears I intend selling my entire stock of Boots and Shoes and Overboots, and balance of Dry Goods and Groceries at greatly reduced prices. The following are a few of the bargains I offer.

	Former price.	Cut price.
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Men's Heavy Split Boots,	1.55	1.35
Men's Scotch Grain Boots,	2.65	2.35
Men's Congola Boots,	2.25	2.00
Men's Overboots,	1.60	1.35
Boys' Scotch Grain Boots,	1.80	1.60
Boys' Buff Boots,	1.75	1.55
Youth's Heavy Grain Boots,	1.35	1.10
Women's Overboots,	1.90	1.60
Women's Congola Boots,	2.00	1.75
Women's Extra Fine Boots,	2.25	2.00
Women's Kid Lace Boots,	2