The Weekly Monitor.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1885.

CHRISTMAS.

Another year has flown, and again we greet our readers with the time-honored and hospitable words,

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL.

The world seems bound together in a bond of sympathy on the festival of the Nativity. Leagues of land and ocean may lie between friend and relatives, but as Christmas draws nigh, the wide chasm is bridged in spirit, and we clasp the hands of our absent ones and bid them good cheer. Many have left the old homestead for homes far away, and though they cannot go back in person to the old familiar scenes, they will revert in imagination to the days of their childhood, and the loved faces of the kind old parents, and the sisters and the brothers rise up before them, and for the time being they live a dual existence. On the other hand, those at home wish for the absent ones, and try to picture how they are spending the day, and amid all the rejoicings they are kept in loving memory.

Happy indeed are those homes, in which the family circle can be reunited, and the roll-call finds no vacant chair. Those upon whom sorrow and reverses have laid a heavy hand during the year, and to whom the day exemplifies Tennyson's lines:—

"That a sorrow's crown of sorrow is remembering happier things,"

must bear in mind that we now see through a glass, darkly, and that if the power were given us to see to the end, it would be made clear that all is for the best. Some day

"The thing o'er which we grieved with lashes wet,
Will flash before us out of life's dark night,
As stars shine out in deeper tints of blue,
And we shall see how all God's plans are right
And that which seemed reproof was love most true."

"And we shall see how while we fret and sigh,
God's plans go on as best for you and me;
How when we called, He heeded not our cry
Because his wisdom to the end could see.
And even as prudent parents disallow
Too much of sweets to craving babyhood,
So God, perhaps, is keeping from us, now,
Life's sweetest things, because it seemeth good."

Little children to whom life seems but a pathway of roses, greet the day with shouts of glee and gladness. The day from beginning to end is one long happiness, and when night comes, little heads and bodies, tired from very joy, sink quickly to rest to dream the day over again. These are the days of the halcyon, and the remembrance of a happy childhood is precious amid the stern realities of after life. We pity the children to whom in this land, the day has no significance, and no joy. Harsh indeed, is their lot, yet how many there are who live from babyhood to the grave, to whom the day is but one more in the hard struggle for a bare existence. Those who have plenty should remember those who have nothing. A little money judiciously expended among the destitute, and the gleam of happiness it would call forth, would be a gracious remembrance to the giver.

Friends who have become estranged through differences (which in so many cases are but fancied) cannot pay a better tribute to the day than to shake hands again, and sink mutual ill feeling in the waters of oblivion. Life is too short and uncertain for feuds, and revengeful feelings. Let us bear in mind what the day heralds,—"Peace on earth and good will to men."

Most fitting it is, that on this day in our Churches, should special services be held, and all the admirable outpourings of Christian oratory and hymnology, should flow in celebration of that event of which the day is a commemoration.

The Christmas editorials of the press of necessity partake of a similiarity, and it is about the only time when the secular press infringes upon the province of its religious contemporaries. Still the few words in season are generally accepted as kindly as meant, by readers, and let us hope that the cases are not few when some good is done.

A few remarks regarding the origin of Christmas, as given by some writers, may not be out of place. One authority says:—

"The institution of Christmas (Christmas) is attributed by the decretal letters to Pope Telesphorus, who died A. D. 138, and throughout the subsequent history of the Church it has been one of the most noted of Christian solemnities. At first it was the most movable of the Christian festive days, often confounded with the Epiphany, and celebrated by the Eastern churches in the months of April and May. In the fourth century, the urgency of St. Cyril of Jerusalem obtained from Pope Julius I. an order for an investigation to be made concerning the day of Christ's nativity. The result of the inquiry by the theologians of the East and the West was an agreement upon the 25th of December. The chief grounds for that decision were the tables of the censors in the archives of Rome; and although, in the opinion of some of the fathers, there was not authentic proof of the identification of the day, yet the decision was uniformly accepted, and from that time the nativity has been celebrated throughout the Church on the same day."

Another writer says: "There is a difficulty in accepting the 25th of December as the date of the Nativity, this month being the height of the rainy season in Judea, when neither flocks or shepherds could have been at night on the fields of Bethlehem."

In England, the day is perhaps more joyfully welcomed than in any other country. In North America most of our traditions and festivals which have been handed down to us by our forefathers, were brought by them from the mother country. The immigration into the country, however, of so many persons of foreign nationalities, has modified and altered, to some extent, nearly all of these festivals, and their observance is not so strict with us as in England. The Christmas festival has, perhaps, survived the best of all. In England, it was once the custom after the evening devotions were over on Christmas Eve, to light large candles, and throw on the hearth a huge log, called the Yule Log or Christmas Block. Should this log not keep burning all night, it was not considered a good omen. In court and in the homes of the wealthy, an officer named the Lord of Misrule was appointed to superintend the revels and pleasures of the day. The homes and churches were and are still decked with evergreens, especially with mistletoe, to which traditionary of sacredness has attached since the days the Druids. All strive to make the day as enjoyable as possible, and it is to be hoped that the old festival may never be less a time of rejoicing than at present.

Opening of New St. James's Church.

On Sunday last the new church edifice erected by the Church of England congregation of this town was opened for divine service. Invitations were sent by the Rector of the Parish, to several clergyman, to be present and conduct the opening services. The Rev. Canon Maynard, D. D., of Windsor, and the Rev. Geo. B. Dodwell, of Middleton, were the only ones who were able to attend. The sermon in the morning was preached by the former clergyman, from Luke, Chap. 21, verses, 5, 6, and in the evening by the latter, from Ezra, 9th Chap. and 9th verse. The church was filled to overflowing, during both services.

We have refrained from any descriptive account of the new structure in our former notices of the same, purposely, leaving it to the time when the first service should be held therein.

It will be remembered that the parishoners of this church, after the most mature and earnest deliberation, concluded to abandon the first resolution to repair the old edifice, and to build a thoroughly new structure. The undertaking at the outset, appeared to be very formidable, but it was commenced with a will, and in spite of difficulties and discouragements, has been carried forward to completion.

The building is purely gothic in style, and is modeled after St. Peter's Church, at Weymouth Point. Mr. J. B. Kinney, a Yarmouth architect, drew new plans from the original and made therein several improvements and modifications in the details, but did not depart from the original form. The nave is 28 x 50 feet and the chancel 19 x 22 feet. The main entrance is on south side of the nave, while another is in the tower, which is situated at the junction of the nave and the chancel. The finish of the outside is quiet and neat, a gilt cross surmounts the steeple, and finials of neat form are at each apex of the roof of the nave, chancel and porch, while a cresting of pretty design runs along between and gives a handsome finish to the whole.

Entering the church, visitors will see one of the handsomest interiors, both in finish and design, to be found in the Province. The roof is without ceiling, but is finished from the plates to the purline, in spruce laid diagonally in squares. The wood is simply filled with oil and shellaced, and presents a beautiful appearance. The roof is supported by heavy arches, resting upon hammer beams, and are trussed at the top with a tie brace and king post. The wood is all in its natural state, with the exception of being filled and shellaced, and on the chamfers of arches, hammer beams and brackets, a slender band is painted in vermillion tint. The walls are rough plastered and painted, with the exception of about four feet of ash wainscotting. In the nave, the walls are painted a light drab with an almost imperceptible reddish tint. The chancel is painted a light blue, and for about six feet above the wainscotting, the walls are laid off in diamonds by dark blue diagonal lines, and in the centre of the diamonds *fleur de lis* is painted in cream tint. Above this is a broad band of deep blue, on which in gilt letters is the inscription, "For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed." All the wall painting was executed by Mr. Keiler, the well-known local painter, and has been carefully and well performed throughout all its details.

The seating, pulpit, altar rail and reredos, are the work of Messrs. Kinney, Healey & Co., of Yarmouth, N. S. The pulpit is of ash and walnut, and is perfection as a piece of workmanship, within its cost. We understand that a Mr. Zwicker, a former employee in Messrs. J. B. Reed & Son's Steam Factory of this town, made it throughout. The seatings are twenty-six in number and are reached by three aisles, a wide one in the middle, and one on each side. Through the indefatigable exertions of Mrs. Wilkins and the other ladies of the parish, the seats were all cushioned, ready for the opening, which was somewhat premature, owing to various causes. The windows are of stained glass throughout, five of which in the nave are memorial, and are very handsome. They were put in memory of the following, by the respective families of each:—Mr. S. S. Thorne and wife, Mr. James Scott, Mrs. W. H. Lockett; Mrs. Eliza Longley; and Silas Piper, M. D., wife; son Avery, and grand-daughter Maria. The remainder of the nave windows are of plain Cathedral glass with simple medallions. The west window is the admiration of all in its beautiful and harmonious design. The committee were agreeably disappointed in receipt of this window, as it was found to be much better than was ordered. It is presumed the additional work was a present from the establishment of Messrs. James Spence & Son, whose firm made all the windows in the church.

The chancel floor is elevated three steps above the nave, and the altar two steps still higher. There are four seats for the choir, two on each side. The organ is situated in a recess on the north side of the chancel just back of the pulpit. The altar rail and reredos are of handsome design, and well executed. The east window has not yet come to hand and this of course seriously detracts from the appearance of the chancel at present. This window will be an elaborate work of art, and is to consist of three panels, representing in the middle "The Ascension," the north panel "Christ Comforting the Woman" and the south panel "The Angels at the Sepulchre." These panels are all memorial. Surmounting the window will be three medallions, two large and one small. This window is expected to be in place sometime early in January next. When it is in place and some unfinished work completed a Deanery meeting is to be held.

The vestry is located in the tower and though small is neat and sufficient for the purpose.

The building is heated by furnace heat, and the thorough manner in which it has been built throughout with rendered roof, floor laid in plaster, etc., will always ensure comfort in the coldest weather. The provisions for ventilation are also good.

The sides of the nave are covered with hemp drugget, while the chancel is carpeted throughout.

The seatings are free to all.

The framing was done under the management of Mr. Thomas Shaw, of this town; Mr. Geo. Hoyt had a general superintendence of the whole work; while all the interior work of roof, wainscotting, mouldings, finishing, etc., (with the exception of seating, &c., executed by Messrs. Kinney, Healy & Co., as mentioned) are the work of Messrs. Jesse Hoyt, Alfred Hoyt and Gilbert Purdy. The steeple was built by Mr. Robt. Ewings. The work is excellent throughout, with a few exceptional details, and is a credit to all engaged in it.

The names of the Building Committee who have directed the work are as follows: The Rector, and Wardens (Messrs. Alfred Hoyt and Richard Shipley) Messrs. Albert Morse, secty., W. Y. Foster, Geo. Hoyt, John Lockett, W. J. St Clair, and H. S. Piper.

Owing to the pressure upon our time this week, our report is not as complete nor as carefully written as we could wish, but our readers will be able to form some idea therefrom of this fine addition to our public buildings.

—Repeat orders in VELVET FINISH CASHMERES, Redingote, Ulster, and Sacque Cloths, Fur Caps, Muffs, and Fur Trimmings, just arrived in time for the Christmas trade at J. W. Beckwith's. 1i

Local and Other Matter.

—Good sleighing.

—A steamer is reported to be likely to call at Annapolis for apples for London, on or about 7th January, 1886.

—An Ottawa despatch of the 16th inst., says:—

Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Longley had an interview to-day with several of the ministers in regard to railway matters.

—The Salvation Army opened fire in Victoria Hall, on Thursday night last, and kept it up for several nights, but have now discontinued, and the army will move forward to another encampment. Lack of interest and financial support we understand were the causes of their leaving here.

—A man and a woman named Magee, have been arrested in England for writing threatening letters to the Prince of Wales, and attempting to extort money. It is understood that the people belong to a secret society who ordered them to kill the Prince of Wales, but as they did not wish to obey the mandate, attempted to extort money enough to get them across to America, where they would have to flee to save their own lives for failure in performing their mission.

—We have received the Christmas Critic. Contributions fill its pages from such talented writers as Rev. G. M. Grant, F. G. Sumichrast, Rev. G. O. Heustis, F. Blake Crofton, and Charles G. D Roberts. These, with the two prize stories written by Mrs. J. J Ritchie, of Annapolis, and J. McDonald Oxley, make up a very interesting number.

—Rothsay Masonic Lodge of this town will celebrate St. John's Day, on Monday next, by walking in procession from their hall to St. James' Church, where service will be held by Rev. Henry DeBlois, of Annapolis, Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia. After service the fraternity will disperse to re-assemble in the evening for a dinner.

BEAR RIVER.—Rev. Wm. E. Hall, who has for several years worthily and acceptably filled the pulpit of the Baptist Church in this town is about removing to Sackville.

—Mr. Geo. Purdy lately killed a May pig that weighed 354 lbs., and Mr. Abner Morse, another of same age that weighed 317 lbs.

— Mr. Craven L. Betts, Elocutionist, of New York, will give a series of Dramatic and humorous Recitations, in Victoria Hall, tonight, (Wednesday.) Admission 25 cents. 1i

—A Parlor Concert and Entertainment will be given at the Rectory, on Thursday evening, 31st inst., New Year's Eve, by some well known and talented amateurs. A very enjoyable evening may be expected as there is a capital selection of songs, solos, duets and choruses, instrumental pieces, amusing selections from Dickens acted in character, and recitations by a talented elocutionist. Door open 7.30 p. m. Concert will begin at 8 o'clock. Tickets at door 25 cents.

SKATERS ATTENTION!—The Skating Rink will be opened for the season, weather permitting, on Christmas Eve and Christmas night. The Bridgetown Brass Band will be in attendance during both evenings.

AN ANNAPOLIS MAN'S HEROISM.—*Annapolis, Dec. 21.*—On Saturday afternoon, while the ferry steamer, Joe Edwards, was coming into the slip, a boy named Samson accidentally fell overboard, and before his cries were heard he was a considerable distance from the boat. Bernard Dolan, employed on the boat, threw a life-preserver to him, but he did not catch it. Seeing the boy sinking, Dolan plunged into the water and rescued him with great difficulty. When brought on shore the boy was full of water and unable to speak. This is Dolan's second act of bravery on the Annapolis river. About five years ago he rescued a man's life at the risk of his own. Such acts of bravery should not go unrewarded. Dolan is an Englishman, and is a general favorite with all who have occasion to cross the ferry.—*Herald.*

— The *Maple Leaf*, of Albert, Albert Co., N. B., will give its readers a treat shortly in the shape of a Christmas edition, which will be mainly, if not wholly made up from the pens of a large number of journalists of note, at home and abroad. The *Maple Leaf* is always alive to its reader's interests, but its Christmas edition, on such a basis, is the best thing yet to its credit.

— J. W. Beckwith has his usual three barrels of Confectionery on hand for the Christmas trade at wholesale prices. 1i

— On the 1st inst., at Shelburne, Mr. Frank Taylor and Miss Ethel Muir, both of that town, were united in marriage by Rev. G. J. D. Peters, vicar of Christ Church. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Wm. Muir, a well known and highly esteemed gentleman, who resided a few miles from Bridgetown for several years. We tender Mr. and Mrs. Taylor our cordial wishes for a long and happy life.

— Another lot of that Cotton—10 yards for 45 cts.—just received at J. W. Beckwith's. Thousands of purchasers can testify to the width, quality and value of this fine cotton. He is sorry to have kept so many of his customers waiting for these goods, but the demand is so great, the mills find it impossible to keep up with the demand. 1i

— Mr. R. D. McDonald, who recently purchased the stock of Messrs. S. L. Freeman & Co., of Middleton, and opened store at that place, has sold out *en bloc* to Mr. Geo. Armstrong, of Kingston, N. S. Mr. Armstrong's advertisement will be found in another column.

FIRE.—A barn belonging to Ansley Elliott, Esq., Port George, was destroyed by fire, a short time since. It contained about 5 tons straw and 100 bushels of oats. We understand it was partially insured. It is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

Our informant says that it is about the 25th building destroyed in this way, in a country district covering an area of from 2 to 5 miles, within fifteen or twenty years.

— The last Amherst *Gazette* contains the following item, which may prove of great value to some sufferer:—

Mr. Milford Page, of this place, came home from the United States last spring, quite ill with Bright's disease. He had consulted leading physicians, who gave him little encouragement. On a recent visit to the States, however, he learned that a friend had been cured by confining himself to a milk diet for a year. Mr. Page began the treatment over three weeks ago, taking two quarts a day. During that brief period his weight, which had previously increased by dropsy to 180 lbs., has been reduced 15 lbs. and he feels almost renewed. It is to be hoped the improvement will continue, and the value of this simple remedy for this disease—heretofore generally considered incurable—fully verified.

—At the close of the Lawrencetown school for the holiday, Mrs. Richardson, one of the teachers was surprised by the presentation of an address from her pupils accompanied by a beautiful photograph album, two handsome vases and a jewel case.

DEAR TEACHER.—We improve this opportunity to express to you our kind feelings and respect at the approach of Christmas-tide. We thank you for your kindness and forbearance with us in our studies, and for the pains that you have taken to bend down the branches of the "Tree of knowledge" within our reach, that we may be able to pluck some of its delicious fruits and taste their sweetness. We hope that as we grow older we will understand more easily, and not tax your patience so much. However this may be, our desire is to please you and advance in our studies. We beg that you will accept this present as a token of the esteem in which you are held by us, your pupils. We all wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Lawrencetown, Dec 18th, 1885.

Hampton Items.

A little child, daughter of Mr. Charles Milbury, had the misfortune to get its wrist broken by falling from a chair on Friday last.

A little six year old boy, son of Mr. J.V. B. Foster, 2nd, of this place, while playing on a mill dam near his father's house, slipped and fell over, and, striking some ice, he was carried under the mill some ten or twelve feet. Some boys skating on the pond heard him cry out when he fell, and went to his assistance. He was found lying in about six inches of water, and between fright and the injuries that he had received, he was scarcely able to move, and had it not been for the timely assistance of the boys mentioned, he would likely have drowned. He was considerably bruised.

Clarence Items.

Mr. Robert Marshall recently sold a steer calf seven months old to Mr. William Balton, of Upper Clarence, for the sum of twenty dollars. Farmers should raise more such stock.

Mr. Z. Wilson's new house is almost completed and will be ready for him to occupy before Christmas. It is a fine looking structure and makes quite an addition to the looks of the place.

Mr. Alfred Marshall raised some very fine pumpkins this season, the largest of which weighed 88 pounds. They were a new variety never grown in this country before.

Our Division is in quite a prosperous condition, gaining in membership and interest quite rapidly. At our last meeting a debate occupied the evening. Subject: "Is Fictitious Reading Injurious?" Bros. Rosch & Creelman opened the debate. Too much cannot be said in praise of the manner in which the subject was handled by them. We consider such discussions very beneficial to young people, exercising the mind, giving them confidence in themselves, and teaching them to become public speakers.

Granville Ferry Items.

The new Temperance Hall, at Hillsburn, Granville Mountain, was dedicated on Thursday evening last, Dec. 17th, by the district deputy, Walter W. Mills. It belongs to Watchman Division Sons of Temperance and is intended also for a place of worship and was opened for that purpose on Sunday the 20th, by Rev. Isa Wallace. The building is pleasantly situated in full view of the Bay of Fundy and is 27ft by 37ft outside with an audience room of 25ft. square, a broad platform across one end and a small gallery over the entrance. It will probably seat nearly 200 persons. It is nicely finished inside and out and a credit to the community. The night of the dedication was fine and though the roads were very rough the house was well filled. Quite a number of members were present from the surrounding Divisions, and the audience ranged all the way from the babe in arms to the patriarch of near ninety years. Rev. Isa Wallace, Rev. W. Archibald, A. D. Parker, S. A. James, C. F. Armstrong, Wesley Turner and others gave short addresses suitable to the occasion.

Messrs Weatherspoon and Mills, have brought a steam mill to be located just West of Granville Ferry, at a place formerally called Pomp's Creek. The building is already erected and the mill is to be put in to operation at once. It is to be hoped that this will be more successful than other mill enterprises in this vicinity.

—The river is not yet closed, but is full of drift ice. The tides have been very high during the past day or two.

— The Skating Rink will be opened on Thursday night, and J. W. Beckwith is ready to supply Skating Boots of the best makes for the occasion. 1i

— One hundred thousand people lost their lives through the cholera in Spain during this year.

— It is gratifying to note that in all the infected small-pox districts the most gratifying reports are coming in, relative to the decrease of the disease.

— 50 boxes of Choice New Crop Valencia Raisins, 200 lbs., Currants, together with a very large stock of the choicest Groceries now in stock for the holiday trade. Special discounts on large purchases at J. W. Beckwith's. 1i

— Major General Laurie has gone to the seat of war on the frontier of Servia and Bulgaria, as commissioner from the National society for furnishing aid to the wounded.

— Lieut. Howard, the Gatling gun man, is to receive $5,000 as a bonus from the Canadian Government, and is about to open a cartridge factory in the Dominion, materials for which will be admitted free of customs duty.

— The largest variety and best quality of Eaton's Axes, and Acme Skates is to be had at J. W. Beckwith's at the lowest prices going. 1i

— Judge DesBrisay is revising the old edition of the County of Lunenburg and completing an appendix for publication at a future date. The judge has collected an immense amount of documents relating to our early days, which will be read with interest.

— Those in want of cheap and first-class goods, would do well to call at W. J. St. Clair's, before purchasing elsewhere, as he is selling for a small advance on cost, and will continue to do so for thirty days. So if you want a bargain, remember the place and give him a call. Wanted 500 barrels good potatoes. Highest price paid. 3i

— The Rink will be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings of each week. The Band will be in attendance every Thursday night.

— Mr. Willard McDonald, student, will preach in the Presbyterian Church of this town on Sunday, Dec. 27th, and on January 3rd, at the usual hours.

—Mrs. Reynolds offers to the public a choice selection of Confectionery, Figs, Dates, Nuts, Oranges, Jellies, Syrups, Soap and Fancy Goods. Just received from Halifax, a supply of bottled Ginger Ale and Lemonade for Christmas. Always on hand fresh Bread, Sausages and Bolognas. She begs to thank the public for past favors and solicits a continuance of the same. tf

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THE subscriber offers for sale his fine Farm situated in HAVELOCK, Annapolis Co. It consists of 75 acres, about 35 of which are tillage, remainder in pasture and woodland. A small orchard is on the place. Cuts about 20 tons of good hay. Soil good and easily cultivated. A saw-mill is on the place and a barn. The cellar of a house is dug and stoned, and the frame is on the ground ready to be put up. Will be sold reasonable.

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Havelock, Dec. 1884.

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Dec. 21st, 1885. no27tf.

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Notice to Contractors.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to undersigned, and marked "Tender for the Welland Canal," will be received at this office until the arrival of the Eastern and Western mails on MONDAY, the 25th day of JANUARY next (1886), for raising the walls of the locks, weirs, &c., and increasing the height of the banks of that part of the Welland Canal between Port Dalhousie and Thorold and, for deepening the Summit Level between Thorold and Ramey's Bend, near Humberston.

The works, throughout, will be let in Sections.

Maps of the several localities, together with plans and descriptive specifications, can be seen at this office on and after MONDAY, the 11th day of JANUARY next, 1886, where printed forms of tender can be obtained. A like class of information relative to the works north of Allanburg will be furnished at the Resident Engineer's Office, *Thorold*; and for works south of Allanburg, plans, specifications, &c., may be seen at the Resident Engineer's Office, *Welland*.

Contractors are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and in case of firms, except there are attached the actual signatures, the nature of their occupation and place of residence of each member of the same; and further, an accepted bank cheque of *Two Thousand Dollars* or more—according to the extent of the work on the section—must accompany the respective tenders, which sum shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the works, at the rates stated in the offer submitted.

The amount required in each case will be stated on the form of tender.

The cheque or money thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

A. P. BRADLEY,

Secretary.

Department of Railways and Canals,

Ottawa, 9th December, 1885. 5i42.

Sleighs! Sleighs!

—TO—

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Lawrencetown, Dec. 22nd, '85. 3f4f

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ALL WOOL SHAWLS,

which gave such excellent satisfaction last year.

As usual I have a fine assortment of

Redingote, Ulster & Sacque Cloths,

—AND—

Children's Cloakings.

Headquarters for Best Quality of

Josephine Kid Gloves,

from 2 to 6 buttons, also Gloves in CASHMERE, WOOL, LOUISE, HABIT GAUNTLETS, etc.

Large Stock Comfortables;

all prices.

WELFORD YARNS,

Mikado Frilling, the newest makes.

SILK HANDKERCHIEFS.

Hercules Braid, all widths.

Furs! Furs!

LADIES' AND GENTS' FUR CAPS.

LADIES' FUR TIPPETS AND MUFFS, best quality.

LADIES' DOGSKIN SACKS, all sizes

FUR TRIMMINGS, all widths.

Mens' Suitings.

PERFECT FITTING

Dress OVERCOATS,

The best value I have ever offered.

The above does not commence to enumerate one quarter of my large and complete stock, therefore customers and the public generally, must not think their selection will be limited. All are requested to call and prove for themselves, that in my store the most critical taste can be satisfied. No trouble to show goods.

J. W. Beckwith.

SLEIGHS

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

The Piano Box

SLEIGH,

The Most Convenient and Economical Sleigh now in Use.

THE subscriber takes this method of notifying the public that he has now on hand a very superior lot of the above Class of Sleighs, ready for use, neatly ironed with a Broad SPRING STEEL SHOE, and painted very neatly in different shades and ornamented in gilt, and upholstered, and he has one very Fancy

ALBANY CUTTER,

All of which will be sold low for Cash at the

Old Reliable Carriage Factory,

VICTORIA VALE,

DAVID FALES.

Dec. 9th, 1885.

FOR CHRISTMAS AND WEDDINGS.

THE subscriber has received from England his autumn supply of

EARTHEN & CHINA WARE,

in which are Tea Sets varying in price from $1.30 to $13.50. Also, Dinner and Toilet Sets, Jugs, Home, Ceres, and Square shapes, Plates, Dishes, Bowls, Butter Coolers, Extra Cups and Saucers, Moustache do., with a variety of other articles too tedious to mention; all of which I offer at my usual low prices.

Oats and Good Butter taken in exchange.

G. F. BONNETT.

Bridgetown, Dec., 1885. n36tf

INFORMATION.

Why, Mrs. Jones, I do declare,
It is a caution to cats
To see the goods in Whitman's Store
The Boots, Gloves, Caps & Hats,
The Under and Over SHIRTS and DRAWERS,
Beat anything that you have seen,
The Overcoats for Men and Boys,
In Black, Brown, Grey or Green,
The CHINA, GLASS AND EARTHENWARE,
In sets Black, Gold and Brown,
And Plated Ware of every kind,
And Charming CHECKS for a gown.
His CHRISTMAS GOODS in CARDS and TOYS,
And Presents of every kind,
For Young and Old, for Girls and Boys,
The like it is hard to find.
Now, don't forget, your purchases to make At

J. W. WHITMAN'S Store,

You'll get supplies so very cheap,
You'll wish you wanted more.

SPECIAL

CLEARING OUT

—AND—

HOLIDAY SALE

—FOR—

'85. DECEMBER. '85.

JOHN LOCKETT,

is offering for this month at Great Reduction the following stock:

Men's Heavy Overcoats and Ulsters.
Ladies' Sacques.
Fur Lined Kid Mits, Gloves, &c.
Sleigh Robes.
Hats Caps, &c.
Wool Goods.
Ladies' & Men's Felt Over Boots.

CANDIES, &c., FOR Santa Claus.

1 lb. packages, 17 cents; 2 lb. packages, 16 cents; 4 lb. packages, 15 cents; 6 lb. packages, 14 cents; 10 lb. packages, 13 cents.

Figs, Nuts, and Oranges,

SEEDLESS RAISINS, 10C. LB,

Just the thing for Pies and Puddings at Christmas.

Just received, a few ELEGANT HANGING LAMPS, for Halls, Room, Etc.

Bridgetown, Dec. 16, 1885.

PACKAGE of Comic Pictures and our Big Catalogue for 3c and this slip.

A. W. KINNEY, Yarmouth, N. S.

Hard Coal!

NOW IN WAREHOUSE:

20 TONS HARD COAL,

STOVE SIZES,

For Sale Cheap,

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Geo. E. Corbitt,

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LOW RATES. SOLID COMPANY.

Lancashire Insurance Company,

CAPITAL, - - £3,000,000 Sterling.

RESERVE FUND, £904,000 Sterling.

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Risks taken in the above staunch Company at low rates.

JOHN P. MURDOCH, Agent.

Bridgetown, Sept. 28th. tf

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RUNCIMAN, RANDOLPH & CO'S.

WE HAVE RECEIVED OUR STOCK OF

Staple & Fancy Dry Goods.

SHAWLS,

Misses & Ladies' Rubber Gossamers,

LADIES' CLOUDS,
WOOL HOSIERY,
SCARFS.
MEN'S HATS,
CAPS,
TIES & BRACES,

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

HORSE RUGS,
BLANKETS.
SLEIGH ROBES, ETC., ETC.

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Best in the Market!

Unequalled for Spreading, Finish and Durability!

Paint that Beautifies and Protects!

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NO one will deny that the finer a paint is ground, the longer it will wear and the more surface it will cover, and if to this we add the fact that if the color is ground in with the Lead and Oil, it will be seen that the paint will not spot or fade, as is the case with paint made by hand.

These three qualities (Spreading, Finish and Durability) are shown in the Heath & Milligan Manufacturing Co.'s Paints, over all others. If you want a paint that will endure, and at the same time hold its beauty, you will be interested in these goods.

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