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The MONITOR wishes its readers a "Happy and Prosperous New Year."

That the United States government has no use for an "open door" trade policy is becoming every day more apparent.

King county farmers are making a strong effort to have the government model farm, now at Truro, established at Wolfville in connection with the horticultural school.

France is in an unpropitious state. Political affairs, always in a difficult state, are unusually vexed over the unpleasantness with Great Britain.

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The Montreal Times thinks that a duty on tea is to be levied shortly by the federal government. Such a duty would be a big item in revenue account, at any rate, as Canada's importations of tea must aggregate close upon thirty million pounds annually.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—The House Committee on Naval Affairs has decided to favorably report a bill providing for the increase of the number of the navy to 20,000 men and 2,500 boats and apparatus.

Local and Special News.

—Xmas goods at cost at J. I. Foster's. —Orange 24c. per doz. at J. I. Foster's. —Edward Morse an inmate of the County Asylum died last Monday.

—There is to be a Sunday School concert in the Baptist Church next Sunday evening. —There will be a farmers dinner in Lawrencetown on Tuesday evening, Jan. 6th.

—The ordinance of baptism was administered in the Baptist Church last Sunday evening to one candidate. —About 1,700 barrels of apples were shipped from Bridgetown yesterday and this morning for London via Halifax.

—There will be a special meeting in the Saturday night school at 8 o'clock on the 29th inst. —Dr. Y. D. Shaffer will be in his Dental office at Lawrencetown the first two weeks of January.

—Up to date this season the apple crop in the Kings county is nearly 100,000 barrels ahead of shipment for a corresponding period last year. —Messrs. W. W. Chelley and R. F. Fairs have so improved in health as to be able to take occasional drives.

—The special general meeting of the Nova Scotia Pork Packing Company, to consider the report of the managing committee, will be held at Middleton this afternoon. —Our merchants report a grand holiday trade notwithstanding the absence of snow on the closing days of last week.

—The regular meeting of the Kings County Agricultural Society will be held at 8 o'clock on the 29th inst. —The young people of the Lawrencetown Baptist Church will give a concert in the church (Wednesday) evening, Jan. 3rd.

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Bridge Town School.

Average standing of the pupils of the advanced department of the Bridge Town school for four weeks ending Dec. 25th, 1898.

Grade XI. Arvilla Pigeon 75, Leonora Lloyd 72, Mabel Banks 68, Uta Cameron 68, Kenneth Craig 62, Annie Kinsley 59, Donald Craig 45.

Grade IX. Annie McKenzie 93, Ella Logie 76, Douglas Hoy 76, George Mansbrough 76, Curtis Longmire 63, Lela Brown 59, Annie Logie 59, Ethel Howe 56, Fred Williams 52, Frank Forsythe 42, Tom Hill 38, Minnie Hawksworth 34.

Grade VIII. Charles Dalley 77, Mary Craig 77, James Bowles 71, George Mansbrough 69, Louis Young 63, Alice Cunningham 63, Annie Mackenzie 63, Rita Young 59, Annie Logie 59, William Freeman 42, E. A. Whitman 42, Charles Menno 32, Joseph McLellan 32.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS. Mr. C. H. Harvey, of Halifax, spent Xmas in town. Miss Angie James is visiting Mrs. M. McCormick, Digby.

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THE RECORD OF THE YEAR.

Night, and storm, and darkness fall about the world. The last scudding clouds, through which at times the pale moon gleams fitfully, hang low in the murky sky.

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New Advertisements.

STRAYED! Strayed into the enclosure of the subscriber about April 1st, 1898, a black sheep with white in right eye. Owner can have property by paying expenses.

NOTICE! All notes and accounts due the subscriber must be paid before the first of February next.

FOR SALE! Horse, Wagon and Harness; a bargain. Inquire of F. W. BISHOP, Paradise, or 40 St. RICKETSON, Bridgetown.

"EVANGELINE" Oyster Parlor and Restaurant. (One door east of Post Office, Granville Street.)

PUBLIC AUCTION. WILLIAMSTON, Thursday, Dec. 29th, 1898.

Arriving this week. E. & E. SCHAFFNER'S. A LARGE IMPORTATION OF CROCKERY.

Fresh Groceries arriving all the time. Also one car FLOUR & FEED, comprising "Horses," "Splendid," "Valentine," "Cornmeal," "Middling," "Feed Flour," etc.

REMEMBER THE DATE the trouble commences. Leave one-fourth of what you expect to pay, at home; the balance will pay for the goods.

We wish you most heartily "A Very Happy New Year." It is sweet music to hear the footsteps of returning customers. Unless our customer is satisfied we are not. What isn't right we will make right.

We have opened a large variety of New, Bright & Attractive Goods for the Holiday Trade. In NECKWEAR, HOLIDAY GLOVES!, HANDKERCHIEFS, Dress Goods & Dress Trimmings.

We will continue the sale of balance of single-width DRESS GOODS daily until cleared out. All-Wool Single-Width DRESS GOODS, regularly sold for 45c. Challenge Price until cleared out 20c.

READY-TO-WEAR CLOTHING! Great 25 per cent DISCOUNT SALE! In consequence of the extreme bad roads and very bad weather, our Clothing sales have been very much effected.

LADIES' JACKETS. Ladies' Jackets, \$7.50; Challenge Price, \$1.75. Ladies' Jacket, \$8.50; Challenge Price, \$6.00.

Wishing One and All "A Merry Christmas." We would like to call your attention to our numerous XMAS SPECIALTIES!

JAPANESE SILK GOODS. Piano Drapes, Mantel Drapes, Picture Drapes, Chair Drapes, Table Cloths, Ladies' Silk Handkerchiefs, and Silk by the yard.

JAPANESE BASKETS. A large assortment, comprising Glove, Handkerchief and Necktie Boxes, Fancy Work-Baskets in variety, Waste Paper Baskets, Lunch Baskets, Picnic Baskets, Market Baskets, Soiled Clothes Baskets, Bamboo Baskets and Bamboo Screens, any of which would make a desirable present.

STRONG & WHITMAN. Suitable Presents for Gentlemen. Elegant Silk Neckwear of every description. Elegant Silk Mufflers, white and dark colors.

Advertisement for J. I. FOSTER, GRANVILLE STREET. Includes text about Christmas goods, neckwear, and various products.