Springfield.

Mrs. Dramm and son, Baxter Payzant, of West Newton, Mass., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Roop.

Rev. Mr. Reed, of New Germany, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Grimm on the 23rd.

Rev. E. E. Locke, of Middleton, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Springfield, Albany and East Dalhousie churches. The Baptists are fortunate in securing the services of such an energetic and earnest Christian worker.

Mrs. Jacob Roop spent a few days last week at Kingston, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Neily.

An Agricultural Society was organized at Springfield on the 25th inst., with the following staff of officers: Joseph Freeman, president; J. C. Grimm, vice president; Major C. Roop, secretary; Rev. I. J. John Mullock, treasurer. Directors: Oscar McNayr, John Long, Jacob Roop, Albert McNayr, Albert Grimm.

Court Forest Flower, I. O. F., will celebrate its first anniversary next month.

Mr. Baxter Payzant, of Newton Theological Seminary, Mass., preached to large audiences at Lake Pleasant and Springfield last Sunday. Mr. Payzant gives promise of becoming a useful minister of the gospel.

Preparations are being made for a sacred concert to be held on Easter Sunday.

Belleisle.

This has been one of the most pleasant Marchs ever known here. The weather has been truly delightful.

Hatnish's mill finished sawing at the Ruggles Lake last Thursday. It was there four weeks, and sawed about 325 M. It was moved to Annapolis last Friday. Crowe & Balcom's is sawing now at Young's Cove.

Mr. Charles Wade had a valuable two-year-old colt very badly kicked some days ago. His driving horse broke its halter and got loose.

Mr. Gilbert Willett has a very large and fine pair of oxen fattened for the Easter market. It is estimated by competent judges that they will dress over a ton of beef. They have been purchased by Herbert Williams.

Mr. Norman Willett and Andrew Bent have their new pleasure yacht nearly completed. She is a beauty. Her dimensions are: Length over all, 29 ft.; beam, 9 ft., with five feet draught. She will spread 342 yards duck, and has cabin accommodation for 10. Mr. Hiram Longmire is the master builder.

Some of our young folk have been very sick here lately from the effects of measles, which seem to be of a most virulent type.

Mt. Hanley.

The weather is all that can be desired at present.

Mr. Saunda Armstrong left for the Hub last Saturday where he intends spending the summer.

Mr. Oscar Elliott left for Reading, Mass., last week.

Mr. R. Elliott from Nictaux was visiting friends here last week.

Master John C. Anderson from Port George was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Fritz last week.

Our Pastor handed in his resignation on Sunday last much to the regret of the congregation. He is holding a series of meetings here at present.

The Mission Band and the choir intend giving a missionary Concert in the Baptist church on Sunday evening April 3rd at 7.30. Silver collection at the close.

Nictaux.

Rev. G. J. C. White of Annapolis exchanges pulpits with Rev. S. W. Brown on Sunday April 3rd.

The Baker fortune is all the rage. The heirs are busy searching old papers and tombstones.

Col. B. H. Parker had a slight attack of paralysis on Sunday last.

Mrs. Margaret Parker is moving back into the house of D. L. Gates where she formerly resided.

Robert C. Bacon of Hopewell, Alberta Co, N. B., who is travelling for the "Sparham Fire Proof Roofing Co." paid a visit to his old friend C. F. Armstrong last week.

Much sympathy is expressed for H. C. Marshall of North Williamston whose house was burned on Friday night last his wife being very seriously ill at the time.

Port Lorne.

Mr. Wm. Dalton arrived home on the 22nd from the hospital at Halifax.

Mr. Allister McPherson, of Clarence, was here on Friday last and, we understand, arranged for the mason work of some of the new houses that are about ready for plastering.

Capt. Edwin and Mrs. Hall were visiting friends at St. Croix Cove on Friday last.

Rev. E. P. Coldwell will preach on Sunday, April 3rd, at Port Lorne, 10.30; Arlington, 2.30.

Capt. Freeman Beardsley and Mr. Johnson Corbitt have gone to St. John.

Charley Cropley has gone to seek a berth for the summer.

Paradise.

Col. Starratt is recovering from his recent illness.

Mrs. J. M. Leonard and Dr. F. B. Leonard have been visiting friends in this place.

More like May than March.

Mrs. A. E. Leonard had snow drops in her garden last week we were presented with mayflowers on Monday. Butterflies and caterpillars are reported.

Miss Vinnie Marshall who has spent the winter among friends in Boston and vicinity is expected home this week.

The roads are fairly good we almost wonder if Spring has come to stay.

Port George.

Fine weather still continues.

May Foster left last Saturday for Lynn.

Messrs. Mulhall and Burgoyne spent Sunday here.

On the evening of Easter Sunday there will be a cantata given at the Methodist Church. A fine entertainment is anticipated. Silver taken at the door.

Obituary.

ELIAS MESSENGER.

Early Tuesday morning March 15th, this respected citizen passed away at the advanced age of 86 years at his home in Surrey Albert Co., N. B. As he was a native of Bridgetown all his old friends and many readers of the MONITOR will learn this with regret. He was born at Bridgetown in the year of 1812. His earlier years were spent in the above locality until he was about forty years of age. He met here for the first time the future companion of his life in the person of Miss Jane Wallace of Surrey, Albert Co., N. B., who was visiting friends at Bridgetown. They were married and soon after that moved to Carleton, N. B. Their stay there was short, about two years, and they returned to Rosette where he bought a farm and lived on it for 18 years. By his industry and skill he made it blossom like the rose. It became a valuable piece of property. After toiling here for 18 years, being persuaded by his children, he and Mrs. Messenger left for the States. He was not contented there and returned again to Bridgetown in the course of 4 or 5 years. He remained at Bridgetown this time for twelve years living a life of comparative ease and retirement. He had to make one move more—to Surrey, N. B., the home of Mrs. Messenger. He lived a retired life the remaining eight years of his earthly sojourn among his friends in Surrey where he was highly respected and kindly treated to the hour of his death. In his earlier days he did not enjoy the best of health (it was thought that he was consumptive) but after exercising himself on his farm he became strong and vigorous and enjoyed the best of health until he was 75 years of age when he received a paralytic stroke. This was not known to anyone except his nephew until the day of his death. He received two more shocks and all was over. After he was overtaken by the last he spoke, moved and gradually, watched by his faithful companions and friends, breathed his last. He was a man of uncommon industry and wise economy and withal charitable to worthy objects. The result was that he secured a competency against old age and left his friends in comfortable circumstances. The funeral service was held at his residence where a number of people met to pay him the last respects. The service was conducted by Rev. J. Miles, pastor of Surrey Baptist church. His remains were interred at Gray's Island. His nephew J. W. Pigott Bridgetown was among the mourners. He has left his wife and two daughters to mourn their loss.—COM.

At New York last week ten seamen of the Nova Scotia four masted barque Ancyra made complaints of brutal treatment and starvation against Captain J. B. Morris, P. C. Robinson, first mate; N. Cuno, second mate, and Edward Shellnur, botswain of the barque, during the voyage from Hong Kong and Manila. Captain Morris belongs to Harbourville.

The "Maine" was Blown up by a Floating Torpedo or a Mine.

Washington, March 25.—The court of enquiry appointed to investigate the cause of the Maine disaster has reported that the loss of the battleship was due to an outside explosion. The state department, by direction of the president, has cabled United States Minister Woodford at Madrid to notify the Spanish government of this conclusion. The president and his cabinet advisers held two extended sessions to day, one at 10.30 a. m. and another at 3 p. m., at which the report was considered in detail. Members of the cabinet stated after the meeting that the discussion was of grave character and that never since the wrecking of the Maine has the situation seemed so critical. The Spanish government has cabled officially to Washington that the Spanish naval commission holds the disaster of the Maine to be of internal origin.

THE OFFICIAL REPORT.

Washington, March 27.—The Associated Press presents a complete abstract of the court of enquiry which investigated the wreck of the battleship Maine. This abstract is made from the report itself, access to which was obtained to-day despite official secrecy unparalleled in the handling of official papers.

The report is made up of eight parts, as follows:

First—The court find that at the time of the explosion the battleship Maine was lying in five and one half to six fathoms of water.

Second—The discipline aboard the ship was excellent; everything stowed according to orders—ammunition, guns, stores, etc. The temperature of the magazines at 8 p. m. was normal, except in the after ten-inch magazine, and that did not explode.

Third—The explosion occurred at 9.40 o'clock on the evening of February 15. There were two explosions with a very short interval between; the ship listed on the first explosion.

Fourth—The court can form no definite opinion of the condition of the wreck from the divers' evidence.

Fifth—Technical details of wreckage from which court deduces that a mine was exploded under the ship on the port side.

Sixth—The explosion was due to no fault of those on board.

Seventh—Opinion of the court stating that the explosion of the mine caused the explosion of two magazines.

Eighth—The court declares that it cannot find evidence to fix the responsibility.

The report is unanimous and is signed by all the members of the court. It does not refer to the existence or non existence of mines in the harbor of Havana, except in the specific finding that a mine was exploded under the ship, and the opinion that the explosion of the two magazines was caused by the explosion of a mine.

The report as a whole is a formal, dispassionate recital of facts, and bears the stamp of that strict officialism which marks naval procedure. It is brief, not exceeding 1800 words, and among the eight parts, goes to the greatest length under the second heading, which deals with the discipline and order on the ship. This the court specifies with extreme minuteness, the least detail of the satisfactory condition of everything on board being given.

The normal temperature of the large forward magazines at 8 o'clock, only an hour and forty minutes before the explosion, disposes of the question of accidental combustion within those magazines.

Something About "Ferron" 2.24¼.

The stallion Ferron, owned by M. D. Messenger, of Kingston, made his debut to the admirers of good horses in Bridgetown, recently. He is a horse of good conformation, great intelligence and courage and is a pure line trotter. Mr. Gibbons, after drawing the lines over him was extravagant in his praises of his extreme speed and easy way of going.

Mr. Messenger is too modest to boast of speed, but is not at all backward in showing his horse and testing his qualities with the best of them.

Ferron is a horse to be sought after on his merits alone. He is 15½ hands high and weighs 1065 lbs. in road condition; sloping shoulders, deep ribbed, heavy stifle, flat boned and good feet, with as clean a cut throat as a running horse; is seal brown with tan muzzle and flanks. Mr. Williams, of Galesburg, Ill., in writing of Ferron says: "His record of 2.24¼ is no limit of his speed, having frequently in his few weeks' work last September showed quarters in 32 sec." He is strongly bred in most fashionable lines, and is good enough in every respect to be placed at the head of any stock farm in this or any other country. The Allerton-Director-Mambrino Patchen blood will produce extreme speed and race horses.

The report of the sale gave Ferron as the bargain of the sale.

His sire, Allerton, 20974, by Jay Bird one of Geo. Wilkes' best sons. His dam was by Mambrino Boy, considered by many to be the best son of Mambrino Patchen. The second dam of Allerton was by Geo. Wilkes. Allerton's first dam had two foals; one had a three year old record of 2 22¾ to high wheel sulky, the other a five year old record, same way of going of 2.09¼. It is claimed there is not another mare living with but two foals that has ever made such a showing as Gussie Wilkes, Allerton's dam. Allerton 20974 has the fastest record of any living stallion to a high wheel sulky, and raced as no other stallion has ever raced. He trotted five times in 2 10 or better to a high wheel sulky, and recent performances at that way of going would indicate that Allerton's record to a bike sulky would have been near 2 04. When five years old he made Nancy Hanks 2 04, trot the three fastest miles ever trotted to a high wheel sulky. Allerton was the champion sire in 1896, an unheard of record for a ten-year-old stallion. In 1896 he had 15 to his credit in the list. This year he is the champion sire again, having twenty new ones. At the age of 11 years he has 42 in the list.

The dam of Ferron, Directorine 2.32, by Director 2 17; grand dam Geraldine by Mambrino Patchen 58, the greatest sire of dams. The dam of Geraldine also produced the good race horse and sire Black Cloud, 2 17¼, also Annie Brown dam of Rosford, 2.16¼ and West Cloud, sire of Wild Rose, 2.16.

Director is sire of 39 in the list including Directum 2.05¼ and Direct 2 05¼ and Direction 2 08¼. He sired the dam of Oro Wilkes 2.11, Little Thorne, 2 14¼ and Edna K., 2 13¼. Dolly, his dam also produced Czarina 2 21, Thorndale 2.22¼ and Onward 2.25¼, sire of 135, and two other successful sires.

Ferron is therefore bred in the most successful and strongest lines. His sire the greatest stallion living at his age and his dam by the sire of two of the fastest of any living or dead stallions.

The "Grand Old Man" is Dying.

Hon. W. E. Gladstone is dying of a cancerous growth, involving the bone tissues back of the nasal passages. The melancholy truth is now admitted privately by his son, Mr. Herbert Gladstone, and other members of his family. The unanimous verdict of several specialists who have been consulted regarding the case is that an operation is impossible, owing to the age and enfeebled condition of the patient. It would be possible to afford considerable relief and also to prolong life by surgical means if Mr. Gladstone were younger, but his heart already threatens failure to perform its functions, and the surgeons are of the opinion that the administration of anæsthetics would result in immediate death. The only relief possible is that afforded by opiates and other palliatives. These will be used freely as the disease progresses, for, although they tend to shorten life, it is the wise judgment of the physicians and the family alike that they would not be justified in seeking to prolong the agony, which has already led the aged sufferer to express a pitiful longing for death. The pain has now continued for six months, and although it is somewhat less acute than it was a few weeks ago, the strength and vitality of the patient's wonderful constitution are sadly drained.

The end, when it comes, will be from failure of the heart's action rather than from the direct ravages of the terrible malady. It is hardly probable that it will be long delayed.

The Egyptian Campaign.

Atbara, on the Nile, March 24.—An Anglo-Egyptian cavalry patrol was in contact with a large party of Dervish horsemen on Monday, eleven miles up the river. A smart engagement took place, in which hand-to-hand encounters with spears occurred, and the Dervishes were driven back. The horse artillery went to the support of the Anglo-Egyptian cavalry and shelled the Dervishes at fifteen hundred yards, doing considerable execution. The Anglo Egyptian loss was seven men killed and eight men wounded. The patrol returned to Rashudi before midnight, bringing the wounded. No British officers were wounded.

A force of 400 Dervish cavalry appeared a few miles from here on Tuesday morning. It was met by a squadron of cavalry and a force of Soudanese, who drove off the Dervishes with considerable loss following them some miles beyond Abadar. Mahmoud's main force occupies the same position.

A Sealing Horror.

The sealer Greenland sailed into Bay de Verde, a fishing harbor on the north side of Newfoundland, Saturday afternoon with the most awful cargo that has ever freighted a ship of the sea. Twenty-six corpses, stiff and stark and frozen were piled upon the deck. Fifty-five men were moaning with terrible suffering in the holds from the pain of frost bitten limbs and bodies. The little sealing steamer which sailed for the hunting grounds three short weeks ago returned as an awful charnel house. The dead bodies were piled in tiers upon the decks of the steamer, disfigured and almost unrecognizable from the effects of the terrible suffering which they had endured, presenting one of the most horrible sights human eyes ever beheld.

Nearly one-half of the Greenland's crew of 300 men drifted away from their ship on an ice floe last Tuesday, and perished in a severe storm which sprang up that afternoon. In addition, 23 men are missing and have likely perished. The Greenland set sail from St. John's, Newfoundland, about the first of March on her fateful voyage. She was commanded by Capt. George Barbom, and carried a crew of nearly 300 hunters. The steamer proceeded northward with the rest of the sealing fleet, but after a couple of days she diverged on a separate track. She reached the hunting ground not long after. All went well until Tuesday last. Seals were quickly encountered and several good packs were secured. On Tuesday morning the hunters left the ship about seven o'clock as usual. The lookout in the crow's nest reported seals plentiful around them. The men were clad in light clothing for the slaughtering of seals is exhausting work. Many of them wore only thin suits of underclothing. They scattered over the ice fields and were soon hard at work. They wandered far from the hospitable shelter of the ship. A gale and a raging snow storm shut them out from view. The ice floe parted and they drifted away from the steamer. Many of them drifted to certain death. They were scantily clad and the cold on those Arctic ice floes was intense. Long ere the storm subsided many of the unfortunate fellows had succumbed to the terrible cold and exposure. Those who did not were terribly frostbitten and suffered excruciating pain. The hunters who had not gone from the ship managed to escape the perils of the storm and return to it before the ice floe drifted away.

The long night passed slowly and at day break all available men were dispatched in search of the missing men. They found them huddled in groups, frozen corpses. For hours the search was kept up until the dead were recovered and reverently borne to the ship. Twenty-six corpses were found upon the ice.

Most of the hunters who met this awful fate on the treacherous ice floes are married men with large families, who are thus deprived of all visible means of support.

Much Gold in Labrador.

WHAT THE LONDON MINING JOURNAL HAS TO SAY ABOUT IT.

The London, Eng., *Mining Journal* continues to pay a great deal of attention to the gold fields of Canada. Every week the amount of space which it devotes to our mines is increasing. In an editorial appearing in the last issue of this weekly, it is remarked that gold seems to exist in "many scattered districts of the more northerly parts of British North America." The Yukon is spoken of, the Cassiar country, the Cariboo, the Kootney and the finds of the Peace and McKenzie Rivers. It is next noted that considerable deposits of the precious metal also exist in the great area lying between the Great Slave Lake and Hudson Bay, and The Journal continues, "Now comes a statement attesting the presence of gold on various rivers of Labrador." The discoveries here referred to are supposed to lie in the eastern portion of Labrador, which is under the jurisdiction of the Newfoundland government, and the exact location at which the gold deposits are found is some distance in the interior, in the neighborhood of Lake Petchiapou and Meshiknomou.

The district hitherto associated with gold is that a few miles above the Stillwater, and reports also say that deposits are to be found in the Great and Little Whale Rivers, and the East Maine River, which all three flow into Hudson Bay.

In the neighborhood of Kosoak River some traces of gold have been found by persons who have gone over the country, and it is believed that the general geological formation of this particular region is similar to that of the country surrounding the Klondike, so that British North America may have another Yukon district in the far east. Silver, iron and other minerals are known to exist in Labrador.

San Jose Scale.

An extra issue of the *Canada Gazette* contains the San Jose Scale Act, which prohibits the importation of plants subject to the scale. The chief clause reads: "The importation of any trees, shrubs, plants, vines, grafts, cuttings or buds, commonly called nursery stock, from any country or place to which this act applies is prohibited." It is provided that any stock so imported shall be forfeited and destroyed, and that a penalty shall be inflicted. The same issue of the *Gazette* contains an order-in council declaring the act to apply to the United States, Japan and the Hawaiian Islands. Another order in council declares the following plants, which are not liable to the attack of the San Jose scale, to be exempted from the provisions of the act: Greenhouse plants with the exception of roses, herbaceous perennials, herbaceous bedding plants, all conifers, bulbs and tubers.

China Yields to Russia.

London, March 26.—The Pekin correspondent of the *Times* says: China on Wednesday agreed to all the Russian demands. The following are the concessions:

A lease of Port Arthur for twenty-five years as a fortified naval base.

A lease of Talien-Wan for twenty five years, as an open port and as the terminus of the Trans-Manchurian Railway, with a right of fortification and the right for the Russians to construct a railway from Petuna (in Manchuria on the Sungari River), to Talien-Wan and Port Arthur on the same terms as stipulated in the case of the Trans-Manchurian Railway.

China retains nominal sovereign rights which, however, she is powerless to assert, the lease being equivalent to cession.

Manitoba Schools.

Winnipeg, Man., March 24.—The *Tribune* says: "It is reported that the minority has definicely decided to accept the provisions of the school settlement, in the meantime hoping for something more in time to come. With this end in view, it is reported that in a few days at the most, the Catholic separate schools will be turned over and come under the provisions of the public school law. Following this, the Inspector will inspect the schools and public grants will follow in due course to all that are up to the standard required. The schools, are owned by school districts, so that all that is necessary to change is to let the Inspector proceed to inspect."

British Columbia Alien Law.

Victoria, B. C., March 25.—The Legislature amended the Master and Servant Act, so as to limit its application to contracts made outside of Canada. The bill was directed against the bringing into this province of laborers from other places under contract to work, presumably for lower wages than those prevailing in British Columbia. As it passed its second reading the bill applies to laborers from other parts of Canada as well as those from foreign countries, but in committee, today, the Premier moved, and carried an amendment limiting its application to contracts made abroad.

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Editor Monitor:—

DEAR SIR,—I was just about to rise to a point of order, and say that other correspondent had greatly wandered from the subject under discussion viz—"That the very large majority of the ministers of churches, in our land, were in favor of temperance." But I am glad that Brother "Brown" and "Jus" have brought the main question into the fore-ground again. As a priest, myself, not after the order of Levi, nor of Melchidec Heb. 7:11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 20, 21, but after the declaration of the Holy Ghost made, with others, a "king and a priest unto God," by Jesus Christ, Rev. 1.5, 6; 5:10, I shall have some thing more to say on the subject of prohibition, the great question of the day.—I am loading up with "Sunday School politics," and biblical "dynamite," and will be ready to fire before many days; when I get my "lines" laid and "buttons" all ready, I advise "Jus" and his friends, to get out of the range of my gun.

Most sincerely yours,

J. L. M. YOUNG.

Bear River, N. S., March 28th, 1898.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

The next session of the Supreme Court of Canada will be held on the third of May.

The public debt of France is the largest in the world and amounts to something like $8,000,000,000.

The annual Oxford-Cambridge boat race took place on the Thames last Saturday and was won by Oxford.

A telegram from Tromsoe, reports that forty-five fishermen were drowned off the coast of Norway in the storm last week.

The severe blizzard which swept over the West last week has probably destroyed the fruit crop of Kansas. The cold is intense.

There were two hundred and fifty-nine deaths from the plague during the past week at Bombay. Four Europeans were among the victims.

A terrible explosion took place recently in the Santa Isabel mines at Elemez, Spain. Sixty corpses have been recovered, and many men are yet unaccounted for.

The election in West Prince, P. E I., to fill the vacancy in the house of commons caused by the death of its late member, will be held on Wednesday, April 13th.

The British Columbia legislature has adopted a resolution urging upon the Dominion Government the advisability of establishing a mint in British Columbia.

In 1626 Manhattan Island was purchased for $24. The surrounding country was not then considered worth buying. To day the value of the land and building of the enlarged city is not less than 4,500,000,000 dollars.

A French expedition sent against Bossiriis, in the island of Madagascar, has met with a serious reverse, six officers and 100 men being killed. The insurgents also captured a number of rifles and 125,000 cartridges.

A bill providing that all executions shall be at the state prison and that death by electricity be substituted for hanging was passed to be engrossed by the lower branch of the Massachusetts Legislature on Wednesday last.

A report that Japan has requested Russia to evacuate Port Arthur finds credence in the Japanese press, which regards the recall of M. Aliexioff, the Russian customs agent at Seoul, as a sign that Russia has changed her policy in regard to Corea.

The Gold of the Ocean.

The Klondike has a formidable rival in the Electrolytic Maine Salts Company, of Lubec, Maine. This company has discovered a paying process of extracting gold and silver from the water of the ocean and if their expectations are realized their yearly output will far exceed that of the Yukon district. Mr. Allaton Cushing, of this city, returned from Boston Monday night, having arranged to supply the company with $50,000 worth of lumber, mostly piling, during the spring and summer. This lumber will be used for building dams for holding water and increasing the plant of the company. Already a couple of hundred machines are in operation and the company soon hope to increase this to thousands. It is stated now that each machine is yielding a profit daily of from 30 to 50 cents. At a later period it is estimated that the profits of each machine will amount to nearly a dollar. At this rate fortunes will soon be realized.—*St. John Globe.*

More Millions for McGill.

Montreal, March 26.—It is said W. C. McDonald, who has already given a couple of millions to McGill, has offered to give another round million for the purpose of endowing an arts faculty, upon condition that Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal will give an endowment of a million dollars to the Donald A. Smith department. It is understood Lord Strathcona will comply with his brother Senator's conditions.

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Church Services, Sunday, April 3rd.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.—Rev. F. P. Greatorex, Rector. In St. James', Bridgetown: Sunday-school at 2; services at 3 and 7.30. Sewing Circle on Monday evening. Bible Class on Tuesday evening at 7.30. On Wednesday, Services at 4 and 7.30. Young People's Circle on Friday. In St. Mary's, Belleisle: Service with celebration of Holy Communion at 10.30. On Thursday, service at 7. All 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. Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. General social service Friday evening at 7.30. Service at Centreville on Sunday afternoon. Conference at Bridgetown on Saturday afternoon next, April 2nd, at 2.30.

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

PROVIDENCE METHODIST CHURCH.—Rev. J. Strothard, pastor; A. S. Tuttle, assistant pastor. Preaching at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday-school at 2 p.m. General Class every Monday evening at 7.30; Prayer-meeting every Wednesday evening at 7.30; Epworth League every Friday evening at 7.30. All are cordially invited.

Granville: Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., alternately. Prayer meeting every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.

Bentville: Preaching every Sabbath at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., alternately. Epworth League on Tuesday and prayer meeting on Thursday at 7.30 p. m.

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 1st 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 Lawrencetown at 11 a.m.; Mt. Hope at 3 p.m.; Ingliville 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.

SPRINGFIELD CIRCUIT.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. J. Webb, Pastor. Preaching services at New Albany at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., conference meeting on Saturday afternoon. Visitors are cordially invited.

Births.

SABINES.—At Paradise West, March 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Sabines, a daughter.

HOWARD.—At "Paradise Mills," March 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. John Howard, a son.

RAFUSE.—At Gates Mt., March 19th, 1898, to Mr. and Mrs. William Rafuse, a son.

BANKS.—At Outram, March 21st, 1898, to Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Banks, a son.

MILLER.—At Outram, Feb. 17th, 1898, to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Miller, a daughter.

GESNER.—At Belleisle, March 29th, to Mr. and Mrs. Seth L. Gesner, a son.

Deaths.

ELLIOTT.—At the Alms House, March 17th, Russell Elliott, aged 80 years.

OYT.—At Nutley, New Jersey, on Saturday, March 26th, Hattie E., beloved wife of Henry S. Hoyt, formerly of this town.

BLAIR.—Suddenly, in this town, on the 17th inst., Mary, relict of the late Gordon Blair and daughter of the late Isaac Bonnett, in the 92th year of her age.

CORBETT.—At Clarence, on the 9th of March, after a long illness of paralysis, Janet, the beloved wife of Wm. A. Corbett, in the 63rd year of her age.

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Approved March 12th, 1898.

"Every person who keeps a livery stable in the Town of Bridgetown shall pay annually a livery fee of eight dollars in addition to a truckman's license as provided in chap. xv, sec. 3, of the by laws of the Town of Bridgetown." 3ins.

WANTED!

By April 15th, 1,000 lbs. first-class roll butter, good color, and not heavy salted. Also any quantity of fresh eggs, for which I will pay highest market prices in exchange for goods. **Cash never refused**

BARGAINS!

During the past few weeks we have been offering special bargains in all lines, which our customers have taken advantage of, and consequently relieved us of a large quantity of goods. We have still some extra snaps to offer, and will continue our cheap cash sale till all goods in stock are disposed of.

T. C. BISHOP.

South Williamston, March 15th, 1898.

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DOMESTIC GOODS . . .

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Runciman, Randolph & Co's.

White Shirtings,
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Pillow Cottons,
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BEDTICKINGS,
OSNABURGS,
Flannelette Shirtings,
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N. B. Ginghams,
Table Linens, Unbleached and White.
Colored Tablings,
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Enameled Cloths,
....ALL AT....

Very Low Prices.

February 9th, 1898.

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Special Announcement!

On April 1st, 1898, my Tailoring establishment at Bridgetown will show some of the most convincing BARGAINS ever offered in this town. Call and inspect, it costs nothing.

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Stores at Bridgetown and Annapolis Royal.

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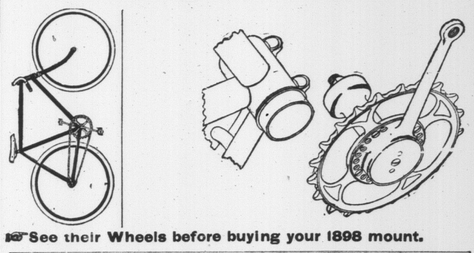

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SHAFNER & PIGGOTT.

Produce taken in exchange for goods.

Cunningham's fresh Bread and Cake kept in stock.

By the way DON'T FORGET when in need of Flour and Meal that we keep it.

Also a choice lot of Crockeryware and Patent Medicines.

TRY US when you want anything first-class in the Grocery, Fruit and Confectionery lines.

"The proof of the Pudding is in the eating."

right in prices and quality.

We are right side up and our goods are

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Men's Rubber Boots,
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Boys' Rubber Boots,
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Children's Rubber Boots, (ALL SIZES)

OVERSHOES for Men, Women, Misses' and Children. (ALL SIZES.)

Don't forget the place.

MURDOCH'S BLOCK, GRANVILLE STREET. E. A. COCHRAN.

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Manufacturers and Builders,

PROPRIETORS OF THE

Evangeline Sash, Door & Planing Works,

BRIDGETOWN, N. S.

Are ready for **1898** building operations, and are prepared to enter into contract for buildings of every description, including excavation, heating and plumbing.

We manufacture Church, School and Office Furniture, Wood Mantels, Bank and Store Fittings and building materials generally, and have a large and well assorted stock of **Fancy Woods** such as **Cypress, Whitewood, Quartered Oak, Ash, Walnut, B. C. Cedar, Douglas Fir, etc.**

Having two large **Dry Houses,** we can guarantee delivering **Dry Stock.**

CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED.

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT!

Notice is hereby given that John E. Sancton and James Herbert Sancton of Bridgetown formerly doing business under the name of J. E. Sancton & Son, have by deed of assignment bearing date February 17th 1898, conveyed all their book debts and personal property to me IN TRUST to pay the expenses in connection with the preparation and execution of said deed; certain preferential claims; and lastly all the other claims against the said firm and individuals. Said deed of assignment is now fyled in the Registry Office, Bridgetown.

I have engaged said John E. Sancton to act as my agent in disposing of the said property and collecting the book debts which must be paid at once of which let all parties concerned take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

F. L. MILNER, Trustee.

February 18th, 1898. 50 tf

FARM FOR SALE!

The subscriber offers for sale the well-known place lately occupied by the late

David W. Landers,

consisting of 30 acres of tillage and grass land, 50 acres of pasture.

The house and outbuildings are in good repair and the land in a high state of cultivation.

Anyone wanting a place at the most pleasant port on the Bay of Fundy shore will do well to inspect.

TERMS,—Easy.

ELMIRA LANDERS, *Executrix.*

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FOR SALE

THE subscriber offers for sale the premises, also the

Livery and Trucking Business

formerly owned by the Late William C. Bath.

This property is situated in the centre of the town and is one of the best stands for the carrying on of the above business, and will be sold low in order to wind up the said estate.

For further information apply to

MRS. AGNES MURDOCH, *Administratrix*

or FRED R. FAY.

Bridgetown, Feb'y 22nd, 1898. 48 tf

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FERRON, 2.24¼-4,

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will make the season of 1898 at Middleton and Kentville.

Terms for Season, $15.00.

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Mares from a distance taken from and returned to care free. Pasture of the best, $1.00 per month.

FARM FOR SALE!

That valuable and well-known farm near Paradise, at present occupied by Mrs. Charles F. Ruggles

comprising marsh, upland and meadow, two large orchards, two wood lots, good house and outbuildings.

For further particulars apply to

S. S. RUGGLES,
E. RUGGLES,
H. RUGGLES,
Executors.

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New Advertisements.

To Our Customers:

We have decided to make a radical change in our business, beginning with the 1st day of November, 1897. Hitherto we have kept long-standing accounts on our books, and some have become bad debts, and are consequently lost. Merchants who do a credit business have to add a sufficient profit to their prices to cover all such losses.

We propose on and after the 1st of November to sell all our goods for the prices marked opposite them in our circulars, which we will place in the hands of our customers at once. These circulars will be replaced from time to time as prices change.

We also wish to state that we are desirous of purchasing all kinds of farm produce, for which we are paying highest prices. All produce will be paid for either in goods or cash at the time it is delivered, so that there will be no balance standing over either one way or the other.

In return for this we require you not to ask us for credit. By doing this you will get your

GROCERIES FOR MUCH LESS THAN EVER BEFORE.

and you will have a sure market for all your farm produce.

On the other hand we will have no bad bills and no large profits. Such an arrangement we think will