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Local and Special News.

Sugar is advancing in price. Men's Usters at J. E. Burns for \$5.00. The foundry will be shut down for a short period.

Highly county fishermen caught 2,000 barrels of staid last season.

Our merchants report a grand trade last week in spite of the rough roads.

Everything at low figures now at Shipley's. Try those Oysters at 3c.

The Quadrille Club had a pleasant dance in the Court House last evening.

The safe shelter from a leading politician at Fort Williams for Havana.

A full line of Ready Made Clothing, cheaper than the cheapest, at J. E. Burns.

Mr. Medford, of Dulles, shot a moose last week that weighed nearly 1000 lbs.

It begins to look like winter. Just a little more snow is needed to make good sleighing.

Quarantine at Port Williams, has just returned from Ontario with a large stock of fine cattle.

Gov. W. Babbit, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, St. John, has been transferred to the Annapolis branch.

Patrol J. Clark's poem, "Not Lost," in a recent issue of Monitor, has been copied into other papers.

Attorney General Longley lectured at Millington last Thursday evening on "Self-reliance and the Rhine."

The party who found the small sink for oilier on Thursday last, will please return the same to the postmaster.

Apples are quoted in the Halifax market at \$2.00 and \$3.00 per barrel. In St. John the prices are \$3.75 and \$4.00.

There are one and a half million feet of boards piled on the wharf at Sheet Harbor, Halifax county, ready for shipment in the spring.

Mr. Robert Randolph is reported as considerably improved in health. Mr. W. C. Bath is still confined to the house and is seriously ill.

Rev. C. R. R. Dodge, son of Isaac Dodge, of Millington, in one of the boards of managers of the Baptist Young People's association of America.

Nearly \$35,000 of the stock of the Farmers' Loan Savings Co. of Toronto, which went to liquidation recently was sold in the maritime provinces.

I wish to thank the people of Bridgetown and vicinity for their kind support and patronage during Xmas week, making it the best for several years. R. Shipley.

Mr. Whitford McHenry, Lawrenceville, has sold his residence in that town to L. O. Nally, of Annapolis, and has purchased the road property on Pook Road.

J. W. Beckwith is paying \$5. for good roll butter, 24c. for good fresh eggs, and will pay for the next week, 25c. for good washed wool, in order to fill his final contract.

Rev. J. W. of Springfield, will lecture in the vestry of the Baptist church to night, under the auspices of the Y. P. U. Society, on "A biographical study of the writers of the New Testament."

A large building, 40x50 feet, in course of erection at Hextville, Halifax county, in connection with the St. Croix Paper Mills, for the reception of machinery to be used in the manufacture of paper.

Do not fail to get the bargains J. W. Beckwith is now offering in all lines of goods. He has one Newberry, one Electric Seal Cape, and two Fur Collar Hats, which can be had at exceptionally low prices.

W. W. we were in error last week in stating that Olive Branch Division had changed its night of meeting from Saturday to Thursday. The change was made last week only. The Division will meet New Year's night.

A sad double drowning accident occurred at Longwood last week, the victims being two ladies, seven and eight years old, sons of George Mitchell. They were playing on the ice at Sheet Harbor, and were thrown on air hole.

Lawrenceville citizens will celebrate the festive season by dining at the Kim House Thursday evening. A toast list has been prepared, and an address of appreciation will be read to the establishment of such an enterprise will be many. A large portion of the required capital will be furnished by Nova Scotia residents in Boston, who are thus interesting themselves in the affairs of their province, and their efforts should be heartily encouraged here. The fact that they propose doing their work quickly is evidence of their faith in the enterprise, and a determination to employ the wide awake Yankee push in furthering its establishment. Knowers in this paper we publish the prospectus of the company, and commend it to the careful consideration of our readers. Mr. James Pennington, of Lequille, has, we understand, been asked to organize the company here.

Germany and Russia appear to be pursuing a very bold land grabbing policy in Asia just now. Germany wanted a coal mining station on the Yellow Sea, and she has practically seized Kiaochow Bay, while Russia has taken possession of Port Arthur. These actions have caused considerable business interest among other nations whose commercial interests are liable to be affected, and an European Monroe doctrine will likely be reasserted or evolved to meet the demands of the occasion. Great Britain does not seem to be particularly impressed with the importance of her world being rivals for supremacy in the far east, but France, Italy and Japan have regarded the matter more seriously, and international complications and explanations are almost sure to follow. Great Britain has a fleet of Chinese vessels large enough to protect her commerce against all comers, and this is probably the secret of her comparative disregard of what becomes of China so long as her rights and privileges are not interfered with.

Victory for Canada. Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Canada has secured an award of \$40,000 for the Canadian soldiers whose vessels were unlawfully seized in the Behring Sea by United States cruisers in 1886, '87, '88 and '89. This award was made in Boston yesterday by the representative of Great Britain, and the United States. Mr. Justice King represented Canada and Great Britain and no doubt accepted this sum rather than have further delay.

It is the second sum referred by the United States Congress in 1894, although offered by the United States Executive and accepted by Canada with interest added. The sum rejected by Congress was \$25,000 and this with interest added would amount to the \$40,000. The sealers' claims amounted to about double that, but claims of this sort are always exaggerated on the principle of claim everything and get what you can. The arbitrators referred two cases, the "Black Diamond" and "Ada," claims amounting to about \$20,000 each. They were not seized, but were ordered out of Behring Sea.

This award is the culmination of a series of outrage committed by the United States on the seas near and about the Behring Sea, and ends a diplomatic incident which has caused much friction and international bad blood.

England has proposed to Russia a conference on the Chinese question, with a view of avoiding dangerous rivalries.

Pupil's Standing.

Table showing average standing of the pupils of the advanced department of the Bridgetown school from Nov. 2nd to Dec. 23rd.

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Mr. Kenley, of Halifax, and Mr. Munro, of St. John, are at Capt. M. Mauney's.

ARMISTICE—MILITARY.

One of the most pleasing events of the season took place at the residence of Mrs. McKelvey, on Wednesday, Dec. 15th, at 8:30 p. m. When her daughter, Hattie N. and Walter E. Armstrong, of North Kingston, were united in marriage.

The happy couple stood under an arch of evergreen and ferns, from which was suspended a marriage bell. The groom was supported by E. L. Foster, of North King.

The bride was attended by Miss Louise J. Armstrong, sister of the groom. The bride was charmingly gowned in white tulle, trimmed with rose ribbon, and orange blossoms, with bridal veil.

The bridegroom was dressed in a green and white tulle, with white lace and ribbon. Ruthie McMahon, a two and a half year old niece of the bride, was the ring bearer.

The wedding march was well executed by Miss Annie Jacques, of Auburn. The bride and groom were very happy and contented.

The happy couple returned to their home in North Kingston.

WHITMAN—NEWCOMB.

A very quiet wedding took place at the residence of Mrs. Schrader, on Wednesday, Dec. 15th, at 8:30 p. m. When her daughter, Miss Maria Newcomb, was united to Mr. R. H. Whitman, of North Kingston.

The bride was supported by her father, Mr. R. H. Whitman, and the groom by Mr. W. C. Bath. The bride was charmingly gowned in white tulle, trimmed with rose ribbon, and orange blossoms, with bridal veil.

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ROTHSAY LODGE ST. JOHN'S DAY CELEBRATION.

The celebration of St. John's Day by Rothsay Lodge, A. F. & M., on Monday night, Dec. 22nd, was a most successful and enjoyable affair.

The lodge was well patronized, and the evening was spent in the most enjoyable manner.

The program consisted of a variety of songs, recitations, and readings.

The evening closed with a prayer and benediction.

THE PROVINCIAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

The Provincial Sunday-School Association closed its year with a deficit of nearly \$300, amount of which was incurred by the expense of Mr. John O'Brien as Field Secretary.

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AUCTION!

To be sold at Public Auction, on THURSDAY, Dec. 30th, AT ONE O'CLOCK, P. M., at the premises of the late ROBERT FITZ RANDOLPH, the following:

1 mare, 7 years old; 1 farrow cow, 1 calf, 1 heifer, 2 pigs, 1 dog, 1 bull, 1 horse, 1 truck wagon, 2 riding wagons, 1 sleigh, 3 team hay, 2 loaders, 3 rollers, 1 single horse mower, 1 horse rake, 1 plow, 1 grader, 2 harnesses, axles, rakes, hoes, chains, etc.

Terms—Under \$50, cash; above that amount, 6 months, with approved joint notes.

ALDA K. FITZ RANDOLPH S. BURGEE FITZ RANDOLPH

LAWRENCEVILLE.

Dr. J. H. Hall, of Trent, is spending his holidays at his old home.

Benjamin Whitman, of this place, and Miss Letta Kinney, of Yarmouth, were married Wednesday, Dec. 22nd.

George Bruce, who is teaching in Weymouth, is home for the holidays.

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New Advertisements.

LIVERY BUSINESS FOR SALE.

The subscriber, owing to ill-health, has decided to offer for sale his Livery and Trucking business in Bridgetown.

This is one of the most paying investments in this Valley, and to the right party offers an inducement that one seldom meets with.

For further information apply to Wm. C. BATH, Bridgetown, Dec. 29th, 1897.

XMAS... STOCK about complete.

Central Book Store.

Call and see the NOVELTIES—prettier and cheaper than ever.

NOTICE!

All persons having accounts of any kind against the Municipality of Annapolis, are requested to render them to the undersigned no later than December 31st.

The meeting of the committee on January 1st will be on the last day of April 1898 and bills not in hand by that date will not be considered.

That meeting—Persons kindly see that all bills in hand are rendered to the undersigned at once so that the books may be closed by the end of the year.

HECTOR MACLEAN, FREEMAN, FIVE E. H. PUPPER, Committee on Trade and Public Property, Bridgetown, Dec. 15th, 1897.

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WEEKLY MONITOR.

Springfield. Mr. St. Clair Cross, of Boston, is home on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cross.

Mr. Ernest Bartlett and his sister Lisa, of Mount Hanley, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Ross.

Mrs. Langille and her daughter, Mrs. A. Chas. of Connecticut, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hartley Marshall.

Mr. and Mrs. John Charlton are spending the holidays at New Canada, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hester.

Mr. Major L. Ross, of Kentville, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Ross.

We are glad to report that the two young men, Edward Mason and Edward Sprowl, who were quite ill, are now able to be out again.

Mr. Alvin Mason, of Somerville, Mass., is spending a few weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mason.

Mr. Ernest Mason, of Acadia College, preached at Lake Pleasant and at Springfield last Sunday to large and attentive audiences.

Miss Estelle Hunt, one of our teachers, left on the 23rd for Greenfield, where she will spend her holidays.

Mr. Charles Mason will give his lecture on the "Wonders of the Heavens" on Friday evening. A silver collection will be taken up for church purposes.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stoddard welcomed a little girl to their circle recently.

Mr. Lennel Stoddard has started a new store at Falkland Ridge.

Mr. W. O. Wright, of East Dalhousie, is staying at Mr. Charles Marshall's.

Mr. David Pierce, of Wilketton, is the guest of her son, Mr. Charles Pierce.

Mr. Georgia Hester, of Wilketton, is visiting at Greenfield, Queens county, for several weeks in her home.

A very interesting entertainment was given at Falkland Ridge school-house by Miss Hunt and her circle recently.

The proceeds went toward purchasing some window blinds.

Favorable Division of S. of T. was entertained by the Evergreen Band of Hope last week.

Miss Estelle Hunt was the guest of Mr. Lorenzo Hanley, of Greenfield, Queens county, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lennel Stoddard, on the 23rd inst.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stoddard, of Stoddardville, spent the Christmas holidays at Tremont, the guests of Mrs. Stoddard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marshall spent the 23rd at East Dalhousie, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wright.

The men here are very busy in the woods this winter getting the lumber and cutting cordwood.

Rev. J. W. Brown, of Nictaux Falls, is giving his lecture to the Springfield R. P. Union on Monday, Jan. 3rd.

We are sorry to hear that Allister Cross is very ill.

About fifty of the young folks of Springfield enjoyed themselves at a Christmas evening party which was held at J. C. Grimm's hall.

Leguille. The event of last week was the musical literary concert given under the management of Mr. H. W. Messenger, principal of the schools here.

Place on Thursday evening, 23rd inst. at Leguille hall, and was pronounced by the audience a grand success in every particular.

The programme, which consisted of music, recitations, pantomime and dramatics, was complete and well carried out to the end.

Mrs. H. McKay presided at the organ, and in her own happy style acquitted herself very creditably; indeed some of the songs were especially good, particularly one rendered by Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Messenger, entitled "Hunting Tower," a Scotch song which they rendered in the costume of a Scotch Highland lad and lassie, the rendering of which brought forth rounds of applause.

Miss Edna Saunders was much applauded by the rendering of "Carver was not that," Miss Aggie Hoy gave a violin solo accompanied by her mother, Miss Lillian Johnson, upon the organ.

The dialogue by Reginald Hardwick, James Hoy and Miss Lillian Johnson, Miss Edna Saunders and Miss Katie McKay, was very amusing and brought forth rounds of applause, but the most noticeable and interesting part of the evening's entertainment was the recitation of "That really Pat," a farce, by Fred Harnish, James Hoy, Alie Bartaux, Edna Saunders and James McKay.

It took about 40 minutes to render it, and it must be confessed that it was altogether a professional act. Mr. Fred Harnish in the role of "That really Pat," performed his part in a remarkable manner and brought down the house. The closing exercise was by a number of school children who were very well received.

The audience went away highly pleased and pronounced it one of the best entertainments they had ever had the privilege of attending. The talent employed was really local, being with only two or three members of the Leguille school. It is expected they will be called upon to repeat the performance in the place at no distant date.

St. Croix. Melbourne Sabean has arrived home again. Our fishermen got quite large fares of cod-fish last week.

Miss Fickels and Miss L. Chute, from Hampton, stayed over night at the home of Mrs. A. C. C. and her friends.

Wednesday 21st, Mr. Frank Charlton and Miss Ella Stoddard were united in marriage. Rev. E. P. Colwell performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Frank Starratt has gone to Annapolis to spend holidays with her husband, who ships to London.

Capt. Johnson and Mrs. Britton spent Xmas with their son, Capt. Joseph Britton. Mrs. John Dixon was also a guest at same time.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Rhodes and Mrs. Susan Corbett were guests at Capt. John Anthony's, for Xmas.

Mr. Patterson Foster is home from the States.

Mr. Hanley. Mr. Zebulon Elliott has left for Reading, Mass., where he will visit his daughter, Mrs. A. C. C. and other friends for a few weeks.

Mr. W. Armstrong, who has been sojourning in Massachusetts, for the last eight months, arrived home last Monday. He is accompanied by his wife and children, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Armstrong.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lockart Hines, of this place, a little girl baby was welcomed on Christmas eve.

Mr. D. H. Armstrong had the misfortune, last week, to lose one of his best cows.

Miss Ella M. Baker, of this place, last week attended the wedding, at Port George, of Miss Laura Woodhouse, to Miss A. Downie.

Mr. John C. Fisher has been sick for the last few days, but is improving.

Nictaux. Frank Bartaux and Chas. Balcom have returned home from Boston.

Mrs. A. W. Brown's sisters are spending Christmas with her.

The friends of Rev. J. W. Brown, purpose making him a donation visit on the evening of Jan. 5th.

A little more snow would make sleighing.

An Arab Uprising. Tripoli, Dec. 24.—Several thousand Arabs, who had been demonstrating outside the gates of this place, have been surrounded by Turkish troops.

The shops of the city have closed and the Arab agitation against the government is increasing. There were disturbances on Dec. 17 near here. All the houses inhabited by Hebrews were pillaged. Thirty of the rioters were arrested by the troops.

Of the 1,500,000 inhabitants of New York only 700,000 are of American birth.

PROSPECTS OF THE NOVA SCOTIA HOTEL AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

This company will be incorporated under a special charter of the Nova Scotia Legislature, for the purpose of constructing, owning and operating hotels for summer tourists in such parts of Nova Scotia as will best serve the travelling public, and yield the largest returns to the investors.

Its aim will be to speedily meet the latest and demands of American tourists, and to build up a hotel business in Nova Scotia, which will be the first-class hotel, with all modern equipment, in the town of Wolfville, the very centre of the "Land of Evangeline."

Already the finest sites in town have been secured. It consists of a beautiful lot of eight and one half acres of land, well planted with apple and pear trees, situated on High-land Avenue, just above Acadia College, overlooking the town from the east. Five acres' work of the railway station.

The company will begin the erection of this hotel in the first of next year. It will be completed and open for the season of 1898. It will be, without doubt, the finest hotel of the kind in Nova Scotia, and equal to the best summer hotels in the United States. No pains will be spared to make the appointments first-class, and to furnish a comfortable and delightful home for tourists. It will provide accommodations for one hundred guests, with large parlors, reading and writing rooms, private and public dining-rooms, baths and toilet. Many of the rooms and halls will be provided with fireplaces, and on cool evenings and rainy days, fires can be kindled and the guests made comfortable. The cuisine will be carefully supervised, and the table service will be of the first order.

From all parts of the building and grounds a splendid view of Old Moncton, the Bay of Minas, Starr's Point, Grand Pre and surrounding country can be obtained from the hotel. The grounds will be laid out with beautiful walks, drives and tennis courts. It is the intention also to introduce golf links, which will be an entirely new feature of summer hotels in Nova Scotia. Bathing accommodations will be secured at a neighboring beach, and a carriage service to the same will be provided to all points of interest.

The need for such a hotel is imperative. Thousands of American tourists, who every summer visit Nova Scotia, are unable to do so in proper accommodation. In the summer of 1896 it is estimated that 10,000 tourists stopped at Wolfville, and the coming season will undoubtedly witness still larger increase of the best class of tourists.

The constantly increasing sale of tickets for Maritime travel at the various steamboat and railway offices in Boston, and the agencies all over the United States, is one of the most convincing proofs of the popularity of the trip through the Annapolis Valley.

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Miss Ella M. Baker, of this place, last week attended the wedding, at Port George, of Miss Laura Woodhouse, to Miss A. Downie.

Mr. John C. Fisher has been sick for the last few days, but is improving.

Nictaux. Frank Bartaux and Chas. Balcom have returned home from Boston.

Mrs. A. W. Brown's sisters are spending Christmas with her.

The friends of Rev. J. W. Brown, purpose making him a donation visit on the evening of Jan. 5th.

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An Arab Uprising. Tripoli, Dec. 24.—Several thousand Arabs, who had been demonstrating outside the gates of this place, have been surrounded by Turkish troops.

The shops of the city have closed and the Arab agitation against the government is increasing. There were disturbances on Dec. 17 near here. All the houses inhabited by Hebrews were pillaged. Thirty of the rioters were arrested by the troops.

Of the 1,500,000 inhabitants of New York only 700,000 are of American birth.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

The New Zealand budget shows a surplus of \$334,200.

Thomas's statement will meet on 23rd day, February 3rd.

Joseph Gaudin (Democrat) was re-elected mayor of Boston on the 21st.

Prince Bismarck, the veteran German statesman, is declining rapidly.

The Derivatives are trying to block the ad of the Egyptian exposition.

A disastrous fire at Montreal, N. B., last week destroyed \$400,000 worth of property.

Several hundred dogs have been put down in Newfoundland for shipment to Kinloch.

Russians' efforts to control the Korean customs have caused a strong feeling in Japan.

The trial of the Commercial bank directors, St. John's, Nfld., ended last week.

The largest department store in Canada, at Toronto last week.

Robert Simpson, proprietor of one of the largest department stores in Canada, died in Chicago, and his comrades have been appealed to for aid.

A bill had been prepared and will at once be introduced in the Virginia legislature to restrict the whipping of convicts.

The liberals won the bye election at Brantford, last week, and are optimistic at the general election.

The fallures for last week were 295 in the United States, against 297 last week, and in Canada, against 44 last year.

Canada has been transferred by Italy to Great Britain. This acquisition will facilitate the operations of the Canadian Pacific.

The steamer Scotia sailed from London on the 20th to lay the direct transatlantic cable from Bermuda to Turin, Ireland and Jamaica.

One of the bells at a recent Mexican bull fight struck the table, and killed a woman.

Boston Democrats were elected to the new board of aldermen. The Republicans had control for the last two years.

About seven hundred fifty thousand acres were reclassified as agricultural land in the Dominion of Canada.

The Ontario government is passing a law that will compel all timber cut on government lands to be made in the province.

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To the Editor of the Monitor. Dear Sir,—In one of your leading articles last week you made the assertion that any scholar who opposed prohibition occupied an unique position, and that every church in the land will array itself against the opinion of Priesthood's treat.

You should certainly, when making such a sweeping assertion, have consulted the Church of England, for most undoubtedly a very large majority of the members of that church are not in favor of prohibition.

The Archbishop of Rupert's Land, who is Primate of all Canada, a man universally honored and respected, was interviewed upon this matter a short time ago in Montreal by a reporter of the Star. The Star's account was as follows: "The Archbishop, it will be remembered, somewhat startled temperance circles in the Dominion by his pronouncement at a conference in Winnipeg against the proposed plebiscite on the question of prohibition. His Grace, on that occasion, stated emphatically, before the session of the Anglican Synod of Rupert's Land, that he would vote against prohibition if there were a plebiscite. He had come to the conclusion that it was not his duty to condemn drunkenness in severe terms and make it a special sin, chiefly because it is a social evil, and that the use of the word, they regard wine as the good gift of God and the very essence of joy."

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