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WANTED! Men to sell the old, established Frenchall Nuresting largest in the Dominion; over 600 acres of choice stock, all guaranteed strictly reliable and true to name.

Weekly Monitor. SALUS POPULI SUPREMA LEX EST. BRIDGETOWN, N. S. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1897. NO. 39.

UNION BANK OF HALIFAX, Incorporated 1856. Head Office, Halifax, N. S. CAPITAL \$500,000. REST \$205,000.

Savings Bank Department. Interest at the rate of 3 1/2 PER CENT. allowed on deposits of four dollars and up.

AGENTS: Kentville, N. S.—A. D. McLean, agent. Lunenburg, N. S.—E. D. Arnold, agent.

My New FALL GOODS are just arriving, and among them are many things to interest the public.

WALTER FORD, Fruit Broker, BOROUGH MARKET, LONDON, S. E. All Fruit sold by PRIVATE SALE.

ONE CASE WHIPS (All Styles and Prices). Direct from the Manufacturer. B. STARRATT.

CAUTION! All persons interested in the estate of the late J. AYARD MORSE, either by account or promissory notes, are hereby notified that all payments of the same must be made to the undersigned, as no person has been authorized by him to collect said accounts or notes.

Direct Evidence. I have completed arrangements with the celebrated cutter, MR. A. McPHEE, who will be at my Bridgetown store from this date.

FISHER, the Tailor. Stores: Bridgetown and Annapolis Royal.

WELCOME SOAP Missing Word Contest. The correct missing word for November was "Thorough" and the winners were: Miss Annie Louise Nason, Westfield Beach, N. B. \$100.00.

Grand Spring Opening OF GENTS' WEAR! The largest stock in the two Counties, bought for cash from the manufacturers and will be sold at Extremely Low Prices.

An endless variety of Spring Cloths per S.S. "St. John City" from London, which will be made up in our Tailoring Department to your entire satisfaction on an order.

A. J. MORRISON & CO., MIDDLETON, N. S. Call and examine my large selection of Stoves from \$25.00 up. A full line of Kitchen Furnishings in stock.

R. ALLEN CROWE. B. B. "GENUINE." White Lead, RAW AND BOILED OILS AT LOWEST PRICES.

Blacksmiths' Supplies a Specialty. H. W. BENSON. The Sherwin-Williams Paint.

Slave of Your Foot! Such should be the shoe—created to protect from the rough roads of life. But many feet to-day are slaves to the shoe, because their owners will not consult their feet.

The Slater Shoe. KINNEY & SHAFNER, Sole Local Agents. Important Notice! I have completed arrangements with the celebrated cutter, MR. A. McPHEE, who will be at my Bridgetown store from this date.

Poetry. When Christmas Comes. When Christmas comes with mirth and cheer, To cheer the drear of the year, Then forth we go for holly and pine, Our wreaths of evergreen to twine; We find the gleaming mistletoe, And straight and tall and branching free, We haste to choose the Christmas tree.

When Christmas comes, for mother and Kate, And little fingers thrill with joy, And little feet are busy with the snow, When Christmas comes such joy her heart To make it beautiful for the rest, And no one thinks of selfish ease, But seeks his neighbor to serve and please.

When Christmas comes, there is none so poor, Who turns the beggar from his door; When Christmas comes the rich and great Search out the lowly and the poor, And the alms-bell rings, the church-bells chime, The children sing in the merry time, And smiles and greetings leap to lips, That long were set in grief's eclipse, For angels of comfort come to us, Within the Yule Log's radiant glow.

Just 'Fore Christmas. Father calls me William, sisters call me Will, Mother calls me Willie, but the fellows call me 'Mighty glad I ain't a girl—rather be a boy, Without them rashes, cuts an' things that's worn by Fanterley! Love to chawkin green apples an' go swimmin' in the lake!

Got a yaller dog named Sport, sick him on First thing he sawed, she doesn't know where she is! Got a clipper sled, an' when us kids goes out to slide, 'Long come the grocery cart, an' we all hook a ride.

For Christmas, with its lot of candies, cakes, an' toys, An' the sound of snatched-up parcels, An' the smell of the turkey, ready to pop into the oven, was in a pas on the next shelf.

It was a wonderful night; the stars glittered in the frosty sky; Kit Dean thought, as he hurried over the windy hill, that they never looked so large and bright before.

On the very brow of this hill was a little cottage. The windows were cracked and broken. Straw and rags filled the gaps where the glass should have been. The gale blew on one hinge, and the posts were warping and decayed.

An old man, he had a round, solem-like and wily. His eyes they seem a wily. "What's the matter, little Bill?" The old man said, "off her perch an' wenders who's become Of them two clemens of them that used to be a man, D. Dean, the added, "Now, Mat, you can take yourself off, for you have done enough mischief for one day, and I am just sick of seeing you around here."

Kit Dean, will you let me have one of those sleds to-night—the one I picked out, you know? "Of course you can have it if you pay for it," answered Mr. Dean, shortly. "I will work half week for it, and that's twice what the sled is worth," ventured Mat, persuasively.

Naturally, Kit turned to his own presents first, and there, directly beneath his stocking, was a sled. His first sensation was one of unmitigated delight. He drew it out so that the freight played upon the glittering snow beneath the ornamented it, and passed his hand over the smooth steel runners.

But there was something written in lead pencil on one corner, and, on looking closely at it, read: "For good little Ben." This puzzled Kit for a moment, but suddenly remembered the sled that Mat had pointed out. This, then, was the very one that had been selected for the little fellow.

After considering a moment, he picked up the bear-skin rug from the floor, and wrapped it about him. Then he took the sled, and with one respectful look, erased his name, along with his own, and slipping out of the door closed it after him.

In a brief time Kit was standing before the door of Mat and Ben's poor home. He never fastened, he knew, so turning the handle softly, he found himself in a room lighted only by a few sticks which were burning in the grate.

Kit dropped the sled and was out of sight before the child was half recovered from his astonishment. At home no one had missed Kit, so he spread the bear-skin down in its place, and hurried up stairs and into the bedroom. Covering himself with the quilt, he was asleep before he had time to reflect upon what he had done.

Kit was awakened by wild howls of delight, the tool, too, too, too, of his trumpets and the rattling of small drums, and some of these to-night—the one I picked out, you know? "Of course you can have it if you pay for it," answered Mr. Dean, shortly.

He looked up into his mother's face. There were tears in her eyes, and, as she bent down to kiss him, she said: "Oh, Kit, that was very kind and generous of you! But did you say, Mat, that you were taking my sled?" "Then they won't have any Christmas dinner!" "Indeed they will," answered Mr. Dean, for they shall eat it here.

And so when Kit sat down to dinner that day, Mat was at his side and opposite, with the plum-pudding between them, was little Ben, his eyes shining like stars, his cheeks as red as roses, and a plate filled with good things before him. "Kit, I can never thank you enough," whispered Mat, "I know who it was who brought the sled; for though you had tried to rob of your sled, I read it. It was ever so good of you."

"Don't tell Ben," cautioned Kit. "You just ought to have seen Ben," went on Mat. "He woke me up, and told me that Santa Claus had come himself a little old man, dressed in white fur." "So he did!" declared Ben, across the table. "I saw him with my own eyes!" "Well, my dear," said Mrs. Dean, smiling at Kit, "you may be sure, if it was not Santa Claus himself, it was his deputy."

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The happy Christmas time is just here; the heart of man warms towards his fellow men; there's a ring of the olden time in the merry hall, the familiar greeting of the season; a cheerfulness seems to be coming pervades the home, the office and wherever people congregate.

Local and Special News.

Town Council meets to night. Harding P. Nelly, trader, of Niantic, has resigned. A heavy business is offered for sale. Mr. Robert Randolph is reported as dangerously ill.

Special Business Locals.

Big assortment of Handkerchiefs at John Lockett & Son's. A very pleasant social event took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hiner.

West Brooklyn.

A very pleasant social event took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hiner, West Brooklyn, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 14th.

New Advertisements.

SITUATION WANTED. Should anyone be in need of a good house-keeper, one capable of taking charge of all the departments of the home...

BRIDGETOWN IMPORTING HOUSE!

WE NOW BEGIN OUR Annual Cash Clearance Sale!

FIRST.—We offer the balance of our LADIES' JACKETS at the following reduced prices:

Table listing ladies' jackets with columns for item, original price, and reduced price. Includes items like 'LADIES' JACKET, \$18.00 - Reduced to \$12.00'.

Our trade this season in Ladies' Jackets has been unprecedented, consequently our customers are aware of the extra value of these goods at the original prices.

SECOND. We will clean out a job lot of MEN'S and BOYS' OVERCOATS at about half price.

THIRD. We will give 20 p. c. cash discount on all lines of DRESS GOODS.

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A Merry Christmas

AND A Happy New Year.

JOHN LOCKETT & SON.

AUCTION!

To be sold at Public Auction, on THURSDAY, Dec. 30th, at ONE O'CLOCK, P. M., at the residence of the late ROBERT FRZ-RANDOLPH, the following

Stock and Farming Implements:

1 mare, 7 years old; 1 horse, colt, 1 cow, 1 calf; 1 heifer, 2 years old; 1 calf, 1 pair hogs; 1 pair of sheep; 1 pair of geese; 1 pair of ducks; 1 pair of chickens; 1 pair of turkeys; 1 pair of geese; 1 pair of ducks; 1 pair of chickens; 1 pair of turkeys.

BIG!

Oranges, Lemons, Dates, Figs, Nuts, Raisins, Currants, and the largest stock of Confectionery IN TOWN.

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A Bird in the Hand is worth Two in the Bush.

Something Better!

Here it is, in large for yourself. From now until January 1st, 1897, we will give a

Discount of 25 per cent

on all Dry Goods, Ready-made Clothing, Hosiery, Boots, Shoes, and a Discount of 15 p. c. on all Xmas Goods and Gift Groceries.

LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS.

Our usual large assortment comprising PLAIN HEMMED STITCHED LINEN, PLAIN HEMMED STITCHED LAWN, FANCY HEMMED STITCHED LAWN, FANCY PLAIN BORDERS in great variety from 25c. to 47c. each. Children's from 15c. up.

FOR GENTLEMEN!

Full lines of Christmas and New Year's Cards, Fancy Baskets, Dolls, Fancy Boxes Papertries.

STRONG & WHITMAN.

Principal Grant's late utterance on the prohibition scheme has caused wide-spread dismay in the ranks of the temperance workers and has undoubtedly created a corresponding alarm among the friends of the liquorists.

Mr. Frank Fowler has sold his driving mare, "Class C," to Mr. E. P. Hoop, of Middleton. Mr. Hoop has obtained a tidy little roadster and a trotter that can turn a half mile track very close to 2:30.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

The engineer's strike in England is not yet settled. The Italian government has a surplus of \$3,000,000 this year. The Pennsylvania railroad is preparing to use electrical engines.

The police force in the Yukon district will be increased from 80 to 220. The United States Woodcock report for 1896 is estimated at 613,000 birds.

The Dominion government is trying to extend the low grain rate to the West. Over 20,000 barrels of grain will be shipped from St. John, N. B., this week.

Three cent cars in Detroit, Michigan, have netted the street railways a big loss. One car shipping firm in Winnipeg has shipped 2700 head of cattle to Great Britain since spring.

Rid McKay defeated Dan Creedon in a five round fight, in the ring at New York, last Friday night. Fitzsimmons has at last agreed to meet Corbett again in the prize ring.

During the past three months of the current fiscal year, the United States national deficit was \$38,000,000. The entire Cabinet cabinet has resigned. The House of Representatives has passed the 10th law to be passed on Jan. 7th next for the number of Bismarck's cabinet.

The great dock that cost Spain \$1,000,000 and was towed from England to Havana is said to have sunk in the harbor. In New South Wales in the past year four hundred persons were killed in bush fires and the value of the output was \$125,000,000.

The bill prohibiting pelagic sealing by American citizens passed the United States Senate Thursday afternoon after a long debate. John Connally, the N. B. prize fighter was knocked out by Dal Hawkins at San Francisco on the 18th. Fourteen rounds were fought.

Three of the eight surviving soldiers of the war of 1812, now on the pension rolls of the United States government, are over 100 years of age. In St. Stephen, N. B., during the past year 28 convicts against the Scott Act were sentenced to the penitentiary.

A new effective tariff on 16,000 yarns—mostly ten miles. The Kearney, N. J. township committee has granted permission for the operation of an extensive plant for the grinding of stone. Japan will not take any action with reference to the German occupation of Kiaochow without consulting the powers interested in the far east.

The head lines of steamers running between St. John, N. B., and Halifax and St. John will carry mails next year, affording a direct mail service to the United Kingdom. The Terrific wreck has been prevailing on the southwest coast of Ireland. A large housewrecked coal steamer has been wrecked off East Stag Rock, Sligo.

Twenty Spanish generals have been promoted to the rank of major general. The minister of war against President McKinley's message to congress which is considered insulting to the Spanish army. W. C. McCallahan, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer of Memphis has received \$30,000 from McKelvey University. His gifts to that institution now aggregate \$300,000.

Captain General Blanco, the governor general of Cuba, has signed a decree releasing 41 persons who have been imprisoned on charges of complicity in the insurgent movement. Two protests against the annexation of Hawaii to the United States, one signed by 10,728 males, and the other by 10,890 females, natives, have been presented in the Senate.

China has approved of the Russian fleet stationed at Port Arthur, being according to that action is taken in the interests of China and necessitated by the German occupation of Kiaochow. A refrigerator car containing 105 plants of California strawberries arrived in Boston on the 9th inst. They were shipped from Los Angeles, arriving in good condition, and sold at 35 cents per plant.

Dominion Parliament is to meet for the seventh time on Jan. 27 according to the mind of the government at present. It may be deferred a week later but those interested may rely on either Jan. 27 or Feb. 3. Mr. James Mitchell, who resigned the position of Attorney General and Premier of New Brunswick last month for the relief of the duties of the position in the Empire.

The Newfoundland postal department has issued a new one-cent and two-cent postage stamp to replace those of the Colonies which have been used in the Dominion since the Dominion was established two months ago. The Canadian fishery protection fleet on the Atlantic coast has gone into winter quarters with the exception of the Ontario, which is engaged in watching two or three American fishing steamers that have no yet left for home.

United States Congress has passed a bill appropriating \$75,000 for the relief of the people in the Yukon country without division. The Senate also passed a joint resolution appropriating \$200,000 for the relief of the Yukon miners. American oil is being peddled in Canada says the Montreal Witness, on a third price charged by the oil men of Canada, this is where the oil is smuggled. The tariff on oil is still very high, and the Witness urges its reduction to the rate of twenty-eight cents a barrel.

A record breaking fast run was made last week by the Union Pacific east bound train from Chicago to New York. The train made the run between Tippecanoe and Washington on the Wyoming division, in the time of seventy-eight minutes and ten seconds. A systematic war of extermination to be inaugurated by the Board of Health in New York city. As a result of their report concerning the communication of the disease through infected cement, the city has appropriated \$50,000 for the work of combating tuberculosis.

Lord Strathcona (Sir Donald Smith) has presented to the Dominion Government the herd of Buffalo at Silver Heights, and Commodore McCreary has presented to the Dominion Government the animals to the National Park at Banff. There are about eighteen or twenty in the herd. John Lind, Wm. Herberg and Manuel Bernal, who were indicted as accessories to the murders on the Olive Pecker and as principals in the destruction of the schooner have been acquitted at Norfolk, Va. John Anderson, the sole, confessed to the murder of the captain and was sentenced to the penitentiary for the term of ten years.

The result of the ballot taken by the Amalgamated Society of Engineers (England) to decide whether or not the proposal of the masters should be accepted was announced last week. Of the whole number of ballots cast 29,850 were against accepting the proposal. Only 150 of the strikers voted to accept the masters' terms. The tribes along the Peruvian Gulf have for a long time been importing arms and they are now getting dangerous. The British and Spanish authorities co-operating at Bunkir, the principal entrepot on the Gulf, have seized four thousand rifles and a large quantity of ammunition. The confiscated property is valued at \$25,000 sterling. Fredrickson Herald, Lomberton who has returned from the Upper St. John district reports that the lumber cut from that section this year is not likely to be half that of last season. The crews sent into the woods are very much smaller than usual in consequence of the very poor outlook in the British coal market and the season lately has not been favorable for satisfactory work. The Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, speaking recently at Edinburgh, outlined the military policy of the British government. He said that three main objects were required, adding that they must be available for offensive purposes. In summing up he said: "The intention is to maintain what is good of the present system and equipment where decided."

The Rush to Klondike Begins.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—News from Skagway discloses the fact that the great rush to Klondike, which will make the year 1898 memorable, has already begun. Each boat brings over a hundred men and by the end of January the indications now are that the Yukon and Chilkoot trails will be swarming with those desirous of getting ahead of the rush.

Writing from Skagway, under date of Dec. 1, Inspector Wood makes the following observations upon the general state of affairs in that district: "The weather here keeps cold and windy, but even at this late date we have had no snow here. As I previously reported, there is plenty on the summit and on the other side."

As for the trails, now that the mud is frozen, ice has taken its place, especially on the side hills, and this makes the travelling very bad for men and horses. The snow which when the ice was once chopped away in these places the trail would be in a very bad state. A meeting was called a few days ago to discuss the matter of a pack train to chop out a foothold for their animals. A meeting was called a few days ago to discuss the matter of a pack train to chop out a foothold for their animals.

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The Ghosts of Nova Scotia.

(Written for the Halifax Herald by Mrs. J. M. Owen.) All the dwellers about Annapolis are familiar with the stories of the ghost of Stony Beach in Lower Grandville. Some were ago as the Rev. F. P. Grosseau reported by his wife and sister, were returning from Lower Grandville to Grandville Ferry, where they resided, they saw a short distance on the east side of the Grandville road, a woman in a black dress, with a very antique style, and had a black face. She appeared to be gliding rather than walking, and took no notice at all of the occupants of the wagon as they were very close past her. Mr. Grosseau looked round after passing and saw her still gliding along, but the third time he looked round she had disappeared.

Mr. Grosseau was speaking of this peculiar woman on the following day, when the late Mr. Samuel Hall, of Grandville Ferry, told him that he saw no living woman but a mysterious apparition that he himself had seen twice while living at Stony Beach. Mr. Grosseau made enquiries and found numbers of persons who had seen the same thing. The late Capt. J. M. Owen, of Grandville Ferry, told him that on one occasion he was driving from the ferry to Lower Grandville, when more or less on the ground. At Stony Beach this woman walked along the shore, and he saw her several times while driving on. He therefore called to her that he would give her a lift in his wagon, but she refused to get into the wagon in order to drive her to the side of the road, and he saw her no more. A passenger she had entirely disappeared and left even no footprints upon the snow.

The horse that Mr. Grosseau and upon this occasion took no notice of the woman, but a few days afterwards he was driving to Lower Grandville with another horse, one day in the afternoon in summer when the weather was driving along in the neighborhood of Stony Beach, when his horse suddenly exhibited symptoms of the greatest fear. He abruptly stopped and refused to go any further over the ditch at the side of the road and going up to the fence stood trembling. Mr. Grosseau got out of the wagon and as he was possible and examined the harness, finding something that he thought was a good reason for the horse's behavior. He found nothing that he could be the cause of such sudden fear. He tried to lead the horse back to the road, but the horse refused to go and had to be taken over the stone chert to the fence and led to the road again. Then Mr. Grosseau got into the carriage and proceeded on his way. The place where the horse acted in this manner was the exact spot where the apparition was seen a year or two before. On this occasion Mr. Grosseau saw nothing, but the horse must undoubtedly have seen her.

Mr. Maurice Clark told me that once on passing Stony Beach his horse acted in a violent and he had difficulty in making her go. This apparition is apparently transparent, for some men while moving saw her and the horse which was on the other side of the road was visible through her body. There are two stories current to account for this apparition. One current to account was brought to Stony Beach by a vessel and the other that a sailor attached to the gunboat and Annapolis had been in the vicinity of Stony Beach and returned without her. Akin to this story is one of Dr. Augustus Robinson of Annapolis, who has had a similar experience. One Saturday night he was driving to Annapolis in a sleigh, and he had performed an operation, with Mr. Logan a school master, a hard headed Scotchman. Their horse tried to turn back, and going from right to left of it was a black wall, which did not give way, but fell down on one side almost to her knees, and she was in a light daze. He tried to get her back to the road, but she would not go, and he was as light as a feather. He tried to get her back to the road, but she would not go, and he was as light as a feather. He tried to get her back to the road, but she would not go, and he was as light as a feather.

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Money in Football.

The Athletic Association of the University of Toronto has just held its annual meeting. The treasurer's report shows the year of 1897 to have been a most successful one. Starting with a deficit of \$11,404 on Oct. 1, 1897, the association on Oct. 1, 1898, has more than \$21,000 to the good. This is due to the football games of the past season. The total receipts were \$82,200, leaving a balance of \$22,797 for the association. When all expenses for the season and the deficit of \$11,404 is subtracted from this there still remains over \$11,000.

Hard Fighting in India. Simla, Dec. 16.—In the fighting in the Bara Valley, reported yesterday, in spite of the helplessness of the troops, some of the British got between the flanking bodies and the main columns, and kept up an incessant fire, during which the Jemadar, who was leading General Westmacott's force, was killed. The British troops behaved splendidly, and indicated the severest punishment on the tribesmen which they have yet sustained, fully four hundred men falling.

Russia's Great Dry Dock. St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—Russia is making gigantic improvements at Vladivostok preparatory to its opening next year. Seven basins have been built up to the construction of one of the world's greatest dry docks. It will be 300 feet long, 100 feet wide, 30 deep, cut out of a solid rock bluff high above the water level. It will be used for the Trans-Siberian railway. Military camps occupy the surrounding heights and the basins and docks are stationed at night near the city.

RHEUMATISM CURED. Jas. McKee, Linwood, Ont. John A. McDonald, Arnprior, Ont. C. R. Billing, Markham, Ont. John McLeod, St. Catharines, N. S. Lewis S. Butler, Berlin, N.B.

These well known gentlemen all assert that they were cured by MINAR'S LINIMENT. Dec. 18th, 1897.

Births. LOCKE—At Middleton, Dec. 10th, to Rev. E. E. Locke, M.A., a daughter, Miss E. E. Locke. FRANCES—At Middleton, Dec. 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Franches, a daughter, Miss J. A. Franches. MITCHELL—At Bridgetown, Dec. 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mitchell, a son.

Marriages. RAYMAN—TAYLOR—At Bridgetown, Dec. 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rayman, a daughter, Miss J. A. Rayman. HUNTER—HARRISON—At the Methodist Church, Dec. 16th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter, a daughter, Miss J. A. Hunter.

Deaths. FOSTER—Suddenly at Bridgetown, Dec. 20th, of pneumonia, Helen, wife of the late Oliver Foster, aged 65 years. Buried at St. John's on Thursday at 2 p.m. from the home, she was Mrs. J. A. Foster. Aged 65 years.

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