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GOING WEST.	
Stations	Time
Windsor—leave	8:00
18 Windsor	8:10
19 Grand Pre	8:20
20 Port Williams	8:30
21 Kentville—arrive	10:15
Do—leave	11:10
34 Waterville	11:35
32 Digby	11:45
42 Annapolis	11:55
49 Kington	12:15
51 Windsor	12:25
56 Middleton	12:35
62 Lawrenceton	12:45
70 Bridgetown	1:10
75 Donaldville	1:20
81 Annapolis—arrive	2:00

GOING EAST.	
Stations	Time
81 Annapolis—leave	7:15
80 Donaldville	7:25
70 Bridgetown	7:40
62 Lawrenceton	7:50
56 Middleton	8:05
51 Windsor	8:15
49 Kington	8:25
42 Annapolis	8:35
32 Digby	8:45
34 Waterville	8:55
21 Kentville—arrive	10:15
Do—leave	11:10
20 Port Williams	11:20
19 Grand Pre	11:30
18 Windsor	11:40
Windsor—arrive	12:00

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**Poetry.**  
**THE GREAT HARVEST YEAR.**

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which ever ripened in America. The exports  
of wheat have been greater than ever before.  
The night of the century ebbed out, all worn  
with work and sin,  
The children watched, the evening long,  
The midnight clock to see,  
And to wish to one another "A Happy  
Harvest Year."  
They climbed upon my knee, and they  
tumbled on the floor,  
And both with gladness begged me for  
stories of the War.

But I told them I could tell no tales but  
of peace and love.  
God grant that for a hundred years the  
tales of war might cease!  
I told them I would tell them of the bless-  
ed Harvest Year.  
Of the year in which God fed men as they  
ne'er were fed before.  
For, till that year of matchless cheer,  
Such suns or worlds were made,  
Never sent to other lands such gift of  
Daily Bread!

The War was done, and men began to live  
in peaceful ways,  
For thirteen years of hopes and fears, dark  
nights and joyful days,  
If wealth and wealth, and hand and hand  
for feeding half mankind.  
So hot the noons of July, that men  
took day for sleep,  
And when the night shone clear and bright,  
They took their time to rest,  
Nor can they cut all the grain when  
hungry worlds are fed,  
So the ready Ruths and Orpahs are glanc-  
ing in their stead.  
All through the hot summer day the  
Kansas midnights slept,  
All through the night, with laughter light,  
They trove their handsome horses down,  
They drove them up again,  
While "click, click, click" the stalling  
knives cut off the heavy grain;  
Before it falls, around the straw the wait-  
ing wires wind,  
And the well-oiled sheaves are left in  
still airy behind,  
So laughing girls the harvest reap, all  
in clattering and din,  
While "click, click, click" the shears  
keep their chorus, mile by mile;  
And lady morning blouses when she sees  
the harvest, she says,  
In ordered files, those miles on miles,  
to feed the hungry lands.

Far in the South from day to day a living  
tidal swept forth,  
As, wave on wave, the herds of kine flow  
from the North to Nova Scotia,  
Great broad-headed oxen, tender-eyed,  
and such as Juan loved,  
In troops that made number, across the  
prairie moved;  
Behind, along the way line, the brown  
rancheros rode,  
From west to west, from west to east, as  
North the column flowed,  
To keep the host compact and close from  
more hot setting sun  
Nor on the great horse astray, as the  
great tide poured on.  
A fair-haired girl by beside command-  
ed the column,  
As it flowed along the road, I heard  
the striding say  
"Tis good to command these beavers shall  
stand upon the Cheviot Hills,  
The land to feed where rippling Tweed  
re-member, nearly opposite the old stand."  
BUCKLEY & ALLEN,  
124 Granite St., Halifax, N. S.  
July 17th, 1878. n13 y

**Select Literature.**  
**Farmer Brown's Surprise Party.**  
BY MRS. E. F. DOUGLASS.

"And what kind of a party is a 'surprise party'?" Miss Polly asked Farmer Brown, as he sat by the kitchen fire quietly smoking his pipe, and listening to an animated account which his daughter Mary was giving of a party she had attended the previous evening.  
Mary drew up her slight form somewhat resentfully, and gave the least possible touch of her pretty head, as she replied:  
"If you would only remember not to call me 'Miss Polly,' father. You know how much I dislike it."  
"You were named for your grandmother, returned the farmer, 'and she was never called anything but Polly to the day of her death. However, we will change it to Molly, if that suits you any better. So answer my question about the surprise party, Molly."  
"Why, father, I thought every one knew what they were. They are all the fashion, I assure you. A party of young folks, or young and old, as the case may be, unite together in providing music, a supper, and everything necessary for an evening's entertainment, and agree to meet at a certain time at the house of some mutual acquaintance who is kept in ignorance of their intentions. They take possession of the house—dance, frolic, and enjoy their music and refreshments, just as if they were invited guests. The family, finding

there is no help for it, take it all in good part, and join in the amusements of the evening. Last night the party was at Mr. Lawton's. I wish you could have seen their look of consternation, as one guest after another appeared, until their small rooms were quite crowded. John and Margaret made their escape as soon as possible, and dressed themselves for the occasion."  
"More fools they," ejaculated the farmer. "Better have gone to bed. A pretty pass things have got to, if a man's own house is no longer to be his castle. That has been the rule ever since I can remember."  
"But there is no harm in one of these parties, father," urged Mary. "Everything is provided, so that the family thus visited are at no trouble or expense."  
"That may be, daughter, and yet there may be a thousand reasons why I would prefer not having the company. It is, in my opinion, an unwarrantable intrusion, and should not be countenanced by sensible people."  
"But you would treat them civilly, if they should ever come here, father?"  
"Mary made this inquiry in rather an anxious tone, for more than once she had heard it hinted that 'Farmer Brown's old kitchen would be just the place for a dance.'"  
"Civility? To be sure? replied the farmer. "Did you ever know me to be uncivil to any one? But I should tell them my mind pretty plainly, I am thinking."  
"So saying, the good farmer rose from his chair, knocked the ashes from his pipe, and carefully replaced it in its usual niche, and then walked briskly away to the performance of some of his outdoor duties."  
"Never mind, Mary," said Mrs. Brown, consolingly, as she observed the look of uneasiness on her daughter's countenance. "I dare say father will not object to your having a party, if you wish."  
"But I do not wish to give a party, mother. I want to let them come if they like, and find that they cannot take me by surprise."  
"Well, let them come, then," returned the accommodating mother. "I'll warrant father will be civil. If he does not like the fun he can go to bed." And with this comforting suggestion, the busy old lady again turned to her spinning-wheel, the buzzing of which put an end to all further conversation.

Several weeks passed away, and the cool breezes of autumn had given place to the more piercing and decided blasts of early winter. Once more the farmer sat in his customary place at the fireside. It was near the hour when he usually retired, but as a kind of preparation for his night's slumbers, he was indulging in a light doze—or perhaps a deep reverie, in which visions of his well-filled barns and granaries, and all the abundance of the recent harvest floated before him in blissful succession.  
An attentive observer might have noticed that the fire blazed with an uncommonly cheerful light, considering that the old clock had already struck the hour of eight, and that the farmer rigidly adhered to the maxim of "Early to bed and early to rise."  
There was an uncommonly careful arrangement of every article in the spacious apartment, and also an unwonted attention to her own toilet, which, added to a certain restlessness in Miss Mary's demeanour, showed that she was under a cloud for the last few months, and it is high time that their neighbors tried to help them to a ray of sunshine. What their loss by the fire, and Jones' long sickness and inability to work, they must be poorly provided for this winter.

"But the party, husband, tell us about the party," interrupted Mrs. Brown, who though heartily sympathizing with the sorrows of her poor neighbors, had a little womanly curiosity to hear more of the proposed entertainment.  
"Ay, the party. That is all arranged. I have seen all the neighbors, and they all enter into it heart and hand. A cordial reception I met with wherever I went, in spite of your prognostications, good wife, concerning the dire offence which I must have given the other evening. Twelve well loaded sleighs will start at one o'clock on the evening of the 15th of the month, ready to take up their line of march for William Jones, and it will not be our fault if his cellar is not filled with an ample stock of fruit and vegetables, his shed with wood, and himself and his family well provided with winter clothing before the new year dawns. But on second thoughts, wife, continued the farmer, "I believe you cannot join in our frolic. Molly may go, but you—a word in your ear." And the farmer drew the good dame aside and communicated something in a whisper, which called for her several hearty expressions of gratification and applause.

A dark cloud had indeed hung for many months over the household of William Jones. One misfortune had brought another in its train, until the desponding husband and father had almost ceased to hope for a ray of sunshine, and on the last evening of the unhappy year, feeble in body and dispirited in mind, he sat gazing upon his helpless little family, while the heavy sighs which burst occasionally from his oppressed heart, plainly told of the anguish within. With affectionate sympathy his wife bent over him.  
"I can do nothing with him," she whispered to her daughter. "But do not be dis-

heartened; perhaps he will take it quietly enough."  
"And so I am better in 'boddy health, my dear wife,' was the reply, 'but on the last night of this year and thoughts will crowd upon my mind. How brightly dawned the last new year's morning, but alas, the clouds soon gathered thickly around us, and now what have we to look forward to? The little that we have remaining will be insufficient to furnish fuel for ourselves and our poor babes, and many long weeks must elapse before I can resume my old employment!'"  
"But what a blessing to think that health is surely though slowly returning. William, Ah, we cannot be too thankful. What are poverty and suffering while you are spared to us?"  
The husband's reply was preceded by the merry jingling of the bells, as the first sleight drove to their door, and a moment after came the kindly greeting of Farmer Jones.  
"Good evening, neighbor. Glad to see you looking a little better. A party of us have called to wish you a happy new year. Rather before the time to be sure, but we must excuse that, as it is kindly meant."  
By the time the farmer had finished his speech, a long line of sleighs had drawn up in the little yard, and guest after guest appeared with cheerful and sympathizing words, which fell like music on the ear of the sick man and his hopeful wife.  
The most sensitive pride could hardly have taken offence at the quiet, unostentatious manner in which sled and cellar were filled by one busy party appointed for the purpose, while another deposited in the neat little kitchen its appropriate share of winter stores, together with many a useful package of dry goods suitable for both parents and children.  
Few words of gratitude were spoken, but the light which shone on the desponding countenance of William Jones, and the tears in the eyes of his wife, showed that deep feeling were at work within, and as the happy party drove from the door, every heart responded to the farmer's exclamation:  
"That's the right kind of a surprise party, my good friends! The year has been abundant to us, and now that it is about to close, it is well to obey the command, 'Frolic ye have received, frolic give!'"  
Once more the farmer's sleigh took the lead. As his own dwelling came in sight he stopped, and looking back upon the merry train, gave them a cordial invitation to dance out the old year in his capacious kitchen. And now the secret of Mrs. Brown's absence was explained; for dressed in her best, the good lady appeared at the door to welcome her guests, while she entered the speaking of old Simon's sleigh as it set forth its preliminary notes, might be distinctly heard. An excellent supper in the season appeared, and merrily was the old year danced out.

A little party the nightingale on the sleigh bells were again jingling on their way, while the woods re-echoed with three hearty cheers for Farmer Brown's Surprise Party.  
**HOW SOME NEW YORK LADIES DRESS.**  
A carriage garment of black satin recently worn by Mrs. Hilton, wife of the ex-judge, is in Dalton style, having gilt passementerie laid down the seams, and trimmed around the lower edge with heavy tufted fringe in which hair from petticoat's plumage appeared with iridescent effect.  
A superb dress made by Worth for Miss Astor is of white satin and brocade silk. The corsage of satin is in laquo shape, pointed back and front, with heart-shaped neck and trimmed around the neck and down the front with crystal jet. The sleeves are long. The front of the skirt is composed of white brocade woven in lines across it, and the back a court train of satin falls. The lower edge of the front breadth is finished with looping of satin and fringe.  
An extremely rich and effective toilette ordered for Mrs. William H. Vanderbilt is made of crimson satin, united with rich brocade, of which brown is the prevailing color. Another toilette, recently completed for her only unmarried daughter, is made of Nile green satin and pompadour silk, showing a beautiful floral pattern of ground-work of green similar to the satin. This is made with laquo and long sleeves. A second toilette, devised for the same young lady, is of pale pink satin, combined with more of the same shade, and trimmed richly with Mechlin lace. This is a low neck with short sleeves.  
An investigator says that the custom of kissing the Pope's toe began in this wise: Formerly it was the custom to kiss his hand, but a certain woman, whose biographical record did not please his holiness, not only kissed his hand, but squeezed it for her only unmarried daughter, who after that the toe was kissed instead of the hand. The hand, which was cut off centuries ago, is said to be still preserved in the Lateran at Rome.  
It is not high crimes, such as robbery and murder, which destroy the peace of society. The village gossip, family quarrels, jealousies, and bickering between neighbors, meddlesomeness, and settling are the worms that eat into all social happiness.

The Weekly Monitor.

BRIDGETOWN, JANUARY 2, 1879.

THE NEW YEAR.

In many countries of the old world the principal highways and public thoroughfares are studded with milestones, designed for the information of travellers. They are inscribed with the distance of each from some chief town or city. It seems to us that a New Year's day is a milestone to indicate the progress of time. History, pilgrim-like, travelling through the ages, takes special cognizance of these landmarks of passing events as the centuries glide away. Chronology, too, takes exact note of epochs and dates; and to ensure accuracy, the inscriptions on Time's milestones are thoroughly examined. The well-read reader will remember "Old Mortality" in one of Scott's novels, whose life-business it was to visit old churchyards, and remove the moss that was gathering upon the tombstones of martyred puritans. It seems to be the special delight and mission of some men to preserve from oblivion's milky way the records of transient events. T. B. Atkins, Esq., in our own Province has a taste for antiquarian researches and toils. He is never more in his element, or happier, than when he is deciphering the fading ink marks or rusty records, or exulting in the unexpected acquisition of a long ago almanac, or to be added to the hoary volumes and half tattered manuscripts in his unique library, which is indeed a "Curiosity Shop" of time worn literature.

To-day, in remarking upon the New Year, as we know nothing of the Future, we are compelled to confine our remarks to the Past. We leave history and chronology to their never-finished work. Nor will we, like Old Mortality and Mr. Atkins, go far from Time's latest milestone by which we are standing to-day. We shall travel no farther back than to its immediate predecessor, which in large arithmetical digits, is inscribed 1878.

The year has not been barren in interesting events, that will be chronicled by abler and more thorough working pens than ours. We can only sketch in mere outline a few prominent occurrences, which have not yet found a permanent place in history. The first thing we shall notice, is the General Election in our Dominion that led to the overthrow of one political party, and the elevation to power and official ascendancy of another. On the same day on which the Dominion Election came off, our Provincial Local Election took place. Both at Ottawa and Halifax, the party complexion of the Administration has been changed, whether "for better or for worse" time will show.

In the Autumn, Lord Dufferin, who had filled our Vice-Royal Chair for several years, bade adieu to our shores. He executed the functions and performed the delicate and difficult duties of his elevated official position to the satisfaction of the Queen—and of the people of Canada. On this side of the Atlantic he was immensely popular. His popularity even extended to the United States, where his brilliant talents and official merits were thoroughly appreciated. Before he became the occupant of Rideau Hall, he had won for himself a respectable literary reputation; but perhaps his extraordinary administrative ability, and his powers of eloquence were never fully displayed till he became our Governor-General. Either with his pen or his voice he excelled, during his sojourn beneath Canadian skies. That he was imbued with all the mental attributes and moral elements of successful statesmanship was made manifest by his firm, yet conciliatory, policy which distinguished his administration. The courtliness of his manner softened the invariable and uncompromising dignity of his official bearing. In his extensive intercourse with the people in each of the confederated provinces, his goodness and his greatness were equally apparent. While his "goodwill to every body" was obvious, his luminous intellectuality was universally recognized. During his term of office, he visited every Province under his jurisdiction, traversing this vast portion of Her Majesty's colonial possessions from "ocean to ocean," despite the pathless ruggedness of the Rocky Mountains and the personal discomforts of travel over uninhabited prairies, and through gloomy forests. His personal industry and activity, as well as his official efficiency, were indeed marvellous. He is now in another hemisphere; but go where he may in after years, he will be favorably remembered by the people of Canada. The arrival of his illustrious successor effected an unwelcome expression, or rather outburst, of loyalty from four millions of Her Majesty's most devoted colonial subjects. The wife of the new Governor-General, being a son of Royalty, has imparted additional lustre to the Vice-Royal palace at Ottawa. The Marquis of Lorne and his Princess lady have received an ovation, of which "crowned heads" might well be proud. Their arrival and reception are so recent, and so familiar to our readers, that we need not say another word at present in reference to these exalted new comers. God bless them!

When 1873 opened, hostile armies confronted each other on "the banks of the dark rolling Danube." The Russian Czar was then confident of achieving the subjugation and national extinction of the Turkish Empire; and he would doubtless have succeeded in doing so, had not the strong arm of Great Britain interposed to frustrate his designs. Our readers are already informed of the design, doings, and results, (already developed or prospective) of the Berlin Congress. In that conclave, if we may so call it, of the European Powers, Lord Beaconsfield, on the part of Great Britain, made it manifest that the Empire which he represented had lost none of its ancient prestige and dauntlessness in defending the rights of feeble nationalities, and in adjusting (what, in diplomatic phraseology is called) "the balance of power." From what transpired at that Congress Russia must have been sternly impressed with the humbling conviction that distant is the day when she will extend her southern frontier to the Mediterranean.

The intriguing, underground policy of Russia has instigated the Ameer of Afghanistan to send an unfriendly and hostile spirit towards Great Britain. This is causing some trouble to the Viceroy of India and to the Imperial Government; but the Afghan Chief, there is little doubt, will easily be chastised into respect for the Empire, against which he has had the hardihood to raise his puny arm.

1878 has been characterized by great commercial depression, accompanied by consequent financial embarrassment, throughout the world. Manufactures and indeed almost every industrial pursuit and sphere of enterprise have been seriously affected. Strikes among operatives are rendering matters worse. When a more prosperous day may dawn upon the business of the world, it is hard to conjecture.

From our own standpoint, we have had personal cognizance of the adaptability of our own Province for the production of fruit. The immense yield of our orchards has transcended the hopes and expectations of the most sanguine. The apple crop of 1878 will no doubt be talked of in years to come. This article has been drawn out to an unusual length, far beyond what we contemplated when we sat down to say something of the new-born year. The reader will naturally and very properly remark:—"You have said nothing about it." Very true! And the reason is, we know nothing about it. To us 1879 is almost a perfect stranger, with whom our acquaintance is very slight. We have known much of 1878, and have therefore rather spoken of him than of his successor.

In conclusion, we tender to our readers the usual HAPPY NEW YEAR greeting.

PARADISE.

The members of the Paradise Grange with invited-guests, partook of an excellent supper at Capt. Morse's, on Christmas eve. There was a large number of ladies and gentlemen present. The tables were loaded with food, in a style characteristic of our most opulent farmers. After participating in the abundance which had been so kindly prepared, the worthy Master, E. Baughman, Esq., took the chair, and called on the following gentlemen for addresses:—Rev. B. Miller, Rev. John Brown, W. Daniels, J. B. Hall, Hon. A. Longley, and Col. Starratt. The speakers presented the subject of agriculture in its different phases, and many good suggestions were made. As many of the speakers were practical farmers, who manifest a decided interest in the best methods of farming, they could not fail in presenting many useful hints in connection with this subject.

All professions have their guilds and societies for extending and promoting their best interests. The Grange is the farmer's guild or organization, where they can meet and present the claims and relative importance of farm work. It is the intention of the members of the Grange to pay especial attention to everything pertaining to the farmer's interest.—Such as, buying and selling in the best markets—purchasing the best agricultural literature—investigating the best methods of cropping and the best methods of farming, they could not fail in presenting many useful hints in connection with this subject.

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form form the basis of our wealth, it would be wise for all interested in the farmer's vocation, to inform themselves with the working of the Grange, and receive the benefits which will certainly be derived from it.

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As will be seen by despatches Parliament is further prorogued to the 8th of February, and is not then called for the despatch of business.

CONCERT.—The children of the Baptist Sunday school intend giving a concert on Sunday evening next. The public are invited to attend.

Look out for the Auction Sale at the Baptist Parsonage, Middleton, on Thursday, the 9th of January, 1879. See lanlibills.

DYING.—The subscriber is agent for the Gilbert's Last Days of St. John, N. B. Work sure to give satisfaction! For many ways!! Orders for Dimes and Cents—no waste in postage, and no delay in the receipt of the goods.

Several city papers both in St. John and Halifax issued Christmas Supplements. The St. John "Globe" was a very fine specimen of letter press printing.

FARMERS.—Don't forget that we offer the American Agriculturist and the Monitor for only \$2.30 a year, and both with a beautiful steel engraving, for only \$2.50.

An article taken from the Detroit Record in reference to the "White Earth Indian Agency," which is under the charge of a townsman of ours, Mr. Charles Ruffee, now Major Ruffee, will appear in our next.

The clergy of St. Patrick's church, Quebec, are waging an active war against those novels and trashy literature of that kind. A quantity of books in the possession of their parishioners was recently burned.—E.C.

Well done! pity other churches would not follow in their wake.

A WOMAN CHLOROFORMED AND ROBBED AT THE TREMONT. H. USE, BOSTON.

A room at the Tremont House, Boston, occupied by a lady guest, was broken into on Thursday night, December 12, and the lady chloroformed and robbed of \$150 in money. She arrived from New York in the afternoon, and at the depot was met by a gentleman from St. John, N. B., who paid the money as gift of a "call boy" she came to collect for her husband. When the payment was made, she noticed that the gentleman who was charged with the money was a blue-eyed, well-dressed man. She was followed by him to the hotel, she has reason to believe, and in the evening he was seen to enter the hotel. She called the attention of a gentleman who was with her to him. About two o'clock on Friday morning she suddenly became conscious of the presence of a man in her room, but before she could make an outcry, he had fastened a padlock on the door and picked up a revolver. He proved to be a native of Jamaica, named Alexander Huges, who had been three days in the water, and was suffering from exposure. He was rescued by the crew and passengers of the schooner "Little Minnie," which called at sea, and sank while on the passage to Colon. The accident occurred sixty miles from where the man was picked up. He was the only survivor.

NEW INVENTION.—Another new invention comes to the surface. It is to make lumber out of straw. Such straw board as made from paper mills is used. As many sheets are taken as it requires to make the thickness of lumber desired. These sheets are placed upon each other and pressed together in a heated mold, which softens up the fibre and completely saturates it. The whole is then passed between rollers, which draw it out and harden during the passage, as well as polished, and comes out of the other end of the machine, hard, dry lumber, ready for use. It is claimed to stand the weather, receive a high polish, and can be made in imitation of black walnut or other wood, and is therefore valuable for making nice furniture.

The absorption of Newfoundland in the Dominion of Canada is said to be determined on by the Government by the month of January. Mr. Shea, Premier of Newfoundland, will be the capital, and the seat of government, which hitherto have been of an informal character, will become more decided. The terms on which Mr. Shea will be received by the Government in favor of Confederation will be the construction of a railway across the island, so as to make Newfoundland the highway of the Dominion. It is believed, will take the initial steps by submitting a resolution declaring the advisability of conferring with the authorities of Newfoundland on the matter.

Newfoundland's share of the Fishery award has, it seems, been fixed at one million dollars. This, it is said, was the amount agreed upon between Sir A. T. Galt and Mr. Whiteaway, the gentleman acting for Newfoundland during the session of the Legislature. Part of the agreement was that this understanding should not be made public until after the payment of the award. The secret appears to have been well kept. But the money having been paid, it has been officially announced that Newfoundland is to get a million. Newfoundland's credit in the Bank of England, where it awaits disposal of the Newfoundland authorities.—St. John's News.

At this time last year a sale of sealskins took place in London, and the sales in about an hour and had realized £170,000. During last week a similar sale was held at the Commercial Sale Rooms, in about an hour and had realized a quantity of fur sold for £250,000—nearly half as much again as they brought twelve months ago.

EXECUTION OF OAKS AND DIGG. Four Saults, Ark., Dec. 20.—John Post Oaks and James Digg were hanged today. There have been 22 executions on the same gallows during the past two years, and these were hanged at the same time, in August, 1875. The hanging was performed under the direction of Gen. D. Chapman, United States Marshal of the Western District of Arkansas, which includes the Indian territory. He is opposed to the prevailing system of making the execution a public spectacle. The gallows being surrounded by a high board fence, 20 feet high. Only officials, ministers, physicians, and newspaper correspondents were permitted to be present when the fatal trap sprung.

CONTEMPTED PURCHASE OF PALESTINE BY THE JEWS.—I can state as a fact (says the London correspondent of the Leeds Mercury) and not as a mere rumor, that a syndicate is actually in process of consolidation, which has for its sole object the purchase of Palestine from the Turkish Government, and its restoration to the Jews in some form. I know, but am not at liberty to mention, the name of the secretary of the body, which already numbers some very influential members, and I can vouch for the confidence with which the secretary, who is not a member of the Jewish race or religion, but a well-known man, regards the future success of the scheme; and his experience of the world and knowledge of men are too important to be ignored.

REWARD! TIMES being stringent, and failures the order of the day, and the subscriber being desirous of paying one hundred cents on the dollar, offers

A Discount of 5 per cent. on all Book Accounts, paid with each in full, on or before the 12th day of January, 1879. All accounts not paid in cash, on rendering at first of New Year, due bills will be expected at thirty days; and all accounts must be settled in full. Yours, &c. C. W. SHAFNER.

WORTHY OF NOTICE!! I take much pleasure in thanking my many friends on this close of 1878, for the very generous support I have received from their hands during the past, and beg to say that I have concluded to change my state of business for the coming four months, making it strictly cash as my books will be closed.

NOW FOR BARGAINS! For the next four months from date, I will give 15 per cent discount on Dry Goods, 10 per cent on Boots and Shoes, 5 per cent on Groceries, and all goods bought for cash.

ALL KINDS OF PRODUCE taken in exchange for goods, which will be sold at usual market prices. Yours, &c. C. W. SHAFNER. Willard, Dec. 26th, 1878. 91 147.

PUBLIC AUCTION. To be sold at Public Auction, on SATURDAY, 4th of Jan. 1879, at 10 o'clock, a.m., on the premises of the following articles, viz: Six cows, two of which are farrow, 1 yoke of four year old Steers, 1 Yearling, 1 two year old Heifer, 1 Horse, 1 New Mowing Machine, Horse Rake, 1 New Ox Wagon, 1 Cart, 1 Light Riding Wagon, Ploughs, and other farming implements. A LOT OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, including, Stoves, Sleighs, Buffalo Robes, Twenty Tons of Hay, and numerous other articles. Terms made known on day of Sale. KENNEDY & RUMSEY, Auctioneers, Dec. 27th, 1878. 11

NOTICE! Against the estate of William L. Leonard, late of Paradise, in the County of Annapolis, deceased, I have obtained a decree of the Court, dated the 18th of December, 1878, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to

Cheap Freight FROM GLASGOW TO ANnapolis. THE Bark "George E. Corbett" will carry 200 tons of goods from Glasgow to Annapolis at the rate of Fifty Shillings per Ton, and will be advised by the Windsor and Annapolis Railway Company that they will give a special rate to all Stations on the line, on Freight by this vessel. All parties wishing to ship Apples to Glasgow in March, by this vessel, will please apply immediately as room is limited.

A. W. CORBITT & SON. Annapolis, Dec. 16, 77. Berwick Star, Kentville Chronicle.

GRAND Olio Entertainment —ON— New Year's Night. THE Ladies of St. James' Church, assisted by several well-known amateurs, propose giving an entertainment of a novel and very pleasing character, consisting of Exhibitions of Statuary, Pantomimes, Tableau, with musical accompaniment, &c. A pleasant time may be expected. Don't forget the first night of the New Year. Programme and further particulars next week. Doors open at 7.30. Admission, 25c, Children half price.

NOTICE. The subscriber offers the remaining stock of his Dry Goods, Hardware and Book Store, at greatly reduced prices for Cash. He is desirous of clearing out his stock, and will sell at a sacrifice. I. B. BONNETT, Bridgetown, Dec. 31st, 1878.

Some time since the Trinity House made experiments with a new gas for the purpose of lighting buoys, which are now useless after dark. The experiments have been so far successful that it has been decided to order buoys properly constructed and provided with the new light. The peculiarity of this gas is that a buoy full of it in a compressed state will keep a light burning for some months without needing any replenishing. A lantern has been constructed in which the light will be protected from spray at whatever angle it may be placed. One of these lanterns was exposed on the Trinity House Wharf to the action of water from a fire engine, and it was found impossible to extinguish it.—E.C.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. THE Sleigh Stock Department AT THE HARDWARE AND CARRIAGE STOCK Emporium! Middleton, - - Annapolis Co. It replicates with everything needed.

American Runners RAVES, Trimmings, DRUGGETS, FELTS, PLUES, ROYAL CARDS, ETC. Painting, Clarke's Celebrated Horse Clippers! Bessonet & Wilson.

SOLE LEATHER. Merry Xmas! Middleton Corner! Cheap Cash Store. Grand Annual Clearance Sale. COMMENCING this day, and to be continued until the first day of January, 1879. As usual, we take account of stock at end of year and wish to have as little on the shelves as possible to save work. We are convinced the only way to make a clearance these hard times is to mark down goods to the very lowest point, so that our customers will buy all they require, thereby economizing. There is no doubt we can satisfy you in price, please call on us and examine the goods. We offer our entire stock at the reduction Ladies and Gents' underware, Millinery, Gent's Furnishing Goods, etc. Also a nice stock of Boots and Shoes, which we offer at special bargains. Next week we open our important Holiday Goods, consisting of useful and fancy articles, suitable as presents for old and young. Large assortment of Toys for the children. Remember we are head quarters for Candy, Fruit, Nuts, etc.

LAND, situated, lying and being in the town of Annapolis Royal, described and bounded as follows: that is to say, On the South by the main street of Annapolis Royal, on the East by lands belonging to the estate of the late Thomas Ritchie, Esq., on the West by lands belonging to James Gray, Esq., and on the North extending to low water mark by the Annapolis River, measuring on the said street thirty-six feet, and so on. All in and under the said lands, rights, title and equity of redemption of the said defendant, and of all persons claiming or entitled by, from, or under the said late William McFallen, of, in and to all that to of

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PRESENTS FOR RICH & POOR. Sancton's Jewelry Store. XMAS! XMAS! THE FESTAL SEASON is again near at hand, and friends and acquaintances will want to secure

PRESENTS! for each other as of yore—if so call at the Bridgetown Jewelry Store and select anything in that line you require, Watches, Clocks, Spoons, Forks, Cake Baskets, Butter Dishes, Crib Bells, Brooches, Ear Rings, Sets Jewelry, Finger Rings, Napkin Rings, &c. These goods have been brought in the very best market and are selling at lower prices than ever before offered. JOHN E. SANCTON, Bridgetown. MAUGER'S PATENT BLANK LETTERS. A large lot of the above on hand at this office. CHEAP.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. NEW FURNITURE DEPOT! Having imported a large stock of Elegant New Furniture, from the United States, I solicit the Public in general to call and inspect the same. It consists of Parlor, Setting-Room and Bedroom Sets, in all the latest styles. Warerooms, Opposite the Bridgetown Railway Station. I AM also prepared to attend to all wishing my services as an UNDERTAKER, having imported a NEW HEARSE for the purpose. CASKETS AND COFFINS constantly on hand. John Z. Bent, Bridgetown, Oct. 23rd, 1878. n27 1/2

Christmas Presents! CHRISTMAS TOYS, Fancy Confectionery Canned Goods, Oysters, Lobsters, Peaches and Grapes, Oranges, Lemons, Nuts, Figs and Raisins OF THE BEST QUALITY! Fancy Vases, Cups & Saucers, Mugs &c. AND A FULL STOCK OF Lamps and Glassware. Cheapest ever offered. Cloth and Clothing to Suit All! J. W. Whitman, Dec. 10, 1878. ANNAPOLIS, S.S. In the Supreme Court, 1878. IN EQUITY. (John N. Nicholson, Plff. vs. Sarah McFadden, Administratrix of William McFadden, Deft. TO BE SOLD AT Public Auction! by the Sheriff of the County of Annapolis, or his Deputy, at Annapolis Royal, on the premises, on the 25th Day of January, Anno Domini, 1879, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to an order of foreclosure and sale, made herein, dated the 16th day of December, Anno Domini, 1878, unless before the day of Sale the said defendant shall pay the plaintiff in full, the sum due under the mortgage, debts and costs. All the estate, rights, title and equity of redemption of the said defendant, and of all persons claiming or entitled by, from, or under the said late William McFallen, of, in and to all that to of

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