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ANNIVERSARY.

Next week we presume will be largely like other Anniversary weeks all bustle and stir, and bonnets and white wash, meetings and partings, speeches and *cetera*. It is the season of the year most important to Wolfville so cially. Have you a dear friend living at a distance—come and see me at Anniversary, is the the way letter reads. Would you like to meet old college chums—come to Anniversary for there all expect to meet that can possibly get to Wolfville and so it has been in years gone by, so we hope it will be for years to come. The change in the class work by which the three junior classes at college are broken up at the first of May, has struck a heavy blow at the celebration of this pleasant season. Another serious stroke is the inability of the class through adverse and annoying circumstances, to secure a concert Thursday evening. This loss will be partially filled by Prof. Foster's lecture. We say partially because many of the people who attend Anniversary would rather attend a concert than a lecture. In point of fact one of Prof. Foster's lectures is worth many concerts such as we have had here.

But under any circumstances Anniversary is and will probably be while Acadia lasts the ope week of the year when every body seems bound to make themselves and their places look better than any other.

HOLIDAYS.

General holidays have for a number of years been a perfect farce in Wolfville. This year we fear they have received their death blow. It has been the custom for some one to draw up an agreement to close and have it signed by all the merchants. This year there was no writing, but a representative from one of the leading stores called on all the merchants and "the grocers, dry goods, boot & shoe and hat & cap

dealers" agreed to close on May 24th. We believe that in the morning this was carried out, but in the afternoon some of the grocers commenced to go in on call, and finally at night two of them opened up full blast.

This may be a good financial move but we question very much the honor of it. Some dealers keep rigidly closed supposing the agreement to be carried out, while others taking advantage of their credulity open up and rake in all the pickings. We have no right to expect a man to close up if he thinks he cannot consistently do so, but we have a right to expect him to close when he gives his word that he will.

As the matter now stands it will be a long while before another general holiday will be observed here. The merchants, and we are ashamed to say it, have lost confidence in each other and years will be required to restore it.

AT IT AGAIN.

There is not a word of truth in the statement of the Wolfville Editor of the Kentville *Bulldozer* that Mr. C. D. Randall has sold his farm.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.]

LIFE, LIBERTY AND ENJOYMENT.

To the Editor of the *Acadian*.

If I am not astray, the above words figure prominently in the Declaration of Independence of our Republican neighbors; and it is declared in that celebrated instrument that the things represented by the words are the inalienable rights of men, and, I suppose, of mortals in general. I could not help thinking of the words a few days ago, as I was passing through the streets of Wolfville. And was reaching the conclusion, that subjects of the British Crown sometimes hold opinions similar to those of "free and enlightened American citizens.

What led me to the conclusion was the pleasing sight of the numerous cattle of all sizes, ages and colors, "ring-staked, spotted and speckled," black, white, grey and brown, with a sprinkling of horses, sheep and swine, which in the exercise of liberty were perambulating the streets of the beautiful and classic village, of which the ACADIAN is doubtless not a little proud, and deservedly so.

And to say the truth, it was pleasant to see how happy the cattle were in the enjoyment of "life and liberty"—browsing in the gutters, "chewing the cud of contentment," and enlivening the quiet village with their melodious lowings, "sole and responsive," as Milton has it, when treating of another kind of music.

In making some such remark to a companion of my wanderings, I was in-

formed that the cattle had good reason to be happy and thankful as well, for that the authorities had taken them under their especial charge, and appointed a Board of Officers, called Street Guardians, or something of the kind, one of whose duties was to see that the bovines were not molested, or their liberty restricted; and he went on to say that a member of the Board was specially appointed with this end in view, as he had in the past secured the enviable reputation, both by words and deeds, of promoting to the extent of his influence, this most desirable and enjoyable liberty of the good cattle. My companion proceeded to say in addition that in one or two of the appointments, the dispenser of patronage had probably another "string to his bow:" for an Election, was looming up in the near future and as one of the great political parties of the Province were represented on the Board, it would be a masterly stroke of policy to confer like honor on the other, and thereby secure its good will and assistance in the coming contest—in which my informant stated, the dignitary had a most laudable personal interest. By the way this coquetting, whether in love or politics, is a very pleasant and interesting occupation, and shows an amount of sagacity which deserves the most abundant success.

In this particular case, to accomplish the desired object, it was necessary to resort to unusual expedients. Villages generally have but one of the peculiar officers mentioned; if they have as many as that; larger ones have occasionally two; whilst the most important, shire villages, for instance, like Kentville, have in rare cases three; by which honorable number Wolfville was served up to a few days ago—when, as I was informed, it was found that, the district was of such enormous dimensions, being about two miles in length, that three officers could never overtake the labor involved; this was the fortunate discovery and most reasonable pretext for swelling the size and dignity of the Board.

Besides there was another element in the problem. If three individuals represent two parties, it is evident that the representation will be unequal. You must do as John Gilpin, of immortal memory, did, when he would "keep the balance true" in his famous race. He fastened to his "leathern girdle" as many "stone bottles" on one side as on the other. And so in the case before us; by increasing the number of officers from three to four, each political party would have an equal representation. All will admit that this was eminently wise and worthy of a politician.

But I have rather wandered from my subject, and as newspaper articles must be brief, I will not pick up the threads of my discourse, but merely express the wish that the cattle may still be allowed to roam unmolested, in the full enjoyment of the liberty which is their present happy lot and portion; only bespeaking from your indulgence the privilege of referring on a future occasion to some other estimable usages and peculiarities of your lovely and noted village.

WAYFARER.

Sleepy Hollow, May 24th '84.

GENERAL NEWS.

—Work is suspended on the Nictau and Atlantic Railway.

—Victoria Lodge, Good Templars, at Stellarton has over 220 members.

—Rev. Mr. Coffin, of P. E. I., will assume the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church of Bridgetown during the coming summer.

—At this season of the year potatoes should be put into boiling salt water. This will make them mealy if it is within the possibility of any process to do so.

—Mrs. Webb, the widow of Capt. Webb, who perished last year in his attempt to swim the rapids below Niagara Falls, has accepted the position of cashier of the Whirlpool Rapids Park, near the falls.

Colonel J. J. Hickman, the Good Templar orator from Kentucky is under engagement by the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of Nova Scotia to deliver a series of lectures in the Province, beginning in June.

—The Czar is taking the right course to gain the confidence of the people. On his son becoming of age a grand *fete* was given and the Czar and his son drove through the crowd without an escort and in an open carriage.

—Mr. Benjamin Starratt, merchant of Paradise, who killed 140 fish during about two days fishing in the vicinity of the Half way House in Dalhousie. The fish were very fine; twenty-five of the largest of the number taken would weigh at least as many pounds. "The speckled" are apparently very plentiful this year.—*Weekly Monitor*.

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