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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Sometime ago the Minister of Customs promised to change the name of this port from "Horton" to "Wolfville." We would like to ask why that has not been done? Under the present name goods for here are frequently bonded to Port Williams instead of Horton, and it is a source of great annoyance to importers.

The *Herald* of Tuesday contained the following—"Acadia College reopens to-day. Most of the students arrived yesterday. There was a merry time in Wolfville last night." Some of the country boys seem to take great delight in stuffing the City reporters. As a matter of fact but very few of the students are here yet, and if there was a merry time in Wolfville, the residents of Wolfville knew nothing of it. We understand that a large number are expected this year in the College and also in the Academy and Seminary.

We congratulate Mr. J. I. Brown in the success of his colt, "Confidential Charley," at Kentville on Tuesday. Notwithstanding the fact that the horse reporter of the Kentville paper in his great wisdom ignored Mr. B's colt altogether and took the opportunity of insulting Mr. B. in mentioning the mare "Nellie Nelson," lately owned by him, "Confidential Charley" has shown both his good breeding and that he has had a careful, judicious and efficient trainer. Mr. Brown may be a hobbyist in regard to horses and probably would be proud to be considered so, but we doubt if "Chewder" or a good many of the "wise ones" can teach him very much in training and breaking colts or in the care of horses generally.

Since our last issue we have conversed with a number of persons on the

subject of a Fire Department and with a very few exceptions everyone is in favor of it. A prominent gentleman from Canning, speaking of the company there, says it is of great advantage to them, that insurance rates are much lower and some places that had before found it almost impossible to get a policy, could now get one at quite reasonable rates. It would not be a hard matter to give it a trial. The cost would be small. Some say "we can't afford an engine." Well, who said we could? Certainly we can't afford an engine, but we can afford to have some good serviceable ladders with whole rounds in them and not patched up with wire. We could afford a few dozens of buckets that would not fall to pieces if you looked hard at them. We could afford a few axes and belts that could be carried about conveniently at a fire and that would cut when they were needed for that purpose. We could afford a suitable grapple and fixtures to pull down a building when by so doing other adjacent property might be saved. Besides these we want bags or baskets in which to carry stuff out of a burning building.

"But we have no water." Very true, but would a fire company make it any less? and would they not be able to use what we have to a better advantage than a mob without a leader? "But we would get our clothes spoilt and no pay for it." Very probably you would, but you must be a very peculiar citizen if you would watch your neighbor's house or your own burn down and do nothing to prevent it even if you weren't paid for it. Now have you any more objections? Allow that you worked excellently without a fire company, yet your Insurance Agent don't look at it that way. By forming a company you lose nothing of the old work and gain much in system, implements, safety (in having good ladders) and in lessened insurance.

For The Acadian.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE.

No. 1.

Wolfville is not particularly noted for its public works or works designed for the public benefit; it is on the other hand rather noted for an absence and want of such works. The moneyed men of Wolfville, as a rule, do not believe in expending their wealth in the village, except perhaps in building for themselves fine houses and beautifying the adjoining grounds. They do not seem to think of endeavouring to increase the trade and business of the place or of originating or encouraging any enterprise which would tend to build it up and enhance the value of the property in it. But there is one exception, which is the more notable because it is an exception, and it there-

fore deserves to be particularly recognised and commended. Dr. Barss some time since purchased two decayed wharf properties, which were a disgrace to the village and a direct injury to it in more ways than one. These in a very enlightened and creditable spirit he has renovated and fitted up at an expense of a good many hundreds, probably some thousands of dollars. The properties thus renovated and equipped, and furnished, as they are, with every convenience can not but prove of most essential service to the village and the whole surrounding country. It will directly increase trade and furnish facilities for commerce with the neighbouring province and with more distant regions. We earnestly wish Dr. B. may soon witness the growing prosperity of the village, and those portions of the county whose trade naturally centres in it, and further receive the direct pecuniary return which his liberal expenditure of money deserves.

Sep. 3rd. '84.

RESIDENT.

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

To the Editor of the Acadian.

SIR,—Editors are supposed to be persons of general information, and among other things to be acquainted with the laws of the land. Assuming that such is the case with the editor of the Wolfville ACADIAN, may I respectfully ask you to answer one or two questions.

First, Is it the law of the province that anyone may, as often as he likes, call out at the public expense, the supervisors of streets to pronounce upon the bounds of a road, which they have already declared the County Records will not enable them to settle?

Secondly—Are the supervisors of streets required and authorized to obey at the public expense such summons as often as it is repeated, and when no additional information has been obtained, or is obtainable?

If such is the law it is almost time that we had a change in the law or in our law-makers.

A BURDENED TAX-PAYER.

Wolfville, Sep. 4th '84.

TO PRINT OR NOT TO PRINT, THAT'S THE QUESTION.

It is a most difficult thing to know how an article will read when printed—so difficult that even authors themselves—men of long and varied experience—can scarcely form an opinion upon their own writings, whilst in manuscript. Francis Jeffery, the great critic and reviewer, knew so well the difficulty, that in sending his first production to the *Edinburgh Review*, after he had relinquished the editorship, he stipulated with his successor, Mr. Napier, that he should not read, till he could do so in type: and the editor of the *Saturday Review*, a few years ago, used to have every article that seemed at all worth publishing, set up in type, before he made up his mind whether to accept or reject it. COM.

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