

THE ACADIAN.

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The Name of our Town.

As will be seen by reference to another column, the question of changing the name of the town is to be submitted to the meeting of citizens next week. We are glad the matter is to come up for decision. For some years the subject has been discussed. If a change is ever to be made the present is the occasion for making it. We are now entering upon our history as an incorporated town, and the new era affords opportunity for a new departure.

We would therefore urge all our citizens to attend the meeting and take their share of responsibility in this matter. In some cases heretofore when public movements have been undertaken, the citizens have kept away at the beginning and afterwards been loud in their complaints about the action of those who attended the meetings. There will be no excuse for such a course now. If the people wake up some morning and find they are not living in Wolfville, they will have no persons to blame but themselves; and if they find they have lost an opportunity to start their town on a new career, they will not find much sympathy from those who favor the change.

But should a change be made? The name we bear does not commend itself to strangers. It suggests only the town of wolves to them. It is not connected in any way with the historic associations of the place. Loupville would be just as suggestive. There is a loss in not having a name which connects us with Evangeline's land and story. We are in the most classic scenery in Nova Scotia, indeed in all Canada. No other part is so famous in romance. Yet our name suggests nothing of all this.

On the other hand the name, Wolfville, has life-long associations for many, and would be surrendered with regret. A new name would sound harsh at first and perhaps no better than our present one.

Then if a change should be decided upon, what would be the best name to give our town? We have heard several mentioned—Evangeline, Minas, Acadia and others. It will be for the sake of a body to settle this matter, and it may be done in a satisfactory manner.

First Meeting of the Town Council. The council held its first meeting on Saturday evening, March 25th. The following minutes have been furnished us by Mr. C. H. Starr.

Mayor Bowles had previously been duly sworn into office by Justice J. R. Davison and J. W. Caldwell as required by law. All the councillors were present, and the oath of office was administered by His Worship, the Mayor.

C. H. H. Starr was appointed clerk pro tem. Councillor Geo. Thomson was elected deputy Mayor or presiding councillor. Walter Brown was appointed town clerk and treasurer.

The salary of the town clerk and treasurer was fixed at \$300 per annum, and this official is required to furnish a guarantee bond from a reliable guarantee company for the sum of \$5,000.

The town clerk was authorized to procure necessary books for the proper keeping of the records and accounts for the town.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Editor.—A few summers ago there appeared in the columns of the ACADIAN a very suggestive letter from one Edgar L. Wakeman, a gentleman referred to editorially in the same issue as correspondent of several leading journals in the U. S.

Mr. Wakeman seemed to have been greatly impressed by the marvellous beauty of this country, and pointed out that this town should be the objective point of a vast number of summer tourists. He seemed to have been equally impressed by the incongruous name of Wolfville, and made some very pertinent suggestions with reference to the advisability of changing the same, pointing out some of the advantages to be obtained by so doing.

These suggestions were favorably received by many of our citizens at that time and have not altogether been lost sight of. The ACADIAN has referred to the matter from time to time since and many of our citizens have had the subject brought prominently to their notice by strangers, here and abroad, asking, "Where did you get the name, Wolfville? What does it signify?" or "Are there still wolves in the vicinity?" and such like questions.

Even an explanation that the name was in some way connected with one of the oldest and most respected families of the place would hardly suffice to satisfy the stranger that visitors to the Acadian land might not still be in danger of being attacked by wolves should they happen to be out after dark.

Now, Mr. Editor, is not the present crisis in our history the time to consider the propriety of changing the name of Wolfville to something more in harmony with our position as the centre of this region made famous by history and the pen of Longfellow?

Should we not now step to the front prominently as "The Town of Evangeline," with our streets and public places named after the several characters so familiar in this connection. Already we have Grand Pre, Gasperon, Acadia, Minas and Blomidon all in the immediate vicinity and surrounding this centre. What more appropriate or significant name could we have? Certainly none so widely known and yet so far as known to the writer, unappropriated in this way.

While the railway and steamship companies are basking in the glory of a town to fall into line with this movement and let every citizen vie with each other in making this the centre of attraction as well as the centre of the land of Evangeline.

I am glad to know this subject is being discussed at the present time by many of our citizens, and I hope the discussion may result in some definite action by the people. Let there be a requisition asking the Mayor to call a public meeting for the purpose of discussing the subject, and take a vote of the ratepayers. If a change is deemed desirable, now is the time; if not, no harm will have been done. In either case, I trust the new town council and every citizen will unite in promoting the best interests of the town by each and all doing what they can to improve our streets, fences, buildings and premises generally, thereby greatly adding to the attractiveness of the place. Yours, CITIZEN.

Renaming Our Town. Mr. Editor.—For some years the renaming of Wolfville has been seriously advocated by those who have felt the inconvenience and insufficiency of the present name. But a crisis has now come. The council must provide themselves with a seal bearing the name of the town, and if any change is to be made it should be done at once. Several names have been suggested: Acadia or Acadie, Acadia, Evangeline, Minas and Basil. The following requisites are desirable in a name: It should not be too long, one or two syllables being preferable; it should be easily pronounced and easily understood (our present name is very faulty in this respect); it should be of Indian or French origin and in some way associated with our local history or traditions. We are in the centre of the Acadian region and our name should suggest this to tourists. The council will doubtless soon call on us to decide this question, and we should be prepared to choose wisely.

What's in a Name. There is, I understand, considerable agitation in our newly-fledged town as to the name we are to bear in the future. Shall it be the old one or a new one, and if a new one which of the ones proposed shall carry our renown to the far corners of the earth. There seems to be insuperable objections to "Acadia" as it is already appropriated by the college and its application to the town would make endless confusion besides having a tendency to detract from the interpretive character of the Institution. Acadia College is the college of the Acadian provinces and not of a small town. "Evangeline" has been proposed, and has some things in its favor but it seems too long and too feminine. On the other hand, the old name is in possession which is much in its favor. It is very widely known through its long association with Acadia College and latterly through Skoda's circulars and newspaper advertisements so that it would take some time for the world to adjust itself to the new condition of affairs. In view of these considerations, until a name is proposed that will meet with general favor it would be well to proceed with "Acadia."

W. S. WALLACE, MERCHANT TAILOR.

Has opened a Tailoring Business in the shop lately occupied by L. P. Godfrey and solicits a share of the public patronage. He has on hand a first-class line of Scotch Suitings, Pantings and Spring Overcoatings; also a complete line of Tailors' Trimmings. He also has a patent button coverer, and any one wanting buttons covered to match their goods can be accommodated.

Canada and American Aggression. The United States has always been an aggressive power. Its patriotism has been fed upon strife with Britain, its ambition has been stirred by the idea of one day possessing the whole continent. The inexorable law of its existence seems to have been the absorption of new territory, or at any rate the desire to obtain it. The great Republic coveted Florida and promptly seized it; coveted Texas and Mexico, which ended in the acquisition of California. Had it not been for British power it would have obtained Canada long ago; as it was, the Republic had the fair valley of the Ohio, a great stretch of Canadian territory on the Pacific, and the state of Maine on the Atlantic.

This ambitious desire for the expansion of territory was founded on two principles—a sort of national inherent earth-hunger and a jealous hatred of Great Britain. Yet the Mother Country by its defeat of French power upon this continent and its influence in holding the Indians in check, really enabled the Thirteen Colonies to hold their own after independence had been finally granted them. A great French Canada would have been far more dangerous to their early struggles after autonomy and a united existence than were the peaceful and conciliatory British provinces. But this was never thought of by them.

From the time when Washington, through the medium of Arnold's invading army, addressed the loyal people of these Colonies down to the present day, the Stars and Stripes floating from the Gulf of Mexico to the North Pole. "We rejoice," said General Washington upon the occasion referred to, "that our enemies have been deceived with regard to you; they have persuaded themselves—they have even dared to say—that the Canadians were not capable of distinguishing between the blessings of liberty and the wretchedness of slavery. By such artifices they hoped to bind you to their views but they have been deceived. \* \* \* Come then, my brethren, unite with us in an indissoluble union let us run together to the same goal." And this has been the actuating spirit of their warfare, military, commercial or political, so far as Canada is concerned, from the days of Washington to the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

In 1812 the smouldering ashes of hostility originating in the war of the revolution again broke into active flame. Great Britain was still engaged in that life and death struggle with Napoleon in which the liberties of Europe, and it may be, of the world were bound up. The object was to wrest from Great Britain the Canada, and in conjunction with Napoleon, extinguish its maritime and colonial empire. Then followed the American destruction of the "Little Belt" ship of war under utterly indefensible circumstances, and the subsequent declaration of war on June 18th, 1812. And Sir Isaac Brock, writing six years before this date, describes the Americans as "being employed in drilling and forming their militia and openly declaring their intention of invading the Provinces the instant that war is determined on." Two years later he states that Jefferson and his party, though anxious to do so, dare not declare war, "and therefore endeavor to attain their objects by every provocation. A few weeks ago the Garrison of Niagara fired upon seven merchant boats and actually captured them." No reparation appears to have ever been made for this high-handed act.

But war had finally broken out and General Hull invaded Canada from Detroit on the 12th of July, 1812. The result of that invasion may be told in a few words. One month later General Brock was himself crossing the Detroit River, and on the 16th of August articles were drawn up by which the whole of Michigan territory, Fort Detroit, a ship of war, thirty-three pieces of cannon, 2,500 troops and a stand of colors were surrendered to about 1,300 British and Colonial troops. It is not necessary to go into any details of a war so well known as that of 1812-14. Suffice it to say that the Canadian militia and volunteers did their duty as nobly as the British soldiers and officers.

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Geo. V. Rand, PROPRIETOR. Wolfville, Feb. 24th, 1893. 43-44

AUCTION!

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1 purchased Jersey Cow, 2 do Heifers, 1 do Calf, 1 Grade Jersey Cow, 1 Grade Guernsey Cow, 2 Draft Horses, 2 Pigs, 1 Richard-on Mower, 1 Wheel Rake, 1 Potato and Corn Planter, 1 Sulky Plow, 1 Hay Trolley, 1 Hay and Ensilage Cutter, 1 Root Cutter, 1 Hay Wagon, 1 Horse Cart, 2 Pows, 1 Spring-tooth Harrow, 1 Turnip Sower, 1 Cultivator, Spraying Apparatus, a quantity of Dairy Utensils—including "Daisy" Churn, Butter Worker and Butter Print, etc. A quantity of choice varieties of Potatoes, a few tubs of choice Seed Barley, quantity of lumber, shingles and timber, Bobbed, Sleigh, Harness Chains, and numerous other articles.

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DR. BARSS, WOLFVILLE.

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