

THE ACADIAN.

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Provincial Examinations.

The young people of our province who are endeavoring to fit themselves for usefulness in life through the medium of the advanced departments of our public schools are this week being examined as to their qualifications. With the mercury up among the skies the broiling, stuffy examination room is not an ideal environment for the production of mental activity. There certainly should be no question as to the equipment in nervous energy of those who succeed in withstanding this inquisitorial examination. While in no way wishing to question the supreme wisdom of that august body, the Council of Public Instruction, to the unsophisticated quill-driver it would seem that equally good results, at least, might be obtained by holding these tests during the latter part of May. On the principle that 'whatever is right' the regulations governing our public schools under the present system are apparently not 'subject to change.' If after all these years the local government is unable to make some more satisfactory arrangement it would appear the reasonable thing for them to do would be to give place to those who will try.

Protest From the Churches.

The fact that the religious bodies are taking action with reference to the crookedness at Ottawa is a good sign. It means that the public conscience is not dead, and that relief from the prevailing conditions may be expected. At the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church strong views were expressed with reference to the moral rotteness permitted by the Federal Government in the Yukon. The members of the assembly spoke out force fully, and it was made clear that the vice which had been winked at, however agreeable to the ruling politicians will not be excused by decent men. That the official reply of the government, which has taken the form of abusive attacks upon Rev. Mr. Pringle, who led in the discussion of the question, has convinced the Presbyterian church that official immorality is excusable, there can be no reason to suppose. The Presbyterians have now been followed by the Methodist Conference of Manitoba into the political field. The Methodist conference of Manitoba is composed of citizens who see certain forms of the Ottawa grafting at close range. From that body therefore come strong denunciations of the patronage or of the land-grabbing evils. With reference to the patronage system the conference says it is an offence against the public because it proceeds upon the assumption that the party in power is 'justified in administering our affairs for the advantage of that section of the electors and does not regard itself as the trustee of the "whole people." This arrangement, strong as it is, does not err on the side of exaggeration. As a matter of fact, the patronage system, as operated today, goes even further than the conference supposes. It not only favors certain persons, but it favors them dishonestly. Thus it is that we get the 'take-off' on nearly all transactions put through at Ottawa. The conference then turns to the relations of politicians to public enterprises, and declares that 'the time has come when members of Parliament should be prohibited from becoming concerned in the purchase of property, or the securing of franchises from the Government.' This is a palpable hit at certain groups sitting behind the ministers. It is with truth that the conference, commenting upon the present policy, says that 'it is developing a class of politicians who regard politics as a business.' With equal force it is stated that 'the exploitation of the public domain is not only ruinous from the economic point of view, but is calculated to render cynical and world the whole life of the people.' It stands to reason that if public life becomes merely a hunt for 'graft' the morals of the nation must be sapped. The concluding deliverance of the Methodist Conference will receive the approval of every right-thinking man. It says 'while the party system seems to be the most feasible instrument of Government yet devised, it is the duty of Christian electors to hold their allegiance to their party with such detachment that they will be free to shift their votes should the party of their choice prove guilty of maladministration, or the advocacy of wrong policies. This lays down a good principle, which if it is acted upon, will put an end to crookedness in the conduct of public affairs, no matter by what party practiced. If the citizen conscientiously votes against wrong wherever he sees it, wrong cannot endure.

Camp Meeting at Berwick, begins this year on Wednesday evening, Aug. 5th, and closes Thursday evening, Aug. 12th. There will be summer school in connection with the meeting this year. The services of an evangelist from the U. S. have been secured and a good staff of other workers. Those wishing further information can have a circular with full particulars by dropping a card to the secretary.

We understand that Rev. A. C. Borden has been obliged to give up his work in Tokyo, Japan, for a time in consequence of ill health, and with Mrs. Borden will sail for Canada on July 15th. They will probably not reach Wolfville until the autumn as they expect to spend some time at Vancouver and in California.

R. L. Borden.

To Mr. Borden, for his splendid and successful fight against the Aylesworth Election Bill, the thanks of the entire country are due. The services rendered by that gentleman, aided by his friends in Parliament, have been of incalculable value to the people. They have thwarted a great wrong. They have preserved a large measure of public liberty, which, but for the labors of the Opposition, would have been lost. No one needs to be told today what the true meaning of the Aylesworth bill, in its original form, was. But the situation may thus be briefly described.

For many reasons the Laurier Government has lost public confidence. Its refusal to observe its pledges; its manipulation of the Grand Trunk Pacific; its faulty administration of the finances; its system of graft; its crookedness and corruption at elections have caused it to be distasteful to the provincial electors which have taken place during the past two years indicate that it is on its last legs. It has been beaten in British Columbia, where it tried to establish a Government of its own kind. It has been rejected in Manitoba. In New Brunswick its agents have been literally kicked out. In Ontario, the mere fact that it was behind the Crookedness and corruption materially to the terrible defeat suffered by that gentleman. If in the forthcoming general election the Dominion Government could add to its other powers the making of the voters' lists over as large an area as possible, it would have a point in its favor. The Aylesworth bill was designed to give it this advantage. In British Columbia, in Manitoba, in New Ontario, and in Northern Quebec the Government, under the Aylesworth proposition, was to have the right to appoint its own agents to make voters' lists. These men were not to be judicial or municipal officers, but any persons whom the Government called to name. There was to be no rule of procedure other than such as the list makers prepared, and there was to be no judicial revision. The lists were simply to be made by Government partisans during an election, and the people were to be allowed no appeal. Under this unexampled scheme any form of injustice was possible. The qualified voter, the good Canadian citizen, could be omitted from the lists, and he had no redress. The man not qualified, the foreigner not yet naturalized, the Asiatic, the person in the employ of the administration, but not legally entitled to vote, could be placed upon the rolls, and the votes of these persons could be employed to swamp those of the electors who, by good luck, had been enrolled. The plan was thus so devised as to give a Government candidate an immense advantage. Such a person could nominate the man to make the lists, and could then so construct the lists as to make his election sure.

This thing meant that while the Government might lose strength in the more thickly populated sections of the country, it could recover itself to some extent, and perhaps to a sufficient extent, in places where its operators could not be efficiently checked. The scheme, then, was calculated to gag the public and to extort a verdict to which the true opinion of the people was not agreeable.

It stands to the honor of Mr. Borden that he fought this wrong with all the force he could muster. The fact that he has achieved a victory over a majority in Parliament is a tribute to his zeal as the protector of the rights and liberties of his fellow citizens whenever they are assailed. Mr. Borden deserves, and we are sure will receive the thanks of Canada for the good work he has accomplished. The statesman who defends the right of the people to the franchise is a contributor to the great cause of public freedom, and has won the hearty goodwill and the confidence of those in whose interest he has labored.

Honors for Acadia Boy.

At the last commencement exercises of Yale University, the degree of Ph. D. was conferred upon Theodore H. Boggs, formerly of Wolfville, a graduate student in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Dr. Boggs graduated from Acadia in 1902. He spent the following year teaching in one of the New England high schools and then accepted an appointment for a year on the staff of Horton Collegiate Academy. While filling the latter position he received the degree of M. A. from Acadia, in the department of History. In 1906 he entered Yale to specialize in his chosen subject. During the past two years he was held a Fellowship of \$500 and has also been one of the instructors in Economic Science. The subject of his Doctorate thesis is of special interest to all Nova Scotia students, the title being 'The Influence Exerted by the United Empire Loyalists on the Life and Politics of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.' As a preparation for his work the writer spent many months of study of original papers and documents in the Provincial libraries of Halifax and Fredericton. The thesis will probably be enlarged and soon published in book form.

Dr. Boggs returns to New Haven next year, where he has again accepted an appointment as instructor in the Yale Faculty.

The price list of the Nova Scotia Horticultural Exhibition, to be held at Kentville, October next, is ready for distribution; any of our readers desiring to obtain a copy, may do so by sending address on postal card, to F. C. Rand, Kentville, N. S.

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Town Council.

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held on Thursday evening of last week, with Mayor Black and all present except Coun. Fitch.

Reports were presented by the committees on water, police, streets and finance.

The receipts at the town office during the month amounted to \$592.49, and the expenditures \$550.55. The debit bank balance on June 30th was \$657.81.

The Mayor reported on behalf of the special committee on the electric light that opinion of council had been obtained confirming the views of the recorder as to the right of the town under the Wolfville Electric Light Act.

Letters were read from Mr. O. D. Harris, complaining of boys playing ball on the streets, and from Rev. J. W. Brown, asking the town to appropriate a continuation of Central avenue southward through lands of Leonard Shely at his expense.

The letter of Mr. Harris was ordered to be laid on the table for one month, and that of Rev. Mr. Brown was referred to the streets committee.

The police committee reported the result of an investigation which led to a conviction for violation of the Canada Temperance Act.

The following accounts were read and ordered to be paid: Miss Daisy West, \$30; Roscoe & Roscoe, \$8.21; Capt. J. B. Tingley, \$19.50; F. S. Crowell, \$2.80; Mrs. Rebecca Gould, \$12.00; A. J. Watson & Co., \$1.50; Acadia Electric Light Co., \$6.85; Messrs. T. E. Hutchison and C. M. Vaughn addressed the Council on the question of carters' licenses, complaining that the regulations were not impartially enforced.

Mr. Shely, who was present, stated that he would sell the land required for the extension of Central avenue to Pleasant street for \$75.00.

The Great Event of the Year.

NOVA SCOTIA EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT HALIFAX ON SEPTEMBER 2ND TO 10TH—FINE SHOW AND SPLENDID ATTRACTIONS ARE PROMISED.

The announcement of the dates and of some of the features of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition is made in our advertising column this week. The date of the big show is nearly a month earlier than last year—September 2nd to 10th. This season has been chosen to give visitors more pleasant weather during their sojourn at the capital, and it is hoped and believed by the management that the advance condition of crops, and the relatively later date of entries, will make it possible to have a show of fruits and vegetables on a par with exhibitions of previous years held at later dates.

The prize list for live stock has been increased over previous years by the addition of new sections. The list of entries of manufacturers is larger than usual. There will be some 1,000 exhibitors, the best fields in the Maritime Provinces, on seven days, beginning with the opening and ending with the last day of the Fair. The gross aggregate \$6,000.

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