

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., AUG. 29, 1913.

Forest fires were raging in many parts of the country last week, and fanned by high winds have done much damage to lumber lands. In some parts of Nova Scotia houses have been burned and villages threatened. These bush fires have also been bad in Maine and throughout many sections of Ontario and Quebec. The country has probably not been as dry for at least a couple of years. The refreshing showers of the past week have extinguished the fires and greatly benefited the crops.

A few weeks ago a letter appeared in THE ACADIAN with reference to the proposal to improve the condition of the old cemetery on Main street. The committee who have the work in hand intimated that an opportunity would be given at an early date to those willing to contribute to this worthy undertaking. Arrangements have now been about completed, and on Saturday our people will be called upon by a number of Boy Scouts who have been enlisted in the work. It is hoped they may meet with a generous reception. The condition of the old cemetery is certainly not creditable to the town generally, or the friends of those whose remains lie buried there. Let a united effort be put forth to improve its condition.

The Venal Vote.

Whoever sells his vote proclaims himself to be a felon, and whoever buys a vote is a traitor. To perpetuate our institutions we must keep the franchise free and incorruptible. The cynic who smiles at these sentiments is a contamination to society. We have too many to-day who speak lightly of corruption. To make light of this evil is to work for the discouragement of virtue, and the reduction of moral standards. Because of the gross ignorance of the masses, bribery has been connived or condoned, but the venom of the venal vote threatens to kill the very freedom of the people who cause it. It vitiate democracy, and strikes a death blow at the liberty of man. A father may bequeath to his son the fruits of wisdom and of riches, but more precious still is the right to the franchise. Wisdom and simplicity of wealth and poverty, alike are heirs to this priceless heritage. A poor man may rail against invidious fortune that gives him none of the good things of life, but if he has the vote he has the best thing of all.

A brave spirit cries out: "I thank whatever Gods there be, for my unconvertible soul." The ballot can be for the lowly, as well as the haughty, an expression of an unconquerable soul. But if corrupted and profaned, it is an expression of slaves and cowards. We have regarded too lightly the high heritage of free citizenship. Too many boys on coming of age receive the ballot in ignorance. They are an unconscious of a momentous issue in their lives, and of an angelic sibyl line destiny that they have turned away.

I would like to see an effort made in our schools to teach the future voters of their privileges and responsibilities. Every lad ought to know something of Progress and Liberty, so that when he comes for the first time to pull aside the folds of the flag and step under the curtain of the polling booth, he may at least faintly appreciate what it represents. The farmers that stood in the meadows of Runnymede and fought for the Magna Charta were fighting to gain this right, and all the Hampdens and Pym of English history have struggled to gain and to maintain it. No boy in Wolfville, or in Canada, could be so base as not to feel an awe and reverence for the ballot if he once realized the centuries of blood and struggle that went to gain for him this one inalienable right of British men.

They say prevention is better than cure, but I believe for this evil prevention is its only cure. I have no faith in panaceas to change the biased, lecherous and loathsome crew that surround the ballot box to-day. Like Epiphany they are wedded to their idols. But a new-born generation comes up with the promise of the morning. Kind Death will look out for the miserable politicians of the present, and if we will only look out for the young voters of the future our destiny will be clean and secure.

The best political work that you can do is to build up the character of the boy, that he will be one more honest thinker who will not be his party's slave; one more true soul to beat back error; one more right man to hurl back the hosts of wrong; one more man—every inch of him—to make manhood popular and to make sham men and puppets hide their faces. What a present such a boy at twenty one is to a mother to give to her country.

Women, with the suffrage or with out it, have a vast influence on political morals. "Mexico has no future," says one just returned from a long residence, "for it has no mothers." May the good mothers of King's county awaken to their great opportunity, for the instilling of right principles in their sons.

In this consideration of the venal vote nothing has been said regarding punishments and legal proceedings. Depending on such methods to effect a permanent cure is to let the venal vote stand upon a precarious foundation. The solution of our younger generation.

The Boy Scouts.

The third annual camp is now a thing of the past. All present agree in voting it the best yet. No rain fell during the whole two weeks and the weather, while not too hot, was warm enough to make bathing suits the most popular costume.

On Monday, Aug. 11th, about 30 boys left Wolfville in three double teams furnished by Messrs. Watson, Elderkin and Brown. Mr. Bullock brought out the two boats. Eight tents for sleeping and a large awning to cover the dining table were set up on the land leased from Mr. Benjamin. The rest of the day was spent in making up the beds of fir boughs and getting things in shape generally.

At 6 a.m. on Tuesday the regular routine of camp life began. Breakfast at 7.00, swimming at 8.30, dinner at 12.00, rest from 12.30 to 1.30, tea at 5.30, and supper at 8.30 (if sufficient cocoa and cookies were on hand), bed at 9.00 and 'lights out' at 9.30. Each boy had his share of cooking, carrying water, washing dishes, waiting on table, etc., five being appointed for each day. Any minor breach of discipline was punished by extra camp duty, but very few cases of this occurred. It was understood that any disobedience of orders would be punished by expulsion from camp, and it is pleasant to record that there was no need to enforce this rule.

During the first week a start was made on the 'shanty' under the supervision of Mr. Robert Walsh, of Gasperau. Posts and frame were cut for a building 30 feet long, 10 feet wide, 10 feet high in front and 6 feet high at the back. The roof was made of good boards covered with tar paper battened down with slabs. The sides were made of slabs which will be battened on the inside. This will make a splendid central building for a permanent camp and the thanks of the Scouts are due to Mr. Walsh for his kindness in giving up two whole days to the work.

Sunday was spent quietly in reading, walking and sleeping. Mr. Arthur Chate held services at 3 p.m. in the partly finished shanty. His address appealed directly to the boys and all were sorry when it ended. A number of visitors were present.

On Tuesday, August 19th, the first annual model boat race for the championship of the troop was held on the Mill Pond. It resulted in a win for Donald Grant with a boat made by himself. The boats of Stanley Morrison and Berne Regan pushed the winner hard in every race.

Wednesday, August 20th, was visitors' day. A large number of people from Wolfville and from the neighborhood were present and the races and games proved most interesting. A 'whale hunt' between the Wolves and Otters resulted in a win for the latter after a hard-fought battle.

The double rowing race was won by Archie Forsyth and Stanley West. The single by Archie Forsyth. The relay swimming race between teams from the Wolves, Cuckoos and Otters was won by the Cuckoos, their team being Stanley West, Archie Forsyth and Theodore Rand. It is said that these Cuckoos are web-footed.

The diving competition was won by Ronald Stewart with Archie Forsyth second. The 50 yards swimming race was won by Archie Forsyth with George Spinney second.

A most amusing 'duck hunt' with Archie Forsyth as the duck and Eugene Stackhouse as the hunter brought the sports to a close.

Just as dinner was well under way on Wednesday a large ice cream freezer made its appearance and amid shouts of enthusiasm the contents were divided among a very bolsterous set of boys.

This treat was due to the kindness of Mrs. Walsh, of Gasperau. Other boys' parents furnished cake and altogether it was a dinner which the boys are likely to remember for some time.

Before leaving camp on Saturday an amateur swimming and diving competition was held, the prizes being donated by Mr. Bullock. This was open only to boys who could not swim or dive before coming to camp. Fred Eagles won first prize for swimming, Donald Grant coming a close second. Cecil Langille was first in diving, Fred Eagles and Donald Grant equal for second place.

The expense of the camp was small. The cost to each boy being about \$1.00 per week. In addition to this the troop funds furnished bread and milk to the extent of about \$10.00.

On Friday evening of this week the regular weekly meetings will be resumed at the new Club Room. All Scouts are particularly requested to meet at the Club Room at 10.30 on Sunday morning for church parade. Those who have uniforms to wear them.

Nawtowitz Notes.

A deer has been seen by different people here this summer. One day and very lately it visited Mr. Harmon Schofield's woods growing quite near his house.

Miss Ina Dorman spent last week with friends in Hawtowitz. Mrs. Everett Caldwell, of Gasperau, her sister Miss Cecie Mear and sister Miss Grace Colberg, of Manchester, N. S., spent one day last week at the home of Mr. H. Caldwell.

Rev. H. F. Laframboise occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church last Sunday morning and preached an excellent sermon which was very much appreciated.

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There were thirty-three who wrote the examinations for certificates and of these twenty six were successful. In grade XI there were eight candidates of whom six passed.

In grade X eight passed out of twelve. In grade IX twelve passed out of thirteen. A number of the students whose duty it is to report their marks to the principal as soon as they are received have not done so. Of those who have reported, Charles Collins of grade XI made an average of 78, capturing a mark of 80 in Algebra and 100 in Geometry. In Grade X Harold Wilson has the highest average of any yet reported. His mark of 85 in Geometry is worthy of note. In grade IX it is reported that some extraordinary records were made, one student averaging 85. In next week's issue a more complete statement will be published. In the meantime the principal would remind those who have not sent reports to do so at once.

Wolfville 1, Halifax 0.

IN ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING GAMES OF THE SEASON WOLFVILLE ESTABLISHED THE FACT THAT THEY ARE THE AMATEUR CHAMPIONS OF THE PROVINCE.

After touring the valley and defeating Aylesford 5-3, Digby 4-2, and taking a double header from Middleton, 3-2 and 4-0, all in three days, the amiable manager of the home team, Mr. J. W. Williams, laid claim to the title of Amateur Championship of Nova Scotia. Halifax disputed this claim and on Wednesday, Aug. 27th, sent a picked team to try for our honors. They did try and admitted they struck an unexpected snag. The real snag was Breat Eagles' pitching. He sure did pitch all the way having the Halifax team eating out of his hand and with excellent support the 1 to 0 score tells the story. Wolfville fans who have followed the game through the season were highly pleased and broke out in wild applause when the last man struck out in the 9th inning and realized that Wolfville had obtained the championship.

In establishing this record and getting the best teams to play here we have been compelled to go to a great expense and no end of hard work. The attendance at all times this year has been very poor, causing us to go behind financially. We have no way of making this up this year and have decided to appeal to the people of the town. Our treasurer will call on you in a day or two and remember every little bit helps. Should he miss you Mr. J. W. Williams will receive all subscriptions for which we thank you.

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A Good Entry List.

FOR THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION. Only one more week and the Provincial Exhibition will be in full swing. The entries so far received are in many classes larger than last year. And it is especially interesting to note that many of the exhibitors in stock are those who have not exhibited in previous years.

One department that appeals to many visitors is that of Fine Arts. Dr. Ritchie, the superintendent, states that the gallery will have an unusually large display. It is customary for the public to wait until the second day before visiting the grounds with the belief that the first day is 'get ready day.' This year we plan to have everything ready for opening on Wednesday at 2.00 p.m.

The aeroplane man has arrived and will be ready for business by the first of the week. One of the best horse races on the program will be on the opening day, when nine horses will face the starter in the 2 1/2 trot and pace. If anyone can pick the winner he is a wizard.

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