

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., APRIL 28, 1899.

Editorial Notes.

While there was enough difference of opinion at the public meeting on Tuesday night to ensure a full discussion of the question at issue, the meeting was quite unanimous. The majority of the speakers were in holding that a change in the location of the fire department must be made. The suggestion, however, that the old town building should be removed and placed on one of the cross streets met with very little approval, and the scheme of erecting a separate building for fire purposes, while much more rational than the other, did not seem to commend itself to the majority.

Mayor Thomson and the Recorder, by holding that this meeting did not come under the application of the much discussed by-law in dealing with the filling of the chair at town meetings, and that the meeting must select its own chairman, practically admitted the justice of the criticism made by us some time ago in regard to the meeting held in March. For what would be applicable to one would be applicable to the other, and neither of them was called to ratify proposed expenditures as the Act requires. His Worship at this meeting, however, it seems to us figured a little lamely, when, to excuse himself for his past practice, he sought to shield himself behind the authority of a by-law which, so far as we are aware, had never been passed. We regret too that he should have taken our criticism to mean a personal objection to his occupying the chair. Dr. Keirstead grasped the situation when he pointed out that our criticism attacked only the officialism and not the Mayor's qualifications for the position. We would be the last to believe that the present Mayor was not eminently qualified to preside over such assemblies, and if we are warranted in judging from the heavy vote of thanks accorded him by the last meeting, for his services in this capacity, the ratepayers feel the same in the matter. But it is the general practice to which we object, and with us even a prince must go down in the presence of a principle.

We would beg to suggest to the town council the advisability of delaying the issue of tax accounts until after the meeting of the citizens to decide on the question of the erection of a new town building. The wisdom of such a course will, we feel sure, be apparent to the council as well as to the citizens generally. One of the absurdities of the town's incorporation act is that it provides that at any meeting called to vote money no ratepayer shall be allowed to have a voice unless his taxes have been paid at least three days before the said meeting. The provision we believe to be most unjust, but it is law and must be observed. The taxes are due when the accounts have been sent out by the town clerk. It is only reasonable that many of the ratepayers will find it very inconvenient to pay their taxes at such a short notice. The matter to be decided at the approaching meeting of the citizens is an important one and one in which every ratepayer should have a voice. We approve of the proposed scheme and would like to see the meeting vote in favor of what we believe to be a more just and economical arrangement, but not if a large proportion of the taxpayers were prohibited from voting. The ACADIAN believes that justice should be done "through the heavens fall."

After the decision which was arrived at by the rate payers of the town on Tuesday evening, anyone with any sense of propriety would expect that the Council, whatever their own opinions in the matter might be, would suspend further operations upon the old town building and forthwith incur more expense thereon until their constituents had decided what its ultimate fate should be. The people of the town, therefore, will be no little surprised to learn that the members of the committee of the Council who have this work in hand instead of manifesting that willingness to await the slightest expression of opinion from their constituents and that cheerfulness in carrying it out to the letter, which is due from every representative to his electors, deliberately set about on the day following the meeting to thwart the expressed will of the people as effectively as was in their power.

With an alacrity and devotion to business which is altogether phenomenal in them, this committee appeared on the premises of the town building on Wednesday and decided that the most sweeping changes in the structure and the grounds must be made without delay. Among the changes decided upon by them was the taking up of a fine row of trees to the south of the lot which, if it should be decided by the town to sell the land for residential purposes, would injure the sale inevitably. This is to be done for the avowed purpose of widening the driveway for the fire protection wagon. A cellar under the building is to be excavated, and rooms for dwelling purposes to the east of the structure are to be completed with haste. Now we do not wish to be unjustly dealt with these gentlemen, for personally we hold them in very high esteem, but it seems to us that one of two objects

must be assigned for their un-heard-of action. Either indulgent at the rate payers for not voting them money to subsidize the streets, they are heaping this expense upon them in spite, or it is their determination to expend so much money on the building that the voters will be persuaded that such an expenditure cannot be utterly wasted and will therefore feel bound to decide against the building of a new town hall and be forced into the committee's way of thinking. The first supposition is so monstrous that it is absurd and if the second reason is the correct one, and it is the only one we can think of, the action of the committee is one of the most flagrant acts of insolent despotism of which any civic servants were ever guilty.

We warn the members of the committee to have care. The money which they are so recklessly spending is not their own. They are but a very small minority of the ratepayers and the opinion of the majority, even though it differ from their own, is their law. They are but the servants, and not the masters of the town.

The Public Meeting. Another of Wolfville's interesting public meetings was held last Tuesday evening in accordance with the notice of the Town Clerk which appeared in last issue.

The meeting was brought to order by motion of Capt. Tingley seconded by Prof. Haley that the mayor take the chair.

This afforded the mayor an opportunity of defending his action in taking the chair at other meetings without vote from those present. His Worship made a somewhat extended explanation very much in line with his utterances on the subject which appeared in a late issue of the ACADIAN. The motion passed unanimously but the mayor expressed his unwillingness to act as chairman.

Dr. Keirstead understood from the mayor's reasoning that the mayor must legally occupy the chair on such occasions. The mayor explained that he did not consider this a meeting called under the Act and the by-law did not, therefore, apply. Mr. A. V. Pines asked if this were not so, why the statement was annexed to the town clerk's notice that those who had not paid taxes at least three days previous to the meeting would be disenfranchised. The recorder explained that this must have been done through an error.

Dr. Keirstead explained that the newspaper reference to the mayor acting as chairman did not challenge his fitness, for the position, on the contrary, hinted that the choice would be appropriate when made by the meeting. His Worship then gracefully acceded to the wishes of the meeting and explained briefly its object.

Considerable discussion, which did not amount to very much, was engaged in as to just what the position of the firemen in relation to the meeting really was, but Dr. Keirstead brought the speakers down to "hard pan" by advocating that since opinion in reference to the matter was so transitory, it would be well to leave the building as it was until a greater demand for a change became apparent.

Mr. Rockwell, the president of the Fire Company, presented the case for the firemen in a very forcible and convincing manner, urging that the present location of the department was too isolated, that the apparatus was suffering from inattention thereby and that the building, being so far from Main street gave small protection against a general fire. Messrs Herbin and Patriquin also followed in the same line, the latter speaker advocating the moving of the building as the solution of the problem.

A number of other speakers took part in the discussion, some of them suggesting the erection of a town building large enough to provide for fire and other town purposes.

A resolution in line with this view was finally moved by Dr. Bowles and seconded by Mr. Gonsley, and which provided for the appointment of a committee to ascertain the cost to prepare plans and specifications for such an undertaking and a suitable location for the same.

The motion was passed unanimously, and Mayor Thomson, Councillors Borden and DeWitt, and Messrs Piek, Herbin and Patriquin were appointed the committee.

On motion of Mr. Patriquin it was resolved that the Mayor be asked to call a meeting three weeks from the date of this meeting.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Mayor for his services as chairman, and the meeting adjourned.

A True Remedy Found for Grippe and its After Effects.

The following well known citizens gave their testimonials as being cured of Grippe by

OZONE.

- JAMES SHAND, Halifax, N. S.
ST. CLAIR RUGGLES, Leaman's Branch No. 3, Halifax, N. S.
GEO. H. PORTER, Insurance Agent, Halifax, N. S.
GEO. STAY AND WIFE, Commercial Restaurant, opposite Halifax Hotel, Halifax, N. S.
NEWTON LEE, Proprietor of Victoria Hotel, Truro, N. S., cured of the after effects of Grippe.

If you have Grippe, or have had it and are suffering from the after effects, get OZONE at once. For sale at Druggists, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle.

Educational Notes to Teachers and Trustees.

Provision has been made in the law for Arbor Day for the schools. This is not intended as a holiday; but as a day of more than ordinary activity and work. All school grounds that are not now level, well laid out, fenced and set with ornamental trees and shrubs, (and there are scores of such grounds) should not be neglected longer. If all teachers will interest their schools, and through them the parents of the children, and spend one day in May in improving and beautifying the school grounds a work will be accomplished whose value cannot be estimated. It is hoped that all the teachers in Hants and Kings will prepare for this work in good time, and observe Arbor Day in a manner creditable to the schools in which they are engaged. For full directions see last Journal of Education. I shall look for written reports from all.

The Council of Public Instruction has provided for the observance of May 23rd in all the schools, as Empire Day. This is not an addition to the holidays; but, if observed as intended, will mean a school day of more than usual effort. Coming the day before Her Majesty's natal anniversary, schools may well observe it as a day to prepare for the observance of that day. It may be found that the afternoon will afford sufficient time for the exercises on the first observance of the day. These exercises should embrace references to our history as a part of the British Empire; to the development, resources, and unity of the empire; the advantage, of such unity, the privileges which as British subjects we enjoy, etc. The exercises should enlist the services of the pupils themselves, who should prepare recitations and music suitable for the occasion. It is hoped that the trustees, clergymen and other school visitors may attend and contribute to the interest of the day.

The British flag or a Canadian ensign should be hoisted over the school building during the day. If the school have no such flag, make all the more preparation for the occasion and ask visitors to contribute toward getting a flag. Every school should have a flag of its own, and should hoist it on all special occasions. We are not lacking in loyal sentiment to our Queen or to her empire; but in the past we have not been as demonstrative as becomes us. Let us hail with delight the opportunity afforded by Empire Day to teach the young lessons of loyalty and patriotism. It is expected that teachers will report to the Inspector in the manner in which the day was observed by their schools, and include in it a report of Arbor Day.

COLIN W. ROSE, Inspector of Schools.

\$6000 to loan on Real Estate. 18 AVARD V. PINO, Barrister, Wolfville.

Dyke Land for Sale!

The following lots of dyke land on the Wickwire Dyke, being part of estate of late J. O. Pines, will be sold at public auction, at the Central Hotel, in Wolfville, on Friday, the 28th day of April, 1899, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon:

1.—A lot known as the "Forsyth lot," bounded as follows: Beginning on a dyke road running north, at a ditch, thence by said road N. 5 1/2 E. 3.43 chains, thence by lands of Dr. Burs and E. Bishop S. 85 1/2 E. 8.35 chains to a creek, thence by said creek S. 9 E. 1.75 chains, thence S. 25 E. 2.21 chains, thence N. 84 W. 9.79 chains by lands of C. E. Bishop to place of beginning, containing three and two tenths acres (3 20) more or less. A good and conveniently situated lot.

2.—A lot known as the "Webster lot," bounded as follows: Beginning at the north west corner of the "Cummings lot" at a road running easterly, thence S. 7 1/2 E. 12.40 chains by lands of Cummings estate to a creek, thence by said creek S. 75 W. 3.90 chains, thence by the Martin lot N. 9 W. 12.84 chains to road, thence by said road N. 78 E. 4.10 chains to place of beginning, containing five acres and two tenths of an acre more or less. This lot was plowed and sowed last year.

Terms: ten per cent, deposit at time of sale, balance on delivery of deed. For further particulars apply to E. S. CRAWLEY, Solicitor & Agent of the trustees. Wolfville, April 21st, A. D. 1899.

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Table listing prices for Ladies' Kid Low Shoes, Ladies' Kid Slippers, Ladies' Button & Lace Boots, Men's Lace Boots, Men's Elastic Side Boots, Men's Slippers & Low Shoes.

Latest styles, fine fitters, good wearers, and all the best value for the money.

PEOPLE'S SHOE STORE. N. M. SINCLAIR, PROPRIETOR. Opposite the Post Office, Wolfville. P. S.—The Boy's, Girl's and Babies' can also get their snaps here.

SHAD and HERRING! I still have on hand a few Half Barrels of Choice No. 1 Shad! ALSO—CANSO HERRING! in Half Barrels. All of which will be sold low for cash. C. W. STRONG, Wolfville, Dec. 29th, 1898.

People's Bank of Halifax WOLFVILLE, N. S., AGENCY. HAS OPENED A SAVINGS BANK DEPARTMENT. Deposits of One Dollar and upwards will be received and interest allowed at the current rate. Geo. W. MUNRO, AGENT. Aug. 24th, 1898.

DENTISTRY. Dr. C. PERCY HEALES, Graduate of Philadelphia Dental College and Hospital of Oral Surgery. (Graduate of Philadelphia School of Anatomy) Office: at residence, Main St.

White Rock Mills FOR SALE! Dry Spruce Sheathing; 2, 3, 4 and 5 inches wide, Tongued, Grooved and Beaded. Dry Flooring and other dry lumber, Spruce, Pine and Hemlock. S. P. Benjamin Co., Ltd.

W. J. Balcom has secured an Auctioneer's license and is prepared to sell all kinds of Real and Personal Property at a moderate rate.

NEW STORE! H. W. DAVISON will occupy the new store in the McKENNA BLOCK on and after Friday, April 28th. GROCERIES ALWAYS NEW AND FRESH. BEST OF BREAD AND PASTRY. GREAT HARM!! is done by using the eyes if they pain you. Save trouble by having them tested at once. A FULL LINE OF GOLD GLASSES IN STOCK! The latest and finest thing in Rimless Spectacles and Eye-glasses.

Wolfville Jewelry Store, J. F. HERBIN.

Advertisement for a Sideboard, featuring an illustration of a large wooden sideboard and text describing its features and price (\$11.50).

A. J. WOODMAN.

Advertisement for Rockwell & Co., Agents, featuring an illustration of a woman on a bicycle and text describing perfectly adjusted bearings and Massey-Harris products.

OUR REPUTATION

FOR CLOSE PRICES WILL BE MAINTAINED.

OUR STOCK OF GOODS will contain many novelties, and intended buyers should scan our adv. from time to time so that they may be assisted in purchasing good goods at close prices.

Port Williams House, CHASE, CAMPBELL & CO.

"WINTER LINGERS,"

But time goes right along, and YOU OUGHT to have those Photos taken.

ROBSON will take them any Monday or Tuesday.

WOLFVILLE REAL ESTATE AGENCY.

Desirable Properties for Sale: 5. Residence and Dyke lot on Main street—10 rooms and bath-room, hot and cold water, heated by furnace. Stable and Carriage House. One acre in house lot—apples, plums and small fruits. 5 acres good Dyke adjoining.

28. "American House" Stables. For further particulars, apply to AVARD V. PINO, Barrister, Real Estate Agent, etc. Wolfville, N. S. Office in R. E. Harris' Building.

Test for Visual Acuteness. Defects of eyesight requiring correction by the use of spectacles are purely mechanical and can be so corrected by the proper adjustment of perfectly made lenses that their effects will be entirely obviated.

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Local and Provincial. Mr. E. G. Bishop has begun the erection of a residence in Highland avenue.

The United States schooner Deserived on Wednesday with a cargo of fertilizer. House to Let.—For particulars apply to G. L. BRAD...

This evening the piano students of Seminary are to give a recital in the department.

The ACADIAN begs to acknowledge receipt of wedding favors from Mrs. A. B. Byden. BICYCLE SUNDRIES! Full line Wolfville Book Store.

Mr. F. W. Woodworth is having a cellar excavated for a residence for self on Acadia street.

On our first page will be found interesting article on "black knot," Mr. C. A. Patriquin.

Acetylene Gas Bicycle Lamps than at Wolfville Book Store.

We have to report a little tardiness on the part of the street committee in getting the watering cart into use. Streets have been very dusty this season.

The schooner M. J. Selby arrived New York on Monday with a cargo of 600 bushels of corn for the corn. The mill will now be kept in operation.

Lost.—A bunch of Keys. Found & rewarded at Union Bank. The "Browning Club" will hold a meeting for this season on Monday, May 1st, with Mr and Mrs Child in charge. It is hoped that many will be present.