

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., JAN. 24, 1908.

Sanctum Suggestions.

A large amount of our space this week is taken up with the report of the Mayor. We make no apology, however, as this is matter that will naturally be of deep interest to our readers, particularly to those who are resident in the town. Our citizens should be interested in every detail of the town's business, and prepared to discuss every item with intelligence.

The coming summer should be a busy one in Wolfville. Among the buildings to be erected will be the new science building for Acadia University. This is to cost when completed about \$30,000, and will be begun as soon as the frost is out of the ground. Architects are now at work on the plans for the same. This work of itself will make quite lively times, and it is hoped a number of other buildings will be erected. These should include a new town hall, and a new public school building, but so far no definite arrangement has been made concerning these much needed additions to the town property.

If Wolfville is to hold its own it is time some move was made in the direction of improvement in the condition of Main street. A gentleman from Cornwallis told THE ACADIAN a few days ago that he only came to our town when he had to because of the bad condition of our streets. The roads all over the county have been unusually bad the past season, but out-of-town people claim they are a little worse here than elsewhere. We are not in a position to speak authoritatively on this point, but we do know that they should be better. Our town has taken all the steps preparatory to the construction of permanent streets, and until these are secured our citizens should bend all their energies in that direction. The undertaking does not appear to be more difficult of accomplishment than did the construction of the water or sewerage system at their inception, and all that is needed is the concerted action of our people to secure for the town that which will be one of the greatest possible factors for success. "Do it now."

Wolfville Board of Trade.

The annual meeting of the Wolfville Board of Trade was held on Tuesday evening, and although not largely attended there was a fair attendance of members present. Mr. R. E. Harris, the vice-president, occupied the chair. Mr. J. F. Herbin presented a lengthy report concerning the proposed abattoir, which was spoken by a number of members. Secretary Black's report for the year was read. This showed the finances of the Board to be in a healthy condition. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:— President—C. R. H. Starr. Vice-President—W. T. Ford. Sec.-Treas.—A. M. Wheaton. Council—J. F. Herbin, I. B. Oakes, J. E. Hales, J. D. Chambers, Chas. S. Fitch, F. J. Porter, R. R. Duncan, R. W. Starr. Auditors—R. Earl Burgess, G. W. Munro.

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The news has just been received here of the death at the home of her son, Frank W. Ronnefeldt, at Vancouver, of Mrs. Margaret Ronnefeldt, wife of John Ronnefeldt, a former well known merchant of this town, and daughter of the late William DeWolfe, an old resident of Wolfville, in the 70th year of her age. Her home was at Chillinack, B. C., but while on a visit to Vancouver she contracted typhoid fever and never recovered her strength and passed away on January 13th. Her sisters and brothers living are Mrs. D. F. Higgins, Wolfville; Mrs. Joseph Best, Chillinack; Mrs. Fitz Mahon, London, England; John DeWolfe, Liverpool, England; and William DeWolfe, Chillinack, who visited friends in Halifax, and his sister here last summer. Besides her husband she leaves seven children—George Ronnefeldt, Alaska; Mary, wife of Mr. Haines, B. C.; Frank W. Vancouver, Alaska; New York; Annie, wife of A. W. Holden, Chillinack; Daisy, wife of Mr. Richardson, and John of Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnefeldt, who have many relatives and friends in this province, moved to Chillinack a number of years ago, and there made a pleasant home and a host of friends who sympathize with the sorrowing husband and his children.

Monday last was the most rainy day of the season. A strong wind and a few leaden clouds made the day dreary.

Mayor's Report, 1907.

To the Ratepayers of the town of Wolfville. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—It is once again my pleasure to present to you, for your careful consideration, my annual report of the affairs of the town as conducted during the past year by the Council now about to retire from office. As I believe it is the intention of the various committees to report at length on the work performed by them, it will not be necessary for me to do more than lay before you some of the most important matters that have taken the attention of the Council during that period, and to call to your attention matters of interest to the town's welfare that will engage the attention of the next Mayor and Council.

FINANCE.
It is most gratifying to be able to report that the finances of the town are in a most excellent and healthy condition, the cash on hand as shown by the report of the auditors being no less a sum than \$122.61 from which must be deducted \$93.81 in outstanding cheques as well as such amount as we owe the bank for interest on overdrafts for the year. This latter amount has not yet been adjusted but it will only be a small item as compared with previous years. We have a further asset of upwards of \$1000.00 in good and collectible taxes.

It was freely predicted at the beginning of the year by many ratepayers of this town and others, men of financial ability, that the Council had acted hastily in making such a low rate as \$1.40 on the \$100.00. The result shows that the Council had carefully and conscientiously considered every phase of the question at the time of making up the estimates and that all matters coming before them (however trivial or important) are carefully considered and investigated with the sole object of guarding the interests of the ratepayers in every respect. It is believed by many of the ratepayers that everything laid before the Council for consideration is simply passed, or otherwise, without due regard to the merits of the case. This belief is erroneous, as the contention cannot be born out by the facts.

While not only the Council, but ratepayers as well, are to be congratulated on the low rate that prevailed during 1907, the lowest for many years, they must be prepared for a higher rate the coming year. This increase will be caused by expenditures entirely beyond the control of the Council. While the matter has not yet come officially before the Council it is a fact well known to the authorities of the town that the heating apparatus in the school building is not only in a most unsatisfactory condition, but that it is most expensive on fuel, and expensive repairs and alterations, if not an entire new system will become necessary. All this of course is a matter for the School Board, the Council having nothing to do with it further than to furnish such funds as may be necessary for the carrying on of the school work of every nature.

While it is to be regretted that the school rate may possibly be advanced the fact remains that we should not hesitate to assess ourselves for such a cause, tending as it will not only to the betterment of our school building, but a lessened fuel bill and the comfort and health of the children and teachers as well. This matter will probably be brought before you in the report of the chairman of schools.

Another item here as one of the causes that will likely advance the rate for 1908.

The new county jail at Kentville will also be one of the causes for an increase in the rate as we will have to pay our proportion for that building; this is another matter that the Council has still less control over.

I cannot of course speak for the incoming Mayor and Council, but at the present moment I know of no other causes than the above two that will tend to increase the rate.

The incoming Council should consider the advisability of having an act passed at the next session of the Legislature which will enable them to invest the sinking funds of the various services to better advantage than at present.

The present acts of the water and schools require the Council to deposit the sinking funds in some chartered bank and it is well known that at the present time the best interest to be obtained from any bank on deposit receipts is a per cent, possibly in some cases 3 1/2 per cent.

If we had the privilege, as we have in the case of the sewerage debentures, of buying in or retiring these debentures from time to time as offered, we would be gaining the difference between the interest allowed us from the banks and the interest payable by us. By the passage of such an act no harm could accrue to the holders of our debentures, their security would be just as strong, if not stronger.

STREETS.
In regard to streets I can only repeat in part what I stated last year. The Main street of this town is in a most deplorable condition, and it is time that steps were taken towards a better state of affairs, a street should and could be built that would last for many years and at a minimum expenditure for up keep.

There are two ways in which the desired result could be attained, one of these would be by authorizing the Council to borrow such a sum as would build a proper road from the east to the west boundaries of the town, the interest on such a loan would be a small portion of the amount that is really appropriated to the streets committee, the balance of each appropriation could be used for the

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CONCLUSION.

Taking everything into consideration the present Council will retire with every department of the town in first class working order and the new Council can take up the work without worry or care.

During my four years of connection with town affairs, two as a Councillor and two as your Chief Magistrate, I have endeavored, to the best of my ability, to perform the various duties devolving upon me, without fear or favor, prejudice or malice to any ratepayer, councillor or official, always working for what I conceived to be the best interests of the town, morally and financially. If I have failed in these aims I sincerely regret it and I express the hope that the new Council and my successor in office may be spared the many difficult problems, personal and official, that have arisen from time to time during the last four years.

The coming year I trust may be a prosperous one in the history of the town and a good progressive Council with the support of the ratepayers can do much towards that prosperity which can only be attained by all

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