

## THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., JUNE 5, 1908.

### Town Council Meeting.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Council on Wednesday evening Mayor Black and Councillors, Hales, Ford and Abbott, with the Recorder, were present.

Reports were presented by Streets, Poor and Finance Committees.

The Streets Committee reported on work done during the month, and recommended the appointment of a special committee on electric lighting.

The Finance Committee reported receipts during the month \$2677.84, with expenditures \$1419.62.

The following bills were passed:  
A. J. Woodman, \$5.00  
Telegraph Co., \$10.00  
Acadia Electric Light Co., \$4.32  
Valley Telephone Co., .95  
Town Clerk, \$1.00  
Hatchinson's Express, \$1.50  
Roe's Sutherland, \$10.00

Rev. J. W. Brown addressed the Council on behalf of the extension of Central avenue. It was decided that the street be taken over by the town when it shall have been properly graded, ditched and laid out.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas the Council has been unable to acquire for the town the electric light plant of the Acadia Electric Light Co. at a reasonable price; it is therefore

Resolved that the Council, in pursuance of the desire of the rate-payers as expressed at the several public meetings heretofore held, and under authority and powers conferred upon the Council by chapter 122 of the acts of 1907, take immediate steps to acquire elsewhere, for the town, an electric light and power plant and system suitable and sufficient for the purposes mentioned and authorized by the said act; and it is

Further resolved, that the Streets and Public Property Committee, or an Electric Light Committee if such be appointed by the Council, be requested to make enquiries forthwith as to the best terms upon which the necessary loan can be negotiated and the lowest price obtainable for a suitable plant, and make a report thereon to this Council at or before its next regular monthly meeting.

The Mayor and Councillors, Ford and Hales were appointed a special committee to enquire into and report on the best measure for carrying into effect the act enabling the town to acquire an electric light plant.

It was resolved that the Council take immediate steps to prevent baseball and other ball games from being played on the school grounds by any person except school children, and these only during recess and noon hours.

Dr. DeWitt, as Health Officer, presented a comprehensive report on the progress of the Council in the number of matters which required looking after.

### Death of Rev. Geo. E. Tufts.

After a short illness, which was not at first thought to be of a serious nature, one of the best known and most highly respected Baptist divines, Rev. George E. Tufts, of Isleboro, Maine, passed peacefully away on Thursday evening, age, sixty-eight years. Mr. Tufts, who was the only brother of Professor J. P. Tufts, of Acadia, had recently spent his winter here, to be near his brother and family, and by his kindly disposition and pleasing personality, endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact, and his unexpected death will be heard with deep regret, not only in New England, where he labored so many years as a faithful pastor, but in this his native province, which he so dearly loved. He was born in Albany, New York, in 1843, and was graduated from Acadia College in the class of 1866. After teaching for a time at Baddeck Academy, and at the Baptist Institute at Fredericton, he took a theological course at Newton, graduating in 1877. He was ordained at Waterville, Me., and his succeeding pastorates have been in that state—at Brunswick, Belfast and Isleboro. At Belfast he was the esteemed and beloved pastor for over twenty-five years, and was only released from his charge of this prominent church at his own earnest solicitation. Since that he has been supplying the Isleboro church during the summer and spending his winters here. He was a most successful pastor and had rare ability as a sympathetic friend and preacher. He loved to preach the Gospel, and even while resting here, supplied most willingly for neighboring pastors. His last sermon was preached at Halifax, only a few days before he was taken ill. He was married in 1868 to Miss Augusta Davis, daughter of the late Rev. Mr. Davis. She died at Bridgetown in 1878.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. P. Freeman a life-long friend of the deceased. Prayer was offered at the house by Rev. Dr. Chute and the burial service at the grave was read by the Rev. E. B. Moore. Impassioned music was given by a select choir. Mr. Herman DeWitt sang "All is well." The under berries were Prof. Jones, W. H. Hales, Hales and Moore, T. E. Cates, C. R. Holt and A. B. Goldie.

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### Acadia's Anniversary.

Favorable weather, a large attendance of visitors and exercises that were marred in no way made the seventieth anniversary of Acadia College and affiliated schools a most delightful occasion. The exercises proper began on Saturday evening when an interpretative recital was given in College Hall by Miss Jessie Eldridge Southwick of the Emerson College of Oratory. As was confidently anticipated this was an attractive and highly appreciated performance.

The first distinctly Academic function was the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning in College Hall, which was filled to its utmost capacity to listen to the eloquent speaker, the Rev. Robt. MacDonald, D. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y., pastor of Washington Avenue Baptist church. Mr. MacDonald was a former student of Acadia, and spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to revisit this classic town and to witness signs of progress in all directions, though he missed the old teachers of his student days.

He took for his text, John 13:3, subject "The Christian Ideal."

Mr. MacDonald is a forceful, convincing speaker, and his sermon made a deep impression upon the graduating class. The music under the direction of Prof. Ringwald was most inspiring. With a chorus of fifty voices selected from the Choral Society, in addition to the hymns, Schubert's "Omnipotence" was given and "Ave Maria" from Handel's Creation.

The address on Sunday evening in College Hall before the College Y. M. C. A. by Rev. John MacNeil of Toronto, on "The Quest for Truth," was a most masterly presentation of a subject of eminent and abiding interest. The eloquent speaker took as his theme "Because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes." He graphically gave the biblical setting of these words and exhibited the conditions under which the quest of truth must be sought. Excellent music was rendered by a choir, and at the close of the address Miss Knowles, of the Seminar sang "Nearer my God to Thee" in a most pleasing manner.

The annual closing of Horton Collegiate Academy took place on Monday evening in the College Hall, under the direction of Principal Merceau, who leaves Wolfville this year to take an advanced course after four years of connection with the Academy; two years as House Master and two years as Principal. This is the 79th year of the Academy's history.

While the processional march "Tare des Dragons" was being played by Miss Ida Rand and Miss Hazel Chute, the Academy teachers and pupils took their positions. Prayer was offered by the Rev. E. B. Moore, and a summary of the year's work given by Principal Merceau, after which the following essays were delivered:

Prick, Halifax.  
The Monroe Doctrine—Ralph W. Donaldson, Port Williams.  
Class Prophecy—Frank I. Christie, Barrington.

These essays exhibited wide reading, close research and a very commendable command of idiomatic English. The thought was mature, the arrangement excellent and the delivery of a high order.

The Rev. A. S. Lewis, of Bridgetown, addressed the graduating class of the Academy on "Ideals; their Influence and Elevation." He said that as individuals what you will do and what you will become in life will depend almost wholly upon the ideals you cherish. These ideals, if judiciously followed will elevate from the darkness of despair and obscurity to the shining heights of heroic service.

Ideals also exalt nations and the speaker most eloquently and with great wealth of illustration enforced his theme and left lasting impressions for good upon his hearers.

The prize winners were: For scholarship and deportment, in senior class \$20, won by Kenneth Kingdom, Jamaica; for scholarship and deportment in middle class \$15, given by David Little, Truro, won by M. K. Camp, of Upper Sheffield, N. B.; prize of \$10 given to member of junior class for scholarship and deportment, given by Dr. P. N. Balcom, of Aylesford, won by Ernest Larkin, Lower East Pubnico, prize of \$10, for excellence in business course, given by N. A. Knodes Amherst, won by Wilfred Crowell, Shag Harbor, prize of \$10, given by Mayor Black, of Wolfville, to student excelling in literature composition, spelling and grammar, won by Ernest Larkin, Lower East Pubnico, prize of \$10, given by George Christie, Amherst, for highest standing in foreign and ancient languages, won by Ralph Donaldson, Port Williams; prize of books, given by John Geldart, for best speaking of Gray's liturgy, won by Frank Higgins, of Wolfville; prize of gold medal, given by I. B. Boster, Wolfville, for excellence in oratory, won by John B. Grant, of Ningpo, China; prize of gold medal, given by last year's class for scholarship, athletics and leadership in senior year, won by John B. Grant, prize of \$50 for the best scholarship and deportment, given by Frank H. Lowe, Aylesford, won by Ernest Larkin.

The matriculating class consists of the following members: W. E. Prick, Halifax; R. Donaldson, Port Williams; F. Christie, Barrington Passage; A. A. Gates, Bedford; E. Carter, Gaspereau; A. A. Chute, Wolfville; Chas. Davis, Gaspereau; Lorne Rielow, North Brookfield; Jackson Harris, Wolfville; R. H. Hales, Gaspereau; W. E. Knodes, Kingston; Jamaica; W. E. Knodes, Kingston; Jamaica; B. E. Stover, Hillsdale; H. B. Stover, Antigonish; W. E. Walker, Port Hawkesbury; Albert Sharp, Barrington.

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meride; George Lewis, Petreux John Grant, Ningpo, China.  
Tuesday morning College Hall was again crowded for the class day exercises of the Acadia graduates for 1908. Prof. Ringwald played the entrance march and the class president, John H. Geldart, gave a very appropriate address, after which the secretary, Jennie I. McLeod, called the roll, which was occasion for some witty remarks.

A beautiful vocal duet was given by Misses Knowles and Kempton, which was followed by the class history by J. S. Bates. This was an interesting review of the victories and tribulations of '08 during the four years of its undergraduate career.

A violin solo by Miss Hilda Vaughn was a very attractive feature of the morning and a concert solo by Mr. Watson was much enjoyed.

L. G. just made a decided hit in the class prophecy modelled upon Hiccup, in which he traced the subsequent history of his class-mates in the happy hunting grounds of the future.

The valedictory, by Mildred W. Daniels, elicited great applause. The class announced a donation to the College of \$250 for scholarships to be given to the sophomores making the best average, \$20 a year being added for six years.

On Tuesday evening long before the hour of beginning, Assembly Hall was packed to the doors by an expectant audience to witness the long procession of white-robed maidens march in to the music of Blake's Processional March, played by Misses Layton and Knowles.

After a vocal solo by Miss McLeod the following essays were given: "The Princess," Hattie Josephine Baker.  
"The first Americans," by Goldie Frances Sweet.  
"Canada's Debt to the Hudson's Bay Company," Louise Thompson.

Piano solos were given by Miss Evelyn Bishop and Miss Edith Woodman in their usual brilliant style, a violin solo by Margaret Evelyn Brier and a vocal duet by Misses Kempton and Knowles. It was a most enjoyable programme throughout.

Acadia Seminary has just closed a most prosperous year, the number of pupils on the register amounting to 299, 108 in regular course, 184 in special course, 157 in music, 149 in art, 84 in stenography and 22 in domestic science, 46 in stenography and typewriting. 113 have been in residence.

The Rev. W. N. Hutchins, of Truro, Ken addressed the class on the coronation of womanhood.

Before the coming of Christ and in all countries where His kingdom is not yet established woman is unrecognized, unhonored and unsexed. The royal diadem of a queenly womanhood was the splendid gift of His coming. We owe to Him the discovery of woman's true glory, in her high moral nature and sterling qualities of heart and life, and with the passing of the centuries the service of woman in Christ, ten countries has become increasingly varied and efficient.

The G. F. Pappant prizes were then announced by Principal DeWitt: 1 English Prize—Beatrice Shand, Windsor.  
2 French Prize—Beatrice Shand, Windsor.

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