

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., MAY 7, 1897.

Editorial Chat.

Tuesday, June 22nd, has been appointed by Proclamation by the Governor General as "a day of general thanksgiving and rejoicing, on the occasion of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee."

The question of water rates received considerable attention at the meeting of the council this week, the outcome of which was that a committee was appointed to investigate the system fully. We are glad to see a move made in this direction. The matter is one that has several times during the past two years, been referred to by the ACADIAN as needing reform. The rates were adopted when the system was inaugurated, and the experience of the years that have elapsed since should be of value.

Our esteemed contemporary, the *Atlantic Weekly*, of Dartmouth, advocates that the agricultural school at Truro and the horticultural school here should be amalgamated. We see no objection to the scheme providing the combined schools should be located at Wolfville or at some point in the valley. We do not see how an efficient horticultural school could be held elsewhere in the Province. The wisdom of locating the agricultural school at Truro, as near to the experimental farm as Nappan which carries on much the same work, has always been questioned by leading agriculturists.

Town Council Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the town council was held on Tuesday evening. The Mayor, Councillors Borden, Sawyer, Caldwell and Bowles, with the Recorder were present. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved. The various standing committees presented reports, which indicated that the general machinery of the town was going along smoothly. The following accounts were read and ordered paid:

G. V. Rand	\$4.40
Acadia Edison Electric Co.	\$2.15
L. W. Sleep	4.75
T. McAvity & Co.	55.50
Valley Telephone Co.	5.00
T. L. Harvey	1.00
F. J. Foster	4.00
Town Clerk (postage)	5.07
G. N. Knowles	1.05
Geo. Wood	3.04
J. W. Vaughn	4.00

Resolved that R. H. Harris be appointed caretaker of water-shed lands at a salary of \$50.00 per annum.

Considerable discussion took place regarding the condition of our streets and the proposed work to be done on them during the season. The chairman of the Street Committee stated that Mr. W. J. Higgins was present at this meeting and wished to make a proposition to the council. On motion Mr. Higgins was given permission and addressed the council concerning the condition of the street on the hill on Gaspereau avenue near the Methodist church and asking that it be given in his charge. On motion the matter was referred to the Street Committee. The matter of water rates was brought up and discussed at some length, during which some of the councillors spoke with considerable warmth regarding the unsatisfactory nature of the present system of rates.

Resolved that the Mayor and Councillors Sawyer and Borden be a committee to investigate the present system of water rates and report at next meeting.

A letter was read from Mrs. Sleep stating that pigs were being kept in the town in such a way as to prove a nuisance. It was decided that the police-man be requested to look into the matter.

Since Confederation, in 1867, Nova Scotia has had eight Premiers: Hon. Hiram Blanchard, from July to November, 1867; Hon. W. Annand, from 1867 to 1875; Hon. P. C. Hill, from 1875 to 1878; Hon. S. Holmes from 1878 to 1882; Hon. (Sir) John Thompson, May to July, 1882; Hon. W. T. Piper, from August 1882 to July 1884; Hon. W. S. Fielding, from 1894 to 1896; and since June last Premier George H. Murray.

The young men and women of Chalmers' church, (Presbyterian) Grand Pre, celebrated Arbor Day on Wednesday. Some sixty trees were planted around the church edifice. Quite a number of the young men helped in the work. After the digging and sodding was over the women invited the workers to a lunch in the school room. A very pleasant morning was spent in this way.

Lovett's Block, Kentville, was burned on Monday night. It was occupied by Gibson & Co., dry-goods; Miss Rathbun, millinery, and others. Other buildings close at hand were saved with difficulty. On Wednesday evening fire broke out in the dwelling of Mr. Gibson, and the building was saved in a damaged condition. Our sister town is unfortunate.

Oh, could we but live away to one of these "leafy dells" that the poet talks about, and stay there until after "house cleaning." So says the sterner sex. But it is not to be. Carpets have to be laid, and someone is needed to make appropriate remarks when the stovepipe won't connect.

By mistake I reported June 5th as the last day for the reception of minutes at the Inspector's office. Instead of that the minutes of annual meeting of schools will be received up to July 5th, 1897.

COUNCIL W. ROSSON, Inspector of Schools.

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Horticultural School Closing.

The fourth annual closing exercises of the Nova Scotia School of Horticulture were held in College Hall on Thursday evening last. J. W. Bigelow, Esq., President of the N. S. F. G. A., presided. On the platform were Dr. McKay, Supt. of Education; R. W. Chipman, Sec. for Agriculture; R. W. Starr, I. B. Oakes, Rev. P. M. Macdonald, C. W. Rescoe, Esq., Inspector of Schools; W. C. Archibald, Prof. E. E. Faville, Dr. DeWitt, C. R. H. Starr and Chas. E. Burritt, of Weymouth. The audience about filled the hall. After prayer by Rev. P. M. Macdonald, President Bigelow delivered an address. He reviewed briefly the history of the School since its inception four years ago, and expressed his gratification at its success. Prof. Faville was a thorough and capable teacher, and his work was of incalculable benefit to the fruit growing interests of the Province. His annual lecture tour was a most useful and valuable feature of his work.

A violin solo by Prof. McDonald, of Halifax, came next on the programme. A most enthusiastic encore brought him out again, and he favored the audience with an exquisitely rendered selection on the tin whistle. Papers having for their subjects, "Black Knot of the Plum," "Women as Scientists," and "Canberry Culture," were then read by A. H. Whitman, New Albany, N. S., Miss Irene Banges, Wolfville, and F. H. Steves, Hillsboro, N. B., respectively. Then a guitar solo by Mr. G. W. Bashaw, which was encored. Mr. B. responded with a selection called the "Frog-dance."

Papers were then read as follow: "Bacteria and its Uses," P. W. Gordon, St. John, N. B.; "Onchard Drainage," S. A. Porter, Deerfield, N. S.; "The Value of Forests," F. L. Estabrooke, Sackville, N. B.; "The Relation of the Laboratory to Horticulture," R. D. G. Richardson, Melvern Square.

Prof. Faville then addressed the audience, thanking the people for their co-operation in aiding and assisting to make the School a success. He believed the record of the School had been a satisfactory one. The number of students in attendance for the past year was 69, the largest in the history of the School. Prizes were then presented to Mr. E. C. Harper, of Sackville, of the second year class, Mr. Charles Macdonald, of Pictou, first year, and Mr. G. W. Elliott, of New Ross, who has taken the special course. These prizes were awarded for the highest general standing in each of the classes.

At this juncture Prof. McDonald was again called upon for a violin solo. He was given a most hearty recall, and as before, responded with a selection on the tin whistle.

The chairman then introduced Mr. McKay, who made a very fine address. He congratulated the town on having such an institution in its midst. It was doing a great work for the country. Such knowledge as that obtained at the School of Horticulture would make the country more productive. Literary men and artists, as well as those directly connected with horticulture or agriculture, would find this knowledge of great benefit, helping them as it would to study Nature more intelligently. No farmer should confine himself to one branch of agriculture. He thought it advisable to pay more attention to the garden.

B. W. Chipman was the next speaker. He said that the work of Prof. Faville and his School was already being felt in various counties of the Province. A vast improvement was found in the farms the owners of which had taken a course at the School of Horticulture. He assured the students that they need not be ashamed to do farmers.

Addresses were also delivered by Chas. E. Burritt, of Weymouth, I. B. Oakes and Dr. Keitstead.

The exercises were most pleasing, the papers all being instructive and interesting, and demonstrated that the character of the work done was of a most valuable nature.

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Glee Club Concert.

Those who were not present at the entertainment given by the "Glee Club" of Acadia Seminary on last Friday evening missed a rare treat. The excellence of the music rendered, and the manner and heartiness with which the "Glee Club" sang, gave great satisfaction to the listeners, as could be seen by the hearty encore, which were in every case responded to. The music was of a popular and taking kind and consisted of choruses and solos by different members of the "Club," interspersed with one or two piano selections.

It was a pretty sight as the performers, dressed in white, and took their places in a semicircle on the platform. From the time the first strains of "Dinah Doe" fell on the ear to the last of the programme the attention of the audience was held. While all the numbers given were very fine, still special mention should be made of some, particularly the efforts responded to by the choruses, which were as some thought, prettiest of all. "Old Uncle Ned" deserves special mention, the melody being taken by the second alto in fine style, with the other parts coming in as a complement. One of the prettiest if not the very prettiest piece on the programme was "Voice of the Western Wind," by the "Glee Club." We were sorry indeed to find that "God Save the Queen" was the only encore to be returned. It was with a great deal of pleasure that we listened to Miss May Pratt's singing for the first time. Her fine alto solo was rendered in a sweet

and musician's style. Miss Pratt possesses a voice low and sweet, which pleases and charms her listeners. Particularly to be noticed was her distinct enunciation, every word being clearly heard to the farther end of the hall. Miss Conrad's solo was fully appreciated as could be testified by the hearty encore she received, and to which she responded with her usual good nature. Miss Conrad possessed a voice of great range, full and resonant and of an extremely pleasing quality. Seldom have we had more pleasure than in listening again to Miss Hattie Masters. Miss Masters' voice is of a dramatic quality, and shows she careful training, and the effects of systematic study and cultivation. It has improved wonderfully in the past year, and we predict greater things in the future. Her encore, "Pretty little Dandelion," was very sweet. Miss Dobson's piano solo deserves special mention, being performed in a faultless manner, with great brilliancy. Miss Dobson received a hearty encore, and we may be sure she must have pleased, for in our recollection this makes but the second piano solo which has ever been rendered in College Hall. It will not do to let the opportunity go without saying a word in praise of Miss More, who accompanied the songs. Miss More is one of the best performers in that line it has ever been the writer's privilege to listen to and we can rest assured that much of the success of the vocal selections was due in a measure to her careful and sympathetic accompanying.

Miss Barker deserves hearty praise and encouragement for her great work in training the "Glee Club," and we hope if another concert is ever given to see a crowded hall, for this was all well worth listening to.

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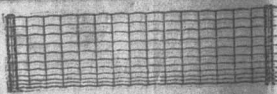
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