

THE ACADIAN

WOLFVILLE, N. S., FEB. 7, 1896.

The Civic Elections.

The town elections for Mayor and three Councillors which took place on Tuesday last, resulted in the return of J. W. Bigelow for Mayor by acclamation and J. W. Caldwell, G. W. Borden and Prof. Haley, Councillors. The vote was as follows: J. W. Caldwell 96, G. W. Borden 94, F. R. Haley 60, C. S. Fitch 60. 122 votes only were polled out of a qualified vote of 240.

Town Council.

The Town Council met on Tuesday evening last. Mayor Bigelow and the newly elected Councillors, J. W. Caldwell, G. W. Borden and Prof. Haley were sworn in by the Recorder.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following resolution moved by Coun. Porter and seconded by Coun. Harris passed unanimously. Resolved that this Council approve of the amendment drafted by the Recorder to the Water Supply Act with regard to provisions for acquiring lands, so as to make it more in accordance with provisions of the Town Act for acquiring lands.

The Council adjourned to meet Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

The Budget speech was delivered by Hon. Mr. Foster last Friday afternoon. After dealing with the figures of last year, and commenting on the reduction of taxation as shown by the reduction of the total duties paid, Mr. Foster took up the statement for the current year, and estimated that the revenue would amount to \$37,000,000, and the expenditure to about the same. He did not expect that there would be very much either of a surplus or a deficit, but admitted that it was much more difficult to make an estimate when the fiscal year had five months more to run than it was last year when he delivered his Budget speech in May. One noticeable feature of this portion of his speech was its hopeful and confident tone. He spoke with no uncertain sound of the evident improvement of business and the clear indications that the period of depression which had been felt throughout the civilized world for three years past, but less in Canada than elsewhere, was passing away, and that material betterment in business may be expected in the near future.

The result of the Cape Breton election on Tuesday last was the return of Sir Charles Tupper by a majority of 820 votes.

Mr. Tupper's victory was the result of a fight of six years, and the importance of carrying the seat. The Liberals could hardly hope to win the constituency, but were likely to prevent it being increased. The majority of Mr. McKern at the general election in 1891 was 722. The increase in the number of voters on the lists made a change in the conditions under which the election was run and the increase in the majority may reasonably be attributed to some extent to that cause. This makes the sixteenth election and victory for Sir Charles.

In 1884 Eugene Field wrote a story which he called "The Werewolf." When it was finished he laid it aside and a year afterward entirely rewrote it. In 1886 he again took it up and revised it, and during the nine years between that time and his death in November last, he rewrote it eight times. His last revision pleased him and he decided to print it. His death came too suddenly, and the story was found, unpublished, among his effects. Mrs. Field, concluding to have the story appear, gave it to the editor of The Ladies Home Journal, in which magazine all of Mr. Field's work, outside of his newspaper articles, was presented to the public. The story will be printed in the next issue of the Journal, strikingly illustrated by Mr. Howard Pyle.

The new ballot recently adopted by the Dominion government was used in Cape Breton for the first time at the recent election. The ballot is printed black, the only white portions being the oblong spaces for the names of candidates and the circular disks opposite wherein the crosses are to be marked. With this form it is almost impossible for a voter to make a mistake in marking his ballot. He has merely to make a cross on the white spot or disc opposite the name of the candidate for whom he intends voting. Heretofore a large number of ballots have been spoiled and thrown out as worthless by the presiding officers on account of the crosses having been made on the lines between the names of the conflicting candidates.

The report that a treaty or entente of some character has been arranged between Russia and Turkey appears to gain credence, and it is probable that it is likely to have an important bearing on the Armenian question. The Constantinople correspondent of the London Times says that although no definite agreement exists for the immediate or proximate Russian occupation of Armenia, it is certain that there is a private understanding between Russia and the Sultan, which gives the Sultan confidence in Russia's friendship and disposes him to conform to reason in matters of foreign policy.

The coldest place in North America is at the mouth of the Mackenzie river, where the temperature is often as low as 70 degrees below zero.

When the Elections Will Be.

The present parliament is dissolved by the lapse of time on April 24th next. How soon after this the elections must be held is a matter of frequent discussion. Apparently the only limit fixed by the constitution is the provision that Parliament must assemble again within a year. Clause twenty of the B. N. A. Act provides that "there shall be a session of the Parliament of Canada once at least in every year, so that twelve months shall not intervene between the last sitting of parliament in one session and its first sitting in the next session." Thus by this provision, it would be necessary for a parliament to be elected and ready to meet by the 24th day of April, 1897.

This, however, would leave the country without a parliament for something like a year. While no less might ensue to the country from this circumstance, a government would hardly venture to keep office and exercise executive power for so long a period without a parliament at its back. An administration under our system is supposed to enjoy the confidence of parliament, and to draw its life from that source; so that purposely to shut out parliament after the old one from which it drew its life would be a political move.

British parliamentary rules are largely unworkable in this country. Precedent gathers authority as it gathers age, and the experiment of yesterday becomes the practice of to-day and the rule of to-morrow. Whether it be a practice or a rule, the custom now is to prorogue parliament for intervals of forty days only. These prorogations appear from time to time in the official Gazette, and members know that no bill of the two houses is to be obeyed until they are asked to appear "for the dispatch of business." Now if no parliament exists it is plain that these prorogations of forty days at a time cannot take place and the fact that these frequent formal communications with the representatives of the Crown would seem to go to show that the theory is that the country shall not be without a parliament for any unnecessary length of time. Undoubtedly, this would be the opinion of the people as a whole. Any attempt to keep the government alive after the death of parliament without at once issuing writs for a new election would be a piece of political hardihood. A ministry could not well present a more effective weapon to its opposition. There certainly seems to be no prohibition in the Canadian constitution against delaying the next general elections until the spring of '97; but the constitution of the country is not so plain.

Death of the Cow-boy Pianist. The following is from the Randolph, N. Y., Register and will be read with interest by Wolfville people generally. It will be remembered that Col. Babel visited our town about four years ago and delighted our citizens with his wonderful talent. We are sure that all who then made his acquaintance will regret very much to hear of his death.

Col. A. O. Babel, known to the world as the famous cow-boy pianist, died at his home in Randolph, Sunday afternoon. He had been confined to his bed but a few days though his ailment was a complication of diseases resulting from heart trouble of long standing. Mr. Babel was born at Seguin, Texas, and near that place now lives his aged mother with several brothers and sisters. He has made his home in Randolph for the last eight or nine years and has been an exemplary citizen; he leaves a large circle of friends who join Mrs. Babel in mourning his untimely death.

Col. Babel was the original cow-boy pianist and although he has had many imitators none succeeded in reaching his standard or attracting the public attention. He gave concerts in almost every town in the United States and Canada and was well known in the concert halls of Europe and Australia. He was of mild-mannered and temperate disposition accepting success or disappointment in his business as a matter of course and always ready to give assistance to any of his craft who needed help.

He was an active member of Randolph Lodge of Odd Fellows and the K. O. T. M. and took a great interest in the work of these bodies when he was at home. Mr. Babel's funeral was held at his late residence on Washington street yesterday afternoon, Rev. S. M. Stewart and Rev. E. A. Bishop officiating. The obsequies were attended by Odd Fellows and Mechanics lodges and a large concourse of friends and neighbors. Burial was made at Randolph cemetery.

Postmaster-General's Report. The annual report of the Postmaster-General presented to Parliament shows that there were 832 post-offices in Canada on July 1, 1895, being an increase of 168. The new mail routes instituted last year cover a distance of 1263 miles. The total amount of railway mail travel in the year was 30,251,115 miles, a decrease of half a million, due to the reduction of train service. The total number of letters posted in Canada last year was 119,000,000 post cards 24,500,000; newspapers and book packages, 23,000,000.

Toronto is again at the head of the list for the whole of Canada, having the greatest mail delivery, the total number of letters, cards and newspapers delivered by carriers amounting to 30,027,452; Montreal, 11,426,577; Hamilton, 3,558,000; London, 2,444,137; Halifax, 1,747,775; St. John, 1,593,997.

The total net revenue for the year was \$2,792,782; and the total expenditure \$3,593,647.

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