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W. MARSHALL BLACK, Mayor.

A. E. COLWELL, Town Clerk.

OFFICE HOURS:

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Close on Saturday at 12 o'clock.

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Office Hours, 8.00 a. m. to 8.30 p. m.

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Geo. V. RANK, Post Master

CHURCHES.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Rev. L. D. Morse, Pastor.

Sunday School at 11 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. P. U. prayer-meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.30, and Church prayer-meeting on Thursday evening at 7.30.

Woman's Missionary Aid Society meets on Wednesday following the first Sunday in each month, and the Woman's prayer-meeting on the third Wednesday of each month at 8.30 p. m. All seats free. Ushers at the door to welcome strangers.

PREBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. David Wright, Pastor.

St. Andrew's Church, Wolfville: Public Worship every Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. Chalmers' Church, Lower Horton: Public Worship on Sunday at 3 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Prayer Meeting on Tuesday at 7.30 p. m.

METHODIST CHURCH.—Rev. E. B. Moore, Pastor.

Sunday School at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sabbath School at 10 o'clock, a. m. Prayer Meeting on Thursday evening at 7.30. All the seats are free and strangers welcomed at all the services. At Greenwick, preaching at 3 p. m. on the Sabbath, and prayer meeting at 7.30 p. m., on Wednesdays.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

St. John's Parish Church, of Horton

Services: Holy Communion every Sunday, 8 a. m.; first and third Sundays at 11 a. m. Matins every Sunday 11 a. m. Evensong 7.15 p. m. Wednesday Evensong, 7.30 p. m. Special services in Advent, Lent, etc., by notice in church. Sunday School, 10 a. m.; Superintendent and teacher of Bible Class, the Rectory.

All seats free. Strangers heartily welcome.

Rev. R. F. DIXON, Rector.

Robert W. BROWN, Warden.

St. Francis (Catholic)—Rev. Martin Carroll, P. P.—Mass 11 a. m. the fourth Sunday of each month at 7.30 o'clock.

THE TABERNACLE.—Rev. A. Colborn, D. D., Superintendent. Services: Sunday, 8 a. m.; Sunday School at 2.30 p. m.; Gospel service at 7.30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

MASONIC.

St. George's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., meets at their Hall on the second Friday of each month at 7.30 o'clock.

T. L. HARVEY, Secretary.

ODDFELLOWS.

OLYMPIAN LODGE, No. 52, meets every Monday evening at 8 o'clock, in their hall in Harris' Block. Visiting brethren always welcome.

R. W. WATSON, Secretary.

TEMPERANCE.

WOLFVILLE DIVISION S. of T. meets every Monday evening in their Hall at 7.30 o'clock.

FORESTERS.

Court Hamilton, I. O. F., meets in Temperance Hall on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p. m.

Labor Bureau.

Gardening, Grading, Spraying, Teaming, Mason-work, and odd jobs of all kinds wanted.

Address letter or postal.

P. O. Box 302, Town.



A Merry Christmas.

Christmas will soon be here again, with all its abounding good will and good cheer. We wish our customers a joyful season, and assure them of our best services in

Tailor-made Clothes.

I. S. BOATES & CO.

When you see a MORSE'S TEA Adv. doesn't it seem like shaking hands with an old friend? It does if you're a Morse's Tea user.

FURNESS, WITBY & Co. Ltd.

London, Halifax & St. John

FROM LONDON. FOR LONDON

—Halifax City..... Dec. 22

Dec. 6—St. John City..... Dec. 28

Dec. 12—Almerina..... Jan. 4

Dec. 19—Evangeline..... Jan. 11

Liverpool, St. John's, Nfld., and Halifax.

From Liverpool. For Liverpool

Dec. 7—Dahome..... Dec. 25

Dec. 19—Annapolis..... Jan. 8

Jan. 2—Ulunda..... Jan. 22

FOR LIVERPOOL DIRECT.

Gulf of Annapolis..... Oct. 16

St. John's City and Evangeline are fitted with electric fans and Gibbs system of ventilation.

Ulunda has excellent first-class passenger accommodation.

Dahome has superior accommodation for both first and second-class passengers.

Furness, Witby & Co. Ltd. Agents, Halifax, N. S.



If You Ride Horsesback,

or drive in a carriage, see before you make a start that the Trappings or

HARNESS

are in good order.

Repairs executed promptly. All work will prove highly satisfactory.

We carry a full line of Harness Dressing, Axle Grease, Whips, etc.

Also Buckles, Straps, Rivets, Pouches, You'll not find our prices too high.

Wm. Regan,

HARNESS MAKER.

FREEMAN'S NURSERY

Holly, Mistletoe, Wreathing, Xmas Bells, Etc., Etc.

Rose, Carnations, Lily of the Valley,

and other Cut Flowers Blooming and Foliage Plants for Christmas.

FUNERAL DESIGNS

and Bridal Bouquets made up at short notice.

Letting and Celery always on hand. Telephone 32.

BUILDING PLANS.

Plans and specifications carefully prepared; estimates if required.

Apply to

Geo A. PRAT, Wolfville.

SEALED TENDERS!

For the collection of the County and Poor Rates in the various Wards in the County of Kings, are requested for the year A. D., 1907:—

1. Tenders to be filed with L. DeV. Chipman, Clerk of the Municipality, at Kentville, until the first of January, A. D., 1907, noon.

2. All tenders to be marked "Tenders for the Collection of Rates," and to name the proposed bondsmen.

3. Collectors must guarantee the amount of each rate roll, and the collection thereof, subject only to any losses the Council may see fit to adjust.

4. The Council do not bid themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

L. DeV. CHIPMAN, County Clerk,

Municipality of Kings, N. S., Kentville, Nov. 21st, 1907.

New Year's Thoughts.

Let us walk softly, friend:

For strange paths lie behind us, all entered:

The New Year, stepping from the hand of God,

Is thine and mine, O friend!

Let us walk straightly, friend:

Forget the crooked paths behind us, all entered:

Press on with sturdier purpose on our way,

To better deeds, O friend!

Let us walk gladly, friend:

Perchance some greater good than we have known

Is waiting for us, or some fairer hope than

Shall yet return, O friend!

Let us walk kindly, friend:

We cannot tell how long this life shall last:

How soon these precious years be numbered,

Let love walk with us, friend!

Let us walk quickly, friend:

Work with our might while time and life are

And help some suffering creature on his way:

Let joy walk with us, friend!

Let us walk bravely, friend:

For the world is full of wrongs, and the

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The Annapolis Valley.

IDEAL OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Wolfville! That place cannot be described, but for readers who have been there, the mention of its name will kindle coils of memory to a warm glow.

Wolfville, center of the choicest section of probably the finest apple region on earth, prettiest of charming towns, commanding one of the most entrancing landscapes ever spread before the vision of man!

Wolfville, with its broad, shady avenues, beautiful white homes, and cultured, intelligent, leisurely people, delightful to meet, to associate with, to live among! Acadia College is being fitted in such an intellectual atmosphere. The conversation and appearance of the inhabitants denote it.

In all that is latest and best in social life, Wolfville stands at the front among Canadian towns. Papers, magazines and high-class literature abound in every home; a piano is a matter of course. Elegant furniture, and a spick and span team—a one horse outfit is a "team" down here—and all reasonable accessories of human comfort, delight the visitor by their universality, not only in Wolfville, but all through "the Valley."

In fact its inhabitants claim that there is a different social atmosphere in this part from anything elsewhere in the Province. Nor is this any reflection on the rest.

Where is Wolfville? In the eastern end of that famous district broadly called the Annapolis Basin, after one of the rivers it contains. More specifically, Wolfville is near the mouth of the Cornwallis River, and within sight of Minas Basin.

The Annapolis Valley is a narrow vale, ninety to one hundred miles long, extending from Minas Basin southwestwardly to Digby, at the mouth of the Bay of Fundy coast, from which it is shut off by the basaltic North Mountain, while south of the Valley lies the irregular South Mountain range. The North Mountain averages five hundred and fifty feet in height, but sinks abruptly towards the east in the 650 foot precipice of Cape Blomidon, jutting out boldly into Minas Basin, north of Wolfville and Grand Pre. The South Mountain reaches at some points a height of 1,000 feet or so above sea level.

In this cosy vale are two principal rivers, the Cornwallis and the Annapolis, neither of which, however, would amount to much in size but for the ridges that raise their levels twice a day, sometimes by forty feet. The mouth of the two streams, in a bog that occupies a good part of the Valley's width. The Annapolis runs west, and expands into the long, narrow Annapolis Basin. The Cornwallis takes the opposite course, and empties into the south west corner of the broad Basin of Minas. A mile or two south of the Cornwallis River, and roughly parallel to it, is the shorter and narrower but even more beautiful Gaspeaux, whose headwaters are in a lake of the same name. The Gaspeaux is divided from the Cornwallis by what is known locally as "The Ridge" height 200 to 300 feet. The mouth of the two streams, are not far apart.

The Annapolis river is almost wholly in Annapolis County; the Cornwallis and Gaspeaux are in King's. These are the two leading apple counties of the Province.

APPLES, APPLES, APPLES.

Talk about apples! What is hardly so absorbing a topic on the Western plains as apples are in the Annapolis Valley. They discuss apples, think about apples, read of apples, study apples, eat apples, and live by apples. It is hardly extravagant to say that a man may plant a few acres of orchard here when young, and pick a living from it till old age overtakes him. Good bearing apple orchards are valued at \$1,000 an acre, and not a few owners average annual profits of 10, 15 or 20 per cent. on this valuation. An ordinary yield is 30 to 75 barrels per acre, and it is a rare season when they do not clear over a dollar a barrel net.

A list of leading export varieties, in order of ripening, might include Graevenstein, Kingston, Blen-sim, King, Hal-bardston, Rhode-Island Greening, Baldwin, Fallwater, Northern Spy, Golden Russet, Noopareil and Ben

David. For home market, there are Astrachan, Duchesa of Oldenburg, Yellow Bellefleur, Wagner, and a great many others.

OTHER FRUITS TOO.

But apples are not the only fruit that succeeds here. Peaches are successfully grown, and are being more largely planted. Plums are used extensively as "fillers" in the young apple orchards, and are very profitable where cared for. Peaches are rather precocious, from a commercial standpoint, and only early hardy sorts are relied on. Grapes are grown in the Annapolis Valley, but only the early varieties are sure of ripening. The fruit also here freely.

Apples, however, are the standby. They flourish in all their varieties, excelling in quality and coloring. Foremost among the list they used to be the "Lucas" Greenstein, though of late years "Lutes" has done so well.

The apple crop of the whole region is half a million barrels, and some optimistic person has estimated that the Annapolis and Cornwallis Valleys could be made to produce \$30,000,000 worth of apples and other fruits annually.

What are the secrets of their phenomenal success, when Ontario farmers value their orchards so highly? There are three: (1) Natural conditions; (2) intelligent culture; (3) convenience to British market.

LIGHT SOIL AND EQUABLE CLIMATE.

The soil is light, and needs this. It is well drained, because most of the orchards are planted on sloping upland. The climate is mild, autumn, in particular, being often quite late. In winter, zero weather is considered cold, and the mercury seldom drops far below it. The spring is rather backward, and the summer cool. Taking the year round, the Valley climate is most favorable, indeed, for the growing of the fruit. The temperature of the Valley lies in the North Mountain's friendly cliffs, it experiences the tempering influence of Fundy's Bay, without its mists and gales. Insect and fungus pests are by no means unknown, though there is possibly a smaller number of such plagues than farther west. As yet, San Jose scale has been kept out.

OBJECT LESSON IN APPLE CULTURE.

But climate and soil alone would never make the business successful. The orchards are object lessons of good culture. A study has been made of it by hundreds of men, and they have the science down fine. No sticking a tree into the ground and seeding down to grass, to cut annual crops of hay? The growers do their part. They prune intelligently, spray faithfully, and cultivate assiduously.