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### TUXIS SPORTS AT MIDDLETON

Bridgetown Boys Win Silver Cup  
Leading on Points. Rain  
Prevents Ballgame.

The opening of the splendid new athletic grounds at Middleton took place on Saturday afternoon with an attendance of over five hundred people with a very fair sprinkling from Bridgetown in the gathering. The athletic sports were given entirely over to the Tuxis boys on this most auspicious occasion the opening of one of the very finest athletic grounds in the whole Province. Proceedings commenced at 2 p. m. with a nice programme by the Middleton band, followed by a speech from Mayor Parsons, in the course of which he congratulated the Athletic Association on the results which had crowned their efforts in their securing and putting in shape of such fine grounds for sports.

The events were as follows: Hundred yard dash, Middleton here had the honors, taking all prizes: 1st Parsons, 2nd Shafrin, 3rd Perkins. In the shot put it was all by Bridgetown, the winners being: 1st Warren, 2nd 3rd McLaughlin. High Jump—1st, Bridgetown; 2nd, Lanf, 3rd, Middleton; 3rd, Warren. Broad Jump—1st, Beals, Lawrence- town; 2nd, Orlando, Bridgetown; 3rd, Perkins, Middleton.

The prizes were presented by Mayor Parsons.

### BASEBALL

Everything is now set for the big baseball match this afternoon on the Bridgetown athletic grounds between Berwick and Bridgetown teams. The battery for Bridgetown will be Malcolm and Austin, for Berwick, Wigmore and Hart. A corking game is expected and each team entertain good hopes of a win.

The wind may be tempered to the shorn lamb without blowing about it.

### BRIDGETOWN AND VICINITY DURING FRENCH PERIOD

An Interesting Resume of Ancient Times—The Late Premier, Sir Wilfred Laurier, Had Ancestors In This Vicinity

We publish below a most interesting sketch relating to the early history of Bridgetown and vicinity from the pen of Dr. M. E. Armstrong, chairman of the Centenary Celebration Committee. In view of the approach of the hundredth anniversary of the British settlement of Bridgetown by the British article has a most special and timely interest and recalls much that it is well to know and not by any means common knowledge.

With the first settlement of Port Royal in 1604 came the discovery of the river, extending into the great forests that were found on either bank for twenty miles or more inland and on the uplands close to the river, the emigrants from Old France soon cleared lots and established houses, and in the period of almost one hundred and fifty years that they remained here made great improvements in clearing the woods, dyking the marsh lands, erecting mills, putting out orchards, stock raising, wheat and fax growing, etc., etc.

They were expelled in 1755 and the English settlers who came to occupy their lands arrived in 1760 and afterwards. We think as we look back that it is a long period of years since our fore fathers came here but we can scarcely realize that French Acadians occupied many of these same farms for nearly as long before 1755 as the English have occupied them since 1755. The two periods of French and English occupancy making over three hundred years of European settlement for this portion of Annapolis County.

We know a great deal of what has happened during the last one hundred and fifty years and the record and history of these years would fill several volumes but how little we know of the first one hundred and fifty years of our history that covers the French days here, yet there was the most stirring and tragic half of the three centuries that have rolled away since the Micmacs first viewed or contended with the pale-faced Europeans in the Valley.

The idea to suitably commemorate the centenary of the founding of our town by Capt. John Crosskill has brought to mind our earlier history and while we pause to look back one hundred years and mark it, we stand at 1822 and try to look back still another one hundred years and see

what we know or can learn of the settlements and villages here about in those early days.

Mr. Placide Gaudet, a French Acadian, now in the Archives Department at Ottawa, is an eminent authority on the French period of our history and on maps of our very crooked river made as far back as 1620 and during the following century he has placed the many French villages and settlements between Digby and Bridgetown on both sides of the Basin and river and in the greater part of this distance he has been able to mark the name of the occupant in 1733. For instance at that time to the east of Bridgetown one mile what is known as Ruffee's hill, was the centre of Gaudet village which was first settled about 1640 by Dennis Gaudet. This extended to the westward some distance and old French cellars could be located in the fields at the east end of the town toward the river bank that marked the homes of the Acadian settlers at this period. Both houses and other buildings were destroyed at the expulsion in 1755.

What is now the centre of the town was at that time the suburbs and here dwelt Bernard Gaudet who was a prominent and prosperous citizen and for some years was deputy, or Councillor, as we say nowadays, for the village. The deputy also filled the position that our Magistrates do in hearing petty offences.

Placide Gaudet referred to above is a descendant of this Bernard Gaudet, who lived here and will visit the home of his worthy ancestor to get the date of this more interesting details of this first Bridgetown that disappeared in 1755 by the application of the torch to the empty dwellings of the afflicted citizens who hurriedly fled to the mountains when the order of expulsion was being carried out or were reluctantly placed on board the ships in the river that came from Boston for their removal.

Just where the home of Bernard Gaudet stood we do not know, but if we were to make a guess we would say somewhere between the school ground and cemetery, as near the river as possible for convenience. That he had an orchard of considerable size we know, because his English successor here a few years later reports both apples and cyder on his farm.

To the eastward of Gaudet village was Paradise Terrestre by the old French maps, and diligent search has failed to show or tell why, when, or how, the locality, then unsettled, was called "a Paradise on earth".

The name, as we know, has continued and our modern sister village has the distinction of retaining its name for two hundred and fifty years and I would be inclined to guess that the present Paradiseans have made their village more worthy of their celestial name than it could have been in the French period before it was even settled.

At that time the river was the great thoroughfare of travel and trade, and while there were roads from one settlement to another they were very poor and very few the brooks and creeks, even bridged for other than foot passengers.

### HEAVY LOSS BY FOREST FIRES

Two and a Half Square Miles  
Burned Over—Round Hill  
Threatened

Forest fires which originated about two miles from Round Hill on the McLaughlin lot West branch were noticed first on Monday night of last week and were later got under fair control but wind springing up favored the blaze and began to carry much destruction with it over a rapidly extending area. The climax was reached on Thursday when about 250 fire fighters under direction of Chief Forest Ranger for Annapolis Co. Mr. J. A. Whitman made strenuous attempts to check the progress of the flames. Bridgetown was called upon for help but fortunately the wind died down and when the volunteers arrived there was no need for further assistance.

The fires smouldered till Saturday when rain put them out. About 2½ square miles of woodland was burned over and the losses would amount to thousands of dollars. No buildings were burned but the barn of Capt. Evans at Round Hill caught for a time the whole village was threatened by this fire which had travelled nearly three miles.

### PORTRAITS OF CAPT AND MRS. CROSSKILL

There are now in the studio window of Miss Georgina Cunningham, portraits copied from oil paintings of Capt. John Crosskill, founder of Bridgetown, and of Mrs. Charlotte Phillis Crosskill. The paintings were made in 1799 by Copley and the originals are now the property of Mrs. Geo. E. Boak, of Halifax, daughter of the late Judge James and great grand daughter of the founder of Bridgetown. Judge James was a son of Thomas James, a native of Bridgetown whose home was on property now occupied by Mr. E. R. Orlando. The copies were recently secured by Dr. M. E. Armstrong, President of the Centenary General Committee. The founder and his wife present a distinguished appearance.

1710 he was arrested as he was celebrating Mass, by Capt. Abercromby and sent to Boston as a prisoner for more than a year, he was then allowed to return to his parish but his church continued to be the focus of a trouble and in 1736 it was demolished by the Annapolis garrison.

Tradition says the bell of St. Laurent was kept and was filled with money and buried at the time of the expulsion in 1755. Diligent effort and search by several generations of treasure hunters has failed to locate this buried booty.

In Granville where the Salter and Phinney and Chesley farms are located was the village of Beauve. While across the river from here on the south side was the village of Beauve. Further east, in the Bath and Parker section and across the river near mouth of Bloody Creek, dwelt the Heberts, both reared large families and were departed in 1755.

On the south side of the river Bellevue village was in the vicinity of Carleton Corner, where the Fowler and Dargie, etc., farms are located. While to the east of the Corner on the old Morse place, now occupied by Dr. Muir, dwelt the LePrince's and among other distinguished descendants of this family was Mr. Prince, First Bishop of St. Hyacinthe Que.

To the westward of the corner across Walker brook and between this stream and Bloody Creek are many old cellars and remains of French apple trees, this was Forest or Forrest village, and the Bloody Creek stream was called Forest River at this period.

Michael Forest or Dr. Forest, the founder of this village, was born at Port Royal in 1670, married in 1695 Francis Dugas, and reared four-teen children.

People living in the vicinity of Bloody Creek will be interested in knowing that Sir Wilfred Laurier had ancestral roots reaching back to the banks of this historic stream—Jean Forest, son of the first settler here, was the grandfather of Sir Wilfred's mother.

### UNUSUAL AND COMPLICATED CASE SUBJECT OF MUCH CORRESPONDENCE

Case of Aged and Infirm Woman Resident in Yarmouth  
Up For Adjustment—Sale of Debentures  
To Be Arranged

The Town Council held their regular monthly session on Friday evening, Mayor Warren presiding. Present Councillors Hicks, Gesner, Anderson, Longmire and Bent. A number of O. K. bills were passed and the matter of a public dump was discussed for a short time. It was decided to use one at Mrs. Fisher's wharf.

In the case of Hiram Miro unable to pay hospital dues at Victoria General. It is claimed that the party referred to has no residence here but in Digby County at Plympton. A woman named Elizabeth McBride made deposition naming Bridgetown as her birthplace, year 1855. She went to the U. S. and was twice married there to husbands having no residence in Nova Scotia. Both are dead. She worked for years in the U. S. dressmaking and lived as far west as California. She has resided in Yarmouth since spring of 1916 and has become totally blind, receiving now \$80 per year with no other means. The question now is to determine where she has a residence legally speaking. Research is being made but thus far no record of her birth has been found here but effort will be continued to elucidate the matter.

The matter is thus in rather a complicated and unusual condition so that the Honorable Minister stated that he would hold a public enquiry if necessary to determine the real status of matter.

### KARSDALE

The Karsdale Union Bible Class held a special session at the home of the President, E. H. Porter, on Tuesday evening, May 30th, having for their guests Rev. H. P. Patterson, Rev. Archdeacon Watson and Rev. W. G. Heisler. There was a large attendance. Rev. W. G. Heisler opened with prayer, after which Mrs. Patterson rendered some very fine music. Then Archdeacon Watson gave a most illuminating exposition of the lesson—followed by a splendid paper by Rev. W. G. Heisler and an address by Rev. H. P. Patterson. Following this the President presented, in behalf of the class, an envelope containing \$5 to each of the ministers, thanking them heartily for their assistance at the various services of the class and urging the people to give their best efforts to make this Bible Class a great force in the moral and spiritual interest of Lower Granville. The Rev. gentlemen responded in very appropriate terms, after which the ladies served a splendid treat and then more music, and at a late hour the company dispersed, all feeling that a most delightful evening had been spent.

Miss Alice E. Thorne returned from Dalhousie Medical College on Monday to spend her vacation. The Croscup weir took a big haul of mackerel on Tuesday—very large and very fine.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bogart came from Montreal on Monday and is occupying her house here.

### WEYMOUTH

Miss Gladys Melanson arrived on Tuesday from Concord, N.H., where she is training for nurse, and is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Melanson, Weymouth Mills. She was accompanied by her young nephew, Vincent Lannigan.

The final exams will be held beginning on Monday and continuing for the next ten days at St. Anne's College. The closing of the College will take place the 14th inst.

Telephone service with New Edinburgh was started for the first time on Wednesday. This connection will prove of inestimable benefit to the F. E. Davis factory, whose company is the means of having telephonic communication installed.

### WINDSOR WINS CRICKET MATCH

Bridgetown Loses First Match With  
College Town. Mounce's Score  
the Big Feature

The cricket club played their first league game on Saturday at Windsor and were defeated by 89 runs to 37.

BRIDGETOWN:  
W. Donat, b. b. w. b. Mounce 3  
O. Ollerhead, b. Mounce 0  
Dr. Rice, run out 0  
H. MacKenzie, b. Mounce 4  
C. W. Ollerhead, c. Weatherhead, b. Mounce 15  
R. Whiteway, b. Timothy 5  
C. S. Bothamley, b. Mounce 0  
H. Young, b. Mounce 0  
A. F. Little, b. Mounce 0  
G. Wheeler, c. Weatherhead, b. Mounce 5  
F. Caunter, not out 1  
Extras 3  
37

WINDSOR:  
F. Candle, b. Ollerhead 5  
I. Weatherhead, run out 5  
C. Dill, b. Ollerhead 2  
G. Timothy, b. Ollerhead 1  
H. Anslow, b. Ollerhead 3  
A. Mounce, c. Little, b. Donat 46  
R. I. Armitage, b. Ollerhead 4  
C. Mosher, c. and b. Ollerhead 4  
C. L. Smith, c. and b. Ollerhead 5  
G. McElhinney, not out 9  
F. Shaw, b. Donat 0  
Extras 5  
89

A return game will be played at Bridgetown on Saturday, June 10th, play commencing at 11 a. m. The cricket club would be glad to have a larger number of spectators. No charge is made for admission and this will be the best game of the season.

The score above does not entirely indicate the relative merits of the teams as rain coming on interfered with play. Next game with good weather conditions should be a splendid contest.

### ALBANY

Mr. Henry C. Bruce, formerly of Brooklyn, passed to his eternal rest on May 30th at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Oakes, aged ninety-two years. He has left to mourn his loss, a widow, two daughters and four sons. Deceased was a consistent member of Middleton Baptist Church. Rev. A. H. Whitman conducted the funeral services at the home on June 1st, speaking from the words chosen by the departed, "Be Ye Ready for Ye Know Not the Day Nor the Hour When the Son of Man Cometh", Hymns also selected, "Abide With Me", and "Nearer My God to Thee".

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