THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., APRIL 23, 1897.

Tuesday's Elections.

The result of Tuesday's elections for the local legislature was the return of the government with an increased majority. The opposition only carried four of the thirty-eight seats, viz: one in Pictou, one in Colchester, one in Hants and one in Lunenburg. In our own county Messrs Dodge and Wickwire were returned with large majorities. We have not the returns by district at hand but the total vote is something near as follows: Dodge, 2306; Wickwire, 2199; Innes, 1449; Rand, 1104.

April Journal of Education, 1897.

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The *Journal of Education* for April is just at hand. It contains many items of particular importance to every teacher, to all trustees, and to all who intend to pass the examination for High School Certificates in July. As but one copy of this *Journal* is sent to each section, I think it well to advise all concerned to read the new Regulations and changes it contains very carefully. With your permission I shall call attention to several of the most important of these. My purpose shall be to give the import of the change, rather than to quote the regulation verbatum. For the full text I refer you to the *Journal* in the hands of the secretary of trustees in each section.

EXAMINATIONS.

1. BERWICK, Kings County, has been established an Examination Station.

2. Wolfville, though omitted from the list by the printer of the *Journal*, is still, I am informed by the Superintendent of Education, an Examination Station.

3. Applications must be made on the prescribed form, to the Inspector in whose District the station to which the candidate wishes to go is situated, not later than May 24th. The Blank Forms of application, which must be used, and which have been much changed since last examination, may be obtained by applying to the Inspector.

If the candidate is applying for grade D or for any grade on which he failed at a previous examination, or for the one above the grade successfully passed, he will be admitted free, provided the facts are correctly quoted in the application, so that they can be verified by the records of the Education Office. The candidate who has not passed for grade D must have his application for C accompanied by a fee of one dollar; if he has passed neither D nor C the application for B must be accompanied by two dollars; if he has passed neither D, C, nor B the application for A must be accompanied by three dollars. Every application must be accompanied with the prescribed fee, if for examination in a grade next above the one already held. Without this the application is null and void.

4. No application for the correction of any error made in the application forms can be considered, unless accompanied by one dollar, the money to be returned in case the error is made by any official of the Education Department instead of by the candidate, or any one acting for him.

5. The M. P. G. fee is not to be paid until the candidate presents himself at the examination on Saturday morning.

ARBOR DAY.

6. May 7th (if the trustees have appointed no other day) has been appointed Arbor Day. If some other day in May will suit the section better, the trustees are at liberty to select it instead of the 7th. It should be observed that this is not a *holiday*. The trustees may substitute it for one of the authorized teaching days of the term when it has been duly observed by the improvement of the grounds, the planting of trees, shrubs, etc. Only when it has been properly used can credit be given for it in the apportionment of the funds. There can be no doubt but improvement is needed as much in this as in any matter connected with the schools. When the trustees and section will co-operate with the schools and spend the day in levelling and clearing the ground of all the stones, stumps and waste material lying round, and then setting trees, making flower beds, and beautifying the surroundings, a lasting benefit will result. I think it desirable that the trustees should take this in hand at once, and make plans and notify their section and schools to prepare to observe the day properly. The ground may well be prepared in the morning by the trustees and the section, while the teachers are instructing their pupils as to the nature of the work to be done. Lessons on the trees and plants to be set, pointing out their points of resemblance and difference, how to prepare them, etc, may well engage the school for a short time. Then some time may well be spent in teaching the pupils some pieces to recite and sing, appropriate to the occasion. This should be done both for the benefit of the ones who learn the pieces and for the pleasure of the parents and others who have come together to help. The day can thus be made one of recreation and great profit to all. I hope it may be possible for all sections to observe Arbor Day, not *Arbor Holiday*. I cannot do better than to refer you to page 39 of the *Journal* for further information on this matter and conclude by quoting the editorial note on the same page.

"Teachers who have been able to observe this day in a useful manner are recommended to make a special report on the same to the Inspector, within one week, specifying the work done on the occasion, and its prospective influence on the section. From these statements Inspectors can have all details necessary for their annual reports to the Superintendent of Education."

COLIN W. ROSCOE,
Inspector of Schools.

Principal Godfrey on our Schools.

To the Editor of the ACADIAN.

DEAR SIR,—In your valuable paper of the 16th inst. appears an article from the pen of the Rev. D. O. Parker on the beauties and luxuries of Town Incorporation. In this article he has criticized pretty severely the general management of the affairs of the town, and has made statements concerning the Public School that demand from me contradiction. A little more than two years ago the Board of School Commissioners thought fit to make the advanced department purely a High School. Last year was the first time that a pupil could possibly take the work necessary for matriculation into College. The class which took the third year work was not large, but that in no respect affects the work done, and I am happy to say that all the members succeeded either in obtaining B certificates or matriculating into College. Two of them are attending Acadia College, and I am told are doing good work in their classes. Those who tried the B examination made very satisfactory marks. The person mentioned in Mr Parker's letter as "a friend" has no ground for the statement made concerning the school, and I am prepared to prove instead of saying anything derogatory to the work done, should have spoken in praise. I know the party and I know the cause of the remark.

Because a boy in the town attends the High School for one or two years and then enters the Academy is no reason that the work done in the Public School is not well done. If the Academy for instance, has shorter hours, longer vacations and a better opportunity for athletic exercise, these are sufficient to induce the average boy to put forth every effort to become a pupil of the Academy.

Again no one should attempt to criticize schools or any other public institutions especially in a newspaper article unless he knows whereof he writes. The Rev. D. O. Parker knows nothing of the Public School. He has never been inside of the School House since I have been principal. He has never had any children attending any of the departments. The Public Schools of Wolfville will compare favorably with any schools in like situation in the Province. The staff of teachers are painstaking, earnest and desire the advancement of the pupils under their care.

Yours etc.,
JOHN F. GODFREY.

DEAR MR EDITOR,—I write with reference to Mr Parker's article in last week's issue of this paper. The part of it with which I will deal is the part in which he refers to the Wolfville schools. Mr Parker says we have spent a certain large sum of money in order that we might obtain efficient schools, and that we have not got them. He speaks specifically about the High School. I would ask in what way the High School is not efficient. In July of last year, the first B class that has ever been prepared in the Wolfville High School (the first class that ever took any of the provincial examinations which prepared itself here) took the B examinations. Of the three persons who composed that class, two are now attending Acadia college, and the third holds a B certificate which would admit him to any college in the province. If Mr Parker argues from the past, and that is all we can permit him to use as a basis for argument, surely he must allow that this record shows one hundred per cent. of efficiency. What I have to say next is of a rather delicate nature. It seems to me that there is hidden in Mr Parker's paragraph a hint which might suggest to some persons a doubt respecting the ability and scholarship of the principal of the High School. I may say on behalf of myself and my two class-mates (whose full permission and approbation I have in writing this) that we believe most thoroughly in Mr Godfrey's ability and scholarship. Furthermore, there are at present here at Acadia two others who have studied under Mr Godfrey, and who are now at the heads of their respective classes; and two of the most brilliant members of last year's graduating class got their thorough grounding with him.

Next I wish to show that the High School matriculant is in no way inferior to the matriculant from the Academy. The only subject taught in the Academy that is not taught in the High School is manual training, and that can be taken by pupils outside the Academy and therefore by High School pupils. The High School and the Academy are doing about the same work in classics, except that the Academy devotes more time to these subjects. In mathematics the High School leads the Academy, taking the first six books of Euclid instead of the first four, and completing the algebra instead of stopping off several chapters before the end of the book. Besides this, the High School curriculum includes the elementary studies in practical mathematics, physics, chemistry and botany, four subjects not taken up at all in the Academy. Mineralogy too, is taught in the High School, and the school had a good set of specimens for the class in mineralogy, and a good set of chemicals and chemical apparatus.

Now in respect to matriculation, the latest calendar of Acadia University states on page 15 that persons with grade B certificates from approved High Schools are admitted without examination. That is, like the Academy matriculant. And Wolfville High School is an "approved" High School since already matriculants from it have entered the College.

I hope, Mr Editor, that these few remarks may help to dispel some of the misconceptions which some of our people have concerning our High School. I think it would be a good idea for people to drop into the schools occasionally and see how things are going on.

Thanking you for space, I remain,
Yours truly,
HERBERT H. CURRIE.

Billtown.

Mr Morris and family are about removing to Pereau, where they have purchased a farm. They will be missed here, but others are gainers, and we must not complain.

Mr Sebra Freeman and Mr Archie Ringer, of Acadia, spent their Easter holidays at the Parsonage.

The usual Easter Sabbath School concert came off last Sunday evening. There was a large attendance, and the young people acquitted themselves admirably.

The Division celebrated its 48th anniversary on the 15th inst. W. C. Bill, Esq., gave a short sketch of the early history of the organization. The other speakers were Pastor M. P. Freeman and J. E. Dunham, Esq., Division Deputy. The exercises were varied with recitations, dialogues and music, and were much enjoyed.

Personal Mention.

[Contributions to this department will be gladly received.]

Capt. J. W. Gormley, now of Tampico, Mexico, is on a visit to Wolfville and vicinity.

Mr Harry DeWolfe, of Halifax, was the guest of Mrs Blair, of this town, for a day or two this week.

Miss Kate Christie left on Saturday last for South Boston, Mass., where she will remain for the summer.

Miss True and Miss Crowell of the Seminary teaching staff, spent the Easter holidays with friends in Halifax.

Mr J. Lewis Bishop, of this town, who for a number of years has been in the employ of J. W. Caldwell, Esq., dry goods merchant, left on Saturday last to try his luck in the U. S.

Woodville.

Mr Neal McCall has sold his farm to Mr Frank Wood.

Mr Frank Parish has purchased the property recently occupied by Mr Jno. Arnold.

Mr Charles Rand who purchased the farm recently owned by Mr Illsley, has placed some repairs upon the house. We are glad for the advent of another good citizen into the community.

We have another valuable contribution in the presence of Mr Frederick Eaton, who has purchased the Rockwell property recently vacated by Mr Spittle.

Mr E. O. Eagles is putting an addition to the rear of his house.

Mr Rupert Parish is also engaged in a similar enterprise.

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Miss Baily, of Lunenburg, is the guest of Mrs J. P. Nelson.

Mr W. F. Godfrey, of Montreal, was in town one day last week.

Miss Aggie Johnson, of Wolfville, is the guest of Miss Eva Margeson.

Mr R. Holmes, of Moncton, N. B., is visiting friends here.

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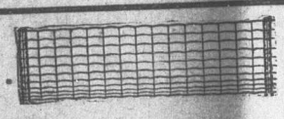

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