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The People's Forum

MORE BUZZARDS

TO the Editor of THE ACADIAN

Sir: Your Editorial in your last issue standing up for the local tradesman against the "Buzzards" of outside departmental stores, which own nothing here and pay no taxes is a timely and spirited effort to create some esprit du corps in this town and I hope will be duly considered and appreciated. But there are other buzzards besides the departmental stores and they are not all outside of this town.

When a drummer from some large job printing establishment comes here soliciting orders and offers job work, perhaps a few cents cheaper than the local printer, office can afford—how many merchants refuse the bait and say "no, we have to support the home printer? If a dollar can be made they forget that the Montreal Company owns nothing here, pays no taxes here, and is only interested in getting orders by underselling the local man.

I can go further. When the war broke out and Halifax became overcrowded—prices of houses and rents went sky high and hundreds were obliged to seek outside homes—that was a great opportunity for Wolfville to get a large additional population—by maintaining the old prices and getting the reputation of being a cheap and attractive place to live in. Did Wolfville profit in the chance? Not at all. When the poor wayfarers came here, they found lots, houses, rents, boarding house rates all jumped up to the sky line. Everybody was in the make. Everyone was for himself and nobody for the town. A Halifax merchant who had retired from business, came up here to buy a lot, build and spend the last years of his life here. He confided in me his experience. The day after his arrival he walked around and selected a lot in vacant field half a mile from the Post Office. The man when interviewed said: "I will let you have it for \$4,000." "But said the Halifax man, 'are you not mistaken. I did not come here to buy your town. I want a small lot for a cottage'. He thereupon returned to Halifax and later invested in real estate in Dartmouth. This example shows the spirit abroad. House lots without sewerage, water, or even ordinary paving are held at prices higher than in the city of Halifax with all these advantages. The value of land is proportionate to the density of population. Halifax has a population of 60,000; Wolfville 2,000—Now, I ask where are Buzzards? Wolfville outside of its fine scenery and its splendid educational facilities possesses no attractions to make it a residential town, in competition with many other towns in the Province. It has no boating, yachting, fishing, shooting or bathing facilities; it has no golf club or even tennis court, outside of the college. When to the entire lack of such things are added high prices of land and rents and the tendency to maintain war time prices for commodities—it is easy to understand why a beggarly few have come here to make a permanent home while Halifax was engorged with population. History repeats itself. About forty years ago when the Windsor & Annapolis Railway Co. was building their line from Windsor to Annapolis they surveyed lands about the station intending to locate the division point here. Two residents of the town who owned the land, thought like Col. Sellers 'there was millions in it'. The manager thought differently, he moved in to Kentville and Wolfville in spite of the Buzzards—because it grows with the development of the institutions here.

ANTI-BUZZARD.

"BUY AT HOME"

We have had a great deal of discussion in the papers lately on the subject of buying at home. The idea seems to be set forth that it is the stores and merchants that make a town; rather than that the town makes the merchants and stores. Did any person ever see a dozen large stores close together on a lonely road in the country? Just drop a town of ten thousand people with money to spend along, said country road and the stores will appear as suddenly as if some one rubbed up an old lamp.

There is just one class of people in a town who can make the people buy at home, and that class is the merchants. Now I would like to just drop a little secret in the merchants' ears, that will tell them how to make the people buy at home. It is very easy and is simply to sell good as cheap as outsiders do. If you reply to us and say that you can't we will answer you that you lie; for we know all about it.

I want to state a few particular cases that came under my direct observation in Wolfville. I paid seventy five cents for an article that my neighbor duplicated from outside for fifteen cents. I paid ten

GENERAL LORD HENRY S. RAWLINSO



Commander-in-Chief of the British troops in India who declares that India need larger armies. He says the tribesmen could raise 130,000 splendid, well armed fighters, while the British troops had been decreased from forty to twenty-one regiments.

REPORT OF COUNTY NURSE

Summary of Kings County Health Nurse's Report From October 1st to Dec. 31. Three Month Period.

Number of class rooms inspected.....	88
Number of pupils examined.....	1261
Number unvaccinated.....	46

Defects:	
Intestinal.....	380
Deformities.....	2
Enlarged glands.....	11
Skin disease.....	4
Scalp disease.....	1
Dental caries.....	929
Defective vision.....	195
Defective hearing.....	15
Defective tonsils (diseased or enlarged).....	948
Total Defects.....	2485

General activities:

Notifications to parents.....	1704
Health talks.....	70
Showing tooth brush drills.....	42
Tuberculosis work.....	33
Child Welfare.....	55

Number of miles travelled.....	869
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(This does not include the Clinic work, correspondence, and keeping of records.)

BOARD OF TRADE

A meeting of the Council of the Wolfville Board of Trade was held on Tuesday evening. It was decided that the Board of Trade hold a luncheon on March 14th and that a speaker be secured for the occasion. A committee composed of Messrs. W. D. Withrow, H. W. Phinney and Edson Graham was appointed to take charge of the affair.

The following standing committees were appointed for the ensuing year: Harbour Improvement and Waterfront.—J. L. Franklin, B. O. Davidson, H. A. Peck, W. D. Withrow, R. E. Harris. Tourist and Publicity.—H. E. Woodman, Edson Graham, Dr. W. A. Coit, A. J. Mason, H. P. Davidson.

The matter of having uniform tax rates in Wolfville was discussed and B. O. Davidson was appointed a committee to go before the Town Council and place the matter before them and ask that by-laws governing tax rates be adopted.

BORN

SCHOFIELD—At Town Plot, on Feb. 6th, to Mr. and Mrs. Austen Schofield, a daughter, Marguerite Frances.

The Mount Allison hockey team won the Sumner Trophy for the third time by defeating Kings University at Amherst last Friday night by the score of 6 to 3.

cents each for an article that later I bought outside for ten cents a dozen. A certain merchant in town sold neckties for \$1.50 each that could have been sold at a good profit for 50c. It is no wonder that this same merchant can boast that he has made enough to retire, after only being in business a few years. Potatoes are sold for \$1.25 per bushel when they are sold in Halifax at \$1.15 for 90 lbs. One has only to look over outside lists to see dozens of like quotations.

Now Mr. Merchant of Wolfville do not blame the people for not buying at home; for the blame is all yours. It is you who are keeping up the cost of living in Wolfville and keeping people out, who would otherwise come in and reside and trade with you. If some of you say that you are not making any money we reply that it is your own fault if your clerks steal you to a standstill, or that you want to live too high on a small business. C. M. G.

Town Council

Decides Not to Publish Regular Book Year

At the regular meeting of the Council on Wednesday evening, Mayor Sutherland and all the Councillors were present. The Streets Committee through its Chairman, Con. Young, reported an expenditure of \$198.50 during the month for clearing and sanding sidewalks, hauling gravel, etc.

Coun. Nowlan, for the Water Committee reported an expenditure of \$17.75.

Coun. Eaton, for the Poor Committee, reported verbally regarding work done in that department during the month.

Coun. Cox, chairman of the Finance Committee, reported on the receipts and expenditures during February. The debit balance at the bank on March 1st was \$13059.64.

The following accounts were read and ordered paid:

King vs. Fred Crowell.....	\$ 9.20
King vs. A. Weatherby.....	4.80
Mar. Tel. Tel. Co.....	13.05
Aubrey Dakin.....	15.00
Burton Croft.....	12.00
E. S. Langille.....	7.75
Dr. Thorne.....	12.00
C. H. Wright.....	1.12

A letter was read from Rev. G. L. Bishop stating that a rebate was due him for poll-tax paid during the past two years during which time he was exempt by law. On motion the rebate was granted.

Mayor Sutherland was appointed to represent Wolfville on the joint committee which handles the affairs of the County Nurse and he was instructed to use every means in his power to have this town relieved of any expense in connection with that service in view of the fact that Wolfville has its own nurse under the Victorian Order.

A letter addressed to the Mayor from Mayor Chesley, of Kentville, was read, asking Wolfville to co-operate with that town in the matter of a revision of the by-laws of both towns with a view to making these uniform. Couns. Whidden, Cox and Young were appointed a committee to confer with a committee from Kentville relative to the matter.

The following resolution was passed: WHEREAS, the Town of Wolfville considers that the amounts contributed by incorporated towns and municipalities to the joint account, is inequitable as based on the present assessment of properties situated within the incorporated towns and municipalities;

WHEREAS, the Provincial Government in committee after hearing a delegation from the Town of Glace Bay and the Town of Kentville in April, 1920, with reference to contributions to said Joint Service, agreed to appoint a commission to investigate the present system of assessment as affecting towns and municipalities.

WHEREAS, as no steps have been taken since April, 1920, to appoint said commission.

THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the Town of Wolfville urges the immediate appointment of a commission to investigate the present system of assessment as affecting Joint Service.

Dr. Elliott, representing the Civic Club, was given an opportunity to address the Council relative to the proposition made in THE ACADIAN some weeks ago to widen and straighten Gaspareau avenue at a point opposite the lower part of Willow Bank Cemetery. On motion of Coun. Whidden, the whole Council was appointed a Committee to go fully into this matter.

Mr. E. O. Davidson, on behalf of the Board of Trade, called the attention of the Council to the urgent need of by-laws governing taxi service in Wolfville. On motion this matter was referred to the Committee to revise the town by-laws.

Mayor Sutherland brought up the matter of the publication of the regular Year Book which has been neglected during recent years. The Mayor stated that a number of citizens had requested that the book be published this year in order that a better knowledge of town affairs might be had. The Council, however, decided to take no action in view of the present financial condition of the town.

The Council then organized as a Board of Health when a letter was read from Mr. Everet Pineo, regarding the sanitary condition of a property on Willow avenue. Deputy Health Officer deWitt, who was present, stated that the matter had not been reported to him, but the Sanitary Inspector reported conditions to be as stated in the letter. The matter was referred to the Health Officer for investigation.

A meeting of the Building Committee was then called when Coun. A. M. Wheaton was re-elected as secretary for the current year.

Boys and Girls, turn to page two and you will find something to interest you.

Wolfville Defeats Middleton

Local Team Too Fast for Visitors Who Were Game Sports

The Middleton hockey team, which held the Wolfville boys to a tie at Middleton last week, played a return game here last night, when the locals defeated them by the score of 12 to 8.

Middleton opened the scoring when Appleby netted the puck from a pass. For the remainder of the period Wolfville monopolized the scoring, Gordon Kennedy, Waldon Kennedy and Graham Harvey registering one each.

The second period was more evenly contested. Appleby again scored for the visitors, but Wolfville came back with two scores by Gordon Kennedy and one by Harvey. Middleton responded magnificently, Reagh getting in two goals in quick succession, followed by one each from A. Fisher and Fraser. Just before retiring Cleveland held a shot in his hand and accidentally threw it into the goal, giving Wolfville once more the lead.

The final period was all Wolfville's and the play was kept in the visitors' territory practically all the time. Waldron Kennedy scored one, Baird two, and Harvey and Gordon Kennedy one each. Only the excellent goal tending of Cleveland saved more scoring. Just before the finish Fraser scored twice for Middleton, making the final score 12 to 8.

The teams were: Wolfville—W. Spicer, H. Baird, G. Harvey, G. Kennedy, G. Christie, W. Kennedy, with King, Woodman and Thorpe spares.

Middleton—G. Cleveland, A. Fisher, W. Fraser, P. Appleby, F. Fisher, J. Reagh and C. Fisher.

Referee: Harry Fraser.

WOLFFVILLE AND MIDDLETON PLAY DRAW GAME

Middleton, Feb. 25.—Last evening Wolfville and Middleton met for the first time in hockey in one of the best games of the season from all standpoints. Both teams were out to win and played their best from the first sound of the whistle until the closing gong called off the play.

Wolfville started in strong, and backed up their reputation the first period by strong combination work which kept the home team always on the defence. Time after time they came down the ice in good team play and bombarded Middleton's goal, netting in all four tallies. Middleton secured one near the close of the first period, but this first was distinctively Wolfville's.

The second period saw Middleton get into the game in earnest. This period kept Wolfville on the defence and gave their goal-keeper a chance to star, but resulted in the home team adding three more to their total, while the visitors got one.

The third period opened up with the score standing five to four and with each team on the alert for every opportunity to decide who were to be the winners.

Middleton by a series of rushes slipped in two more goals and considered the game won until a minute from time, the visitors tallied a single goal, evening the score.

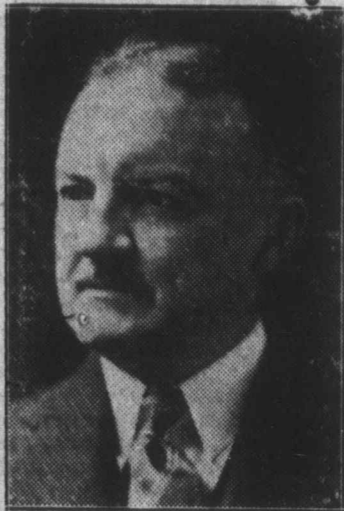
The game was clean and no penalties were given. Line-ups:

Wolfville—Goal, Spicer; defence, Harvey and Woodman; centre, G. Kennedy; wings, Christie, W. Kennedy, Thorpe. Middleton—Goal, Cleveland; defence, Fraser and A. Fisher; centre, Appleby; wings, Reagh, F. Fisher, Andrews.

W. Singer, of Windsor, refereed impartially.

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HON. W. C. KENNEDY



Latest photograph of the Minister of Railways and Canals, who is now engaged in a Dominion tour or inspection of the Canadian National and associated lines, and who recently visited Halifax.

"AMONG THE BREAKERS"

One of the best events of the season at the Opera House was the play on Monday evening by the Imperial Players, of Kentville, when the old-time favorite "Among the Breakers," a comedy drama in two acts was put on by a company of local players from the shiretown in a manner which would have reflected credit upon professionals. The attendance was not so large as it should have been and those who failed to attend missed an interesting to Wolfville people from the fact that the part of "Bess Starbright" was taken by Mrs. Murry Baird, who when Miss Fay Jenks, was a popular student at Acadia Seminary a few years ago. The part of "Mother Carey" was taken by Miss Marguerite Woodworth, also a former student at the Seminary. These were the two strong lady parts and were exceedingly well taken and exhibited very clever acting. All the characters were well presented and the whole performance was much enjoyed. The cast was as follows:

Biddy Bean, an Irish Maid

Miss Molly Frey

Larry Devine, David Murray's Assistant

Mr. F. W. C. Bailey

Mother Carey, a Reputed Fortune Teller

Miss Marguerite Woodworth

David Murray, Keeper of Fairpoint Lighthouse.....

Mr. W. C. Hiltz

Scud, Hunter's Colored Servant

Mr. E. W. Forman

Minnie Daze, Hunter's Niece

Miss Evelyn Forsythe

Clarence Hunter, Hunter's Ward

Mr. Carl Phinney

Hon. Bruce Hunter, Capt. of the "Pacer,"

"fastest yacht on the coast"

Mr. A. H. Douglas

Bess Starbright, cast up by the waves

Mrs. H. Fay Baird

Peter Paragraph, a man of many vocations

Mr. W. B. Saunders

The company was accompanied by a good orchestra, and the specialties were particularly good, Mr. F. W. C. Bailey in his character songs proved himself a clever comedian and captivated the house by his performance. A most commendable feature was the large number of Kentville people who gave evidence of the interest in a good home institution by being present.

The marriage of Princess Mary, only daughter of King George, to Viscount Lascelles, took place in London on Tuesday

It was a great national event which will live long in the memories of the vast throngs whose unrestrained plaudits greeted England's Princess through festive streets to the altar in stately old Westminster Abbey to become a bride.

Greenwich Notes

Another family has left our community for Port Williams. Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacKerzie moved over to the Port last Wednesday, to be near his work. He is busily engaged in Automobile work of all kinds in the garage in Mr. George Chase's new building. We wish him every success in the work.

We understand it is doubtful if Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Marshall return to their home here in the Spring as planned. We are glad to learn he is much improved in health, since their stay in Colorado Springs.

Mrs. Brenton Merry, of Annapolis, spent a few days at her parents home here, last week.

Mrs. Emma Harvey recently spent the week-end in Windsor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ira Lobnes.

About eighteen of our boys and girls, with chaperones, enjoyed a pleasant "straw ride" in Mr. Murray Forsythe's team last Wednesday evening, going to the Nicket at Kentville, returning home about midnight.

It is expected our school will very soon, some afternoon, enjoy a sleigh drive, which will call for two or three big teams.

A few from here went to Wolfville last Thursday evening to hear the Zedeler Symphonic Quintet, at the Baptist Church. It was a great musical treat and enjoyed to the full by all present.

The Drama, "Thompkins Hired Man," which was to have been put on at our hall, by members of Greenwich Dramatic Club, on Thursday evening, 19th, was postponed owing to the weather, to Tuesday evening 21st. The hall was well filled by an interested audience and the play was well carried off, each one taking their part well. Ormond Forsythe, as the "Hired Man," starred, in that part. Two of the actors were new to the audience as players, but did well.

The stage setting, as an old farmhouse kitchen, was well gotten up. The whole thing was considered to be "well done," for only amateurs on just their own practice and training, no professional work about it. The songs between acts were enjoyed. Owing to two social events in community on same evening, that had been arranged for before postponement of the play, namely, "The Ladies Bridge Club," of Wolfville, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson on this

place, also a surprise party, at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Forsythe, on "The Ridge." We understand unavoidably kept away a few from enjoying the play. Proceeds go toward the making of an open air skating rink, to be started next summer, expecting to be ready to use next winter.

Miss Ethel Fisher, our school teacher, spent the week-end with friends in Hantsport.

Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Forsythe and little daughter Mildred visited the former's mother, Mrs. Fred Forsythe and other relatives a few days, returning to their home in Bridgetown Tuesday morning. Miss McNeil, a sister of Mrs. Forsythe, spent the week-end with friends here.

Mr. Atkinson, a student of Acadia, preached last Sunday in the Methodist Church here, the pastor Rev. Mr. Hemmeon being in Sackville, N. B., for Sunday.

The Greenwich Dramatic Club plan on a jolly sleighing party some evening probably to Kentville.

Many of our residents were interested in the play at the Opera House, Wolfville, on Monday evening, "Among the Breakers," a few of the members of what was formerly the Kentville Dramatic Club, being well know here.

At the regular monthly meeting of the G. W. V. A. on Wednesday evening it was decided to change the night of meeting from the first Wednesday of the month to the last Wednesday, on account of the Town Council meeting on the first Wednesday.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT



The new Parliament Building as they will look when completed, with the three political leaders and Lord Byng in set.