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BOARD OF TRADE

Holds Enthusiastic Meeting—Various Matters of Local Improvement Discussed

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Wolfville Board of Trade was held on Monday evening at the Parish Hall. There were about twenty-five members present, together with a number of citizens who are not members, making the total attendance nearly forty. The president, Mr. Edson Graham, presided, and the secretary read the minutes of the annual meeting and intervening Council meetings, which gave a good idea of the work which has been done by the Board during the past two months.

Mr. G. C. Nowlan gave an interesting report of the immigration conferences held at Kentville the last of February and at Halifax the first of March, to consider the matter of inviting the retired Indian officers and civil servants, who are coming to Canada, to settle in this valley. At the conference at Halifax the delegates met with a splendid reception at the hands of the local government who seemed to consider, all that was possible should be done to induce immigration to this province. Mr. Graham stated that the federal immigration officials had asked that lists be prepared of properties available for immigrants.

Mr. Graham, in reporting for the Tourist and Publicity Committee, referred to the booklet on Nova Scotia being prepared by the Royal Print & Litho Ltd., in which Wolfville would have nine or ten pages. He also referred to the Old Home Summer in 1924 as a splendid means of advertising our country, and gave a report of the Tourist convention recently held at Kentville.

Mr. Nowlan gave a report of the work being done by the Local Improvement Committee. The I. O. D. E. had suggested placing seats at the "stile" and at the end of Central avenue, and had asked the co-operation of the Board of Trade. The committee did not think it necessary to place seats at the "stile" as they thought the visitors to that place would sooner sit on the grass at the brow of the hill, but they considered it a good idea to place seats on Central avenue. The committee also recommended that a sign be placed at the entrance to Mr. Karl Borden's property directing the way to the "stile". They had considered the matter of a band stand and had ascertained that the cost would be about \$300. Three sites had been suggested, the Fruit Company property, the school grounds and the D. A. R. property. Other matters suggested were the placing of "silent policemen" at the street corners on Main street, the enforcing of the Motor Vehicle Act in regard to parking cars on the proper side of the street, and the filling in of the property at the south side of "Mud Bridge". The committee recommended that the Board of Trade ask the Town Council to take some action re moving the blacksmith shop from this locality.

Five new members were elected to the Board by unanimous vote: Bernard Fry, C. A. Brown, J. H. Baltzer, Clarence Spinney and H. E. Fraser. This brings the membership up to fifty-four.

The president stated that at the request of a number of citizens that the Board call a public meeting to discuss the matter of assessment the Council had met and decided to send a resolution to the mayor asking him to call a meeting. This they had done. The mayor replied that he did not consider it would help matters to call such a meeting, but had stated that all appeals would be given careful consideration by the Council.

The secretary read a letter from the recently formed Valley Tourist Association asking the Wolfville Board of Trade to appoint a representative on the Association. On motion of A. G. Guest Mr. Graham was elected the Board's representative.

B. O. Davidson brought up the matter of the boat service between Wolfville and Parrsboro and suggested that some action be taken to have the boat come to the inside wharf this season. J. D. Harris stated that his brother had last year offered free wharfage to the Prince Albert and there was no reason the boat should not come to the inside wharf. After some discussion Dr. Grant moved that a resolution be prepared and a petition circulated and sent to the government asking for this service. On motion G. C. Nowlan and J. D. Harris were appointed to prepare the resolution.

The total receipts of Customs and Excise taxes at the Port of Wolfville for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 1923, were \$17,199.85, as compared with \$11,402.16 during the previous year. An increase of \$5,797.69, or approximately fifty per cent.

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GUIDE CHIEF IN CANADA



Lady Olave Baden-Powell, wife of the founder of the Boy Scout and Girl Guide movements, who is in Canada with her husband, and is being greeted by the Guides in all parts of the country.

WOLFFVILLE'S FIRST SKATING RINK

The program of sports put on at Evangeline Rink on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Band, reminds us that during the time of Wolfville's first skating rink, which was conducted by the late D. A. Munro and was located on the street leading to the government pier a short distance north of the present residence of Mr. D. R. Munro, occasions of this kind were not uncommon. We had exhibitions of speedy and fancy skating, carnivals of big proportions and contests of various kinds. It was in this rink that the first electric light was used in Wolfville and one of the first in the province. This was an arc light of large candle power, the current for which was generated in Mr. Munro's wood-working mill which stood near at hand.

During the winter of 1884 or 1885 there was put on a full evening of ice events, including a mile forward skating race, a half mile backward race, hurdle races and other stunts. The affair was largely attended and all the events were keenly contested. Those taking part included Wolfville boys and students and young men from outlying sections. These have all gone from this section long ago but there still remain many who remember the meet as one of the chief events of that winter.

The old Munro rink was opened with a skating masquerade carnival which has never since been equalled in this place. A fine military band from Halifax furnished music and a professional costumer was on hand to supply costumes. There was a very large attendance, special trains from Halifax and other places bringing in large crowds.

Wolfville's first rink was circular in form with a fine ice area, and was one of the very best in the province in its day. There was no hockey in those days but skating was an art and everybody patronized the rink. There were many fancy skaters then in Wolfville but Mr. D. R. Munro was the champion and had few equals in the Maritime Provinces.

REMARKABLE PROGRESS

Rapid but healthy growth both in volume of business and in financial strength is shown in the annual report of the Crown Life Insurance Co. for the year ended December 31st, 1922. Despite the fact that the past year was not considered a good "selling" one for Life Companies, the statement showed an increase of 30% in New Business written over the year 1921. The Surplus earned during the year averaged \$9.58 for every \$1000 of Insurance in force at January 1st, 1922 or \$68.64 for every \$1000 of total assets at the same date. These earnings are extremely large, probably the largest of any Canadian Company doing business during the year. The scale of Dividends to policy-holders has been increased approximately 14 per cent, the new scale applying to all dividends payable in 1923.

Within the past four years the volume of Insurance in force and of assets has almost doubled while at the same time the amount of the surplus funds over and above the Government reserves held for policies issued and over and above the Capital stock and all liabilities whatsoever have increased four-fold. The showing is certainly a creditable one and proves that the Crown Life is in a sound financial condition and that its policy-holders can anticipate substantial profits on their policies.

See the army of Sheba in wonderful desert scenes in "Queen of Sheba", a super-special by Fox, at the Opera House next week.

INTERESTING RACES

At Evangeline Rink Tuesday Night—Town Defeats College

The skating races at Evangeline Rink on Tuesday evening, under the auspices of the Wolfville Band, were very interesting and should have been witnessed by a larger number of the citizens. However there was a fairly good attendance and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the sport. In spite of the fact that there was water on the ice the races were all skated in fast time, but on account of the wet some of the stunts planned for had to be left off the program. During the evening several selections were rendered by the band, under the leadership of their new director, Mr. Maurice Haycock. The officials in charge of the races were: Carl Angus, starter; J. W. Williams, announcer; B. C. Silver, judge.

The chief events were the relay races between the Town and College, and between the High School and Academy, in each of which the Town came off victorious. In the senior race the College was represented by Murray, Clark, Morrison and Barteaux, and the Town by Scriven, Christie, Thompson and Dick. Each man skated a quarter mile and for half the race the teams skated neck and neck. Thompson, however, took a small lead on Morrison, which was held by Dick, who won by only a few yards.

In the junior relay race the High School had an easy win. The teams were: High School, Munro, Brady, Prescott, Johnson; Academy, Delaney, Jefferson, McDonald, Cullen. The High School took a big lead at the first owing to the Academy skater falling. The lead was gradually increased until Johnson won by a lap.

The other races resulted as follows: 220 yards for girls—1st, Miss Johnson; 2nd, Miss Amy Prescott; 3rd, Miss Taylor.

220 yards (senior men)—1st, Thompson; 2nd, Scriven. Other contestants, G. W. Christie, Hirtle, Dick, Outhouse.

220 yards (juniors)—1st, J. Johnson; 2nd, C. Munro. Other contestants, Prescott, Brady.

440 yards (seniors)—1st, Dick; 2nd, Barteaux. Other contestants, Christie, Christie, Outhouse, Hirtle.

Boys under 16—1st, Walsh. Other contestants, Murphy, McKenna, Mitchell, Spencer, Stackhouse.

Boys under 13—1st, G. Mahaney; 2nd, Murphy. Other contestants, Sanford, Shaw, Lawrence Smith.

Special Race—1st Billie Oliver; 2nd, Trueman Baird.

Barrel Race—Billie Oliver and Trueman Baird, tied.

The final race was between Thompson, the fastest skater on the Town relay team, and Murray, the fastest skater on the College team. The prize for this race was a ten pound roast of beef, and the distance 220 yards. Murray took the lead but was soon passed by Thompson, who won by a few yards.

After the races the prizes, which were donated by several of the citizens, were presented by Mr. Silver.

A MUSICAL TREAT PROMISED

The second Recital to be given by members of the Faculty of the Acadia Seminary Conservatory of Music will be held in the Auditorium of the Baptist church Thursday evening, April 12, at 8.15 o'clock. The following artists will appear.—Miss Ruth White, Violinist; Miss Miriam Bancroft, Pianist; Miss Pearl Griffith, Reader; Mr. William Arthur Jones, Tenor; Mr. Carl D. Farnsworth, Accompanist. An exceptionally fine programme has been provided. The general admission fee has been placed at the popular price of Fifty cents. Reserve this evening.

A TRIP ACROSS CANADA

First of I. O. D. E. Lectures A Great Success

A large and representative audience assembled in the Opera House on Wednesday afternoon last to hear a lecture by Rev. H. G. Mellick, of Hantsport, on "A Trip Across Canada". The lecture was illustrated by over a hundred slides carefully selected and splendidly colored, and the descriptions given by Mr. Mellick, who spent eighteen years in the Canadian West, were instructive, eloquent and discriminating. With pictures of country and city, mountain and river, factory and farm, mine and cataract, public edifices and private dwellings, extending from Halifax to Vancouver, he reminded his auditors afresh of the varied resources, entrancing beauty and boundless opportunities afforded by our Canadian commonwealth.

The lecture was under the auspices of the Sir Robert Borden Chapter of the I. O. D. E. Mrs. H. W. Phinney, the Regent, presided and with her on the platform was the official Standard Bearer, Mrs. W. D. Withrow, while members of the order occupied specially reserved seats in the centre aisle. Mrs. Phinney in her opening remarks announced that this was the first of a series of lectures to be given under the auspices of the I. O. D. E., the object being to increase acquaintanceship with our own country, thereby developing a new appreciation of its resources and opportunities and fostering the patriotic spirit. That the first lecture had made its contribution to that end there could be no question by those who heard it. Musical selections were rendered by the Wolfville Band and a vocal solo by Mrs. Withrow, who is always heard with pleasure. Special mention should be made of the brilliant musical number by Vernon Graham (Piano), Gertrude Phinney (Violin) and Harold Phinney (Cornet).

The local Chapter of the I. O. D. E. is doing a splendid service to the community. In addition to the Dominion-wide activities, it is doing much more than most people know for the improvement of local conditions. It has provided a number of valuable prizes for the school and added several volumes to the library. It has supplied clothing to children in the lower grades who would otherwise be kept out of school. During the past year the Chapter has spent about \$800 in social service activities, including a generous contribution toward the support of the V. O. N. It has financed two throat clinics at the hospital, by means of which eight children have had their throats operated on free of charge. Through its activities two patients were sent to the sanatorium and a number of emergency cases treated and otherwise assisted. It is not surprising, therefore, that affairs under its auspices, such as Wednesday's lecture, should be generously patronized.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

THE ACADIAN of thirty years ago this date announces the appointment of Mr. E. S. Crawley as Stipendiary Magistrate for Wolfville, and in the minutes of the Town Council is noted his appointment as Recorder. At the same meeting Mr. William B. Hardwick was appointed Superintendent of Streets and Waterworks at a salary of \$200 per annum.

A local milkman's announcement in the same number offered milk for four cents per quart, and the price of flour was quoted at \$5.00 per barrel.

The first arrival from sea was reported on April 7th, the schooner "Sea Foam" from St. John.

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THE FINAL CURTAIN DROPS



Sara Bernhardt, the world's greatest tragedienne, died last week in Paris. She was not only an actress, but also a writer, an artist and sculptor. She was accorded a state funeral and was buried in a coffin which she purchased thirty years ago and in which she often slept. She was the idol of three generations, having been 61 years on the stage. As a girl she was forced on the stage against her wishes, as she wanted to become a nun.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

At the regular monthly meeting of the School Board which was held at the Council Chamber on Monday evening those present were Commissioners Eaton, Balcom and Phinney, with the former in the chair. Commissioner Vaughn has been seriously ill for the past few weeks and the condition of Dr. Barr's health makes his presence at the Board meetings of late rather uncertain. Very little business was transacted other than the payment of a few rather unimportant bills.

Messrs. Herbert Stairs and B. O. Davidson, representing the Children's Aid Society, were present and the former addressed the Board relative to a better enforcement in the town of the law making compulsory the attendance of all children at school. An interesting discussion took place with regard to school conditions generally. The present Board is apparently composed of men who realize the responsibility which rests upon them and inclined to take into serious account the welfare of the growing life under their care, as well as in the promotion of community interests in the large.

SOCIAL AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The congregational social held in the Lecture Room of the Baptist Church on the evening of March 29th was voted by all present a great success. The Social and Benevolent Society was in charge, the President, Mrs. Prescott, with Dr. and Mrs. MacDonald, and the Presidents of the various organizations, constituting the reception committee. Mrs. Cohoon and Mrs. Wheelock were in charge of the programme, the first part of which consisted in identifying the names of prominent members of the congregation from pictures and other devices suspended on cards around the wall. Two delightful solos were rendered, the one by Miss Marie Wilson and the other by Miss Evelyn Duncan. Mrs. Ford favored the gathering with a couple of readings, given in her very best style. Among the new families welcomed were Dr. and Mrs. Patterson, Dr. and Mrs. Hutchins, Rev. H. Y. and Mrs. Corey and Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hardy.

Refreshments were served in the Dining Hall, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

DEATH OF MRS. DORA DAKIN

The death of Mrs. Dora Dakin, wife of Mr. Thos. Dakin of this town, which occurred last Saturday, has aroused much sympathy with the family in their bereavement. The deceased, who had apparently fully recovered from her recent long illness for which she had been treated at Westwood Hospital or several months, and who had gone back to her household duties, was suddenly seized with heart failure last Friday night and passed away after a few hours of great suffering.

The funeral took place at St. John's Church, of which she was a member, on Sunday at 2 p. m. There was a large attendance testifying to the very general respect in which the deceased was held, many of our leading families being represented. The full service of the Church of England was used. The rector, Rev. R. F. Dixon, spoke warmly of the departed whom he had learned to respect and admire for her devotion to her family and her many good qualities. The service was concluded at the grave.

TOWN FATHERS

In their Capacity as Final Court of Appeal Hear Many Grievances—Wednesday Night Meeting a Unique One

The meeting of the Town Council on Wednesday evening was unusual in point of attendance and interest. At the appointed hour the Council Chamber was filled to capacity by a gathering of rate-payers such as never before seen at a similar gathering since the incorporation of Wolfville as a town thirty years ago. Those seeking admittance were so numerous and insistent that a petition was finally handed to the clerk requesting better accommodation and the meeting was adjourned to the Parish Hall, which had been previously put in readiness in case of such an emergency.

While this was the regular monthly session of the Council with its usual batch of routine business to be disposed of, Mayor Phinney, with the consent of the Council, decided to postpone this and proceed with the appeals of citizens from the recent action of the Appeal Board of the Council.

It must have been rather gratifying to the town Assessors, if present, to note that any mistakes which they might have been responsible for making were so over shadowed by their critics as to be scarcely worthy of mention. In all fifty-two appeals were heard although a goodly number of dissatisfied property owners who came to offer a protest were restrained from so doing by the evident unlikelihood of success.

The Council in most cases declined to interfere with the action of the Appeal Court, although a goodly number of changes were made which will materially reduce the total assessment. In other cases decisions were reserved until the adjourned meeting which was held last evening, but too late to enable us to give further particulars in this issue. The meeting had a number of interesting incidents but in general passed off good-naturedly although it cannot truthfully be said to the satisfaction of the majority of those present.

It was a late hour when the last appeal had been presented and approaching midnight when the meeting finally adjourned until 7 o'clock on Wednesday evening at the Council Chamber.

V. O. N. BRIDGE PARTY

The commodious home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stairs was generously thrown open to the V. O. N. on Tuesday evening for the purpose of an Auction Bridge party, the object being to raise money to augment the funds of that worthy institution. Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather conditions which prevailed there was a large attendance and a most enjoyable time was had. Twenty-one tables of players participated, assuring the financial success of the undertaking. At the close of the evening ice-cream and other refreshments were served. The prize winners were: Gentlemen, Mayor Phinney, first; Mr. G. H. Ruffee, second; ladies, Miss Ethel Hemmison, first; Mrs. J. E. Hales, second. Those responsible for the successful carrying out of the arrangements are to be congratulated on the result of their efforts.

A RECORD BREAKING WINTER

The following meteorological record for the month of March has been furnished THE ACADIAN by Dr. Coit, and will be found of interest. Viewed from many standpoints the winter—now about over, it is hoped—has been a phenomenal one. Sleighting began on December 6th, and with the exception of a slight intermission of five days from December 12th to 17th, has been continuous until the present time. During February and March the average temperature per day was nearly seven degrees colder than in a normal winter.

Max. Temperature	48.8
Min. Temperature	minus 6.8
Mean Temperature	23.1
Departure	minus 6.8
Rain fall	0.86
Snow fall	38.0
Total precipitation	4.66
Departure	plus 0.92
Max. Wind	S. W. 56 on 16th
Hours of Sunshine	147.9

Will the parties who are reported to have represented to the chairman of the Police Committee recently that the sentiment in Wolfville is not in favor of the enforcement of temperance law kindly hand their names to THE ACADIAN so that it may be ascertained whether they really constitute a majority of our citizens. Failing this, perhaps the chairman will himself furnish the names as the matter is one of public interest and deserves some attention.

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NOTICE!

To ALL persons whose RATES and TAXES are UNPAID on

April 16, A. D., 1923

At the last meeting of the Town Council the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas the outstanding accounts the Town of Wolfville amounts to an unreasonably large sum; Therefore resolved that immediate steps be taken for collection of said taxes and that all outstanding taxes unpaid on April 16, A. D. 1923 be collected by

WARRANT

By order
R. W. FORD, Town Clerk.