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## Acadia Suffers Severe Loss

### Main College Building Destroyed by Fire on Thursday Morning

College Hall, the main building of Acadia University, hallowed in the minds of hundreds of graduates and friends and for many years the pride of the Baptist denomination, was totally destroyed by fire early yesterday morning.

Shortly before midnight the blaze was discovered by one of the inmates of Rhodes Hall, and an alarm was at once given. The fire company quickly responded and located the fire in the center of the building. The whole basement was a mass of flames and it was soon seen that the building was doomed.

Dr. Cohoon, the devoted treasurer of the University, was one of the first on the scene and with the willing assistance of the students was able to save most of the contents of his office which was on the main floor at the west end of the building. Fearing that the vault might not withstand the intense heat Dr. Cohoon had all the valuable papers removed to a safe place. From Dr. Cullen's office also most of the valuable records were removed.

By 2:30 the walls had pretty well fallen in and the grand old building was a mass of ruins.

Fortunately there was no wind and the light rainfall made the adjacent buildings immune from danger. Had conditions been otherwise the whole town might have been wiped out.

A remarkable coincidence is that College Hall was burned on the anniversary of the similar fate of its predecessor. The old building, which was erected in 1838 was burned on December 2nd, 1877. The building just destroyed was begun in the summer of 1878 and finished the following year.

Many of the valuable contents of College Hall had been removed during recent years. When the new library building was completed the valuable collection of books was conveyed to the present fire-proof structure and some years ago the much-prized collection of minerals was transferred to Carnegie Science Building. The valued old portraits which formerly adorned the walls of College Hall were placed in the library some years ago.

That Acadia University is a well-organized institution, efficiently managed, is proven by the fact that the calamity of Thursday morning was not allowed to interfere with the routine of the class-work. The usual schedule was carried out yesterday and arrangements are completed to carry on as usual. Rooms in Rhodes Hall and the Science Building will be utilized for classes and if necessary additional accommodation will be provided in the new gymnasium. Dr. Cullen has been absent for some weeks in New York and Boston attending the meetings of the Alumni Association but the staff in charge were well able to grapple with the situation in his absence.

The loss to the University is a heavy one as the cost of re-building will be very great. The building destroyed would probably cost if erected today \$85,000, and was only insured for half that amount. There was about \$4,000 insurance on the contents which included the furnishings, fine pianos, the captured German airplanes, and a fine collection of stuffed birds the property of Mr. R. W. Puff.

Friends of Acadia will rally to her support and from the ashes of this misfortune will arise a new College Hall to grace "the hill".

## SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL

At the regular business meeting of the Social Service Council on Monday evening at the Council Chamber there was a forty good attendance considering numerous other attractions in town. Officers for the ensuing year were appointed as follows:

President—Miss Annie M. Stuart  
Vice-President—Mrs. E. Perry Brown  
Secretary—Dr. A. J. McKinnon  
Treasurer—Rev. W. H. Watts

The following were appointed on the executive: Rev. Dr. MacDonald, Rev. R. F. Dixon, Rev. G. W. Miller, Rev. W. H. Watts, Mrs. L. H. Moore, Mrs. A. H. Patterson, Mrs. E. J. Delaney, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Burpee, L. Bishop, Miss Eleanor Wood, Miss Clara Chisholm, B. O. Davidson, L. E. Shaw, Prof. Sutherland, Dr. Elliott, George L. Bishop.

Government control of the prices of Victory Bonds was removed this week and prices dropped to new low levels. It is expected however that the market will soon recover.

## Council Meeting

### Transacts Batch of Important Business

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday evening with the Mayor and all the Councilors present.

Reports for the various standing committees showed that little activity had been manifested during the month and that all the departments were going along smoothly. The statement of the chairman of the Finance Committee showed the overdraft at the bank to have reached rather alarming proportions but it was promised that this would be cut down materially during the present month by the collections of overdue taxes.

A petition was read from Mrs. R. E. Burgess, asking that a light be placed on Orchard avenue and it was decided that the request be granted.

Mr. C. M. Gormley made application for permission to use firearms in the town to destroy pests infesting his orchard and premises. This matter was referred to the License and Police Committee as was also the request of Mr. W. C. L. Baud for permission to open a reading-room and billiard parlor in town.

Permission was granted the Maritime Telephone and Telegraph Co. to cross the school property with the cable from Acadia street to Prospect street. The consideration is \$1.50 per year and the company is given permission to erect a pole and enter the grounds when necessary. Also to trim trees to protect their wire.

The following accounts were read and ordered to be paid:

Wood & Mahoney	74.90
E. J. Delaney	52.63
R. B. Blauvelt	10.00
H. Fitzgerald	1.00
Aubrey Dakin	5.75
Electric Commission	238.29
E. M. Parker	1.10
J. F. Calkin	8.30
E. A. Crawley	60.00
Flo. M. Harris	25.47
Wolfville Garage	22.00
McConnell & Westcott	14.58
Amherst Foundry Co.	33.66
Petty Cash	12.58
R. E. Harris & Sons	6.63
Thomas Foster	34.00
Burton Croft	12.00

Bills from the Barrett Co. and the D. A. R. amounting to \$64.00 and \$50.00 respectively, for demurrage on tank-car on the siding here were read and referred to a special committee as it was thought the charge was excessive in both instances.

A letter was read from Mr. A. McBay regarding the artesian well boring project, with a request that he be allowed to tender for the work. This whole matter will be taken up by the Water Committee in the near future.

The committee appointed to solicit for the fund for the G. W. V. A. rooms asked permission to pay over the amount collected which was granted with the understanding that a full report be given at next meeting of the Council.

## CAMBRIDGE NOTES

The annual Roll Call of the Cambridge Baptist church took place on Friday evening, Nov. 25th, according to appointment. Of the ninety-seven names on the Church book, fifty-two responded by letter or otherwise. The sum of seventy dollars was realized as a thank offering. The following programme was rendered, after which the ladies served a delicious hot supper (cafeteria style) to all present. 7:30 Devotional Services conducted by pastor.

7:45 Brief Reports from Officers and Committees.

Male Quartette Messrs. Murray, Mc Donald, Davis and Edwards.

8:10 Roll Call.

Solo—Miss Amy Prescott.

Scripture and Prayer.

Hymn—William DeWolfe and Prescott.

Hymn—"Break Thou the Bread of Life."

8:30 Address, Rev. Simon Spidle, B.D., L.L.D., Ph.D., of Acadia University.

Male Quartette—Acadia Engineers.

Roll Call Offering.

Solo—Miss Frances DeWolfe.

Refreshments.

Hymn—"Beast be the Tie That Binds."

Benedictions.

8:45 Mr. Camp was absent on Sunday. Prof. Whitman, of Acadia University, filled his church appointments. On Sunday next, Dec. 5th, Mr. Camp will deliver the second of his series of sermons on "Man", the subject being "Man the Rebel". There will also special music rendered by a quartette from Wolfville. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the service.

## To Subscribers

In order in some measure to meet the greatly increased costs of production The Acadian must fall in line with the course adopted by nearly all papers throughout Canada by increasing its subscription price. The price of paper is a serious one, being today more than three times that of a year or two ago with no probability of any decrease for several years.

Beginning with January 1st our subscription price will be \$2.00. Subscriptions or renewals offered to that date will be accepted at the old price of \$1.50.

## MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

The attendance at the Men's Bible Class in the Baptist church Sunday afternoon was nearly double that of the previous Sunday. "Criticism" was the theme suggested by the lesson and a very interesting discussion was held. At the close of the lesson the following officers were appointed: President, L. E. Shaw; First Vice-President, Paul Tingley; Second Vice-President, Prof. MacPhee; Secretary, Treasurer, A. E. Warren; Assistant Secretary, Ralph Smallman. Social programme, music and publicity committees were also appointed, and a minimum of 150 members was suggested as an objective.

Professor MacPhee stated that it was the desire not to encroach upon any church but to seek the co-operation of every denomination and that any man not attached to any other church and any man desiring the enjoyment of a profitable hour on Sunday afternoon was welcome to the class. It was agreed that with the aid of the Ladies' organizations, there would be held once a month a social gathering at which would be a speaker from the outside. It was deemed advisable—would give an address on some current topic of the day.

## NEWS OF THE BOY SCOUTS

A pleasant and profitable feature of the Boy Scouts' meeting every Friday night in their club room is the talk on some topic in which the boys are keenly interested, such as "Clean Sport," on which Dr. DeWolfe spoke two weeks ago, and "Clean Speech," or the "Tenth Scout Law," about which Dr. Elliott talked last Friday night. "A scout in purty in thought, in word, and in deed." The Doctor referred to the paths in the woods, which, after many "hikes," had become familiar to the boys, and showed how such paths had been made by the frequent tramping over them by people and animals. The brain within them was as truly marked by habits as were the fields and woods which they could see. The thought was formed in the brain and was instantly followed by the spoken word or action, or both word and action. It was most important that their thoughts be good ones and that they be helped by parents, scoutmasters and other friends to accustom themselves to right thinking, because it was the origin of good habit. They must be prepared always to guard against those who were not friends of the Boy Scout movement.

The room was packed and the boys showed their appreciation of the interesting talk by their hearty "three cheers and a tiger."

The club room has been very materially improved by the provision of a room for the "Tuxis", the carpentering and the painting having been efficiently done by Mr. Paul Tingley's Sunday School class in their evenings. A small billiard table has been installed in it and is already quite popular among the senior boys, some of whom have been quick in mastering the elementary principles of the science of the cue. Tournaments are being arranged to decide the championship of each parlor and then the champions will compete for the highest honor.

Not the least encouraging part of this Boys Welfare Movement is the large number of Tuxis Boys attending Acadia this year and whose cooperation is providing the valuable boxes brightening the prospects of meeting the demand for leaders in the immediate future. A grand Tuxis entertainment is now in rehearsal.

President Wilson has accepted the invitation of the League of Nations to act as mediator in the Armenian situation.

## Board of Trade

An interesting meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade was held at the Council Chamber on Wednesday afternoon with Mr. H. E. Calkin, Vice-president, in the chair in the absence of the president.

The secretary read a letter from the Department of Public Works, in answer to a letter from the Board, stating that a survey and estimate of the proposed harbor improvements at this port had been completed by the engineers. The secretary was instructed to lay the whole matter before the representative of the county, Sir Robert Borden, asking his assistance in securing the desired improvements.

The matter of the coming session of the Commissioners of Public Utilities on Friday morning came up. A committee composed of Messrs. J. E. Hales and B. G. Davidson was appointed to secure all necessary information and represent the interests of the Board before the Commission, the object being to secure the best possible rate for electric power for industrial purposes.

A number of interesting communications were read including a letter from representative farmers of Saskatchewan who are contemplating coming East seeking information concerning this section, with a view to locating here. The secretary and Messrs. Peck and Hiley were appointed a committee to make suitable reply.

The committee appointed to appear before the Town Council concerning the extension of the town's boundary line to the east, reported that they had met the Council which had reconsidered its former action and admitted that section to the town.

Mr. J. E. Hales gave considerable interesting information concerning the golf course being promoted by the Ken-Wo Country Club. He also urged that the government be asked to construct a tarmac street connecting the towns of Kentville and Wolfville, and showed that the amount collected in highway taxes from the two towns in addition to the amount collected from the motor-owners resident in Kentville and Wolfville would be sufficient to furnish the undertaking. Mr. Hales stated that at the present time 107 cars were owned in Kentville and 103 in Wolfville.

The Majestic Players presented the farce-comedy "Widow by Proxy" at the Opera House on Monday evening. The play was one of the best seen here for years and ought to have attracted a bigger house. Miss Edna Preston, as Gloria Grey, a bachelor maid, excelled herself and won golden opinion. The other parts were all well taken and the whole performance was most amusing and greatly enjoyed. When the Players next come to Wolfville, it is hoped there may not be so many other affairs to prevent a full house.

## Excellent Recital

The recital given by the pupils of Acadia Conservatory of Music and Fine Arts in the Seminary Chapel on Saturday evening was much enjoyed by those present. Every number of the following program was splendidly rendered:

Spaulding ..... Little Stranger  
Miss Muriel Cox (Wolfville, N. S.)  
Liaisonce, By the Waters of Minnetonka  
Miss Ruth Manning (Bridgewater, N. S.)  
Miss Mabel Pollard (Yokohama, Japan)  
Wollenhaupt ..... Etude, op. 22  
Miss Faye Haines (Freeport, N. S.)  
Reading ..... Selected  
Miss Ruth Pollard (Yokohama, Japan)  
Reinhold ..... Novellette, op. 23  
Miss Emma McKinnon (Springhill, N. S.)  
Haydn .....  
"My Mother bids me bind my hair"  
Miss Grace Hutter (Fredericton Jct., N.B.)  
Chopin ..... Valse E minor  
Miss Jean Creighton (Wolfville, N. S.)  
Lohr ..... Where my Caravan has Rested  
Miss Barbara MacNeill (Sydney, N. S.)  
Rachmanninoff ..... Prelude C sharp minor  
Miss Eileen Wilson (Fredericton, N. B.)  
Borowski ..... Adoration  
Miss Verne Thompson (Oxford, N. S.)  
Chopin ..... Valse C sharp minor  
Miss Hortense Griffin (Bridgetown, N.S.)  
Gounod ..... "Quando te lieta"  
Miss Mona Parsons (Wolfville, N. S.)  
Alberto Jonas ..... Toccato  
Miss Olive Purdy (Wolfville, N. S.)  
Faure ..... "Sancta Maria"  
SEMINARY GLEE CLUB  
Mrs. H. Gregory, Conductor  
GOD SAVE THE KING

## A CORRECTION

In last week's ACADIAN we stated that J. H. Gould, of Dartmouth, had secured second prize with his White Wyandottes at the Truro Poultry Show. We wish to correct that statement. We have since been informed that Mr. Gould made a clean sweep not only at Truro but also at Halifax and New Glasgow. At Truro he won 2nd and 3rd prizes on Cocks; 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th on Hens; and 2nd, 8th, 9th on Cockerels; and 2nd and 3rd, 9th on Pulletts. He also won the silver cup for the best display. At Halifax he won 1st, 2nd and 4th prizes on Cocks; first six prizes on Hens; 1st, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th on Cockerels; 2nd, 3rd, 4th on Pulletts; silver cup and all specials; 1st for old pen and 2nd for young pen. At New Glasgow he had very keen competition but won 1st and 2nd prizes on cocks; 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th on Hens; 1st, 6th on cockerels; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, on Pulletts; silver cup for best display, cup for best bird shown and all other specials. We congratulate Mr. Gould on his success.

More than sixty German merchants have arrived recently in Japan to solicit trade.

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