

In another column we give a brief account of a meeting held in Kentville to make arrangement for applying for the Provincial Exhibition in this County the present year. It is to be hoped that the application will be successful and that the Exhibition will be held here. We know that there are a few amongst us who make a practice of finding fault with the management of Exhibitions in this County and perhaps with some cause, and some who go further and oppose them altogether.

Exhibitions have become part of the times and we can no more afford to do without them than we can without railways, telegraphs, mowing machines, or any of the conveniences that modern ingenuity or science has given us, and this County should use every legitimate means to secure its full share. Since the last one, held in Kentville, Halifax and Truro have each had one, and other things being equal surely, our claim should be considered before either of those places.

The resolution to ask the Council to assume the responsibility is right, and although the agricultural societies may be the legitimate source for making the application, the Exhibition concerns all classes and is to all directly or indirectly a benefit, and it is only just that the County guarantee any loss that may occur, and not do as was done in the last instance allow private individuals to take the risk and when done hand over the proceeds, in that case about \$400, to the county.

An Exhibition in this County held at the proper time and properly conducted cannot fail of being a success, in the last one the receipts exceeded the expenditure about a thousand dollars, part of which was used to pay off debts incurred preparing the ground, building roads, etc., for the first one, and now with the increased railroad and steamer facilities there must be less chance of failure. If held early enough and properly advertised, and cheap excursion tickets issued from Boston, Bar Harbor etc., there would probably be a large number of Americans take advantage of the opportunity to visit the scene of "Evangeline."

If successful in their application we intend to keep an eye on the committee and give them useful hints as the occasion arises.

Mr. Murphy, the provincial engineer, officially visited the bridge at Port Williams on Saturday last. The following facts were communicated by him to the Secretary of the Wolfville Bridge Meeting.

The contract is for an iron bridge without draw to cost \$7,900 including planking. The total cost including repairs to piers and abutments will be under \$10,000. The extra cost for a swing draw would be, for iron work, \$1,800, for pier at least \$400 more. A draw would be very expensive to keep up as a wooden pier would not last more than four or five years, on account of the great weight of the iron machinery. The only way to deviate it would be to build of concrete or stone which is out of the question on account of the expense. The new bridge will be ready without fail by March 1st. The reason so few men are now employed is because the work is well forward and will be completed long before the required time.

We recently received a "special" copy of the "New York Family Story Paper," published by Norman L. Munro, of New York. Is this the man, the great philanthropist, who gives his thousands to educate the young whose name is in so many mouths as that of a public benefactor because of his liberal endowments in the cause of higher education? The same!

Oh, no! This is not the same by any means. Mr. George Munro, the publisher, who has given so largely toward the support of Dalhousie College, and Norman L. Munro are too entirely different persons. True George Munro has published a lot of trash in the Seaside Library and in his paper, *The Fireside Companion*, but he certainly is not the person mentioned in the *New Star*. As far as we can learn, Norman

L. Munro is a brother of George Munro and was for a time in his employ. He afterwards left and opened business on his own account in the same line on the same street and directly opposite. The numbers being for one, 17 to 27 Vandewater Street; the other, 14 and 16. The two men have been for years bitter rivals, Norman L. doing his best to out into George's business. Certainly such mistakes cannot injure the one or help the other; but in this age of enlightenment they are hardly necessary. While under the head of trash it would be well for all our newspapers to consider carefully what they publish on their first page and avoid as much as possible the style of "blood and thunder" literature so prevalent.

The question of closing the places of business in this village at 6 o'clock during the winter has been under consideration among some of our merchants for some time. Considering the very limited number who do any buying after that hour, it might be advisable in the score of economy of light and fuel; but that a satisfactory and honestly carried out arrangement we fear would be impossible among Wolfville merchants, judging by past experience.

A most villainous and dastardly outrage was perpetrated in the School house at Grand Pre last week.

It does seem a pity that no stop can be put to this sort of thing.

Why the place was left for some days after by the authorities before being cleared up is also a question difficult for the uninitiated to answer.

We have yet to learn of any steps being taken towards the discovery and arrest of the perpetrators of this act.

The subject of Taxation is now being discussed in an animated manner by all our rate-payers. We do hope something will come out of all this talk, more than mere words.

At present the system is villainous, and the sooner it is remedied the better.

The assessors have no pleasant or light work to perform. They have no choice in the matter and are doing their level best to make the matter right, but as the law now stands it is impossible to improve the state of affairs. The idea of a central county poor asylum is one of vital importance and should be kept constantly before the people till it is accomplished.

No sane man will for a moment argue that one farm cannot be operated cheaper and better than three and to better pecuniary advantage.

Meanwhile the ACADIAN will hold itself open for any thing that is in its power to bring about a better and more satisfactory way of conducting these things than that at present in use.

EXHIBITION.

A meeting of delegates from the various Agricultural Societies of the County was held in Kentville on Monday last to take the necessary steps for applying for the Gov't grant of \$4,000, and having the next Provincial Exhibition held in Kentville. As such applications are supposed to be made before the meeting of the executive of the Central Board of Agriculture, shortly to be held, action had to be taken at once and a committee consisting of members of the New Council, two from each Agricultural Society in the county, and a few others, were appointed to assume the responsibility and make the application, guaranteeing a prize list of not less than six thousand dollars. A resolution was passed that this committee meet in Kentville on Wednesday 14th inst., and then ask the Council to assume the responsibility of running the Exhibition and the county to receive any surplus there may be.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

For the *Acadian*.

MESSENGERS EDITORS.—Permit me to insert the following in connection with the defence of the Freshman students of Acadia College, who have been per-

sonalized and cajoled by some of the authors of a pamphlet called the *Athenaeum*. This pamphlet appears to be devoted to the interests of Acadia College, while at the same time it gives not only a careless but also a personal criticism of each young man of the Freshman Class. This *Athenaeum* had no right whatever to become degenerate by the use of such rude language, but if it did reflect much discredit upon itself, it is a matter of slight importance. Only this thought, that the unfairness of the outrage upon our young men, exceeds an ordinary degree of impudence, prompted us to stoop to a reply. It is evident that from the mistaken opinion that our Freshman students would not reply, forms the reason why they were ridiculed. Some of our Freshmen students, however, are not at all disposed to allow themselves to be personally criticised by those "wonderful intellectual experts," who make themselves ridiculous by spurning the ranks from which they have only lately arisen. One of our number at least considers it a pleasure to retaliate and for a pastime, will publicly and personally criticize that writer in return. We also give him a motto—"Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." We are pleased to state that none of our young men have taken offence at such common remarks. We might add that all the inconsistencies of the Freshman class combined would blush at the unfairness which prompted this criticism and further if we should so skillfully place our words so as to form an adequate description of the peculiarities and appearances of the writer who styles himself an editor, modesty would permit their utterance. It is within the limit of propriety to say that both are of such a cast as to betray a mind which naturally suggests itself in stooping to the degree that it has. Although the public admit that this glaring piece of impudence has justly merited all the contempt it deserves, yet we attribute it largely to want of experience. Trusting, however, that before this writer shall again attempt to personally criticize, that he shall learn to consult the rights of our young men rather than any depraved ideas of them, which form a useful lesson, and thanking you for space kindly given,

We remain respectfully yours,
Wolfville, Jan. 5 '85 FRESHMAN.

To the Editors of the *Acadian*.

SIRS:—The last issue of the *New Star* contains an editorial headed "Trash" in which the writer indulges in a tirade against sensational literature. A serious mistake, however, is made by not distinguishing Norman L. Munro, the publisher of the "Trash" alluded to, and Geo. Munro, "the great philanthropist." By supposing the publisher of the "Trash" and the "great philanthropist" to be one and the same person—a comparison is made decidedly to the disadvantage of the latter gentleman. The name of Geo. Munro both as a publisher in a respectable province of our literature and as an educational benefactor in our own Province had been too widespread, one would think, to admit of such a mis-application as this. Norman L., a brother of Geo. Munro, publishes the Lakeside Library—a class of publications, 'tis true, of a worthless nature. He (Norman L.) was formerly an underling in Geo. Munro's employ, but jealous of his success withdrew and commenced the publication of the before mentioned series of books. While few persons would regard the censure of the *New Star* as too severe upon the serial published by Norman L., many will condemn the writer of the article, referred to for the amount of ignorance displayed in saddling a respectable publisher with the obloquy due another. Trusting that the Editor of the *New Star* will have the courtesy to make the necessary correction and explanation, I am,
Yours, etc.,
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