

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., DEC. 7, 1888.

The Assessment.

Under the new assessment law the assessors for this county have met and completed their work and the assessment rolls for the year 1889 have been posted in the several wards. It now only remains for the board of revisors to equalize the assessment, which they are now engaged in doing.

From what we have been able to learn, their task will not be an easy one, as upon examination of the rolls as posted we find that great injustice has been done to some of the wards by the assessors for this year, or that they were wrongly assessed last year and years previous to it, as will appear from the following comparison of the assessment for the year 1888 and 1889 and succeeding table:

Table with 2 columns: Ward, Assessment 1888, Assessment 1889. Shows percentage changes for various wards.

It will be seen by the following table showing the increase and decrease of assessment in the different wards from the years 1884 to 1889 inclusive that the amount of assessable property has fluctuated greatly or that assessors have been much in error as to valuation:

Table with 2 columns: Ward, Assessment 1884, Assessment 1889. Shows absolute dollar changes for various wards.

Comparing Wards 1 and 2, and 8 and 9, we find a very great difference in the judgments of the assessors which we are unable to account for, as they were all instructed as to the meaning of the assessment act before entering upon their duties. To illustrate: We find in Ward 1 only three persons rated in respect to personal property to the amount of \$500 and upwards, not including stocks in trade, ships, or income, and of these three two of them were assessed for \$500 each and the other \$750. In Ward 2 we find twelve persons similarly assessed, amounting in the aggregate to \$7,025, or an average of about \$585 each. In Ward 8 we find forty-six persons similarly assessed, amounting in the aggregate to \$35,154, or an average of over \$764 each; and in Ward 9 there are thirty-two persons similarly assessed, amounting in the aggregate to \$20,305, or an average of over \$634 each. The total assessments of these four wards is as follows: Ward 1, \$515,155; Ward 2, \$659,075; Ward 8, \$873,173; Ward 9, \$425,414. In one district in Ward 8 (Long Island), covering an area of about one square mile of cultivated land and containing thirteen families, wholly engaged in farming, we find nine persons who are assessed for \$500 and upwards, amounting in the aggregate to \$7,101, or an average of \$859.33 each, which is more than four times greater than the combined personal property of all the farmers of Ward 1 who are assessed for \$500 and upwards, and more than the combined personal property of all the farmers of Ward 2 who are assessed for a like amount. If the assessors of wards 1, 2, 8, and 9 have made so mistakes in assessing their separate wards, then the farmers of Wards 8 and 9 must be very much more prosperous than those of Wards 1 and 2, and the opinion which generally prevails that Cornwallis is the garden of the Province must be exploded and the honor awarded to Horton.

Our Offer.

We have just made arrangements with the great agricultural weekly, Farm and Fireside, by which we have secured a real bargain for our readers, and we want every person in the county to have the benefit of it. Farm and Fireside is a large seven-column, four-page weekly, two pages being devoted to agricultural matters and two pages to stories by the best authors. It is well illustrated throughout and has a large circulation at its regular subscription price, 75 cents a year. By special contract with its publishers we are enabled to give the ACADIAN one year and the Farm and Fireside one year for only \$1.25 in advance. Just think! For only \$1.25 you get the best paper in the county and a large 28-column agricultural and story paper for a whole year!

Our readers must not confound this offer with those sometimes made of cheap American premium papers which sometimes succumb after a few months' publication. The Farm and Fireside is published by one of the strongest publishing houses in Canada, and we can guarantee to our subscribers a full year's subscription of 52 numbers. This offer is made to new subscribers only, and is not to be extended to old subscribers who pay up all arrearsages and a year in advance.

Collis Campusque.

The youthful spirits enlivening the eminence of learning are depressed by baleful harbingers of unavoidable ordeals menacing them in the near future. The autumnal period of the fourfold annual rotation constituting their sojourn there is now close upon its expiration, and woful forebodings in some breasts, attend the prospect of the approaching struggle in which pens, ink, and tablet with occasional pocket auxiliaries and some brains are the implements which must hew for their wielder a pass through the massive ramparts of unsparring interrogatory to the next stage of baccalaureate progress, or, failing, leave him baffled and disconsolate to rally as best he may his baffled forces for a later assault. To some fearful souls few objects are more direful and forbidding than an impending terminal, though to the credit of the genuine toiler be it said results seldom sustain his portentous misgivings. Steady, undeviating effort rarely falls short of its purpose—from which general law the seeker for culture and learning is by no means exempt, even though nature's endowments may be meagre and trivial. It is an oft-reiterated fact and so obvious as to have become almost a trite truism that the best-moulded and most versatile intellects are not always associated with the greatest success and influence acquired and exerted by mankind. Many a genius at birth becomes a cipher ere death, though still a genius. But to resume our observations on the alma maternal upland and its numerous tenantry. There is at present some stir especially among those who have but recently attained the dignity attaching to the latter half of collegiate life, in view of the approaching display of eloquence and erudition when the same elect number shall dispense learning to the multitude and sway the convictions of humanity. There is no apparent reason to predict anything but unqualified honor and resounding applause for the issues of their labors. The participants, whatever selection be made, are all persons of proletarian intelligence and many of them have already manifested eminent force and elegance of composition and effectiveness of address. No endeavor has been spared among them to render their productions abundantly deserving of presentation from the public platform. Intense intellectual strain, ream after ream of fool's and letter cap, a deluge of ink and oil, and perhaps a little profanity, have been expended in elucidating the various themes and doubtless important revelations relating to the momentous problems of the age may be expected. The coming event is also one of profound import to the more romantic and amatory temperaments; and amiable companionships for the occasion are fervently contemplated, notwithstanding the solid barrier of maturer and despic maidhood which must first be surmounted. Such sanguine souls trust that although the feminine pride of preceding years has flown, yet there survives within those almost impregnable walls sufficient spirit to co-operate successfully with the zeal of the assailants and so reduce their commander, firm and manly though terms. May they prevail.

The persevering steward and stewardess under whose willing exertions the larder and accommodations of the "silent" hall are maintained and kept in order, though still imperfectly initiated considering their brief practical experience, furnish slight cause for complaint. Some parties protest that the cold "beef steak" is rather adhesive, but we seriously suspect these dissatisfied persons have fingers to which attractive objects, particularly of an edible nature, are exceedingly liable to stick. So don't blame the steak, boys, and the next time you pave the retiring Junior's pathway with the platters, please do not fail to scrape the "gravy" off first, as one of these stately vessels clinging passionately to his slipper may be a highly decorative place, but as a polish for door-knobs, though some Seniors become strongly attached to it, it is not generally appreciated. Further later. V.

Methodist Church. We regret that Rev. P. C. L. Harris, the junior pastor of the Methodist church here, has been compelled to retire from active work for the present owing to ill-health. On Sunday evening last he preached his valedictory in this place. The church was well filled on the occasion, all the different denominations being represented. The Rev. gentleman took as his subject 1 Cor. 15:57, from which he preached a telling sermon, holding the close attention of his audience. At the close he referred to his work here and the sorrow he felt at being compelled to leave it. The choir, which has been considerably improved and strengthened of late by the introduction of the cornet and bass-viol, furnished excellent music, which was greatly enjoyed. Mr Harris has gained many warm friends during his sojourn among us and much regret is felt at his being compelled to leave before the expiration of his term. He will be succeeded here by Rev. G. F. Day, whose health has so far recovered as to enable him to again enter the active work of the ministry. Mr Day's some especially qualified for the position and we congratulate the Methodists of this place in having him to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr Harris.

White Rock Mills. Mr Robert Kehoe met with a serious accident on Friday last. He was in the act of cutting the edge of a short piece of board with a hatchet and had occasion to look over the top of the board at the straight line on the other side. At the same time he made a stroke with the hatchet, and the end of the handle struck and struck his throat, severing a vein. Dr Bowles was immediately summoned by telephone from Wolfville. Before the arrival of the Dr a good deal of blood had escaped. The main artery lay next to the severed vein. A merciful providence saved the life of Mr Kehoe for which we are thankful.

Something From Life.

Jedediah Durkee was very rough with his boys. I suppose it was the result of his early training; he was brought up on the doctrine that growing boys absolutely need from twelve to sixteen hours of hard work daily, to keep in check exuberant animal spirits, enlivened, at the slightest provocation, with plentiful applications of the gal. John, the oldest boy, endured the apprenticeship with comparative meekness until he was old enough to hit back, and then suddenly left the farm for good and all. When young Jed came to be about fifteen years of age, he also began to meditate an escape from the paternal roof, and the paternal horse-whip. One evening late in November as the old gentleman was arranging the fire for the night, young Jed came in from a run down town, and was met at the threshold with sharp, angry words from his father for not stopping at home evenings. The boy answered back and there was a stormy and disgraceful scene, from which Jed made an excited exit out the door with stinging shoulders, and the rough command in his ears, to "bring in a baglog, and be mighty quick about it!" Jed went out into the November night with fire in his eye and bitterness in his heart, and for sixteen years no word was received from him. It was known that an American banking schooner had called at the wharf a few hours that evening, and the good people of Yarmouth surmised that Jed had taken passage aboard of her. About Christmas sixteen years after the scene described above, a tall, finely-built man might have been seen peering into the living room of the old Durkee homestead through a rent in the blind over the west window. Old Jedediah Durkee was just raking over the coals in the big old-fashioned fireplace preparatory to putting on the baglog for the night, when suddenly the door opened and in walked the manly form of Jed, handsome, but well dressed and handsomely, who throwing a huge block of wood on the fire, remarked, "There is your baglog, father." The old man slowly raised himself to an erect position, and taking in the situation, determined not to appear surprised, and in as ugly tones as he could command, which is saying a good deal, he said: "Jed! you lazy scoundrel! you have been in a long time getting it, take the candle and go to bed!"

A GOOD STORY ON HON. L. E. BAKER. The time of the gold excitement in Yarmouth about five years ago, one day a seely, green-looking Frenchman lounged into the watch-making establishment of a friend of Mr Baker, and asked the jeweller to examine a couple of pieces of quartz which he laid on the show-case. The genial watch-repairer complied with the man's request and soon found that the rock was chock full of the pure mineral. "How did you get hold of these?" he cautiously inquired. "Oh," said the green-looking individual, "I just picked them up down here in a field." The jeweller's eyes began to brighten. He excused himself a moment, and, going to the door, gave a boy ten cents to run up to Mr Baker's as fast as "his legs could carry him," and ask him to come down immediately; and then coming back to the counter, engaged the Frenchman in such earnest conversation about watches that he couldn't get away. In a short time Mr B. stepped in, examined the specimens, thought they looked genuine, listened to the Frenchman's story, then hurried him off up to his mansion on Beacon Hill. After some parleying he succeeded in bringing the man to terms,—he was to receive \$400 down, and was to stop close at the Baker mansion until Mr B. could go to Halifax and take out a lease of the land on which the quartz was said to have been found. Mr Baker rushed off to Halifax, consulted Dr Honeyman, who pronounced the specimens of quartz exceedingly rich, and took out a lease for a certain field, just at the lower end of Yarmouth town, for the purpose of mining gold.

The next week notices appeared in the local papers to the effect that Hon. L. E. Baker had stumbled on a gold mine of incalculable value. But the story is not complete until it is told that no trace of rock resembling the Frenchman's specimens could be found, by the best mining experts, anywhere within miles of the town, and also that having over a week, the green, seely, child-like-looking individual who started all the fun, quietly and suddenly dropped out of sight. The question that for a long occupied and, for aught I know, still occupies the mind of Mr Baker, is—Where did that Frenchman get the quartz? and the kindred question—Where is that Frenchman these days, anyhow? Yarmouth, Nov. 26.

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Municipal Council.

Municipal Councillors are notified to attend Council on the second Tuesday, the 8th of January next, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at the Court House, Kentville. By Order L. DeV. Chipman, Clerk of Council. Kentville, Dec. 6th, 1888.

Frost-Proof Storage.

Two to four thousand bbls frost-proof storage at reasonable rates, by J. A. Chipman & Co. Head of Central Wharf, Halifax, N. S.

ONE FACT.

It is a fact established by the testimony of thousands that

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DOCK BLOOD PURIFIER

Put up from the recipe of an old experienced doctor of forty years practice in the United States has made more cures in this county of Dyspepsia, Headaches, Boils, Pimples, Scrofula, Rheumatism, Colds, Coughs, when first attacked, Live and Kidney Complaints, than any other medicine now selling in this province.

If You Want Medicine.

Don't be put off with something else that will do you no good, but ask for Dr Norton's Dock Blood Purifier, and increase the dose as it suits the stomach, and we guarantee it will relieve or cure you of all diseases arising from an impure state of the blood. For sale by all druggists and dealers in medicine.

ALL KINDS of Plain and Fancy PRINTING done at short notice at this office. A Large Stock of Bill Heads, Letter Heads, Note Heads, Statements, Shipping Cards, Shipping Tags, Business Cards, Visiting Cards, Envelopes, &c., &c., always on hand.

"Dairy Prince."

This handsome and highly bred Ayrshire Bull will stand at his owner's stable, Wolfville, for stock purposes, for the sum of \$1, at time of service.

FRIGIDURE: "DAIRY PRINCE" was dropped Oct. 21st, 1887, and was sired by a thoroughbred Ayrshire of a good milking family, formerly owned by J. I. Brown, with a milk record of 55 lb per day on grass, and a butter record of 15 lb on hay. "Devon Queen" was awarded first prize at the late Provincial Exhibition at Truro, and was sold for \$100 to Page Bros., of Amherst. This great breed has been kept in Lunenburg county for generations for their extraordinary milk producing qualities. C. W. Fitch, Wolfville, Dec. 5th, 1888. 3 mos

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Dressmaking!

Miss Taylor, Dress Maker, Has removed her rooms to the residence of Mr J. L. Murphy, where she will be pleased to attend to the wants of her customers as formerly. Wolfville, Sept. 6th 1888.

ONE CARLOAD

No. 1 & No. 2 Berwick Shingles. ALSO, A small lot each of No. 1 Pine and No. 1 Rived Shingles. For sale by WALTER BROWN. Wolfville, Nov. 19th, 1888.

XMAS IS COMING!

And Rockwell & Co. have just opened the finest assortment of Xmas & fancy goods ever shown here.

OUR STOCK OF

Silverware, Plush and Leather Goods, Photo and Auto Albums, Photograph Frames, Novelties, Bound Books, Children's Books, &c., &c., is extremely fine.

We would call special attention to our immense stock of

Fancy Chinaware, Cups and Saucers, Mugs, Vases, &c.

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In new designs. All styles and prices, at the Wolfville Bookstore. Wolfville, Dec. 5th, 1888.

LEWIS RICE, Photographer,

WINDSOR and WOLFVILLE, N. S. Photos. make the most appropriate Xmas and New Year Presents. At Wolfville one week each month beginning first Monday. Nov. 5th to 10th; Dec. 3d to 8th. Appointments made for sittings personally or by mail if possible. Lewis Rice.

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Announces his Fall and Winter stock Complete.

Particular attention is called to his large stock of

ENGLISH WORSTEDS, PANTINGS, SCOTCH TWEEDS, CANADIAN TWEEDS & NOVA SCOTIA CLOTHS.

EXTRA VALUES in Ladies' Fur and Astrichan Capes, Jersey and Curl Jackets.

EXTRA VALUES in Men's Underclothing and Top Shirts.

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LATEST STYLES in FALL AND WINTER MILLINERY.

WANTED, GOOD TABLE BUTTER, EGGS, DRIED APPLES & YARN.

Store closed every evening at 8 o'clock, except Saturday.

Wolfville, Oct. 26th, 1888

Port Williams House.

We are showing a choice range of Ladies' Dress Goods from 10c upward. Ladies' Ulster Cloths! Good patterns and close figures.

Grey Flannels!

At figures not to be beaten.

CLOTHING!

In Suits and Overcoats that command a sale not only for low prices but also extra cuts.

Knit Goods!

In Shirts and Drawers at startling low prices.

Boots and Shoes!

Solid Stock and Low Prices.

RUBBER GOODS!

We carry only American goods and warrant them. Ladies' and Men's Over-boots as well.

HORSE BLANKETS FROM 65c

A call will convince all as to our low prices and square dealings.

CHASE, CAMPBELL & CO.,

Port Williams, Oct. 18th, '88.

FOR BOSTON VIA THE PALACE STEAMERS

OF THE INTERNATIONAL S. S. CO.

Commencing Monday, October 1st.

A STEAMER leaves St John for Boston, via Eastport and Portland, every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY mornings, at 7:25, eastern standard time.

A Steamer will leave Annapolis every THURSDAY, after arrival of W. & A. Railway Express, for

Boston Direct,

Having large freight capacity and first-class passenger accommodation. No horses or cattle taken on the steamers.

All Ticket Agents sell tickets by these Popular Lines.

St John & Minas Basin Route.

STEAMERS OF THIS ROUTE Will sail as follows during the Month of NOVEMBER.

Leave Hantsport for Parrsboro Village—Monday 5, 10 30 a m; Monday 12, 5 10 a m; Monday 19, 10 10 a m; Monday 26, 4 00 a m.

Parrsboro Village for Hantsport—Tuesday 6, 12 20 p m; Tuesday 13, 6 30 a m; Tuesday 20, 11 40 a m; Tuesday 27, 5 30 a m.

Wolfville for Parrsboro Pier, calling at Kingsport—Monday 5, 12 30 p m; Monday 12, 6 40 a m; Monday 19, 11 30 a m; Thursday 29, 6 30 a m.

Parrsboro Pier for Wolfville, calling at Kingsport—Tuesday 6, 10 50 a m; Tuesday 13, 5 00 a m; Tuesday 20, 9 30 a m; Thursday 29, 5 10 a m.

Windsor for P. Pier calling at Hantsport and Kingsport—Wednesday 14, 7 20 a m.

Windsor 19 P. Pier calling at Hantsport—Thursday 1, 9 20 a m; Wednesday 7, 1 50 p m; Thursday 8, 4 10 p m; Thursday 15th, 9 20 a m; Wednesday 21, 12 40 p m; Thursday 22, 2 30 p m; Wednesday 28, 7 15 a m.

P. Pier for Windsor calling at Kingsport and Hantsport—Friday 4, 7 10 a m; Friday 16, 6 40 a m; Friday 23, 12 15 p m.

P. Pier for Windsor calling at Hantsport—Thursday 1, 6 20 a m; Thursday 8th, 1 00 p m; Friday 9th, 1 45 p m; Thursday 15th, 1 00 a m; Thursday 22, 11 30 a m; Friday 30th, 6 10 a m.

Steamer "HIAWATHA" Will leave Hantsport for St John, Wednesday 7th, 1 30 p m and Wednesday 21st, 12 10 p m. Leave Mattland for St John, Wednesday 14, 8 10 a m. Returning will leave St John every Thursday evening.

Will call at Spencer's Island going and coming from St John, weather permitting. Through freight taken from St John for Parrsboro, Kingsport, Wolfville, Annapolis, Hantsport, Avonville and Windsor.

Steamer "ACADIA" will leave Windsor every Wednesday to connect with Hiawatha at Parrsboro for St John, also connect at Parrsboro for Windsor on her return.

FARES:—Windsor, Hantsport, Kingsport, Mattland and Parrsboro Pier for St John, \$2.75; Return, \$4.50. Children under 12 years half price. Three hours added to time of leaving Hantsport or Mattland will give time of leaving Parrsboro for St John. Boats run on Halifax time.

E. CHURCHILL & SONS Hantsport, November 1st, 1888