

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., AUG. 4, 1893.

Church Goers.

George Johnson, Dominion Statistician, has called from the census returns some interesting information about church-goers in Canada. He states that 10,480 churches exist throughout the land...

Agricultural.

The agricultural returns from the last census have not been sent out in the bulletin, but some information has been given in the excellent year book just issued by the Dominion Statistician...

Between 1880 and 1890 there has been in Canada an increase in wheat area from 2,342,356 acres to 2,723,861. The gain is 381,505 acres. But Manitoba alone gained 845,317 acres, and the territory 108,133 acres.

The acres in barley, oats, rye and beans are not given in the year book. There could be no basis of comparison because the area was not taken in 1881.

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Unfortunately the census can give no particulars as to the quality of the stock, which of course has greatly improved.

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Special Meeting of County Council.

A special meeting of the County Council convened at 10 o'clock on Monday morning, at the Court House, Kentville, to take into consideration the amalgamation of the three poor districts of King's county.

Councillor Curry in detailing the circumstances which had led to the calling of the meeting, stated that the Horton overseers and the committee of Councilors appointed to act with them were taking steps to carry out the instructions of the council, as its previous meeting, to erect a poor house in that district.

Councillor Bishop stated that, if not interfered with the committee would have a comfortable building ready for occupation before winter.

Councillor Reid stated that the barn had already been completed at a cost of \$300.

Warden Roscoe in answer to enquiry said that he thought changes in the Towns Incorporation Act which would secure the co-operation of Kentville and Wolfville, could be more easily obtained after the township is isolated.

Councillor Balcom stated that in Annapolis county 15 of the barnless inmates are being cared for among their friends, and that \$2000 was sufficient to meet the expense of caring for the poor in that county.

Councillor Curry wished to give forth no uncertain sound. He was in favor of amalgamation of the institutions into one, but of no half way measures.

The clerk read a statement sent to the Warden by Mr. A. McN. Patterson, giving an account of the working of such Poor Farms in Annapolis and Yarmouth counties.

Councillor Balcom was strongly opposed to amalgamation, especially until the towns of Wolfville and Kentville give a guarantee that they will carry their full share of the expense in the maintenance of the Poor.

By vote of the council Mr. A. McN. Patterson addressed the council. He said that the Attorney-General had told him that the barnless inmates were being gradually removed from the Provincial Asylum and cared for by the counties to which they belong.

Councillor Balcom insisted that the change advocated would be too sweeping for us to adopt at present.

Councillor Bishop defended the conduct of the Horton Poor House against the imputation of bad management and depreciation of the land which care should be bestowed upon the poor.

Councillor Lyons expressed himself in a similar way in reference to the Cornwallis farm.

Councillors Morse and Kinsman said that the poor house in Cornwallis was very unfit for the purpose.

Councillor Rand said that he could see reasons for and against the proposed amalgamation. He would like to get a clear idea how the Central Poor Farm was to be managed before he gave a definite expression.

Dr. Borden, by vote of the council, was asked to give his views. He disclaimed having made a study of the question. He was, however, in favor of the general principle of centralization.

J. B. North, Esq., was also by vote invited to address the council. He had in his possession some information relating to the care of the poor in West Hants composed of four townships.

The Clerk read a letter handed him by Mr. North, which explained somewhat in detail the method of conducting the poor house in West Hants.

Moved by Councillor Curry, seconded by Councillor Morse, that the three poor districts of this municipality form and constitute one poor district and that suitable buildings be provided by the municipality for keeping the Poor and Harmsless Inmates.

Warden Roscoe stated that he had no extreme views on the subject. He was only anxious that the very best thing could be done. If the present poor farms were saleable the change proposed would involve but little loss.

Councillor Morse deprecated strongly the idea that each Councillor should take

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only the narrow which the special interests of his particular ward or district would prescribe. Each should look at the interests of the county at large.

Councillor Bishop maintained that, in the central institutions of other counties which had been cited, the number of inmates did not exceed the numbers in the respective poor houses of Horton and Cornwallis.

Councillor Curry expressed the surprise with which he had learned how far the Horton Overseers and Councilors had gone in carrying out previous authorization of the council, notwithstanding that special meeting had been called for the purpose of reconsideration.

Moved in amendment by Councillor Balcom seconded by Lyons that the council take no vote upon the question of amalgamation until a change is made in the law which will give assurance that the incorporated towns shall equally contribute with the rest of the county in the support of the Poor.

On the amendment—For, Steels, Lyons, Bishop, Reid, Balcom, Gauld, Harris.

Against—Rand, Kinsman, Morse, Patterson, Anderson, Curry, Pines, Cook.

Motion adopted by same vote. The council met in afternoon session at 2 o'clock. Notice of reconsideration of vote passed in the morning session was tabled by Councillors Lyons and Harris.

Councillor Curry protested against the notice of consideration on the ground that it would involve the whole matter in uncertainty. Councillor Bishop thought the resolution as passed did not prohibit the continuation of the three poor farms, under the management of the united Poor District.

Councillor Lyons suggested that a committee be appointed to obtain information relative to a procurable site, estimates of building and the like, to report at the January meeting.

Moved by Councillor Morse and seconded by Cook, that a committee of five be appointed to select a site for a Central Poor Farm and to procure plans, specifications and estimates for buildings necessary to house the poor and harmless inmates of the county and to report at the January term.

Motion passed. In pursuance of the above resolution Councillors Rand, Harris, Morse, Bishop and Reid were appointed to act as the committee.

Moved by Councillors Curry and Anderson and passed: That the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Council authorizing the overseers of the poor in Horton to build an Almshouse be repealed.

Adjourned. Donahoe's Magazine for August.

"To strike the iron while it is hot" seems to be the moving impulse of Donahoe's Magazine. While its general appearance is artistic, its articles well written, and its make-up attractive, its leading features never fail to anticipate topics that will dominate the public mind during the month following its publication.

The Bering Sea arbitration have decided in favor of Great Britain in every point at issue in the dispute, jurisdiction, prioratish, etc.

This is announced by a special despatch to Fall Mail Gazette from Paris. This decision, the despatch further says, does not recognize United States claim to jurisdiction in the Bering Sea based on Russian rights. It also decides that the United States alleged right to property in the seals does not exist in law or fact.

The judgment of the arbitrators was unanimous in all points save one, when the two United States arbitrators alone dissented. This decision, which is apparently authentic, will be made public, the Gazette says, in a fortnight. Meanwhile the arbitrators having thus disposed of the disputed points are devoting time and attention to question of regulations to be established for the proper protection and preservation for Bering Sea seals.

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