

# THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., AUG. 21, 1914.

## Editorial Notes.

The federal parliament met on Tuesday of this week to make provision for Canada's part in the war. It is understood that a vote of \$50,000,000 will be made. Leaders of both parties unite in vindicating the justice of Britain's cause.

The censorship on war news which exists, while undoubtedly a very wise move, is causing unscrupulous newspapers, eager to satisfy the public thirst for news, to publish the flimsiest war rumors of imaginary victories and reverses. We must learn to possess ourselves in patience for the real news which will come some of these days. May it be good news, and indicate that the horrors of war will not be of long duration.

The Panama Canal was opened to commerce on Saturday. The steamer Ancon was the first vessel to pass through, gallily decorated, the flags of all nations hoisted to mark the international aspect of the occasion. Four merchantmen and one yacht passed through the canal on Sunday. Two more ships went through on Monday and the Peruvian torpedo boat Tonista Rodriguez passed through on Tuesday. This was the first naval vessel to use the Canal.

## Wolfville Subscriptions to Hospital Ship.

The women of Wolfville and vicinity met at the Opera House last week at the request of Lady Townshend, acting for Mrs. MacGregor, wife of the Lieut. Governor, to arrange for the collection of funds for the hospital ship to be given by the women of Canada.

Collectors were appointed whose names with the amount collected are given below by which it will be seen that \$430.00 were contributed—a very liberal amount considering the short time given to collect.

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Y. W. C. T. U., Wolfville	13.00

The following acknowledgment has been received from the Treasurer, Halifax:

DEAR LADY TOWNSHEND,—Mrs. MacGregor and the Committee desire to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of \$430 from the Royal Bank, Wolfville, being the kind contribution of the ladies of Wolfville and vicinity for the Hospital Ship Fund.

Yours faithfully,  
H. A. FLEMING,  
Treasurer.

## The Caterpillar.

The caterpillar invasion, which has been such a pest and so destructive to the fruit and ornamental trees in this region for the past few years, is likely to pass away very soon. The writer examined many of the cocoons soon after their formation to note developments from day to day in the transformation from the worm to the butterfly shape. But an arrest in the normal development was observed. Instead of the moth or miller, the natural product, a new species of grub or worm was noticed in about 75 per cent. of the cocoons examined. This evidenced a new departure in this order of life. It might mean the arrival of an enemy that would exterminate the caterpillar foe. Wanting to get authoritative information on the subject, the writer sent a number of cocoons to the Entomological Department of the Experimental Farm, Ottawa. Its response Professor Sewaine, assistant Entomologist, sent me the following information which may be of interest to many readers of THE ACADIAN.

These are cocoons of the tent caterpillar. They are all heavily parasitized, although no parasites have yet appeared from these cocoons so far as I can notice. Small parasitic four-winged flies deposit their eggs on the caterpillar, or in a slit in the skin. These eggs hatch into tiny grubs which feed upon the juices of the caterpillar and eventually destroy it. The parasitic larvae later emerge from the dead caterpillar and develop into the original parasitic flies. These were very likely the worms to which you refer. Such parasites of the tent caterpillar are entirely new and have never before been reported in this section.

We wish nature would take in hand the potato bug and the canker worm and some other pests that cause the farmers of this valley much annoyance and loss and effect their destruction. We wish some quick way to see the caterpillar.

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## The Naval Situation of Today, or the Struggle for Naval Supremacy.

We regret that want of space last week compelled us to hold over a more detailed account of one of the most valuable and instructive addresses that has ever been delivered in Wolfville. We allude to that given by Lieut. C. Hoyant, R. N., in the Opera House on the 10th inst. He divided his subject into two sections. The speaker first dealt with the ships and men of the Royal Navy, illustrated by one hundred slides. The explanations given of the sources from which the many curious terms in use in the Royal Navy emanated, and the many humorous anecdotes related were highly appreciated. We quote one as an example of many: 'One day a sailor with a very brilliant hue on his nasal organ, was admiring a dummy placed in the window of a dressmaker's shop, when a little girl came out from the shop and looking up to his face smiling said: Oh, please sir, come into this shop with me just for a minute, taking him by the hand. 'Certainly my little dear,' said the sailor. On arriving at the counter the little one said, 'There, Miss, that's what my mummy wants, a yard of ribbon just the color of this gentleman's nose.' The life of the British sailor was shown in all its phases from Sunday morning to Saturday night, and as a Naval Brigade, especially in South Africa, with the various episodes connected with the 47 guns.

The second section dealt with the naval situation of today. The subject was dealt with in an imperial sense, being entirely non-political, as the Lieutenant stated, his object was to place before the people of Canada a plain statement of facts in connection with the naval situation, independent of all political bias, saying he left the matter in the hands of his audience for each to judge as to the merits or demerits of the question.

The necessity for Great Britain maintaining her 'Supremacy on the Seas' was clearly and forcibly demonstrated, as was also the necessity for the assistance of Canada and the most efficient manner in which that assistance could be rendered. As showing the importance of our trade routes, he stated that at any moment day or night, the people of the British Empire have at sea, wealth to the estimated value of about \$1,500,000,000 whilst the sea-borne imports and exports for Canada alone amounted approximately to \$330,000,000 per annum. He asked us to ponder well those amounts and see what we have at stake and ask ourselves whether the protection of our trade routes and commerce was not a vital question. He informed us that there are now fourteen countries possessing altogether 104 dreadnoughts. Then to give an idea of a century's change in naval material and naval architecture he stated that the 27 ships composing Lord Nelson's fleet at the Battle of Trafalgar cost \$6,500,000 with 2184 guns, whilst the 'Orion,' one of our largest super-dreadnoughts, cost \$9,000,000, so that one battleship of the present day cost about 50 per cent more than the whole of Nelson's fleet at Trafalgar, and whilst each one of the 155 guns of the 'Orion' fired a shell weighing 1250 pounds the whole broadside of 100 guns of the 'Victory' only weighed 1160 pounds. The whole address was teeming with such valuable information as the above. He was very strong on the question of 'Imperial Unity,' proving that imperial unity meant greater efficiency, pointing out how Canadian ships, as being separate from the British Navy, might be treated by the enemy as privateers and their crews as pirates, all of whom would suffer death if captured.

In dealing with the question of contribution he said, there was an important item in connection with that question that appeared to be forgotten altogether, viz., 'The Cost of Maintenance.' After a ship is built a certain sum has to be appropriated annually to maintain her in perfect readiness for war at any moment. The annual average cost of maintenance of a battleship is about 900,000 dollars in England, but in Canada it would cost \$1,000,000, so that after we had built our battleships at a cost of 50 per cent more than if they had been built in England, it would cost Canada that amount annually to maintain each ship, which would not be the case if they formed part of the British fleet.

In justice to the lecturer we cannot go into further details of the various headings under which he divided his address; it must be heard to be fully appreciated. Suffice it is to say that the authentic information given, throughout the whole of the address, was so comprehensive and enlightening that it came as a surprise to most of us who were present, who had never heard this the most interesting subject of the day handled in such a masterly way. By the aid of a large naval war map prepared by the Lieutenant we were instructed as to the positions of the various divisions of our fleets and their respective bases. We have since heard from all quarters most complimentary references to the address. The Lieutenant is to be congratulated on his successful efforts to give the people of Wolfville such an insight into naval matters at this critical point in the history of the British Empire.

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### The Cemetery Fence.

To the EDITOR OF THE ACADIAN:

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Now, Mr. Editor, is there any necessity for building a fence or wall on the front? I contend there is not. There are a large number of reasons why it is better not to build a fence there, but will take space for only a few.

If there is a fence there, there will have to be a gate and a lock and keys to the committee mentioned. But the town has no right to exclude those who have lost their loved ones who wish to visit the graves of relatives buried there. It will surely make it very inconvenient and almost impossible for such to get in and if they get in they would likely get locked in.

It is the opinion of many that such a wall should not be built; it is quite unnecessary. The writer has diligently enquired but has failed to learn that anyone has done any injury to the cemetery or anything in it. A high wall is built either the sidewalk will have to be made wider or that beautiful row of magnificent and stately locust trees will have to be cut. Doubtless in the near future the sidewalk will need to be widened there.

A few years ago a prominent citizen wanted to have these trees cut down, but fortunately he moved out west where he won't have the privilege of seeing any such beautiful trees. A Beach? \$8.00 per week for board and Special rates for families and for life to a grove of skunk spruce bushes.

For a number of years this place has been a favorite resort for the laboring man to rest in the evening on the grass after the labors of the day were ended. Why not construct a few seats under these trees to accommodate these men and the public generally. They would appreciate it and be grateful for it. In the writer's opinion there is not a more suitable place in the town owing to its situation. There was a time when the laborer could loaf in the stripes and saloons in the evenings. Now there is no such place. I am authorized by a man to state, that he is able and willing to construct suitable seats gratis just as soon as the authorities give permission.

In many respects the laboring man is the most desirable man of a community. What could we do without him? A community could better do without the professional man or the merchant, than the manual laborer. For one reason they have larger families and they spend more money for the necessities of life in the place where they live than any other class, but generally have nothing left over for luxuries. A merchant in a mining town in Nova Scotia, who owned a large general store, (he didn't sell liquor) said that several families spent \$60 a month at his store alone, and yet he is despised and rejected by many, even in Wolfville. Evidently he was appreciated at his true value by the wise and noble men who conceived and brought to a successful issue the present public school system.

Thanking you, dear editor, for space for these lines, I am  
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Dismissal of E. M. Beckwith.

To the EDITOR OF THE ACADIAN:

Pardon me, Mr. Editor, for taking a little more space to four papers. Mr. Beckwith has admitted in his last letter that he did buy and sell Wilson's Invalid Port Wine, just as did the young man that he fired, but he does not mention buying it personally in a certain bar room in Halifax. He says it was for my patient, but as I did not prescribe it, his excuse is lame. He makes one statement that might seem to a thoughtful person a point, namely, 'that the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia had made a decision lately that had been set aside by the Privy Council, but that nevertheless the judges of the Supreme Court had not been dismissed.' In this case, however, the Privy Council did not condemn the judges of Nova Scotia, and say that they were unfit for office, nor that such justice as they dispensed could not be found in any other civilized country. This, however, the judges did say in the case of H. M. Beckwith.

I will not reply to the remainder of his silly drivel, as I know that no intelligent reader would expect it. With apologies for consuming your valuable space, which you may attribute to Mr. Beckwith's friends, I am  
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