

# TOWN OF WOLFVILLE

## Annual Report For 1923

### REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

(Continued from last issue.)

As worked out in Wolfville, the office includes that of Superintendent of Streets, Water, Sewers and Electric Commission and Building Inspector. By resolution of Council, the Town Manager is also responsible for the duties of the Chairman of the different standing committees of the Council, and works in conjunction with each Committee.

To those not familiar with the history of town manager government it will be of interest to know that in the United States, beginning with the first appointment in the city of Staunton, Virginia, in 1808, the number of towns and cities operating under this system increased to 317 at the end of 1923. At the present time there are eleven towns and cities in Canada using this system, Wolfville being the smallest of these. In the large cities, the Council is usually superseded by a Commission of a few men, to whom as a Board of Directors the manager is responsible, practically all civic departments in turn reporting to the manager.

The Council is the best judge of any accomplishments achieved during the past eight months, working with the manager system. From a financial standpoint the expenditure on the whole have been kept within the estimates. The 1923 Council must be given credit for their attitude in estimating at the beginning of the year for reducing the deficit remaining at the end of 1922 by about one-half. Fortunately, the end of the year showed the whole deficit of \$4596.06 wiped out and a surplus of \$442.97 resulting instead. This improved condition of the Town to the extent of \$5039.03 is partly accounted for by \$2033.90 included in the estimates for the deficit, \$1000.00 estimated for the Boy Scouts and not spent, and \$640 reduction in the Joint Service Account.

A few facts may be brought out to show that any administration in Wolfville, which endeavors to make up their budget on a sound basis, is under a considerable handicap when allotting sums for improvements outside of necessary current expenditures. The following data, made up from the 1923 estimates, is instructive:—

#### WHERE THE TOWN INCOME DOLLAR GOES.

1923 Estimates.

Debiture Interest.....	17 1/2	Cents
Sinking Funds.....	5 1/2	"
Schools.....	21	"
County Tax.....	8	"
Highway Tax.....	3	"
Tax Discount.....	1 1/2	"
Insurance.....	1	"
Administration—Town Clerk, Superintendent and other salaries.....	7	"
Police.....	2 1/2	"
Street Maintenance.....	10	"
Water Maintenance.....	1	"
Sewer Maintenance.....	1	"
Street Lighting.....	4 1/2	"
Poor.....	3 1/2	"
Fire.....	1 1/2	"
V. O. Nurse.....	1	"
Contingent.....	5	"
Bank Loan Interest.....	2 1/2	"
Assessment for deficit.....	4	"

The first seven items of this list, practically fixed charges, amount to 57 cents, and the first eight items amount to 64 cents, out of the 100 cents income. Streets, water and sewer maintenance and street lighting were allowed last year only 161 cents. It is plain that any extensive improvements must for the most part be financed by bond issues. This means an added charge to the yearly estimates for interest and sinking funds. The following table shows that the debiture debt and interest charges per capita for Wolfville are well towards the highest of several Nova Scotia towns taken at random:—

Town	Population 1921	Debiture Debt	Yearly Interest	Int. per Capita	Debitures Issued For
Amnapolis	338	\$71,750	\$3,600	\$4.30	Schools, Water, El. Light, Town Hall, Miscellaneous.
Briggwater	3,147	\$438,000	\$22,000	\$7.00	Schools, Streets, El. Light, Water, Sewers, Hospital, Fire Hall and Equipment.
Kentville	2,717	\$236,000	\$13,000	\$4.78	Schools, Streets, Sidewalks, Water, Sewers, El. Light, Park, Town Hall, Fire Hall & Apparatus, Improvements.
Lunenburg	2,792	\$251,000	\$11,800	\$4.23	Schools, Streets, Sidewalks, Water, Sewers, Court House, Notes, Ry. Land Damage.
Truro (1921)	7,562	\$859,000	\$41,500	\$5.48	Schools, Streets, Sidewalks, Water, Sewers, El. Light, Park, Town Hall, Fire Hall and Apparatus, Railway.
Windsor	3,291	\$255,000	\$14,500	\$4.03	Schools, Streets, Sidewalks, Water, Sewers, Town Hall, Fire Apparatus.
Wolfville	1,743	\$303,000	\$16,680	\$8.19	Schools, Streets, Water, Sewers, El. Light, Fire Hall and Equipment, Town Buildings.

A few remarks on the Sinking Funds of the Town may not be out of place. In 1921 the funds on hand were taken from the bank and very satisfactorily invested with the Eastern Trust Company of Halifax in high grade bonds yielding on an average about 5 1/2% on the investment. The following statements are based on the assumption that the yearly payments into the Sinking Funds will continue to earn at least 5%.

**Sewer Bonds**—Sinking Fund at Dec. 31st, 1923, amounted to \$3452, with an annual payment of \$420. Adding the outstanding sewer frontage taxes, which with interest should equal approximately \$6000 in 1937, the total fund created in 1937 will just retire the bonds to the value of \$21,000 maturing in that year.

**Composite Bonds**—Sinking Fund at Dec. 31st, amounted to \$739, with an annual payment of \$350. The fund created in 1941 will amount to about \$11600, while bonds to the value of \$17,500 will mature in that year.

**Streets**—Sinking Fund at Dec. 31st was \$5,282. The present annual payment of \$640 will provide a fund of about \$12,600 at the end of 1930 to meet bonds to the value of \$17,000 maturing in that year. Besides this there are bonds for \$8,000 and \$12,000 due in 1932 and 1939 respectively.

**Schools**—Sinking Fund at Dec. 31st amounted to \$2870. This with the annual payment of \$1,000 will provide sufficient funds to retire bonds to the value of \$3,000, \$5,000, and \$21,500 due in 1930, 1934 and 1942 respectively, but will only provide funds of about \$1800 to meet bonds to the value of \$22,000 due in 1942.

The Sinking Funds of the Waterworks and Electric Commission are referred to under those departments.

It is to be regretted that Wolfville, 31 years after incorporation, does not yet own a municipal office building which could and should be one of the central and most attractive buildings in town. During the past summer, owing to the fact that the former office building was being remodelled and the rent increased, the Council obtained very satisfactory heated office accommodation in the building of the Wolfville Fruit Company for a five year term, with privilege of sub-letting, at the rate of \$300 per year. This rate, of course, is much below the yearly cost to the Town of a municipally-owned building.

During the past summer the matter of revision of our by-laws was undertaken by the Council. Much time has been spent on this work, and the Revised Fire Protection and Building By-laws and Traffic By-laws have already been completed and approved.

On the matter of further public improvements in town much might be said. Such public improvements as we lack are well known to the citizens at large. In view of the financial condition of the Town, the majority of the rate-payers will agree that the matter of financing and acquiring of such improvements must be very carefully considered before being carried out.

The reports of the different Departments follow.

#### STREETS.

The Season of 1923 closed with the Streets throughout the town as a whole in fairly good condition. On certain streets, however, little or no expenditure was made and these will require attention during the coming year.

Considering our total expenditure for maintenance a large portion was spent on resurfacing our Tarvia macadam pavement. Also the comparatively large amount of money spent on keeping the roads and side walks open during the exceptional snow fall in the first quarter of the year, about twenty-five per cent of the appropriation, prevented the expenditure of that much money on other work where more results would have been seen.

As will be seen from the costs submitted below, considerable sums were spent on the Eastern Extension of Main Street, Maple Avenue and Gaspereau Avenue. These main approaches to town must be kept in at least fair condition. Our expenditures on side walk maintenance has been very small, and this important portion of our streets will require a good deal of attention next season. Whether or not any permanent side walks will be laid this year under authority granted some years ago will be decided on by the 1924 council. An expenditure for such purposes and also for completing the permanent pavement at the East of the town are the two outstanding items which should be considered before any other capital street expenditures.

Our permanent streets have been constructed as a general charge on the revenue of the Town. The special assessment of part of the cost of permanent streets against abutting property as adopted in most cities would relieve the general town funds of a considerable load.

The East and West Sections of Main Street, as well as part of the business section, and about one half the area of Linden Avenue was resurfaced with Tarvia B, the small breaks on both streets having first been patched with cold patch mixture. With such resurfacing carried out about every second season and with care taken to prevent any small breaks from being enlarged these pavements should last many years. Part of the pavement at the Church Hill bend on Main Street was widened, thus making safer conditions for traffic at that point.

Our Tarvia B this season was purchased jointly with the Town of Kentville in a tank car. The total cost per gallon unloaded into barrels and placed in the storage yard amounted to twenty-four cents, including freight and handling. The estimated cost of Tarvia B purchased in barrels and placed in the storage yard would be between 28 and 29 cents.

(To be Continued.)

#### TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO MAKE A MILLION DOLLARS

**King of Piggly Wiggly Stores, Who Lost Three Millions, Tells How He is Going to Get Them Back Again**

Memphis, March 13—The average man can make a million dollars.

And he can do it easily, according to Clarence Saunders, dethroned king of the Piggly Wiggly chain of stores. Saunders piled up a fortune of three million dollars then lost it trying to buck Wall Street.

He signed a bankruptcy petition and said, "I'll make all this back in a year or two—and then some."

Saunders, however, is perfectly willing to let others in on his secret. He lays down 10 commandments for those who would be his disciples. Here they are:

1—Thou shalt work hard, and thou shalt have confidence in thy own ability.

2—Thou shalt be loyal to thyself and loyal to thy fellow man with truthful appraisal of each and every task and its result.

3—Thou shalt render service to others, for success and wealth merely is the outward fruits of service mutually rendered.

4—Thou shalt cast aside selfish interests for they are the stumbling stones to success.

5—Thou shalt forget all thought of immediate reward for thy industry.

6—Thou shalt desire to do and thou shalt have the courage to stand back of thy convictions, no matter what the price might be.

7—Thou shalt be impersonal in discarding every impediment—personal or otherwise—in safeguarding everything that will promote success.

8—Thou shalt repel illusions of every kind as they concern the human machine.

9—Thou shalt find personality the biggest asset or greatest weakness of any man, for it reflects character.

10—Thou shalt preserve thy bodily health, mental clarity and spiritual understanding, for these are the foundations of the Gibraltar of Success.

"If you get a good idea, pull it to pieces and then reconstruct it, leaving out the weak points," says Saunders.

"The average man, who sets out to make a fortune, has the idea that he must get all he can for as little as possible."

"The only way to gain wealth is to show the other fellow your proposition will benefit him. Make him see you are giving him a bargain and he is the one who will reap the big benefit."

#### THE HEAT OF AUSTRALIA

Australia is the hottest country on record, I have ridden for miles astride the equator, but I have never found heat to compare with this. Out in the country in the dry times there appears to be little more than a sheet of brown paper between you and the lower regions, and the people factiously say that they have to feed their hens on cracked ice to keep them from laying boiled eggs.—Sydney Telegraph.

#### RECORD ISSUE OF THE BIBLE IN 1923

All records for Bible distribution were shattered in 1923, the American Bible Society announced recently, 2,395,000 copies in 100 languages and dialects having been circulated in this country; fewer than half that many were placed in 1922.

"There is a more manifest demand for the Bible today throughout the world than at any time during the last 245 years," states Rev. W. I. Haven, who has just completed twenty-five years of service as general secretary of the society.

Subscribe For The "Acadian"

# RED ROSE TEA

"is good tea"  
Fine, brisk flavor! Best of all in the ORANGE PEKOE QUALITY

# 700 recipes

200 pages



The use of this big new 200 page book will give you a lot of pleasure and satisfaction. It contains 700 recipes—all carefully selected by experts—also valuable household information. We will send you this useful book postpaid for 30c. Write for it to-day.

For delightful, flaky pastry and big loaves of wholesome bread, rich in body building gluten and health-giving minerals, always insist upon Purity Flour.

WESTERN CANADA FLOUR MILLS COMPANY, LIMITED  
Toronto, Ontario

# PURITY FLOUR

# Your Home Paper

Is a Mighty Good all the year round GIFT

For your Boy or Girl away at School or at Work. For your Brother, Sister, Cousin, Uncle, Aunt, or any friend or relative who knows us folks Back Home.

Unless you've been in their position, you have no idea how they crave the news from back home—how eagerly they scan every line of the home paper. Really, they're far more interested in the paper from back home than the folks at home are.

# The HOME PAPER

# 52 TIMES A YEAR

Contains more NEWS in one issue than you will write in a dozen letters. It costs less than your postage and stationery for a letter.

Your friend will be reminded of your thoughtfulness. Each week, as he or she reads the interesting things about the home folks, they will silently thank you.

Your Home Paper, The Acadian, \$2.00 a Year \$2.50 to the United States

When Me They have No version, it's Saying They thing to Sell

Vol. XLIII. MOCK PA

Novel Legislati Governm

The Mock P varsity open seven o'clock in nastium. The P by the Acadia chiefy to the President, H. M. ening ceremonies much pomp. out the session erment (Libera (Conservative) strength. The s pectators, who as being well pl The Governm able leadership a powerful and under the leade Robinson. Afo speaker, G. C. Gentleman Unab Allen Smith, an His Excellency Prof. Norman R ed in with all du by a guard of l ex-service men commanded by of the P. C. I.

The Speech I heard amid mu gallery. Some cated was star in its effects. lows: An age lin beef entering consumption; the Gate" on "The couples wanderin amusement tax; R. by the Gov trait service may to eliminate "d after holidays; tion policy to in enter Acadia. After the Gov escorted out th to business. The from the Throne Perry in English, Roy in French, position then ce erment on the and proceeded to legislation. The in replid in and pointed out about to embark perity, which t his supporters, a position.

The Speech I then taken up of the Opposit how inadequate conditions. Ma ment took up t withstanding ora and French, fail position of the legislation. The amende brought in by called for the Trolley Line fr Ridge"; the est Postal Service a benefit of the in and the Academy franchise to the C features.

In view of the strong Opposition Government, fea of the House, mo motion was carri party voting sol journed.

The Prime Minister State for Exter A. Thorne.

Minister of T Hon. R. B. Cui Minister of Fin Minister with J. MacKenzie.

Minister of General—Hon. C Postmaster G Cleveland.

Solicitor Gene enger. Minister of Hon. P. E. Ma

Minister of Hon. J. C. Th Minister of La Lead.

Minister with E. Foster. Minister of A Blenkhorn.

Minister of P V. Marshall. Minister of M Hon. J. H. Dex

Minister of R Hon. H. P. Tro Secretary of St Minister with L. Fillmore.

Minister of So fishment and of Hon. T. E. Roy

Minister of I of Indian Affairs Hon. A. Noble.

Clerk of the R izer.

A I have r establish share of All g