

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., JAN. 6, 1893.

What They Say.

A few weeks ago we addressed letters to a number of towns in the Province that had adopted incorporation asking information as to how the act worked with them.

KENTVILLE, Dec. 6th, 1892.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your letter of Nov. 23d, just received, asking for information as to the result of incorporating the Town, I will give you extracts from the Town Books and submit a few words of explanation and some statement as to the present condition of the several services.

It was estimated before the town was incorporated that the Poor and County rate, Road tax and School tax amounted to about on the \$100 of Real Estate, the somewhat varied by circumstances, \$1.06.

In 1887 the first year of incorporation the rate, not including pole tax, was \$1.00.

1888, General Rate .85; Water Rate, .50, \$1.35.

1889, General Rate .80; Water Rate, .40, \$1.20.

1890, General Rate .86; Water Rate, .40, \$1.26.

1891, (Including C. V. R. tax) General Rate, 1.02; Water Rate, .40, \$1.42.

1892, (Including C. V. R. tax) General Rate, .95; Water Rate, .25, \$1.20.

We were assessed \$3,250 for C. V. R. damage and are paying it off at \$600 per year.

We have now—what I presume we would not have had if the Town were not incorporated—A fine excellent supply of water for protection against fire and for domestic purposes; a good and satisfactory system of lighting; an efficient police force by which general good order is secured; a considerable amount of drainage, by which the surface water is carried off; the streets fairly well graded and kept in a good condition; the sidewalks in the business parts of the Town curbed and all in good order; and our school service in a more enlarged and satisfactory condition than we could have expected it to attain under the old regime.

There are some of course who find it difficult to meet their taxes. This is always the case. I don't see how it is possible to take a vote as to whether we should continue as we are or go back to the old state, the majority for incorporation would be much larger than it was five years ago.

You will be able to draw your own inference as to whether we are benefited or whether incorporation in your case would be advisable.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM EATON, Town Clerk.

PARROBORO, December 9th, 1892.

DEAR SIR,—I am just in receipt of your favor of November 25th. In my opinion incorporation would not necessarily increase taxation, but it would improve the common good, and if improvements are to be made by having a Town incorporated it is the only fair way they can be obtained.

At your town a vote was unfortunately taken. Their Town Clerk neglected collecting money due the Town. The people also voted one thousand dollars for the relief of the sufferers at Spring Hill. This combination of circumstances left the Town at the end of the year owing the Bank \$2245.04. In consequence of this the County increased the property tax one quarter making it 1 1/4 per cent instead of 1 per cent as before. Now the Town is out of debt and I cannot see any reason why taxes should be any higher than before incorporation. Since incorporation the Town employs a policeman and police magistrates, and have erected about twenty-five streets lamps. Without street lamps, policemen or police magistrates the taxes would be less than before incorporation.

I enclose you a copy of my financial statement up to December 31st. It may give you some idea how incorporation would affect your Town.

Yours truly,

N. H. UPHAM, Town Clerk.

PORT HAWKERBURY, Dec. 15th, 1892.

DEAR SIR,—I received your letter in reference to incorporation. I hardly know how to answer the questions you put me.

Some say their taxes are higher, but taking it all through I believe the taxes are about the same. There is one thing in it; we have the handling of our own money. Hawkerbury being the last end of a long county did not seem to get a fair show, and that is one reason for going into incorporation here. I cannot give you any figures as I was not acquainted with the working here before incorporation. We have built a Town Hall and laid some sidewalks; of course borrowed the money to do so. Our Town is a very small one but growing. We pay the county \$550 out of our assessments annually and receive back about \$200 of county school fund. I cannot give you any more information on this matter. Yours very truly,

CHARLES REEVES, Town Clerk.

The Farmer and Politician.

The property of a farmer to-day depends more on the methods he employs than on governmental rule. Take seeds for an example. Many farmers who are alive to their own interests in other things are careless in buying seeds. They seem to think that a seed is a seed and there it ends. If there was more knowledge about seeds and greater care exercised in their selection, there would be richer crops and better returns.

Realizing this, D. M. Perry & Co., the famous seed firm of Windsor, Ont., have embodied in their Illustrated Annual for 1893, much valuable information about seeds and their selection. It contains the knowledge gleaned from many years' practical experience in the seed business and the newest and best things about seeds and gardening. Such a book is by a firm of unquestioned reliability is of the highest value to every one who plants a seed. Although the cost of printing and embellishing it with beautiful illustrations has been great, it is sent free to anyone making application to the above firm.

Incorporation, &c.

Two letters in the ACADIAN of the 30th, ult., deserve notice, and I take the liberty to refer to them while their contents are fresh in the minds of your readers.

The one over the signature of A. M. Hoare, recommends the appointment of a committee of men of the best judgment and financial ability, to enquire as to the experience, expense, and operation of incorporation in other towns, similarly situated to Wolfville, and report to a public meeting, at which most of the discussion shall be engaged in, by those best prepared to speak upon the subject. This would be fair to all, and allow all to form an opinion based upon such facts as the advocates of incorporation can furnish, or upon such other facts as its opponents can produce. If incorporation cannot be so placed before the people as to commend itself to their enlightened judgments, independent of the consideration of a few joint stock companies and a few private individuals, we are not yet ready to adopt it. It is said: "Incorporation must come." Then by all means let it come as the result of an educated sentiment in its favor and not as the result of a little wave of excitement, raised by a few individuals, whose business relation and prospects would thereby be improved, to the disadvantage of most of their neighbors. There is no need of special legislation in this matter, because information from small incorporated towns, of the size of Wolfville, can be procured, which will exactly define our position and convince all of the advantages or disadvantages of incorporation. It is not creditable to the advocates of incorporation that such facts have not, before this, been furnished; and many are suspicious that they are withheld because they (the facts) do not favor the scheme.

The second letter by "Another One," answers, in his way, some questions propounded by "One of They" in the ACADIAN of the 23d, ult. Your attention is directed to some of his answers. To the question, "What is the advantage of incorporation for a small town of 700 or 800 people?" he answers: "The same advantages that larger towns receive. Were this answer correct, it is of no value, because what is needed is an enumeration of some of the changes to be made by incorporation, which may be regarded as advantages. But the answer is not correct, as a town of three times the population and wealth of Wolfville, can be managed with the same staff of paid officials, that we will need. It is a principle, acknowledged by business men that the larger the business or company (all things connected with it being sound,) the greater the chance for profitable investment. Why? Because the expense of management of a large business or company is only a trifle more than for the small business and there is an advantage in purchasing in large quantities. This holds as applied to incorporation.

Question 2. "What power will confer a people to assess themselves." Answer: "All power." This answer is correct and it seems to be the aim of the advocates of incorporation to draw the line around just such a number of inhabitants, as to be large or small, as they can control and thus by a majority vote secure the "all power" over. When town limits are large and the sentiment, as to change or improvement, unanimous, or nearly so, the all power principle works well, but on the other hand in small towns, in which the opinions are pretty equally divided, it is a dangerous weapon.

Your correspondent, "Another One," evidently aims to leave the impression that new enterprises, in the form of improvements, are not necessary under incorporation but may result from the action of the people. This is also true; but in all fairness he should go further and state the sole aim of those who have incorporation in view, is to control the sentiment of the town and guide the enterprise to the advantage of a few individuals and the improvements, by which Wolfville shall spring into new life and attract settlers in large numbers; and so bring about this state of things they will voluntarily and unanimously vote all the money needed. They have "All power."

Question 3. "How much will incorporation increase the assessment of the town and what privileges or advantages will be received as an equivalent?" "Another one" answers: "This depends entirely upon the improvements that may be made. If none are made taxation certainly will be lower." The inference from this, that town matters will go on much the same as heretofore. Necessarily, no expense need be incurred. This is certainly a smooth way to introduce incorporation. It is not fairer and better to say that the hope is, under incorporation we shall be able to vote money to improve our town in all directions and although our assessment must be considerably increased we shall have good roads, electric street lights, a policeman and lockup. These and more to have been talked of. Why do not meet the people, who are to vote for or against incorporation, with what is expected as its result? Incorporation won on its own merits will be worth very much more than incorporation imposed on it. It has been ascertained by those who have made enquiry that incorporated towns assess for the true value of property and thus increase their valuation 100 per cent. above the valuation for county purposes. The per cent. for town assessment is said to be not very much increased but as the valuation is doubled the taxes are thereby doubled or nearly so.

Now I will point out some increased expenditures I have discovered will be incurred under incorporation if it is deemed advisable to induce in so expensive a luxury.

A PECULIAR RELATIONSHIP

A person introducing another said: "This person's father is my father, but I am not her brother." What relation existed between them?

To the first lady from whom is received a correct answer to the above will be given a handsome SEAT SIGN MANTLE, valued at \$300. To the first gentleman from whom is received a correct answer will be given an 18-KARAT GOLD WATCH, set with one emerald diamond, Appleton & Tracy's movement, valued at \$250. To the next person a handsome MANTLE CLOCK, to the next a valuable SWISS MUSIC BOX. The last ten answers will be awarded each a complete set of WARRINGTON INVING'S WORKS, handsomely bound in Morocco. To the five answers received, correct midway between first and last, each will be awarded a fine SOLID SILVER HUNTING CASE WATCH valued at \$18.00 each.

Any of above articles will be exchanged for cash less 20 per cent.

In addition to those who have prepared ten thousand sample cakes numbered 1 to 10,000. Every number ending with (0), will receive a prize valued at not less than \$10.00.

These awards are given to introduce and advertise the

"GEM" CURATIVE SOAP.

An article which combines the most efficacious remedies for the removal and cure of blemishes of the face and hands. The use of this Soap—which is not a toilet preparation—according to instructions will cure the most malignant form of Pimples, Eruptions, Freckles, etc., rendering the skin soft, clear and beautiful.

We have on file thousands of testimonials from customers in England, Scotland, France and Germany, in which countries the Soap has been in use for years.

Send TWENTY CENTS in Silver, or U. S. or Canadian 1c, 2c, or 3c, stamps for a sample cake of this Soap with your answer to the problem.

Remember, the twenty cents is for a cake of the Soap, the retail price of which in first-class drug stores is twenty-five.

Address, GEM SOAP CO., TORONTO, CANADA.

WINDSOR ADVERTISEMENT.

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Direct Importations from England Each Season of

FINE DRY GOODS, FURSI!

HOUSE FURNISHINGS!

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THE SUBSCRIBER takes this opportunity of thanking his many customers throughout Eastern King's for the liberal patronage accorded him in the past. Having better facilities now for serving your interests in our New, Large and Modern Equipped Store, we would respectfully solicit a continuance of your valued trade.

I. FRED CARVER.

Windsor, Nov. 18th, 1892.

WHITE HALL.

In conformity with notice dated Sept. 1st, 1892, the subscriber hereby begs to notify the public that he has adopted the name "WHITE HALL" for his place of business, and in future will conduct it on a Strictly Cash One Price System.

Qualified by the undoubted advantage of a long experience, it will be his aim to procure for his patrons the best and most useful goods, coupled with the latest style, in the various lines carried, viz: Dry Goods, Clothing, Carpets, etc., and to sell them at the lowest possible price, consistent with a legitimate business economically conducted.

While thanking the many friends he has made during his 25 years of business life for their patronage and encouragement, he respectfully asks and hopes for a continuance of their favors under the changed conditions above referred to which he feels confident they will find—after a fair trial—greatly to their advantage—effecting as it will a saving of at least 20 per cent. on their purchases.

Assuring his patrons of his best service at all times, and wishing them all the blessings of a happy and prosperous year,

He remains faithfully,

J. W. RYAN.

Kentville, Jan. 1st, 1893.

CHRONIC COUGHS

Persons afflicted with these or any throat or lung troubles should resort to that

Most Excellent Remedy,

Scott's Emulsion

of Pure Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda. No other preparation effects such cures.

Apply to DR. BARSS, WOLFVILLE, N. S.

WOLFVILLE Drug Store!

Besides the usual complete stock of Drugs, Chemicals and Medicines we have a large assortment of articles suitable for Christmas and New Year presents.

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Geo. V. Rand, PROPRIETOR.

WOLFVILLE, Dec. 14th, 1892. 43-47

HARD COAL!

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LACKAWANA HARD COAL!

Price Advance Down!

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NOTICE.

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The undersigned will continue to deal largely in the best imported cloths—Broadcloths, Meltons, Baysers, and fine Woolen goods; also Foreign and every satisfaction to his customers.

Kentville, Dec. 31, 1892.

CRANDALL'S Clothing Emporium,

WINDSOR, N. S.

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NOBLE CRANDALL, 34 CERRISH ST., WINDSOR, N. S.

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Lime, at retail or by the barrel!

Coarse Salt, by the bag!

To arrive in a few days a full line of

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Bananas, Oranges, Lemons, Dates, Nuts in stock, and all kinds of Fruits in season.

Don't miss the place, next to the B. & N. Station.

G. F. Hamilton.

Wolfville, May 28th, 1892.

FARM FOR SALE.

The subscriber offers for sale the Farm now occupied by him, situated at Lower Wolfville. The Farm contains about 42 acres, partly cultivated. There is a young orchard of apples, peaches and plums just coming into bearing. Also a quantity of small fruit. Buildings in good condition.

J. OSCAR HARRIS.

Wolfville, Oct. 21st, 1892.

MILK.

My delivery wagon calls twice daily, delivering milk to my patrons at 4 cents per imperial quart. I use a milk cooler or separator which method keeps the milk pure and sweet from 24 to 36 hours longer than without its use. It also filters the milk from all animal hair, from the odors of the stable and from the taste of turnips, pasture or silo feed. I invite inspection of my stables and dairy.

Aubrey Brown.

Wolfville, Dec. 10th, 1892.

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Is THE place to buy your

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Full lines of everything usually found in a first-class Grocery always on hand.

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