

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., DEC. 18, 1908.

A Disgraceful Episode.

Sir.—To-day the town took to Kentville two men to serve fifty days each for profane language on the street the other Saturday night. Now Mr. Davison on election night there was a gang of half drunken men come to the front of your house headed by one of the leading councillors, and what about their talk. Now if you wish to know who that councillor was go to the Kentville jail and ask the two men that were put there to-day and they will tell you who he was. He should be punished for his talk and the gang he had with him. Now you are a father of children, if you can help these men to get out to work for their families kindly do so. A woman will also prove what is said here.

A TAX PAYER.

The above letter we received some days ago. A somewhat careful investigation into the matters referred to convinces us that our unknown correspondent may be pardoned for not understanding the principles of equity upon which laws are enforced in Wolfville.

The statements made by our correspondent were not to be substantially correct, much as they may surprise Wolfville residents generally. A few weeks ago two men of this town with families of small children depending upon them for support were arrested for drunkenness and the use of profane language on the street. Neither of them had ever been convicted upon such a charge before, and apart from the usual objectionable conduct of men under the influence of liquor there appears to have been nothing particularly aggravated about their offence. Yet an officer appointed by the town council promptly took action against them. A by-law against disorder upon the streets, framed by the town council, was found to have been broken and the town stipendiary sentenced the offenders to forty days imprisonment in the county jail.

This punishment may or may not have been justifiable. It is not for us to decide, but the feeling that has got a lodgment in the minds of those two men is that all people are not equal in the eyes of the authorities in Wolfville and that crimes which one set of men may commit with impunity are very dangerous when committed by other people. This admittedly is a very unfortunate impression to be common general in a community. Let us see if there is any justification for its existence.

A few nights before they committed their offence the same two men were spectators at another drunken melee although on this occasion they were not themselves intoxicated. This was on the night of the 26th of October, and the friends of Sir Fred Borden were celebrating the victory of the

Commonwealth. The names of the two men were known to the writer. The crowd consisted in most part of young bloods not particularly vicious or ill-disposed toward any one, but tractable, thoughtful, and ardent to celebrate a party, victory and partake of any refreshments provided them. We will not give the names of the rank and file as they are probably now heartily ashamed of the part they played in the affair, and we have no desire to further disgrace them.

One of the leaders of the motley throng was a near relative and ardent supporter of Sir Fred's, whose distinguished political services for many years back has consisted in breaking up meetings held by political opponents and whose ardent tones are as familiar and as much appreciated in this county as is the eloquence of his distinguished relative at Ottawa.

But there was one master-spirit and organizing genius in the throng, who saw in his half-intoxicated associates the material for an army of a modern Cataline. Like Cataline this leader was a statesman of no mean attainment. In fact he was WILLIAM T. FORD, a member of the Wolfville town council and poet laureate to the minister of militia.

It seems that in the discharge of our journalistic duties during the recent campaign THE ACADIAN in some way earned the resentment of this crude individual, and to his groping intellect it occurred that the arguments and criticisms of this journal, which he could not reply to by reason, might be offset by a display of violence and ruffianism on the part of his drunken companions.

He therefore incited them to accompany him about midnight to the home of the editor of this journal and there to engage in a riot characterized by an exhibition of profanity and filthy language such as fortunately has seldom disgraced this town.

Is it any wonder that the two sober spectators to this degrading performance, observing such a criminal breach of the peace conducted under the supervision of a member of the town council and with the passive permission of the town policeman, were led to believe that no great harm would come from celebrating a little upon their own account—even without councillor patronage. Is it any wonder that these men who have seen a town councillor go scot free who has offended against the criminal code punishable with two years imprisonment with hard labor should consider it oppressive and unjust that for a slight infraction of a town by-law they should pay forty days in jail?

We have hesitated in making the above facts public, knowing the undesirable effect of our town outside. Through will naturally feel astonished that Wolfville could entertain its officers to men of this stamp. In justice to our town we state that

this is the first time on record that behavior of this kind has been laid to the door of a town councillor in Wolfville. In further justice to this community we may add that this individual is not a product of Wolfville, that he came to us from another county and that at the time he was elected councillor the ratepayers of Wolfville knew little of him.

The Commons Bar.

Some question arose in the recent political campaign on the Commons bar. An element in Kings county, possessed of more zeal for party than for fact or morals, made the statement that the bar was closed, in keeping with a promise made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his party in 1896. On the other hand it was emphatically stated that the bar was never closed, but was still running.

The Liberal candidate for Kings in championing the cause of temperance with considerable flourish of arms proposed to clear the air of the doubt on this question and declared on the platform that the statement which the preachers were making to the effect that there was a bar in the House of Commons was a "lie." He even went so far as to furnish the authority of the speaker of the House of Commons whom he quoted in a telegram as also emphatically denying the existence of the Commons bar.

Naturally enough some citizens of Kings recently in Ottawa made enquiry regarding this institution, the existence of which they had already had ample proof.

About Ottawa it is an open secret that this drinking place had never been closed. The Ottawa residents of the drinking class, who at such times as they found the licensed saloons of the city closed by law, and resorted to the Commons bar for their drink 'at all hours,' could abundantly attest that their unrestricted privilege to get drunk at the Commons bar was cut off, but only about a year ago. The members of the House of Commons themselves, if they would speak the truth, would attest to the fact that it has been only during the past year that their privilege at the basement bar has not been shared by the common herd. They could also assert that the bar was only closed with the expiration of the last session of Parliament.

Several delegates of the Baptist Convention of Canada meeting in Ottawa in November being curious to see this notorious apartment of the House of Commons were taken down to the basement of the building by reputable officials and attendants upon the departments, and pointed to the door of the bar. They were not able to get in, of course, as the bar was closed—locked for the period of the absence of the members of the commons and the senate from the city. However, we should say to the contrary that there is prospect that this bar is at last to be really abolished. As Rev. J. D. Spiller and the writer were walking in the vicinity of this room with a guide who is thoroughly familiar with the House and the sessions (being in constant attendance upon the commons) we discovered that the portion of the basement in which the bar is located was under reconstruction, an addition being made to the commons building in that vicinity. The architect in charge was directing the workmen with plans in hand. He called to our party in a thoughtful and courteous way to come and see the plans. Interpreting them to us as we stood around the blue lined paper, he very generously volunteered some most interesting and significant information. Calling attention to four apartments he said "these are to be the drinking rooms," and turning to our guide in a very confidential tone he said, "you know the drinking is to be run in better form after this; the bar is to be done away with." Pointing to a smaller apartment near the four drinking rooms our guide asked "what is this for?" The man with the plans said, "that is the liquor room."

It will be very interesting indeed to the country to have it again announced that the bar has been closed. It is a question, however, if it will be equally consoling to know that public money is being used to equip more ample drinking accommodations in its stead. The country will not be convinced that the substitution of the 'board' for the 'bar' in a drinking room, will make for sobriety in the legislative halls, or for morals throughout the country; nor will its sense of respect for the legislators, who resort to bluff and trickery regarding the bar in the House of Commons, be measurably increased. When the prime minister, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and the speaker of the House and the minister of militia and other dignitaries of the commons resort to such despicable tactics in the open, what can be expected of them in things of their legislative work that of necessity are not so apparent.

As to who are the parties involved in the 'lie' about this Commons bar, Sir F. Borden of the Kings county preachers, we can safely leave the facts to speak, and if in the meantime the above facts in the minds of any need to be confirmed, Mr. Darley of Ottawa, the Senate bar-tender, and Sam Cassidy, the Commons bar-tender, who at least so far as their occupation is concerned are more deserving of respect than the men who employ them and forthwith resort to trickery and lies to conceal their responsibility, might be called in to give evidence, and further the carter, who carried off at the closing of the House four wagon loads of empty bottles from the bar might also be summoned, just to make it seem real. C. W. COVARR, Wolfville, N. S., Dec. 18, 1908.

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WOLFVILLE, N. S.

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The St. John Press.

Frederick Gleaner: A gentleman who was in the city ever Sunday stated to the Gleaner that he had it direct from Hon. B. F. Pearson, of Halifax, owner of the St. John Star and Star, that the Pearson organs and the Telegraph and Times would be amalgamated at the first of the year. It was expected, he said, that the morning edition would be called the Sun-Telegraph and the evening edition would be known as the Times Star, thus keeping both names in the event of the Sun and Star plant being sold. Mr. Gleaner, of the Telegraph, will edit the morning paper and Mr. Crandall of the Sun, will likely go to Halifax as editor of the Echo.

Jubilee Celebration.

The meetings of the Kings county Ministerial Association of the Baptist church, held in Berwick this week, have been most interesting. The services on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday were especially devoted to the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. E. M. Saunders, D. D., which took place in Berwick in 1858. Dr. Saunders delivered an address, giving interesting reminiscences of his pastorate in Berwick and referring to the great and good men with whom he had been associated in his career, forty or fifty years ago. Among his brethren who spoke were Messrs. C. E. Sanford, T. H. Parker, R. W. Killam, Frank George, James Craig, and E. A. Nelly.

Traveller's Valuable Find.

Travelling on the I. C. R., Mr. Harry Towers, St. Paul street, St. John, N. B., found a box of Zam-Buk, the great skin-healer. He was suffering from badly chapped hands at the time so applied the balm. He says:—"Zam-Buk eased the pain and smarting, healed the cracks, and made my hands quite smooth. Finding it so good, I kept a supply handy, and have since proved it a really wonderful healer. It cures cuts, sores, or burns equally well, and I would not like now to be without a supply."

Mr. Towers is only one of thousands who are glad they heard of Zam-Buk. There is no skin disease it will not relieve and cure. Its fame is spreading everywhere, and it is now regarded as nature's great "first-aid" in workshops, on the farm, or in the home. No traveller should be without it. Every home should have its box always ready for use. A little Zam-Buk rubbed regularly on the hands and face before retiring each night will keep the skin soft and free from chaps, cold-sores, or disease.

If you have a cut, a bruise, or some irritating skin disease, which has defied all ordinary remedies, apply Zam-Buk. It first cleanses a wound by killing off all harmful bacteria. Then it builds up new tissue cell by cell—just as a brick layer lays row after row of bricks. Then it covers the wound with new healthy skin, and the cure is effected.

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WOLFVILLE, N. S.

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No Trouble to Show Them—Come and See.

Wolfville Book Store

Flo. M. Harris.

An Open Letter

Supposed to be a copy of a letter written by a student to her parents. I apologize for publishing it, but am grateful for special mention.

Wolfville Decorating Co.

B. G. BISHOP, PROP.

Acadia Seminary, Wolfville, N. S., Dec. 10, '08.

Dear Parents,—

Just a few words to let you know that I am well and very busy. Beside our regular studies we are preparing for a big fair on the 14th. It does not look much like Xmas it is so open and green. The stores in town are beginning to adopt holiday attire. Some of them are very nicely arranged. I was making a purchase in the store of the Wolfville Decorating Co. and was struck with the nice show that they make. Beautiful Xmas Decorations, Fancy Stationery, Fancy and Useful Goods, Beautiful Carving Sets at any low prices, Skates, Sleds, Carts, and nice things for doing house-work with. I thought that if I lived in or near Wolfville I would spend my money there. But this cannot interest you so will say good bye for a short time to Xmas.

Your loving daughter,

MATE.

Merchant's Day

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will not be held this year, but I will give the greatest bargains in groceries, etc. ever offered in Wolfville on

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SEALED TENDERS

For the Collection of County and Poor Rates in the various Wards in the County of Kings, are requested for the year A. D. 1909.

1. Tenders to be filed with L. DeV. Chipman, Clerk of the Municipality, at Kentville, until the first of January, A. D. 1909, noon.
2. All tenders to be marked "Tenders for the Collection of Rates," and to name the proposed two bondsmen.
3. Collectors must guarantee the amount of each rate roll, and the collection thereof, subject only to any losses the Council may see fit to adjust.
4. The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. By order.

L. DeV. CHIPMAN,
County Clerk,
Mans. of Kings, N. S.
Kentville, Nov. 24, 1908.

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