

KING'S COLLEGE

The February number of the "King's College Record" is one of much interest. The initial article by Ven. Archdeacon Raymond dealing with the history of the erection of the college building so recently destroyed by fire. It must be some in mind that King's College in point of age is only surpassed by Har-

vard, Yale, Columbia and Laval. In 1783 the Loyalist clergy of New York met and discussed the proposal of moving King's College (now Columbia) from New York to Nova Scotia, and at a subsequent meeting a plan was outlined to found a literary and religious institution in this province. Dr. Charles Inglis, afterwards the first Bishop of Nova Scotia, was among those present. King's College in Windsor came out of this gathering. In a letter written by Bishop Inglis in January, 1785, he says: "When I came to this province in 1787

the state of literature was very low. There was not even a good grammar school in the whole province, and many of the inhabitants were proposing to send their sons for education to the seminaries of the revolted colonies. . . . Anxious to avert so great an evil, I applied to the Legislature of the province, then sitting, to make some provision for a seminary of learning and the Legislature, with a promptness that did them credit, granted the sum of 500 pounds currency to purchase a tract of land in Windsor, and 400 pounds sterling a year for a president and assistant, with a request that the future seminary might be called King's College. With this sum we opened an academy in 1783 and hired a house until a suitable building could be erected."

The Academy was opened November 1st, 1788, with a nephew of Bishop Inglis in charge. At this time the foundation stone of the College building had been laid by Governor Parr and the work of quarrying stone had begun. The corner stone was laid by Bishop Inglis, August 4th, 1791. The upper structure was of wood and the main frontage was 200 feet, divided into five bays with a doorway and staircase for each. The rooms were large with large fireplaces, a separate room for each student. From first to last there was great difficulty in getting competent workmen. In 1792 the Bishop wrote: "For prudential reasons the governors have judged it advisable to suspend progress in building the College this Summer. In the course of last Winter the materials, stone and lime, were brought to the spot to finish the superstructure, but in the Spring, we found that the mason we employed, thought to be the very best in the business, was not competent for the undertaking, and that we could not let him proceed without manifest hazard to the whole edifice. Through the Summer we made en-

quiry both in the province and in New Brunswick for more skilled workmen, but none could be found, as building with stone is not practised in either province and we could not afford to send for an architect to England. By this unlucky circumstance the governors are obliged with great reluctance to abandon their first intention of erecting a superstructure of stone, and have concluded to finish the building with wood. I feel exceedingly mortified on this occasion, but must submit to necessity. The dimensions and plan of the building are to be the same as were first proposed. Our money, including the last 1,000 pounds, will hold out to complete the shell and finish as many rooms as will accommodate the students. These are greatly wanted, and we must finish the remainder as we are able."

Wooden buildings are not much esteemed in Europe, but here, from habit and experience, they are preferred to those of brick or stone. With care they will last upwards of a century, and in neatness they have the advantage. The good Bishop's prediction regarding the durability of wooden buildings was amply fulfilled, but yet when the devoting element reduced it to ashes, it was still a useful structure—sound and whole in all its parts and capable of providing service for another century. It shows how backward and undeveloped the province was at that time when men could not be found with sufficient skill to erect a decent stone wall.

ROD AND GUN

"Ye Olde Time Brooke Trout in Nova Scotia" is the title of Bonycastle Dale's feature article in March issue of Rod and Gun in Canada. This number of Canada's premier sporting monthly besides containing the usual high grade stories and departments begins a series of illustrated articles on Mushrooms,

both poisonous and edible. F. V. Williams, the popular nature illustrator, tells in his own inimitable manner the adventures of a mink that was caught three times before it was finally killed; his story is entitled "In Black and White." For the fisherman who is interested in the trout we may say that this issue contains two splendid articles by Robert Page Lincoln. The guns and ammunition, trap line and kennel departments are up to their usual high standard. Rod and Gun in Canada, W. J. Taylor, Limited, publishers, Woodstock, Ont.

A GENTLE REMINDER.

(Fredericton Mail.) The righteous Standard is much worried because the clerk assistant of the legislature was appointed by order-in-council, and expressed surprise that the members of the opposition did not raise an objection when the matter came before the house for confirmation. The silence of the opposition on the subject may have been due to the fact that when in power they appointed not one, but two official reporters, by order-

council, thereby taking the matter out of the hands of the legislature. It was done to head off a troublesome opponent for the position, and no doubt the Standard editor will readily recall the occasion.

It being impossible to drive a team over the blocked highways to take Clayton Rogers of Northfield, N. H., attacked by appendicitis, to the hospital at Franklin, half a dozen men with a pungent sleigh went over the road on snowshoes and hauled Mr. Rogers out.

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