

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., MAR. 10, 1900.

Is the Town Heavily Mortgaged?

There are a number of people in Wolfville who take a kind of secret pleasure in representing the town as heavily in debt. While this kind of chatter is confined to the limits of the town it is perhaps a harmless madness but when it reaches the ears of outsiders and intending residents, as it is very likely to do, it is adapted to work a very grave mischief to the town.

Outside are not likely to take up their abode in a town which they are led to believe is heavily in debt, as heavy taxes are not an attraction even to the best of places. A town also with a reputation for having indebtedness is not likely to be one to which capitalists will look to invest their money or manufacturers to establish their industries.

In fact it is about a serious thing to a town to give it a reputation of this kind as it is serious to the dog to give it a bad name. Despite these facts a few of our public minded citizens a short time ago took it upon themselves to inform the members of provincial legislature, and through them the people of the province at large, that Wolfville was heavily mortgaged, in truth so heavily mortgaged that its ratepayers could not stand an extra taxation of, at the most, forty cents on the thousand dollars.

Now we do not belong to that class of people who believe in suppressing the truth at any cost because its declaration may possibly hurt their own interests, and if there was the merest ghost of truth in the charge that Wolfville was heavily mortgaged, we would consider that the petitioners in this case were within their rights in using this assertion, even though it were adapted to do irretrievable harm to the town. However, these people in this case cannot plead the defence of truth.

It is a fact which every resident in Wolfville should remember with pride that our town today stands upon a better financial condition than probably any other town in the province and that properly she can scarcely be said to be in debt at all. To-day the only loans outstanding against the town have been incurred for two expenditures. For the school building the town is indebted in the sum of \$7,700. For this amount debentures were issued at 4 1/2 per cent. But, ready \$1,459.58 has been put aside in a sinking fund for liquidation of this debt, and in twenty years from the date of issue when the debentures mature, the debt will practically be paid. This certainly cannot be the heavy mortgage which is causing so much anxiety.

The only other indebtedness arises from the expenditure upon the water service, for which the town is indebted to the extent of \$42,000. This, however, is a very profitable kind of debt. For not only does the amount arising from the domestic service pay the interest on the bonds but it provides for a sinking fund as well which in a short time also will be sufficient to pay the debentures and give the service to the town to good. If this is a burdensome debt there are a number of business men who would be only too glad of an opportunity of taking it off the town's hands and running the water service for what they could make.

Owing to certain complaints which were raised at the time as to the borruption of the water section, it was found when it was necessary to obtain money upon debentures, that the debentures could not be sold at par and the section was forced to pay 4 1/2 per cent. interest. Last year, however, when one of the water bonds was sold there was no difficulty in selling it at a premium of 5%. This does not look as if the town was regarded in money circles as also, rather insolvent.

And yet, in the light of these facts, comes this grumbling about heavy mortgages. It is all right to be economical and frugal with public money, but there is no particular need of misrepresenting and libelling the credit of the town in order to effect economy. Let us leave the misrepresenting and decrying of our town to outsiders, who doubtless are ready enough to do it. Wolfville citizens, if they cannot speak well of their town should at least speak the truth.

In another column we print the government advertisement for tenders for the erection of the proposed wharf and breakwater here. We do this purely gratuitously and in order that residents in the vicinity may have a chance to know what is going on and to tender for the work. The ACADIAN is not a political journal and so of course is not eligible to receive patronage—even though published in the immediate neighborhood where the work is to be performed. The ad is copied into our column from an exchange published in Pictou county, which has very pronounced political leanings and so must be supposed.

A good many people around town are wondering why the council, when they were notified that the bill which they had ordered their recorder to draft, was to be brought in committee, did not send one of their number to Halifax to represent the interests of the town. We noticed, that the other day, when a bill was read from the town of Pictou, that the mayor accompanied it in order to press the claims of the town. Had our council felt as much concerned to have the will of the people carried into effect as the council of Pictou did, the result would have been different. The lack of the council, however, does not in any way excuse the committee of the Legislature.

Wolfville's Patriotic Concert.

The patriotic concert of Friday evening was probably the biggest event of the kind that was ever given in Wolfville. It is probably the first time that the people of Wolfville were ever called upon to contribute to a patriotic fund, and handsomely did they respond. It is doubtful if anything other than patriotic motives could have induced those who had the affair in charge, to such extensive and successful efforts; and it is quite certain that nothing but the desire to join in the glorification of the British flag and anxiety to contribute to the aid of the "soldiers of the queen" could have induced such an extremely large audience to attend even had it been known beforehand just how rich a treat awaited them.

Long before the hour of commencement a large number gathered at the College, and a few minutes after the doors were opened the hall was crowded and the order to sell no more tickets was given. Even then the large crowd outside would not leave until they were promised a repetition of the concert on Monday evening.

Probably never before did College Hall present such a gay and meretricious appearance. Union Jacks of all sizes hung from the walls while gay streamers of red, white and blue bunting were in profusion. This with Chinese lanterns and other decorations made up a scene which will not soon be forgotten.

The programme which we published last week was rendered throughout with the greatest skill. The Wolfville band, which has now attained a proficiency which would do credit to the bands of a considered large town, was at its best, and gave two numbers which were much enjoyed by the audience.

"Rule Britannia" was rendered in a most inspiring manner by a large chorus, and the music was finely set off by a tableau in which Britannia was represented by a beautiful female figure guarded by red-coats, and holding the trident in her hand. Mrs. Bustin, as Britannia, took her part charmingly. The flag drill by pupils of the Seminary was a most delightful performance and elicited enthusiastic applause. The pleasing and bewitching motions of the twelve enchantresses, now moving as one and now forming into the most unexpected combinations, but all with the unerring precision of machinery, gave the operator almost a suggestion of fairyland.

President Trotter delivered a most stirring and admirable patriotic address. Briefly he went into the merits of the dispute between Great Britain and the Transvaal, and convincingly set forth the justice of Britain's cause and the admirable strength and fortitude the nation had displayed throughout the struggle. His patriotic and imperishable suggestions found a ready response in his hearers and he was cheered enthusiastically.

The concert solo by Mr. Arthur Mumford was one of the best things on the programme and the audience manifested their appreciation by a hearty and persistent encore which brought forth a response, still further displaying Mr. Mumford's powers. The various military drills were positively wonderful and would have rivaled credit upon regular. Captain Starr, of Co. B, cannot be praised too highly for the large amount of work performed by him and the efficient results of his drill as manifested in the exercises given.

In the opinion of many the most striking part of the programme was the singing of "The Maple Leaf" by a chorus of about thirty little school girls. With a great earnestness they took their places upon the rostrum to the music of the piano and with earnestly a discord sang in all its parts that imitable patriotic song. The piano overture by Misses Lounsbury, Christie, Price and Elliott, students at the Seminary, was a very clever performance.

Miss Grace Patriquin's reading, "Sweeping through Africa" was as her readings usually are, keenly enjoyed. Much to the disappointment of the audience the enthusiastic encore failed to draw from the reader anything more than a very graceful bow. The Seminary glee club sang "The Soldiers of the Queen" with charming effect, and Miss Forbes' rich soprano voice was eminently adapted to the singing of the "Absent Minded Beggar," which was given to the delight of the audience.

The last piece on the programme was a chorus, "Union and Liberty," sung by sixty voices, which furnished a most pleasing finale to an exceedingly enjoyable and classical programme.

During the evening Mayor Thomson read a circular from the Lieut. Governor with reference to the Canada Patriotic Fund, which he augmented by a few appropriate remarks, congratulating the management and reminding the citizens that while they had contributed to the fund they had not given anything as the entertainment furnished was worth more than the entrance fee.

The proceeds of the concert amounted over \$300 which will certainly constitute a most creditable contribution to the patriotic fund from the citizens of Wolfville. The credit of the success of the entertainment is very largely due to Messrs. Woodman and Rockwell, who so far as we know are the originators of the concert and did a vast amount of work in connection with it. The decorations of the hall, which were of a most elaborate and tasty

Cherry War News.

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Following this hint Mr. Steyn, late president of the Orange Free State, on Tuesday delivered up his capital, Bloemfontein, to Roberts and unconditionally capitulated. This one of England's two enemies is removed from the field and what was formerly an independent state has become a dependency of Great Britain. The Union Jack has been placed over Bloemfontein to stay. The foolish ambition of the Free State executive has cost the state its independence but it has given to her citizens the priceless boon of British citizenship. From now on the name of the Free State will acquire an appropriateness unknown before.

It now remains for Roberts and his gallant subalterns to place a trifle more pressure upon Oom Paul. It is not likely however that after the defection of his colleague his Boer stubbornness can long avail. The Boers are doubtless beginning to see that the British flag is not white after all. If they have not yet they will have an opportunity for closer inspection later on.

An effort was made to get the old hero, William Hall, of Horton Bluff, to be present at the patriotic concert on Friday evening last, but unfortunately he was unable to attend. Mr. Hall enjoys the proud distinction of being a V. C. man, probably the only one in the whole Dominion. He obtained the coveted honor in India in 1857 during the mutiny. The Victoria Cross was instituted by Her Majesty at the close of the Crimean War, Jan. 29th 1856, and is only awarded to officers and men who have performed some signal act of valor or devotion to their country in the presence of the enemy. Apart from those who have won the cross in the present war there are only 150 living holders of the medal. The V. C. is a Maltese Cross made from cannon captured from the enemy. In the center is the Royal Crest, below a scroll bearing the words "For Valor." The reverse side is here. It measures one inch and two-fifths square. The actual weight of the medal is 434 grains, just three and a half grains less than an ounce, and its extreme value is a penny farthing. In event of a future demonstration being held we would suggest that every possible means be taken to secure the attendance of Mr. Hall, as many of our people would be glad of an opportunity of meeting the old hero.

The annual report of the Secretary for Agriculture, which has come to our table, indicates an awakening among the farmers of the province and advance all along the line of agricultural pursuits. Five years ago there were only 80 Societies in the province with a total membership of 3,986 and contributing but \$4,424 in fees. During the year just closed there have been 119 Societies with a total membership of 6,974 and contributing \$8,502 in fees. The Secretary states from fruit crops he estimates the income at close on \$1,000,000 and with the hundreds of orchards recently planted will convince any one of the prospective wealth of this industry. In live stock so much improvement has been made that some of our advance farmers are now fully able to compete with Ontario. A noticeable improvement in sheep is reported and many farmers are giving special attention to this most profitable branch of their business.

Metereological Observations Taken at the N. S. School of Horticulture, Wolfville, for the period March 8-15, 1899.

Table with columns: Date, Time, Wind, Clouds, Rain, Snow, etc.

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nature, were under the direction of a committee composed of Messrs. Chambers, Patriquin, Gillmore and Hales. The concert was repeated on Monday evening, when College Hall was again well filled. The programme of Friday evening was repeated with a few variations. In place of the piano overture two selections were given by the Wolfville orchestra which contributed very greatly to the success of the second night's performance. In place of the patriotic address Dr. Trotter gave a vivid picture of the India famine and its call upon the charity of the audience. The proceeds which were on this occasion in aid of the India Famine Fund amounted to \$95.

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SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed, "Tender for Wolfville Wharf," will be received at this office until Friday, 30th March, for the construction of a pile wharf at Wolfville, King's County, Nova Scotia, according to a plan and specifications to be seen at the office of C. E. W. DUDWELL, Esq., Resident Engineer, Halifax, N. S., on application to the Postmaster at Wolfville, and at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied and signed with the actual signatures of tenders. An accepted bank cheque, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, for six hundred dollars (\$600.00) must accompany each tender. The cheque will be forfeited if the party declines the contract or fails to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender. The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. By order, J. E. FORTY, Acting Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, March 3rd, 1900.

Auction Sale of House Furnishings, on Thursday, March 22nd, at 2 o'clock p. m., OPPOSITE CENTRAL HOTEL.

Parlor Suite, Piano, Pictures, Carpets and Curtains, Dining Room Furniture, side-board, Extension-table Lounge, lamps, four Bed-room Suits in Elm, Ash and Walnut, Mahogany Wardrobe, Kitchen and Pantry Utensils, Tin and Glassware, etc. etc. To be sold without reserve. For purchases over \$10. approved joint notes will be accepted. J. E. FORTY, Wolfville March 15th 1900.

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TENDERS. Tenders will be received by the subscriber up to April 2nd for the building of a dwelling house for himself in the village of Gasperon. Plans and specifications can be seen on application to Geo. A. Pratt, Wolfville, on and after Tuesday, March 29th. The subscriber will not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender. GEO. HUNTER, Gasperon.

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C. H. THE ACADIAN

Local and Provincial

The Proprietor Society is to annual reception in College H. evening.

Wolfville Division is planning a fraternal visit to Kentville this evening.

The special meetings which held in the Baptist church here in interest and are largely attended.

Mr. J. E. Forsyth's annual auction at household effects in column. The sale will take Thursday of next week.

Mr. L. W. Sleep is having excavated for the residence he to erect for himself just west of the town, in which he now lives.

Art Association meets with ardent Saturday afternoon at the German School will be beginning with Durer and Holbein.

Wolfville schools have completed contribution to the Canadian Fund. The whole amount is \$20.00, which is certainly very good.

For Sale.—A few tons of 2nds. Mr. Geo. Hunter of Gasperon erect a new residence for that place, and asks for tenders for the performance of it.

The officials of the local are sending Lord Roberts and B. Stairs each a barrel of apples grown on the farm at Starr, Starr's Point.

An effort is being made visit here from the wonderful war pictures. We hope to be successful as we are sure a large our people are anxious to see.

We understand that Dr. T. give his lecture on "The Omen," here at an early date. The lecture was given recently by students of Dalhousie and re flattering criticism.

Mr. William Satten, our man, has taken charge of the business recently carried on by L. F. Binkhorn. Mr. Binkhorn is coming to engage in his brother, Mr. S. Binkhorn.

To Rent.—Flat 6 room opposite Baptist church. Dr. Lewis Hunt, who Acadia in '68, has recently also made a valuable career from the island of C. consist of roses, jays, and number forty-five pieces.

We wish to express our to all from the town at who so readily responded labored to make the Fair such a success. And the Faculty for their kindness free use of the hall.

COMMITTEE OF M. We would direct the readers to the adv in a of the New York Life which Mr. J. B. Newcomb is general agent. We have the opportunity of inspecting on portions of the company's terms of the same very in those which relate to paid up insurance and cash value.

A list of fifty names of the Fair has been published in the last issue.