

THE ACADIAN,

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

—We would suggest that the government establish a semaphore system at the Port Williams bridge with a despatcher in charge to give crossing orders to teams travelling over it. After night it is funny to see the teams trying to decide whether to back out or lay down to let each other pass on the bridge. Perhaps the bridge will expand enough when hot weather comes to allow ordinary light carriages to pass.

—As a correspondent in another column says we have frequently called attention to the state of that bridge. That street is one much travelled and the nights lately have been very dark. Fortunately only temperate men live on that street else long ere this an accident must have occurred. It certainly does look as if some action should be taken in the matter to make the Commissioners do their duty.

—We sometimes wonder after anniversary is over and we read the ravings of the city reporters over our pretty girls, if the city girls are really such unattractive beings. To read their reports we would think they never saw a pretty girl except when they come here. But perhaps beauty is so plentiful in this county that it becomes common with us and ceases to attract attention.

—The *New Star* came out last week much enlarged and improved in appearance. It now has 32 columns and is without doubt the best paper published in Kentville. The *ACADIAN* congratulates the *Star* and wishes it continued prosperity.

—Speaking of the *New Star* we noticed also last week an item copied *verbatim* from the *ACADIAN* without being credited. This is very wicked and the *New Star* man must not do it any more. The *New Star* or any other paper is welcome to our Wolfville items but it must give us credit for them. Probably in the present instance it was an oversight of the editor.

OBSTRUCTION IN THE GASPEREAU RIVER.—We learn on good authority that in plain violation of the law the GasperEAU River is completely closed to fish at what is known as Dodge's Mill, a little below the Lake. There is here no fish-way nor any pretence of one and it is difficult to understand why expensive fish-ladders are required at other mills and not here. We respectfully ask the attention of our Inspectors of Fisheries to this obstruction. With all the mill-dams and saw-dust now tolerated in this river it will not be long before the valuable fisheries of the GasperEAU river will be completely ruined.

—When the Americans allow women to vote how are they going to find out who of them are old enough to vote?

MOUNT ALLISON.

The Anniversary Exercises of the Mount Allison Methodist Educational Institutions were held last week. The weather was beautiful. All the institutions have done good work during the past year. The following graduated: A. P. Barnhill, St. John; Arthur C. Borden, Wolfville; Harrison Cross, Hillsboro; Hedy Hallet, Devonshire, Bermuda; J. Chipman Hartley, Woodstock; Charles H. Huestis, Halifax; Miss Bessie Narraway, St. John; Charles B. Nicholson, Wincetor; Arthur L. Robinson, Moncton; A. B. Tait, Dorchester; Walter A. Taylor, St. John.

The following honors have been awarded in the collegiate department: Mathematics—H. B. Tait, Dorchester; Classics—W. H. Taylor, St. John; English—C. H. Huestis, Halifax; R. J. Mosher, Newport, N. S.; H. Harrison, P. E. I.; Philosophy—H. Gross, Hillsboro; J. C. Hardy, Woodstock; A. P. Barnhill, St. John; Natural Science—H. C. Taylor, Florenceville, N. B.

Miss Hattie S. Stewart, B. A., of Sackville, takes the degree of M. A., and Rev. Frederick Wright, M. A., of Sydney, C. B., that of B. D.

Miss Stewart, who graduated in 1882, was the first lady graduate in Arts and also is the first lady to take the degree of M. A. in the Provinces.

A departure worthy of note is the framing of a new course of philosophy and history for the successful completion of which the degree of Ph. D. will be given to masters of arts of any recognized university.

Prof. Burwash is to take the chair of natural science next year, vice Prof. Laird, who has resigned in order to pursue a course of study in Germany.

Rev. Byron Borden, B. A., succeeds Rev. D. Kennedy as principal of the Ladies' Academy. The total number in attendance at this institution this year is 115, of whom 90 were boarders. The degree of mistress of liberal arts was conferred by Rev. Principal Kennedy on Miss Minnie Freeman, of Lunenburg; Miss Sarah Shenton, of St. John, and Miss Tweedle, of Wallace. The graduates in Music were Miss Minnie Coleman, of Albert, N. B.; Miss Ontario Elliot, of Moncton; Miss Ella M. S. Hawkins and Miss Annie Florence Huestis, of Halifax; Miss Alice William, of Yarmouth, and Miss Phiney, of York, P. E. I.

Misses O'Hara and Sharpe received testimonials for proficiency in art work.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A RATEPAYER SPEAKS.

To the Editors of the *ACADIAN*.

DEAR SIRS,—I have noted with interest your repeated calls to the Commissioners of Streets to repair that bridge in the side-walk near the Baptist Church. That place is getting more dangerous and disgraceful every day and some of these dark nights some one will fall in there and the county will have a nice bill of damages to pay. There seems some doubt as to whether it is private property or public but there is no doubt as to its being on the public highway and therefore under the direct care of the Commissioners. The bridge too across the street, has holes in it.

Wouldn't an action for criminal negligence against the board be in order?

RATE-PAYER.

INFORMATION WANTED.

To the Editor of the *ACADIAN*.

Before we were blessed with a Municipal Council, there were always displayed in certain public and conspicuous places lists of those persons who liable to pay taxes, with the amounts placed opposite the respective names. Under the new regime no such lists exist, or no one knows where they are to be found, if there are any. All the information that can be obtained upon the most diligent and persistent inquiries is, that possibly there is such a list at the house of the Collector—the very last place in the world where it should be. Give us back our taxes, whatever may become of the Council, or we will soon have nothing to pay either with; or rather let there be some change in the law to prevent public business from being done in secret—as is largely the case at present.

June 10, '85. ABOVE-BOARD.

SHEEP FARMING IN NOVA SCOTIA.

There is not any doubt but Nova Scotia is a sheep farming country, and yet the majority of farmers do not seem to appreciate the value of such a benefit they derive over other provinces. Generally speaking there are few Nova Scotia agriculturists who seem to take any particular interest in improving the sheep flock of our country. It is not because they are ignorant of their mistake, but is only for the want of a little ambition on their part. The farmers must not be afraid to speculate the money they have made in good sheep when they will get larger interest in return than the banks are giving or can give them. What particular breed is most adapted for this Province under geographical and climatical influences? Some will patronize the Cotswold, Oxford or Leicester, while others will say we want a mountain sheep, like the Southdown or Cheviot. The argument can only be solved by analyzing the different breeds and their characteristics and find which would be the most beneficial to our Province. Comparing Nova Scotia with other sheep countries, we find the Southdown and Mountain and Cheviot hills, in England, are to be compared with our country; therefore there should not be the slightest doubt either the Southdown or Cheviot must be the most profitable sheep for Nova Scotia. The standard points of the Southdown and Cheviot sheep are not universally known in Nova Scotia. Below are the points which are recognized by the leading stock-raisers of Ontario:—

Standard Points	Maximum Value	Southdown	Cheviot
1. Early Maturity	200	180	100
2. Weight of Fleeces	150	80	60
3. Permanency of Character	80	75	70
4. Quality of Wool	70	65	28
5. Weight of Flesh	50	50	33
6. Constitution	50	38	30
7. Reliable Breeders	40	40	25
8. Impressive power	40	50	35
9. Freedom from Disease	50	40	38
10. Hardiness	40	30	25
11. Quality of Flesh	30	28	15
12. Prolificity	30	25	30
13. Forager	30	13	8
14. Disposition	20	20	10
15. Good Mother	20	10	8
16. Least Offal	20	18	10
17. Length of Wool	40	35	20
18. Uniform Fleeces	20	15	10
19. Cost of Production	20		
	1,000	\$37	\$85

If the Standard points are to be relied upon, there is not the slightest doubt existing but the Southdown is the sheep to represent our Province.

Sheep farming cannot be profitable if management and feeding are forgotten. The yards should be comfortable and sheds accessible to them, where they can run in and out at their liberty; they keep better in that way than any other. So long as sheep are protected from winds and storms, they are better in the open air than shut up. There should not be more than fifty, or at most sixty, in one yard. There is not any class of stock that is more sensitive to foul air than sheep.

The care of ewes with young is a thing that is very often neglected—an important consideration, as the lambs are sometimes the only profit yielded by the flock. When fodder is high or wool low, the fleeces will barely pay for food and attention. It must not be forgotten pregnant ewes require the same food as at all other times, but caution is necessary to prevent injury or abortion, which is often the result of excessive fat, feebleness or disease. The first may be remedied by spare diet, and both the last by restored health and generous food.

Dogs are the greatest nuisance a farmer has to contend with who keeps sheep. Sudden frights, as from dogs and strange objects; unwholesome food, great exertions and blows in the regions of the foetus produce abortion. There is not any better food for sheep than good upland hay composed of clovers and nearly all cultivated grasses. Bean and pea straw are very valuable, and especially the former, which if properly cured, they prefer it to the best hay. Roots should be given to them occasionally for a change, especially to the ewes after lambing, if this occur before putting them on pasture. It is a great mistake many are ignorant of, that is giving them too much grain; it is not at all suited for strong sheep. "It is too rich and should be given sparingly, except to the lambs, old ewes and feeble sheep." "SHEPHERD."

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do Ordinary per lb.....	14 to 18
Chickens, per pr.....	none
Ducks, per pr.....	none
Eggs, per doz.....	12 to 13
Geese, each.....	10
Hams smoked, per lb.....	10 to 12
Hides, per lb.....	06 to 07
Lambs, each.....	00 to 3 00
Mutton, per lb.....	08 to 10
Oats, per bus.....	50 to
Pork, per lb.....	to
Potatoes, per bus.....	38 to 45
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Turkeys, per lb.....	18 to 20
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