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### Wolfville.

Just halfway, by the mile posts, between Annapolis Royal and Halifax—the old and new capitals of Nova Scotia—on the Windsor & Annapolis railway, the conductors will call "Wolfville." Hereabout nature in the early geologic day did some of her grandest work by means of her igneous and aqueous agencies. The northern hills were sundered at Blomidon and the Bay of Fundy, thro' the Minas Basin, plowed its way south till checked by the more substantial uplift that flanks the southern side of the far famed valley of Annapolis and Kings counties. Eastward and westward, unchecked the diurnal tide poured its restless waters with ceaseless ebb and flow over vast estuaries, depositing in them a rich freight of earthy material, fitting them in the tollness of time to subserve the purpose of man. At the angle, where, on these southern hills, the Minas Basin and these broad sea-belt meadows meet, stands the village of Wolfville.

The region east, west and south where now stands Grand Pre, Gasper, Gas, Canada, Port Williams and Wolfville, was settled by the French during the 17th century. Here they remained for about one hundred years. At the time of their settlement the Fandy tides were roaring at will over thousands of acres of rich bottom lands, whose agricultural possibilities were then undreamed of. The Anglo-Saxon settler generally made war of nature with the axe and carved out his farm from the tree-clad hills; the French settler, on the other hand, kept near the sea and encroached on Neptune's domain. Soon the busy hand of industry threw up a network against the tidal flow and the Canada and Grand Pre meadows smiled with luxuriant vegetation. Thus was inaugurated the agricultural importance of this part of Nova Scotia. The Acadian farmers enjoyed here their simple pastoral life undisturbed by old world influences and excitements for more than a century. Then came adversity. Events leading up to the Seven Years War, with their sequences brought change to colonial life and consternation to many a happy home. The proud spirit of the Acadian declined to submit. He suffered the consequences and lost his dearly acquired heritage.

After the removal of the French about the middle of the 18th century the region hereabout was settled by people of English descent—some from New England, and others from the Mother land. The places received new and distinctive names where the new settlers took up their abodes. In a few cases the trace of the older occupant is preserved in the local name.

Soon after the expulsion of the French, about 1760, the place where Wolfville now stands was taken possession of by families named DeWolf and Johnson and a few others. This village derived its name Wolfville from the DeWolf family. Ever since the first settlers the names DeWolf and Johnson have been prominent among the citizens.

The continuity of the history of this village is preserved along several lines. For example take the case of the post office. Outside of Halifax Wolfville had one of the earliest post-offices in the Province. For more than a century have the inhabitants received and mailed their letters and papers as they do to-day. But the present postmaster is only the fourth who has held that office in 125 years. The officials have been Judge DeWolf, Elisha DeWolf, Wm. Johnson and Geo. V. Rand. The last named gentleman has held the office since 1855. Again, the early settlers founded a church soon after their settlement here. The present Baptist church is the direct descendant of the original body of worshippers. The house of worship has changed. The present edifice being the third building occupied by them. The present esteemed pastor, Rev. Dr. T. A. Higgins, is the fourth pastor in a period of about a century and a quarter. Few post-offices and churches have such a record in regard to the permanency of their official heads.

The growth of the community rendered the founding of other churches necessary. In the following order the Episcopal, the Methodist, the Presbyterian and the Roman Catholic bodies founded churches. All the religious organizations are vigorous and progressive, and among them the utmost harmony and good will prevails.

On the hill just south of the village stands Acadia College and its affiliated institutions, Horton Collegiate Academy and Acadia Seminary. These schools were established and are supported by the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces. The Academy was founded

in 1828, the College in 1838, and a school for young ladies a few years later, of which Acadia Seminary is the noble outgrowth. Thus for over half a century youth have been resorting to these schools to receive culture and discipline that would qualify them in the field of influence and usefulness in the field of the forum, on the platform and in the pulpit. These provinces are largely indebted in their development to these institutions for the cultivated manhood and womanhood sent forth from their halls.

In 1877 the main College building was destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt at once and in 1878 the present commodious structure was occupied. Besides the several buildings, with their equipment, and some fifty or more acres of land surrounding them, the College has a respectable endowment fund in invested cash. But in addition it is warily entrenched in the hearts and affections of the Baptist constituency of the Maritime Provinces, and yearly it receives a free will offering which represents an asset of almost incalculable value. There are nine teachers in the Acadia Seminary, four teachers in Horton Academy and ten Professors in Acadia College. The average number of students in all departments is about 300. The library, museum, lecture rooms, assembly halls and dormitories bear testimony to the educational advantages offered to the youth of the land.

Youth educated here go forth to all parts of the world. The United States receives the larger proportion after the Maritime Provinces. A recent authority states that 50 graduates from the last ten college classes are now in the United States engaged in further study or in professional life. So far as greater educational advantages go, no doubt they can be greatly profited by attending the older and more thoroughly equipped American universities; but it is to be hoped that the time is not far distant when our educated youth, who do not wish to settle down near the Atlantic seaboard, will go to the western provinces of our own Dominion, where the chances for professional success are far greater than in the already overcrowded American Republic. Were the immense possibilities of our new Western States fully known our young men would not hesitate to go thither to give the benefit of their educated manhood to the upbuilding of our young nation.

Wolfville is conservative in its tastes and aspirations. It has none of the rush of a new western town, nor has it any indications of decrepitude that is apparent in some of the older eastern villages. Its population is steadily increasing in number and in material prosperity.

The natural scenery about Wolfville has been much admired by tourists. Minas Basin, an arm of the Bay of Fundy, in front to the north, beyond which the green hills of Cumberland stand out against the northern sky, nearer and more majestic is the solid uplift of Blomidon, the eastern terminus of the mountain range that skirts the northern side of the Annapolis valley to the west the broad plains of Cornwallis covered with its orchards and cultivated fields—a very Eden of beauty and fertility—the home of a large and thriving population—the direct descendants of United Empire Loyalist, and hardy New England farmers, who entered upon the heritage left vacant by the Acadian French. No more beautiful region can be found between the Atlantic and Pacific on either side of the international boundary than this garden of Cornwallis. Then eastward lies the Grand Pre's historic land—its hillsides pitted by the ridges of a French cellar, itself ridged by dikes that speak of the hardy toil of the hands of another race long since turned to dust. The modern plowshare and spade often turn up relics of the cruder civilization. The railroad on leaving Wolfville going east winds round this broad meadow for some three miles, giving the passing traveller a grand view of its extent; but to understand its value and to form an idea of its agricultural importance one needs to drive across it.

Southward lie the hills of Gasper and between which nestles the beautiful valley of the same name. For hill and valley, river and plain, few places offer so rich a combination and so crowded a picture.

W. E. Earle, of the Earle Publishing House, St. John, N. B., informs us that part of MSS. for Col. MacPherson's "Life of Sir John," which his firm is publishing, is already in the printer's hands, and that prospectus copies will be ready for carvers in a few days. The book will be sold only by subscription through authorized agents. Owing to the relationship and personal intimacy of the author with the subject of his biography, and the access to documents and other matter supplied by the family of the late Premier, this biography will be the only authentic record of the deceased statesman's career and it is the only book on Sir John, N. B., sole publishers for Dominion.

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### The First Rough Trip.

We were ready to start, a stiff breeze was blowing from the North-east, the captain had blown the whistle for the third time; the engineers were all ready, and the steward had just come below from consulting the passengers that had decided on doing a trip to our various ports) where he found the cabin boy, cleaning up and making all things suitable for the day. A number of the passengers were ladies, (strange to say, we carry a great many ladies) and all seemed bright and joyous as they came below to the cabin; it being rather cold on deck the cabin was more suitable to their feelings.

Between here and our first port we had dinner, and the cozy dining-room was well filled with husbands and wives, sisters and brothers, cousins and aunts. Of course I don't think that all these people were related to one another, but a good number had the same blood flowing in their veins just the same, and all had a relative feeling for the dinner table.

The water was kept very busy during the dinner hour, and was rushing with all speed from the table to the kitchen for meat and various dishes, where the steward was having a hard job carving some beef which the butcher had left that morning. The beef seemed to be getting rather the best of him, although his knife was sharp, and he had an able arm to back it up. He swore at the butcher each time the water came for more meat, and wished the blamed old meal was over. It didn't finish however until the steward's arm was well tired out and his knife as dull as when he first put it to the grindstone.

When we left our first port the sea began to get lumpy-turvy, and naturally enough the boat took the same motion. Two ladies very soon after dinner were helped below, one by the cabin boy, and the other by a gentleman friend. The cabin boy then lost all modesty (as cabin boys are apt to do in such a case) and commenced spreading the sea-dish, around; the modesty of the ladies also left them, for they never said a word, when the boy quickly, and quietly, knelt beside them, to give his support while they rid themselves of some of the butcher's beef, and thus caused a lot of the steward's work for naught.

At our second stopping-place we were relieved of a number of our sea-sick friends, and had them replaced by women who were used to the sea. However a lot of sea-sickness still remained, and the boat kept on her course with a heavy rolling sea, which tossed her about in a wild manner; and the cabin boy already tired, was still kept on the alert.

While steadying the shoulder of one lady, (extremely beautiful) she exclaimed, "I shall die, I shall die, I know I shall, for I can't stand this any longer." But the cabin boy very politely said "Oh no you won't, for you are not half as bad as lots have been." This reassured her and she revived in spirit a few minutes. Soon she reached her destination, where the passengers are brought to and landed from the steamer in a small open boat, manned by two able seamen; when looking down the gangway, and seeing the distance she had to go 'er she reached the open boat, she again exclaimed, "I shall die, I know I shall," but the boy said no, and she seemed to place great confidence in his word. She reached the shore in safety and then felt better after her rough weather sail. This place was near a cove, so we decided to anchor here until the storm had spent its rage. We reached our destination early the next morning, for the storm ceased with the turn of tide, and we steamed merrily along to the city; that city in N. B., which thinks it ought to be the winter port for the mail service of Canada. It might possibly make a winter port, and a summer one also, for that matter, but there would have to be a law passed forbidding fishermen to spread their nets on foggy days. They would also need a course especially for the mail service boats, with a large board fence on each side, and the gates to open and shut on the sound of its whistle on each end. If such were not the case they would be apt to run over a few small schooners and do themselves a good lot of damage when the fog is thick. In my humble opinion Halifax is the natural port for Canada's winter mail. Because its harbour is broad and clear, while that of St. John is narrow and filled with banks of fog.

I'll say no more this time but will relate another trip later on.

### Your truly, STEWARD.

### The Sunday School Convention.

WHAT AND HOW?

The Sunday School Teachers of this county have been called together for the first day of September. It is a gathering of great importance. The best workers of the churches of all denominations will meet for consultation and encouragement. The questions to be discussed will be vital—the influence of the gathering should be felt far and wide for months and years to come.

Four points will be specially brought before the minds of the teachers assembled.

1st. Is every person in the county, from four to twenty-one years of age, a regular attendant at Sun day school; if not—why not?

2d. What can be done to make our schools more attractive and effective?

3d. The Bible, our text book how shall we study it to the best advantage?

4th. Our aim—to bring our pupils to the Saviour; are we doing it?

Now if these momentous questions

are to receive right consideration, there must be the most careful preparation. Every moment of the meeting will be precious. It will not be a time for "much speaking." The mere talker should have no place there.

What can be done beforehand for the success of this meeting? 1. Topics should be sent to the Executive Committee at once; writers and learners for the discussions should be chosen, the programme should be published in the county papers early in August; and every teacher should think over points on which to give or ask for information.

2. Every Sunday school in the county should be represented by two delegates—the Superintendent and one teacher, and these should not fail in this duty.

3. Get every pastor to preach on the last Sabbath in August on the work of the Sabbath school, or hold a children's service on that day.

4. At the prayer meeting previous to convention let the theme for meditation and prayer, be the theme for meditation and prayer, be a model Sunday school meeting.

5. Get the Provincial Agent or some successful worker, to be present for advice and suggestion.

The place of meeting this year is central and beautiful, the churches commodious, the people of Canada will open their hearts and homes to those coming on the Lord's work. Let there be a large representative gathering, this should be a model Sunday school meeting. To attend this end some of the requirements are—

A chairman, a consecrated business man—of few words, who will keep all speakers to time, and best utilize the material of the convention; addresses, short, crisp, pointed, none longer than five minutes; the song service at the opening of each session, carefully prepared, general, hearty, appropriate and suitable to children's voices; the "question box" at the close of each session pointed answers to written questions from any one present. In these and other ways the gathering may be made most profitable.

Never was there a time when the Sabbath school attendance was larger, or greater effort was put forth to do the work worthily. To-day twenty millions of scholars are taught by two millions of teachers, and these are the very cream of our churches. In the large cities of this continent hundreds, even thousands of teachers gather on Saturday to study the lessons for the next day and the best methods of teaching it. Schools are being opened for the normal training of Sunday school as well as day school teachers, and many pastors are doing their best work in the training of their Sunday school staffs.

And the need of the work is great. For our homes, our churches, the building up of our country, the great missionary movement of our age, we need the influence of the life and work of the earnest Sunday school teacher.

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We have a valuable in the shape of a river up at Grand Pre if J. L. Brown, of Wolf three feet under gy blacksmith clinker, French hammer, previous to their ex mer weighs fifteen round steel face and The temper in the apparently, as when

The reception given press representatives the citizens of Wolf creditable affair, and ed very favorably w they were received other towns along the were met by the town of train and driven wich, then by the "Corner, and then the man Hall where sp furnished. The str prettily decorated w reflected the greater committee in charge the address in beha Dr Sawyer for the

Berwick

The Camp Meeting day. The funeral will take place on same day. The sun Caldwell cast a glo Miss C. was a high woman—talented, co

Mr Wm. Thomas, are visiting their date the Baptist parsonage Mrs Crawley, of spending a few weeks here, Mr and Mrs J. The new P. O. will month.

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The raspberry pie height. J. L. Shaw getting a sufficient this week.

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