

Calendar for December

Calendar grid for December 1885 showing days of the week and dates.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., DEC. 4, 1885

We have again been compelled to crowd out several interesting articles. They will appear as we can make room for them.

The "Man of One Newspaper" is not so often met with nowadays. The public-spirited reader must have his good local paper, such as the ACADIAN, for information on questions concerning his immediate neighborhood. He wants also a metropolitan paper, and he wants it interesting and enterprising, as well as thoroughly reliable. The Witness, whose special announcements on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary appear in another column, is certainly of that description. An honorable career of forty years is no small matter of congratulation to the publishers; and our vigorous contemporary gives promise of excelling its past record by its future.

The editor of the New Star in the last issue of that paper refers to an article recently published in the ACADIAN, entitled "Bones," and charges its author, "Sam," with poisoning the same from a scientific journal. While we thank our contemporary for the information given, we think in justice to ourselves we should say that we were entirely innocent, never having seen the article before and believing it to be original. Though we are always pleased to have persons write for our columns, and particularly the boys, we would ask "Sam" to please not do this again; and to all the boys we would say, Be straightforward and true, and don't go to other people for your ideas when you write for the press, rely on yourself. "Honesty is the best policy."

Our contemporary, the Windsor Courier, changed hands with its last issue and Mr. G. B. Dakin, formerly proprietor, has sold the paper to a friend of his, Mr. J. H. Dakin. We are sorry to see the paper leaving the work so soon as we feel that in him Nova Scotia loses one of its ablest journalists. We are pleased to learn, however, that he will continue to assist in the editorial work, and, under the management of Mr. Dakin, with his assistance, we expect great things of the Courier. From our personal acquaintance with the new proprietor, we should say that he has the necessary qualities to make him succeed in whatever he undertakes, and we wish him every success in his new venture. As a member of the press we thank Mr. Smith for his kind wishes.

The sub-structure of the new bridge over the Gaspeaux river near White Rock Mills is about completed, and ready for the iron-work which is daily expected. It is stated that the bridge will be first-class, and less expensive in the long run than the bridges hitherto used over the Gaspeaux. Similar opinions were expressed in regard to the Kinney bridge constructed last autumn, yet time has shown that the sub-structure, at least, is fast crumbling away and will very soon have to be repaired; and will become quite as expensive to keep in order as the old wooden one. Grave fears are entertained that the new bridge at White Rock will also, ere long show that a mistake has been made in the construction of its foundation, and may be found more expensive to repair than its predecessor. We are strongly of the opinion that building Iron Bridges in localities similar to that of the White Rock Bridge is not good economy.

We have had a petition prepared asking the Municipal Council at its next meeting to appoint a committee to examine into the propriety of straightening the highway near Mud Bridge and if deemed practical to survey and lay out the same. The said petition is now at our office where all persons interested and desiring to do so can affix their signatures. If a sufficient number of freeholders should sign the petition as to qualify its presentation to the council it will be forthwith transmitted to them for their consideration. We hope the people of Wolfville will not allow this matter to drop, as there can be no doubt but that it would be one of the greatest benefits that could be conferred upon the village. We hope to be able in our next issue to announce that the petition is ready and in the hands of the council.

Within the past few weeks there has been no less than five incendiaries within a radius of some three miles of our office. The first, beginning in an unoccupied part of a tenement building near the Mud Bridge, so called, and extending eastward until three buildings were consumed; the next night unoccupied house at Grand Pre;

followed a few nights after by another unoccupied house in the same locality; next a barn on the Wickwire dyke belonging to A. D. Wolf, Esq.; and last and by much the most serious was that of Sunday night last, when the barn of Mr. Alexander Jones, of Grand Pre, was fired, no doubt with the intention of destroying the barn and its contents. Fortunately, however, the fire was discovered in time to save the live stock—some thirty head,—with the exception of one fat ox, which could not be rescued. What motive could prompt the execution of such a diabolical crime we are unable to comprehend, but think it time some action should be taken by the authorities to ferret out the perpetrators and bring them to justice.

TEMPERANCE REFORM.

The age in which we live is truly an age of reform. We have to turn our thoughts backward but a short time to behold many striking improvements in the condition of the human race. Numerous are the streams that have been explored to their sources; and many mines have been wrought out; that, to our forefathers, were clouded deep in obscurity. The old cant of opinions has gradually given way to a better order of things; and civilization, which has been characterized as "a plant of slow and gradual growth," has developed so much within the present age, carrying with it so many reforms, which have benefited mankind, that it is difficult to guess at what state it will arrive. The abolition of that giant evil—slavery, has added a star to our firmament that will remain fixed unto eternity. The laboring class have found out that they were placed in the world for something higher than to serve the ends of a so-called nobility. Caste distinctions are gradually being obliterated and the equality of man is recognized. On all sides do we behold the indelible influence of man's innate desire to improve, and surpass their predecessors in intellectual culture and religious freedom.

Although there are many to be found who dwell with pride upon our free institutions and our untrammelled laws, there yet remains many burning questions that Reformers and Theorists have not solved. Slowly, but with a surety characteristic of its gradual progress, there is a reform going on in our very midst, which will immeasurably add to the welfare of mankind. Many a hard fought battle will be recorded upon the pages of human history, before the giant evil—yea crime—intemperance shall have been routed. But who is there among us that does not cherish generous hopes that at a not very distant day this evil will eventually succumb to the shafts of morality and religion.

The question before us is one that cannot be overruled and trampled under foot. It is rising daily to greater and more solemn importance. It is the burning question of the day, and in its implication and extent it overshadows all else. Although politicians have almost unanimously evaded this greater problem, and used their talents upon secondary, it is plainly to be seen that temperance and politics can not long be separated. Public opinion has been wrought to so high a pitch, that it will be useless for the law-makers of our country to divert our minds upon other questions of the day. It cannot be talked down, laughed down, or sneered down, and there is not enough money or influence in all the millions of this world to buy liquor traffic to keep this question from showing its influence at the polls. Over sanguine though this statement may seem, I cannot believe that this is merely a temporary excitement, but that at no distant day this liquor oligarchy will be overthrown by the voice of the people.

To attain the ends which we seek, let the temperance cause receive from us the attention which it deserves. It can not be said that the agencies organized for the suppression of the liquor traffic have not accomplished lasting good. Had not temperance organizations been controlled by influences almost divine, they would have given up in despair; but "thanks be to God who giveth us the victory," we have already attained a grand and glorious success. No other movement can show so good a record against such fearful odds in so short a time. The return in its infancy found the business world opposed to it, the church in favor of moderate drinking, and the state blind to the evils of this traffic; but by facts and arguments the business world, the church, and the state have been convinced that the liquor traffic is an outlaw; and now all those who indulge in alcoholic drinks are branded to be seen under the flag they are flying. Realizing what we already have attained, let us stand shoulder to shoulder on the battle-field of this reform, firm and unwavering in our hope, to crown right with victory and overcome vice and error with truth and purity.

TEMPERANCE AT LOWER HORTON.

We are here to celebrate in verse and song and social intercourse the seventh anniversary of our Division. On such an occasion a brief history of the Division will be appropriate, and I trust interesting also. I have interviewed members and searched the minutes through, and the result is written on this paper, which I shall read to you as my contribution to the programme for the evening's entertainment.

On the tenth day of December 1879 the leading men of Horton met together and formed a society, "For the better improvement of Husbandry, encouragement of Manufactures, cultivation of Social Virtue, acquirement of Useful Knowledge, and to promote the good order and well-being of the community." The society was called Colonia Societas and had a seal with a Plow engraven on it, and the motto *Vive et Fideat*. The following were the first officers appointed, viz: Jonathan Crane, President; John Thos. Hill, Vice P.; James N. Shannons, Treasurer; James Fullerton, Secretary; and David Dennison, Steward. The ancient Colonia Societas is our King's County Agricultural Society of to-day, and is the first society of its kind formed in Lower Horton of which we have any authentic record.

Whether those leading men included temperance in the clause, "to promote the good order and well-being of the community," is a question which I think may be safely answered in the negative. In ye olden time the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage was a universal custom. Every family of note displayed the decanter and wine glass on the side-board and possessed a punch bowl for festive occasions, and the drinking of wine was used to welcome the coming and speed the parting guest. Hosts were considered ill-bred and their hospitality niggardly and mean if wine was not set before their guests, and the man who refused to drink a health from the sparkling cup or to take a glass of wine with a lady was voted quixotic, eccentric, and even boorish. Drinking was thus made respectable and fashionable, and the younger members of the family were familiarized with it and trained up to do it, and few young men could resist the temptation, or, indeed, tried to do so, and many became drunkards. An extensive trade was carried on between Halifax and the West Indies in those days. Fish and other produce were exported and rum and molasses were the return cargo. This rum was sent all over the country and sold in every corner grocery, and the item of rum figured largely in every farmer's account. It was bought by the gallon and served out as rations to the men employed in haying and harvest; used freely at every large raising and public gathering, and supplied *ad libitum* by candidates at an election. Drinking was the universal custom then in all classes and conditions of society, and was fashionable and respectable. Thank God! it is now, in our day and generation, the exception, and is looked upon as disgraceful and disreputable as it was then fashionable and respectable. Our Division has done a large part of that good work for us. The Agricultural Society did much good work for the community, doubtless, but there was probably very little temperance work done until we approached the year 1848.

I have good authority for stating that a Division was formed in that year, but I have been unable to find the minutes or any written record. This Division, the first in Lower Horton, was organized by Theodore Harding, a merchant of Windsor, and son of Rev. Theodore Harding, Baptist minister. Lawyer Chas. Harris was the first W. P.; Andrew Borden, a worthy member of our Division, Conductor; Arthur M. Wier, R. S. Among the members were nearly all the leading men of that day—Edward Byers, William Dennison, George McGregor, Wm. H. Harris, Jacob Curry. These men have all passed away, but their names are fresh and green in the memory of many here to-night, and their sons and daughters, who were the younger members of the old Division, take their place as the older members of Evangelium. Andrew Borden, Chas. H. Curry, and the late Elen H. Curry were members of the old Division. Chas. Morris, a graduate of King's College, Windsor, was a fine scholar, an able lawyer, and an enthusiast in the cause of temperance. He was ably seconded by Arthur Wier, who was a clever business man, and the good cause prospered in their hands. The Division met at first in Jan. K. Rathbun's house, but gained sufficient strength and means to build a temperance hall, to hold in the completion of which, a tea-meeting was held. This tea-meeting is described by those who remember it as the most interesting of Lower Horton. People came from Windsor, Newport, Cornwallis, and all over the two counties. Lower Horton was alive for once in its history and the people united in a good cause. There was a march through the place in regalia, and Chas. H. Curry, then a lad of fifteen, tells me he had the honor of bearing the banner aloft and found it no easy task. This banner was painted by Parker Smith, of Windsor, and presented to the Division by the late Samuel Harris. It must still be in existence and should be hunted up and restored to its place. There are a number of incidents related in connection with this tea-meeting. The hall was not finished and the crowd of people to crack and there was a rush outdoors, some jumping from the windows. No one was seriously injured, and the affair was a success. The hall stood just in front of the residence of W. K. Rathbun. After some years it was converted into a schoolhouse, and was burnt soon after the "School law" came in force. Arthur Wier owned the property now belonging to Councilor F. G. Curry and lived in a two-story house which stood, until it was destroyed a few years ago, on the bank above the wharf with a large elm tree in front. Wier was not successful here and went to England and became a ship owner and

a wealthy man. This old Division, the name of which I do not know, occupied the ground for a number of years, and then ceased to exist, and was succeeded by the Order of Good Templars, and we next meet with the Division in 1873.

On Thursday evening, March 20th, 1875, a public meeting was held in Grand Pre Hall for the purpose of organizing a Division of the Sons of Temperance. After the meeting was dissolved, Geo. Y. Rand, assisted by members of Wolfville, Greenwood, and Gaspereau Divisions, organized Evangelium Division, No. 329, and the following officers were elected: Rev. S. F. Henkle, W. P.; Jennie Stewart, W. A.; Robert L. Borden, R. S.; Ida Faulkner, A. R. S.; Edward McLaughy, F. S.; J. B. Bowser, Treas.; William Faulkner, Chap.; Fred Rathbun, Cond.; Louisa Simon, A. C.; M. Duncanson, I. S.; Joseph King, O. S. Of those officers, death has removed two, and of the remainder only three are members of our present Evangelium. The charter members of No. 329 numbered 39 and the total membership at the end of the first quarter was 70. Bro. Andrew Borden was elected W. P. for the next quarter. On the 28th Jan. '74 prohibition petitions to the Dominion and Local House were signed by the members; so that our agitation for prohibition was begun in '74. The division met in Borden's Hall until April the 8th, 1875. This meeting was held in a room in Mrs. Sherman Denison's house, and the Division continued to meet there until the charter was forfeited. The death of Mrs. Denison and the burning of the house shortly afterwards, has left nothing but the memory of that old Division room.

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