

CORRESPONDENCE.

EXCULPATORY.

To the Editor of the YOUNG ACADIAN.

As the pound-keeper of Wolfville does not consider that a newspaper is a proper vehicle for private pique, personal abuse or retaliatory recrimination; he will not ask the editor of the "Young Acadian" to publish any reply to the article upon the pound which appeared in the last issue of that journal, but will allow all that are so inclined to give full credence to the sundry assertions and insinuations contained in it, and to derive from them all the enjoyment they were found capable of affording. Such newspaper contents are of the nature of bull-dozing, cock-fighting and all similar debasing amusements—they minister to a depraved taste and contaminate the innocent and the young. It is enough for the officer in charge to know that he has faithfully endeavoured, as far as unfavourable and adverse circumstances would permit, to perform his duty, both as regards the cattle impounded and their owners; even if he is made the scapegoat of all the mistakes of the Municipal Council, the injustice of the regulations and the defects and faults in the construction and equipment of the pound itself; and he has reason to believe that in this he has the countenance and support of all those in the community whose good will and good opinion he values or regards.

C. D. R.

Wolfville, July 14th. '83.

THE PRICE OF A SECRET.

Freemasons in the year 1770 must have been rather surprised and amused to read the following announcement in the *Newcastle Courant* of January 4th. of that year: "This is to acquaint the public—That on Monday the first inst, being the Lodge (or monthly meeting) Night of the Free and Accepted Masons of the 22nd. Regiment, held at the Crown, near Newgate, (Newcastle.) Mrs Bell, the landlady of the house, broke open the door (with a poker) that had not been used for some time past; by which means she got into an adjacent room, made two holes through the wall, and by that stratagem discovered the secrets of Freemasonry; and she, knowing herself to be the first woman in the world that ever found out the secret, is willing to make it known to all her sex. So any lady who is desirous of learning the secrets of Freemasonry, by applying to that well-learned woman (Mrs. Bell that lived fifteen years in and about Newgate) may be instructed in the secrets of Masonry.—*Chambers's Journal.*"

Look Here!

At my New Stand, Head of

GASPEREAU ROAD,

I have just opened a fresh and well selected Stock of

BEST FAMILY

GROCERIES.

In Store, and to arrive a choice lot

FAMILY FLOUR.

FEED FLOUR,

CORN-MEAL,

OAT-MEAL,

SHORTS,

Etc., Etc.

A FINE ASSORTMENT

CROCKERY,

CHINA, and

GLASS-WARE

Just opened, and more to arrive in a few days.

Please call and inspect my Stock, before purchasing.

R. PRAT.

Wolfville, May 17th. '83.