

Local Happenings.

Renew your subscription to Toronto Saturday Night through H. P. Davidson, The Magazine Man.

This is the last day for the payment of town taxes in order to qualify for a vote at the ensuing civic elections.

Definite announcement has been made to the effect that the steamship service between Boston and Yarmouth will be resumed on or about March 1st.

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The government of Nova Scotia has appointed Mrs. A. J. Woodman deputy registrar of marriage licenses and registrar of vital statistics for this town, in place of her late husband.

A full meeting of the Executive and Superintendents of Departments of the W. C. T. U. is requested for Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at the home of the president, Mrs. R. O. Davidson.

MEETS. C. R. H. Starr and A. M. Wheaton were in Yarmouth last week attending the meetings of the Yarmouth men's Association, of which the latter was president last year. They report a very interesting session.

Mrs. Owen D. Foster will be 'at home' to her friends on the afternoons of Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 21st and 22nd, at the residence of Mrs. C. D. Koppell, corner of Gasperau avenue and Acadia street.

A Musical Service will be given in the Presbyterian church, Kentville Sunday evening, Jan. 19th, 1919, under the direction of Mrs. C. P. Richmond, assisted by Miss Wilson, Mrs. Rumbree and the Male Quartette.

Do you realize that by paying three cents every morning for the daily paper it costs you \$9.39 a year? The subscription price of the 'Morning Chronicle' is only \$5.00. Give me your order to-day and save that \$4.39. H. P. DAVIDSON, The Magazine Man Phone 5.

ROX SALR.—One Superior Cow, 7 years old, with call at side.

MARTON KNINR, Gasperau.

All those interested in the Labrador and Home Relief Work of the W. C. T. U. will please hand in their contributions of money or second hand clothing as soon as possible to Mrs. W. E. Fielding, Leona Ave. A meeting to begin this work will be held on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. H. P. Fries, Main St. As many as possible should be present as this work is urgent.

Monday and Tuesday will be Kenyan nights at the Opera House. The noted motion picture actor and athlete will appear in a seven reel production 'A Man's Man'. The scenes are staged in the atmosphere of Central America and is perhaps the most thrilling and powerful love story unfolded on the stage or screen. 'A Man's Man' is the British weekly with all the latest news at home and abroad.

Mr. J. F. Herbin has just invented an instrument for the purpose of making the Shadow Test in eye examination more accurate in results. A model is in the hands of a large manufacturer of optical instruments in New York, who wishes to use it in connection with one of their own, and as soon as arrangements can be made for patent and manufacturing rights the instrument will be on the market. Mr. Herbin is making use of this instrument pending the construction of a more perfect one by a skilled maker, and finds it of the greatest value in his work.

Canning Boy Back From Overseas.

Among those returning on the Scotia via St. John last week with an English wife, is Corporal L. G. Bickerton, of Canning. He married on June 13th last, Miss Gladys Hale, of Haldale, South Chingford, London, who has been engaged as a stenographer at the admiralty office, London. Corporal Bickerton was enlisted in the 25th Battalion at the time of the formation, November, 1914, sailed for overseas May 20th, 1915, crossed to France September 15 and was through the campaign in Flanders and the Somme, in April, 1916. At the battle of St. Hel, when all communications were cut, after several runners had been put out of action, he succeeded, although exposed to intense machine rifle and shell fire, in carrying a message through to headquarters, and was among those who, for distinguished conduct on that critical field, were thanked by the commanding officer and mentioned in despatches. He was fourteen months at the front, was wounded in October, 1916, and invalided to England. During recent months, he has been an instructor at Bramshott.

The Boy Scouts.

The usual meeting will be held at 7 o'clock this evening. Program as follows: 7 to 8—Juniors in Gym. 8—Roll Call and Talk on Starman Badge, by Professor Cotti. 8:30 to 9—Basket Ball between Wolves and Cuckoos. 9 to 10—Seniors in Gym. Hockey practice on Saturday morning—10 to 11.

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THE PROBLEM OF THE HOUR.

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- MEN'S: Ties, Assorted, 75c. to \$1.25. Gloves, Wool Swede \$1.00 to \$1.50. Scarves, Silk, Wool, \$1.25 to 3.50. Shirts, Assorted, \$1.00 to 2.50. Sweaters, \$2.50 to \$10.00. Smoking Jackets, \$9.00 to 12.50. Bathrobes, \$10.00. Silk and Cashmere Hose, .65 to \$1. Clothing, Underwear, Shoes, Rubber Footwear, Larrigans, Slippers, Baggage, etc. BOYS': Larrigans, \$2.50. Sweaters, \$1.50 to 4.00. Slippers. Lumbermen Rubbers, \$2.35 to 3.00. Boots, \$2.70 to 5.40. Hockey Boots, \$2.70 to 4.30. Skates, \$1.90 to 5.00. Caps, Shirts, Stockings, Handkerchiefs, Ties, etc. GIRLS' CHILD'S INFANTS': All kinds of Shoes, Soft Soled Booties, Gaters, Overshoes, Rubbers.

F. K. Bishop Co., LIMITED WOLFVILLE, N. S. Shoes, Men's and Boys' Wear, Etc.

Response to "R. S. V. P."

An unknown writer (Mr. or Mrs. R. S. V. P.) in the THE ACADIAN of Jan. 3 called the attention of the School Board to the High School with respect to (a) The deplorable inefficiency of the instruction received therein, due to (b) The inadequacy of the teaching staff. Inefficiency of instruction means instruction that does not produce results and that does not accomplish a designed end. Now the great and abiding purpose of all teaching is training pupils to think clearly, decide independently and in consequence react, with precision and speed to one's environment. An incidental end, as an aid to the main purpose towards which High School pupils are working, is success in winning certificates at the Provincial Government High School examinations. Measured by both of these standards, the teaching cannot be characterized otherwise than inefficient. Pupils have made good records as college students and in business and professional life. Instances could be mentioned if space permitted.

A few facts with regard to success at Government examinations will be instructive. In two successive recent years 85 per cent of candidates from Wolfville High School were successful. Several times 100 per cent of the candidates for Grade IX and X certificates have been successful. Time and again pupils have made records of 100 (a perfect mark) in these exams. One year a pupil received 100 in three subjects: Algebra, Arithmetic and Geometry. In another year, 1915, a pupil received 100 in two subjects, Latin and Arithmetic, as well as 94 in English. In the same year, pupils from Wolfville High School made twelve marks between 90 and 100, distributed among the Subjects, English, Latin, Arithmetic and Algebra. There was also a good showing of marks between 70 and 90. One pupil in this year made an average of 90 on six subjects. In a previous year, one pupil made an average of 91. These marks are equalled only by a few of about 3000 candidates who write these exams.

In 1914, there were three marks, 100 each, and eleven between 90 and 100, with a good array of marks between 70 and 90. In 1913, 80 per cent passed. A Wolfville High School graduate of 1916 took the fifty dollar prize for highest standing in the Freshman year at Acadia. At present, there are twenty graduates of Wolfville High School attending various classes at Acadia. This does not look like inefficiency.

Scientific teaching. Such results as these gladden the heart of every faithful teacher and prove the thoroughness of the instruction. The writer of the criticism has, evidently, not been following the published results of the Provincial exams during the last ten years, or else did not really mean "inefficiency," but rather "inefficiency of instruction," a condition that would be due to "inefficiency" of teaching staff. This added statement was made: "Mr. Ford is doing much more than should be expected of him and Miss Thomas is doing the work of two teachers." The first half of this is quite true; the second half is somewhat over-stated, for it seems to indicate a belief that the department known as preparatory, of which, at present, Miss Thomas has the direction, is much more heavily loaded with work than other departments. But it is not so. Other departments are quite as severely taxed and their teachers are doing the work of two teachers quite as truly as is the teacher of the preparatory department. The facts about the work of the preparatory department are as follows:—The law provides that eighteen subjects shall be the minimum number for a three-grade High School. The English, History and Geography of the High School, so arranged as to be practically equal to four and a half subjects, are assigned to the teacher of Grade VIII; and these are the lighter and easier subjects of the selected eighteen High School subjects. Now there are twenty-three and three-quarters hours of teaching time per week. The Grade VIII teacher is required to spend to hours of this on High School work and 13 3/4 hours on Grade VIII work. The principal takes the other thirteen and a half subjects. Right of these are in Latin, French and Geography, in each of which the pupils have to be required in two foreign languages—Latin and French composition principles must be thoroughly understood. In Geography pupils begin formal reasoning. Lack of care at this stage and undue hurry will work irreparable damage and defeat the educational purpose of these subjects. Hence, on account of their excessive number and character, these thirteen and a half subjects in which too much work for one teacher. Of course, the work of Grade VIII is quite sufficient for one teacher, but four and a half subjects of High School work are not enough for one teacher. Hence, the Grade VIII teacher is not doing the work of two teachers. If these four and a half subjects are not enough for one teacher, then the principal, who has the thirteen and a half, must be doing the work of three teachers.

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L. W. SLEEP, Wolfville Hardware and Stove Store

"La Tosca."

Read this story then see the Picture at the Opera House, Friday and Saturday.

THE PLAYERS: La Tosca.....Pauline Frederick. Baron Scarpia.....Frank Losee. Marie Cavardoli.....James R. Mount. Cesare Angelotti.....Henry Hobart Spoletti.....W. H. Forestelle. Director, Edward Jose. THE STORY: Floria Tosca is a beautiful girl of poor parents, who has been educated and taught to sing by the priests at Rome, until at the opening of the story, she is the idol of the whole city and a favorite at court.

One day while he was singing there for her, a political refugee from Naples, Cesare Angelotti, hides in the church where his sister has hidden some of her own garments as a disguise. Mario helps him escape because Tosca arrives, although he is angry because of the delay about opening the door and because she fancies he has painted a resemblance to another woman in his madhouse. Meanwhile Baron Scarpia, the chief of police, has discovered Angelotti's escape from his cell at the castle of St. Angelo, and traces him to the church, where he finds the face of Angelotti's sister, which the fugitive had forgotten to take.

That night Scarpia follows Tosca to a late at the Farnese Palace where he plays upon her jealousy with the fan in an effort to trace Angelotti. His questionings are interrupted, however, by the news that Italy's army has lost a great battle, and the fate is suddenly interrupted. Tosca goes to Mario's villa where she has only time to learn the truth about Angelotti's escape before Scarpia, who has again followed her, appears.

By torturing Mario, Scarpia at last wrings from Tosca the whereabouts of the fugitive. The news comes too late, however, for Angelotti, discouraged, has already committed suicide when Scarpia's men find him.

Scarpia is so enraged that he orders Mario sent to prison in Angelotti's place. Tosca pleads for him, but unavailingly, and soon she herself is locked up by Scarpia lest she appeal to the Queen for help.

Apparently relenting, Scarpia later calls Tosca before him and after some prying, bluntly informs her that she herself is the price of her lover's freedom. Tosca refuses at first, but when Scarpia declares that unless she consents, Mario shall die instantly, she consents.

Scarpia then promises to order the execution which is to execute his wife and child, but he orders her to place a few candles around him, Tosca hastens away to the cell of her lover, telling him how she has arranged to save him. Mario forgives her the betrayal of Angelotti and goes unresistingly with the soldiers when they come to lead him to his death.

But Scarpia has deceived Tosca. He had not given the order to the firing squad and when Tosca rushes to Mario, whom she expects to smile covertly at her she is returned to find that he is really dead.

Mad with grief, Tosca mounts the parapet of the castle and screams to the soldiers that Scarpia is dead! That she has murdered him. When they find that this is actually true, a detachment of them try to capture her, but, defying them, she leaps to her death at the same moment.

Mr. Robie W. Tufts recently resigned his position with the Bank of Montreal, and has opened an office in the Town Hall building as investment broker and insurance agent. Mr. Tufts has had considerable experience in this line and is well qualified to give reliable assistance to investors. His office in this issue should receive attention.

STONE WANTED

By the Town of Wolfville, 2000 lbs. Trap Rock in blocks suitable for stone-crusher. 75 cents per ton will be paid for same, delivered. By order, H. Y. BISHOP, Town Clerk.

WILLOW BANK CEMETERY

The annual meeting of the Willow Bank Cemetery Corporation will be held in the Town Hall on Monday evening, January 27th, at 7 o'clock. All lot holders are respectfully requested to be present at the business of the past year will be gone over, and also the appointment of other matters for the coming year will be taken up. R. E. HARRIS, Secretary, Wolfville, Jan. 10, 1919.

STOLEN WATCHES RECOVERED

Watches and rings stolen from our store the week before Xmas are offered at greatly reduced prices. \$17.00 watches for \$12.75. \$20.00 watches for \$15.00. \$2.00 silver rings for \$1.25. \$15.00 Pearl ring for \$11.50. For One Week Only. Buy to day. WILLIAMS & CO. JEWELERS-OPTICIANS.

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NOTICE

The Furniture Business and Undertaking Establishment which has been conducted by the late Avar J. Woodman will be continued as heretofore.

Estate of Avar J. Woodman SELINA WOODMAN, Administratrix. OTTO POSHAY, Administrator.

Comfortables and Down Puffs! Warm Bedding is needed these cold winter nights. Comfortables filled with the best quality of White Batting and coverings of the best quality Cambrics and Satcees, 66 x 72 inches. Prices: \$2.75, \$3.75, \$4.50 to \$10.00 each. Pure Down Filled Puffs, covered with the best quality English Satcees and Satins, size 66 x 72 inches. \$13.50, \$15.50, 17.50 to 18.75. All Wool Blankets, \$10.00 and \$12.00 a pair. Cotton Blankets in White and Gray, \$3.00, \$3.75 and \$4.00 a pair. Cushion and Tea Cozy Forms, 75c. and \$1.00 each. Don't forget the Poultry Show Jan, 7th, 8th, 9th 1919. J. E. Hales & Co., Ltd., WOLFVILLE, N. S. MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING. DRY GOODS, &c.

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