

Editorial Notes.

Citizens should appreciate the efforts of the Board of Trade in the direction of a clearer and more beautiful Wolfville. No loyal resident will object to those who are showing an active interest getting all the credit that is due them.

The post office and customs occupied the new building last Friday for the first. The quarters are very roomy and convenient and the change is one that is much appreciated. THE ACADIAN has before published a description of the building which is one of the finest of the kind in Canada and an ornament to the town.

The program of this evening's concert by the Acadia Choral Club, together with the artists is given in another place. The evening promises to be one of rare enjoyment. Lovers of music will be glad to hear Mr. George Raseley of whose voice and work the Pittsburg Sentinel says: 'Mr. Raseley's is a voice of rare quality, manly and vigorous..... His work showed appreciation of color and phrasing..... His ability in this respect was happily displayed in his group of songs which were sung with great beauty.' And 'The Worcester Gazette' says: 'Mr. Raseley's voice is so beautifully modulated that it reaches the high notes with ease and in the lower register is true and correct.' And again, 'His tenor is of beautiful quality rarely sweet and of adequate range and fitness.' Such an opportunity ought not to be missed. Tickets at Rand's. Reserved seats 50c. General admission 35c.

Coming Feature Pictures.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE. A rich treat is in store for the patrons of the Opera House this month in the line of feature photoplays. Commencing on Monday, May 11th, and continuing every alternate Monday until Oct. 26th, a series of photo dramas, thirteen in all, yet interlarded under the captions, 'The Adventures of Kathlyn,' will be shown. In all points these surpass Selig's previous achievements in photoplays of thrill, dramatic tenacity and oriental magnificence.

A series of situations, tremendously sensational in coloring, involving the savage denizens of the jungle; a multitude of scenes magnificent beyond compare, ranging from California to the far corners of the world; the most difficult and dangerous engagements with wild animals as they progress a pathway of peril; while the Orientalism of all its environment gives opulence and beauty to its purely pictorial power. Kathlyn Williams plays the title part which is a guarantee of a well staged production.

On Friday, May 22nd, a special extra feature under the title, 'The Lion and the Mouse,' adapted from the well known Broadway play, will hold the screen. On Monday night, May 25th, in conjunction with the second series of 'Kathlyn's' pictures, will be shown the great educational subject, 'The Day Terror'; this film is being shown throughout the United States in co-operation with Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt's National Campaign, and has been endorsed by the Sociological Fund of the 'Medical Review of Reviews.'

On Wednesday, May 27th, the feature will be 'Judith of Bethulia'; a four reel fascinating work of high artistic value up to the personal sacrifice of 'Judith of Bethulia'; a perilous chance taken for the sake of the lives and happiness of the people.

It may be possible that the latter date may be shifted to make room for the musical farce, 'Alma.' On the first of June the great educational feature in eight reels, 'Sixty Years a Queen,' will be presented, dealing with all the principal events during the life of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria.

On the first of June the well known musical comedy, 'The Red Rose,' will be offering.

Certain mechanical changes in our operating room now enable us to show an absolutely pictureless picture. You do not want to miss one of these at least as every one without exception is of the very highest class. Don't forget the date on Wednesday, May 13th, when the Stars of the Boston Opera Co. with Scotney, White, Bepin, Kamella and other prominent stars will hold the boards.

THIS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE THE MUSICAL EVENT OF THE SEASON.

A young Canadian violinist, Miss Evelyn Starr, made her London debut yesterday afternoon at the Beethoven Hall. For rich, sonorous tone production of unimitatable beauty, combined with delicacy of touch, Miss Starr has seldom been excelled at a first appearance. Her program was chosen with taste and insight, quite a rare achievement among new performers, and she began with examples from Vivaldi and Corbelli, dated 1600 and 1650, followed by selections from Max Bruch, Cesar Cal, Arensky and Wieniawski. In all wonderful tone and a dominating feature, although her phrasing, execution, and interpretation also reached a high level. Miss Starr was fortunate in meeting Mr. Hamilton Harty, an accomplished London Daily Chronicle critic April 20th, 1914.

It is reported that Miss Starr, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. C. H. Starr, will arrive in Wolfville at the end of next week.

A Few Suggestions.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ACADIAN. Sir—Mr. P. W. Lawson has in your issue of May 1st asked for suggestions on the progressive road movement.

The Good Roads Movement, which I trust has come to stay in this county, is, I believe, a project that will tend to the betterment of the county, surpassing that of railroads. Without roads leading to the railroads the latter would be of little value to the country and of less value to the owners of them. The products of the farms for shipment in this valley have increased a hundred fold within the past fifty years, causing a hundred times as much traffic upon the roads; yet the system of road making is the same as it was a half century ago. Hardly any two sections of road are made alike; one overseer may see to the drainage of a road and another overlook it entirely. One may keep suds, vegetable mould and loose stones out of the road, and another use all of this objectionable material in road construction.

DRAINAGE.

Who are they, or how many of us, fully realize the importance of the word 'drainage'? If it were not for the natural watercourses which carry the water to the sea, this valley would be uninhabitable. While nature has done so much about a left march for man to do in this respect. Scores of people have lived and are living upon a wet and undrained soil. In the wet season their back end and yards are wet; their cellars are wet; their barns are wet and do not yield half the crop for the energy, time and money expended that the same acreage would produce if well drained. From a sanitary point of view the well drained land or farm has every advantage; the family is healthier; less liable to rheumatism, tuberculosis or any infection, and less doctor's bills to pay. I am aware, however, in discussing the question 'good roads' that to some it may seem a deviation to refer to its connection to the preservation of health, but if good roads cannot be made and maintained without drainage they have something to do with the promotion and preservation of health. Rome built the Appian Way and other roads for the commerce of her colonies, of huge masses of rock and masonry several feet in thickness, some of which still remain. Since then the necessity of this great depth of material has been done away with. The practical road builder has discovered that the natural soil if kept dry by drainage, will bear almost any load, yet even in this enlightened day the fact is tardily accepted. I would venture another suggestion; that one of the main functions of the 'Good Roads Association' will be to seriously consider, not only the use of the split log drag and the automobile question, but the necessity of a change in the system of road making.

Abolishing statute labor has been found in many countries to be more equitable and fair to the taxpayer than the present system in vogue in this county. For instance the man who is assessed \$250.00 pays for two days' labor, or the sum of \$2.00. The man who is assessed for \$3000.00 pays for ten days labor or \$10.00 as against the man's \$2.00 for an assessment of \$250.00, but if levied on a basis of assessment, as in the case where statute labor is abolished, for \$10.00 paid on \$3000.00 an assessment of \$250.00 would pay only 84 cents. Thus we see how unfair has been the assessment for statute labor, unfair to the small property holder.

I know it is argued that, under the present system, a man in the rural districts can work out his own assessment upon the roads. Some men and others cannot do so. Many of those who do their statute labor upon the roads know or care but little how the roads are made. Under the tax system, the supervisor or road overseer is at liberty to choose laborers who will do as faithful a day's work upon the road as when employed in doing any other kind of work. We know full well that the performance of statute labor has in the past been a time serving problem, in many instances getting through with the work with the least possible labor, in how many instances have we heard the supervisor, when statute labor was being done, of four or five men loading a cart and then sitting down waiting for the team to return. When the road overseer knows his business and the amount of money he has to expend, he is in a position to make definite plans and do his work systematically. Lack of method and lack of system have been the bane and great drawback to the economical and permanent improvement of roads. Statute labor and the expenditure of money are too apt to be done or made independent of one another, or without thought of future work or requirements. We see a lot of men working on the roads, year after year, and we naturally look for an improvement in the roads, but at the end of the season we look in vain. The work is irregular, scattered, no record kept of it. It is too often done in favor of voters who have the greatest influence or who make the loudest demands, irrespective of the rights of the individual taxpayer or the general public. Another suggestion: every township in the county should possess a stone crusher with screen attached. The machine should be utilized at the gravel pit for screening gravel and crushing the stone that comes out of most gravel pits. Most gravel pits are more or less clay or loam mixed with the gravel. Such material should not be dumped upon the road without first being screened. When screened gravel containing

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Last year the club privileges were enjoyed by a large number and it is hoped that the number will be larger during the season of 1914 in order to put the courts in prime condition and otherwise improve the equipment of the club a committee has been appointed to solicit contributions from all who wish to promote the interests of a first class recreation ground for our young people. It is hoped that all who are asked in any form will in public spirited, thought to give a generous subscription.

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