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The Electric Light

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN

DEAR SIR,—I notice in reading your interesting paper that the Town Council is seeking legislation that will enable it to place the Electric Lighting System in the hands of a commission. It is certainly time that this important service was placed under competent management. There is no good reason, for instance, why important work should be interfered with because the light makes its appearance in the evening a half-hour or more later than it should. Citizens are willing to pay for the convenience of having the light when it is needed and are unnecessarily inconvenienced when they are compelled to wait for it, as has been the case on many occasions since the town took over the plant.

A SEEKER AFTER MORE LIGHT.

Methodist National Campaign

A meeting in the interests of the above was held in the Hantsport Methodist Church on Wednesday, Feb. 6th. Every Methodist charge in the Windsor District, with the exception of Walton, was represented. The financial objective for the Windsor District is \$13000, and is allotted as follows: Windsor, \$1750; Wolfville, \$1100; Newport, \$1100; Hantsport, \$2000; Canning, \$1600; Avondale, \$1000; Horton, \$1350; Kentville, \$1300; Burlington, \$1000; Walton, \$1000.

The delegates reported a tide of enthusiasm for the M. N. C. and the prospects of a full and complete success everywhere in the District.

The Conference Organizer, Rev. J. W. McConnell, at the morning session gave a rousing address on the progress of the movement in the Dominion, and emphasized the fact that the lay leaders, were setting the pace for the rank and file of the church and he predicted a 50 per cent over response. The Toronto Conference has already added \$300,000 to its original objective of \$850,000 and is confident of full success. Nova Scotia he declared was everywhere responding in a way worthy of the premier province of the Dominion.

In the afternoon Mr. J. T. Wilson, of Halifax, enthused the meeting with his careful and well considered plans for the Campaign.

The most striking feature of the meetings of the day, was the large and interested attendance of the laymen. The church is on the march. If the tone of this meeting is any indication of the spirit of the various circuits represented, Windsor District will go over the top in fine style.

A St. John house, which annually buys many thousands of dollars' worth of American goods, a few days ago sent to the firms with which it has long had close and friendly relations notification that the exchange rate made business dealings impossible. This is a practical adoption of the Buy-in-Canada policy, which is followed by other Canadian business houses must exercise a wise influence and aid in maintaining in the American market the value of the Canadian dollar.

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U. N. B. Defeats Acadia

IN FAST GAME OF HOCKEY

In one of the fastest and most exciting games of hockey ever played in Wolfville, the University of New Brunswick hockey team defeated the Acadia team on Thursday evening of last week, by the score of three to two. Over one thousand spectators witnessed the game and the excitement at times was intense. The game was clean and hotly contested, the teams being very evenly matched. Gladstone MacDonald, of Sydney, refereed the game to the satisfaction of all.

The game started soon after eight o'clock. The visitors began by rushing the play into Acadia's territory, and during the first part of this period the U. N. B. team had the better of the play. However they were unable to get past the Acadia defence. In the latter part of the period the home team did better work and the visitors' goal was frequently in danger. As in former games the local team missed several chances to score. The first period ended with the play in Acadia's territory, but with no score.

The second period was a repetition of the first. First one goal and then the other was attacked but without avail. Both teams played a strong defence game and neither seemed able to score. The Acadia team had the better of the play in this period. Just before the bell rang one of the U. N. B. players found the net for the first rally.

The final period was the most exciting of the game. The visitors opened the play with a rush and scored in less than a minute. The Acadia boys tried hard to score and kept the play in U. N. B.'s territory for some time but could not get through the U. N. B. defence. After about four minutes the visitors again scored and things looked bad for the local collegians. The Acadia team then got down to business and Beardsley scored within a minute. A short time later Acadia again scored and the excitement ran high. During the remaining minutes the local boys tried hard to tie the score but without avail. Parker made a brilliant rush the length of the ice and scored, but the goal was not allowed, it being claimed that it was scored from an off-side play.

The Acadia team was composed of the following:
Goal—Steeves
Point—Fraser
C. Point—Parker
Centre—Tingley
L. Wing—Beardsley
R. Wing—Dave Rogers (Capt.)

The Egg Laying Contest

We noticed recently a report of the Nova Scotia Egg Laying contest for the week ending Jan. 27th. The pen of White Wyandottes belonging to the Evangelical Poultry Yards, of this town, for the week mentioned laid 23 eggs, being in second place for the week. At the above mentioned date, E. C. Griffin, of West Williams, and J. W. Williams, of Wolfville, were at seventh and eighth places respectively. The Evangelical Poultry Yards had crept up to the thirteenth place. There are thirty pens in the contest.

Death of Former Wolfville Resident in New York

REV. ROBERT SOMMERVILLE, D. D.

The Rev. Robert McGowan Sommerville, D. D., passed away at his home in New York, on Tuesday, February 3rd, in the eighty-second year of his age. Dr. Sommerville was the eldest son of the late Rev. William Sommerville, who resided in Somerset and who died in September, 1878. His mother was Sara Barry (Dickey), of Amherst, a sister of the late Hon. Senator Dickey. He was born in Grand Pre, where his parents resided, in 1838. In 1845 his parents removed to the place in West Cornwallis now known as Woodville, where his common school days were spent, his father being the teacher.

In 1856, while still in his teens, Mr. Sommerville, having decided to study for the ministry, crossed the Atlantic to Ireland, his father's native land. After a short period of preparatory study he entered Queens College, Belfast, from which university he was graduated in 1860. After a brief visit to Nova Scotia, he continued his studies in Theology, was licensed to preach and returned to this province. In September, 1862, he was ordained in the church at West Cornwallis, and was installed as "assistant and successor" to his father in the pastorate of the Reformed Presbyterian congregation of Horton and Cornwallis. His matchless eloquence and his fervid earnestness brought him immediate popularity, and wherever he preached his sermons were translated into English.

A year later Mr. Sommerville asked for a dissolution of the tie which bound him to this congregation. This was reluctantly granted by the Presbytery, the congregation, as reluctantly concurring, but Mr. Sommerville continued to minister for some years to the Horton branch of the congregation, his home being in Wolfville.

Shortly after his settlement in Nova Scotia, Mr. Sommerville was married to Miss Elizabeth Chipman, eldest daughter of W. H. Chipman, Esq., of Church Street, Cornwallis, the first representative of Kings County in the Dominion House of Commons. She has been in every respect a true helpmate to her husband, whom she survives, and will have the sympathy of all in the loss of her partner in a happy married life of nearly sixty years.

In 1868 Mr. Sommerville was appointed Inspector of Schools for Kings County, which office he held for about seven years. During a portion of this time he was a lecturer at Acadia College.

In 1875 Mr. and Mrs. Sommerville left Nova Scotia for the United States. After ministering for a short time to a congregation in Cincinnati, he accepted a call to the pastorate of the Second reformed Presbyterian Church of New York, in which city he has since had his home. In 1886 the Foreign Missionary Department of the Church to which he belonged was re-organized. From that time forward, Dr. Sommerville, till compelled through the burden of advancing years to retire from active life, took the leading part in the management of that Board. In the late nineties, he, with Mrs. Sommerville, visited the mission stations in Syria and other parts of Asia, thus securing a firsthand acquaintance with conditions in the mission field which has been of great value to the work of the Mission Board. In 1887 he founded "Olive Trees," a monthly journal devoted to missionary work, which he edited for twenty-nine years.

War Veterans' Candidate

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN:

DEAR SIR,—I am not a "War Veteran." Nature decreed that I should have been born too early, by several years, to have joined the brave boys in France in their struggle for world safety. But I was deeply interested in their candidate at the recent civic contest and did "my bit" to secure his election. I did not "plump"; I always vote the whole ticket in such cases. The boys were too sanguine. They thought it unnecessary to make a personal canvass for their representative. Very properly they deemed that their sacrifice for our safety merited sufficient recognition to make the election of their candidate sure. Naturally they thought that our women, who for the first time participated as a class in the election of civic rulers, would at least be their votes. I am informed that over twenty-five ladies "plumped" for their candidate. If seven of these had given the veteran a vote the result would have been different. Evidently the soldier boy here is having the experience described by Kipling and for him it is only "Won't you walk in front, sir, when the guns begin to shoot."

ONE WHO REMEMBERS.

A Remarkable Musical Opportunity

Dr. DeWolfe has engaged Miss Mildred Dilling, the Famous Harpist, who will appear in College Hall, Tuesday evening, March 2, 7. Watch for further announcement.

Of American Harpists who have received the highest critical recognition Mildred Dilling is preeminent. Her career is a wonder tale for in her early twenties she has gained an incomparable success that places her in the foremost ranks of American musicians. Her appearances on the concert stage, at music festivals and before many of the clubs and universities of the country are bringing the harp fuller recognition as a worthy and beautiful solo instrument.

Miss Dilling was born in Indiana where at an early age she began the study of the harp and later continued in New York under the best instructors in this country. As her unusual talent gave so much promise she was advised to go to Paris to study under Henriette Renie, the greatest harpist and teacher of this instrument in Europe. Miss Dilling was spending the summer with Mlle. Renie at Etretat when the war was declared.

Since returning to America in the fall of 1914, Miss Dilling has been heard in concert in all the musical centers from coast to coast, everywhere receiving the greatest praise from press and

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Splendid Concert

BY FACULTY OF ACADIA CONSERVATORY

In spite of the disagreeable state of the weather a fair sized audience attended the concert given in College Hall on Friday evening by the faculty of the Acadia Conservatory of Music. The recital was one of the best that Wolfville people have had the pleasure of hearing. Every number of the program was very much enjoyed and heartily endorsed.

Madam Lily Hambly-Hobbs possesses a most pleasing contralto voice, and she delighted the audience with her singing of A Summer Night, by Thomas, and The Enchantress, by Hatton. Miss Winifred Stevens, also contralto, showed a remarkable control of voice in her selections, Habanera from Carmen, and Lullaby, by Cyril Scott. Mrs. Hanna Russell Gregory, a recent addition to the faculty, possess a sweet soprano voice. She sang in a pleasing manner, Non Destarmi from Romeo and Juliet, and ashes of Roses and Open Secret, by Woodman.


The Quitters, by Richard Washburn Child, was well rendered, by Miss Mae Churchill Deane, who is an accomplished reader. The scene from Dear Brutus, by Barrie, as read by Miss Martha Key, was also much enjoyed and loudly endorsed.

Miss Pauline Tourjee Nelson, violinist, played the Adagio from 3rd Suite, by Franz Liszt, in a most pleasing manner.

Miss Ruth Ellworthy Van der Pyl is a pianist of a high order. Her playing of Fantasia-Improvisata, Op. 66, by Chopin, showed splendid technique. Miss Van der Pyl's work as an accompanist was also enjoyed. Miss Anna Schneider showed herself an accomplished pianist in her playing of Caprice Burlesque, by Gabrilowitch. She also acted as accompanist. As always the playing of Miss Lillian Russell was much enjoyed. She gave two selections, by Chopin, Mazurka Op. 33, No. 1 and Etude Op. 10, No. 5.

Disastrous Fire in Halifax

A disastrous fire occurred in the Herald Building, Halifax, on Sunday morning last. Its origin was in that part of the building occupied by the Royal Print and Litho, and in addition to damage to machinery much stock was destroyed and finished work to the extent of \$20,000. A portion of the Herald plant suffered by water but waterproof sheeting saved the delicate machinery. The Halifax Herald was completely destroyed by fire eight years ago.



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