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Splendid Entertainment

Given by A. C. A. Dramatic Club

The entertainment given at the Opera House on Tuesday evening by the A. C. A. Dramatic Club was much enjoyed by the large number present. The boys showed that they had spent a good deal of time in preparation and their efforts were well rewarded. All took their parts exceedingly well. The success of the plays was due in a great part to the director, Miss Mae Churchill Deane, of the Seminary Faculty.

The first part of the program was the one act farce, "A Girl To Order." The cast of characters was as follows:

Howard "Lady" Clayton (a junior) Wallace Forgey Earl "Biscuits" Nelson Louis Morse Fred "Puck" Evans K. K. Beaton "Dud" Elliott (a senior) C. H. Brown Mr. Elliott (Dud's Father) H. Bannerman Elsie Jordan Elsie Smiley

During the intermission Mr. Roy Evans sang two selections which were much appreciated. The orchestra also rendered several selections before the play and during the intermission.

The second part of the program consisted of another one act farce entitled "Music Hath Charms," the cast in this case being as follows:

Gerald Remson—the pitcher of A. C. A. baseball team, who is in love with a certain pretty face. Eric Morse Charley Grey—Gerald's Chum and catcher of A.C.A. team. D. MacKeigan Bertram Montague—A typical college grind, room-mate of above E. R. Rafuse Bud Brown C. B. Evans Bunk Anderson—Chums of above

Rod MacLean Jack Underwood H. F. Hodgson Dick Henderson W. P. Warrren Bennie Simmons T. A. Kirkpatrick George Duncan O. R. Smiley Tom Hemmingway C. A. MacLennan Arthur Fletcher W. A. Geldart

Students at A. C. A. and members of the Glee Club Professor Elery—(Director of the School Glee Club) C. M. Spidell The scene was laid in the dormitory at A. C. A. During the act a meeting of the School Glee Club was held and several of the old songs were excellently

Church Mortgage Burned

On Wednesday evening, the 16th inst., at the close of the midweek service, the mortgage placed on the Baptist Church at the completion of its present house of worship, nine years ago, was burned with appropriate ceremony. The original mortgage was for \$18,000 and the Church is to be congratulated that it has been successfully and honorably discharged. Dr. I. B. Oakes made a preliminary statement and the document was committed to the flames. It made an interesting spectacle and nothing but the grey embers remained in the tray when the ceremony was over.

The pastor, Dr. MacDonald, committed to the flames the document which legally bound the Church to the discharge of the indebtedness that remained upon the edifice at the time of its dedication, rejoicing that all claims of the mortgage had been fully and honorably met, grateful for the generosity and loyalty of the people who have made this possible, and for the privilege of being laborers together in the fellowship and service of the Church of Christ.

The thanks of the Church upon motion of Mayor Fitch, was extended to Dr. Oakes, Mr. R. E. Harris and the contributors.

BORN

STARR—At Port Williams, March 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Starr, a son, John Richmond.

HOLMES—At Wolfville, March 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Holmes, a daughter

The "Trail Rangers" of St. Andrew's Church entertained the Girl's Guild at a social held in the school-room on Tuesday evening. The affair was under the direction of Mrs. A. D. Elderkin and was most successful in every respect. The evening was very pleasantly spent in games and other amusements with suitable refreshments.

rendered. Mr. C. B. Evans also sang two solos. The giving of the Academy yell brought the program to a close.

"The Man on the Street"

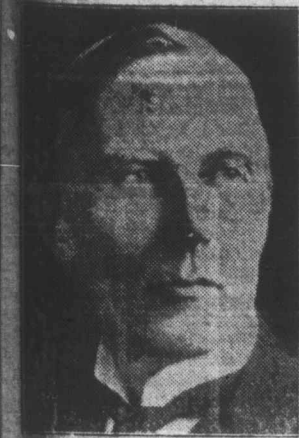
"The Man on the Street" read the letter in THE ACADIAN last week over the signature "Indignation". Possibly citizens of Wolfville are paying more than they ought to for eatables, but the fault is not all the merchants'. The other day "The Man on the Street" saw one of our merchants paying 45c. per dozen for eggs when eggs were selling at country stores near Wolfville for 35c. Perhaps the merchant himself was being imposed upon. Wolfville people may think prices are high here evidently the out of town producer thinks so too. A little more co-operation on the part of the merchants (in the interests of their customers) is what is needed if we are to escape being unduly "soaked."

"The Man on the Street" is pleased to note the increase of the spirit of fraternity that is evident on the part of the ministers of Wolfville. This is as it should be and certainly indicates a condition of affairs most commendable and in striking contrast to things as they were. If the ministers and the churches get together to combat the common enemy instead of, as has sometimes been the case in the past, wasting their energies in fighting each other, something is bound to be brought to pass. More power to them.

Now that most of the snow and ice of winter has disappeared "The Man on the Street" would respectfully suggest that immediate steps should be taken to clean away the winter's debris from our paved streets. This should be done as soon as opportunity offers and certainly much cleaning could be done at the present time. "The Man on the Street" hopes the street authorities will pardon this suggestion, which is made with the very best intentions.

It is high time, in the opinion of "The Man on the Street" that the Town Council should fix a rate for cab drivers in Wolfville if none does not already exist. The prices charged are ridiculously high and not only are an imposition upon citizens but an injury to the town when applied to visitors. There is a good opening here for some one who wishes to do this kind of work at fair prices—and a real convenience as well.

BRITAIN'S REPRESENTATIVE



Hon. H. A. L. Fisher, British Minister of Education, who has been appointed to the Armaments Commission of the League of Nations.

ACADIA UNIVERSITY versus TOWN OF WOLFVILLE

Is the University a benefit or injury to the Town? By the University, we mean, the several Schools and Boarding Departments etc. under the management of the Governors of the University.

The following facts and figures may help to answer the question:

1. Payments to the Town Treasury. (1) For Electric Current from Oct. 1, 1919 to Dec. 31, 1920, after deducting discounts, \$4136.42. The Electric Commission reported the gross revenue for that time as \$17,011.78. Upwards of \$15,000 should be deducted from this for discounts, leaving, say \$15,500.00 as the net income. Hence, it will be seen that more than one fourth of the Income for Electric Current is received from the University.

(2) Payments for water for 1920, \$656.00. It should be noted that the schools close the first of June and do not open till September, so that the months that the schools are in session when there is likely to be a shortage of water, are September and the first part of October. The total revenue for water as reported by the Town for 1920 are \$5,811.80. Hence it will be seen that the University provided nearly 10 per cent of the income from the sale of water.

(3) Payments to merchants and others, for fuel, table and other supplies, \$56,366.60. This does not include monies paid to farmers outside of Wolfville, who bring supplies to the buildings, and probably spend some of it in Wolfville.

(4) Payments to Mechanics and other workmen, \$8022.00. This does not include payments to the carpenters and regular farm laborers. These are on the monthly pay roll.

(5) This monthly pay roll at present is \$9489.00. It includes the salaries of Professors and teachers and helpers in all the departments. It is not as large for every month of the year, but the total paid in this way exceeds \$80,000.00.

The above figures do not include one cent for the Gymnasium. These payments are made to the contractor, Mr. Wright. He estimates that at least \$30,000.00 of the expenditure was paid to residents of Wolfville.

To be continued. A. COHOON

March 16th, 1921.

ACADIA NOTES

On Thursday, March 10, chapel exercises were held at Acadia for the first time since the burning of College Hall. Folding chairs have been procured and placed on the main floor of the gymnasium and there the exercises were held. The College orchestra furnished splendid music and all seemed to appreciate meeting together again. It is proposed to hold a service of this kind every Thursday for the remainder of the year.

Acadia debates this year with the University of New Brunswick in the intercollegiate series, and the debate will be held at Wolfville on or about March 23. Acadia supports the affirmative of the following resolution: "Resolved that the Excise or so called Luxury taxes and the sales taxes imposed at the last session of the Federal Parliament were justifiable legislation." The Acadia debaters are C. B. Lumsden, J. W. Lank, and W. H. Elgee. The judges selected are Dr. Seton, Principal of the Nova Scotia Technical College; President Boyle of King's College; and Professor Lyne, of Mt. Allison University.

An alarm of fire was rung in at an early hour on Sunday morning in consequence of a blaze at the home of Mr. T. R. Wallace, Highland Avenue. The fire broke out in a closet in the room of a college student and most of the contents were destroyed. Little damage was done to the building, however, as the fire was speedily extinguished.

Board of Trade

Discusses Town Management and Minas Basin Steamboat Service

The special meeting of the Wolfville Board of Trade on Monday evening at the Council Chamber, was well attended, and most encouraging to those who believe that the organization ought to fill a most important place in the life of the community. The interest evidenced in the discussion which took place gave abundant proof of a real desire on the part of those present to fully co-operate in whatever tends to contribute to the advancement of the town and its surroundings.

Several new members were added and the Board has now a membership of over forty, due to the good work which has been done by the newly appointed and active Membership Committee.

The principal business taken up was the discussion of the Town Manager proposition and the matter of Harbor Improvement and the Minas Basin Steamboat Service.

It was the general opinion so far as the latter question is concerned that what is needed is a boat of greater deck carrying capacity and drawing less water to come in to the town wharves and carry freight as well as passengers and mail to Kingsport and Parrsboro.

A committee was appointed to prepare the necessary petition setting forth the facts and send copies to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, to the representative of the Counties of King's and Cumberland and to the Boards of Trade of towns that are interested.

A most interesting discussion took place concerning the idea of a Town Manager. Rev. Dr. MacDonald read a most encouraging and informing letter from the Mayor of the town of Woodstock, a personal friend of Dr. MacDonald, where the most satisfactory results have been secured through the appointment of a Town Manager. This was accompanied by clippings from a Woodstock paper giving most convincing proof of the efficient service gained from the new method of conducting town business. Letters were also read from the town of Pictou where equally satisfactory results have been secured. The Town Manager at the latter place is Mr. Joseph Eaton, a native of Kentville, whose services have worked wonderful reforms in Pictou.

A number of those present spoke in favor of the proposed change, and a committee was appointed to secure further information regarding the possibility of obtaining a suitable man and report at a subsequent meeting.

TUXIS ENTERTAINMENT

The Boy Scouts will canvas the Town on Saturday and Monday with tickets (programs) for the Concert to be given by their older brethren on Monday evening. Everyone is asked to give them a kindly reception and to buy as many tickets as possible, as has been done for the past ten years.

A few words regarding the plot of "Uproar Grand", the grand opera production, may not be out of place particularly as the language used may not be familiar to all and the action throughout is so swift that it may be hard to follow. Trilliando, the prima donna, is violently loved by Hiceni. Signor Bombastini resents this and causes offence to Signor Hiceni by his cutting remarks. A duel is the result. In spite of the efforts of the Signora to establish peace Bombastini is laid low by the blood-red weapon, wielded by Hiceni. The prostrate Signor is restored to life by a chance remark let fall by the fair Signora.

THE ACADIAN is glad to report that our enterprising young townsman, Mr. E. C. H. Young, proprietor of "The Palms," who has been quite seriously ill for some time, back is now much in proof.

Decay of Responsible Government

Subject of Able Address by Mr. W. C. Milner Under the Auspices of the Civic Club.

Last evening, Mr. W. C. Milner, of the Dominion Archives, discoursed before the Civic Club on the growth and decay of responsible government in this country. He traced up the development of our present representative system from the Jamestown General Assembly in 1619—the trial of Howe for libelling the Halifax Magistrates, his epistolary conflict with Lord John Russell respecting the powers wielded by the old Commons until the victory was won and political power was transferred from the representatives of the Crown to the representatives of the people. The corner stone of democratic government he declared to be no taxation without representation, a principle violated by the creation of late years of administrative commissions independent of any minister of the Crown responsible to the people for their acts. The power commission, with Hon. Mr. Armstrong at the head, and the Lands and Mines Commission of New Brunswick, with C. W. Robinson as Chairman, were democratic, but Commissions dealing with the Public Utilities, Workmen's Compensation Boards and the Food Commission that fixed the price of sugar 21 cents to protect the refiner, he declared as infringements in the doctrine of no taxation without representation and destructive of all democratic ideals. In the same class he placed the Highway Board, which spent hundreds of thousands of dollars, for which the Minister, the Board, the Engineers, the Contractor, all disclaimed—the responsibility.

The creation of farmers' party and the Labor party, he considered was owing to the breakdown of the democratic system, which is government not by or for any class, but by, for and with the whole people.

The lecture was held in the vestry of the Methodist Church and in the absence of Dr. Wheelock, president of the Civic Club, who was detained by illness in his family, the chair was occupied by Mr. B. O. Davidson, the Vice-President.

There was not a large attendance but those who were present certainly enjoyed a treat, while those who stayed away lost a most interesting and improving address. The preparation of which must have cost the speaker a great amount of research, the result of a life-time spent in the consideration of public questions. For over an hour the speaker held the close attention of the audience.

Rev. G. W. Miller moved a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker, which was seconded by Dr. Oakes and spoken to by other gentlemen present. All expressed the pleasure and profit they had derived from the address and the hope that it might be repeated before a much larger gathering in the near future.

The Civic Club is indebted to Mr. Milner for this valuable contribution to their winter's lecture course.

SOCIAL EVENTS

On Friday evening last Mrs. Beardsley very pleasantly entertained a number of lady friends at a Thimble party.

Mrs. B. O. Davidson, Summer Street, entertained five tables of ladies and gentlemen at "Auction" on Friday evening.

The Ladies' Bridge Club was entertained on Tuesday evening by Mrs. A. C. Johnson.

Mrs. Daniel was the hostess at a very pleasant social gathering at the home of her sister, Mrs. W. C. B. Farris, on Wednesday evening.

Present conditions indicate that good roads will be in evidence much earlier than usual this spring.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY THIS WEEK RIVER'S END

also HAROLD LLOYD in CAPTAIN KIDD'S KID A great show. Don't miss it. Prices 20 & 35c.



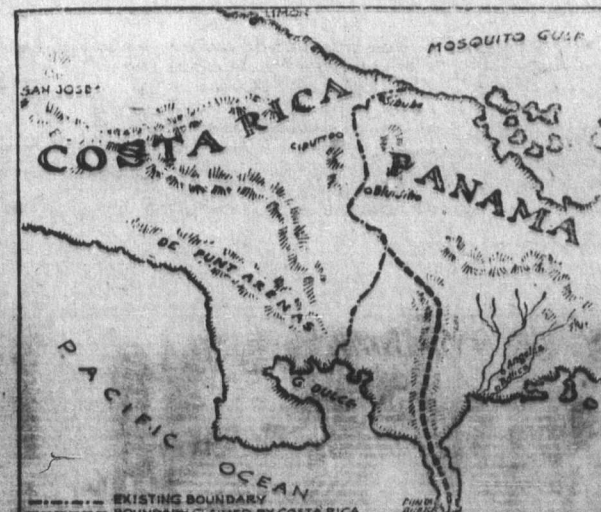
MISS ZARA CLINTON and a Super Excellent Cast and CHORUS of BEAUTIFUL GIRLS

MR. BILLY OSWALD and a FLOCK of FUNMAKERS in HUMOROUS DOINGS

Opera House, Saturday, Mar. 26 THE EVENT OF THE SEASON A Musical Comedy with Real Music and Real Comedy Extravagantly Costumed and Lavishly Staged

SEAT SALE COMMENCES SATURDAY MARCH 19TH ORCHESTRA \$2.00 and \$1.50 BALCONY \$1.50 and \$1.00

The Spirit of Joyousness F. STUART-WHYTE'S



This map shows the territory in dispute between Costa Rica and Panama. The countries are on the verge of war.