

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., MAR. 3, 1889.

Waste of Public Money.

Our contemporary the New Glasgow Enterprise protests against the waste of public funds in paying for the publication of the reports of the Local House. We think the Enterprise is on the right track. While our people want to know what is going on in the House, they don't care to wade through columns after columns of debate to gain this intelligence. It may be very pleasant for the Halifax dailies to have their columns filled for five or six weeks each year and will paid for it, but we think the public money of the Province might be used to much better advantage. With the roads and bridges of our Province in their present state there is surely need for any surplus funds.

Our Columns Are Open.

A gentleman came into our office the other day and complained that in a former issue we had published an article which tended to "boom" the town of Kentville. The article in question, which by the way was an excellent one, was written by a citizen of the town of Kentville and willingly given a place in our columns. Such articles we are always glad to publish, whether written by Wolfville men concerning their town or by Kentville men concerning their town. If the ACADIAN can show up the special advantages of our Province, our county, or any town in the county, in such a way as will benefit it, we shall feel that it is accomplishing some good. Those who have good words to say of their town will find the columns of the ACADIAN ever open to them. Let us hear from you.

School for the Blind.

We have received the eighteenth report of the board of managers of the Halifax School for the Blind, which shows that school to be in a satisfactory condition. During the year thirty two blind persons have been under instruction, five of whom have graduated or left the school during the year, leaving actual attendance December 31st twenty-seven, of whom sixteen are from this province, eight from New Brunswick, one from Prince Edward Island, and two from Newfoundland. The Treasurer's statement shows receipts, \$5,222.94; expenditures, \$5,494.04. The school has been reorganized during the year, Miss Mackenzie having resigned and Miss Hunter been engaged in her place. Mr. E. P. Fletcher, well known in this town, is principle male teacher. Probel's kindergarten has been introduced and a technical department for training the boys. Mr. C. F. Fraser still retains his position as superintendent.

Imprisonment for Debt.

The subject of imprisonment for debt is again before our Local Parliament, and we presume the Upper House will now be prepared to vote understandingly on the matter. A year ago when the bill to abolish imprisonment for debt was before the Parliament, the Lower House after discussing the matter in all its bearings adopted the bill by a great majority, but the Upper House did not consider themselves fully competent to deal with the matter and adjourned their action for another year. There are no doubt many good reasons why imprisonment for debt should not be abolished at the present time, or until some difficult legislation is had in reference to the collecting of small bills. Yet on the other hand there are many good reasons why it should be. We believe there are many small bills collected every year under execution, for the simple reason that imprisonment would be a consequence of refusing to pay, that could not be collected otherwise. We also believe that many are cast into prison who are unable to pay and many others who are able but have their effects so covered with bogus bills of sale and their consciences so corrupted that it is no more for them to go to jail, take the benefit of the act and come out soon free. Another objection to the system of imprisonment is the practice of accepting bonds for jail limits and making these limits within a prescribed distance of the jail yard. This regulation allows those who live within the bounds to be admitted to bail and to attend to their usual business for years without molestation or extra expense of living, while those who live just outside the bounds or a further distance from the jail are under the necessity of paying for their board if able or have friends to provide it for them. The matter however we presume will receive the attention its importance demands, and the obvious law of imprisonment for debt so amended as will meet out a share of justice and right to all.

Canada and the United States.

Prof. J. G. Schurman, author of "The Ethical Import of Darwinism," now Professor of Philosophy of Cornell University, is a native of P. E. Island and was formerly a member of the faculty of Acadia College, Wolfville, and also of Dalhousie College, Halifax. He took a leading part in the first meeting (in 1835) of the Imperial Federation League at Montreal, and he has been a thorough student of Canadian politics. He is the latest contributor to the discussion in the Forum of the possible annexation of Canada to the United States. Prof. Schurman sees no great a career for Canada that he opposes annexation. He reviews the history of the Province, describes their vast territory and resources, and concludes that in their development a rapidly increasing population will find labor and riches; and that the future holds too large a promise for Canadians to be willing to make such a breach of their traditions as to become a part of the United States. "Look at a map," he writes, "and you will see that within the latitude of Canada are included, in the Old World, Norway and Sweden, European and Asiatic Russia (excepting only the most arctic portion), Denmark, Prussia, Holland, Belgium, the northern section of France and the whole of Great Britain and Ireland. From these countries came the races that succeeded Rome in bearing, as they still largely bear, the civilization of the world. And analogy suggests that under the bearing climate of Canada, in countries yet to be, civilization may in the New World find its sturdiest supporters. The new provinces will in a very few years be the regal home of prosperous millions. Nature has said it, Canadians need not be anxious about the money spent in opening up their northwest. Nature is their bondman. They have only to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. . . . I have described the territory, resources, financial condition, population, and political organization of the new Dominion of Canada. The picture, though faithful, may be somewhat new to Americans, whose views of Canada might be summed up in the words: 'We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts.'"

Inauguration of President Harrison.

The inauguration of President Harrison took place on Monday as announced. In his inaugural address the new President emphasized the doctrine of protection, and intimated his intention of adhering to the Monroe doctrine, making special reference to the Panama canal, the completion of which under the control of a foreign power he considered would render the United States "subject to the dangers of foreign observation and environment." The following is the new cabinet: Secretary of state—James G. Blaine, of Maine. Secretary of treasury—Wm. Windom, of Minnesota. Secretary of war—Reidfield Proctor, of Vermont. Secretary of the navy—Benj. F. Tracy, of New York. Secretary of the interior—John W. Noble, of Missouri. Postmaster general—John Wannamaker, of Pennsylvania. Attorney general—W. H. Miller, of Indiana. Secretary of agriculture—Jeremiah M. Rank, of Wisconsin.

DEATH OF PERRY CALDWELL.

The following clipped from the Wolfville Chronicle refers to Mr. Perry Caldwell, brother of Mr. J. W. Caldwell, of the firm of Caldwell & Murray, of this place, who died at Fayetteville, Mass., February 14th, and will be read with interest by many in this vicinity: This village loses one of its best citizens in the death of Perry E. Caldwell, who died at his home Thursday, Feb. 14th, of consumption, aged 38 years. Mr. Caldwell was an honest, upright, industrious man, and a valued member of St. Bernard Lodge, A. F. & A. M., under whose direction the funeral was held in the Baptist church Sunday, Rev. H. G. Gay officiating. The remains were inclosed in a fine black broadcloth casket bearing Masonic metal emblems; the lodge, and a handsome pillow with the word "Perry" in blue violets, fringed with white. At the close of the church ceremonies the procession, under the direction of Lodge Marshal, F. D. Newton, moved to the Centre cemetery, where the solemn Masonic burial service, in the absence of the St. Bernard chapter, was conducted by W. Master Evans of Houghton Royal Arch Chapter of Wolfville, a large delegation of which and four children—two sons and two daughters—the oldest being about 14 years.

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Ottawa Doings.

NOTES FROM THE DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

The government took up this week the question of increasing the salaries of the judiciary throughout the Dominion.

Mr. Mills, of Annapolis, presented a petition for an appropriation to improve the navigation of the Annapolis river at Round Hill.

On March 4th a petition was presented from the inhabitants of Lower Percan, Kings county, asking for a wharf at Newcomb point.

Gen. Laurier presented a petition from Shelburne asking for legislation to compel owners of coal mines to load vessels in the order of arrival.

The government have decided to re-impose the same canal tolls on the St. Lawrence as last season, viz. a ton on wheat bound to Montreal or Paris east.

The pension system for the mounted police provides that non-commissioned officers and men serving 25 years may retire on half pay for the rest of their lives.

A decision respecting the Atlantic service is likely to be reached this week. It is learned positively that the Allens will not tender, and the Andersons are expected to be the contractors.

Returns to the finance department show the surplus of revenue over expenditure to be two million and a quarter dollars for the six months of the fiscal year over the corresponding period last year.

Hon. A. G. Jones in his speech referred to the recent dismissal of the collector of customs at Halifax, and thought that as he had immediately apologized for his mistake he should not have been so harshly dealt with.

Mr. Dickie presented an influential signed petition asking for an amendment to the fisheries act, eliminating the penalty for throwing seaweed into streams frequented by fish. The petition contends that no evidence is forthcoming that fish have been killed or injured by seaweed.

To J. B. NEWCOMB, General Agent, Avonport, N. S.

DEAR SIR, We desire to express our thanks to the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Co. through you for the prompt payment of the two Policies of \$1500 held by the late James Davis, of Mt Denison. The prompt and courteous manner in which this claim has been met is a strong proof of the fidelity of the company to the interest of its policy holder. On July 1st, 1888, Mr Davis took out a policy and also one the previous year. Having contracted a severe cold he was taken away after a short illness; his heirs have now received the full amount of the policies. We cheerfully recommend the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Company as an institution well worthy the confidence and patronage of the public.

Yours truly, CHARLES DAVIE, JOHN A. TAYLOR, Executors, Mt Denison, Feb. 23rd, 1889.

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Yours sincerely, Wm G. LAZE, Hantsport, Feb. 27th, 1889.

To J. B. NEWCOMB, General Agent, Avonport, N. S.

In reply to your request for my opinion of the Ontario Mutual Life Insurance Company I am pleased to state that I have every confidence in financial standing of the Company and the security afforded policy holders. The endorsement policies of this company are equivalent to a safe investment at 4 per cent, with Life Assurance in addition. The premium for "ordinary life" is very reasonable with an increasing surplus after the third premium for the reduction of all future premiums. The "cash surrender value" in case policy lapses is just to the policy holders. Having acted as medical examiner for several companies, both American and Canadian, and having carefully examined their plan and the advantages offered policy holders I prefer to insure in the Ontario Mutual, and have taken all I can afford to carry in that company. The business of the company is increasing and I do not hesitate to advise all who require insurance (and every man who has a family to protect does require it) to take out a policy in the Ontario Mutual.

Yours very truly, HENRY CRIPPMAN, M. D., Grand Pre, Feb. 20th, 1889.

THE ONTARIO MUTUAL.—In another place we print a few letters concerning the Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Co., of which Mr. J. B. Newcomb, of Avonport, is general agent for the Province. The plan of the company is a good one and the fact that such men as Dr. Chipman and Rev. W. G. Lane are taking such heavy policies in it, the former having \$10,000 and the latter \$5,000, goes to show their implicit faith in its reliability. We would recommend it to those who intend insuring.

ANNUAL MEETING.—The annual meeting of the proprietors of the Grand Pre common-field takes place on the 20th inst., at 2 o'clock, at Evangeline Hall, Lower Horton.

CONTRACTORS.—Rhodes, Curry & Co., of Anherst, have just taken a contract for superintending the residences at each end of the Chignecto railway (\$5,000) and the contract for \$200,000 worth of sleepers.

SPRING-RISE.—This, the first week in March, has been remarkably spring-like. The frost seems nearly out of the ground and the roads are in a very bad state. The season seems to be as far advanced as it usually is the first of April.

Cape Colony, in the south of Africa, has ventured to try the experiment of a penny postage. In this colony they would not have to carry letters such immense distances as we in Canada do; but they have some pretty long routes through a sparsely settled territory. Those who favor a two cent postal rate in Canada will watch with interest.

DARRING.—The fifth annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Dairyman's Association will be held at Truro on Wednesday and Thursday, March 13th and 14th. This association, since its organization in 1884, has done a considerable amount of good in awakening interest not only in dairying, but in agriculture generally. A number of prominent gentlemen have been secured to address the meetings on matters of interest and importance to all farmers and dairymen. There will be three sessions each day; meetings free. The usual reduced railway rates will be granted to those attending. No one interested in agriculture can fail to be interested and benefited by attending. Further information may be had on application to the secretary, F. C. Black, Falmouth, Hants.

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