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OUR PROSPECTS.

Since the first number of our paper was issued we have made several changes in our business.

We have moved our plant to the Higgins building and added some to it. The people of the village and vicinity have given us great encouragement and showed by a liberal bestowal of aid in the way of job work, advertisements, and subscriptions, that they want us to continue and to increase.

We have therefore decided to issue from this date our paper in an enlarged form semi-monthly. We are now having negotiations with dealers and if a satisfactory agreement can be made we will add a full line of job type to our stock and will then be in a position to do all the work needed here.

NEEDED REFORMS.

To any one at all interested in the village, it is a patent fact that we are sadly in need of reform in several particulars of its government and management.

The amount of shipping done here this spring, the fact of the Basin steamer having cut us off from its former calls, the bad state of the present wharf, which its proprietors seem to have no inclination to improve all show conclusively, the great need of at once taking up the magnificent offer of the Messrs. Churchill to build a pier at the mouth of the Creek. Our only expense will be to build a road, and surely the intelligence of this place supposed to be overflowing with men of gigantic intellect will show us that though it may be a slight addition to our already high taxes just now, yet in all the long years to follow it cannot fail to be of immense pecuniary benefit to the business of the village and to all in it.

To be able to have direct communication with our

sister province and the United States by water is a thing which we do not yet, half appreciate to its full value and when once that is established we feel sure that business generally in Wolfville will receive such an impetus as it never before had in the annals of its history.

The disgraceful occurrence of last week goes a long way to show that a reform is much needed in the moral government of the community. We do not care to mar the good name of our village, to outsiders by the history of the outrages perpetrated through the influence of strong drink. All are cognizant of the facts of the matter, and it is high time some steps were taken towards enforcing, not only the laws of our country but of the every day laws of common decency.

A good substantial lock up, with either a police constable, or some person of like authority, will be a long stride in the direction of correcting the utter lawlessness which seems to have become rooted in the mind and actions of some of our young men.

In the days gone by Wolfville has been singularly unfortunate in the way of fires, both accidental and incendiary, consequently our rates of insurance are most exorbitant. Whether a Fire department composed of active young men, under an efficient leader, would materially and immediately serve to lower our rates, yet we feel certain it would be a step in that direction, and it could not fail in time to effect them at the least in a slight degree.

We do not advocate the expenditure of a lot of money or expensive apparatus but any one can see that a little system in its management would go a long way towards getting a fire under control. A hook and ladder company with a good supply of buckets could do a great deal if they only knew how.

We are much in need of a suitable public hall. This of course is not a subject in which the village could act but must be considered by private parties and when they do give it a fair share of their attention and decide to build the required necessity they will have conferred a great boon upon the community.

Another much needed reform is in the manner of assessing the rate payers of this county. The present system and its results are a crying disgrace and the sooner it is remedied the better. Our people should rise up in their righteous indignation and cry down the whole thing, demand some more equitable way of getting at the comparative assessments than is now followed. The assessors are perhaps not so much to blame but the whole law on the subject appears to be at fault.

There are probably many other reforms needed but the foregoing will suffice for the present and we may in a future issue point them out. All that we have presented are matters requiring instant action.

Let us come to the front then boldly and see that the affairs of our village are at least made to go on in a better mode than at present.