

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., APR. 16, 1909.

A matter which might very profitably engage the attention of the Board of Trade at its meeting next week would be a movement towards securing an improvement in the appearance of the old American House property. For some years back this spot has been a disgrace to the town, and the source of much criticism on the part of visitors. Now that the property is passing into the hands of the government, it ought to be possible to at least secure some improvement this season. It is a likely that any building operations will be begun by the government this year, as an attempt is apparently being made to cut down expenditures in this direction. It will probably be well on towards another election before the construction of the new public building will be begun, but in the meantime it ought not to be a difficult matter to secure such improvements in the appearance of the grounds as will prevent their continuing to be an eye-sore to citizens and summer visitors. We trust the Board will take the matter in hand, and make an effort to have a thorough cleaning-up put in progress before June.

What About the Aboiteau?

The spring thaw and high tides bring to notice very forcibly how much loss is sustained every year by the action of our swift tides upon the river banks. Acre after acre is being torn down and carried off by the tides and the loss can never be made good. The need of an aboiteau bridge over the Cornwallis river at Town Plot has been fully realized by a great many residents of this part of Kings county, since the agitation in its favor three years ago. Valuable dyke and other interests are in danger, and every year increases the danger; and the need of the protection of the aboiteau is more urgent at the present time than ever before. The expenditure of large amounts of money is needed to check the encroachment of the tides, even for a short time. Meanwhile the loss goes on. Concerted action is needed now. A strong pressure upon the government and a strong agitation in favor of the aboiteau over this part of the country should make our legislators understand how great our need is.

Annual Parish Meeting.

The annual parish meeting in connection with St. John's church, Horton, was held last Monday in the church at 11 p. m. The rector occupied the chair and read his annual statement which will be printed in due course and distributed. Mr. Geo. A. Prat, the senior and retiring church warden read the annual financial statement, which was most satisfactory and one of the best in the history of the parish, and showed a considerable increase on the previous year. The total revenue of the parish during the past year from all sources, exclusive of a handsome purse presented to the rector to take a vacation to England was over \$1000. The statement was accepted and ordered to be printed. The wardens elected were Messrs. J. D. Sherwood and R. Crighton. Mr. Prat retiring in rotation according to a plan agreed upon some two years ago, by which the wardens will hold office ordinarily for 1 1/2 years. Messrs. H. Troite-Bullock and W. H. Evans were elected lay delegates to the Synod, as substitutes. Mayor Harvey and H. W. Sturrs. The evening was re-elected with the addition of Mr. W. H. Sturrs, and stands as follows: Messrs. H. Troite-Bullock, T. L. Harvey, C. H. Borden, R. Watson, W. H. Sturrs, E. W. Starr, H. D'Almaine, J. Gow, E. S. Crawley, M. Black, J. F. Herbin and R. W. Sturrs. It was decided to increase the amount paid toward the rector's salary by \$50 per annum. A cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Prat for his services as warden was unanimously passed, as also to Miss May Stewart, the organist, and the members of the choir who have assisted in the services of the church clerk. This most harmonious and satisfactory meeting was closed with the benediction by the rector.

The Canadian Magazine for April makes another record in the magazine field of Canada. It gives a front page of at least six columns, reproducing a fine drawing by C. W. Jefferys depicting the death of Brock at Queenston Heights. There is considerable colour throughout the magazine, which in this respect is unequalled by any other. The table of contents includes some strong poems and equally strong contributions. Godwin Smith comes first in importance, with an article entitled "Labour and Socialism"; "Power: Wizard of Settlement," illustrated in color, is a significant article, written by Clayton M. Jones. Other contributions are "A Canadian Literature," by Arnold H. H. H. H.; "Dagby: An Impression," by Newton MacFarish; "Lord Miller's Impression," by John S. Ewart; "Photographing Wild Birds" by Ronald L. Bost, with a number of unusually attractive illustrations; "Can Women Write History?" by Arthur Hawker; "Alas Schump," illustrated by Anthony Fullerton, with short stories by Lord K. Langley, J. J. Bell, Marie Blanchard, and Albert B. Carr, and poems by L. M. Montgomery, Jean Graham, Isabel Buchanan Macdonald, George H. Clarke, E. L. Armstrong, and K. Stanley West.

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Immoral Post Cards.

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN. Sir,—Some time ago I called attention to the way in which the immoral and obscene post cards and other publications are being circulated in English and Continental cities, and up to a few months ago there had been scarcely any protest brought to bear against them. The circulation of the numerous varieties of these indecent cards has become one of the greatest demoralizing features of the present day. No one could scarcely believe that such an amount of obscenity could be reached through such a medium. The reason which could be given for this is on account of the liberty which has been allowed in their circulation. Since the post card craze, the publishers have veered to vulgar things, and there is a class of people who have been seeking cards on these lines. The encouragement given the publishers in this way has led the inventive to their drifting so far into vulgarity. There is nothing that is doing so much harm in the way of depraving the minds of the people than the circulation of this kind of immoral literature. Besides the other bad influence they have a great tendency to inspire immorality. The suggestive and milder form of these cards can even be found displayed in windows of small shops in all cities, and in fact, even in some of the best ones. It is a well known fact, that in many of these shops cards can be purchased privately on the more spicy and vulgar lines. It has become a custom for men to carry their pockets full of these cards, which they display as being something amusing, showing only too plainly that the age we live in is becoming one of depraved ideas. It might be a surprise to some people to know to what an extent this card business is carried on in Canada. There are not many who would believe that there is a trust formed for the purpose of keeping the price up. Cards that are only worth a few cents bring prices from 75c to 1.50.

We note of late there have been many arrests made in the United States and Canada of people who have been engaged in the manufacture of these cards, but still the quantity that is being made on this side of the water is but small in comparison with what is being imported from Paris by people who are regularly engaged in the business, and it is a question as to how they are got through the customs. I was surprised when in Montreal to see how easily these cards could be obtained in the small shops in almost any part of the city. You will see cards of a spicy and suggestive nature displayed in windows, which come in packages with the least vulgar one to the front, with a sign stating that the balance of the package can be purchased inside, and where you can not only purchase the remainder of the package, but by gaining the confidence of the shop keeper you can secure a most any class of disgusting cards. It is well known that there are law-abiding in Canada to prohibit people from displaying or selling such cards or immoral literature of any sort. It is very apparent by so much of this literature being in circulation that the law is not enforced. It is not only the people who are engaged in selling the very obscene class of cards that should be dealt with but also those selling these suggestive cards that can be found displayed openly in shop windows which should be confiscated. There are doing more harm than the others, owing to their being at the disposal of young girls and boys.

Masonic Installation.

At the regular meeting of St. George's Lodge, No. 20, A. F. and A. M., on Friday evening last, the officers for the ensuing year were installed by Mr. I. B. Oskes, D. D. G. M., who, on this occasion made his first official visit to the Lodge. Mr. W. M. Black acted as presenting officer. Visiting brethren from Aylesford, Halifax, Windsor and Kentville Lodges were present. A very pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a ring and fountain pen to Mr. W. H. Duncanson, P. M., who is soon to leave Wolfville to take up his residence in Texas where he has purchased a property. The retiring Worshipful Master was presented by the newly elected Master, Mr. R. Crighton, with a very pretty Past Master's jewel. At the close of the installation ceremony refreshment were served and music and speeches were the order. A neat and artistic souvenir folder, giving a list of new officers, Past Masters and members of the Lodge was distributed. The officers are as follows: W. M.—R. Crighton, S. W.—S. L. Gilmore, J. W.—A. I. Daniels, Treas.—E. W. Moore, Secy.—A. M. Wheaton, P. M.—S. D.—R. E. Burgess, J. D.—W. C. B. Harris, B. S.—Ralph Watson, J. S.—E. F. Mahoney, Tyler—M. W. Pick, Chaplain—Rev. D. Wright, Marshall—E. W. Moore. St. George's Lodge is one of the oldest in the province, having been organized in 1784. The members of the Lodge are arranging to celebrate the 125th anniversary in November next.

The quarterly meeting of the Kings County Board of Trade will be held in the Court House, Kentville, on Monday, April 26th. The Kings County Farmers' Association will join with the county Board of Trade at this meeting.

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Newtonville Notes.

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