THE ACADIAN

WOLFVILLE, N. S., APRIL 17, 1891.

The Gold Discovery.

Considerable excitement has been manifested in this vicinity during the past few weeks in the report of the discovery of a rich find of gold in the ridge south of Wolfville, and in other places in the neighborhood. It appears that to Mr Wm. Stephens, of Port Williams, who has been prospecting for gold in the South mountain and elsewhere for the past ten or twelve years, the credit of the discovery is to be given. For many years back gold has been discovered in the brooks running into the Gaspereau river and some small leads of gold-bearing quartz have also been found from time to time. More than once gold-mining operations have been begun, but on each occasion have been abandoned on account of the rich mineral not being found in sufficient quantities. That gold existed there was no doubt, as it had been found in many places. At the present time experienced miners claim that good wages can be made in washing it in the Gaspereau river in some places. The difficulty has been to find just where the gold came from. The recent discovery of gold at Gay's river, Colchester county, in conglomerate, caused Mr Stephens to think it might be found in the same substance here. He accordingly went to Gay's river, and after examining and comparing the conglomerate with the stone found in this vicinity, persuaded one of the leading men in that enterprise to come here and give his opinion of it. On arriving here and making an examination he pronounced the stone in question as indicating gold. Samples were at once sent to leading chemists in American cities and elsewhere, when certificates were received showing from $1 to $20 of gold to a ton of the conglomerate. So confident are those interested that the find is a rich one that on Friday last they met in Halifax, and on Saturday licences of 1840 areas were taken up at the Mines office, the largest number of areas ever taken up at one time. The stone in which the gold is found is a sort of red sandstone and is familiarly known in this vicinity as "Wickwire" stone. It has been used for building purposes for years and is very abundant and will be easily worked. We trust that the fondest hopes of those interested will be fully realized, as such a discovery in the immediate vicinity of Wolfville would indeed be a bonanza. The company who have the matter in hand comprise some of the most reliable men in the Province and are determined to give it a full trial. We understand some of our Wolfville men have a share in the enterprise.

Who will Make the Start?

We would like to write something that would rouse our people to the necessity of some action in regard to our streets. For a long time we have been working for this and though most of our citizens with whom we have talked on the subject admit that something should be done, there appears to be no person who will start in the matter. At this season especially our streets require looking after, and we know of no better way than through the well-directed efforts of an energetic society organized for the purpose. It will soon be time for planting ornamental trees, and the expense of placing a row along our streets would not be large, while the benefit to be derived from the same, in appearance and comfort in the years to come, can scarcely be estimated. A few weeks ago a valued correspondent referred to the naming of our public streets, and we hoped that such an important matter would receive the attention of our people. But up to the present time no action has been taken as far as we can learn. The matter could easily be accomplished. It would cost little or nothing and would be a great improvement and convenience. Besides these there are a hundred other reforms that could be carried out, all of which would add materially to the appearance and good name of the town. Will not our citizens think these matters over and start in an effort to accomplish such reforms as may be necessary and desirable to the advancement and welfare of our town. Whatever is to be done in this line should be begun at once.

We notice by the papers that on Friday last Hon. Mr Fielding presented a petition to the Local Legislature, from the trustees, governors and fellows of Acadia College, in relation to the Wolfville Water Supply Act. The petitioners ask for exemption from the taxation on the principle that the general law of the Province does not contemplate the taxation of educational institutions. A petition was also presented from Dr Sawyer and others in support of the claim of the College. These petitions were ordered to be laid on the table. We understand that other petitions on the same subject will be presented.

Arbor Day.

The *Educational Review* for April contains articles on tree planting and culture, from Prof. Lawson, Ph. D., of Dalhousie College, W. F. Ganong, M. A, of Harvard University, and Mr J. Vroom, St. Stephens, N. B. It is hoped that these articles will give an impetus to the observance of Arbor Day throughout the Atlantic provinces, and prove a red letter one in successful tree planting. The day should be regarded as a holiday wherever there is a school, and celebrated in improving and beautifying the surroundings of school and dwelling houses. In some school sections in this county, a little attention has been given to improvement of the school house sites; but as a rule, they remain as they were when the buildings were first erected on them. The grounds are uneven and littered up with stones, stumps and decaying logs or trees. In many places the plough has never disturbed the virgin soil and the primitive condition of the land is in a fair state of preservation. If the aim is to hand over to posterity an ancient relic, there can be no reasonable doubt that a continuance in the present practice will secure its attainment. Much improvement has been made in the appearance of the school *houses* and those that have been recently built have been supplied with patent desks and seats of the best kind. There is also some desire manifested to study the best methods of ventilation, &c. These secure to the teacher and pupils, while in the school room, a good degree of comfort and pleasure; but when the school is dismissed to the play ground there is an absence of everything calculated to furnish the men and women of the future with the pleasantest memories of school days.

There can be no doubt of the educational value of beautiful surroundings and almost every parent considers this when he lays out the grounds about his dwelling, sets them with a variety of ornamental trees and furnishes his home—sometimes regardless of expense—with what will make it attractive and give pleasure to inmates. The time spent at the public school includes about ten years of what ought to prove the happiest and brightest period of all the life. It is the formative period, in which habits are fixed and a bent given to the whole after life; and yet strange as it seems, it is a fact nevertheless, that little or no provision is made for the cultivation of some of the noblest and best principles of the being, by making the school premises what they ought to be. Children cannot be expected to extract pleasure and brightness from the gloomy surroundings of the public school houses of the present day. To put the matter plainly, the school grounds and appointments in too many sections in this county are a disgrace to the intelligence of the community in which they are situated.

WHAT IS THE REMEDY?

1. Study the question in the light of the interests involved, and of the responsibility to aid—to the extent of our ability—in giving to the world, in each succeeding generation, the fullest possible development of physical, mental and moral strength.

2. Decide to observe Arbor Day. To prepare for this, let the trustees of each school call a meeting of the section, not later than the first of May, and discuss what needs to be done and the best means of doing it, and provide funds—where necessary—to make the improvements decided upon. In rural sections where help is more plentiful than money it will be well to come together and apportion the work and appoint an overseer to see that it is properly performed.

3. In most cases the grounds should first be cleared of stones and rubbish and then ploughed. Should the ground be wet let it be under drained and first put in a condition, by cultivation, to produce trees. When this has been done, select the trees. The maple, ash, elm, horse chestnut and rowan trees will be found among the good trees for the purpose. It will also be well, not to forget to prepare a small place for flowers and small plants, to be set and cultivated by the school.

4. All this cannot be done without the expense of time and some money; and in this respect it is similar to anything else of real value.

5. Some day between the 15th and 20th of May will be found best for the schools of this county, notice of which can be given later on.

To make the school ground one of the most beautiful and pleasant spots in the section, to secure the health and happiness of the little ones who will be taught to care for this, their heritage, and to stimulate all to regard movements of this kind as among the wisest plans of the time, will certainly be a rich reward for those who engage in this work.

The discussion of this subject by others is invited.

Robert Drummond, of the *Trades Journal*; George H. Murray, of North Sydney; and Henry M. Robichau, of Clare, Digby, have been appointed members of the legislative council. Mr Murry, and C. F. McIsaac, M. P. P. for Antigonish, have been appointed members of the executive council, vice Fraser and McGillivray.

Sir Provo Wallis' one hundredth birthday was celebrated in Halifax on Monday by a general display of bunting. The small signal staff on the citadel was decorated. The centenary of the distinguished Haligonian was also celebrated more or less generally all over that empire on which the sun never sets.

Just think, an Elegant Curtain Pole complete for only 40 cents at Wolfville Book Store.

From India.

BY LEE.

NO. II. SOME OF THE INHABITANTS.

It is, of course, out of the question to expect an exhaustive article on this subject, from one, for so short a time a resident of this country, as myself. I can write from first impressions only. Some of these are necessarily imperfect, others—well, I shall try to describe them later on.

THE PEOPLE

have, in many respects agreeably disappointed us. One can well understand how the Madras Coolies might exasperate an unphilosophical traveller, and it would not be surprising to hear of an English official in a hurry trying the "fist argument" at short notice. But to one with the opportunity of taking his time, it is rather amusing than otherwise to reason--in English—with a couple of dozen excited Coolies, who cannot understand a word you say, and who are all carrying on their side of the contraversy—in Telegu—at once, with great vehemence, and ease and emphases in delivery of language, and, one feels inclined to suggest, a somewhat superabundance of gestures. Our promised time may come, but as yet we have not lost a coin through the deceit of a native. Caste distinctions are sharply defined even where there is no caste, as laid down in the Hindu religious books. The "Brahmins," who constitute the highest caste, can be spotted anywhere. They are haughty, supercilious, and overbearing if it is not money in their pocket to be otherwise, and after middle age are very portly in appearance. They are the educated men of the country, the priests and teachers, and since the English occupation, large numbers of the younger men find employment in all the government offices, and also in private business firms. They are fair scholars in the English language, their handwriting is universally superior, and their talent for book-peeping exceptionally well developed. The "Pariohs," while being popularly recognized as a Caste, have no standing as such in the Hindu system; there they are called "Outcasts." From this class comes all the household servants, horse-keepers, and petty craftsmen and traders! saddlers, blacksmiths, tailors, fruit-sellers and sweepers and many others.

This arrangement often produces strange combinations. Your butler, who is head cook and business man, often gets from 8 to 10 rupees a month, and though always coming from the Pariohs, is the boss over your gardner and waterman, who never receive more than 4 rupees a month and are usually Sudra people, infinitely superior in Caste to the other.

THE REPTILES

may be numerous. We have seen, during three months, one poisonous snake killed on the compound and two scorpions. We had received the impression in some way before we came that snakes of all sizes and descriptions venomous and non-venomous, were lying around loose, in the houses and out of the houses, all waiting for a subject on whom to try their skill at poisoning.

THE FLEAS.

I am aware that now I am approaching a delicate subject, at least to one who has had a three month's residence in India. They are small in stature but fully developed in the business portion of their make-up. They do not lie in wait for their prey; they go after him in foraging parties of several hundred each. They are good feeders, their detective instinct is strong, and I shall not state the results of close observation as to their vaulting powers for fear of the charge of exaggeration. The natives have ingenious remedies for them, but white people regard the remedy in many cases to be as bad as the pest. It is believed that a close observance of the principles of Philosophy, with a few naturally-suggested physical expedients, will enable the sufferer to live through the season happily, if not in absolute comfort.

The Parsnip.

In the islands of Guernsey and Jersey, the culture of the parsnip meets with great success; the hollow crowned variety attains a large size and is used as food for milking cows. According to scientific analysis the parsnip contains in a high degree the elements of nutrition; it will fatten an ox or a pig and boiled is much relished by all kinds of domestic poultry. The seed vegetates freely and is hardy. The best plan is to dibble in the seed in rows so that each plant will have nine inches of space every way. The parsnip requires a deep soil and if kept free from weeds at the start and afterwards gone over and thinned to one plant at each hole, there will be no further trouble. Parsnips do not impart any unpleasant flavor to butter and those who try them as a field crop will be surprised at the weight per acre which they yield in suitable soil. COM.

The regular April Meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association of Nova Scotia will take place at Foster's Hall, Berwick, on Monday the 20th inst., at 1 o'clock, p. m. The proposal to form a Fruit Shippers' Company and other subjects of general interest to fruit growers will be discussed. All persons interested are cordially invited to attend. Persons paying one first-class fare by W. & A. R. to Berwick will be returned for one third fare upon certificate from the Secretary.

A few days ago a young son of Henry Hutchinson, Port Williams, cut three of his fingers nearly off in playing with a sharp edged instrument. Dr Woodworth was called and replaced the severed fingers the use of which the little fellow is now in a fair way to recover.—*Western Chronicle.*

The Dangers of Spring.

Poets and novelists go into ectasies over what they romantically call "beautiful spring," and "gentle spring," and while, no doubt, everyone is glad to see winter release its icy grasp, "beautiful spring" is after all, one of the most deadly seasons of the year. Sudden transitions from warmth to extreme cold, with piercing, chilling winds; from dry to sloppy, "muggy" weather, all combine to make the season a most trying one, even to the hardiest constitution, while to those with weak constitutions the season is one of positive danger. Undoubtedly the greatest danger at this season of the year is from cold in the head, which very few escape, and which if not promptly and thoroughly treated, developes into catarrh, with all its disagreeable and loathsome effects. Catarrh, neglected, almost as certainly developes into consumption, annually destroying thousands of lives. At this trying season no household should be without a bottle of Nasal Balm. In cases of cold in the head it gives almost instant relief and effects a speedy cure, thus preventing the developement of catarrh. Where the latter disease has already secured a hold it is equally efficacious, and with persistent use will cure the worst case. From the outset it sweetens the breath, stops the nauseous droppings into the throat and lungs, dispels those dull headaches that afflict the sufferer from catarrh. Nasal Balm is not advertised as a cure-all—it is an honest remedy which never fails to cure cold in the head or catarrh when the directions care faithfully followed, and thousands throughout the country have reason to bless its discovery. Nasal balm may be had from all dealers or will be sent postpaid on receipt of price (50 cents, small, or $1, large size bottle) by addressing Fulford & Co., Brockville, Ont.

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