

Calendar for December with days of the week and dates.

THE ACADIAN

WOLFVILLE, N. S., DEC. 31, 1886

THE OLD YEAR—THE NEW YEAR. RETROSPECT—PROSPECT.

The close of the year is the time when events of the past are recalled, and when the thoughts of all look on to the future.

But it does not follow that the year has been barren of good results because of the smoothness of the current of events.

What of the year to come? No one can predict for a single day, much less for an entire year.

To all our readers we extend our New Year's cordial greeting, hoping that the months as they pass may find them happily at work in their various occupations.

TO OUR READERS.

With this issue the ACADIAN makes its fifty-third visit during 1886, it having been issued on the first and last days of the year.

As we look back over the year we see much to be thankful for. In the New Year we wish to make the ACADIAN still more popular and to extend its circulation still farther.

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THE CARBONIFEROUS PERIOD.

AN ESSAY DELIVERED BY CARMEL L. DAVENON, OF BARRINGTON, AT THE BARRINGTON EXHIBITION OF THE JUNIOR CLASS OF ACADIA COLLEGE, ON TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 14TH, 1886.

A piece of coal, black, grimy and repulsive as it is to both sight and touch, is not the most attractive object among the many which Nature presents to us.

Geology does not presume to reveal the time of that "beginning" in which God created the Heaven and the earth; neither does it arrogate to itself the privilege of determining with accuracy the conditions of that earth, which sprang from the Creator's hand.

But although that beginning may be obscured in mists and thick darkness, yet Geology points to it. By the revelations of this science, we are enabled to trace back to their origin, not only the animals and plants which at present live, but also their predecessors through successive dynasties emerging in long procession from the depths of a primitive antiquity.

Among these different ages, there is none more worthy of consideration than the Carboniferous or period of coal measures. It is exceedingly interesting to the geologist on account of the many remarkable monuments of that "strange mysterious change" of the earth's surface which it contains.

But what is this coal? and from whence did it come? are questions which must naturally occur to all inquiring minds. By a careful examination of extremely thin slices of coal with a microscope, we are able to recognize those peculiar cells, that characterize certain great divisions of the vegetable kingdom.

Then the buried areas rose again. The same luxuriant vegetation again flourished and decayed as before. When a fitting time had arrived, large areas again sank, and so the process went on through a long series of alternate elevations and submersions.

Coal is the all-important factor in the mechanical arts and sciences of this 19th century. It lies at the basis of the wealth and prosperity of the greatest nations on earth, and were all avenues to it effectually closed, the fast-falling twilight of our modern civilization would settle over the nations.

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Among the most prominent and best known of the plants of this period was the Lepidodendron or scale tree, so called on account of the beautiful scale-like markings of the bark.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TEMPERANCE AND OTHER MATTERS.

DEAR ACADIAN,—This issue will be your last for 1886. As we look back over the year we can see that the world moves on in an age of progress and notwithstanding the gut-rotten refrain "pushing to ruin," Nova Scotia is in the "swing," Kings county has "hitched on" and is bound to move along with the rest.

It is composed of purely vegetable remedies, and is warranted to cure and prevent Croup, Whooping Cough, Croup, Lung Fever, Loss of Appetite, Epizootic, Pink Eye, Diarrhoea, Worms, Swelled Legs, Scalds, Collar Boils and Galls, Cribbing, Wind Distresses, Mangs, Abortions in Cows, Milk Fever, Retention of Water, Bloody Urine, Pleuro-Pneumonia, Loss of Cool, Garget, Impure Blood, Cramp in Legs, Hollow Horn, Foul Nose and Rot, Hog Cholera, Boty and Pip, Hides Bound, Kidney, Heart, Liver and bladder diseases.

It is the cheapest food for fattening all animals that can be produced; will increase the flow and improve the quality of milk 20 percent. 50 cts per package; in bulk and quantities much less. Sample box and testimonials by mail 60 cts in stamps. If your druggist does not keep it send direct to us and I will forward it promptly.

SEND 10c TO THE GLOBE CARD CO., Derby Line, Vt., U.S. for 50 Handmade Satin Finish Chromo Cards ever seen, no 2 alike, with name on. AGENTS WANTED.

Municipal Council.

The Councillors elect are notified to meet in the COURT HOUSE, KENTVILLE, On Tuesday, 11th January, next, at 10 o'clock, a.m.

J. D. MARTIN

Wishes to state that he is selling his APPLE BARRELS at the usual low price of 22 cents at the mill, 1 cent extra for delivering Five per cent discount will be allowed for cash; also

William Wallace Merchant Tailor,

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Johnson H. Bishop,

Wolville, Oct. 1, '86 AGENT.

MONEY! MONEY! MONEY!

FARMERS, OWNERS OF HORSES AND STOCK RAISERS.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that you can save one third the expense of keeping your Horses, Cattle, Sheep Swine and poultry by using a small quantity of The Vegetable Compound Stock Feed & Condition Powders.

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1887!

J. W. RYAN WISHES YOU A Happy and Prosperous NEW YEAR!

P. S.—5 Cases and Bales NEW GOODS received this week, and notwithstanding the advance in the price of COTTONS and WOOLLENS, you will find HIS prices for 1887 lower than ever.

Kentville, N. S., January 1st, 1887

Look for Bargains.

NEW GOODS, NEW GOODS. FOR THE

Christmas Trade.

Burpee Witter

Has just opened a large variety of reasonable goods, consisting of Grey and Scarlet Flannels, Fleecy Cottons, Bleached and Unbleached Sheetings, Men's Underclothing, Men's Top Shirts, Ladies Wool Vests, Bustles, Paniers, LADIES' WOOL SKIRTS, LADIES' UNDERWEAR.

25 Dozen Cambrie Handkerchiefs from 5c and upwards. 15 Dozen Ladies' and Gents' Linen Handkerchiefs. 10 Dozen Hem Stitched Handkerchiefs. 6 Dozen Silk Handkerchiefs.

SHOPPING BAGS FROM 50c TO \$3.50

MONEY PURSES FROM 10c TO \$2.50

Ladies Mantle Cloths marked down Mens Tweed marked down Ladies Wool Squares marked down Wove Clouds marked down Ladies Wool Skirts marked down Wool Fascinators marked down Mens Overcoats marked down Dress Gowns marked down Print Cottons marked down Gingham marked down

Wolville, December 17th 1886

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