

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., JAN. 31, 1908.

Sanctum Suggestions.

The organization of a branch of the Canadian Club has been suggested in Wolfville. While we apparently have a full supply of societies of various kinds we believe the suggestion to be a good one. No town in the province is better qualified to support such an institution, and if the matter was taken hold of by our people generally an excellent club would not doubt be the result. There is no doubt as to the advantage which would come from such an organization here, and elsewhere. The study of Canadian affairs and the inculcation of national ideals by our people is the great need of today.

Civic Affairs.

Tuesday was nomination day for the town election, which takes place on Tuesday, Feb. 4th. Following the wise course generally pursued in the past by our town there will be no election for the office of mayor, Mr. W. M. Black being again elected by acclamation. Mayor Black has already filled the mayor's chair for two terms, and has proved a most efficient and energetic official. The experience gained through his past connection with civic affairs should make him still better qualified to fulfil the duties of the important office of chief magistrate.

Five candidates were nominated for the council, of which number three are to be elected. Messrs. Fitch and Abbott, the retiring councillors, are offering for re-election, and Messrs. C. R. H. Starr, F. J. Porter and J. W. Selfridge are also candidates. Messrs. Starr and Porter have both already occupied seats in the council and their qualifications for the position are well known. Mr. Selfridge is a good citizen and would make a creditable member of the council. Following are the candidates and by whom nominated:

Chas. S. Fitch—nominated by R. E. Harris, E. L. Collins, L. W. Sleep, I. B. Oakes, J. D. Chambers and Rev. R. F. Dixon.

Geo. W. Abbott—nominated by the same gentlemen.

C. R. H. Starr—nominated by J. D. Chambers, R. E. Harris, Dr. Bars and Rev. R. F. Dixon.

J. W. Selfridge—nominated by Dr. Bars, J. W. Vaughn and C. B. Godfrey.

F. J. Porter—nominated by Prof. R. V. Jones and W. A. Chipman.

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The Halifax Echo of Tuesday of last week has the following account of the meeting of Orpheus Lodge, I. O. O. F., referred to in last issue of THE ACADIAN:

Orpheus Lodge, No. 92, I. O. O. F., Wolfville, received an official visit last evening from the Grand Master of this jurisdiction, W. Stetson Rogers, of Halifax. A number of members of the order accompanied the Grand Master from Halifax, among them being, brothers J. H. Balcorn, Grand Treasurer; J. H. Laidlaw, Grand Representative, and the orchestra of Myrtle Lodge, No. 18, composed of 10 members under the leadership of brother Tezer. Besides the Wolfville members quite a goodly number attended from lodges located at Windsor, Hantsport, Kentville, and in addition, Berwick, Kingston, and even as far west as Westport were represented. Altogether the attendance was somewhat over 100. Had the Windsor brethren been able to make satisfactory arrangements with the railway, and also if there had been sufficient snow for sleighing, the lodge room at Wolfville would certainly not have accommodated those who planned to be on hand.

The Central Theological Circle is to meet in the Wolfville Baptist church on Monday, Feb. 3rd. At the morning session Rev. W. S. Jenkins, of Hantsport, is to give an address on "Heresies." Rev. Neil Henshaw, of Windsor, will, at the afternoon session, review the new book by Rev. J. R. Campbell, of London. Dr. Hatchinson will speak on the new extension courses for pastors and other Christian workers which is to be carried on under the direction of the Theological Department of Acadia University. It is also expected that this latter subject will be spoken to by other speakers.

The New Brunswick Legislature has been dissolved. Nomination Day is fixed for Feb. 25th and election on March 2nd.

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The Man on the Street.

With the permission of THE ACADIAN I shall, when other duties permit, endeavor to discuss in brief paragraphs some of the matters which have caught the attention of 'the man on the street,' with the hope that nothing contained in my contributions may prove injurious and much beneficial to the interests of our town.

From time to time I have noticed your reference to the need of a public hall in Wolfville. That such a need exists there can be no question. A well fitted up opera house would undoubtedly prove a paying institution, and it is a wonder that something has not been done before this in the direction of supplying the need. Many good entertainments that now are obliged to pass our town by would gladly pay us a visit if suitable accommodation could be secured. Such good entertainments would tend to draw people into town from the surrounding districts, and thus benefit the place and its people.

One thing that is much needed in Wolfville is a good ground for athletic sports. THE ACADIAN has frequently referred to this, and 'the man on the street' gladly seconds the motion. The benefit of well conducted athletic sports is too well known to require further remark. At present we have little or no accommodation for such. Will not some one of our moneyed citizens donate a suitable ground to the town for such a use. Every year the possibility of securing such a ground becomes less, and the best available lot should be obtained at once.

The project undertaken by the Board of Trade two years ago of securing and beautifying the railway lot at the corner of Elm avenue and Front street has not proved as successful as it was hoped it would. The idea is an excellent one. First impressions are most lasting, and when a passenger steps off a train his first view of a town is likely to cause him to form an estimate of the town and its citizens. So far, while there has undoubtedly been some improvement, the appearance of the ground is by no means ideal. It is to be hoped the committee having the matter in hand may be infused with new vigor and that another season may see a vast improvement made. Citizens, I am sure, will render every assistance in their power to this laudable enterprise.

In the New Year number of the Halifax Herald Mayor Black attempted to give an answer to the inquiry, 'What does our town most need?' I was somewhat curious to read his letter and rather disappointed in his treatment of the subject. The question is certainly a most pertinent one, and I would like to see in your columns a number of brief letters from citizens containing their views. My opinion is that what is needed more than anything else is more unity among our people—a greater willingness displayed to pull together for whatever tends to the betterment of the community. This continual pulling apart is good for neither the public nor the private interest. There are many things that might be accomplished by a united, harmonious action of the citizens.

I was pleased to read your editorial last week concerning the needed improvement in our streets. The matter is certainly a most important one. Main street should first be attended to, and then the other streets and avenues. In New England and in Ontario many towns so larger than Wolfville have beautiful and well-kept thoroughfares. What is needed is a more systematic plan of work. The right methods would produce a wonderful change with no greater expenditure of money.

In passing that part of the town familiarly known as 'Mad Creek' a few days ago I was struck with the change that has been made within a few years. This suggests the feasibility of the move suggested frequently of filling in the basin and converting the ugly spot into a public park. Main street could then be straightened and the appearance of the town much improved. It may take time but it will come.

THE MAN ON THE STREET.

Assessors For 1908.

- Ward 1—Jas. Wootaver, J. A. Northrup.
- 2—Rupert Ellis, J. N. Wheaton.
- 3—Wilson Pearson, Frank George.
- 4—W. A. Klusman, A. S. Alcorn.
- 5—Adelbert Bishop, David Neuforth, (C.) Avery Ward.
- 6—Alfred Davison, Leonard Pick.
- 7—Avery Bowser, George L. Bishop.
- 8—Walter Hutchinson, F. G. Carry.
- 9—Wm. Basson, Alex. Banks.
- 10—Constantine Gaul, Elton Saunders.
- 11—Thos. Hill, Murray Power.
- 12—R. H. Banks, B. W. Webster.
- 13—Martin Donnellan, Geo. B. Foote.

Supervisors under Highway Act, appointed at the recent session of Council, are: Ward 1, H. B. Bennett; 2, Leonard H. Porter; 3, Harry Clarke; 4, E. E. Brown; 5, John Walker; 6, James L. Gertridge; 7, Fred Westcott; 8, P. G. Borden; 9, Stanley Patterson; 10, Henry Matthews; 11, Edgar L. Foster; 12, G. R. Nichols; 13, R. S. Armstrong.

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WOLFVILLE, N. S.

Report of County Health Officer.

DR. P. N. BALCOM FOR YEAR 1907. To A. E. Mahon, Esq., Warren, Municipality of Kings: Sir,—As Health Officer for the County of Kings I have the honor to submit this my report for the year 1907.

During the year a number of complaints regarding nuisances and unsanitary places in different parts of the Municipality have been received, all of which have received attention. The usual number of epidemic diseases of the milder class, such as measles, whooping cough, La Grippe, chicken-pox, etc., have existed in different sections, but the attention of the Health Officer has been more particularly directed to the severer forms of contagious disease such as scarlet fever, diphtheria and smallpox, which have appeared in several localities of the county.

Epidemics of scarlet fever of mild type have broken out at different times. All possible precautions were taken to control the disease and prevent its spread.

Early in the summer a few cases of diphtheria occurred in Ward 4. Prompt action was taken; strict quarantine was established and the disease did not spread beyond the two families affected.

In November a severer type of the disease broke out in Ward 9 near Grand Pre. Five families were affected. Some eighteen cases occurred two of which were fatal; prompt and decided measures were taken, and with the most valuable assistance of the local Sanitary Inspector, Dr. Chipman, who had all the affected families strictly quarantined, the schools closed and public gatherings forbidden, and with the liberal use of anti-toxin, the disease was speedily brought under control.

In early spring smallpox of the mild type that had been prevalent in different parts of the province made its appearance in New Ross, Lunenburg County. That the disease was of an extremely mild type is probably the reason that its true character was not recognized in its early stage and that it was allowed to become general in the town. The Health Officer visited the case in consultation, established strict quarantine, vaccinated other members of the family, and the same happy result followed—no new cases.

When the disease was recognized in New Ross the Health Officer of Lunenburg County took active measures to prevent a general spread of the contagion in that County. He had the roads leading to Mahone and to Chester strictly guarded. The result was to turn the general travel to Kentville and to Aylesford. At a joint meeting of Boards of Health of Ward 5 and 13 the necessity of strictly inspecting all parties coming from infected neighborhoods, was urged upon the Health Officer. After carefully looking over the situation it was decided that the only way to prevent the spread of the disease was to establish quarantine gates on New Ross Road and on Aylesford Road. Consequently, Mr. Richard Alders, of New Ross, was appointed Local Inspector (as authorized by the act) and for the period of twenty days he was instructed to allow only such persons to pass into this County from New Ross as had certificates from Health Officer that they did not have the disease and had not been exposed thereto. The same scheme was carried out to travel toward Dalhousie and Aylesford.

The very mild type in which the disease appeared rendering it, in many cases, very difficult of detection, made it much more necessary that strict precautions be taken. There is reason to believe that the interest generally created as well as the precautions taken had much to do with bringing the epidemic to an early termination.

While there is yet much to be done in the way of educating the general public in regards to sanitary regulations, much interest has been taken during the past year and we may look forward hopefully to the time when we shall be able to control these severer forms of contagious disease, and a lively interest will be taken in all our sanitary regulations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. N. BALCOM, Health Officer County of Kings, Aylesford, Dec. 31, 1907.

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