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THE TYROLESE MUSIC BOX.

When we look over this world of ours and see the vast number not only willing but extremely anxious to be fooled we wonder why it is there are so many honest people. We cannot imagine when the time will come that people will have enough of this sort of thing. All they seem to need now is an announcement that they can get untold wonders for a few cents and away they rush eager to be the first victim of some shrewd student of human nature who has seen their weak point and taken advantage of it to get rich.

One day last week one of the instruments whose given name heads this article was received at Wolfville Station addressed to one of our richest men. It came by express, and the neat charge of 48 cents was all the claim held against it by the Express Company. The advertisement in reference to it read that "The Tyrolese Music Box would be sent to any address on receipt of \$1.05 and that it would play six tunes." Our rich friend sent his money and the box came with charges as above. When opened a letter was found inside which said that Messrs.

Baum, & Co. had been swindled by the American company from whom they had bought their supply and as some of their customers had grumbled they sent eight of the T. M. B's. and they thought the consignee would find them good value for the money. They were nothing more nor less than the cheapest kind of german mouth organs, with eight reeds and worth about thirty-five cents per doz. The firm is located just now in St. John N. B. We don't pity any one who sent for the article, but we do hope, like the Irish Judge who sentenced some prisoners to be hanged, that "It will be a warnin' to yez."

A great deal of red tapeism still prevails in the post office department, as

annoying as it is absurd. On the 15th a Wolfville correspondent mailed a post card to the Herald. On the back of the card was an extract cut from a newspaper, with some comments added. Instead of sending it to the Herald office the Wolfville postmaster forwarded it to the dead letter office at Ottawa, whence it was returned to the sender. Printed post cards are daily sent through the mails—hundreds of thousands of them. Perhaps the Wolfville postmaster, or some other well informed official, will explain the difference between sending a printed postal card through the mails and one with a printed extract pasted on; or why a man should be compelled to spend a quarter of an hour in rewriting what could be pasted on the card in a quarter of a minute. [Hx. Herald.]

The following is an extract from the Canada Official Postal Guide for 1884: "XIII.—Post Cards.

1.—The front or engraved side is intended for the address. There must be nothing else written, printed or otherwise impressed on it. On the reverse side any communication whether of the nature of a letter or otherwise, may be written or printed. Nothing whatever may be attached to a Post Card, nor may the Post Card be cut or altered in any way. If any thing be gummed, pasted, or otherwise attached to or upon a Post Card, or if it be cut or altered in any way it is not mailable as a Post Card, and must be at once sent to the Dead Letter Office."

(The italics are in the original.)

As a matter of fact the Wolfville P. M. does not remember the Card in question at all and does not think it was posted at his office but if he had seen it he would certainly have sent it to the Dead Letter Office as his instructions command. We would advise the Herald to ask the Post Office Inspector at Halifax and perhaps he could give them the necessary information and tell them if there was any penalty attached to the misuse of the Post card.

PUBLIC SCHOOL HOUSE.

While attending the examinations of the Public Schools, we were struck by the extremely dirty and uncouth appearance of the different rooms. The walls are rough and awfully dirty. The floors were quite thick with dirt, and the whole appearance of the rooms was one of neglect. We don't know just who is to blame, but the matter should be remedied at once. We pity the teachers and scholars who have to spend such a large part of their time in such a place. A small sum would thoroughly cleanse and fix the place. Some paint and color wash would be a great improvement; and the janitor, if there is one, should be made to keep the floors clean. If there is none the sooner one is appointed the better for the health and well being of all concerned.

GRAND DIVISION.

The Grand Division, Sons of Temperance met in quarterly session on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week at Lower Horton. Business of importance was transacted. The reports from the officers show the order to be in a highly satisfactory state financially, and numerically. There are now enrolled a membership of 15,400 under the banner of the Sons of Temperance. A movement was commenced to have brought before all the people in the Dominion through the Divisions and Religious bodies a petition to the Dominion Legislature for a Prohibitory Law.

Great efforts will be made to have Richardson's Temperance Lesson Book introduced into the Public Schools. It has been endorsed by the Council of Public Instruction and it is desirable that it should be introduced at once. The book is not for each scholar but it is intended to have one placed on each teacher's desk if possible and lessons to be given orally. It treats of the temperance question in all its Physiological and moral points. The retail price of the book is only fifty cents so it cannot be much of a tax on the section, to provide one for each school.

Among those present were Bros. J. F. L. Parsons, Joseph Burrill W. P., Rev. R. Alder Temple G. S., H. A. Taylor G. T., R. T. Murray, Rev. G. O. Huestis Rev. Dr. McMurray.

On Wednesday evening two public meetings were held, one at Wolfville and one at Lower Horton. At

WOLFVILLE,

the meeting was ably addressed by Brothers R. Murray, and W. J. Gates. Bro. H. A. Taylor gave two very nice readings. Owing to the lateness of the hour Bro. Rev. T. A. Rogers did not speak. Music was provided by a choir organized for the occasion by Bro. G. O. V. Rand. A fair number were present, outside influence among which were two prayer meetings and two parties probably keeping many away. At

LOWER HORTON

they had a splendid meeting, the hall being filled. Bros. Joseph Burrill, G. W. P., J. F. L. Parsons and Rev. John McMurray addressed the meeting.

Altogether this session though having a smaller attendance than some former ones, has been a very important one.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Acadian,
Dear Sir:—While fishing on the Gaspereau lately I discovered a queer looking arrangement, near where there has been an old mill. It is some distance up from the bridge. It looked to me like a bird cage made of twine and was under the water. Never

having seen anything like it before and being a stranger here I am curious to know what it was. If you can tell from my description I would be much obliged to you

Yours very truly

ADAM GOODSELL.

If it were not against the law and subject to a heavy fine to place such things we should say it was a "fyke" but we do not think any one in Gaspereau would be guilty of using one. Please send better description. [Ed.]

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