

THE ACADIAN.

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The Fire.

The quiet of our peaceful village was disturbed on Friday evening last at about 6:30 o'clock by the alarm that a fire had originated in the paint shop in the rear of Mr. B. G. Bishop's store. In a very few minutes after the alarm was sounded, a large number of the residents of the village and also a number of students from the Institution were on the spot, ready and willing to render any assistance in their power to extinguish the flames and to save property in danger. It was at once seen that the store occupied by Mr. Bishop, belonging to Mr. Higgins, could not be saved, and an attempt was then made to save the McDonald store, belonging to Dr. Bars. This very soon had to be abandoned. In the meantime the contents of the McDonald store, consisting of Mr. Rice's photographic accessories in the upper part of the building, and organs and sewing machines in care of Mr. Liddell on the ground flat, and a part of the contents of the cellar consisting of potatoes, apples and oats belonging to Mr. Porter, were removed. The greater part of the contents of the cellar, however, was destroyed with the building. Mr. Patriquin's building, occupied by himself as a harness making shop, by Mr. J. M. Shaw as barbing rooms and tobacco shop, and the upper part by Mr. Larkin as a shoe-maker's shop, was on fire several times, but with renewed exertion on the part of those who had undertaken to save the building, the flames were at last extinguished, but not without doing considerable damage to it. As the flames gained strength from the burning buildings, and as the wind was blowing from the eastward, it appeared doubtful whether it would be possible to save any of the buildings on the north side of the street for a considerable distance westward. The ACADIAN building, which also contains the Customs House and the office of E. Sidney Crawley, Esq., had received attention from the first, and a determined stand was taken to prevent the fire from spreading to it. This was successfully accomplished by the untiring efforts of a number of young men from the village and the Institution, who deserve much credit for their success in battling with such flames. Mrs. Butler, who occupied the upper part of Mr. Bishop's store, lost everything she had in the house, including a considerable sum of money. Of Mr. Bishop's large and varied stock of paints, oils, crockery and glassware, builders' hardware, &c., but very little was saved. As it appeared probable that the buildings contiguous would be destroyed, a stampede was made to save the contents, consequently the Patriquin building, Customs House, E. S. Crawley's office, Mr. Porter's store and Rev. Mr. Ross's dwelling were almost completely cleared of their contents, which for the most part were cared for by friends and safely returned in the morning. We regret however to say that there were present at this fire as at many others a number of sneak-thieves, who were not satisfied with plundering goods left exposed by the wayside, but who during the night even broke open some of the stores, and took what suited them therefrom. Had this fire broken out at almost any other time during this winter it would have been almost impossible to have saved the contents until a large portion of the village had been destroyed. As it was, the ditches were full of water, the buildings saturated with dampness, as it had been raining hard all day, and the wind which had been blowing hard all day from the eastward and directly on to the ACADIAN building suddenly veered to the north after the Higgins building had fallen in, which undoubtedly saved the ACADIAN building as well as those to the westward of it. The Higgins building, McDonald store, and B. G. Bishop's stock were partially covered by insurance. Mrs. Butler, no insurance. Mr. Porter, although not a direct loser by the fire, excepting goods in the cellar of McDonald shop, yet suffered loss to a considerable extent by having his goods thrown out upon the street and badly damaged and quite an amount stolen. Surely the time has now come when some decided action should be taken to organize a fire brigade of some kind. We have had plenty of warnings in the past, but perhaps none have spoken to us more loudly of our danger than this one. Had such a fire occurred at any ordinary time, or in the dead hour of the night, it would have been almost impossible to have saved one solitary building on the north side of Main street with the appliances at our command. Do not let this opportunity pass without some action, for delays are dangerous, and may be expensive if not ruinous.

Fruit Growers in Council.

Continued. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS. The President in the course of his remarks said: "Our Society is the oldest in the Dominion of Canada. A quarter of a century's work lies behind us. We are celebrating what may not be inappropriately called the "silver wedding" of our Association. The progress made in fruit growing during these years is truly wonderful. Eight years after the organization of the F. G. A. 47,000 barrels of apples were produced by the Annapolis valley; sixteen years later 1886-87, over 113,000 barrels were shipped to London, 30,000 to New York, 30,000 to Halifax, 30,000 to St. John and up the I. C. R., and probably 50,000 consumed at home and sent to markets not previously enumerated—making 250,000 barrels. This year, 1888-89, 85,000 barrels will have been shipped to London by April 1st. The whole of the export trade is done by the three counties—Annapolis, King's and Hants,—but it is being slowly proved that the Annapolis valley, sheltered as it is by the verge of the North mountain from old Fundy's fog, is not the only fertile spot in Nova Scotia. Yarmouth with its salt mists from the Atlantic is growing some varieties of apples as well as pears and small fruits, and the eastern counties are also beginning to come to the front, and in another quarter of a century many of them will likely share in the profitable trade. In view of the advanced state of fruit growing in this valley, is there any work left for this Association to do? Difficulties are met with as we advance along the line—insect pests, disease in fruit and trees, etc., which science and experience alone can conquer, and as this Association is provincial there is a work for it in those counties which are away behind this favored spot. Last season was the wettest on record, and the winter the mildest ever known. You will remember at the time of our last annual meeting everything was ablaze with the beautiful "silver thaw," and many armitises were indulged in as to its effect on the next crop. The weight of the ice broke some limbs, but the fruit buds were uninjured and the insect pests were abundant in the spring, some orchards being stripped. The trees blossomed heavily; some were false, but enough matured to make an average crop. Ribston, Blenheim, Kings and Golden Russets were large, smooth and finely colored, although day after day was cloudy and wet, and Gravensteins were an immense crop and of fine quality. Bishop Pippins was a failure, and some other varieties were badly spotted and arrived in London in bad condition, and more did not keep so well as usual owing to the wet and want of sunshine. Many complaints of bad and slack packing came across. I can find no remedy for the farmer, but would urge to growers to pack tightly—ever to smothering the bottom layer. The glut in the London market and the low prices this season cause some fears of overproduction. We think those fears are groundless. Our population will increase and with it home consumption, and the foreign market. There is as ready a market for the thousands of today as there was for the hundreds in '71, and I predict that there will be as good a market for the millions in the future as there is for the thousands of this season. Of course we can't expect the high prices to continue. We must grow apples as a food for the people—not a luxury for the rich—and be contented with a fair price; \$1.50 net is a price for a good barrel of apples. Only the best fruit should be shipped to London; we must evaporate the poorer kinds and manufacture them into vinegar, jam, jellies, etc. The low price in London this season will indirectly benefit us. Many will buy a barrel of apples at a higher price, and once having enjoyed them they will not afterwards do without them at any price. Our Association has accomplished good work since its formation in '63. The work already accomplished and the improvements should give us all cause to be satisfied with all classes in the country. I would urge the members to take a greater interest in their Association, and to make known to their friends and neighbors our aims, and impress upon them the fact that we do benefit the whole country. We are in need of universal membership. The Association is hampered on all sides because of the lack of support of those who owe it most. We need members as enthusiastic and willing to do earnest work, as were the honored dead, and we need new members to fill up the gaps made by death from time to time in our ranks. Within a few weeks this Association, and the county as well, has met with a serious loss by the death of D. B. Newcomb who was vice-President for King's in '85. Barney Newcomb, as he was familiarly called by his friends, through his own undaunted exertions and great natural abilities gained a place beside the best men in the county, having filled many public offices with honor and credit. His illness was a long and painful one. With intellect undimmed, he was called aside from the active pursuits of life, and stretched for a weary month on a bed of pain and suffering which he bore with patience and resignation. His death must have been a happy release. I know of few men in King's county who will be more missed than genial, kind-hearted, honest Barney Newcomb, and I know the members of the Association will join with me in an

expression of sympathy for those who are left to mourn.

"I find I cannot close without expressing my regret that the western counties had not sufficient influence with the Local Government to obtain the location of the Provincial Experimental Farm here in Wolfville in connection with Acadia College, or at all events in some spot where apples-trees grow." Prof. Saunders then took the floor and delivered one of the ablest addresses of the session, in the course of which he congratulated the Society on what it had done in the interests of fruit culture. Before visiting this Province he heard of its fruit, some of which he had seen and tested at the Colonial Exhibition in London. When he arrived in Annapolis he inquired about the orchards and was told: "We don't grow apples here; you must go to the Annapolis valley for them." On inquiring for cherries he was told he must go to Bear River for them. He felt confident that some apples, perhaps not all, could be as successfully grown in the less favored counties as in the Annapolis valley. The cherries at Bear River were as a rule, the same that were introduced by the early settlers and until lately little attention had been given to cultivating improved varieties. Cherries can be as profitably grown in the Annapolis valley as at Bear River. He had taken some of the seeds to Ottawa and hoped to have Bear River cherries growing on the Government Farm there. Referred to our special advantage over the western portion of the Dominion in shipping facilities to the European markets. Did not think there was any danger of overstocking the market with first-class fruit. He felt sure that the demand would soon be in advance of the supply. Described the locality of the different Experimental Farms in the different Provinces and detailed at some length the operations of the Central Farm during the year. Discussed the necessity of feeding trees and the best fertilizers for that purpose, of which the farmer familiar with his own soil must be the best judge. The best was always the cheapest in the long run. Referred to the increase of black spots on apples after being packed as something new to him and suggested the burning of sulphur in the cellars where they are stored as a means of destroying the insect pests and the most effectual means for destroying them. Had noticed that we had but few varieties of ornamental trees and thought we should introduce others, mentioning several, and gave special mention of nut-bearing trees which might be cultivated both for ornament and profit. THE ANNUAL DINNER. About seventy of the members with their guests, including fifteen ladies, dined together at the Annapolis Hotel. The dinner was served in Mr. Harris' best style and after the menu was discussed, short addresses were delivered by J. W. Bigelow, Dr. Borden, and Col. Blair. Col. Blair's address was intended statement of the operations of the Government Farm under his charge. After thanks were given to the Rev. Principal Sawyer and Prof. Saunders for their presence, the National Anthem was sung, and thus closed one of the most successful meetings ever held by the Society. Cheap Travelling. The following paragraph we copy from a late number of the Vancouver, B. C., Daily World. The many friends of Messrs Bishop and Davidson will be glad to learn of their safe arrival in that city.— By the Pacific express yesterday there arrived in this city a couple of young men, full of life, vigor and energy, just the stamp of people who should seek for themselves new homes in the far West, from Wolfville, some 12 miles from the city of Halifax, Nova Scotia. They were Messrs Bishop and Davidson, the first painter by trade and the other a farmer. They left their homes in the Blue Nose Province some three weeks since and in their tour to this city visited Boston, New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia and other intervening cities to Chicago, thence to St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Winnipeg. They travelled first-class as far as St. Paul and from that point to Vancouver in the Colonist cars, which they describe as being everything young people travelling require. They are warm in their praise of the treatment accorded by the officials of the C. P. R. Along with them from various homes in the East came a number of people for the Sound, Oregon and California. The total cost for the tour taken by these two gentlemen was \$45.50 each, from Boston, \$9 for the double ticket. Who would not visit the Coast from the East when travel is put down to such a low figure as that? TENDERS. The Overseers of the Poor for Horton ask for tenders for the supply of not less than fifteen nor more than twenty barrels of flour, at a stated price per barrel, sample and name of flour to accompany tender. Also tenders for the supply of general groceries for use at the Poor's House for the year 1889, at a rate per cent. above cost and charges. 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