

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., DEC. 24, 1897.

Bells Across the Snow. O Christmas, merry Christmas! Is it really come again? With its memories and greetings, With its joy and with its pain, There's a minor in the carol...

Editorial Notes. Ere the year '97 passes into history she has yet a boon in store for us which tends to cast a brightness over her dying days—the glad day of "peace and good-will toward man." Christmas has its drawback to be sure. There is the worry and bother of selecting presents, which brings one almost to the verge of desperation...

The District Institute of Kings and Hants counties' teachers met at Hantsport this week. About 90 teachers were present. Wednesday evening Churchhill's Hall was filled with an attentive audience. Dr. Margeson, Mayor of Hantsport, presided. Speeches were made by Prof. Macdonald, Normal School, Truro, Superior McKay, of Halifax, Rev. F. H. Wright, of Windsor, Rev. D. Keirstead, of Wolfville, Rev. Mr. Fisher and Rev. D. E. Hatt. Dr. Jones and Principal Oakes and other learned gentlemen were on the platform. Miss Jamieson, of Wolfville, gave a fine recitation which was encored.

The election in Nicolet, Quebec, on Tuesday resulted in another victory for the Liberals. At the last general election this seat was carried by the Conservative candidate by a majority of 138 votes. The majority is now about a hundred for the Liberal standard-bearer. The Irishman who was always "agin the government" does not appear to have much of a following in Canada these days. Our people apparently realize that it pays to be on the side that has the favors to confer. Just how far this may go we shall see when the ultimate result will be hard to say.

Board of Trade. We are glad to note some interest being taken in the proposal to organize a Board of Trade in the town. The matter was referred to briefly by a correspondent in last issue and a number of our business men have during the past few weeks expressed themselves in favor of such a plan. The idea is not a new one to readers of the ACADIAN as it has frequently been advocated in these columns. We have tried from time to time to point out the advantages to be gained to our business men by the existence of such an organization in the town, and we think they are now pretty generally understood and appreciated. What is needed now is some decided action. Let those of our citizens who have the propensity of the town at heart set the ball rolling—and keep it rolling. We want more of a patriotic spirit and we believe this would be engendered to quite a degree by such an organization. Let the new year be begun by the organization of a Board of Trade. Much can be accomplished by united effort, where nothing can be done by individual endeavor. Let our people resolve that 1898 is to be the best in the history of Wolfville, and that each will do what he can to make it so. Wolfville is the natural centre for eastern Kings and her prosperity will benefit all the surrounding country. We are situated in the best part of the best county of the Province. The growth of Wolfville means a great deal to the surrounding districts. What we most stand in need of is manufacturing enterprise that will employ more labor and cause a greater demand for the products of the farm. Through a Board of Trade much could be accomplished in this direction, and our town made more desirable both as a place of business and residence. We invite correspondence on this subject, and trust it may not be allowed to drop back into oblivion for want of good leading.

MONEY TO LEND ON MORTGAGE—Apply to E. S. Crawley, Solicitor, Wolfville, N. S.

Wolfville Merchants.

The stores of Wolfville have never before presented so attractive an appearance and our merchants have never been so well prepared to supply the wants of their customers with suitable Christmas goods as they are this year. The ACADIAN has not had space this year to give our merchants the customary "write-up" and it has not been necessary as our adv. columns contain a full amount of information with regard to the business of the town. Wolfville has an abundance of merchants and the close competition that exists brings prices down to the lowest level. In dry goods Messrs O. D. Harris, J. D. Chambers and J. W. Caldwell are well known as reliable business men, and have the fullest confidence of the buying public. They have large stocks this year and intend to fully look after the dry-goods trade of the town. Mr. Chambers has also a millinery department, opened a few months ago and presided over by Miss Flavin, who has already won a reputation in Wolfville by her artistic skill in the production of this important part of a lady's costume. We have also two other establishments of this kind—conducted by Mrs. Andrews, with an extended experience in the first millinery establishment in New York—the other by Miss Baird. All look very pretty just now decked in seasonable goods.

Wolfville has the most up-to-date men's furnishing store in the valley. Mr. C. H. Borden, the enterprising proprietor, believes in keeping the latest goods in his lines and not interfering with other lines. He is a firm believer in the efficacy of printer's ink and uses brains in getting up attractive ads. Wolfville has grocery stores galore. Porter's, Harvey's, Harris', Strong's, Vaughan's, Brown's, Parker's (the last two being late additions). All look very inviting just now. In this line the trade is more than well done in Wolfville. Wolfville Bookstore has always been noted as an especially attractive place at Christmas, time and this year Mr. Rowell is in no way behind the times. Miss Harris, who has recently begun business here, is a close competitor, and has also a very pretty stock.

Rand's drug-store is thoroughly equipped in all that pertains to a first class establishment of this kind. Beside all the leading remedies of his own and other makes and other requisites they have an abundant supply of Christmas goods. Herbin's jewelry store is by no means unimportant. It presents an imposing appearance and contains a very full range of goods. His windows are always attractive to the eye of lovers of pretty things, and many Xmas presents are being purchased at this store. In hardware Wolfville is represented by Messrs. Starr, Son & Franklin, and Mr. L. W. Sleep. Both these firms are prepared to meet all the demands of the public in their lines and may be counted on for honest treatment of customers. In merchant tailors we have Messrs. W. S. Wallace, J. A. McNeill and the Wolfville Clothing Co., all of whom are known for giving satisfactory workmanship at right prices in up-to-date goods. No need of going anywhere but Wolfville for goods in this line.

Messrs. A. W. Stewart and G. E. Torrie do the restaurant business, and of course are well supplied at this season with full stocks of fruits, confectionery and all goods that belong to establishments such as they conduct. Wolfville has a furniture store of which she has cause to be proud. Mr. Woodman's windows show very pretty goods and this is a fair index of what he has farther back. His prices, too, are as low as can be found anywhere. Mr. W. H. Duncanson does the meat and poultry business and carefully looks after the wants of the public. Wolfville probably has the best fitted up harness shop in the valley. Mr. Regan has all that horsemen can possibly need. His store is a credit to the town. This short article can only very briefly sketch the leading business places of the town. There are numerous others, such as Rice & Co's photo studio, where nothing but the most artistic work is turned out; the ACADIAN printers, where all manner of printing is done at reasonable prices; Shaw's barber shop, noted for its good work; Mrs. Fiers' variety store—where bargain can always be had. These with all the artisans and doctors, lawyers, etc., which make up a progressive town are found in Wolfville.

Lakeville. Special religious services have been removed from Woodville to Lakeville, where the interest is considerable. Eighteen were baptized on the 12th and six on the 19th inst. The Rev. Mr. Baker is expected to leave in a few days for Port Hawkesbury, C. B. Mr. Bentley has commenced a singing class at Billtown, and expects to begin another here as soon as the special religious services are discontinued. The Presbyterian church has secured another pastor. The Rev. Mr. Hewley enters immediately upon his labors among this people. He will meet with a hearty welcome. The lake is frozen over, to the joy of the skaters. Mark Twain's last joke is the most popular of all. A few years ago he made over all his property to satisfy claims against him and still found himself liable for \$100,000. Then he started out to work with double energy. The other day he made his creditors laugh by paying all his direct and indirect liabilities.

The People's Forum.

DEAR ACADIAN:—My letter which appeared in the ACADIAN some weeks ago has been instrumental in eliciting the name of the author of an article on "The New Athens of Nova Scotia" contained in a late issue of the Herald. A certain J. Scott Robinson makes use of the columns of this week's Orchardist to lay claim to the authorship of the tremendous philippic, and, in the absence of any other claimant for the honor, it passes over to this eager seeker after fame, to the complete satisfaction of all. The Orchardist has not the honor, however, of containing the first claims advanced for the coveted honor. The ink had scarcely dried on the pages of the Herald before the same gentleman had proclaimed from the house-tops that he, and no other, was the doer of the deed. The people of Wolfville, however, from his appearance and general deportment, smiled incredulously and said, "It is not in him," and so his words seemed but as idle tales. However as to one else appears anxious to father the production, it is perhaps most convenient to regard Mr. Robinson as like the proverbial "singed cat"—better that he looks—and to my mind this is undoubtedly the correct solution of the problem. To one reading Mr. Robinson's article in the Orchardist it is quite apparent that he is not altogether kindly disposed toward me. His dark insinuations indicate a cruel and venomous grudge. Why should this be? My sweet-tempered Scott you are anxious for the credit of writing what you style the pestilential document. I am not. Can we not agree in this matter and be the best of friends? In some quarters there is a feeling of curiosity as to just who this J. Scott Robinson may be. The fact that a new comer to our town at once sets about to attack the institutions of the place and the customs that have obtained here for years, would argue that the individual either was, or thought himself to be, someone in particular. But who? It is true that the letter in the Orchardist informs us that there is such an individual in existence as J. Scott Robinson and that he is smart, but what sort of an individual it is that has come to us under this name, and from whence his smartness, are questions as yet unanswered. Later in my discussion I will attempt to throw some light on this part of the subject. Our hero is apprehensive that certain young men at the "Hill" will have the hardihood to overtake him some murky night and treat him to a liberal coat of tar, and, as a precaution against such treatment, he devotes a liberal space to the making of a singularly strong bid for the good will of these same young men. However much a little tar judiciously expended might add to the personal charms of my friend of literary aspirations, I can assure him that there is no occasion whatever for fears in this direction. The conception which the College boys have of sport forbids them to pick on any one who is not competent to take his own part, and so my friend is perfectly safe. The author of the "pestilential document" informs us that he was once in the presence of some indignant females, who, unimpaired of his connection with the article referred to, "poured forth a torrent of scorn and bitter invective upon the hapless composer's head," and that he, J. Scott Robinson, had the inconceivable audacity to render them "personal approval." How dandy secret he can be and how frightened these dear girls must have been when they discovered that they had really been in the dread presence of the Stratford himself and that all unwittingly they had presumed "to beard the lion in his den!" My friend (for I insist in regarding him as such) cannot understand why I did not criticize his parsing of "A Sem." The reason is very apparent. What little criticism I indulged in was confined to what I regarded as the author's own composition. As the joke to which he refers has occupied a prominent place in every patent medicine almanac published since the days of Noah, I should feel, were I to attack it, as though I were laying unholty hands upon a most venerable relic of ancient humor. Besides, the particular joke referred to has ever been a favorite of mine and I am not fickle enough to wantonly lift a hand against an old friend. Perhaps I was wrong in assuming that Mr. Robinson was ignorant of Athenian society, but it is at least remarkable that an Athens should possess those peculiar divisions of society which obtained in Rome, and Rome alone. Now for the solution of the problems which have above suggested themselves. The key to their solution is to be found in the admission of the author himself, "prompted by an evil genius I placed on paper" etc. What a scene these few words suggest. It is a cheery kitchen and our hero is seated beside a glowing fire keeping watch over a very large and very hot stove—guarding, lest a certain avovious female lodger should monopolize his shirring surface with divers pots and pans and other utensils of cooking, which, by the way, is a very selfish thing to do. Suddenly out of the glowing coals the unmistakable prop-

ositions of Satan arise. After an interchange of salutations indicative of long and intimate acquaintance, his majesty (in utter disregard of the claims of both Mr. Robinson and the female lodger) complacently composes himself upon the stove and thus addresses our hero. "My dear Scottie, having over been a proud supporter of mine, I have a proposition which I wish to make to you. You are aware that the sect known as Baptists are a very devout and earnest people, and that their efforts in Wolfville on behalf of education have been crowned with success. You know also that I have long wished to determine if they really served God for naught. You are conscious also, my beloved inn, that aspirations for literary fame move within you, and you have long endeavored to get employment on some local newspaper, but to no avail. You are aware that the people of Wolfville have enjoyed much amusement at your expense during your sojourn here. You must have noticed that the 'students' have gone out of their way to snub you on all occasions, and that the 'cads' in particular have treated you with an aggravating condescension. You are mindful that the 'Sems' have in church met your enraptured gaze with significant glances at each other. Come, be avenged on your enemies, make for yourself a literary reputation, and, most important of all, do my work. Prepare a satire on Wolfville and the institutions of learning therein situated." Without awaiting the assent of which he feels confident, the speaker returns to the dark recesses of the ether world, with these half self-reproachful words upon his lips, "my chief, thou art a fool, take thou what comes thou wilt." The inn retires to his room and with stimulated energy sedulously sets himself to work and after many days, to the result. Not even the arch-enemy of man realized what an awful power he was letting loose on his frail and trembling world. People of Wolfville, beware! Citizens of Grand Pre and Gasperon, keep watch! For Lucifer himself is abroad in the land, and there is blood in his eye. And I, even I who would fain abide into obscurity after my graduation, having unknowingly fallen across his path, must needs suffer, for I remember with apprehension that I was never a favorite of Satan's, and a fear consumes me that "Demiss" will be the name of it. A. L. DAVIDSON.

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Change in Business. Having purchased the Meat Business recently carried on by Mr. O. L. Eagles, the subscriber will be prepared to supply customers with the best of everything in his line. My teams will be in Wolfville Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week. F. M. DAVIDSON. Dec. 9th, 1897.

NOTICE. Sealed tenders will be received by the subscriber up to noon of the first day of January, A. D., 1898, for the Court House and Jail grounds at Kentville and buildings in parcels or in block, or for the buildings or either of them separately, and for the Exhibition grounds and building, or for the grounds in parcels or in block, or the building separately. The committee do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any tender. JOHN P. LYONS, Chairman. Kentville, July 24th, 1897.

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Wolfville, Dec. 10th, 1897.

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C. H. THE ACADIAN. WOLFVILLE, N. S., DEC. 24, 1897.

Local and Provincial. A MERRY CHRISTMAS to all. Mr. R. Earl Burgess is home from McGill spending the holidays.

To-day will be a busy one in Wolfville. There will be a great crowd in town to-night.

Services in St. John's church Christmas day: 8 a. m., Holy Communion; 10 a. m.—Morning prayers, Holy Communion with sermon. Collection for Rector.

The annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association will be held in College Hall, Wolfville, Wednesday, 29th January, and follow days.

Rev. Mr. Langille, of Lower Hants will preach in the Methodist church Sunday evening. There will be special music, suitable to the occasion, by choir.

The ladies of Wolfville have received a liberal donation of clothing from Windsor relief committee and are preparing a Christmas treat for the at that town.

A big discount on all of Caldwell stock for cash only.

Mrs. Oliver Foster, of Bridgeville, mother of Mr. Robert H. Foster, of Wolfville, died at her home on Tuesday morning, after an illness of only five days, of pneumonia. She was 77th year.

Mr. G. W. Woodworth has got out pamphlet of some fifty pages titled "Xmas Greetings." It is to advertise the Xmas wares of merchants of Kentville, who have united liberally.

The public schools closed Christmas holidays on Tuesday. Teachers engaged Mr. Bishop's phone to give the pupils an entertainment on Tuesday afternoon. The programme was much enjoyed by the people.

We are glad to learn that Dr. Harvey, who is now practicing at Wolfville, is meeting with much success. Recently, assisted by Dr. Moore, of Wolfville, and Dr. Deet, of Berwick, he effected a difficult operation on Mr. Kinsman, of Union Square, who was well most favorably. Dr. H. is an Acadia boy and a native of P. S.

For the Christmas Dressing fresh sweet Herbs, Sage, Savory, Marjoram. Drug Store.

Quite an interest is being shown in the series of hockey games being arranged to be held in rink during the winter. The city will be a handsome trophy.

Seven inches high, of fine material. Managers Heales showed the design this week and it is pretty one. We understand of the teams in this vicinity but do not desire to compete.

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