THE ACADIAN.

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Editorial Chat.

A strong and aggressive opposition is essential to the political well-being of any country, and is productive of a healthy and economical state of affairs. The present aspect of the new House of Assembly in the Province is therefore most regretable.

An interesting communication from a Halifax correspondent is unavoidably crowded out this week, owing to the late hour at which it came to hand and a rush of other matter. Our correspondents will please bear in mind that our space is quite limited and make their letters short and to the point. There is no need of occupying a full column to present an idea. Short, pithy articles on live topics are always welcome.

Next Friday has been appointed as Arbor Day in the schools of the Province. We hope that in Wolfville, and throughout the county, it may be fittingly observed. Those who have the care of the schools and the community generally should join in making the celebration a success. The exercises should be of such a character as will foster, what is so much needed, a patriotic spirit in the youth of our land.

The Minister of Finance presented the new tariff to parliament on Thursday of last week. The difference between the free-trade tariff of the present government and the protective, trade-restricting tariff of the late government appears to be hardly worth mentioning. It is certainly not marked enough to have made a change of government necessary to bring it about. If this kind of thing continues we are afraid the "intelligent electors" will begin to lose faith in politicians. However, all appear to agree that the new tariff is about what the country wants.

Personal Mention.

[Contributions to this department will be gladly received.]

Mrs Merchant, of Dallas, Texas, is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs W. C. Blackadder, this town.

Mr J. Elliot Smith left on Tuesday last for a trip to Newfoundland. He will be absent some weeks, and it is rumored will not return alone.

Miss Bertha Burnett, who for several years has been teacher of elocution at Acadia Semnary, has, on account of ill-health, resigned her position. She is at present at her home in Sussex, N. B.

The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars of Massachusetts, in annual session, elected Mr P. J. Chisholm, well known in Nova Scotia among temperance workers, to the second highest office in state, that of grand counsellor.

We learn from a New Haven (Conn.) paper that C. S. Hamilton, Esq., recently met with a painful accident breaking a minor bone of his ankle. The fact that Mr Hamilton is a native of this county and for part of each year a resident of this town, makes this an item of interest to most of our readers. His many friends in Wolfville will be glad to learn of his speedy recovery. We clip the following paragraph concerning him from the New Haven paper:

Mr Hamilton, at the last session of the Superior Court, won 11 out of 12 cases, a record for this county. He had more cases before that session of the court than any other lawyer of the County Bar. For the session of the court which opened yesterday Mr Hamilton had prepared several cases, most of which he will probably hand over to his partner, Judge David Calihan.

Induction at Kentville.

Kentville Presbyterian church was filled last Thursday evening with an attentive audience to witness the induction of Rev. Geo. MacMillan over that congregation. The ladies of the church had tastefully decked the desk and platform with flowers and the appearance of the place was very pleasing. There was a good representation of the Presbytery, Revs. Gandier, MacMillan, Fowler, MacPherson, Stewart, Dickie, Allan, Sinclair, Henry, Coffin, Macdonald, Elders McIntosh, Shaw, Macleod. Rev. P. M. Macdonald preached from Matt. 13: 33. Rev. F. S. Coffin, moderator, inducted the chosen pastor, Mr MacMillan. Rev. M. G. Henry addressed the minister and Rev. A. Gandier the people. Kentville is to be congratulated upon having such a man as Mr MacMillan. He has had good success in his work in other places, and his settlement in Kentville means much for those who are under him.

The May number of *McClure's Magazine* is especially interesting in the matter of portraits of famous people. In illustratson of a paper by Miss Tarbell on the remarkable work of G. C. Cox in photographic portraiture, there are truly speaking likenesses of Donald G. Mitchell ("Ik Marvel"), Walt Whitman, Eleanora Duse, Henry Ward Beecher, and others; and a series of life portraits of Daniel Webster exhibit that most august and impressive of great men at close intervals from middle life to the year of his death. Some of the Webster portraits have never before been published; and all have interesting histories, which are set forth in notes by Mr Charles Henry Hart.

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WHAT IT COST TO PUT IT HERE AND WHAT IT COSTS ANNUALLY TO SUPPORT IT.

To the Editor of the ACADIAN.

It is not a pleasure but rather painful for me to tread on the tender corns, as it may be, of my best friends. But they must excuse me, remembering I am dealing with principles and not persons. If I should see my neighbor's house on fire it would be cruel and criminal in me if I did not sound the alarm, though it might turn the sleeping inmates out of their peaceful beds into the cold of a dark winter night.

I have at hand the Annual Reports of the town of Wolfville and of Kentville for the last year. The Wolfville report contains eight pages, and that of Kentville twenty-four on much larger paper. In the Kentville report everything is neatly given in detail, and the true condition of its finances, etc., is seen at a glance. The report of Wolfville from its brevity is necessarily very unsatisfactory. For instance Wolfville levies a tax of $2.00 on every dog kept in town, or at least the by-laws of the town require that, but there is not a word in the report to show that a single dollar has been paid for dog taxes. In Kentville's report the names of fifty-seven owners of dogs are recorded, and fifty-nine dollars of dog tax paid. And here is a gem from a former report under the caption, "Court Fees." "Writing letters, etc., $71.99," and not a word of explanation. Comment is unnecessary!! Again, since my former paper went to press this bill has come to hand, "Wolfville, Jan. 1st, 1897, D. O. Parker to Town of Wolfville, Dr. To Water Service: Students' Tenament House Tap, from 1st January to June 30th, 1897, 6 months at $5.00 per annum, $2.50. This amount is due 1st January, 1897, and if not paid within 30 days from this date the water will be turned off." Here comes in the joke, I say joke, for surely the Town Clerk could not have been serious when he wrote it. The house was not occupied till some time after Jan. 1st, and was vacant when the bill was handed in. The water was not turned on at either date, and is not on now, and yet I am served with the notice on the 14th of April that if the sum of $2.50 is not paid within 30 days from the first of January that the water will be turned off!

The School House and lands in Wolfville have cost up to January 1st, 1897, $8,100.00. The same in Kentville have cost $3,475.00. That is the school premises in Kentville with its County Academy. The cost of fuel for the Wolfville School last year was $169.99. The cost for fuel for the Kentville school, the same period was $66.95. That is the fuel of the Wolfville school cost $36.09 more than twice that in Kentville. The unreasonableness of such a waste of fuel is seen without any comparison when we remember that the school rooms have only to be kept comfortable about thirty-five hours a week. The sooner the furnace of Wolfville school house is thrown out for old junk and a lesson in economical heating taken from Kentville the better. The janitor of the Wolfville school was paid $200.00 for last year. The janitor of Kentville for the same period was paid $100.00, just one-half. The Clerk to the School Board in Wolfville was paid $50.00, the Clerk of the School Board, Kentville, was paid $20.00, again just one-half. Wolfville paid last year on School Bonds, interest $346.50. Kentville $154.74.

AMOUNT PAID TEACHERS.

Kentville has in connection with its graded school the County Academy, and last year had three A teachers on which account it drew the special grant of fifteen hundred dollars, and so I leave that department out of the question. The four departments in the Kentville school outside the Academy with 284 enrolled, paid teachers $882.50. Wolfville paid for five departments $1,550.00. There was one male teacher in each school.

SUPERINTENDET'S REPORT.

Now what is the relative standing of these two schools? I will quote from the 75th and 76th pages of last year's Annual Report of the Superintendent of Education: "Kentville Academy has had a very successful year." "Improvements in school buildings, apparatus, school grounds, etc., have been made to keep pace with the advance of the school." Now this about Wolfville: "Wolfville, Maitland and Upper Selma have had class A principals for the past year and done work for which they received the Academic grant of $100 each. To continue to participate in this as a regular grant these schools must provide more apparatus and keep well to the front in school work, not only in the high school grades, but in the common school grades as well."

WATER, CLEANING AND HEATING.

In Wolfville I am charged $5.00 for using water for eight casks of lime, and the water was brought from a building where the water service of $5.00 was paid; and yet under the wise, prudent and equitable laws of Wolfville a big hotel may use water for one hundred or five hundred casks and even more for the same sum of $5.00; and because I have hitherto declined submitting to this worse than heathenish treatment I have been disfranchised. Under a civilized and enlightened administration in Kentville the rational charge is ten cents per cask of lime.

In Wolfville while the janitor is paid double the salary that is paid in Kentville, I find this entry in the Wolfville report, "Mrs Lyman, washing floors of shool rooms, etc., $10.28. In answer to my enquiry the clerk of Kentville School Board writes: "Cleaning school building is part of janitor's work covered by salary. We buy scrubbing brushes, brooms, soap, etc—no other outlay for cleaning." The deeper things are investigated the more dirty they grow!

Then look at the heating apparatus of the Wolfville school house which cost more than an ordinary but very good dwelling house, while the furnace in the Kentville schools cost only $212.50. Here again in answer to the enquiry if the school rooms in Kentville were made comfortable at the small outlay of $66.95 for fuel, the clerk replies: "New furnace last winter heated building well except two or three days last winter." Bear in mind, there are seven departments in the Kentville schools to be heated while there are only five in Wolfville.

THE PRINCIPAL'S DEFENCE.

As for Mr Godfrey's defence, I am pleased to give him the full benefit of his own statements, and acknowledge my short comings in not having any children in the school,—the heavily taxed for other people's children—and that personally I know nothing of its merits; and further if I have done injustice to the school by giving publicity to false rumors, I patiently wait the corrections, and the chastisement due me from the Board of School Commissioners upon whom this duty honorably devolves, and not upon the juvenile Plato who has prematurely broken loose from his mother's apron strings, and has so settled the question beyond controversy that the Wolfville school ranks higher as a preparatory school for college than the Horton Collegiate Academy, and that it has sent out one grade B teacher, and two matriculates.

"The mountain labor'd with prodigious throes,
And lo! a mouse rediculous arose."

However, I thank your young correspondent for telling us that the Wolfville school has sent out one B teacher, and that two of its pupils have entered Acadia University, as proof of its high and satisfactory standing. Look at this remarkable record of the Wolfville school that places it so high in the estimation of this young eluminary—himself a sample of its workmanship,—by the side of the little village school of Berwick. Berwick has never had higher than a grade B teacher, and yet it has matriculated not less than eight at Acadia, three at Sackville, and three at Dalhousie. The principal of the Berwick school has sent me a list of ninety-three of his pupils from that school who have taken licenses—30 Bs; 31 Cs; 32 Ds; and is sure there are others that he cannot recall. It is the management of these schools that makes the difference. I have reviewed only one section of our rule and misrule, but *ex pede Herculem*, etc.

Yours truly,
D. O. PARKER.

Fifty years ago England imported three eggs a head for its population, last year it imported forty for each inhabitant, the whole number being 1,589,387,000. Many came from Russia, which exported 1,500,000,000 eggs last year.

E. A. McGee, of Melvern Square, a graduate of Acadia and well known to many of our readers, shot himself through the head at Vancouver, B. C., one day last week. He had been practising law in that city for some years.

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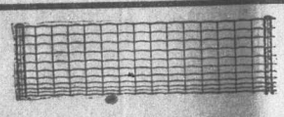

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