

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., JAN. 4, 1889. WE WISH OUR PATRONS AND FRIENDS A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Our Winter.

The oldest inhabitant has forgotten the time when we had such a winter as the present. It is now the first of January and the atmosphere is as balmy as spring and not a particle of ice in the Basin and navigation as open and unobstructed as in midsummer.

The Assessment.

As we anticipated, the revisors of the assessment rolls have found it necessary to make changes in a number of the wards. We understand that Ward 1 has been raised ten per cent., Ward 2, fifteen per cent., and other wards in Cornwallis and Aylesford to a greater or less extent, while Ward 8 has been reduced ten per cent.

Dog Tax.

The imposition of a dog tax by the Municipal Council would be hailed with pleasure by a large number of our people, as it would tend to thin out a large portion of the worthless curs which now infest our streets.

The Council Meeting.

The session of the Municipal Council which commences on Tuesday next promises to be an important one, and the new men who compose one-half the Council as well as the more experienced members will have problems submitted to them that will tax their ingenuity and good sense to bring to a satisfactory solution.

The S. P. C. A. and the Check Rein.

It is known that there is in Wolfville a "Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals." The name is periphrastic, and yet expresses but in part the aim of its members, who endeavor, not only to prevent acts of cruelty, but to promote kindness in the treatment of animals.

Secretary Hemmeon reported at the last meeting of S. P. C. A. that some good had already been accomplished, and that the fact of the existence of such an organization becoming known, has implanted a salutary fear in minds that seemed to need such a restraining influence.

It is hoped that the readers of the ACADIAN may be furnished with an occasional article on the subject indicated above. There are some things on which the people need to be informed. In respect to some matters they will not take it amiss to have their pure minds stirred up by way of remembrance.

I have a picture lying before me, as I write. It is that of the noblest animal we possess. He stands in an unnatural position. His fore and hind feet are so braced against any movement in either direction. His head is high in the air, and it is readily apparent that his position is one of discomfort.

Prisoners' Fare.

This is a phrase which was once as current as almost any other. It meant bread and water, which was all the country provided in the way of food and drink for those who had incurred the penalty of the laws.

Let the man have his own head secured, not in the vertical position, but backward toward the spinal column, and he will be compelled to run with all possible speed, or to draw a carriage up an inclined plane, and after that he may have more sympathy for his faithful horse.

The check rein has been justly described as "that most ignoble instrument of torture and indignity." What are its advantages? Whence its origin? It does not improve the appearance of the animal. No artist would paint him in such a position, when he wishes to exhibit his beautiful proportions.

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Mother.

What measure can compass a mother's love? None but the arm which circles the boundless. What gauge can fathom its depths? As well seek a blade of grass to pierce the girle of the universe. Ever-enduring and spotless, alone amid the corruption and falsehood of a polluted world, reigns pure and serene this sovereign virtue, which forever hath defied and forever shall scorn perversion.

Many and joyous are the associations of childhood and youth. How delightful to view in the arena of memory, the free sylvan ramble, the invigorating romp, or the lusty diversion of advancing growth, when the exultant energy of the boy feels the increasing nerve and steadiness of tempered manhood.

home to minister more luxury to her darling's life? Who clings to the profligate through disgrace and crime, pleading with the despised outcast, and sustains him 'mid the anguish of remorse and the savage eruptions of passion long used to wield the mastery. O mother, mother! The simple name echoes with celestial melody through the guilt and toil-dimmed chambers of the drooping soul, and conjures, there the vision of a face, wan, colorless, commonplace to the passing glance, but to the eye of one gleaming with sacred lustre. For he sees there the nearest source of his being,—the tireless guardian of his frail and helpless infancy, the truest friend of later years, steadfast and faithful, while life endures.

The relentless passion of the wooer,—the calmer devotion of the mature consort, when ripened prime dispels the eager haste and vehemence of youth, hold wide sway o'er the sentiments and aims of the plastic human heart. The one counsels earnest persevering toil with a fixed view to the well-being and happiness of life's precious partner; the other urges to glorious deeds whose story should swell the shrill clarion of renown. These are the more majestic figures among the controlling powers of the soul. But rearing its stately crest far, far above them all, and glowing with unflinching warmth which sheds its genial beams o'er the broad domain of all mankind, stands a nobler form, robed in purity, and standing upon the pedestal of eternity. Gentleness and compassion mingle in the kindly face. Above all it set the helmet of endurance, and on the forehead in shining letters are traced the words—MATERNAL LOVE. COM.

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language and is a favorite amongst the pupils," was to be the winner of the prize. So just before the breaking up of the schools for the Christmas vacation the vote was taken and the prizes awarded. The successful boy was chosen by ballot from the whole school, a somewhat novel method and we think a good one. Master Ralph Keirstead in the Primary Department, "Bonnie" Hemmeon in the Intermediate, and Johnnie Caldwell in the Advanced, succeeded in capturing the prizes offered. We think Mr Archibald deserves the commendation of the community for the interest he has manifested in the welfare of the school.

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