

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., JULY 11, 1913.

Editorial Notes.

The work which has been in progress on Main street at 'the bridge' for some weeks was about completed on Wednesday and the street is again open for traffic. The improvement is very noticeable. We now have a permanent roadway from the foot of Church Hill to Westwood avenue. Work on the west end will begin at once and be pushed along as rapidly as possible.

Dominion Meteorological Service, Wolfville.

Maximum barometer (sea level) May, 30.47; June, 30.29.
Minimum barometer (sea level) May, 28.75; June, 29.54.
Maximum temperature, May, 64.2 on 29th; June, 73 on 11th.
Minimum temperature, May 29.2 on 27th; June, 35.0 on 1st.
Wind, May NW; June, W.
Days of rain, May, 11; June, 9.
Clear days " 6; " 7.
Fair " 9; " 19.
Cloudy days " 16; " 4.
Greatest rainfall, May, 0.78 on 24th; June, 0.43 on 2nd.
Snow, May, 1 on 1st; June, 0 on 2nd.
Total rainfall, May, 3.00; June, 1.47.
Hours of sunshine, May, 194.3; June, 279.9.

Letters to the Editor.

EDMONTON, ALTA.
DEAR ACADIAN.—Having been journeying in this western country for the past two months, a brief resume of my observations may be of readable interest.

I came out here with my family on a visit in April last, but have continued our stay so long that we may conclude to remain and grow up with the country.

At the time we came out, the season being unusually backward, I was not favorably impressed with the bare, brown appearance of the prairie; in fact was considerably disappointed at the long stretch of apparently uncultivated land contiguous to the main line of the C. P. R. I judge that much of it was poor soil—the most fertile lands being farther afield. However, the towns through which we passed, especially Moose Jaw and Medicine Hat, showed great activity in building and industrial operations.

Between the latter towns and Calgary, great irrigation ditches are being constructed so that water may be brought into this arid district from Bow River. It is expected that when this system is completed, large yields will result. The lands which this system will serve belong to the C. P. R., and colonizing will go on under a guarantee that water will be supplied sufficient for the requirements of settlers. Between Calgary and Edmonton the appearance of the land is more homelike, and mixed farming is carried on to a considerable extent, Calgary and Edmonton absorbing the entire product.

Edmonton is a well laid out city with broad streets—many of them paved, parked or boulevarded, and occupies a commanding position overlooking the Saskatchewan, and is the natural supply centre for a very large territory. Great warehouses are built or in the course of construction. There are to my mind two drawbacks to the high cost of residential building rights even at a long distance from the city centre; the other, the ownership by the Hudson's Bay Company of a large area in the central part of the city, which is held for exorbitant prices. The city officials are endeavoring to overcome these handicaps by the extension of the Municipal Tram line as quickly as circumstances will allow. The suburbs have grown rapidly in all directions that car extensions, sewers and paving will be five and in some cases seven problems for a considerable time.

In the city's layout a no foot driveway or lane is preserved at the rear of each range of lots. These are used for the delivery of supplies to the householder, and for sewer and water pipes connecting with the street mains; as well as for telephone and electric light poles. In many cases these lanes, fully equipped with the above accessories may be found running through clumps of poplar and willow in advance of the buildings who will soon follow. The residences are for the most part very prettily built. A great many high priced houses are being erected, but as the boom in real estate is now at a standstill, this class of enterprise is in danger of being overdone. These western townsmen are most optimistic, but a new comer like myself sees, perhaps, more quickly the possibility of a sudden check in the wave of prosperity through the inevitable tightening of the money market, which usually follows a succession of prosperous years in a new country, whose natural resources are likely to develop.

There is a fair assurance of good crops, and it prices for wheat are good, stringency of the money market may be to a considerable extent averted.

I would not, however, consider that for the balance of this year employment, except at the harvesting, would be very plentiful, and say that only a man has any chance to find his way over who is likely to be a 'right' winter, he is better off in the West.

There is no doubt that this has been a country of great opportunities and with its abundant resources, continues to be so, but for conservation of its resources, preservation of its resources, comparative cheapness of living and even remunerative labor, there are I think few places that will surpass old Nova Scotia.

Another article will treat of the problem of living as observed here.

Medicos in Session.

The Medical Society of Nova Scotia met in Wolfville on July 2nd and 3rd, for the first time in its history. The attendance was unusually large, registering between 50 and 60 members of the profession from different sections of the province. The subjects presented to the convention were of unusual interest, eliciting discussions from the members which were suggestive of their importance.

During the first morning session Dr. W. B. Moore, of Kentville, president elect of the Valley Medical Society, presented an address of welcome to the members of the Medical Society of Nova Scotia, hailing them as guests of the Valley Medical Society. Dr. Moore's address was unique in its expression of cordiality and eloquence of description of the notable places of the Cornwallis Valley, giving the Indian names of its rivers, meadows, and mountain peaks.

Dr. Scrimgeour and Dr. Burgess, of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, gave their valuable services to the meetings. The discussions which followed the addresses of these gentlemen were suggestive of their value. Dr. Burgess is the son of Mr. Stephen Burgess, of Canning, N. S., and is rapidly climbing to the top of his profession in Montreal. Dr. Scrimgeour is the son of the Rev. Dr. Scrimgeour, Dean of the Presbyterian College at Montreal. His long experience in the Royal Victoria Hospital as a surgeon, under the leadership of the late Dr. James Bell, and his further experience abroad, with his natural ability, is adding to the medical profession of Montreal another of the able and competent surgeons for which the city is famed.

Two of the venerable gentlemen who were present at the convention were Dr. H. H. Read, of Halifax, and Dr. E. N. Payzant, of Wolfville. Dr. Read, who was a graduate in medicine of the University of McGill in 1861, and later L. R. C. S. of Edinburgh, read a finely prepared paper giving the history of the School of Hannah and his practice of medicine. The doctor said it was the first time that he had read a paper before the society and he expected it would be the last. He said it was now his last and farewell. Dr. M. Chisholm in reply said that he was one of those who saw some good in most everything under the sun except the new theology and hoped it was not the last time he would see Dr. Read at the meetings of the society, to which all present heartily concurred. Dr. Read received the hearty thanks of the society for his excellently prepared address.

Dr. Payzant, a graduate in medicine of Jefferson Medical College in 1855, is an honorary member and active supporter of the Valley Medical Society. He loves to relate with zest his reminiscences of the practice of medicine 50 years ago in different parts of the province. The doctor carries his age of 80 years with the buoyancy of a young man, and we trust he may be spared to present it many meetings of the society. The doctors who attended the convention were and in their grades of what they read the neat and pretty town of Wolfville. They referred to the improved streets, the neatly kept lawns, and the hospitality and welcome they received from the citizens. Many of the members brought their wives, some of whom had never visited the Cornwallis Valley before. On the automobile trip provided for them they were charmed with the landscape from every point of view. The neat ly cultivated orchards, the charming view from the Look-off with its far-reaching horizon encompassing the forest heights of Blomidon, the Basin of Minas, the Grand Pre, the fringes of the counties of Cumberland, Hants, Annapolis and Digby, added a charm and interest to the landscape for which they were profuse in their praises. The gentlemen who contributed to the automobile excursion, Messrs. G. W. Mauro, Percy Benjamin, R. G. Black, P. B. Westcott, of Gipserside, and others, have the sincere thanks of the guests and the executive of the society.

The President of Acadia University, Rev. Dr. Cutten, has the sincere thanks of the society for the donation of the rooms of the College building and the Carnegie Science Hall, where the meetings of the society were held to the satisfaction and enjoyment of all present.

The public meeting held in the Opera House for the purpose of hearing Dr. Prink, of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, on the subject "Bovine Tuberculosis" and other topics on Public Health, was fairly well attended by the citizens of the town. Mayor Chambers, in a felicitous address for which that gentleman is famed, welcomed the members of the society to the town. Dr. DeWitt, president of the Society, referred to three important topics in the public health campaign: Tuberculosis, Intemperance, and School Hygiene.

Dr. Prink, the mayor of the city of St. John, N. B., who was the main speaker of the evening, said that he had held office in the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa for several years, and that he had not been disappointed by the present government. He gave to the audience an instructive and practical address upon the subject of "Bovine Tuberculosis." Dr. Prink soon claimed the attention of his audience by his practical and masterful elucidation of this important subject. He condemned the unscientific cow here, the careless handling of the milk. He said that the danger of taking the infection from the cow was not all in the fact that the animal might have tuberculosis, but the filthy stable, unclean hands of the milker, and improperly sterilized milk cans, were equally or more

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liable to breed infection. Questions were asked Dr. Prink by gentlemen in the audience. Dr. Prink said he had not drunk milk for the past 15 years. Drs. Murray and Walker moved and seconded a vote of thanks to Dr. Prink, which was heartily supported by the audience. Dr. Hattie, of the Nova Scotia Hospital, spoke upon Dr. Prink's subject emphasizing much of what Dr. Prink said and urging the necessity of a more rigid surveillance of that common article of diet, the cow's milk. Dr. DeWitt condemned the use of unsterilized milk for babies. Miss Helen De Wolfe, daughter of the Rev. H. T. De Wolfe, one of Acadia's promising and talented graduates, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. (Dr.) Moore, read a beautiful violin solo with much skill, which contributed a great deal of pleasure to the audience.

The meeting was advertised and expressly gotten up for the public. Farmers were notified and the Medical Society gave up its session for the purpose of bringing the important subject of Bovine Tuberculosis before the people. The room present, who were of the thoughtful and reading portion of the citizens of the town, doubtless appreciated the remarks of the speakers. It is a notable fact, however, that little interest is manifested by the people at large in the discussion of public health matters. Medical men are in earnest endeavoring to elicit a general interest in this great and important campaign, but notwithstanding an attention now and then to the contrary.

Wolfville Public School.

GRADING LISTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 27, 1913.

GRADE V TO GRADE VI

Name	Reading	Spelling	English	Maths	History	Geography	Average
Fred Balcom	89	96	76	63	81	81	80.5
Allan Parker	88	98	78	50	82	78	78.5
Evelyn Duncanson	91	100	81	73	53	60	77.2
Karl Nowlan	80	82	75	62	78	69	72.2
Donald Johnson	88	68	70	50	65	71	71.2
Carrie Baker	87	76	50	50	50	62	67.2
Fred Ellis	82	74	61	58	73	63	65.8
Marion Mitchell	85	65	54	50	50	64	64.7
Florence Johnson	80	74	59	55	50	60	63.3
Gertrude Millet	80	74	59	55	50	60	63.3
John Ellis	72	63	53	62	50	60	60.5
Leo Delaney	64	50	50	50	50	65	53.3
Arthur Brown	94	74	59	73			73.5

GRADE VI TO GRADE VII

Name	Reading	Spelling	English	Maths	History	Geography	Average
Margaret Ford	88	90	94	99	80	92	90.6
Glady's Wakeham	88	90	94	84	81	89	87.1
Frederic Herbin	85	90	82	82	86	84	85.8
Evelyn Beattie	85	90	80	82	78	77	83.3
Margaret Catten	80	92	77	80	85	87	80.1
Nina Wickens	80	64	76	70	68	77	73.2
John Crowell	70	64	66	70	88	74	72.3
Daisy Coleman	85	90	77	76	82	72	76.3
Holmes Bauld	80	92	70	55	78	77	73.3
Max Brown	78	50	50	50	60	68	66.3
Barbara Stokhouse	85	76	70	67	84	67	72.5
Harold Stabb	75	90	68	71	56	61	71.1
Willie Delaney	87	90	50	70	50	70	70.5
Mildred Pick	80	98	63	73	55	51	70.7
Roscoe Shaw	78	50	50	50	60	68	66.3
Hattie Kaye	83	74	71	71	50	67	67.3
Robert Pineo	80	82	50	50	58	61	65.5
Glady's Smith	70	90	54	54	52	66	64.3
Theodore Kaul	sick but present						

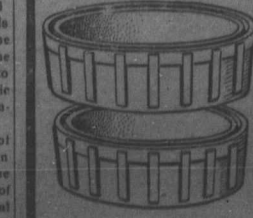
GRADE VII TO GRADE VIII

Name	Reading	Spelling	English	Maths	History	Geography	Average
Ruth Morrison	92	94	94	99	79	74	91.1
Marcia Calkin	85	90	72	59	69	71	78.1
Arthur Tingley	85	90	50	58	57	62	67.7
Maurice Haycock	80	80	50	50	50	60	60.0
May Thacher	75	82	57	58	50	64	64.3
Glady's Schofield	85	88	50	50	50	64	64.3
Ida Duncanson	75	62	57	50	50	65	63.8
Phyllis Herbin	83	76	50	58	68	63	63.8
Mary Bresnan	80	84	50	50	50	62	61.3
Evelyn Porter	75	72	54	50	60	59	60.8
Muriel Angus	70	68	58	50	50	61	58.3

GRADE VIII TO HIGH SCHOOL

Name	Reading	Spelling	English	Maths	History	Geography	Average
Marion Grant	66	61	50	60	78	60	67.2
Ruth Jackson	70	60	54	74	64	75	66.2
Pauline Perry	60	68	43	65	63	75	65.2
Alice Baird	60	61	39	47	64	50	57.5
Miriam Chisholm	60	63	45	49	53	60	55.3

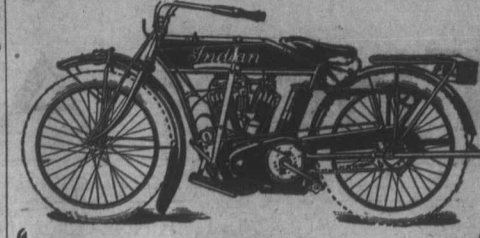
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