

PICTOU ACADEMY SINCE 1865.

In the December number of "The Academy was given a sketch of what might be called the ancient history of Pictou academy. It is proposed to give here a brief account of the institution under its modern guise of a county academy. The latter period, though less stirring and strenuous than the former, is not entirely unworthy of record. In the space allowed for this sketch there will be room for little more than an enumeration of the names of the men who have helped to place it on a keel in the forefront of the county academies of Nova Scotia and of Canada.

In 1865 the academy was organized as a county academy. Herbert A. (afterwards Dr.) Payne was the first principal. The class was conducted in the lower west room of what is now known as "the old academy" on Church St. The students of that time numbered from forty to sixty and the great majority were from the town with only a sprinkling of "outsiders. The whole work was in the hands of the principal and faithfully and energetically was the work done as the writer can testify. Many of the men and women of the town who are no longer young cherish the kindest remembrance of Principal Payne, and recall with gratitude his earnest endeavor to inspire his students with the love of learning for learning's sake.

The curriculum was much less pretentious than at present and quality rather than quantity was the criterion of the work. In the autumn of 1867 Mr. Payne left to complete his course in Dalhousie college and Andrew J. Lippincott, B. A., one of the first graduates of Dalhousie college, was appointed substitute principal for a year. He also, was very successful in winning the respect and affection of his students and carried forward the work most efficiently. He is now a successful practicing M. D. in the city of New York.

In the following year Mr. Payne returned accompanied by J. J. MacKenzie. Mr. MacKenzie at first taught the preparatory department and shortly afterwards the two departments were combined. Principal Payne teaching classics and science and Mr. MacKenzie English and Mathematics. These gentlemen both resigned in 1873 to take a post graduate course in Germany where each won a doctor's degree. Returning to Canada Dr. Payne took a position in the military college, Kingston, and Mr. MacKenzie the professorship of physics in Dalhousie college. Both were cut down by death in early manhood.

In 1873 A. H. Mackay (now Doctor Mackay, superintendent of education for Nova Scotia) became principal. With him was associated F. W. Gordon, M.A., Principal Mackay teaching mathematics and science and Mr. Gordon, English and classics. In October, 1875, Mr. Gordon resigned to enter upon church work and Mr. James A. Sutherland took his position for two months, November and December. In January 1876, Robert Macellain, the present principal, was appointed to the classical and English departments which position he held until 1888 when he resigned to take the position of inspector of schools for Pictou and South Colchester.

Under Principal Mackay's strong administration the academy made rapid strides. It became celebrated throughout the province and far beyond its limits. Students flocked in from all quarters until there was no room enough to receive. Larger quarters became absolutely necessary and a new building was erected in 1880 on the site of the present building. Although it would be entirely inadequate for our present work, it was far in advance of any other high school building in the province. It contained four class rooms, Convocation hall, a small chemical laboratory capable of accommodating five or six rooms. At the same time a third instructor became necessary and Rod MacKay, B.A., was appointed teacher of mathematics. After two years' Pictou Academy resigned to engage in church work and is now pastor of a congregation in Ontario. Mr. W. H. Fraser, B.A. (now Ph. D. Johns Hopkins) was appointed as successor to Mr. MacKay. Mr. Fraser taught until 1888 when he resigned to take a post-graduate course in Johns Hopkins.

Meanwhile in 1883 Mr. Macellain resigned as before stated and was succeeded by Mr. Hector McInnes, now K. C., and one of the most prominent lawyers in Halifax. Mr. McInnes taught mathematics while the classical subjects were divided between Principal Mackay and Mr. Fraser.

In 1885 Mr. MacInnes was succeeded by Mr. Humphrey Mellish, B.A.; also at present a prominent member of the Halifax bar. In the same year a fourth teacher became necessary and Mr. Isaac Gammell, B.A., was appointed as instructor in English and history.

Three years later, in 1888, Mr. Mellish was succeeded by R. M. Langille, B.A. D. M. Solaon, B.A., was appointed to the position vacated by Mr. Gammell who accepted a position in the Montreal high school which he still holds and Mr. Fraser was succeeded by J. C. Shaw, B. A.

It may be mentioned here that a great boom was given to the academy between the years 1880 and 1891 by the Mungo exhibitions and bursaries offered for competition to students matriculating into Dalhousie college. Five exhibitions of the value of \$400 each and ten bursaries of \$200 each were presented annually by George M. Munro, Esq., of New York, an old Pictou academy student by the way. Pictou academy was always successful in winning the lion's share of these prizes. The other academies of the province were all small, one-teacher institutions at that time and could not compete with Pictou. The result was that the best class of students were attracted from all parts of Nova Scotia. Prince of Wales college, Charlottetown, was the most successful rival of Pictou academy.

and was then appointed superintendent of education for Nova Scotia. At the same time Mr. Langille and Mr. Fraser resigned, the former to enter upon the practice of law and the latter to take a teaching position in wards died. Where he shortly afterwards returned to Pictou as an assistant principal and instructor in ancient classics and modern languages. Mr. V. S. Frazer, B. A., took commercial and scientific mathematics and was succeeded by A. O. Macrae, B. A., and Mr. Solaon by A. C. L. Oliver, B.A.

In 1891 Mr. Fraser and Mr. Solaon resigned, the former to take a teaching position in Providence, and the latter to take a teaching position in St. John's, Nfld. Mr. Fraser was succeeded by A. O. Macrae, B. A., and Mr. Solaon by A. C. L. Oliver, B.A.

In 1893 Mr. Solaon resigned in 1892 to take a course in engineering in McGill college, in which he won very high standing, distancing all competitors. Mr. C. L. Moore temporarily succeeded him in the mathematical and science department. In 1893 Mr. B. Robinson, B. A., succeeded Mr. Macrae, who resigned in that year to take up the study of theology, first in Scotland and later in Germany where he obtained the degree of D. D. He is at present principal of the college in Calgary.

In October 26, 1895, the academy building was set on fire by lightning and all but the walls destroyed. In the fire the collection of the building, interesting records and the greater part of a valuable museum were lost. This apparent calamity resulted in good. The building had become inadequate for the advancing requirements of the work. The people of Pictou voted honorably to reconstruct this building, double the size of the former, and the reconstruction was completed in the summer of 1896 and was ready for occupancy in the beginning of 1897. During the winter classes were conducted in the High Street building which was fitted-up for the work, while the regular pupils of that school were housed in various quarters in the town.

In the autumn of 1896 A. C. L. Oliver, one of the best and best-loved teachers of Pictou, has ever had, was cut off by typhoid fever in the flower of his age and usefulness. Mr. G. Cogswell, B.A., was appointed to fill the vacancy temporarily held the position from September 1st to December, when he was succeeded by H. P. Duchemin.

In 1897 Mr. Robinson resigned to follow a post-graduate course in the University of Cambridge, England, and Mr. H. MacKay, B.A., was appointed to his place and remained till Mr. Robinson's return in 1900. Mr. MacKay resigned to take his place and remained till Mr. Robinson's return in 1900. Mr. MacKay resigned to take his place and remained till Mr. Robinson's return in 1900.

In 1900 Mr. Fraser and Mr. Bochner both retired, the former to complete his course in Cornell and the latter to take the position of chemical demonstrator in McGill. Angus MacLeod, Esq., who had been for a number of years the efficient principal of Pictou academy, was appointed to the mathematical department and Mr. Moore, who had resigned to go to the outskirts of the law, returned to his old love, the teaching of science. He was rewarded however, in two years, tempted by a much higher salary to take the superintendency of the Sydney Technical School.

In 1907 Mr. MacLeod accepted the principalship of the Canoe high school, and was succeeded by R. H. MacLeod, Esq., a graduate of Pictou academy with an excellent record as a successful teacher.

Mr. Moore was succeeded by Mr. W. H. Fraser, who returned after having taken the degree of B. A. at Cornell.

Mr. R. H. MacLeod resigned in 1910 on account of illness and his position was filled for the year by Mr. G. MacLeod, B.A., of Dalhousie. Mr. Moore was succeeded by Mr. C. R. MacLeod, B.A., of Dalhousie.

In 1911, also, Mr. MacLeod was succeeded by H. H. Mussell, B. A. In 1914 Mr. Inglis resigned and was succeeded by Mr. R. H. MacLeod, who returned from the Canadian west. In 1914 Mr. Muscell resigned and was succeeded by Mr. R. J. MacInnes, B.A.

"A" Class, Pictou Academy, 1906, with teachers of that time: Dr. Macellain, the late H. B. Robinson, Mr. H. P. Duchemin, and Mr. C. L. Moore.

BOYS OF 106TH REAR TRIBUTE FROM LLOYD-GEORGE

It fell to the lot of "B" Co., of the 106th Battalion-Pictou's own-to be with its easy bearing Mr. Lloyd-George at a recent military review in England at which Mr. Lloyd-George spoke as follows:

"It has been a great pleasure to me that my first review as secretary of state for war should have been of this fine Canadian division. I congratulate you, Major-General Sir Sam Hughes, and I congratulate you, general, and the officers of the division upon having the privilege of commanding such a splendid body of men in the field."

"It is a wonderful thing that in the third year of the war, when our feet are beginning to get exhausted, we should be preparing to pour into the field troops of this quality. It is an inspiring sight—a sight which gives one confidence (Lloyd-George).

"At the best in the course of the war we sent out 120,000 men as an expeditionary force. It was our conviction at that time that the only contribution that the British empire should make now (Canada) alone has sent 120,000 men. She has many more in reserve."

"It is because of the conviction of Canada that the old country has, with reckless chivalry, flung herself into battle in order to protect the smaller nations and to kick against the oppressors."

"That is why her sons in all parts of the world have stood by her side in this great struggle, why they have come from the rolling prairies of Canada, from the great lakes of the Southern States, from 'India's coral strand' to help Britain in the greatest struggle for human freedom that has ever been waged."

"And all we have to thank Canada for is that she has not only stood by our side in this great struggle, but she has also sent us the brilliant description by Sir Max Aitken of the great second battle of Ypres, when you saved Belgium for many a long day in Canada (Cheers). We know what you did then."

"Just as the Rocky mountains hurled back the storms of the west, so did these heroes in the battle of Ypres break the hurricane of Germanic fury."

Amid the flames and the poisonous fumes of Gehenna they held high the banner of Canada and saved the British army.

"You have the deep gratitude of woman and child in these islands. May the Lord of Hosts be with you. (Cheers)."

When Mr. Lloyd-George had finished his remarks, Sir Sam Hughes called for three cheers for the minister of war, and these were given with great heartiness.

PICTOU DOCTOR LOCATES IN WESTERN STATES

A business transaction took place in our local medical world last week by which Dr. G. E. MacKinnon, formerly Trippell, assumed possession of the property and practice of Dr. J. P. Hobart of this city. The change went into effect on July 1st, at which time Dr. MacKinnon took charge here and formally began his career as a professional man. This deal between the two parties includes the transfer of Dr. Hobart's lots, with their buildings (house, office and barn) to Dr. MacKinnon. Dr. G. E. MacKinnon is not an entire stranger to Pictou. He has been in the Trippell field since the 23rd of June, 1915, acting as company physician to the Stoll Lumber Co. at that place, and during his year there built up an extensive practice. People at Trippell and Branwood, where he has been especially busy, have come to admire in him as a man and doctor. His trust recommendation comes from the fact that every person who knows the doctor and has occasion to refer to the transfer congratulates as much an excellent practical experience as Dr. MacKinnon is a Pictou county boy. He was born at Cape John and there, in the country school, received part of his education. He then studied at Queen's university, Kingston, Ont., receiving the degrees of B.A., M.D.C. and M.A. After graduation from the university he spent one year in the Milwaukee hospital, Milwaukee, Wis., receiving an excellent practical experience in his professional work. Dr. MacKinnon is a brother of Charles MacKinnon of Seaford.

Public Meeting of RATEPAYERS!

A Public Meeting of the Ratepayers of the Town of Pictou, will be held at the Town Court Room, on Wednesday the 6th day of September, at 8 P.M. The object of the meeting is to consider and vote upon the following proposals, namely: 1. That the Council of the Town of Pictou be and is hereby authorized to borrow a sum or sums not exceeding \$50,000 in various denominations for the purpose of water works extension and improvements and to expend such sums for the aforesaid purposes and to obtain the necessary legislation to authorize, ratify and confirm such borrowing and expenditures, and to issue debentures for the sums borrowed.

By order of the Town Council, FRED. MACKACHER, Town Clerk, Pictou, N. S. August 24th, 1916.

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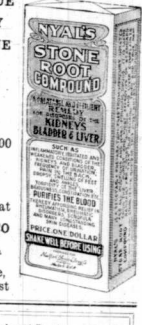
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