THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., APRIL 27, 1888.

Lecture in the Methodist Church.

"A Trip to Sweden" was the subject of an interesting and instructive lecture delivered in the Methodist church by the Rev. W. G. Lane on Friday evening last.

The lecturer opened by giving a short historical account of the country, and claimed for its people the honor of the discovery of America some hundreds of years before Columbus was born He then proceeded to describe the trip he made to the "Land of the midnight sun," starting from Halifax and proceeding over the I. C. R. to Rimouski and thence to Liverpool in the R. M. S. *Sardinian* of the Allan Line. From Liverpool he went to Hull, thence to Copenhagen *via* Hamburg, Kul and Corsor, stopping at times to describe the incidents and mistakes of the journey, some of which were of an extremely ludicrous nature, and during which he and Mrs J. D. Chambers favored the audience with a well-executed selection from the opera of Il Trovatore, the lecturer acting the part of the unfortunate young man who with his cornet entertained the passengers at sea and who on account of heavy weather was suddenly called upon to pay tribute to Neptune before he finished the performance.

Copenhagen he described as a handsome city of some 220,000 inhabitants, containing many fine public buildings including several museums, one of which (Thorvaldsen's) he described at some length. This building contains many of the finest works in marble and plaster casts of the remainder of the master-pieces of the justly celebrated sculptor Bertir Thorvaldsen, who is sometimes called the Michael Angelo of the north, and is not only the repository of his works but also of his body, for he lies buried in the court-yard in the centre of the building.

The lecturer's opinion of the Danes as observers of the Sabbath was decidedly low, for on the Sunday he was there, they were busily preparing for a poultry show which was to be opened next day in one of the principal parks.

From Copenhagen he proceeded *via* Malmo, the second city of Southern Sweden, to Stockholm, the Ultima Thule of his journey, and while there put up at the "Grand Hotel," the finest in the country and one of the finest in Europe, and in which his bill for the ten days he was in the city was only nine dollars. Stockholm is a very fine city, a description of the many places of interest in which, would take more space than at the present time we can allot to it. He and his friends were entertained at dinner at Uriesdal, one of the summer palaces of the royal family, and on that occasion some of the guests mistook the appetising titbits which are set out on the side-tables for the regular dinner and were much disgusted and felt extremely foolish when they were invited to sit down to the elaborate repast.

In conclusion the Rev. gentleman said that he had been twice around the world and that he had never found a country where an industrious man could make a comfortable living more easily than in Nova Scotia. The lecture which occupied something over an hour and a half in delivery was illustrated throughout by a series of large paintings specially prepared for the occasion by the lecturer himself.

Wolfville is known all over the Province as a beautiful village, and our people are justly proud of its pretty streets, its handsome residences, and its beautiful scenery. Every year a greater number of tourists are attracted to our town and all go away more than satisfied that it is one of the best places in America to spend a summer vacation. Now it appears to us that we should put forth greater efforts to cause these visitors to form a favorable opinion of us. The fact that our town is naturally attractive should not make us neglectful of the means that might be employed to improve the natural beauties. We would like to see an organization formed for the purpose of beautifying our town and making needed improvements. Our business men, we believe, would subscribe largely to a fund for this purpose, as money judiciously laid out in this way cannot fail to advance the interests of all interested in the welfare of our town. Let us make a united move in this direction.

The sudden death of Hon. Thos. White, Minister of the Interior, which occurred in Ottawa on Saturday evening last, will be learned with the deepest regret by the people of Canada, irrespective of party. He was one of the foremost platform orators, most powerful debaters, and ablest journalists in Canada. His death is a public bereavement and one which will be long felt.

Our Ottawa Letter.

(Continued from first page.)

MAGNIFICENT GIFTS.

It is reported to-night that another magnificent gift is in store for Montreal. Some months ago it may be remembered Sir Donald Smith donated $120,000 for the purpose of endowing a faculty for the higher education of women. It is now rumored that the generous donor proposes to supplement his former gift by the magnificent sum of a quarter of a million dollars, and it is probable that an act to incorporate the college will be asked for this session under the title of the Royal Victoria College. The college will be located in Montreal, but the special object of the late addition to the endowment fund is reported to be for the establishment of a preparatory school in Winnipeg and at some other point or points in Manitoba and the Northwest territories.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S POSITION.

The Government received a despatch yesterday from Newfoundland intimating that the delegation to discuss the terms of the union with Canada will leave for Ottawa on or about June 10th. The resolution which was defeated in the Newfoundland legislature a few days ago was simply one authorizing the departure of the delegates by the steamer leaving on the 15th inst. The Premier of Newfoundland, in discussing this matter in the Assembly declared that the terms of the union would be published in due time, and the question would then be settled by the people. It is generally understood that a large majority of the electors are in favor of Confederation.

RAILWAY SUBSIDIES.

A return brought down to-day shows the amount voted for subsidies to railways since 1880. Of the vote of twenty-five millions to the Canadian Pacific in 1881, ten millions went to Ontario, two millions one hundred thousand to Manitoba, seven millions seven hundred thousand to the Northwest, and in British Columbia five millions two hundred thousand. The amounts voted under the general subsidy: 1882, $1,508,000; 1883, $2,138,400; 1884, $6,926,400; 1885, $2,309,300; 1886, $2,470,665; 1887, $2,687,600; total, $18,840,365. Of this there has been canceled by subsequent acts $1,656,800, leaving the net amount voted $16,383,565. The distribution of this sum by provinces was as follows:—

	Voted.	Paid
Ontario	$3,846,800	$1,732,264
Quebec	8,832,765	1,750,323
New Brunswick	1,482,000	598,728
Nova Scotia	1,472,000	150,000
British Columbia	750,000	750,000
		C. S. C.

Wedding Bells.

On Thursday, April 19th, the marriage of Mr William Chipman, of Bridgetown, N. S., and Mary Alice, youngest daughter of John W. Barss, Esq., Wolfville, took place at the new and handsome residence of the bride's father. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. A. Higgens, D. D., assisted by Rev Prof. Keirstead, of Acadia College. The elegant drawing-room was most artistically decorated by Miss Maggie Fitch with potted plants massed in the large bay window, over which hung a beautiful floral horse shoe.

The bride looked most charming in a simple navy blue suit and bonnet to match, with elegant bouquet of white rose buds. She was accompanied as bridesmaid by her little niece, Leda, daughter of Alfred Barss, Esq. The mother of the bride looked so young and handsome it was difficult to realize that she anticipates in a few weeks celebrating the 50th anniversary of her wedding day.

The bride received many handsome and costly presents, too numerous to mention, of silver, bronze, handsome vases, artistic Kensington work, etc, noticeable among which was a modest little envelope, "$600.00 from father and mother," and a handsome Bible, presented by her Sunday-school class, the primary department over which she has presided so long and so successfully. Immediately after the ceremony a telegram from friends in New York was received, congratulating the bride and groom.

The party consisting of relatives and near friends of the family, after partaking of a sumptuous repast, repaired with the bridal party to the station, where, amid showers of rice and good wishes, the happy pair took the train for Halifax, *en route* for an extended tour in the United States. Mrs Chipman will be greatly missed in Wolfville, where she is deservedly a great favorite. Her active co-operation in church and Sunday-school work and her ready sympathy in every good cause, has endeared her to her many friends. We sincerely wish her and her excellent husband every happiness.

Again in Line.

On Tuesday evening, 17th inst., "Safeguard" Division, No. 436, was resuscitated by Deputy Thos. J. Borden, with seven old and eight new members. Owing to the day being very rough and a thick snowstorm coming up at the hour of meeting, there were not as many present as was expected. The following are the officers that were elected and installed:

W. P.—W. L. Harris
W. A.—Mrs. M. Bishop
R. S.—F. Bently,
A. R. S.—Harvey Kinsman
F. S.—William Borden
Treas.—Mrs W. L. Harris
Chap.—Fred Roscoe
Con.—Arthur Harris
A. Con.—George Bently
I. S.—Alfred Ells
O. S.—Fred Forsyth
P. W P.—Miss Margaret Borden.

Recommended for D. G. W. P., W. L. Harris. Night of meeting, Tuesday.

COM.

Protocol No. 2.

The trees said unto the bramble, Come thou and reign over us!

An epitome *les arbres*—the apple-trees of the orchard. In the propagation of fruit-trees there are three latent agents each exercising a peculiar influence over the equivalent of expenditure, namely, soil, situation, and atmosperic influence. Possibly, an artificial agent may be added—the ubiquitous and sedulous tree-peddler. A combination of the above natural agencies, although desirable, is an unusual coincidence. In the absence of any, skill and practical knowledge must be called to supply the deficiency.

Soils differ much in make-up and energy. Some are porous and of easy tillage, such as sandy loams, having a uniform natural drainage. Soils of this character produce healthy well-grown trees, with roots evenly distributed, having a permanent and vigorous structure. Compact soils require artificial drainage, especially table-lands retentive of water, also a greater expenditure of labor to keep them in a friable condition. Trees planted in stiff clays have less root-fibre than those grown in open and more porous soil, yet much may be done in the beginning to obviate the defect by intelligent and unremitted culture.

The selection of a situation is a matter of much importance to the would-be successful grower of apples. The local position should be somewhat elevated and exposed to a free current of air. A good breeze occasionally is beneficial; at times a great relief to a tree heavily ladened with fruit—if not to a local market. To quote a stanza of the bard of Avon, whistling to N. S.—

"How sweet is de breezes
That blows over de tops of de trees."

The euphony of his "p-rab-las"* on early rising is more comical than refined.—"Der early worm koteht der bird." Another—"Der 'fluence of der slant'n-diklar sunshine in der mornin' is mor' happify'n dan der noonday skull-scorcher."

Elevated situations are to be preferred on account of their probable immunity from frosts which in the spring, in low situations, are often injurious after the fruit-buds have expanded. Examples of the kind are of frequent occurrence in valleys and water-levels.

The frost-line becomes a very important subject of inquiry in the selection of an orchard site. The aspect is an open question with fruit growers. Some are in favor of a northern, and others advocate an eastern, slope. Both may be recommended. The influence of the morning sun is thought to be more beneficial to vegetation than direct rays, for plants as well as animals rest from their functions at night, and all nature rejoices in the return of the day. We find that memorable garden of Scripture "planted eastward in Eden" and *man* placed in it to "dress it and keep it," and not placed under the rule of the bramble—unwise trees not to be content with their *modus vivendi*. In a few years under bramble rule they would have been "gone suckers," ruled out.

In planting an orchard General Science speaks of preparing his ridges; Bluenose talks of digging his holes. There is a good deal of erroneous sentiment rafted round on the subject-matter of plant culture. The selection and propagation of trees and their mode of treatment by inexperienced persons usually result in failure of expectation. The annual money value of an orchard for a series of years, as a paying investment, would follow studied application of the natural and artificial forces employed. Energetically, it involves some ciphering.

The idea of digging holes in the ground and planting trees is a pleasing rural sentiment, but when the ideality is a reality, holes dug, trees planted, and the ground wrought into pie-plant order, to perambulate in the plantation, to criticise the *arbores*, their mechanical arrangements, whether quincunx or squares, and theorise with puerile pleasure on their period of maturity, is genuine rural felicity. Possibly, a reflex view with a critical inspection of the financial expenditure might dampen the ardor of such a hopeful speculation. In any undertaking involving an expenditure of labor, especially that of establishing an orchard, economy is imperatively demanded throughout all its complex operations, from a preparation of the ground to pruning of the trees. If anyone prefers to dig holes with a spade instead of pulverising the soil with the plow, he will find it an expensive performance. In a small fruit garden the spade is indispensable, but for an orchard, of least extent, the plow is by far the most economical. A thorough working of the land, deeply disintegrated, is essential to the future success of an orchard. It aerates and loosens the subsoil, increases the fertility of the land, retains moisture for the crops, and allows an excess of water to filter away.

The physical benefits derived from drainage are numerous, and cannot be over-estimated. Properly executed it adds to the value of the land, and admits of the ground being worked much earlier in the season. The existence of surplus water in the soil may be known by its injurious effects on the crops. The advantages derived from drainage are best known by its good effects on them. But drainage is found to be beneficial not only to the soil, to the climate in reference to the crops, to the healthy growth of trees, but a sanatory protection all round. *Nova Scotia farmers* don't take naturally to trench-draining at present. It is but partially employed. The expense appears to be the opposing force. Although it has been frequently proved, urged and impressed upon them that the expense, whatever it may be, insures such increase of crops as to pay a good interest in the investment, yet Bluenose is incredulous, hesitates, and is more inclined to trust to *hap* or Halifax than in his own inherit forces. The objection was valid, and had some weight when it was necessary to import drain tiles, but latterly they are to be had in various patterns *home made*, and at much reduced cost. Whatever mode of draining is adopted its importance cannot be disregarded with impunity. The neglect of this important operation is the cause of much of the bad farming to be seen all round. Fruit-trees certainly don't thrive in wet situations. They acquire a hard bark, and become a prey to parasitic plants. No doubt of their bearing a full crop of litchens, and occasionally some spotted fruits. Beyond that they decline to respond.

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*parables.

Entertainment.

An entertainment was given in Lower Canard Hall Friday evening, April 20th, under the auspices of Cornwallis Division, T. of T. The programme was quite varied, and well rendered throughout. The serio-comic drama "Once on a Time" was one of the leading parts of the entertainment. This play was acted in a manner that reflected credit upon all that appeared upon the stage. We think that the drama was not as good as some others given in that hall in the past, but the actors never appeared to better advantage. Messrs Webster & Reid, accompanied by Miss Webster, furnished excellent violin music for the occasion. While these gentleman were playing there were a few persons in the audience who rather loudly showed their appreciation of the "concord of sweet sounds." Two solos given by Mrs Chisholm fully sustained her reputation as a singer. A quartette of male voices and a solo by Mr N. A. Eaton were highly appreciated. Mr McGowan appeared to his best, and showed himself to be a reader of superior ability. Especially as a reader in the dialects it would be difficult to find his equal. An amusing farce entitled, "A Mysterious Disappearance" filled up the programme. Everyone considered it a very pleasant evening.

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