

# THE ACADIAN.

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## Acadia's Fine Record.

Bulletin No. 8 of Yale University, a book of 316 pages, published June, 1911, giving the official reports of the President and various officials of the University, contains some information which is of much interest to the people of the Maritime Provinces.

In the report of Yale College, Dean Frederick S. Jones has something to say of the graduates of other colleges who attended Yale. He appends a list of the universities and colleges which have sent three or more men to Yale in the last five years, together with the average scholarship standing in the college of the men who have thus gone. In this list of thirty-three colleges it is noticeable that the students of Acadia lead all the others in scholarship, with an average standing of 89 per cent. The students of only eight of the thirty-three universities have an average mark of over 75 per cent. while the remainder have from 50 per cent. to 75 per cent. The college standing next to Acadia is Lehigh University of Ohio, whose students average 81.7 per cent.

Among the thirty-three colleges represented as sending at least three students to Yale during this period are: Amherst, Brown, University of California, University of Chicago, Cornell, Dartmouth, North-Western, Princeton, and Williams. Following this list Dean Jones adds, 'Acadia College, of Nova Scotia, it will be observed, has made an extraordinary showing, one man only having fallen below 87.5.' Acadia has sent ten men to Yale in this period.

## Laying of the Corner Stone of the Wolfville Baptist Church.

The formal laying of the corner stone of the new edifice of brick and stone which is to be the home of the Wolfville Baptist church took place on the afternoon of Thursday last, Aug. 31st, in the presence of the leading citizens of the town. The day was fine and the event passed off most successfully. On the platform were the pastor, Rev. E. D. Webber, Rev. R. F. Dixon, Rev. J. W. Preston, Rev. W. Dr. Catten, Rev. Dr. Kempton, Rev. A. B. Powell, Prof. R. V. Jones, Miss Margaret Barrs and Mr. C. B. Fitch who on behalf of the committee directed the services.

After singing 'The Church's one Foundation' by the quartette (Messrs L. W. Sleep and K. Chisholm, Miss Beckwith and Mrs. Chambers) Dr. Catten read the 48 Psalm and Rev. S. B. Kempton gave a very impressive address reviewing the history of this religious organization and looking hopefully to the future when the splendid building in course of erection should be the center of the social and moral activities of this Wolfville church. Special emphasis was given to the moral and educative effect of noble buildings upon the life of a community. The best we have should go into a temple of the Lord.

## The Candidates in Nova Scotia.

Nominations in Nova Scotia constituencies for the federal elections are as follows:

Constituency	Conservative	Liberal
Antigonish	A. L. Davidson	S. W. W. Pickup
Cape Breton South	Dr. J. J. Cameron	Wm. Chisholm
North Cape Breton and Victoria	John McCormack	D. D. McKenzie
Colchester	John Stanfield	S. D. McLean
Cumberland	H. N. Rhodes	H. J. Logan
Digby	C. J. Jameson	A. E. Wall
Guysborough	G. A. Rowlings	J. H. Sinclair
Halifax	K. L. Borden	A. K. McLean
Hants	A. B. Crosby	Dr. Ed. Blackadder
Inverness	Halley B. Tremaine	Dr. J. B. Black
King's	Thomas Gallant	Dr. A. W. Chisholm
Lunenburg	A. Dew, Foster	Sir F. W. Borden
Prince	Dr. Douglas Strait	J. D. Speery
Queens-Shellbrook	A. C. Bell	E. M. MacDonald
Richmond	F. B. McCurdy	Hon. W. B. Fielding
Yarmouth	Joseph A. Ollis	George W. Kyle
Wolfville	Knoxley Crosby	H. B. Law

## The 'Man on the Street.'

In a recent issue of THE ACADIAN appeared a letter from a gentleman who had been spending his vacation in Wolfville, agitating the institution of a public library and reading room in our town. This is certainly one of the pressing needs of our community life and the 'man on the street' cheerfully says 'amen' to the proposition. The idea is by no means a new one.

Let some of our 'mooched men' wake up to their responsibilities as citizens and see that 'longfelt need' is promptly supplied.

Although Willow Bank Cemetery has not yet become the beauty spot that Wolfville people would like to see it, there certainly has been a great improvement made during recent years. Some day the dreams of those who in years gone by laid the foundations for this work may be realized. In the meantime the 'man on the street' begs to suggest that the approach to our 'city of the dead' is by no means a thing of 'charity.' Something should be done by some body to improve the appearance of the locality. The 'man on the street' will be glad to report progress in this direction in his next letter.

Generally speaking, the tourist may now be regarded as a thing of the past for this season. It has not been quite up to the expectations of some of our people, and the courses are legion. In the opinion of the 'man on the street,' a number of reforms ought to be inaugurated. One that might serve as a 'starter' could very profitably be made in connection with the manner in which visitors are received at the railroad station on their arrival. The 'man on the street' will go into details at present, as any person who has been a frequenter of the depot on the arrival of trains during the past summer must have seen that our visitors were not always favorably impressed by the 'gentlemanly' runners for the hotel and livery stables. The 'man on the street' will probably refer to the matter again.

The 'man on the street' has been glad to read THE ACADIAN reference to the possibility of improvements being made at 'Mad Bridge' at an early date. The need of something being done in this locality is only exceeded by the possibilities for improvement that must be apparent to any one who ever casually views the situation. The town would reap large benefits from a wise expenditure of public money here. With the straightening of the street and other improvements that might easily be made would be removed the most unsightly and disgraceful section of our otherwise pretty town.

The tourist season just closing has been, I should judge, the poorest on record. Wolfville is evidently losing its importance as a tourist centre. Ten years ago it divided with Digby the great bulk of the tourist trade of Nova Scotia. Today it is only one among many. During this period literally dozens of new tourist resorts have sprung up in Nova Scotia; Chester has forged into prominence; Halifax has absorbed its quota; people are awakening to the possibilities of the shores of the Bay of Fundy; Cape Breton has been discovered and even the eastern shore is beginning to receive attention.

As a consequence Wolfville has suffered. This, of course, may be a 'blessing in disguise.' Towns may temporarily benefit, but can never be permanently built up by tourists. It is not by the easy money that others bring into a place, but by its own self-reliance and initiative that a town really grows. This is not to say that tourists don't help a place and that they shouldn't be made welcome and catered to, but no amount of tourist business ever in itself made a town, and to depend upon it to the neglect of other enterprises is a serious mistake. Wolfville, perhaps, has done too much of this in the past and needs a reminder to this effect.

Rev. Dr. Kempton in his address at the corner stone laying of the new Baptist church made an eloquent and ingenious appeal in favor of the erection of beautiful buildings in a town, which he said undoubtedly exercised a refining and morally elevating influence upon the inhabitants. This is partly rough on our Nova Scotia towns, including Halifax, which to put it as mildly and charitably as possible, certainly don't shine 'architecturally.' This I should most emphatically say is the especial weak point of the Maritime Provinces. You will get finer buildings in an Ontario village of six or seven hundred inhabitants than you will in a Nova Scotia town of four or five times the size, and that the Ontario farmer lived in better looking houses than the merchants and professional men of Halifax. No architecture is not our strong point. And yet I do not think Nova Scotians are exceptionally deprived or lacking in intelligence. Indeed I have a faint impression that the Nova Scotian enjoys rather an enviable reputation throughout the Dominion for certain sterling qualities and an intelligence and ability above the average. This hardly squares with the doctor's theory. Perhaps the fish diet counteracts the debasing effect of debased architecture.

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