

THE ACADIAN

WOLFVILLE, N. S., MAY 25, 1900

Wolfville Celebrates.

When the idea was first suggested of holding a Queen's birthday celebration in Wolfville there were some who thought it could not be done, but now all agree that the movement was a wise one and that our celebration was a grand success and reflects the greatest credit on all concerned.

Yesterday was an ideal day for a holiday celebration. For days back the question as to what the weather would be on the 24th was an anxious one in town, the dull and rainy days that preceded giving little hope of "Queen's weather." But when the day dawned it witnessed a cloudless sky, and all day the sun shone on Wolfville's exhibition of loyalty to our gracious Queen, who has just entered upon her 82nd year. Long may she live and reign.

The town was gayly decorated with bunting for the occasion and many of the stores presented pretty holiday dress of original design, while from every flag pole the glorious emblem of Britain floated proudly in the breeze.

The first event of the day was at 9 o'clock, when a game of base ball was played on the campus between teams from the university and town, resulting in a victory for the former. The game was witnessed by a large number of spectators and each member of the winning team was presented with a silk necktie.

At 11 a. m. the hose-reel competition took place on Main street, between teams from the Wolfville Fire Co., captained by Messrs. J. R. McDonald and Tugwood. The race was 125 yards with heavy reel and 250 feet of hose. They run off 150 feet of hose, connected with hydrant, brook coupling, and affixed nozzle. McDonald's team won in 41 seconds. Prize, a silver ice picher.

One of the best features of the day was the parade, which included a bicycle parade in which about 50 bicyclists in handsomely trimmed wheels and pretty costumes took part, and a trade and athletic procession. This was a most elaborate affair and was highly creditable to all taking part. Visitors pronounced it equal to processions seen in large cities. Nearly all the business houses were represented with ingeniously constructed and handsomely gotten up floats. We regret that space will not permit of an extended description of this. To Capt. G. L. Starr, who had charge of this department, much praise is due and the citizens and students co-operated in making it the success it was.

The route of the procession was lined with spectators, who repaired to the spaciousness to witness the afternoon sports. The crowd was an immense one estimated as high as 3000 persons by some of the visitors and the best of order prevailed. The programme passed off without a hitch. There were two bicycle races, one a mile and the other 1/2 mile. Both were won by Mr. Nichol, of the People's Bank, the other contestants being Messrs. McMullin, Peitche and Yates, of the college. The prizes were an acetylene bicycle lamp and a camera.

Joseph Howe won the 100 yards and 22 yards foot race and a handsome clock and pair of shoes.

S. W. Schurman won the pole-vault (8 ft. 4 in.) and the high jump (5 ft. 2 in.), the prizes of which were a hat and a grip, each valued at \$3.00.

H. W. Davison's horse won the mile race for delivery-wagon horses (3.13), six bushels oats; and Harry Godfrey the 1/2 mile green race (1.20) and a rug and whip.

The three-legged race was won by Messrs. Richardson and Roland of the Junior class (prize, 2 pairs kid gloves), and the race for boys under 14 years was won by Geo. Regan (prize, a pocket knife).

Owing to lack of time the obstacle race, the tug-of-war and the match race between "Sallets" and "R. T. M. Jr." were omitted although all were filled and ready. Excellent music was furnished by the Wolfville band, which received much praise for all.

The College Events.

The college authorities have erected a magnificent flag-staff eighty feet high at the north-east front of the college building. We understand that the timber for the mast was donated by Mr. C. R. H. Starr. Mr. Starr also as a member of the executive committee of the governor has given much time to the supervision of every detail of the work, which has been done with great thoroughness. On the 24th there floated from this staff a Union Jack seven yards long, and below that a Dominion flag six yards long, the former a donation from Wm. Dennis Esq., of the Halifax Herald, the latter a donation from Henry D. Blackadder, of the Acadian Recorder, Halifax. The flag was floated yesterday for the first time, the Dominion flag having been used once before in the celebration of the centennial of the Confederation. At 8.30 p. m. the students

and professors, with citizens from the town, gathered round the flag-staff and after a brief patriotic speech by President Trotter, in which also he expressed his appreciation of the generosity of the donors mentioned above, the flags were hung to the breeze, amid cheers for the Union Jack, the Queen, and the donors. The fresh and abundant bunting floating from the lofty staff, lent a picturesque tinct to the college grounds, and will be an adornment on every public occasion.

Closing at Acadia Villa.

The closing exercises at Acadia Villa School, Hortonville, A. McN. Patterson, Principal; Fred B. Day, head teacher; Frank B. Day, second; Miss Fulton, teacher of book keeping, type-writing, etc.; Miss Laura Mithener, teacher of piano and violin music, took place Tuesday, 22nd inst. A number of friends and parents of the boys attended the class examination during the day, and dined with the school. All the classes passed a very satisfactory exam., showing a promptness, proficiency and thoroughness characteristic of this famous school. Where all did so well it is unnecessary to particularize; but we might mention Miss Fulton's class in book-keeping as an example of the excellence of the whole. The friendly feeling which exists between teachers and pupils was evinced by the presentation of a handsome gold watch chain to Mr. Frank B. Day by the boys with their best wishes for his success at Sackville, where he intends to take the college course. Principal Patterson also presented Miss Fulton with a book of poems as a mark of his appreciation of her character and her work as a teacher. Fred B. Day and Miss Fulton will return to their work in the school after the vacation.

The entertainment in the evening was a success in every respect. The hall was comfortably filled with an attentive audience and a lengthy programme was excellently rendered by each and all. The music was exceptionally good. The piano solos by Miss Minnie Patterson and H. Proctor were well done, and a feature of the evening was the singing by Everett Proctor, a young lad who has a wonderful voice. Rev. A. P. Stanford's address on "Patriotism" was a fine effort. He referred to the days spent at Acadia Villa and the training received there as the sure foundation on which to build a useful life. He had words of kindly praise for Mr. Patterson and the highest appreciation of the work of the school. It should be drilled into our boys and girls that Canadians belong to the greatest empire the world has ever seen and that Canada has become the "right arm" of the empire. There should be a flag on every school house and but one language taught in every school in Canada from Atlantic to Pacific—the English flag and the English language. It was a burning shame that so many of our young men went to the U. S. to help build up a free nation. True patriotism, real love of country, should keep our boys and girls at home to use their brains, and hands and muscles in making their own country good and great. Lack of true patriotism had also led to neglect of Canadian authors and Canadian literature, and Canadian writers were obliged to leave their country to find appreciation and a love of country. After the close of this address Mr. Patterson presented certificates of scholarship to Miss Minnie Patterson, and Messrs. Kenneth Illley and Henry Riphie. A certificate of appreciation was also presented to any of our colleges without passing the matriculation exam. Principal Patterson reported a very successful school year with a larger average attendance than other schools and academies, and exceptionally good health. Brief remarks by Rev. W. H. Langille and Mr. Forbes, a former teacher, and the singing of "God Save the Queen" brought the "closing" of 1900 to a close.

Acadia University Closing.

The closing exercises of Acadia University, Wolfville, will take place June 3 to 6, and promise to be of considerable interest. Rev. Kerr Boyce Tupper, D. D., of Philadelphia, will preach the baccalaureate sermon on June 3 and deliver the annual lecture before the Senate on June 4. Other speakers will be Rev. D. H. Simpson, of Berwick, and at the same time closing Mrs. Charles Archibald, of Halifax. The college has just received a donation of one thousand dollars from the New England Alumni Association, to be applied to the Alumni fellowship endowment. The closing program is as follows:

Sunday, June 3rd, 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Kerr Boyce Tupper, D. D., L. L. D., of Philadelphia, 7 p. m.—Address before college Y. M. C. A. by Dr. Tupper.

Monday, June 4th, 7.30 p. m.—Lecture before the Senate of the University by Dr. Tupper.

Tuesday, June 5th, 10.30 a. m.—Class exercises by graduating class. 2.30 p. m.—Closing exercises of Boston Academy; usual exercises, with address by Rev. D. H. Simpson. 7.30 p. m.—Closing exercises of Acadia Seminary; usual exercises, with address by Mrs. Charles Archibald, of Halifax, vice-president of the Women's National Council.

Wednesday, June 6th, 10.15 a. m.—Closing exercises of the college. 7.30 p. m.—Conversion.

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On Tile Draining.

BY G. THOMSON, WOLFVILLE.—Continued.

For convenience I have several of these grade boards for different grades. With the grade ascertained, and the grade board ready, the ditch may now be opened. This may be done either by plunging a furrow along the line of the ditch and so continuing to do while workmen throw out the sods until the plow cannot work deeper, and then finish with shovels and spades to the depth required. Or it may be done by dyke method and shovels, which latter method I usually follow, as the neater and not much more costly.

When done by hand, stretch a long line and trace down on each side as in ordinary ditching, only cut down the sides as perpendicular as convenient so as to save for width at bottom. Throw out the top sods on one side of the ditch only and the remainder of the earth on the other. On the side where the sods are the tiles and boards to be used may be string along. The loose earth should be piled up quite near to the edge of the ditch to save labor in filling in. If no water is encountered commerce at head of ditch and bring out the earth to within about an inch or so of the required depth; then when a hundred feet or so has been excavated let the workman who is to grade the work get into the ditch, open it up to the required depth and with the grade board carefully grade the bottom, keeping the spirit level but in the centre and the lower edge of the board touching all along its entire length, the wide end towards the outlet. Then with his back towards the outlet he scoops out the bottom two or three feet at a time, drawing the board to him, carefully watching "butt and bottom edge of grade board. Always avoid digging to the full depth of the ditch before the grader begins his work, for he will find it easier to shave out the bottom than to fill in earth into holes, and be sides the bottom will be more solid.

When a few rods have been graded—in all but the stiffest dyke land I use inch boards about four inches wide to lay on the bottom of the ditch to support the tiles—now lay down the board. The tile layer with his back to the outlet stands on the board, takes a tile from the attendant on the bank and lays it on the board, being careful to stop the upper end with a stone to prevent mud from entering there. He then takes another tile, but it against the first, keeping it firmly in place with the toe of his boot, then claps the joint with the strip of sheet zinc made for that purpose and handed to him from the bank. By covering the joint in this way two objects are served—first the ends of the tiles, are kept in a true line, and mummy water is prevented from flowing directly from above into the tiles. These claps are made out of thin zinc one and a half inches wide by a little more than half the external circumference of the tile in length and rolled so that when laid on they will firmly clamp the tiles. I have used birch bark, tarred paper, cotton cloth, and other materials but I use the zinc now as the best. When, however, tiling through quicksand I still use cotton cloth all around the joint. This quicksand I have met with where the dyke-land reached the upland and thereby secured a steady flow of spring water into troughs placed in the creek, over 500 feet distant, for the use of cattle. When the clay has been fixed over the joint, an attendant on the bank shoves down from the sides of the ditch strips of earth, dropping them on the tiles. The tile layer very carefully packs this earth closely around the tile so as to secure it from being moved. This process is continued until the outlet is reached. The two last tiles should be carefully selected as the hardest burned so that the frost won't effect them. Formerly I used a tile made of wood but found that it lasted only a few years; now I end with the earthen tile. It might in some cases be well to end with stones. When filling in the earth care should be exercised so that the tiles should not be disturbed, yet the earth should be firmly packed over the tiles so as to prevent the water flowing alongside the tiles and thus escaping because the tile would in that case be displaced. I have used a horse scoop to dip it in with; but now prefer to fill in with shovels and hicks. If the earth has been properly piled near to the edge and filled in within a day or so it is a very short job.

I am satisfied that the best season of the year to lay tiles in dyke is early in September; there being then little if any water the work can proceed expeditiously and clearly, besides the ditch opened each day can be filled in and finished as far as it has been opened by night. When there is much water to contend with the ditch will require to be opened its whole length to get rid of the water before laying the tiles. Tiles should always be laid commencing at the head of the ditch for if the bottom is muddy and the laying begun at the outlet the workman will necessarily make the water thick and this getting into the tile will be likely to stop it. I had this happen once in my early experience and had to take up and relay from the top.

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The People's Forum.

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN.

DEAR SIR,—Although I have not long been a subscriber of your paper, it is not flattery when I say that I appreciate it more than any other weekly that I receive. There is one thing about the ACADIAN which is not true of many of our local papers, it has an individuality and character of its own and it is a character which is generally in line with what is just and right.

I was struck with the force of some things you said editorially last week. I do not want to be understood as agreeing with all you said for I do not think this country is big enough to require representation from both ends, and I should think in Kentville is pretty nearly in the centre of the county it might be a good place to select a representative from. I do however agree with you when you say that a ring of a few should not be allowed to say who is going to run as the liberal candidate. This allowing one or two patronage seekers to run the party has been the curse of the liberal party in the past and it is about time it was stopped.

There is another thing I want to speak of. The last three or four years I think have been long enough to teach us that there isn't much in a party name. Since '96 we have been having at Ottawa what is called a liberal government and yet everyone knows that in policy it is the very essence of conservatism. A majority of the people of this county worked and voted for free trade at the last election. We had had enough of the N. P. enough of hoodling and enough of fattening up of monopolies at the public expense. We wanted a change and we said so. But what was the result? A few turn coat Tories got control of the party and have managed things to suit themselves. Now I have always been a liberal and I would not advise any of your readers to vote the Tory ticket at the next election, far as bad as our party is and bad as the last government has been, the Tory party and the Tory government I think were considerably worse. But I do not see how honest liberals can work to keep such a government as we have got now in power, because it is a great deal more Tory than it is liberal and Tories could do great deal more consistently work for it than we can. In my neighborhood there are seven influential liberals besides myself who have all voted liberal in the past, and while none of us can vote for a party of Langervins, of Toppens and Posters we will not vote at all unless we can vote for someone besides a hick's bound follower of Tarte and Sifton.

Probably you are wondering by this time what then I would advise and shortly it is this. The liberal party in this county, and in every county for that matter, should nominate someone to represent them who believes strongly in the old time liberal principles and is honest enough to carry them out. We want men who believe in free oil and free flour, men who believe in prohibition and men who think that other things being equal a liberal is just as good a person to hold a government office as a Tory. It is my belief that Laurier, Cartwright, Fielding and other leading liberals are just as dissatisfied with the present Tory policy of the government as anyone, but they are forced into it by the Tories in the camp. If we could only give these men a large following of good, clean, honest liberals we would be serving the party and the country, too.

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Yours, etc., I. S. DUBROFF.

P. S.—The reason why I have sent this communication to you instead of to the liberal organ in the county is because that paper is inseparably welded to the new regime, and I am informed that its columns are closed to letters of this kind. As you profess to be independent and fearless I presume you will not have the same scruples.

Lakeville.

This place experienced a sensation last Sunday in the report of the death of Mr. Clark Porter. He was known to be in failing health, but none realized that his end was so near. In coughing he burst a blood vessel. Mr. Porter was an estimable member of the community, and his death is much regretted.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. Parker Dingley is recovering from her severe illness.

Duncan Drymer is able to be out again, for which his many friends are thankful.

Brooklyn St.

The Junior Union held a public meeting in the school house on Thursday evening the 17th inst. The subject was the "Life of Christ." Original papers were read and recitations given, with music interspersed.

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The present season has been unfavorable for all kinds of operations.

Mr. J. C. Bishop, of Chipman has two good milking cows to dispose before June 7th.

The Kings Co. Hussars, the 68th, 75th, 76th and 93rd Regiments into camp at Aldershot this year 11-22.

The work on Mr. L. W. Slee residence is going on rapidly, it is now up and boarded in. Work on the new residence will be the best in town.

With reference to the Kentville allusion to the Wolfville Fire Co. authorized to say that a race arranged at any time that the boys feel that way.

The annual reunion of the Association of Acadia Seminary held on Monday, June 4th, at the Alumnae Hall, and the building on Tuesday, June 5th, at 4...

We forgot to mention in a issue that the first specimens of lotus and strawberry blossoms reached our office this season, picked by Miss Hope Dunsmuir town, about a fortnight ago.

The prizes for the 24th sports show in one of the large wind Glasgow House this year was a very pretty display and an admirable attraction. There shown a number of articles from South Africa, by Mr. Shaw. Among them was one of the chocolate boxes, and a number...

Complaint has been made to DAN of the practice indulged in number of young men of "line front of the post-office in the much to the inconvenience of and particularly ladies who are at the office. Probably this is of thoughtlessness on the part of the boys, and we trust that it will be sufficient to prevent a yet the cause of complaint.

Mr. H. N. Shaw, B. A., of Acadia '91, well-known as an evening's recital in Co. Saturday evening, June 2nd. Shaw renounces in Wolfville he has made arrangements limited number of pupils for of time. Since leaving W. Shaw has studied extensively giving special attention to vocal singing and public speaking among his many teachers were names as Mr. Fred Walker, Buyer of London, M. Dell, Esq., Brigalia of Paris. Mr. Shaw as teacher and reciter in Acadia, is too well known any further mention than to be the Principal of the Toronto Music and School of E. Ferguson and most advanced in his kind in Canada. The college Hall will be at university for terms, etc., inquires of Hall, Acadia Seminary.

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