

THE ACADIAN

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Editorial Jottings.

It has been officially announced that the British expeditionary forces are evacuating Archangel.

Windsor, Yarmouth and St. John have gone back to the 'old time.' The railways do not go back to the 'old time' until Oct. 15th.

In July the United States had 2,600,000 more milch cows than at the beginning of war with Germany. Over-production of milk appears to be the cause of the high cost of butter and other dairy products.

It is expected that Armistice Day, the second Monday in November, will be made permanent Thanksgiving Day for the Dominion, a bill for this purpose having had its first reading in the House of Commons.

The German word for war, 'Krieg' is derived from 'kriegen,' which means to get hold of other people's property. The English word for war and the French word 'guerre,' have their roots in the verbs 'to ward' and 'to guard.' In other words, the German idea of war has always been spoilation, where as the French and English idea has been defense.

Canada continues to lead in the important work of the industrial re-training of disabled ex-members of the forces. To-day there are in Canada 11,616 disabled men undergoing industrial re-training under the direction of the vocational branch of the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment, while the number of disabled men in training in the United States is 6,677. In each instance the figures have been obtained from official sources.

Great Music Festival Promised.

For many years in England and America one of the highest forms of musical entertainment has been the Music Festival. In Birmingham and Worcester where two of the most famous festivals are annually held, a full week is devoted to the rendering of the huge oratorios, cantatas, etc.

Through the energies of Mrs. Cora P. Richmond, a festival of three days is planned for the latter part of next May and it will be akin to the important May Festivals throughout the United States.

Mrs. Richmond, who has left for Boston and New York, will complete arrangements for her works and artists, among whom will be Mr. Provandie, who made such a splendid impression here in concert, and also at least two other Metropolitan opera artists. Mr. Provandie has been engaged to sing the leading role of "English" in the oratorio of that name, and also will sing on artists' night. Mrs. Richmond expects to return to Wolfville about the middle of October when more information will be disclosed as to her completed plans for this great undertaking.

In the meantime Wolfville people can confidently look forward to an event which promises to be the most important musical enterprise in Nova Scotia.

Friday, Sept. 19, is the big day for the Wolfville school children. Sports for the boys and girls in the morning on the College Campus, and in the afternoon the big Prize Exhibition of flowers and vegetables at the Rink. Every parent and all those interested in the welfare of our children should turn out and make it a big day. In the afternoon we expect the Scout Band will play and the High School girls serve refreshments. Everything except the refreshments will be free. Come and see what Wolfville can do.

Acadia Seminary opened Sept. 3rd, 1919. At the time of writing the total registration exceeds two hundred, of which the pupils in residence number one hundred and fifty. The faculty is exceptionally strong in all departments, special efforts being made to secure the best possible teachers to fill the vacancies. The public will avail with interest the Faculty Recital which will take place at an early date. The pressure on the Musical Department is already so great that the appointment of another teacher becomes urgent.

Beginning Oct. 1st, the subscription price of "The Acadian" will be \$1.50 per year in advance. Until then we will accept payment at the old rate, \$1.00, if paid strictly in advance.

A Musical Treat.

A large audience from Wolfville and surrounding country gathered in College Hall last Friday evening to hear the musical recital given by Miss Marion Lina Tufts and Mr. Wadsworth Provandie. A great treat had been promised the music lovers of Wolfville, nor were they disappointed. The excellence of both performers surpassed even the highest expectations.

Miss Tufts, in her solos as well as in her work as accompanist, proved herself an artist indeed. She is one of the greatest if not the greatest pianist ever heard in Wolfville. She is a pupil of Madam Szumowska, of Boston, and Alexander Lambert, of New York, and her playing has been highly commented upon by Paderewski himself. Miss Tufts has a verity of style, brilliance of technique, and a highly developed artistic temperament, with a true poetic insight. Her's is the individuality that appreciates the value of pace and restraint, as well as exuberance and warmth of feeling, and it is this command over her emotional and intellectual forces that marks her as indeed the 'pianist of today.' The enthusiasm of the audience was such that Miss Tufts was obliged to respond repeatedly after each rendition.

As on the occasion of his former recital Mr. Provandie's singing was greatly appreciated by the audience. His voice is a baritone of rare beauty and power, and he employs it with all the skill of a thorough artist. His singing of the old favorite, 'The Sword of Ferrar,' was truly wonderful, and called forth prolonged applause. At the request of the audience he rendered in a most excellent manner the Toreador's song from 'Carmen.'

Mr. Provandie, besides being one of America's foremost baritones, is also an artist with the brush, and during his stay here made several beautiful paintings of Wolfville and the surrounding country. He stated that during all his travels he had never spent a more delightful vacation, and expressed his desire to return again in the near future.

Miss Tufts and Mr. Provandie left Tuesday for Boston and New York to fulfill important engagements. Upon leaving it was their wish that the citizens of Wolfville be thanked for the kind and courteous treatment extended to them while summering here.

Another Memorial Suggestion.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ACADIAN: DEAR SIR,—We have of late heard considerable discussion in the local press and on the street of two subjects, viz: A Memorial to our fallen Heroes and Municipal Ownership.

Now there does not seem to be any connection between the two; but strange as it may seem Dr. DeWolfe, in the course of one of his excellent sermons last Sunday morning, supplied the missing link.

He advocated municipal ownership of our Moving Picture House. Now let me explain. The present idea of a Memorial seems to be a county hospital, situated where we do not know where. This may be all right but to an outsider it would seem that we have very large hospital accommodation in the county already, which we hope will not always be required for the use of our soldiers.

We are fortunate in having in Wolfville one of the best equipped and most up-to-date Opera Houses in the province. By a strange coincidence the town offices are already in the building.

My suggestion is that the town should buy the building, putting a new front on it if thought advisable, calling it a Memorial Hall, and placing around the walls neat brass tablets to the memory of our boys who fell in defence of their country and also some lasting record of those who went and came back to us.

An annual memorial service would be held and ideals of service and true citizenship kept before the eyes of the younger generation, our future citizens.

I do not need to dwell on the advantages to the town of owning such a building as this,—many will occur to your readers,—nor do I need to say anything against the present management.

I believe that the pictures we have here are no worse than in other places and better than in many.

However, I think that you will agree with me that the moral tone of the moving pictures, particularly the posters, is not what it should be if we wish our boys and girls to grow up in a pure and healthy atmosphere.

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