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Debate at Acadia

The Junior class debating team defeated the Freshmen debaters in College Hall on Saturday evening last. The subject of the debate was, Resolved that Canada should become an independent nation. Messrs. Lumsden, Jeffery and Mosher, of the Junior class supported the affirmative, and Messrs. Camp, Tuplin and Anthony, of the Freshman class, the negative. The debate was one of the best of the inter-class series, and was closely contested. The judges, Dr. Tufts, Dr. Rhodenizer and Prof. Cavichia, decided in favor of the Juniors by a vote of two to one.

Rev. A. J. Prosser has been secured by the Promotion Committee for the task of organizing Kings County, N. S., for our Baptist Forward Movement. A more fortunate choice could not be made, though perhaps the Cornwallis church cannot be expected to feel altogether happy over it. Yet it is only for a few weeks and the generosity of the church will not be unrewarded. The record of the Cornwallis church, under Mr. Prosser's leadership has been unparalleled in respect to its development in Christian stewardship. If brother Prosser can carry the contagion to the rest of the churches in the country and make it "take," then we shall expect great things from Kings County in the coming campaign.—Maritime Baptist.

It is reported on good authority that Sir Robert Borden, Premier of Canada for eight years, will retire the first of the New Year, on account of failing health.

Valley Fruit Growers Meet

There was a good attendance of representatives of the different fruit companies of the Valley at the quarterly meeting at Kentville last Friday afternoon. President Bishop, of Lawrencetown, was in the chair.

The principal business of the morning session was the consideration of the report of progress submitted by the Board of Management. This was the first quarterly report of the eighth year of operation of the United Fruit Companies of Nova Scotia, Limited.

The fruit report on apple shipment brought out considerable discussion as to the cause of so many barrels being reported slack this year. This seemed to be accounted for by the quick ripening of all fall fruit and its early decay. The barrel question also brought out much criticism as to the present large barrel, its shape preventing storage in tiers in warehouses and cars over four tiers without toppling over. The discussion also showed that the barrels manufactured this year varied very much in size, there being a difference as great as eleven shillings when sold by weight. Fruit growers were anxious to have the legal barrel so that manufacturers of staves and coopers would be compelled to make a barrel of the proper capacity.

The report on potato shipment showed that the company had marketed 47,752 barrels to date, with prices net realizing as high as \$5.90 and one shipment, which had just been reported, proved disastrous.

The report on flour, feed and fertilizers was also adopted. The company hopes to get its fertilizer the coming year at a lower price than last season, though present quotations are same.

Oratorical Contest

The Ralph M. Hunt Oratorical Contest was held in College Hall on Friday evening of last week. There were only two competitors this year, Messrs. C. S. Corey and D. D. Cameron. The former took for his subject, "Oliver Cromwell," while the latter spoke on "Reconstruction in Canada." Both addresses showed careful preparation and were well delivered. The judges, Dr. J. D. Logan, Rev. G. W. Miller and Rev. W. H. Watts, decided that the prize should go to Mr. Cameron.

The Girls' Guild of St. Andrew's church gave a social to the boys of the church on Thursday evening of last week, and a very pleasant evening was spent. Games were played, then the following program was given: Reading, Miss Helen Schurman; piano solo, Miss Jean Foot; vocal solo, Mrs. Alex. Sutherland; vocal quartette, Messrs. MacDonald, Murray, Davies and Ernst, of the College; vocal solo, Mr. Waldo Davidson. Refreshments were served and the social brought to a close with the singing of old familiar songs.

A recent letter from Rev. W. V. Higgins brings the good news that he and Mrs. Higgins are steadily improving in health. He writes enthusiastically of the climate of Colorado Springs. When the winter is past they will resume their oft-interrupted journey home. Then, if health permits, they will return to India in the spring.—Maritime Baptist.

Christmas Tags and Seals at 'THE ACADIAN' office.

"It Pays to Advertise"

COLLEGE PLAY A GREAT SUCCESS

The Opera House was well filled on both Monday and Tuesday evenings when the Acadia Dramatic Society presented the three act farce, "It Pays to Advertise." The play was exceedingly well given, all the parts being taken in an excellent manner. The principal parts were taken by Miss Isabel McPhail, Miss Helen P. Starr, Mr. Claude S. Richardson, Mr. George Estabrooks and Mr. John MacNeill. The acting of Miss Starr and Mr. MacNeill was especially good. Great credit is due to Miss Mae Churchill Deane, of the Seminary staff, under whose direction the play was staged. A fine program was furnished before the play and between the acts by an orchestra under the direction of Miss Pauline Nelson, of the Seminary staff. Mr. D. D. Cameron gave a very amusing vaudeville skit between the first and second acts.

Teachers' Institute

The teachers of Kings county and West Hants met at Wolfville on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 17th and 18th, to discuss methods of teaching. The sessions were held in the class rooms of the public school. About one hundred teachers were registered.


In order to accomplish the definite purpose of the Convention, the teachers were organized in three groups as follows:—

Group 1.—All teachers interested chiefly in primary work, viz., grades I, II and III, under direction of Miss Hume, of Hantsport, formerly teacher of primary and kindergarten work at Dartmouth.

Group 2.—All teachers interested chiefly in work of grades IV to VIII inclusive, under direction of Inspector Robinson.

Group 3.—All teachers interested chiefly in High School work, under the direction of Principal Ford, and Principal Trask, of Kentville.

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