

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., MAY 11, 1900.

A Step Backward.

We regret to notice that during the past week the road committee has seen fit to remove the plank curbing from the sidewalks along Main street, without providing for anything to take its place. As the members of the committee contend in defence of their action, the old curbing may have been somewhat rotted and out of repair, but this is no excuse for removing it until something better was found in its stead. To have put in new as the old curbing was removed would have been a small expense as compared with the cost of re-erecting it. In the former case those portions of the old curbing still sound could have been utilized, the new posts could have been sunk in the old pits, and the sidewalks would have needed no new grading. The town will now some day, have to put to all this extra expense. If the finances at disposal of the committee, did not, at this time warrant them in putting in new curbing, the old could certainly have been safely left a little longer until the expenditure could have been made. Main street has enjoyed the benefit of curbing for some time now. The gutters have been more easily kept, the sidewalks have remained in position, and the general appearance of the street has been very greatly improved by this means. We do not think the citizens of the town have very much sympathy with the anxiety thus shown by the committee to revert to primitive methods.

Wide Tires the Best.

The University of the State of Missouri Agricultural Experimental Station has recently made most accurate and exhaustive experiments on "the influence of the width of tires on the draft of wagons." The draft was recorded by a self recording dynamometer, on "dirt roads." A large number of tests showed uniformly favorable to the broad tires, the difference amounting to from 52 to 61 per cent, or about 3,200 pounds could have been hauled on the broad tires, with the same draft required to draw 2,000 pounds on narrow tires. In this condition of the road the broad tires show to their greatest advantage. As the road dries and becomes firmer, the difference between the broad and narrow tires gradually diminishes until it reaches about 25 to 30 per cent. on dry, hard, smooth, dirt or gravel roads. On moving lands in various conditions the advantage in favor of broad tires in five different tests ranged from 21 to 120 per cent. In one instance the narrow tires cut so deep that four horses were required to draw the load that two horses could easily with six inch tires. All this shows that the more wide tires are used the smoother, harder and better the roads become, while the very reverse is the case with the use of narrow tires, that cut ruts that hold the water, making mud and slush of the whole business.

The Furness Line of steamships are now building for the trade between St. John, Halifax and London two first class steamers, the first of which will come on about the end of August and the other a little later. These steamers are twice the size of those which have heretofore been running in this trade and superior in every respect. They are being specially fitted up for the carriage and conveyance of fruit, cheese, butter and other reliable products which require superior ventilation. They will also carry a large number of first and second-class passengers. The vessels will steam about fourteen knots, and will be fitted up in a most luxurious style, including all the most modern improvements to ensure the greatest possible comfort to passengers.

Recently some of our readers may not be aware that Rev. E. P. Dixon, the new rector of St. John's church, this town, besides being a popular and thoughtful preacher and an earnest worker in his parish, is also the editor of one of the brightest publications in our province, *Church Work*, a monthly magazine devoted to the interests of the Church of England in Canada, was established in 1876. Since taken in charge by the present publisher and editor, a few years ago, the paper has been enlarged and greatly improved and is now a well-edited and interesting journal. The May number came to our table this week, and we shall look with interest for future visits.

The bad condition of the streets during the early part of the season may be urged as an excuse for bicyclists using the sidewalks and we do not feel inclined to criticize too severely. But since the streets have now become fairly good again, we do not see any good reason for the continuance of the evil—and an evil certainly it is. Other towns in the province are taking measures to protect the sidewalks for pedestrians. Wolfville also has a by-law to that effect, but the present administration seems inclined to allow it as well as other ordinances to be to a considerable extent ignored.

There was a meeting of the Fire Company on Monday evening at the town hall. The attendance was good and a lively interest was manifested in the affairs of the fire department. We are glad to see our firemen alive to the situation and trust that they may at all times be ready for any emergency. At this time when serious fires are being reported in many places it is well to be prepared.

To Harry—First 6 rooms on corner opposite Baptist church. A. V. FINE.

Meeting of the Board of School Commissioners.

Commissioners Chipman, Pines, Strong, Woodworth, Hills, Shaw, Patterson, Sanford, McDonald and C. J. West were present at the meeting of the Board, in Kentville, on the 8th inst. L. DeV. Chipman, Esq., was elected Chairman for the incoming year.

The Inspector reported 128 schools in the county. In these were employed 128 teachers. These were classed as follows: A, 6; B, 35; C, 49; D, 48; Male, 21; Female, 127.

It was decided to change the Poor Section List by adding Greenfield and dropping Rockland and West Black Rock.

A petition was before the Board from one of the catenaries of Waterville, Prospect and Cambridge, asking for the formation of a new school section west of Prospect. The Board had decided at its last meeting to form this section; but upon application to the C. P. I. it was not ratified. The Board again voted unanimously in favor of this new section. It will again be submitted to the Council for ratification.

By vote \$50 were granted from the Cornwallis School Land Fund, to Pine Woods, under the usual restrictions, and the amount to be given to North River, per vote of last meeting, was left to the discretion of the Inspector.

The Committee on Boundaries reported the following as the bounds of Tremont, No. 89.

Beginning at Telford Messenger's south line in the County line between Kings and Annapolis, thence southerly in that line to the south line of lands granted W. H. & E. E. Freeman, thence east in Freeman's south line and in the south line of a 500 acre lot granted H. Mack and to the south east corner of the same, thence north in the east line of said Mack's land to the north east corner of the same, thence east in the south line of W. H. & E. E. Freeman's land to the south east corner of said lot, thence north in W. H. & E. E. Freeman's east line to the south east corner of an 85-acre lot laid out to Silvanus Morton, thence north along said Morton's east line to lands granted to Banks Winsby, thence northerly crossing the Winsby lot and crossing land granted to Adolphus West to the south west corner of the western lot granted George Neely, thence following the west line of Geo. Neely to the base line, thence west along the base line to the south west corner of lands owned by George Gordon, thence north along George Gordon's line to John Leonard's south line, thence east to the Fales river, thence following said river to Kingston School Section, thence westerly in Edward Woodbury's north line to the county line, thence south in the county line to the place of beginning.

SOUTH TREMONT, No. 96.—Beginning on the east branch of the Fales river and running southerly by the course of said river to the west line of a 193 acre lot granted to C. E. Gater, thence south in said line and in the west line of lands granted to Mary O. Gater to the south west corner of the same, thence south and east to the west line of Lake George school section, thence by said section to the south line of the same thence to the north east corner of a 135 acre lot granted to W. H. Pellister, thence west in the north line of said lot to the north west corner, thence south in the west line of said lot and in the east line of lands granted Richard Butler and Edward and Henry Mack, thence by the south line of Edward and Henry Mack's land to the north west corner of a 478 acre lot granted to William F. Pin, thence south in W. F. Pin's west line and in the west line of lands granted F. and C. H. Davidson to the south west corner of the same, thence south to the south east corner of a lot granted E. and H. Mack containing 2850 acres, thence west in the south line of E. and H. Mack's land to the south west corner, thence north to lands granted to Cook, thence west in Cook's south line and in the south line of lands granted to Richard Butler, Silvanus Morton and to the west line of a 408 acre lot granted to Henry Mack and to the south east corner of Tremont school section, thence by the east line of Tremont section to the forks of the river, thence south by the river to the place of beginning.

Upon petition the name Conquest was changed to South Tremont school section.

L. DeV. Chipman, S. S. Strong and A. S. McDonald were appointed a committee under section IX School Act.

Voted that the balance of the Cornwallis School Land Fund, in the hands of the treasurer, be drawn by the Inspector and put in the bank on deposit receipt bearing interest.

The school house in Australia was condemned as unfit for use and the Inspector instructed to write the trustees of that section that in the opinion of the Board the few ratepayers now in that section may be provided with better school privileges by seeking admission to the adjoining sections.

COLIN W. ROBCOW, Clerk of Board.

Without Parallel.

At Ogilvie Wharf, a place in Kings Co. on the Bay of Fundy shore, resides a Capt. Ogilvie who has nine sons. The sons have taken to the sea like the father with the result that the seven oldest sons are captains. The seventh son was in Hantsport this week for the first time as master of the ship. See Queen. We venture the assertion that there is not another case in the maritime provinces of a father and seven sons sailing vessels as masters.—Hantsport Advertiser.

Assessment Amendment.

An amendment of the assessment act was drawn up and placed before the house of assembly at the recent sitting. The committee of the legislative council did not consider it, claiming that the time before prorogation was not sufficient. As no doubt it will be brought before the legislature next year we publish the intended amendment and respectfully ask our readers to give their views on the subject. We will gladly publish any correspondence which will tend to throw light on the dark places.

The following is the proposed amendment:

AN ACT TO AMEND MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT ACT OF 1895.

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:

1. The Council of any Municipality may once in five years, instead of appointing District Assessors, appoint two General Assessors for the assessment of property throughout the whole Municipality and one District Assessor to act with each General Assessor in respect to the assessment of property within the district for which he is appointed.

2. Each two General Assessors in every district in the Municipality and each District Assessor shall assess the property under the provisions of the municipal assessment act of 1895 and perform the duties now devolving upon the District Assessors in each District under the said act.

3. In each year it shall be necessary to appoint District Assessors other than the one herein provided for.

4. The General Assessors and each District Assessor shall not be entitled to compensation for their services unless they respectively prove on oath that they personally visited the premises mentioned in the Assessment Roll.

Grand Free.

The Methodist church will be reopened next Sunday, May 13th. Rev. E. B. Moore, Bridgetown, will assist Rev. W. H. Langille. Mr. Moore is president of Annapolis district and a good speaker. A collection in aid of church will be taken morning and evening. The whole interior of the church has been transformed and beautified in a most wonderful manner. The arched windows are from Frank Beardon's, Halifax, and were designed and set by his Mr. Woodworth. Three of the windows have memorial tablets, and the windows in basement and church cost \$350. The side galleries have been torn down and the end gallery rebuilt and finished with panels, brackets, and a light rail on top. The walls have been sheathed in a variety of panels with light and dark mouldings and a wainscoting with a heavy moulding between it and the panelling extends all around the hall. Ten thousand feet of sheathing with a large quantity of moulding were used, supplied by McNeil Bros. & Lowe, Aylesford. Above each window there is an ornamental panel of scroll work, and the space back of the pulpit is filled up with two pillars with their capitals supporting an arch and a shield with an arched space between the pillars. The pulpit platform has been lowered and enlarged to the right making a platform for the organ and choir. The choir steps are in the west aisle; there is an ornamental railing around it, a new communion rail, a new pulpit of latest design in walnut, new chairs to match, and the whole platform newly carpeted in scarlet and black. The pews have all been painted and grained in oak and also the doors. There is a uniformity of design in the whole interior with a happy blending and shading of colors, which produces an artistic effect and is most pleasing to the eye. The design and plans were made and worked out by Rev. W. H. Langille and Chas. F. A. Rathburn, master-workmen, who were assisted by Martin Duncan and Geo. Taylor, and the finished work is very creditable to each and all concerned. The committee—Mr. F. C. Dennison and W. A. Woodman have taken a deep interest in the repairs and improvements and have done a lot of work and have done it cheerfully.

F. A. Curry has also been deeply interested and has given many a day's work with head and hand, and many others for love of the church and the work have used their teams and their hands on many occasions to help on the good work.

There is a Canadian "Soldier of the Queen," now with the 2nd contingent in South Africa fighting the battles of the Empire, spent some of his last days at home, working at the basement with the horse he is now riding. He also gave \$10 to the building fund and was glad to do it. Many friends at home and abroad have given work of money and it is all needed and very much appreciated. As in the re-building of the temple, all those who work and those who give to honor God in His house shall receive a blessing.

The season is late. By May 1st, 1900, the sowing on the dyke was completed and early potatoes and garden seeds planted. There has been so much rain nothing has been done on dyke or up land and the oats sown on the dyke will be much less than last year and the crop is never so good when sown late. The grass is looking well and a good crop is probably assured.

Mr. Archibald kept "Archer Day" on Friday. The boys got a team and went to the woods and brought back several trees which were planted on the school grounds. The trustees are aided by staying at home.

Rev. W. H. Langille has been chosen to preach the baccalaureate sermon at Mount Allison University, Sackville, at the closing.

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Harry Patterson, an Acadia Villa boy, just home from Toronto University, preached in the Methodist church last Sunday evening.

Mrs. (Dr.) Jeffers and little boy visited Mt. Denison and stopped over at Kentville to see her sister who teaches there. Mrs. Jeffers formerly taught at Acadia Villa.

A Rare Opportunity for Teachers.

The Summer School of Science will be held from July 20th to August 10th, at Bear River, and will be open to all the teachers in the Province. This time is during the vacation period, when teachers want all the enjoyment, rest and recuperation possible. By attending this school and taking the excursions they may enjoy some of the most beautiful scenery to be found anywhere and be in company with the most wide awake, intelligent and progressive teachers of the Maritime Provinces. Change in this case will prove to be rest. There can be nothing so sure to banish all thought of the school room and secure the rest that all teachers need so much, as to be engaged in the pursuit of knowledge from the fields, woods, stones, and other natural sources, in company with those out on a holiday trip. To visit such a beautiful spot as Bear River, to go on the excursion planned, in search of specimens, plants, etc., to participate in the holiday jollity, on the sea, in the ravine, on the mountain top, will insure good appetites, give tone to the physical system, and bring back health and physical robustness to all who want to enter the school room in August in the best of health and spirits. This summer outing will do more good than all the medicine you can take.

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English literature, too, troubles a good many teachers. Well, go and put yourself under the instructive teacher in this school who will, in two weeks, unfold a plan of teaching this subject that will make it a pleasure for you to teach thereafter in your schools. What I have said of these three subjects can be said of all the other subjects taught in the school.

This is my advice to the teachers of my own time—Write J. D. Seaman, Charlottetown, P. E. I., for a calendar, and then by all means attend the school.

Cathy W. Robson, Inspector of School.

Wanted.

Mr. Cook has purchased Mr. Isaac Foster's place in Grafton. Mr. Clifford Rand has purchased the property of Mr. Cook on the cross road.

Mrs. Asahel Rockwell has sold her farm to Mr. Albert Clark and proposes to make her home with her son-in-law, Mr. Chas. Rand.

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Personal Mention.

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Rev. E. N. Archibald has removed from Lunenburg to Melvern Square.

Mr. E. M. Bill, barrister of Shelburne, was in town over Sunday, the guest of his brother, Mr. C. R. Bill.

Mr. Redden and daughter Annie were visiting friends at Windsor over Sunday and returned home on Monday.

Mr. M. H. Steep arrived in town last week from Boston. He has been in very poor health but is now improving.

Rev. Isaiah and Mrs. Wallace have gone to Emerson, Man., to visit their daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) H. G. Mellick.

We are glad to see Mr. Edward Chase out again this week, after his long illness, and hope he may soon fully recover his health again.

Mr. J. S. Heale returned last week from Philadelphia, where he has just completed his first year in the study of dental surgery.

Mr. Ernest Elliot, of the post office, made a trip to Boston last week and returned on Thursday evening with Mr. Elliot and little daughter.

Rev. Mockett C. Higgins arrived in Wolfville on Wednesday afternoon on a short visit to his parents. He has not yet decided where he will settle.

Mrs. E. F. Caldwell, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Roberts, at Fall River, Mass., for the past five weeks returned to her home here last week.

Mrs. Annie Blackadder, of this place, who for a number of years has been teaching a mission school in Trinidad, is to visit her native province this summer.

Rev. A. H. C. Moore, of the class of '96 at Acadia, was one of the graduating speakers at the R. Chester Theological Seminary commencement on Wednesday, his theme being "Imagination in Preaching."

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