

# THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., DEC. 25, 1908.

## Christmas.

The glad, joyous festival time is again with us—the season for which numbered hearts have been beating in delightful anticipation. The holly and evergreen hang in festoons, and the wonderful Christmas tree is gradually putting in an appearance. Cheery voices ring out in rehearsals of song and chorus for the glad celebration. Merry Christmas is close upon us, and Christmas songs are songs of peace. Christmas greetings are greetings of good-will. How they soften hard hearts, purify base desires, sweeten bitter thoughts and make every deed purer and holier—every wish kind and tender. Let hearts expand, sympathies enlarge and good-will reign. Let benedictions drop from lips and substantial gifts fall from overflowing hands. Make cheerless homes radiant and hopeless hearts thrill with unspeakable gladness. Forgive your enemies. Bury the past. Rise above the mean and petty resentments which you may have harbored against those who have not used you well. Be generous. Get ready to start the new year with more kindly feelings and more noble ambitions. Make the Christmas of this year a day to which you can always look back with pleasure and gratitude. Peace and good-will go to you, dear reader, and a MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS to all.

## The Union-Reform Party.

There is little doubt but that the most unique and hopeful event in the progress of political development in Nova Scotia has been the birth of the Union Reform party in this county. That in this utter partisan province a body of men should be found willing to abandon party names and patronage to join hands in a struggle for purer political methods and nobler legislative ends, is assuredly an encouraging sign. That at the very inception of its career it should have met with the degree of support and success which has attended the Union Reform party argues strongly for the view that the heart of the electorate of this county is not very far wrong after all.

But the influence of the Union Reform party has not been confined to Kings county. Conditions politically are very different to-day from what they were three or four years ago in this province. It is true that there is still much room for improvement, but the day when bribery was looked upon as a matter of course in our elections and whisky was viewed as a necessary equipment for a campaign, is probably past forever.

The little souled bigots who have sneered at the possibility of anything being accomplished by a party that had no money to promote or no organization in only one county, are doubtless not aware that their slavish attachment to party prejudices and party names will, in its final influence, measure very weakly against the achievements of the members of the Union Reform party.

The impartial observer of political events will, however, be likely to give to the independent of Kings a degree of credit for the changed political conditions in Nova Scotia, which will outweigh the credit of a purchased political victory.

That the Union Reform party has done a work that neither of the old political parties could have accomplished will scarcely be denied. Should that work be carried on as in the past, or should this organization now step aside and leave the field to the two regular parties to fight out, is the question that now fronts the leaders of this movement. It is probably true that its promoters had not so much in mind the formation of another permanent political party as the reformation and purification of those which already had the field. Has the time now come when the Union Reformers may disband as a party and allow each member to ally himself with either of the existing political parties as may best represent his views?

In our judgment the work of the Union Reform party so splendidly begun is very far from accomplished at the present time. Not yet is it safe to entrust the championship of its cherished principles of temperance and moral reform to either of the political parties. Should the Union Reformers quit the fight now they will abandon an untaken field.

It has been reported and never officially denied that the reason that no petitions were filed against the return of members elected in this province at the last election was not that none of those members were elected by corrupt means, but that a saw-off was arranged between the leading officials of the two parties. If this be so are either of these two parties entitled to champion the cause of political purity? Is there not more provocation now than ever before for the existence of a third party combining the best elements in the other two?

There is yet a great work before the Union Reformers of Kings county, and if they are the stamp of men we take them to be they will not leave a half done fight.

Every one knows that at the last election the Union Reform candidate, Mr. Eaton, fought a clean and honorable contest. Every one who has looked into the matter knows that victory was wrested from him by cunning and seditious methods. Until these methods are exposed and the guilty punished and history and other forms of political corruption crushed

with an iron hand the work of the Union Reform party is not completed. Until politicians whose lives are a public scandal and a social menace are exposed and driven from public life, the Union Reform party has a work to do.

We expect to see Kings county a county characterized by the purity of its public men and the cleanness of its political methods. We expect to see this work completed as it has been begun by the Union Reform party. Until this is accomplished the place for the Union Reform party is in the thick of the fight, behind its own leaders and under its own flag.

## A Popular Holiday Number.

Among the Christmas numbers that have come to hand, the "Canadian Pictorial" (fifteen cents; published by the Pictorial Publishing Co., 142 St. Peter St., Montreal) deserves special mention. Its unique and very charming cover appeals at once to everyone, and its contents, from the bright Christmas stories and wealth of Christmas pictures to the Sweet Old English Carols, words and music complete, are full of Christmas spirit. Yet even the Christmas number, true to the motto "News by Views" of the "Canadian Pictorial," shows some splendid pictures dealing with the stirring events of the month of the world over. The "Canadian Pictorial" has won for itself an enviable place among Canadian publications, for its exquisite photogravures and fine workmanship throughout stands unexcelled and is wonderful value for the money. (One dollar a year, including all special numbers). The New Feature "Unknown Old Favorites" is meeting with hearty appreciation. This gives words and music complete each month of one or more of the old favorites that most people think they know and know they love, yet that only a few can follow right through. A rollicking and spirited old English ballad will appear in the January issue. Short stories have recently been added, the numerous departments are well sustained and further improvements are contemplated for the coming year 1909. Three selected back numbers as samples will be supplied from office of publication for ten cents in stamps. Liberal clubbing offers are announced.

## Pathfinders and Builders in the West.

### NOTES OF WORK AND MEN IN RAILROAD EXTENSION.

W. W. Christopher, civil engineer on the Canadian Northern rail way western extensions, has been stopping at the Empire hotel for some days, and left Saturday with a survey party to continue work in Saskatchewan.

J. Emerson Bill, of Wolfville, N. S., has been a guest at the Royal Alexandra hotel for a few days on his way home for the Christmas holidays. Mr. Bill has been on location work for the Grand Trunk Pacific for the past three years, working to pass the summit of the Yellowhead Pass. He came out by Fort George and Hazelton, via the Cariboo and Ashcroft trail, to Kamloops, a couple of weeks ago, and that was his first return to civilization he had made in the three years. Mr. Bill will return after the New Year to Prince Rupert, and resume his work.

Alex McMillan, of the McDonald-McMillan construction company, is in Winnipeg making arrangements for the transportation to Gladstone, Man., of some 800 head of horses and mules that the firm has had on railroad construction in Western Manitoba and Saskatchewan the past season. They will winter at Westbourne—Winnipeg Free Press.

THE ACADIAN has received handsome Christmas numbers from the New Glasgow Standard and the Pictorial Advocate. The last is a particularly fine issue, and we congratulate the publisher on his enterprise. It speaks well not only for the publishers but for the business men of Pictou county that their town's papers are able to issue such handsome numbers as we have received. Such an enterprise can only be successfully undertaken with the co-operation of advertisers.—The Sackville, N. B., Tribune, has also issued a handsome holiday number, profusely illustrated.

An interesting sight was witnessed at Jordan Falls, Shelburne, on Sunday, 13th inst., when fully six hundred barrels of herring were washed ashore and left high and dry upon the beach. As might be expected the people of the vicinity did not wait for Monday, but the fishermen got to work and barreled those fish on Sunday morning. One fisherman, Wm. Walsh, got 70 barrels. On the east side of the river 400 barrels were picked up. These fish net \$2.75 per barrel.

The election for the repeal of the Scott Act in Westmorland County, N. B., resulted in a decision for the retention of the act by a good majority. The result was a grand victory for the temperance people as the liquor forces fully expected the act to be defeated. One of the prominent workers for the support of the act was Dr. Byron C. Burdett, of Mt. Allison Ladies' College, a native of Annapolis and well known in this county as a valiant worker for the right.

## Change on Dominion Atlantic Steamship Service.

On arrival of the S. S. Prince Albert at Pictou, December 13th, 1908, terminates the service between Pictou, Kingsport and Wolfville for this season.

P. GIBBINS, General Manager.

Miscellaneous Liniment Cases Alphabetically.

# MITCHELL'S SHOE STORE

At your service. This Shoe Store always at your service—always ready to show you the best at the very lowest prices.

Shoes for every member of the family. Shoes for all purposes.

Our whole stock of Shoes is made by manufacturers who have won a reputation for making good shoes. We have a very large assortment of New Fall Shoes at the very Lowest Prices.

We sell Trunks and Suit Cases at Right Prices.

# MITCHELL'S SHOE STORE.

WOLFVILLE, N. S.

## Observations.

That was a fine letter written by Rev. C. W. Corey in THE ACADIAN last issue. No wonder it was copied into a Halifax daily. Mr. Corey is a Plucky—No coward. Not afraid of losing a dollar for his principles. He is one of our very ablest clergymen, and any gang that undertakes to smash him because of his spoken principles, will find a whole cloud of supporters and friends flocking to his standard. A simpering, weak kneed, spineless-back clergymen is the greatest curse of our time.

This is the time of year when the churches begin to look around among their people for ushers and other routine officials. A dignified, brainy usher is a splendid help and comfort to any church service. A brainless, smirking, witless one, is a great nuisance. An usher may be well intentioned, kind and handsome, but if of the Urah Heep kind, lacking in dignity and well proportioned strides, he becomes a menace when seating a congregation. An usher who goes down an audience room aisle sideways should be examined by a committee of 'brain storm' experts before more damage occurs.

Now is the season when our charitable citizens might very properly think of those not so well provided for as themselves. There are over two hundred needy women and children sight here in Wolfville and we are persuaded that they will not be forgotten by our kindly disposed, well-to-do people.

If our Town Council has given permission so that Wolfville Main street shall be turned into a race course, on Christmas afternoon what protection has the ordinary citizen. A more insane, erratic proposition this council has seldom listened to or permitted. What next? OBSERVER.

## Death of Constant C. Harris.

The death of Mr. Constant C. Harris, for many years a highly respected resident of Wolfville, occurred last week at Kingston Village. He was 79 years of age. Deceased was for many years a well-known farmer of Lower Wolfville and was highly esteemed. Since the death of his wife some years ago he has lived at Middleton, Kentville, Kingston, and Windsor, spending most of the time with his children. He had not been in good health for some time back, his last severe illness being of nine months' duration. He was a consistent member of the Wolfville Baptist church. Six children survive him. Mr. J. Oscar Harris and Mrs. W. H. Evans, of Wolfville; Mr. H. G. Harris, of Kentville; Miss Frances, Dr. W. D. Harris and Mr. Walton Harris, residing in Boston, Lynn and Whitman, Mass., respectively.

The funeral took place on Friday afternoon last at 2 o'clock, from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. W. H. Evans, of this town. The service was conducted by Rev. E. D. Webber, and the interment was in Willow Bank Cemetery.

How vigorous an effort has been made to stamp out the opium evil in Canada is shown by the recent statement of Mr. W. L. MacKenzie King, M. P., who declared that a year ago there were seven factories on our Pacific Coast engaged in manufacturing the raw product brought from India and to-day there is not a single factory in operation. Mr. King was the commissioner who investigated the opium matter for the federal government.

Prevention, the new Candy Cane One Tablets, are sold by druggists to have four special specific advantages over all other remedies for a cold. First—They contain no Quinine, nothing harsh or sickening. Second—They give almost instant relief. Third—Pleasant to the taste, like candy. Fourth—A large box—48 Prevention—25 cents. Also fine for feverish children. Sold by A. V. Rand.

Mr. Joseph Allen, of Long Island, while endeavoring to cross the track at Grand Pre with two horses and a hay wagon a few days ago, was caught by the express and thrown violently to the ground, while the wagon was badly wrecked. Mr. Allen, with his horses had a narrow escape, and has not yet recovered from the effects of the accident.

Those indebted to this office will help us greatly by making prompt payment.

## W. E. Reed

Lock Box 103, Bridgetown, N. S.

# Now is the Season

To build up the system and prepare it for the long cold winter by taking a few bottles of

**Nyal's Wild Cherry Emulsion** with the Hyphosphites.

This emulsion is made from Norwegian Cod Liver Oil and we can thoroughly recommend it. The addition of Wild Cherry not only makes it more agreeable to the stomach, but greatly increases its action on the bronchial passages.

50c. and \$1.00 per bottle at **Rand's Drug Store.**

# HERBIN JEWELRY STORE.

## XMAS GOODS

NOW OPENED.

A nice line of FANCY, EBONY and STERLING Goods.

**Solid Gold Links from \$3.50 up.**

Waterman's Sterling and Parker's Fountain Pens.

Blomidon Amethyst and Agate in Hat Pins and Bracelets.

WOLFVILLE, N. S.

# Now for Christmas!

We put ourselves in evidence this year with the biggest stocks and best values ever had in Holiday Goods, including many useful things that make home life all the happier. The larger interest centers in

**Toys and Dolls, Books and Games, Mechanical Toys, Xmas Decorations**

and such things as make the children's Christmas. These stocks get business whether or no, but we have plenty of other goods that combine the useful and the ornamental and appeal at once to holiday shoppers.

**No Trouble to Show Them—Come and See.**

**Wolfville Book Store**

Flo. H. Harris.

# An Open Letter

Supposed to be a copy of a letter written by a student to her parents. I apologize for publishing it, but am grateful for special mention.

**Wolfville Decorating Co.**

B. G. BISHOP, Prop.

Acadia Seminary, Wolfville, N. S., Dec. 10, '08.

Dear Parents,— Just a few words to let you know that I am well and very busy. Besides our regular studies we are preparing for a big fair on the 14th. It does not look much like Xmas it is so open and green. The stores in town are beginning to adopt holiday attire. Some of them are very nicely arranged. I was making a purchase in the store of the Wolfville Decorating Co. and was struck with the nice show that they make. Beautiful Xmas Decorations, Fancy Stationery, Fancy and Useful Goods, Beautiful Carving Sets at any low prices, Skates, Sleds, Carts, and nice things for doing house-work with. I thought that if I lived in or near Wolfville I would spend my money there. But this cannot interest you so will say good bye for a short time to Xmas.

Your loving daughter,

MAILE.

# A CART LOAD

## DOLLS AND TOYS

## SANTA CLAUS' SHOP

opened in Wolfville, opposite Telephone Office, Linden avenue, next to Herbin's Jewelry Store.

5 cent, 10 cent, 15 cent, 25 cent

and Bargain Tables.

# Apples. Apples. Apples.

**HENRY LEVY**

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Floral Hall Covent Garden Market, London, England

Sole consignments of Canadian, American and Nova Scotia Apples and Pears to all English, Scotch, Belgian and German markets.

**SPECIAL TERMS. NO AGENTS.**

Cable Addresses: 'Levamentum London', 'Levamentum Liverpool', 'Levamentum Glasgow'. Bankers: London & County Banking Company, Ltd., Covent Garden, London. London & Westminster Bank, Ltd., Temple Bar, Strand, London. The Union Bank of Canada, Montreal.

# Holiday Goods!

You can find lots of useful goods at this store suitable for Christmas Presents.

Fancy Handkerchiefs in Gift Boxes.

Kid Gloves in Gift Boxes.

Material for Fancy Waists in suitable lengths in Delaine, French Flannel and Silks.

See the range laid out on our counters.

Umbrellas with Gold and Silver Handles All Prices.

Neckwear. All styles and prices from 25c. to \$2.00 each. New Frillings, Belts & Belting.

Furs. Furs. Special Discounts on all Furs.

Novelties in Shopping Bags & Purses.

See our Remnant Table. You can get some good bargains here.

# J. D. CHAMBERS.

## FOUND!

ANOTHER

## CARGO GOOD, CLEAN HARD COAL.

All orders will receive careful and prompt attention.

Will continue our special Christmas Sale until further notice.

## Misley & Harvey Co., Ltd.

PORT WILLIAMS, N. S.

Dec. 16, 1908.

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## SEALED TENDERS

For the Collection of County and Poor Rates in the various Wards in the County of Kings, are requested for the year A. D. 1909.

Tenders to be filed with L. DeV. Chipman, Clerk of the Municipality, at Kentville until the first of January, A. D. 1909, noon.

All tenders to be marked "Tenders for the Collection of Rates," and to name the proposed two bondsmen.

Collectors must guarantee the amount of each rate roll, and the collecting thereof, subject only to any losses the Council may see fit to adjust.

The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. By order.

L. DEV. CHIPMAN, County Clerk.

Mun. of Kings, N. S. Kentville, Nov. 24, 1908.

## For Results advertise in the ACADIAN.