

# TOWN OF WOLFVILLE

## Annual Report For 1923 (Continued from last issue.)

### AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Mayor and Councillors of the Town of Wolfville, N. S. Gentlemen:

We have very carefully examined all the books and vouchers of the Town Clerk, covering the operations of the Town Council and the Board of School Commissioners, also of the Electric Commission of the Town of Wolfville for the year ended 31st December, 1923. Herewith we present our certified Statements, respectively, of the Receipts and Disbursements and Assets and Liabilities, together with memoranda and Abstracts of the several accounts relating to the same.

Acting upon a suggestion that we embody in this report a comment upon the present system of accounting in the Town Office, we are pleased to be afforded the opportunity of congratulating Mr. Ford upon the improvement already effected by him. In our report accompanying the Financial Statement and Balance Sheet to the Electric Commission, we stated that the system devised and used by Mr. Ford for that body had proved its efficiency by its labor-saving and simplicity of its working during 1923, the certainty of its balances and the manner it facilitates exhaustive auditing, permitting no loop-hole for a leakage of any kind. And, as that system proved adequate for all the requirements of the Electric Commission, so we are confident that the system, now in process of development and adoption by Mr. Ford for accounting in all the other departments of the Town of Wolfville will, when completed, prove equally adequate and efficient. This new Rate Book tried for the first time in 1923 is a great improvement, not only upon that which was in vogue before its adoption but upon any other that we have seen recommended elsewhere. With the very few minor changes which experience will dictate, this book may well be taken as a perfect model. Likewise, the new Cash-book introduced in July last when the old one was finished, has answered its purpose admirably, and it only remains now for the Clerk to be enabled to complete the System for 1924 by the adoption of the other specially adapted books, including a new Ledger to replace the old one which is out-of-date, worn, torn and nothing but a conglomeration of memoranda, from which it always has been a laborious task to abstract the correct data for the purposes of the annual audit and Statements. It is for the Clerk to show the Council his imperative needs to enable his carrying out his plans completely as from the beginning of the year 1924. Then the Town may proudly boast of its efficient book-keeping in every department of its service.

Respectfully submitted,  
MORGAN J. TAMPLIN,  
H. E. ARNOLD, Auditors.

### TOWN OF WOLFVILLE, N. S. Statement of Receipts and Expenditures For Year Ending 31st December, 1923

	Receipts	Expenditures
Assessment Taxes—Arrears	\$ 3319.13	\$ 105.82
Assessment Taxes—1923	37053.32	
Assessment Interest	277.13	
Poll Tax (Arrears, \$154.60; 1923, \$621.24)	775.84	2.00
Dog Tax	156.50	3.75
Water Rates—Arrears	1383.40	4.75
Water Rates—1923	5887.90	
Water Rates Advance—1924	14.00	
Water Capital	142.51	507.96
Water Maintenance	83.42	1058.35
Sewers Maintenance	170.53	544.41
Streets Maintenance	415.44	5371.28
Poor	775.41	2030.87
Police	134.50	377.78
Municipal Court Fees	118.95	38.20
Licenses	128.50	
Front Street Property	105.60	21.85
Road Making Machinery	200.00	
School Commissioners		11826.44
Municipality of King's Joint Service	1505.13	4235.55
Victorian Order of Nurses		300.00
School Equipment		78.50
Street Lighting		2098.03
Fire		914.07
Fire Equipment		705.38
Town Office		442.72
Salaries	75.00	4812.90
Contingent	64.59	1906.59
Interest (Bank)		512.09
Sinking Funds—Schools		1134.20
Sinking Funds—Water		510.00
Sinking Funds—Sewers		426.00
Sinking Funds—Composite		421.75
Sinking Funds—Streets		840.00
Insurance		110.66
Debenture Interest—Streets		1825.00
Debenture Interest—Water		2120.00
Debenture Interest—Sewers		1050.00
Debenture Interest—Schools		1731.25
Debenture Interest—Composite		2280.00
Streets, Stone acct.		63.98
Water System Depreciation acct.		500.00
	\$52786.80	\$50906.13
Cash on hand 31st December, 1922	373.96	
Debit Balance at Bank 31st December, 1923	704.87	
Outstanding Cheques 31st December, 1923	5542.26	
Debit Balance at Bank 31st December, 1922		2423.79
Outstanding Cheques 31st December, 1922		5207.67
Cash on hand 31st December, 1923		870.30
	\$59407.89	\$59407.89

Audited and Verified,  
M. J. TAMPLIN,  
H. E. ARNOLD, Auditors.

The Town Office, Wolfville, N. S., 23rd January, 1924.

### CURRENT ACCOUNT

Operating Revenue	
Assessment Tax—Arrears	\$ 3319.13
Assessment Tax—1923	36947.50
Assessment Interest	277.13
Poll Tax—Arrears	152.60
Poll Tax—1923	621.24
Dog Tax	152.75
Water Rates—Arrears	1383.40
Water Rates—1923	5883.15
Water Rates (in advance) 1924	14.00
Police Court Fees	134.50
Municipal Court Fees	118.95
Licenses issued	128.50
Front Street Property rent	105.60
Hire of Road Making Machinery	200.00
Municipality School Grants, etc.	1505.13
Dr. Balance (1923) carried forward	5376.63
	\$56320.41
Operating Expenditure	
Dr. Balance (1922) brought forward	\$ 7257.50
Water Maintenance	974.93
Sewer Maintenance	373.88
Streets Maintenance	5019.82
Poor	1255.46

Police	377.78	
Municipal Court	38.20	
Front Street Property	21.85	
Municipality of King's Joint Service	4235.55	
Victorian Order of Nurses	300.00	
Street Lighting	2098.03	
Fire Department	914.07	
Town Office	442.72	
Salaries	4737.90	
Contingent Acct.	1842.00	
Water System Depreciation Fund	500.00	
Bank Interest	512.09	
Debenture Interest (not including Schools)	6115.00	
Insurance	110.66	
Sinking Fund—Water	510.00	
Sinking Fund—Sewer	420.00	
Sinking Fund—Streets	840.00	
Sinking Fund—Composite	421.75	
Board School Commissioners		
Account	\$11826.44	
Debenture Interest	2891.25	
Sinking Fund	1134.20	15851.89
Paid on Capital Acct.		
School Equipment	\$ 78.50	
Water System	365.45	
Fire Equipment	705.38	1149.33
		\$56320.41

### CURRENT EXPENSE ACCT.

Liquid Assets	
Cash in hand at 31st December, 1923	\$ 870.30
Taxes and other bills receivable	9731.86
Municipal School Grant	1533.95
Due from Capital to Current Acct.	1149.33
	\$13285.44
Liabilities	
Provincial Highway Tax	\$ 1497.68
Unpaid Accounts	645.69
Bank Overdraft	704.87
Outstanding Cheques	5542.26
Municipality Joint Service	3563.20
Due to Capital from Current Acct.	888.77
Surplus of Liquid Assets over Liabilities	442.97
	\$13285.44

Notes—Inventories of Maintenance Supplies on hand at 31st December 1923 amounted to Water \$215.00 Sewers 367.95 Streets 236.00

(To be Continued.)

### WHAT ENGLISH CHILDREN THINK OF NOVA SCOTIA

#### Valuable Publicity Gained For Province Through Essay Contest

New Glasgow, April 21.—An interesting competition has recently been concluded. This was conducted by a New Glasgow business man, George Redford, who conceived the idea of interesting the boys and girls of his home-town, Reading, England, in a deeper knowledge of Nova Scotia and its advantages. He wrote to a friend, who is principal of a school, known as the Norcote Road, Tilehurst, school, suggesting an essay competition among the boys and girls of his school on "Nova Scotia, Its Climate and Productions." The idea found favor with the principal, and last week Mr. Redford received a big batch of essays. After reading over the essays Mr. Redford asked a New Glasgow man to act as judge, and the prize winning essay was awarded to Philip Weller, of 40 Norcote road, Tilehurst, England, a 14-year-old boy. Second prize went to Leslie Dibley, of 14 Recreation road, Tilehurst, aged 13, and the third prize to Ruth Skinner, 35 Recreation road, Tilehurst. The essays were of a most interesting character, and showed the result of much research. The people of that town are apparently imbued with the idea, however, that fruit growing is the principal industry of Nova Scotia, with agriculture, fishing, lumbering and mining following in the order named. Apple-growing evidently has been well advertised in England, and Nova Scotia apples seem to be well known to the boys and girls of Tilehurst. Several of the papers stated the opinion that "apples grow as plentifully in Nova Scotia as blackberries do in England". The youngsters seem to think this would be a pretty good province to live in and wonder why so many English immigrants go West. They have some strange ideas of our winters, one essayist remarking that "there is lots of snow, which provides amusement for the boys and girls but the old people don't like it". Mr. Redford is being congratulated on his enterprise in interesting the young people of England in the possibilities and advantages of Nova Scotia. He is sending suitable prizes to the three highest winners, and another New Glasgow citizen, J. H. MacGregor, is giving a special prize. Mr. Redford served overseas with the Canadian forces, and is a member of the firm of Ross and Redford, New Glasgow.

### VIOLETS

Happy are those who have the zeal and the patience to stick to scientific study year in and year out, quietly and steadily to accumulate knowledge, not with the sudden ardor that burns up and flares away, but with the firm continuance that masters all things in the end! But there are many who step out of doors in the spring with the ample determination to become botanists. After the long confinement of winter the flowers seem to cry out to us to come and learn their names and all their inmost scientific secrets. We get Gray's Botany and we begin and work hard, and then the other distractions of the summer come, and we find we never get beyond the anemones and the violets.

Above all, violets seem to be the symbol of spring. The hepaticas and bloodroot come earlier. The anemones, nodding, nodding in the chill north wind, anticipate them by a few days. Then the violets spread their purple carpet over everything. It is curious that the floral year comes in and goes out with that exquisite azure. The

### THINGS OF YESTERDAY

"Blow, Spring, with mighty wings away The outworn things of yesterday. Dead leaves, dead dreams, and blighted hours; Clear hearts and fields for coming flowers. Mildew.—Speaking of stains—mildew is one of the most stubborn to remove. The first thing that should be tried is lemon juice and sunshine. If that fails, try lemon juice and starch, making a paste—then put out in the sun. Chloride of lime may be used as a last resort. It is very strong, so only a few drops may be used at a time. He: "Are you fond of indoor sports?" She: "Yes, if they don't stay too late." Customer—"I want one of your mousetraps, and hurry up, please, I want to catch a rat." Salesman—"I'm sorry, madam, but our mousetraps won't catch anything that big."

There are 147 peaks over 10,000 feet high in the Canadian Rockies, nearly all of them possessing glaciers.

ton touched them lightly and delicately, as they should be touched, for theirs is not the flaring glory of the lily or the rose. Keats in one line used violets to show what the infinite imaginative suggestion of the poet can do and what the concrete representation of the painter cannot; "Fast-fading violets covered up in leaves." Only poetry can render the subtle, melancholy, far-reaching grace conveyed in that little epithet, "fast-fading". These things the poets give us by the winter fireside. But when the May mornings come we forget even the poets and wander forth into the open woods, still open to the full splendor of the blue heaven, because the leaves scarcely yet interpose their perfect screen, and under our feet are the blue violets, peering, and peeping everywhere, renewed for us unfailingly year after year, as youth and love and hope and thought are renewed, through the eternal distraction and mutation of this variable world.—Youth's Companion.

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