

THE ACADIAN,

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

That Gaspereau Bridge has become a great source of dissatisfaction. The people have had to ford the river when with wagons and walk a plank when on foot for some months and they are about tired of it.

Many accidents have occurred, none of them very serious but all attended with more or less inconvenience. Now the water stops over the plank and freezes making it much harder to walk across and the river being higher it is quite dangerous to cross at the ford.

Complaints are made on all sides that the abutments have been improperly constructed. Not enough cement having been used and far too much sand leaving the concrete so soft that a pike-pole can be stuck into it any where. Persons who ought to know say that the ice will sweep the whole structure out this winter.

We noticed in last week's *Star* a correspondent calling attention to the Port Williams bridge. He takes the same view of it as we advanced some time ago.

It is a just view, and one which the County is likely to wish the Council had taken notice of before winter is gone.

Mr. J. A. Halliday of the *Dartmouth Times* called upon us last week. He has had a good deal of experience in newspapers in this county being at one time editor and proprietor of the *Berwick Star* the only paper then in the county.

MASONIC.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE CELEBRATES ITS HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY.

St. George's Lodge No 20. R. N. S., A. F. & A. M., celebrated its one hundredth Anniversary on Friday evening last. The evening turned out dark, rainy, muddy, and disagreeable; but most of the invited guests felt that in all probability they would be otherwise engaged at the next centennial and so a goodly number were on hand at the appointed time.

A few minutes after 8 o'clock Mr. G. H. Wallace, Master of the Lodge, took the chair, called the meeting to order and, stating that it was customary among Masons to always open their meetings with prayer, he requested Rev. J. B. Hemmeon to lead in prayer. After prayer the following programme was taken up:

ORDER OF ENTERTAINMENT.

Music { Solo and Chorus [A. J. Woodman] "We meet upon the Level." Remarks by the Master.

Music { [Instrumental] Mendelssohnia Waltzes, Dr. & Mrs. Bowles, and Mr. G. W. Munro.

Historical Review, by J. B. Davison, Secty.

Music { Duett, "Slowly and Softly" Mrs. Witter and Miss Godfrey.

ADDRESS by Rev. J. B. Hemmeon.

Music { [Instrumental and Vocal] "Angels' Serenade" Dr. and Mrs. Bowles, and Miss Godfrey.

CONVERSATION.

Music { Trio, "Our Evening Song," Miss Godfrey and the Misses Bishop.

Music { [Instrumental] De Beriot's Airs Dr. and Mrs. Bowles.

DINNER.

Music—Solo and Chorus, "Adieu." PARTING HYMN, "An hour with you."

The music was all so good that it would not be fair to particularise.

The Historical Review, by J. B. Davison Esq., Secretary of the Lodge, though nearly half an hour long was listened to with rapt attention and frequently applauded. From it we learned something of the trials and triumphs, successes and failures, ups and downs of St. George's Lodge since it started, November 22d 1784. We also learned that the original John Smith was one of the founders of the Lodge, that the Lodge is now using the original Officers' Jewels, ark, altar, and pedestal that some 280 persons had been initiated in the 75 years in which the Lodge was in active work. It would be utterly impossible to give even a skeleton of the paper in this report but one thing is very evident, and that is, that St. George's Lodge has had a hard fight

for existence, that it has come off victorious and that its officers and members are justly proud of their Lodge.

In the 15 minutes for conversation (and we hope we will be excused for saying it) every body seemed to be trying to see who could converse the fastest and we decline to give decision. But every one tried to be as sociable as bangle and kid gloves and other articles of the fine arts would permit and were we thought universally successful. It was indeed a pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment.

But as some one has said, "the nearest way to a man's heart is through his stomach," so it seemed as if the hearts of all warmed up when we were invited down to

DINNER.

This was served in the room underneath the Lodge room by Mrs. A. Murphy, of the "Village" House and was gotten up in her usually good style.

Before leaving the table, the following toast list was taken up.

TOAST LIST.

1. The Queen and the Royal Family—by the chair. Responded to by singing the National Anthem.

2. The Governor General and Lieut. Gov. by the chair. Responded to by Rev. J. B. Hemmeon.

3. St. George's Lodge—by the chair. Responded to by J. W. Bigelow, Esq.

4. The fair daughters of Acadia—by the chair. Responded to by Rev. H. Burgess and Mr. A. M. Hpare.

5. Our Guests—by the chair. Responded to by Messrs. S. W. Cummings and Geo. V. Rand.

6. Our next Merry Meeting—by the chair. Responded to by singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The speeches were short and to the point.

After dinner the members and guests returned to the Lodge room; and after singing the parting song "An hour with you," proceeded to their homes tired and, as far as we could find out, happy.

The number who sat down to table was about 70; less than expected, but a very large number when we consider the state of the weather, and the fact that the same evening there were several other things going on in the Village, including a lecture at the College.

St. George's Lodge starts out upon its second century under favorable auspices and we wish it a hearty God speed.

WOLFVILLE CRICKET CLUB.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR SEASON OF 1884.

[Published by request.]

We having reached the close of the Cricket season for 1884 I have thought it would be a good idea to make up a short report of the season's work. It is not necessary for me to give you any extended details, but merely an outline.

We re-formed our Club on the 15th of April with 10 members. Our roll now numbers 25. Of this number 5 have gone away during the summer.

Our first match was with the "Three Elms," of Windsor, against whom we made the splendid score of 140 in one innings giving them only 64 in two. Our next match was in Windsor against same Club, decided in first innings in our favor 67 to 42.

Our next match resulted most disastrously for us and perhaps taught us more than any other we played. At any rate it pulled down our conceit considerably. It was against the "Cotton" Club, of Windsor, and we lost by 85 to 128 with five men out.

The next match was against Kentville which was decided by us in first innings as our victory, 85 to 48. However an unfortunate disagreement arose over H. R. Welton's bowling and they claimed they could have beaten had match been played out. However we still stick to our opinion and will probably have another chance next season to decide it.

The next match was with Canning. In it we made our smallest score for regular matches and they beat us by 6 runs, 61 to 67. "A decided victory."

I think I am speaking the minds of the Club when I say that the most pleasant match of the season was against the "Wanderers," of Halifax. We never played better, and our stand of 95 against their 117 was almost as good for us as if we had beaten them.

Since then we have had several minor matches, amounting to very little,

being merely for practice. In one of them we were beaten by the "Juniors," which event, although our Club plays with four substitutes, was quite a surprise party to some of us; and, strange to say, we made our smallest score, only getting 30 while they got 46.

The result of the season has been a good one. It would be tiresome had we always come out victorious. Our record stands in regular matches, three victories and three defeats. In the others we have been victorious every time, except against the Juniors.

In the regular matches the averages are as follows—W. S. Wallace 53-4, H. R. Welton 12, T. Bird 4-5, F. L. Brown 10 1-3, W. Brown 19 1-5, Geo. Munro 6 1-2, J. L. Bishop 11 2-7, E. G. Woodworth 12 2-3, H. H. Welton 2 1-2, F. R. Haley 5, D. R. Munro 6 4-5, Clinch 6, Eaton 1, Margotts 5 3-5, Sawyer 3, Patriquin 3 1-2. Our average, in the eight innings, was 87 runs.

W. Brown has the top score, 47 with H. R. Welton a 33, Woodworth a 32, and Bishop and D. R. Munro a broken finger each.

It is a great source of regret that the Weltons have left us, and it will be a hard matter to fill their places. Bird and Margotts have also gone away.

To our captain we owe great thanks for the interest he has taken in the Club; and to his good judgment in placing the field at our matches, we can attribute a good proportion of our success.

To our president we owe thanks for his careful attention to his duties, more particularly as to the committee work on dinners and match preparations.

To our treasurer should be attributed great praise in that he has not only done his utmost to collect fees and dues and has been very successful, but also in that he has not abated with the funds of the Club, considering the great temptation the handling of such large sums must have been and the prevalence of the disease in other places.

In conclusion I can only say that I for one feel that the Club should be satisfied with this season's work, and hope for a better one next season. Our debts, after all dues &c. are collected, will be comparatively small; but it will be well for us to look ahead to the coming season and with a view to providing as far as possible for a good start in the spring.

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