

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., FEB. 12, 1897.

Town Council.

The town council met as per adjournment on Friday evening last. The Mayor, Councillors Sawyer, Caldwell, Chase, Bowles and Haley, and the recorder were present. The Mayor read a letter from Lieutenant-Governor Daly, with a circular letter in reference to the India famine fund.

The following appointments were made for the ensuing year: Measures of cordwood, grain and other produce—T. L. Harvey and G. H. Wallace.

Fence viewers—A. H. Johnson and W. H. Evans. Inspectors—C. W. Strong for fish and all meats; C. S. Fitch for flour, feed and all kinds of green crops.

Weights—W. J. Higgins, F. W. Woodman, J. W. Vaughn, C. M. Vaughn, Constables—Capt. J. E. Eagles, T. B. Wallace, Joseph Christie, J. W. Selridge (extra).

Pound Keeper—The policeman. Health Inspector—Dr. A. deW. Bess. Board of Fire Escapes—Cous. Bowles, E. W. Sawyer, F. R. Haley (chairman).

Harbor Master—F. W. Woodman. Port Warden—Capt. J. E. Eagles. Lumber Inspectors—F. W. Woodman and C. E. Starr.

Wm. B. Hardwick was appointed water superintendent at \$100 per annum from April 1st, next.

Resolved that the appointment of officers for fire wards and fire constables be submitted to the water works and fire department committee and report at full council.

Resolved that the recorder be instructed to draft an amendment to the Town's Incorporation Act on the lines of the suggestion of Coun. Bowles and submit the same to council.

A special meeting of the council was held on Tuesday evening at which the Mayor, Couns. Bowles, Borden, and Haley, and the recorder were present. Minutes of regular meeting were read and approved. Letters were read from Revs. K. C. Hind and Joseph Hale re action regarding India Famine Fund.

The Chairman of the standing committees are as follows: Public Accounts, &c.—Coun. G. W. Borden.

Licenses and Police—Coun. J. W. Caldwell. Public property, roads, streets and bridges—Coun. Bowles.

Water works and fire department—Coun. Borden. Poor—J. W. Caldwell.

Horton Landing Items. Our farmers are glad to have this "spell of good sledding" and are busy hauling home their wood.

We are pleased to see Mr. L. P. Denison able to be out driving, after having been confined for over two months with sciatica.

Mr. Chas. Patterson, who has been housed for a month with a severe cold, is now able to resume his work.

Rev. Wm. Brown still continues special services in the Methodist church and much good is being done. Some have given evidence of a desire to lead the better life.

Mrs. F. G. Curry went to Halifax on Thursday to spend a few days with her daughter Edith.

Miss Schaffer, who formerly taught our district school, and is now teaching in Kentville, spent last Saturday and Sunday with Miss Patterson at "the Cottage."

Mr. John Stirk spent Sunday last in our community. The Acadia Villa school had its annual sleigh drive on Wednesday to Kentville and return. They presented a gay appearance with their one, two, three and four horse teams, bedecked with flags and ribbons.

Mr. F. G. Curry is buying up potatoes. Literary Matters.

Among the several works left, by Robert Louis Stevenson published at his death, undoubtedly the one of complete and widest interest is a romantic "St. Ives." Unlike "War of Herminston," the only other novel left by Stevenson unpublished, "St. Ives" was left all but complete; and it is, those say who have read it, a straight-away, honest tale of adventure, told in Stevenson's most spirited and charming vein. It is a love story, and records, in particular, the exploits of a very cool, audacious, attractive French soldier who became a minister of war in Edinburgh Castle.

The exclusive right of serial publication of "St. Ives" for America, was purchased soon after Stevenson's death by McClure's Magazine, and the publication will begin in the March number of that periodical.

The Canadian Home Journal for February is of special interest to Canadians, containing among many other bright features a half-tone portrait and sketch of Mr. Alexander Muir, as well as his popular patriotic song, "The Maple Leaf Forever" words and music complete. Sample copy 10 cents, yearly subscription \$1.00 which will be received at this office.

At the regular monthly conference meeting at the Baptist church last Thursday evening Rev. Mr. Trotter presented his resignation as pastor, and it was accepted. The church has appointed a special committee to consider the appointment of his successor to the pastorate. Deep regret is felt by the members of the church at the loss of their pastor, who has in the short time which he has spent here done such good work.

A Present and Imperative View of Commercial Fruit Culture.

AN ADDRESS GIVEN JAN. 22ND, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE N. S. F. G. A., BY W. C. ARCHIBALD.

In the year 1860, an impulse was given by the Royal Horticultural Society at the London Exhibition, which led the way to the formation of the Horticultural Association and International Show Society of N. S., in 1863.

Its avowed object was to take charge of contributions to European exhibitions, and be a channel for conveying to its members the best information on the subject of horticulture.

Among the wise and useful men who broadly and solidly laid the foundations of this Society, should be mentioned R. G. Halliburton, Esq., Dr. Hamilton, Dr. Robertson, Rev. John Storm, D. Henry Starr, R. W. Starr and Herbert Harris.

This Society was incorporated in 1864, under the name of the N. S. F. G. A., and to-day this large assembly witnesses its 33rd annual meeting.

In retrospect, I may simply observe that the career of this Association has been well marked by works of a highly beneficial character.

Here, individual theories have been subjected to the knowledge and judgment of practical men.

While all may not have been accomplished that the masses of the people expected, yet it must not be forgotten while scientific knowledge is wanting true progress will be slow.

Hitherto, these investigations have been carried on by the individual grower—a wasteful and most expensive process.

About the period of organization thousands of trees bearing early varieties of apples were planted, but this year has shown a tremendous loss by landing the markets with these perishable and unprofitable fruits. This mistake of years ago is now costing each fruit grower hundreds of dollars.

What is our actual position to-day? After years of persistent purpose and hard, earnest experience without the aid of an experiment fruit station, we can only present one autumn apple—the original Gravenstein; and to this, and this one only, we owe our prestige in the markets of the world. We may enumerate the Ribston, the King, the Baldwin, the Spy, the Russettes as winter apples, but other fruit countries can proudly do the same. We must originate or produce by variations and develop superior fruit for winter use as highly attractive as our Gravensteins.

The increasing wealthy classes, from whom the profit to fruit growers, even more in the future than in the past must come, demand showy fruit of high quality and flavor, and by these characteristics of fruit and fruit consumers must we shape our course. I have said this in a beneficial institution. It is educational and progressive. The teaching of true science tells how to get the most out of nature at the smallest cost.

Horticulture presents a class of ideas distinct from agriculture, yet emanating wholly from the work. Four years have passed since I had the honor and duty of reading a paper before this association, asking for a committee of ways and means for the establishment of a School of Horticulture. Subsequent events have sufficiently shown that it did not come one hour too soon.

The power and usefulness to a student possessing a horticultural education is an intelligent blending of the qualities of mind and heart into mystery of nature, surrounding tree life. It also discovers the laws that direct their existence and the principles which underlie the better building of orchards. Here the student is brought in contact with new ideas, out of natural laws, touching the life of plants. It educates to a calling in life and completeness to the man. This education is the best capital for a young man—to enter orchard-work, and will eventually raise our calling to the level of the highest. The system of higher education is crowding the medical and other professions, and those not wanted are forced out into other callings. I may be that the learned professions are looking to the agricultural population for relief. Here is an opportunity for usefulness and a business. To live with nature is an improved mankind, to live with God in nature is to enable and dignify man. Natural science is a teaching of living, progressive truths, and touches the principles of life and the natural method of growth in plants leading to their development under an assisting hand to perform their highest functions. The discovery of nature's hidden forces surprise us. To be measurably able to understand these laws and seize upon their uses is to bring to us the power of controlling them. We should work with nature's laws, not against them. A young orchard is early brought into bearing by cultivation without injuring the tree or its fruit. Trees are subjects of habit as man, and the laws which govern our being govern theirs.

We now come to the point where an experiment fruit station in our midst is of prime necessity. For three years we have pressed the matter with the Dominion governments. We ask from them a grant to purchase a block of land conveniently near the school. If we are to meet difficulties in producing fruits at competing prices it is not because the people of these provinces have less ability and energy than those of other countries, but because the governments of their respective countries have come to the aid of their people by providing lands and men eminently qualified in this science, to test and illustrate our work. A convincing proof of our pres-

ent need to the government of Canada is the fact that four years ago the Provincial government of Nova Scotia were informed and with commendable statesmanship founded the School of Horticulture at Wolfville. But this is not enough to satisfy the intelligent and progressive fruit-grower. An opportunity to apply and justify scientific research is the demand of the hour. This is the present and imperative view of commercial fruit culture. It is plainly a work of public advantage. Last year the state of New York made an extra and supplementary grant of \$6000 for orchard extension work. Ten years ago the late government of Canada established a system of experiment farms, one of which was located at Napan, to benefit the three maritime provinces. Horticulture then occupied comparatively a small place with that of to-day. Development since then with scientific inquiry has taught us if we would secure an improved class of fruits superior to a locality, it can only be done in that locality where the greatest number of favoring conditions center. The planting of the iron clad varieties of fruits at Napan station has never, is not now and cannot benefit directly the commercial fruit interests of the Annapolis valley. The Ottawa Central Farm has distributed valuable trees and plants through Canada, but to this highly conditioned fruit belt we have not received one fruit tree nor do we expect it, that will become a typical commercial fruit here. There, we believe, most valuable principles will be enunciated, to be worked out in the heart of this great fruit region. Are we to be retarded by the standard of the fruits produced in the non-commercial fruit districts of Canada. The struggle for supremacy in tree life should emerge us to supremacy in trade. When we plant a tree we plant for a century, and every year in the life of an orchard adds increased wealth and commerce to the country. In this aspect of permanency, we indisputably lead the lumbering, fishing, manufacturing or mining industries of the province. The government interviews a manufacturer of brick and assists him; but every request of the fruit grower is denied. This is not a question of free trade or tariff. The manufacturers of Canada have been treated most generously by the fruit growers of Canada. Agriculture is the oldest of the arts on earth, yet the last to ask for justice from governments.

Again for obvious reasons the agricultural classes do not adapt themselves so quickly as the manufacturers to rapid economic changes. They are always the last to claim equitable rights from governments. The law fruit station will direct our fruit growers and the government to this great branch and industry of horticulture. The recognition of this important work by the Dominion government will make out the old habits of thought and enable us to put into systematic practice an ever broadening knowledge. It is the duty of the government to study with us the fundamental difficulties met, and not deny our intelligent and reasonable requests. This year the fruit growers are aroused, as never before, and now is the time to teach by experimentation. There is an educative impulse swiftly rising among the agricultural classes and it is the government's chance to administer these affairs to the advantage of these influential and useful citizens. Horticulture in Nova Scotia has already extended the trade and commerce of Canada half a million dollars a year and with just encouragement in seven years more will extend its commerce to one million dollars annually. The government controlling the trade and commerce of Canada should give the people contributing directly to the extension of this commerce a prompt assistance before its decline, and assist in a practical manner in accord with the best opinion these people have already pointed out. We believe the prejudice and indifference to matters of detail in orcharding will give way before the public taste and illustrations of progressive horticulture upon a fruit station in a valley so eminently endowed by providence to place it in the van among the finest countries of the world.

The 20,000 fruit growers of the Cornwallis and Annapolis valley trusted the directors of our experimental farms, that they in advisory positions with the minister of agriculture would with momentous concern advance with us to the realization of our hopes. We are met by disappointment. The denial distinct, from our department at Ottawa will have harmful results. The experiment fruit station would round out our horticultural equipment and bring the great natural resources of our province into view, and the people of the province would be known as a people of refined tastes.

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A Bunch of Autumn Leaves. When seated one afternoon in the sanctum, busy with a pile of exchanges and a pair of scissors that had evidently been handed down to us from a former generation, there was a gentle knock at the outer door. The one who sought admission was a little brown-eyed woman, who now lives under the shadow of our own "Lookout Mountain," but who first opened her eyes under a far-off sky.

She was born in the Acadia land, in the valley of the Grand Pre, immortalized in Longfellow's matchless poem "Evangelina." She comes of an intellectual and talented race, members of her family having made charming contributions to the literature of that country.

The occasion of her visit was to bring me an artistic arrangement of autumn leaves from her far-away home. Such shades of red, yellow, green and brown! They were brilliant beyond description.

As I sat there looking at the lovely things, the sad, sweet story came to my mind with strange vividness, and the character passed in review before me. What a giant procession! The gentle Evangelina—pride of her father's heart, and belle of the village, clad in her "Norman Cap and kerchief of blue," came first, and "whim she has passed it seemed like the cooing of exquisite music."

Accompanying her was her stately, stalwart father, with his snow-white hair, and his "cheeks as brown as the oak leaves." Aye, as brown as the russet beauties I hold in my hand.

On nearing their home, the watch dog, patient, full of importance, and grand in the pride of his instinct, would run to meet them. In the distance the birds could be seen coming home, led by Evangelina's snow-white heifer.

And the friends who would come in to spend the evening with Evangelina and her father, Basil, his worthy blacksmith, and Gabriel, his son, who was the favored suitor of her who was called "Sunshine of St. Eustace," the gentle Father Felician, and the old notary, "bent like a laboring oar" by age, entertaining the children by tales of ghosts and goblins. Another interesting figure was Miss Elsie, the fiddler, whose fiddle "glowed like a living coal when the ashes are blown from the embers," beating time to his music with his wooden shoes.

What a simple, happy people they were! "Alike were they free from fear that feigns with the tyrant, and envy that vexes the victor; neither locks had they to their doors nor bars to their windows; but their dwellings were open as day and the hearts of their owners."

But how rudely they were torn from their peaceful surroundings; in the twinkling of an eye their hands were forgotten, their homes burned, their people transported. What trials they had to endure! Evangelina, deprived of her home, her father and her lover all at one blow from the merciless hand of fate, becomes a wanderer in strange lands, and only finds her Gabriel when the damp of death is on his brow.

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