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**UNIVERSITY FEDERATION**

The announcement recently made that St. Frances Xavier has decided not to enter the proposed federation of Maritime Provinces colleges is another indication that very little is likely to come of the proposal. So far as Acadia is concerned it has been pretty generally understood for some time that the denomination has no intention of making a change in their policy regarding higher education. Wolfville has suffered to some extent during the past year because of the uncertainty that has prevailed concerning the permanency of the college's location here. In consequence of this building operations that would undoubtedly have been carried on during the past season have been held up and real-estate activity has been practically at a standstill. With this question settled the coming summer should be a busy one in Wolfville. In February Acadia will have a new president and it is hoped that in the near future the work of rebuilding College Hall will be in progress. The educational institutions in Wolfville have progressed wonderfully during the past decade and their future was never brighter than now.

**THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER**

A comparison of local newspapers of a number of years ago and the present publications with which almost every district of any importance is familiar, reveals a remarkable stride in the progress made, not only from a mechanical point of view but also in a literary sense.

There are many among us who can recall the paper of say fifteen years ago, filled on the inside pages with what is known in the business as "boiler plate" leaving only the outside pages to be printed locally. These latter pages were usually taken up with political and world news, and probably a "continued" story, while local news and items of local interest had but a scanty representation in one corner.

The change to present day publications has been imperceptible but steady, and today the best weeklies of Canada are crammed with local news, in fact at times it is impossible to find room for all that occurs locally. "Boiler plate" is done away with, the entanglements of politics are avoided, and local news and lo-

cal features have the foremost place.

Although town and country are today flooded with cheap periodicals and daily papers, yet the country weekly has not suffered in the slightest degree, but has gone forward and strengthened its hold upon its local field. While to jokers in the community the weekly is known as "the rag" yet it is a fact that never is more keenness displayed by the community than when the local paper is issued and each subscriber eagerly scans its pages for news of interest to themselves and the district generally. How often do we hear it said "we read every word of our local paper" and of how many dailies or periodicals can this be said?

The fact that the lights in the lobby of the Town Hall are repeatedly allowed to remain on all night and well into the next day may not entail a very serious cost but it all goes to swell the amount that the ratepayers are obliged to put up to meet the town's expenditures, and furnishes evidence that Wolfville needs a town manager somewhere on its staff. "Many mickles make a muckle" is an old Scotch saying that contains much food for reflection.

Some idea of the advance that has been made in Canada in the manufacture of paper may be gathered from the fact that when THE ACADIAN began publication only five mills were operating in the whole Dominion, while now 101 well equipped mills are producing an output only fifteen per cent. of which is used in this country. Two of the largest paper machines in the world are in use in one of these mills, each of which makes a sheet of paper eighteen feet wide and two hundred miles long each working day. Another machine, which was made in Canada and is in use in another mill, turns out one thousand feet of paper per minute.

Shortly before his death the late C. R. Bill borrowed from this office the file containing the first volumes of THE ACADIAN. These were contained in book form substantially bound and must still be in existence although we have failed to locate it. Search among the effects of our late townsman subsequent to his decease failed to reveal the missing file which while of no value to others is much desired by the publishers of the paper.



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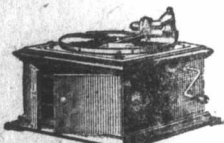
The Right Honorable Andrew Bonar Law was born at Rexton, New Brunswick, Sept. 16th, 1858, the fourth son of Rev. James L. Law, M. A., and Eliza Kidston. He received his early education in the public schools of his birthplace, the Gilbert Field school, Hamilton, and also at the High School, Glasgow, Scotland.

On completing his education, he entered the firm of William Kidston & Son, Iron Merchants, and became a partner. He was also a partner in the firm of William Jacks and Co., Iron Merchants, Glasgow, and for some time was chairman of the Glasgow Iron Trades Association. He was elected to the House of Commons for the Blackfriars division, Glasgow, in 1900, and represented the constituency up to 1906, when he sat for the Dulwich Division of Camberwell, holding the seat until 1910. In the general election of December of that year, he was defeated in North-West Manchester, but was elected for Botele in the following March; was parliamentary secretary to the Board of Trade from 1902 to 1906; appointed to the Privy Council in 1911, and in the same year became leader of the Conservative party and head of the Opposition in the House of Commons.

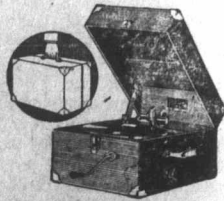
He joined the Coalition in 1916 and was an active supporter of Lloyd-George's "Win the War government". On the conclusion of the war, his attitude towards the Coalition changed, his support being withdrawn gradually, until a short time ago he announced himself as definitely opposed to the British Foreign Policy.

In 1891, he married Annie Pitcairn, daughter of Harrington Robley, of Glasgow, who died in November, 1909.

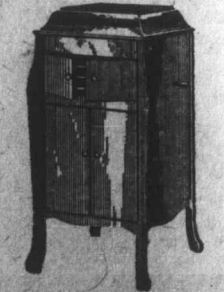
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