

THE ACADIAN

WOLFVILLE, N. S., MAR. 9, 1900.

The Petition.

Last week we published in full the text of the petition to the Wolfville town building project with the promise that it would receive clear attention from us in this issue.

The first reason which is given to the members of the Legislature why they should not give effect to the wishes of people of the town of Wolfville, is that the expenditure is unnecessary and premature in the light of a large appropriation for sewerage, which must shortly be made.

At a meeting held for the purpose of discussing the sewerage scheme, a short time ago, there was a citizen who with a great deal of vehemence and earnestness and supported with all the prestige of an ex-mayor, declared that sewerage would be an impossibility and an absurdity for Wolfville on account of the high tides of the Basin.

It was only last summer at a town meeting called for the purpose of voting money for macadamizing the streets of the town, that the principal advocate of the expenditure, when convinced that the chances for the success of his scheme were small, and as a last resort buried his "Old Guard" against the enemy in the shape of a sewerage threat, and with dramatic effect pointed out that the other side in opposing this proposition was introducing the thin edge of the sewerage wedge.

Now we have never been opposed to sewerage and we are glad to note that sixty of our citizens by signing this petition have thus committed themselves to this policy, but it was a town building and not sewerage, for which the people of Wolfville ought to have good ideas of what they want as the local legislators and they have said positively that they did not care for sewerage but that they did want a town building.

But to our mind there should be nothing conflicting between sewerage and the building of a town hall. The principal argument in favor of the town building project was the argument of ultimate economy and it was an argument which was never met.

The second objection to the vote given by the petitioners is that the meeting which decided upon the expenditure was not representative enough. For the benefit of the legislators we desire to point out what is well known to every citizen of the town, that the mayor postponed the calling of the last meeting for several months in order that a majority might make themselves clear upon the town books and thus be qualified to vote pro or con. That the meeting and its object were thoroughly advertised and that it was but the last of three called to discuss the same topic, all of which resulted in the same decision. These facts alone are enough to satisfy anyone that a majority of the people of the town favor the building of a Town Hall, or at any rate are not opposed to it. However, if more evidence is needed the petition itself supplies it. According to its preamble there are three hundred ratepayers in the town but of this number sixty alone could be induced by the most careful personal canvass to put their names to a petition designed to kill the project.

The third objection that the vote at this meeting was taken irregularly, as no precautions were taken to prevent unqualified persons from voting, is altogether false and misleading as everyone who attended the meeting knows. These, therefore, are the arguments which have led the committee of the Legislature to thwart the wishes of the people of the town. The stand taken by the committee and by the members for Kings was not only silly but outrageous in the extreme. Within the last few

years the provincial legislature has been converted into a law factory where, without sense or system, the laws are ground out to suit the individual members and their political heeled. However, a day of reckoning is coming, and Wolfville from this event has learned two lessons at least. That it pays to send a representative to Halifax who has some respect for his wishes, be he Liberal or Conservative, and that such a member is more likely to be found in the eastern part of the county.

The Mayor Consistent. Elsewhere in this issue appears a letter from Mayor Thomson in which he replies to the petition which has been presented to him by a number of the ratepayers asking for the purpose of obtaining authority to purchase the American House property. The Mayor takes the same stand now which he took last summer, and refuses to call a meeting until a majority of the ratepayers are qualified to vote by having paid their arrears of taxes.

What we think now we thought then that the object of the legislation, depriving ratepayers in arrears of the right of voting—a piece of legislation at any rate of doubtful sapience—is destroyed by the policy of the Mayor. We cannot, however, but commend the consistency and fairness of His Worship in holding to the same policy without regard to the interests at stake, and we expect those citizens who supported him so enthusiastically at that time, to render his opinion the same support now.

By the way, it is a trifling remarkable that those people who, a few days ago, in their petition to the Legislature, manifested much concern over the town incurring more expense until sewerage had been obtained, should, nearly all be found among those demanding this additional expenditure.

Citizens of Wolfville. Fellow Citizens, I have received a petition or request from a number of the rate payers of the town, asking me to call a public meeting for the purpose of getting from you authority to petition the Legislature to give power to the Council to borrow \$3000, to purchase the American House property.

In answer, I beg to say that I decline to do so at present, because less than one quarter of the rate payers of the town are qualified to vote; and therefore an expression of opinion by so small a minority would not represent the wishes of our people. When, however, a full majority are in a position to record their votes I shall, if it is still desired, call such a meeting.

Geo. Thomson, Mayor, Wolfville, 8th March, 1900.

Sir Charles Tupper's Insurance.

Sir Charles Tupper's insurance for Canadians in the Transvaal is all right. In the Commons on Thursday he read a telegram from the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation at London, authorizing the Canadian branch at Montreal to pay the sum of \$28,000 for the 28 men killed, leaving the wounded to be settled with according to the policy of insurance when the claims are received. Sir Charles added that he was sorry to learn other deaths had occurred, and the amount now required would be not less than \$31,000. It will be remembered that the sum of \$1,000,000 was effected by Sir Charles on the policy of the Canadian contingent, covering death and accident. The company, in authorizing the payment, expressed at the same time their admiration of the loyal and gallant conduct of the Canadians.

Valley Telephone Co.

The 4th annual meeting of the Valley Telephone Co., Limited, was held in Morrison's hall, Middleton, on Wednesday, the 28th ult. At the regular annual meeting, held on the 14th ult., the Directors were unanimously re-elected, as likewise all the other officers. The regular meeting was adjourned to the 28th ult. in consequence of there not being enough stock represented at the regular annual meeting for the purpose of voting for the issue of the unappropriated stock. At this meeting, however, something more than two thirds of the stock was represented, and it was unanimously decided to place the balance (\$10,000) on the market, giving to the present shareholders a preference for the new stock. Some discussion was had as to the advisability of increasing the capital to \$100,000, but it was finally decided not to make a move in this direction at the present time. The financial condition of the company is most satisfactory and the directors contemplate important extensions during the ensuing year which will largely enhance the usefulness of the system and increase the value of the stock. A dividend of seven per cent. was declared from the profits of the past year's operations.

Meteorological Observations

Table with columns: Mar. Min. General state of weather, Max. Ther., Ther. Morning, Evening, Snow, Rain, Wind, etc.

MONEY TO LEND ON MORTGAGE—Apply to E. S. Crawley, Solicitor, Wolfville, N. S.

At the Front.

LETTER FROM PRIVATE REEVE WITH THE CANADIAN CONTINGENT.

Belmont, Jan. 25th, 1900.

DEAR FATHER, I read your letter of Dec. 3rd about a week ago and I suppose you are getting the one I wrote now. I am writing you a week, so you will know whether you get them all or not. Everything is still at a standstill up this line. Lord Methuen says it is impossible to drive the Boers out of the position they hold at Meyfontein by a front attack. They hold a hill there fifteen miles long strongly fortified with the latest improvements and held by a force of twenty-three thousand. A force is now to be sent into the Free State to see if they cannot draw some of this force away. We had a terrible wind and sand storm last night followed by a rain, the first rain for six weeks. Things are so quiet around here that it is difficult to find anything to write about.

To show you how well it is agreeing with me: When I came here I only weighed 121 pounds; now I weigh 133, and I feel about fifty per cent. better. Only I don't get enough to satisfy my appetite although I buy quite a lot of stuff. Lockwood has been on the sick list for two or three days. I don't think it is anything serious, though.

We had a day of sports last week. The Queenlanders won most of the prizes. We also play football and cricket, though it is rather warm for such sport. From about ten in the morning till four in the afternoon it is misery here—a regular storm of sand and the whole time. But the evenings and mornings are simply beautiful. How would you like to wake up some morning and on lifting your blanket find a lizard or tarantula? We have grown used to that and don't mind it now. The lizards are harmless but the tarantulae are deadly poison.

I honestly think if the Boers fight to a finish this war will last over a year. Mounted men are needed here more than infantry. Jones came up from Cape Town last week. He is looking a lot better than he did. I suppose the Canadians have done more hard work than any other regiment out here. We have done almost everything, even to building sildings, and we also did three or four hours a day, which no other regiment does. I thought when we first came the war would be over the first of February, but since I have seen the country I don't believe it will be over in six months. It is common report that the Boers are afraid of us. They have heard of the Indians in Canada, and they think we scalp everybody we get hold of.

Do you think there will be any money given to us when we get back? Some of the fellows say there will. I hope so we cannot have any of our pay here. Everything costs so much; we can't buy anything under a shilling. Be sure and write every week and give me all the news. Hoping business is good and you are all well, I am your son

WILLIE. Tell Franley I see his brother most every day. He is looking well.

Sports Talk.

BY HARRI HARRIE.

Sports are tall-tales. No truer it is that man is known by the company he keeps, than that he is by the sports he enjoys. We do not have to live with people to know them, we only have to watch them. We are all watched, and slowly, our hearts are read and valued by what we do. The lad that loves to shoot and hunt and fish reveals a little flow of unkindness in his breast; a flaw that can draw from him pain, and the broken sorrow, or the fish gawking on the grassy bank. Unless hungry or in need, boys let the fish play in the stream, and the birds hop and sing among the trees. Do not put out a life just for fun. Let the brooks be "books" to you, not holes for trout, and the forests, gardens for thought.

Then the student that can have the new-comer shows us a heart that few admire. The manly boy will befriend the young stranger, rather than take him in. It is mean to work up a laugh on a comrade. Our sports should never wound a bird or boy. The cleverest students are not often the foremost in tricks you will find. The best acts tell us of the best hearts.

The lover of cards reveals himself. We see him as so great an intellect or Christian worker. Whilst taking time, and time has to be accounted for. He who has evenings to waste cannot occupy a very prominent position in life's field of action. The world's greatest men and women are not card players. Moody spent so time that way, or there would not be so many agents selling his life today. The great mind sees too much to learn, too much to do, to be idle. Play is for children. Hours over cards, and the Bible unstudied, books unread, music unsung, sick unaided on! Think of it! "The sports of children satisfy it child," but they ought not to satisfy grown people. We should put away childish things at manhood. Improve the hours. Make the world miss you when you are gone. Do not be just an ornament for society, or a joker for a pack of cards. Aim to be called useful. Get your name in the papers for something more important than shooters at rifle matches or entertainers of "whist parties, of chapters at dances. Remember sports reveal hearts, and they help make character. If they are manly we grow man-like; if evil we are drawn further away from good; if idle we become less thoughtful. The sports of the young should be carefully guarded. It matters a great deal the recreations indulged in. Noble characters are the result of noble living.

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Town Council.

The regular monthly meeting of the town council was held on Wednesday evening, with the Mayor, Couns. De Witt, Chipman, Oske, Franklin, Harvey and Herbin, and the Recorder present. Reports were received from the Poor Street and Police Committees. The committee re electric lighting reported that they were not yet ready to report. A petition signed by forty-one ratepayers was read asking that the Mayor call a public meeting of the citizens on March 20th to consider the purchase of the American House property on Main Street.

The following accounts were read and ordered paid: Jim Jarvis \$10.00, C. W. Strong 7.14, J. W. Beckwith 2.00, Geo. C. Johnson 10.00, J. W. Selbridge 1.40, J. E. Eagles 5.30, Davidson Bros. 8.50, Town Clerk (postage) 1.73, W. J. Belmont 5.00, Valley Telephone Co. 8.54, Acadia Electric Light Co. 33.08, T. R. Wallace 3.00, Dora Fitzgerald 8.00.

Policeman Sutton, whose term of office expires at the end of April, presented a request through the police committee asking that he be relieved of the office from March 1st. On motion the request was granted.

The committee appointed to investigate the project of widening Geopereus avenue between Main and Front streets reported an offer from Mr. Storrs for land at \$200. It was decided to offer Mr. Storrs \$100 for the land required.

The matter of the petition asking that a public meeting be held was then taken up and discussed, and it was finally decided that no meeting be held at present owing to the fact that there were not a majority of the ratepayers who were qualified to vote at such a meeting.

Moody's Remarkable Life.

We have received a book of much importance at the present time, from The People Publishing Company, Toronto, "THE LIFE OF D. L. MOODY." The book is attractive, and is well printed on good white paper. Fifty-three pages of illustrations embellish its pages, covering the outstanding features in Mr. Moody's career, home life, and religious experience. Its circulation will probably be very large as Mr. Moody had a powerful influence in Canada, was known here quite as well as across the line, and has a potent name in thousands of Christian households. The book is published at 25 cents in heavy paper cover, or 50 cents bound in cloth, is for sale at all bookstores or will be sent postpaid by the publishers on receipt of price. Every one will want to read the story of the life work of this remarkable man.

The 18th of March has been appointed for temperance instruction in the Sunday Schools. We therefore ask ministers, superintendents, and officers of Sunday Schools to use their influence that this subject will be brought before every school in this country on that day. Anyone requiring information concerning forming a branch of the "White Ribbon Army," in his school will be sent leaflets "How to Organize" upon applying to Mrs. Laura J. Potter, County Supt. of Dept. of Temperance, Canning.

NOTICE.

Up to April first applications will be received by the Town Clerk for the position of policeman for the town of Wolfville.

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11. The Wallace property at corner Front Street and Central Avenue. Two houses, six and seven rooms each.
12. House and Orchard on Main St. House 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 rooms. Stable 2 acres land in orchard producing apples, pears and plums. Trees in full bearing. Also a quantity of small fruits.
13. House—2 stories, with Stable and Garden, on Acadia Street. Also building lot 60x120 adjoining.
14. "American House" Stables. For further particulars, apply to AVARD V. PINEO, Barrister, Real Estate Agent, etc., Wolfville, N. S. Office in R. E. Harris' Building.

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Cooking Class.

Steadfast Circle of Kings Daughters have arranged for a public class in Practical Cooking, under the direction of MRS. SEARS, to be held in the rooms in McKenna Block. Next meeting Thursday, Feb. 22, from 3.30 to 4.30 p.m. Course of TEN LECTURES, etc.

WANTED.

An experienced man is wanted to take charge of a farm, either on a salary or on shares. An unmarred man is preferred. Apply to C. H. BORDEN, Wolfville, N. S.

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For Sale or to Let.

The house and premises now occupied by J. D. Chambers, adjoining the "campus." Possession given April 1st. Apply to SIDNEY BORDEN, Port Williams.

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Having recently put in a Scherer Grinding Machine, I am prepared to grind and put in order all kinds of Saws, also, new rivets put in if required. All kinds of Cutlery Ground, Razors Honed, etc. —ALSO— A full line of Razor Straps, Soap, Cosmetics, With Hazel Cream, Dore's Dandruff Cure, Shaving Brushes. Shaw's Barber Parlors, 126 Main St., Wolfville.

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Local and Provincial

Don't miss the patriotic concert night in College-Hall.

The "Browning Club" will meet at the home of Mrs. Burgess on Monday evening, March 12th.

Tuesday was one of the coldest of the winter but it was followed most mild and spring-like day.

All the stores are to be closed evening at six o'clock, so as to enable employees to attend the Patriotic Concert.

The next quarterly meeting of Kings county B. Y. P. U. is to be held on Monday evening, 12th.

Rev. P. M. MacDonald, who is Edinburgh, has the thanks of the town for a late copy of the Weekman of that city.

Yesterday's Halifax Chronicle contains an interesting letter from Rev. MacDonald, giving his impressions of English life and weather.

A return match of hockey was played in the rink here on Wednesday last between Wolfville and Kings junior teams resulting in a score of 1-0.

It is expected that Rev. Rode Kay, who so acceptably supported St. Andrew's church, will be here a few Sundays since, will present next Sunday.

The flag drill by the ladies of the Young Women's Association on Tuesday will be well worth the attention. It is said to be of the prettiest sights possible.

The tides of last Friday and Saturday were remarkably high, nearly over the dikes in places. The tide was so high that the highest famous "Saxby tide" in '69.

The schooner Harold Brond Mallman, sailed from Kings Harbour with a cargo of potatoes and has not been heard from. It is feared that she has been lost.

The west window of Mr. C. M. Hays' furniture store is most decorated with flags and other things and presents an attractive appearance. Mr. J. D. has also a very large arrangement of the same line.

We are glad to welcome to town this week another set of "Harl H. Rice." This popular letters are always welcome and interest. We commend his work to the attention of our readers and hope to hear from him again.

Considerable curiosity has been expressed as to the identity of the men, who are reported to be here to forestall the town in the American House property. The gentleman has given it as his name that they are Mr. Myrland M.

PERSONAL.—A young man became a farmer. He is 5 ft. 11 in., strong, temperable and fairly well educated for immediate engagement farming in all its branches. Address of his home is—

E. R. P. O. B. 246. This has truly been a return and answer like winter. Mr. J. D. of Long Island resided at this place for most years, says that this is the first ever known when navigation of the basin without a break. Whole season.