

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., MAY 15, 1896. Privy Council Decision.

The decision of the judicial committee of the privy council in reference to the Ontario prohibition case, which, since August, has been anxiously looked for all over the Dominion, has at length been arrived at. The real task before the privy council was to decide on the power of the provincial legislatures to pass prohibitory liquor laws.

The committee has decided that the federal government can alone pass legislation to stop the importation of intoxicating liquors into the several provinces and also the manufacture of such for the purpose of exportation; and that any provincial legislation conflicting with legislation of the federal parliament will be inoperative.

On the other hand the judgment establishes the authority of the local legislatures to pass such legislation as will alone affect the province for which it legislates; to suppress by legislation the sale of intoxicating liquors within the province or the manufacture of such liquors there for the purpose of local consumption.

It will hence be seen that considerable power to legislate for prohibition rests with the provincial legislatures. To these bodies the prohibition party will probably look to take the initiative steps in the temperance reform. After the provincial legislatures have dealt to the limit of their power with the question, the federal government will be called upon to act.

It is to be desired and expected that those provincial legislatures which have asked the people for a direct expression of their views on this question, when their power is thus decided upon, will use it in accordance with the wishes of the people as expressed through their plebiscite.

Cleveland and the Civil Service. Grover Cleveland may disappear from American public life with the expiry of his present term—and he may not—but his name will always be connected with a great reform in the civil service of the United States.

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Meeting of School Commissioners.

The Board of School Commissioners for King's County met in the Court House, Kentville, on Tuesday, May 12th, 1896, at 10 a. m. Commissioners L. DeV. Chipman, S. S. Strong, F. J. Porter, G. E. Reid, C. E. Sandford, W. W. Pineo, James Hillis, J. S. Woodworth, J. L. Franklin, A. S. McDonald and A. deV. Bars were present.

L. DeV. Chipman was elected chairman for the incoming year. The Inspector's report was read and various points in it considered. He reported one hundred and twenty-two schools in operation. In these were employed one hundred and thirty-nine teachers. He stated that the new section, created provisionally at the last annual meeting of the Board, had been sanctioned by the C. P. I., had organized for work, and the trustees were proceeding to build a school house and hoped to have it ready by the first of the school year.

The name of the action to be West-Brooklyn, No. 109. Bonds being given in the East corner of Adolphus West's line, thence Southerly to Brookland; thence from Brook Road South, only by David Hutchinson's West line to the land of the late Thomas Fitzgerald; thence Westerly to old Telegraph Road at the junction of Faldon Road; thence Northwesterly to Mill Brook, following the course of Mill Brook to the Gaspean River; thence by said river to Deep Hollow bridge; thence Easterly to the West corner of William Carey's land; thence by John Hutchinson's West line to the Mountain Road; thence by the Mountain Road to the place of beginning.

Fifteen Graded Schools were reported in which forty-one teachers were employed. The schools are improving and fairly satisfactory. The report dealt at length with the condition of the municipalities, as compared with the graded schools, named the districts in which the registers for the past year were not completed as required and promised to report both teachers and sections to the superintendent if any registers were left unfinished in the future.

A school was reported in the Pine Woods as having begun soon after the Christmas vacation. The Board reaffirmed the vote of last year in re the \$50 for the Pine Woods school, which had not up to date been drawn by the Inspector from the Treasurer. This sum comes from the School Land Fund of Cornwallis, and is placed in the hands of the Inspector to supplement the ordinary grants, in maintaining a school in that section.

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Contributions to this department will be gladly received. Mr. T. C. Allen, of Halifax, was in town for a few days last week. Mr. Fred Hay, of Woodatock, is spending a few days in Wolfville, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harris.

Miss Cornelius, of Halifax, who has been spending a few weeks in Wolfville, returned to her home on Saturday last. Mr. Elliott Smith, of Halifax, who some time ago purchased the X. Z. Chipman property in this town, has taken possession.

The family of Mr. J. A. McNeil, the popular manager of E. P. White & Co.'s tailoring establishment of the town, arrived in Wolfville last week, from Canada. We were glad to see Mr. W. C. Blackadder out on Thursday. Mr. Blackadder has been ill for some months, and his many friends are pleased to see him around again.

Canning. The pulpit of the Methodist church was occupied last Sunday by the Rev. J. Rogers, of Halifax. Rev. Mr. Fisher expects to go on a fishing excursion soon. Mr. McGee took charge of the Creamery on Monday last. Room paper at 4 cents per roll at the Wolfville Book Store.

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Fatal Railway Accident.

A terribly sad accident occurred on the Dominion Atlantic railway, at Windsor Junction, on Saturday last, by which William McIntyre, one of the most popular conductors on the road, lost his life. Conductor McIntyre was in charge of the regular freight train which left the yard at Richmond, on Saturday morning at six o'clock. Several cars were to be left at Windsor Junction, and while these cars were being shunted on the siding, the accident occurred. McIntyre went in the advance of the engine to a frog in the rails, and the engine was approaching him with the tender nearest to him. He was signalling to the engineer when to go ahead and stop, and put his left foot in the frog, either to shove the track in its place, or unintentionally. The foot became caught and he could not get it clear. The engine was close upon him, and he shouted to those on it to stop, but that was impossible, as the engine could not be stopped in so small a space. All poor McIntyre could do was to lay back his body from the track and await the crashing of the engine over his legs. It was inevitable. The engine stopped as quickly as possible, but not before one of the big wheels had passed over the legs and severed them from the body. When picked up, McIntyre exhibited extraordinary nerve. He was perfectly conscious, and requested those by his side to get medical aid as quickly as possible. Notwithstanding his terrible condition he was cool and collected, and told those present to inform his wife of the accident, and asked that he be removed to the hospital for treatment. The unfortunate man was at once placed on a train going into Halifax, and immediately on its arrival an ambulance was secured and he was sent to Victoria hospital. Owing, however, to the great loss of blood, he was beyond the power of medical aid when the hospital was reached, and died shortly after his arrival. Conductor McIntyre was a man of most estimable character. He was much liked by the travelling public and persons having business with the railway, and was a general favorite with his companions on the road. He was the son of Wm. McIntyre, Esq., of Aylesford, the place of his birth and in which his early years were spent here. He was respected by all. He had been some eight years in the employ of the railway company, was married and had one child.

Arbor Day.

The celebration of Arbor Day in the Wolfville schools was a very pleasant and profitable occasion. Notwithstanding the fact that the programme was hurriedly prepared, the whole exercises passed off most successfully. The day was a very pleasant one, and at the appointed hour the pupils with a goodly number of parents and friends assembled on the school grounds. The band-stand was utilized as a platform and on this were seated members of the School Board, Inspector Roscoe, the teachers and a number of others. In the absence of Dr. Bars, chairman of the School Board, on account of illness, Mr. J. W. Caldwell presided, and after a few appropriate remarks called upon Rev. Mr. Trotter to open the exercises with prayer.

The first on the programme was an excellently rendered piece of music entitled "A Song of Arbor Day," by Miss Eva Godfrey, Annie Murray, Lorinda Brown and Beatrice Franklin. Then followed a recitation by Miss Lorinda Brown, "He who Plants a Tree." This selection was most appropriate and well delivered.

The chairman next called upon Mayor Digelow, who delivered a short and very practical address. He was glad to see the teachers and students of our public schools taking up the planting of trees, a work which, to too great an extent, had been neglected in this community. Mr. Digelow being an enthusiastic horticulturist, advocated the planting of fruit trees on the school grounds. He referred in a most patriotic manner to our Province and made a strong plea for a greater love of country on the part of the young. The benefits of our public school system were dwelt upon and the many advantages of our young people pointed out.

A piece of music, entitled "Hurrah for Canada," by a number of the pupils was then enthusiastically given. Next was a paper, delivered by H. H. Curry, a pupil of the advanced department. The subject was: "A well-kept school ground shows the character of the neighborhood." The paper was well-written and contained many good thoughts appropriate to the occasion.

Prof. Exallie was the next speaker. He explained the origin and working of Arbor Day in other countries, and congratulated the schools on the success of their first effort at the celebration of Arbor Day here, promising his assistance in the work in every way possible. A responsive recitation by nine little girls, was very well given and much enjoyed by all.

Principal Oakes delivered an excellent address. He spoke of the origin of Arbor Day and the introduction of its celebration into New Brunswick, where he was familiar with its workings, and more recently into Nova Scotia. He set forth very clearly the advantages of tree planting by the school children, and the exercises connected therewith. The speaker was evidently thoroughly at home with his subject, and his remarks were greatly appreciated by all present.

After singing the national anthem the planting of trees was proceeded with, and fifty-three ornamental trees were set out. A tree was planted for each of the eleven grades and a number of five teachers and by quite each of the others. Mayor Digelow planting an apple tree.

At the dinner of the Canada Club in London lately, at which Mr. Chamberlain, the Colonial Secretary, made his great speech on an Imperial trade policy, the toast of "The Press" was coupled with the name of Mr. C. Morley Bell, the able manager of the Times, reference being made to that great paper's sympathetic course toward Canada. Mr. Bell, in replying, said: "Comparing the press of other countries with ours, if I place the country of the press with which I am connected first, I should place second not those which belong to any foreign country, not even those which belong to that country which is not foreign quite—the United States—but I would say that the press of the colonies, Canada and Australia, is superior to the press of any other nation in the world."

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