

The Exhibition.

This has been a busy week for Kentville. The Exhibition for the three counties, King's, Hants and Annapolis, was held there this week and the town has been full of people. Extensive preparations had been made for the event and the exhibition was a success in every way.

In the miscellaneous department the exhibits were not numerous but some were very good. Mr Lewis Rice had a splendid display of photographs and crayon work, including a fine crayon portrait of the late Dr. Crawley.

Dr McKay, M. P. P., the last speaker, followed in much the same strain of congratulation, expressing much pleasure in visiting this part of the province and seeing this exhibition. He believed that much benefit was derived from such gatherings as these, and the interchange of ideas of farmers and artisans.

His honor the Lieutenant-Governor then declared the Exhibition open, the band playing the National Anthem, and the visitors scattering about the grounds.

Since the last exhibition here the building has been much improved, two new tables have been put in the whole length of the building, giving additional space for exhibits, and the south end and gallery has been made new. The table was neatly arranged and the show of apples exceptionally fine, particularly Gravenstein, King of Tompkins, Ribson Pippins and Pomme Gris.

The exhibit of pears was not extra, although some very fine ones were shown. The principal varieties were Great Britain, Clairgan and Bartlett. Our attention was especially directed to a plate of Bartlett's of immense size exhibited by E. McLatchy, of Grand Pre, which took second prize.

The show of vegetables, as a whole, considering the season, was not what might have been expected. There were some very good samples of potatoes in the following varieties: Jenny Lind, Dark Albert, Dakota Red, Light Albert, Early Rose, Early Sunrise, Prairie Rose, White Calico and Prolific. In turnips the exhibit was poor, although there were some of large size, but they were ill-formed and rough. Beets were a fair exhibit, especially some of the Egyptian variety. Carrots, parsnips, cabbages, pumpkins, and squashes were indifferent in the extreme, although some different kinds were up to the average. The onion shows were extremely fine, of good size and regular form.

On the right as you enter the grounds was to be seen a very fine display of poultry. A pair of bronze turkeys was particularly noticeable. Horses came next in order and the specimens exhibited show a very marked improvement in this line of farm production over that of twenty years ago. In cattle there is also a great improvement over a few years ago, there being some very fine animals of the Shorthorn, Jersey and Polled Angus. In the departments of sheep and swine some good animals were exhibited and received quite a large share of attention.

The display of manufactured articles was not large. Mr Parkman, of Windsor, had a fine show of carriages and sleighs, and a number of good ones were also shown by Mr Charles H. Borden, of this place. Mr Patriquin, of Wolfville, exhibited a set of team harness and a carriage harness, getting first prize on the form

er and second on the latter. Mr Lloyd, of Waterville, had some of his machines on exhibition and succeeded in getting the attention of a good many persons.

The display of the products of the dairy although not large was very good, particularly the butter, some samples being of very fine color and inviting appearance. Mrs F. C. Johnson, of Wolfville, secured first prize in this department again this year.

In canned fruits the Aylesford Canning Company had a fine display and there was also a fairly good show of fruits in jars.

Good displays of parlor and bedroom furniture were made by Messrs W. H. Curry & Co., of Windsor, and Messrs J. B. Reed & Sons, Bridgetown and Kentville. There were also the usual representatives of organs, pianos and sewing machines. The Ideal Manufacturing Company, of this place, had a very fine display of washers, churns and other goods and received a good deal of attention.

The attendance at the Exhibition was good each day. Over 6,200 tickets are said to have been sold on Wednesday and the attendance probably totalled 8,900 persons. Altogether the affair passed off pleasantly and successfully.

Halifax Dry Dock.

DEAR ACADIAN—Seeing some reference in your last to the opening of the Halifax Dredging Dock, a few more facts on the same subject may be interesting to some of your readers. I visited the dock on Saturday last. H. M. S. Canada had been docked on Friday and rested very gracefully on her blocks, the keel being about two feet off the floor.

Besides the ordinary dock supports under her bilge, stays were placed against her topides. These are not considered necessary, but were placed there by order of the Admiralty. The ship, has a very formidable ram intended under water when floating, about 20 feet forward from her bows.

The point is shaped somewhat like a blunt spear point, and should give the enemy a deadly thrust. The forward part of the keel is adjustable, and may be removed or replaced by another. The propeller is a fine piece of machinery, having only two blades excites wonder that it can drive so large a ship. The floor of the dock is slightly sloping and is reached by a tier of 50 granite steps.

When once a ship is brought in and the huge cannon placed in position the pumps are set to work and the dock made thoroughly dry. An iron grating and large tank in the floor just inside the entrance receives the waste water, and it is from this point that all the water is pumped. An archway passage way about 6 feet high is seen in the wall just here, and entering it you find an iron door at the further extremity, about 12 feet in. Through this the water enters and floods the dock when a ship is to be floated after repairing. The Canada being open to visitors, I went on board, and as is usual, found everything as clean and well polished as possible, and the men ever ready to explain the workings of the numerous warlike weapons.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editors of the ACADIAN:

An editorial writer in the Halifax Echo of a few weeks ago takes advantage of an unoccupied moment and a want of better employment to criticize in a very uncalculated manner a person whose only fault is that the writer had never heard of him and that an over-zealous friend saw fit to write some well-intended if injudicious things about him in an opposition contemporary. The crime of being unknown to the Echo's scribbler is one of which Mr Cox might well plead guilty. It were better that he sink into utter oblivion than be known by such an apology for a man. Had Mr Cox claimed for himself the merits which his friend Davison attributes to him, the attack might have been justifiable; but when a man is written about without his knowledge or consent, while it may be quite in the line of decency to attack the writer, it is in my humble opinion a contemptible thing for a paper to editorially hold up to ridicule the innocent victim. That Mr Cox is a remarkably clever writer, who can combine sense and non-sense in a very entertaining way, no one who has had the privilege of reading his productions can deny. That he has ever courted public recognition to any unseemly extent, or in fact at all, save by his writings under a nom de plume no one can truthfully say. It strikes me in this case the only way in which the Echo has been trampled upon is in that Mr Davison has ascribed to Mr Cox the place to which the crabbed critic has for years aspired himself. Has anyone ever heard his attempts at wit? Has anyone ever seen him as he figured in a subject of Hygiene Science through the medium of a friendly pen? Has anyone ever heard of the man who was "pitch-forked into a position intended for him by neither God nor man"? If so, how does he compare with the modest and retiring young man whom he would seek to crush by his attempted sarcasm? One thing is certain, that whether he ever heard of Harl Harle or not he will live long and reform a lot before he will be fit to untie Harl Harle's shoes. Such men are a disgrace to journalism and are doing what they can to crush the decency out of it. To them humor consists of the talking and jesting of bar-rooms and quack-medicine almanacs. Mr Cox is not an extravagantly funny genius. He is a gentleman whose fine sense of humor will never allow him to stoop to anything low or degrading, and when he is criticized by his writings will compare favorably with anything they can produce in the Echo office. M.

Halifax, Sept. 15, 1889.

To the Editors of the ACADIAN:

In the death of Leslie L. Davison, the author of the "Book of Wonders," Nova Scotia certainly lost a brilliant writer. It was with real regret on my part that I read the concluding article in that very interesting series of articles which has been running in the ACADIAN during the summer months, entitled "Book of Wonders," contributed by Ben Zeene, such articles as "Dawn," "The Happy Hunting Grounds," "A Graveyard Vision," "His Last Hour," and the poem in the concluding article, "The Long Ago," are really extraordinary. In reading them it is difficult to imagine that their author was but a boy of sixteen years old. What might he have written had he reached years of maturity? Certain it is, he should have made a name as a writer. Has he not earned one already by what he has written? In one article the author of the series of articles tells us that he wrote a story, but that it was not intended for publication, and so does not give it to the public. He also tells us that the majority of the articles in the "Book of Wonders" were not intended to be published, still he gives them to the public and they have proved themselves to be worthy of publication. Might not the same be the case with the story? I confess since I have heard of it I have been eager to read it. Will not Ben Zeene favor us with this also? Better still, why not collect his complete works and publish them in book form? I am sure every one who has read this series of articles would hail such a course with delight and would be impatient for its publication. READER.

Wolfville, September 12th, 1889.

Gaspereau.

The sum of \$550 was taken at the recent meeting in this place. After all expenses are deducted a handsome sum will yet remain. The ladies deserve much credit for their energy and skillful management of the affair. They have maintained their reputation in that line. The thanks of the community are especially due to Mr Jehiel Martin for the use of his buildings at a time when it must have been considerably to his inconvenience and detriment, and in the absence of other opportunity for those intended to give due expression of their feelings, the committee of management heartily tender in their behalf, their cordial thanks.

It is proposed in a few days to begin repairs on the parsonage buildings.

White Rock.

The teaming at White Rock on the 11th netted about \$82.50.

FOR DYSPEPSIA and Liver Complaint you have a printed guarantee on every bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer. It never fails to cure. Sold by George V. Hand.

29 DAYS 29 I will sell balance of my Spring Stock AT COST FOR CASH down, by the yard or made up. Now is your chance for bargains. This sale to continue only 29 DAYS. No trouble to show goods. Yours very truly, WALLACE, THE TAILOR. Wolfville, June 23, 1889.

How Squire Rutt Sold His Butter.

HARL HARLE. Squire Rutt was a jovial, good-natured man. He was a magistrate, and so of course we always called him "Squire," to distinguish him from the common men about. His friends were pleased when he got his J. P., for he had worked hard at the last election. Some few found fault as they always will when a man is promoted. They said he wasn't educated, that he deceived a girl before he was married, and that his father was turned out of the Methodist church. It is true he wasn't an educated man. He always spelled wrong without a w; but when he left a letter out of one word he generally put an extra one in the next. He could write his own name if you would give him time, and he had been a jurymen once or twice. But he did for a magistrate in those days. His wife was a good scholar and when he had any particular work to do, such as making out a summons or filling in a road commission she always assisted him. He is gone now and his J. P. another has, but I think of him to-day. He was 43 years my senior, but he always treated me as if I had been his grandfather since the "gunpowder plot," and every day or two told me that he supposed I remembered John Kentz a light-complexioned man that visited at his home when he was a boy. He ever had stories to tell, and one morning he told me how he sold his butter, and for the benefit of agricultural people who read the ACADIAN I thought I would repeat it. You could rely on his stories; they showed a great deal of thought. He would never stop a minute to lie you out of twenty dollars in a trade and all the time you were lying him out of about fifteen, but in stories he was exact to the very letter. "Well," says he, "as you say, I don't think I ever told you how I sold my butter, the first I had to sell after I got married. Getting married is a serious thing, but making butter fit to sell at the first of housekeeping is more so. It was clean looking butter, white as snow, but I was afraid it wouldn't sell. I knew people liked yellow butter, and that they didn't care whether a Jersey cow or carrot juice colored it so long as it was yellow. Well, the 25th of October I took it to town. Hold on now, I am not quite sure when I come to think of it whether it was the 25th or the 26th. It may possibly have been the 26th. Oh, no! No, I remember now, it was the 25th. That was the day two of my wife's cousins came over to see her, Rose and Em McPheon. They were great girls. I don't suppose you ever saw them. Rose was nice, but Em was one of the kind that is always telling about so many fellows wanting to marry her. She isn't married yet, though, and she will soon come to the conclusion probably that her hats to her wasn't just trying to get a chance to propose. Rose married a shoemaker. He was a great workman, but he was troubled with rheumatism. He tried 'most everything for it too. He used to drink a little. Did you ever notice that a great many good shoemakers drink? One of the best I ever knew used to. His name was, oh! what was that his name was! I thought of it a minute ago now. Well, isn't that funny I can't think of it! It was, let me see! I oughtn't to forget that fellow name! I declare I can't think of it now. He lived just outside of Boston in a piece, oh! I wish I could think of his name. But it don't matter a great deal, I suppose. I knew his name though as well as I know yours, and that is what makes me want to think of it. It is strange how names will slip your mind sometimes. Well, how he would drink, but he was a great workman. But, as I said before, I took my butter to town on the 25th and the very first man I met I sold it to." And that was the end of the Squire's butter story. He thought he had something to tell but hadn't. And that is the way with a great many people. I have often thought since that the Squire's way of telling stories was a good one. If, when we commence to talk about the bad qualities of each other we would just wander off and talk about other things it would be better for all.

Wolfville Water Works.

Sealed tenders will be received by the Commissioners of Wolfville Water Supply up to Tuesday, Oct. 15th, per ton for hauling 320 tons of water pipe from the Wolfville railway station or wharf and placing them along the route of water line, in accordance with specifications which may be seen at the Secretary's office.

The commissioners do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

A. DEW. BARSS, Secretary of Commissioners. Wolfville, Sept. 27th, 1889.

Our Store:- In connection with all others in Wolfville, will be closed every THURSDAY EVENING, at 6 o'clock, beginning August 1st. WALTER BROWN, Wolfville, July 24th, 1889.

KENDRICK'S MIXTURE! NATURE'S Remedy for all SUMMER COMPLAINTS. For Children and Adults. Use it promptly. Purely Vegetable. Agreeable to take. Safe and effectual. The best known Remedy for CHOLERA, CHOLERA MORBUS, CRAMPS and PAINS IN THE BOWELS. Price 25 Cents.

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Burpee Witter's! 2. CASES CORSETS! 2. Embracing the following Special Lines:

YATSI CORSET DR. WARNER'S CORALINE, FEATHERBONE, JOSEPHINE, FRENCH D. & A., BALL'S, OLIVET, ABDOMINAL. Prices from 40c to \$2.25. Sizes from 18 to 36. Store closed Thursday evenings at 6 o'clock. Wolfville, August 15th, 1889.

Building Lots! Farm for Sale. For sale, near the College. Apply to Walter Brown. Wolfville, June 3d, 1889. BUILDING LOTS! A number of very desirable building lots, situated near the Presbyterian church. Apply to MRS EDWIN JOHNSON. Wolfville, Sept. 6th, '89, cf. Springhill Coal! Large coal best quality Springhill Coal expected to arrive at Wolfville in a few days. Apply to JOHN O. PINEO. Wolfville, Sept. 26, 1889.

OUR STORE! In connection with all others in Wolfville, WILL BE CLOSED every Thursday evening at 6 o'clock, Beginning Aug. 1st! G. H. WALLACE, Wolfville, July 24th, '87. Removal. J. M. Shaw wishes to notify the public that he intends to remove his business about the 20th of September to the shop next the Glasgow House, where rooms are now being fitted up for him. A splendid stock of foreign and domestic Cigars, Tobaccos, Pipes, and Smokers' Sundries are now on the way and will be then opened. Will be glad to see all old friends and as many new ones as possible. Wolfville, Sept. 11th, 1889.

NOTICE! ALL PERSONS having legal demands against the estate of J. Wesley Stewart, late of Horton, in the County of King's, farmer, are requested to render the same, duly attested, within twelve calendar months from the date hereof; and all persons indebted to the said estate are required to make immediate payment to JOHN R. STEWART, Administrator. R. R. DUNCAN, Lower Horton, May 1st, 1889.

\$5. \$3. \$2. ARE OFFERED! UNTIL September 30, to the three families in King's county who send WRAPPERS representing greatest value in WOODILL'S German Baking Powder.



KENDALL'S SPAVIN CURE. The Most Successful Remedy ever discovered, as it is certain to fix off-sets and does not blister. Read proof below. DR. R. J. KENDALL, Co., Esplanade, Halifax, N.S. Gentlemen—I have used Kendall's Spavin Cure for Spavins and also in cases of inflammation and swellings of the joints, and found it a sure cure in every respect. I cordially recommend it to all horsemen. Very respectfully yours, CHARLES J. BRACKALL. DR. THOMAS P. O. April 22, 1889. Dr. R. J. Kendall, Co., Esplanade, Halifax, N.S. Gentlemen—I have used Kendall's Spavin Cure for Spavins and also in cases of inflammation and swellings of the joints, and found it a sure cure in every respect. I cordially recommend it to all horsemen. Very respectfully yours, CHARLES J. BRACKALL. DR. THOMAS P. O. April 22, 1889. Dr. R. J. Kendall, Co., Esplanade, Halifax, N.S. Gentlemen—I have used Kendall's Spavin Cure for Spavins and also in cases of inflammation and swellings of the joints, and found it a sure cure in every respect. I cordially recommend it to all horsemen. Very respectfully yours, CHARLES J. BRACKALL. DR. THOMAS P. O. April 22, 1889. Dr. R. J. Kendall, Co., Esplanade, Halifax, N.S. Gentlemen—I have used Kendall's Spavin Cure for Spavins and also in cases of inflammation and swellings of the joints, and found it a sure cure in every respect. I cordially recommend it to all horsemen. Very respectfully yours, CHARLES J. BRACKALL. DR. THOMAS P. O. April 22, 1889.