

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., MAR. 13, 1898.

Ratepayers of the County of Kings.

As Mayor of the town of Wolfville, I have become acquainted with certain facts and figures connected with the assessment of your county which I deem of sufficient importance to submit for your consideration...

The principle underlying assessing for the purpose of taxation, to provide for the necessary annual expenses incurred in the government of the county, is that all property legally taxable for that purpose, should bear an equal share of the burden...

With this object in view all municipal officials are legally required to make oath to that effect, and assessors, in addition, are required to certify, when depositing their rolls, that they have done so...

In 1896-97 the valuation of taxable real and personal property of the municipality outside of the towns was estimated as \$4,449,064 in 1897-98 it was only 4,300,396 Showing a decrease in value in one year of \$148,668

Bad as this showing is, it is emphasized by the fact that in four out of the four wards, the decrease in value is \$128,634; and still further by the return of ward number one, well known as the richest and most prosperous section of the county, which shows a decrease of \$50,636, or about ten per cent. less than the previous year...

The effect of this action of the assessors of wards 1, 2, 4 and 9 is to compel the remaining ten wards and the two towns to bear an unequal and therefore unfair, proportion of the municipal expenses of the year...

The valuations, numerous errors, and general appearance of several of the assessment rolls, display incompetency on the part of some of these assessors, as well, perhaps, as something worse...

An incident which happened only a few years ago in the affairs of the municipal council so well illustrates the need officials have of competency to perform their duties that I will relate it, more especially as it has a ludicrous as well as a moral depravity aspect...

Fourteen members of "Evangelists" Division visited "Lily of the Valley" Division, Port Williams, last Friday evening. A good brother at Hortonville furnished a pair of stout horses and "hobblers" for twelve, and one youthful couple preferred to "go it alone" in a "one-horse sleigh" and thereby missed all the fun and the candy...

Several prominent public men of our county with whom I have conversed about the working of our system of assessment, without exception condemn it. As this is the opinion of men who are thoroughly acquainted with the 'subject', would it not be well to exchange views on it and thus perhaps elicit some way by which it might be made fairer and more equitable than it is at present...

Towns are now required to publish an annual statement of the doings of their council with an abstract of their accounts. Municipal councils might adopt this method also, and if at the same time a table giving the assessment of the different wards was added, ratepayers would be better satisfied than they are at present...

The complaint of a correspondent in another column refers to an evil which should not have been allowed to occur in our town. We cannot afford to have trade driven away by actions of this kind. We trust that the town authorities may take the matter in hand and see to it that visitors to our town in future have no cause to complain of such treatment.

Geo. Th. Medk. Wolfville, Mar. 16, '98. The complaint of a correspondent in another column refers to an evil which should not have been allowed to occur in our town. We cannot afford to have trade driven away by actions of this kind. We trust that the town authorities may take the matter in hand and see to it that visitors to our town in future have no cause to complain of such treatment.

The People's Forum.

To the Editor of the Acadian.

DEAR SIR,—As I was driving through Wolfville on business one day this week, a group of young men on the sidewalk, who were snow-balling, threw some at a young fellow who availed himself of the opportunity of a drive in my conveyance. One struck me with such force that I suffered considerable pain for some time.

I am further cognizant of the fact that a young lady, who had also driven to Wolfville on business, could with difficulty control her horse, which had been frightened from the same cause.

I will leave it to the inhabitants of Wolfville, to consider, whether such actions are conducive to the increase of trade from outside. If not, whether some effective steps should not be taken by the authorities to prevent such practices.

To the Editor of the ACADIAN.

DEAR SIR,—The small cliques who have so long controlled the Fruit Growers' Association have many amusing traits of character, and I do not know anything which has amused me more than the startled silence which always comes over them when asked for a detailed account. I was afraid that the concluding paragraph of my last letter would silence the worthy Mr Bigelow, and in spite of my unselfish exertions the public must not know how Mr Bigelow came to expend \$200 (\$125 of the public and \$75 of his own money) on an exhibit that any intelligent man in his place could have made for less than fifty dollars.

One hundred and twenty-five dollars of public money has disappeared in the mist, and no satisfactory account has been given of it. This money under By-Law No. 3 should have been received by the Secretary, whose duty under the same By-Law was to pay it over to the Treasurer. Why did Mr Parker pay over the money as the By-Law provides? An explanation from that gentleman would be interesting!

Until we can expend the monies of the Association in an honest and business-like way we will never be of any real value to that great interest fruit growing, and the energies of the Association in the future as in the past will be expended in providing something good for brother Bob, and something neat for brother Charlie, care being taken that the deacon Tummas and his family shall by no means be forgotten.

Another son, Allie Gaines, is the sire of dam of that game race horse Budge, 2:06 1/4; another, Almont Jr., 2:26, sired Belle Hanlin and Globe, which hold the world's team record of 2:12 1/4, and Belle Hanlin, Globe and Justina, all by him, hold the world's record of 2:14, he also sired the dam of Moonstone 2:09 and Passing Belle 2:08 1/4.

Daughters of Almont have produced, Whimlow Wilkes 2:09 1/4; Champion Medium, sire of Joe Allen 2:09 1/4; King of Belair, sire of Doc T., 2:06 1/4. Kate Thompson, the dam of Rampart, is also the dam of Abbiechen 2:29 1/4. Her daughter Oriole produced Folly 2:15 1/4 and Alfred 2:24 1/4.

The sire of Kate Thompson, Ericsson, was one of the best sons of Mambrino Chief, and took a four-year-old record of 2:30 1/4, which was the world's record when made for that age. He afterwards showed a mile in his four-year-old form, to wit, 2:28 in private trial. A son of his, Double 2:28, was the first two-year-old to trot in 2:40 1/4, which stood as the record for five years.

Ericsson sired the dam of J. R. Shedd 2:19 1/4, and which, as a four-year-old, won a two-mile heat race in 5:14 1/4. J. R. Shedd is the sire of Woodhead 2:10 1/4, and 12 others, and the dams of Opauka (4) 2:08 1/4, Personette (4) 2:11 1/4, etc. Betsy and I, a daughter of Ericsson, is the dam of the ex-champion four-year-old stallion, Maquette 2:10; she is also the dam of Glencoe Wilkes, sire of 9 in 2:30.

Estil Eric, a son of Ericsson, sired the dam of Yassar 2:07, Belle Vera 2:08 1/4, Ambidexter 2:11 1/4, and others. Israel, the fastest of the get of Rampart up to date, is also the sire of speed, having to his credit Dinah 2:21 1/4, and Mayflower (4) 2:28.

Thus it will be seen that the blood which produced Rampart is replete with extreme speed and there is no reason why it should not be perpetuated still further through him.

There is no other way to measure the value of seed than by the value of the crop. A good crop simply cannot come from poor seed. Second-rate seeds will waste good land, good fertilizer and good labor, and the crop won't pay expenses. Now, as the practical farmer cannot afford to waste time testing seeds to find out whether they are true to name, sound and clean, it stands to reason that the only safe way to buy seeds is to seek the protection of a name that has stood for reliability in the past. The great seed firm of D. M. Ferry & Co., of Windsor, Ont., has sold seeds all over the United States and Canada for the last forty-two years, and the steady growth of the business is a sure indication that Ferry seeds have given satisfaction. Ferry's Seed Annual for 1898, a standard guide for farmers and gardeners, containing much valuable information, is sent free to persons writing for it.

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NOTICE. The "People's Boot & Shoe Store" will be opened about the first of April, in the store adjoining R. E. HARRIS, GROCER, with an entirely new Stock of BOOTS, SHOES, SLIPPERS, RUBBERS, &c. in the latest styles, from the best manufacturers, and at the lowest prices.

NOTICE. The Public Meeting called for Monday next in Witter's Hall in reference to the proposed New Hotel is postponed until further notice.

TENDERS. Tenders will be received (stating salary required) by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock, noon, on March 21st from persons desiring the office of Superintendent of Streets and Water Works for the Town of Wolfville.

To Let, Furnished. Rose Cottage, next to the Episcopal church. Lately occupied by Dr. H. Lawrence. For further particulars apply to J. A. THOMPSON, People's Bank of Halifax, Wolfville.

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Land for Sale. About three acres of cultivated land on west side of Highland avenue, south of Foster property. Apply at ACADIAN OFFICE.

Change in Business. Having purchased the Meat Business recently carried on by Mr O. L. Eagles, the subscriber will be prepared to supply customers with the best of everything in his line.

HYPEROPIA! Have you got it? Many have to wear glasses who have it, and perhaps you should also. It will cost you nothing to find out. It causes pains in the head, blurred type when reading, and nothing seems to help it.

Wolfville Coal & Lumber Co., General dealers in Hard and Soft Coals, Kindling-Wood, etc.

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Local and Provincial. The pulpit of the Methodist ch will be supplied next Sunday by Rev. S. Ackman, of Kentville.

Mr R. W. Starr brought into mstam on Monday a beautiful s crop, picked from his garden on dy.

It is reported that a number of business men intend to take advantage of the cheap railway rate to pay a British Columbia this spring.

A large number of S. F. Benja choppers were in town on Wedn morning and made business lively b bank getting their checks cashed.

The attention of our readers is d ed to the advertisement of Mr M Sinclair which appears in this issue. Sinclair will open business here the first of April.

One of the first orders to be fill the Wolfville Clothing Co. in the department will be a costume for Aberdeen, the order for which w served this week.

Quarterly meeting of King C County Agricultural Society will be in Wolfville next Tuesday, March 23rd p. m. There are some 400 members distributed among the memb

A certain printing office in gony, that claims to do more p than any other office in the An Valley, has the very suggestive probably appropriate motto: "It frysens too good."

A parlor concert to be given residence of Mrs Avarid Woodm evening promises to be a ver successful. An interesting program music, readings, dialogues, etc. given. The object is to raise m church purposes.