

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., MAY 12, 1911.

Patronage in Education.

Two years ago Mayor Chisholm, of Halifax, used the following language in an article on civic problems, contributed to the Halifax Herald:

'The ratepayers of Halifax contribute upwards of eighty per cent. of the revenue required for the maintenance of the public schools of the city, and they have to bear also one half of the deficits caused by the holding of the provincial exhibition. The city council appoints six out of twelve school commissioners; they appoint five out of the twelve members of the Provincial exhibition commission. In neither body has the city a controlling voice. Expenditures may run up in both against the wishes of the citizens; and without reflecting in the slightest degree upon the intelligence and zeal for the public weal of the commissioners who are not appointed by the city, it does seem to me that the city can fairly demand a larger representation on both commissions. The same observations apply to the court house commission four out of nine. Taxation without a fair representation has always been distasteful to the liberty-loving Briton.'

This is a mild protest against an attitude the Provincial Government has assumed toward all Nova Scotia towns and municipalities; to such an extent does the government supervise and control municipal affairs that it is an absolutely fair statement to say that our towns and municipalities are actually governed from the Provincial Building. At Halifax municipal home rule is a shadowy thing; the dream of town and county councils, bound hand and foot to the despotic Murray government, which undertakes to see that it has its own way 'the public be damned.'

That this statement is true in respect to education we have only to quote sec. 3 of Educational Act.

'Every district board (that is of school commissioners) shall consist of not less than seven commissioners of schools appointed by the Council (that is of Public Instruction, which consists of members of the Murray Government) for such district, under the name of the Board of School Commissioners for the district of—'

In the same way the Town's Incorporation Act, sec. 55, provides that 'the town shall be a separate school section and the control and management of the public schools of the town shall be vested in the board of commissioners.'

Sec. 152 and 153 provides that the town council shall appoint three and that the Governor-in-Council (the Murray Government) shall appoint two.

The towns claim that no man should be on the school board unless he is responsible to the people who pay the salaries, and they point to the law as it is in Ontario and the western provinces where the people of the municipality elect all of their trustees by nomination and by ballot just as a town councillor is elected. It certainly seems a reasonable proposal yet the Murray Government can not see it in that light. Appointments and patronage are more important than the right system.

Public Meetings.

Following is the program of meetings which are to be held by the Union Reform candidates, with the names of speakers. Every person interested in clean politics should attend one or more of these meetings:

Friday, May 12, Lockhartville, C. A. Campbell, M. L. A., N. W. Eaton, Dr. H. Chipman and others.

Monday, May 15, Billtown, C. A. Campbell, M. L. A., N. W. Eaton, C. T. Wolfe and others.

Tuesday, May 16, Sheffield Mills, C. A. Campbell, M. L. A., N. W. Eaton, C. H. Eaton and others.

Wednesday, May 17, Canaan, C. A. Campbell, M. L. A., N. W. Eaton, Rev. J. D. Spidell and others.

Thursday, May 18, Gasperau, C. A. Campbell, M. L. A., N. W. Eaton, Rev. G. McMillan, Rev. J. D. Spidell.

Friday, May 19, Avoport, C. A. Campbell, M. L. A., N. W. Eaton, Rev. M. P. Freeman and others.

Monday, May 22, Pereaux, C. A. Campbell, M. L. A., N. W. Eaton, Rev. J. D. Spidell and others.

Tuesday, May 23, Hall's Harbor, C. A. Campbell, M. L. A., N. W. Eaton, Rev. F. H. Beals and others.

Wednesday, May 24, Black Rock, C. A. Campbell, M. L. A., N. W. Eaton and others.

Thursday, May 25, Kingston, C. A. Campbell, M. L. A., N. W. Eaton, Rev. H. E. Grant and others.

Friday, May 26, Canning, C. A. Campbell, M. L. A., N. W. Eaton, Rev. H. E. Grant, Rev. G. Bryan and others.

Monday, May 29, Wolfville, C. A. Campbell, M. L. A., N. W. Eaton, Rev. H. E. Grant, Rev. J. D. Spidell and others.

Tennis.

At the annual meeting of the Wolfville Tennis Club a few days ago the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Principal R. W. Ford, Vice President—Mrs. E. F. Moore, Secretary and Treasurer—Dr. J. T. Roach, Executive Committee—R. W. Ford, J. T. Roach, O. H. Fosdy, H. Crawley, and F. Bishop.

The courts are being prepared for play and will be ready in a few days. The lady members have made their arrangements for the customary fortnightly tennis on the club-grounds and there is every indication of a prosperous year for the Wolfville Tennis Club.

Mr. Wickwire's Platform.

It is reported that one of the main provincial political issues discussed by Mr. Wickwire at some of his recent meetings is the life history of one Edwin Smith, who is, we believe, now dead and consequently unable to defend himself.

Whether the allegations are true or false we do not know, but if Mr. Wickwire wishes to gloat over a deception practised on the people of this county he is welcome to any satisfaction it may give him. Mr. Smith spoke in many of our churches and if they were profaned it is a fact to be lamented. He appeared to be all he professed to be, a gentleman and a platform orator.

If still alive he is very remote from here and if, as reported, he is dead, we are content to let his memory rest. Few care to speak ill of the dead.

In any case he is not an issue in this campaign. Were he here now as a candidate in the present election, Mr. Wickwire might very properly devote a portion of his time to a consideration of Mr. Smith's past in order that the electors of this Christian temperance county might know whether Mr. Smith was a fit and proper person to represent them, and on the other hand Mr. Smith would have a similar privilege as regards Mr. Wickwire.

But Mr. Smith is not a candidate and is dead. His character, good or bad, is therefore not an issue so far as we can see.

If he were alive and the charges made are true, we would not cast our vote for him, nor even consider him a proper person to serve on a jury—even in a prosecution for fraudulently packing apples. Unless better men could be obtained we would carry the case to another county, where our fruit growers would be more apt to be convicted than here where their truthfulness and honesty are known to all.

We agree with Mr. Wickwire that men who get in the public eye, like Mr. Smith for instance, in his lifetime, should be of unblemished character and reputation. It is only through such a view of things that a high standard of private and public conduct for public men can be set up and maintained.

It is, however, a dangerous thing to stir up the past. From its dead ashes strange spectres may arise and who knows at whom they may point. Once memory's scroll is started unfolding backwards, what scenes may be revealed!

B. Z.

A Great Remedy for Little Ones.

That is what thousands of mothers say of Baby's Own Tablets. We have received thousands of letters praising them—we have yet to receive a single one condemning them. The tablets cannot possibly do harm even to the newborn babe. They contain none of those poisonous drugs which make the so-called 'soothing' mixtures so dangerous to the welfare of the little one. They are a scientific medicine prepared by one of the greatest specialists on childhood ailments and should be kept in every home where there are babies or small children. Mrs. Fred McCarthy, Pinewood, Ont., writes: 'I have used Baby's Own Tablets and have found them a great remedy for little ones. I would not be without them.' The tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Current Events.

NO DARKNESS.

Toronto will be the most brilliantly illuminated city on the American continent when the Hydro-Electric scheme is in full swing. Night will cease to be dark and darkness will be spoken of as something known only to the past.

WIDOW.

Dr. Hastings, medical health officer of Toronto, in his last monthly report, said that seventy boarding houses had to be closed last month owing to outbreak of scarlet fever, and Dr. Nasmith, the director of Laboratories, reported that it was found that there was a much larger number of bacteria colonies than earlier reported from water testing. That the chlorine treatment of water only 'slugged' the bacteria, and by careful nursing these readily recovered. Typhoid, diphtheria and scarlet fever patients are isolated in buildings prepared for such, and the most rigid isolation is enforced in combating communicable diseases with trained experts in attendance.

MCMASTER LOSS CHIEF.

Chancellor A. C. McKay, of the McMaster Theological University, Toronto, has resigned to accept the proffered position of head of the New Technical school of Toronto. The regrettable controversy on the subject of bible teaching, which occurred two years ago at the University, no doubt hastened his resignation. Chancellor McKay is a very able educationist with fine executive skill.

THE OLD STORY.

Too much whisky brought a Toronto K. C. down to fog. He will have three years of quiet in the penitentiary to think it over and get the loose out of his system.

The lesson is so old as it is clear. Whisky plays no favorites. Once on the job, it is the king's enemy and politician is no better than the ordinary humble laborer of the street.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

EVER HAVE YOUR EYES EXAMINED?

In railroading and other lines of business all employees have to go through severe tests at regular intervals.

That is because eye strain is becoming more common and it is worth guarding against.

We make no charge for testing your eyesight and our system of examination is based on scientific calculations that a child can understand.

Eye rest for tired eyes is obtained from our scientifically fitted glasses.

J. W. Williams
JEWELER & OPTICIAN.

'The Sweets of Office.'

'And yet after such a splendid record, we have persons who would, if they could, dismiss the Murray Government from power. The readers will naturally ask, "For what reason?" The only answer in sight is that they and their friends might enjoy the sweets of office.'

The above quotation from a recent edition of the Western Chronicle is, to say the least, significant, coming as it does from such high authority. So there are 'sweets of office' and they can only be obtained by upsetting the Murray Government! The friends of the party in power obviously now enjoy some delicious and very desirable delicacy, which has suggested to their minds the very felicitous phrase, 'the sweets of office.'

To the uninitiated, the great mass of electors, this expression, while certainly suggestive, requires some explanation, and one of the sweetest recipients will perhaps hasten to furnish it.

From the great activity displayed by certain individuals in relation to machine politics, we have often suspected them of having 'a bee in their bonnets,' but were unaware, until the above confession, that it was the honeyed 'sweets of office' they were after. They have always declared that they labored for the welfare of the people. Instead of the old refrain, 'Go west, young man, go west,' we will now have, I presume, a new one: 'Get in line with the political machine and enjoy the sweets of office.'

May Providence help the people, the politicians evidently help themselves.

We wonder if our farmers are forced to flounder through muddy roads, which at the recent convention Sir Frederick Borden said 'are now the worst I ever saw in all my years of practice in this county,' simply because road moneys are not really such but merely 'sweets of office.'

Do all the parents of this province pay from 100 to 200 per cent. more for school books than those in New Brunswick and Ontario merely because a school book monopoly is one of the 'sweets of office'?

Would funds supplied by Halifax liquor dealers to fight prohibition candidates constitute 'sweets of office' also?

One thing sure we must infer from the Chronicle's remarks—the Tories have not their 'sweets of office' and neither has the ordinary Liberal voter. Then, may I ask, who are the few critics who bow with all four feet and ass to the public trough squeal at the very thought of being disturbed?

No Reason For Doubt.

A STATEMENT OF FACTS BACKED BY A STRONG GUARANTEE.

We guarantee complete relief to all sufferers from constipation. In every case where we fail we will supply the medicine free.

Renal Ordinaries are a gentle, effective, dependable and safe bowel regulator, strengthener and tonic. They re-establish nature's functions in a quiet easy way. They do not cause any inconvenience, griping or nausea. They are so pleasant to take and work so easily that they may be taken by anyone at any time. They thoroughly tone up the whole system to healthy activity.

Renal Ordinaries are unsurpassable and ideal for the use of children, old folks and delicate persons. We cannot too highly recommend them to all sufferers from any form of constipation and its attendant evils. Two sizes, 10c and 25c. Remember, you can obtain Renal Ordinaries in this community only at our store—The Rexall Store, A. V. Rand.

For Sale.

In the smart town of Wolfville, N. S., a modern Bungalow, 6 rooms and bath, hot and cold water, electric lights and furnace.

5 minutes from centre of town, Commands finest view in America. Will sell furnished.

VERNON & CO.
Furniture and Carpets.
TRURO, N. S.

WORKS LIKE A VACUUM CLEANER

Why not give your body a spring house cleaning? It is reasonable. You stay indoors too much all winter—you breathe foul air—you sleep in close rooms—you eat too much. In fact your winter life is pretty much artificial and unnatural.

Then why not renovate your whole system this Spring? Take a short-cut to youth and energy. Nyal's Spring Tonic is the thing. Sulphur and molasses was grandmother's way. She also scrubbed her fingernails off every Spring. But Nyal's Spring Tonic is a regular up-to-date vacuum cleaner by comparison. Gives new snap and vim—puts life and spring into your muscles—makes you feel fit and ready.

One Dollar per Large Bottle.
A. V. RAND, Druggist.

OUR APRIL OFFER

This Handsome Wicker Rocker

is offered to you for the month of APRIL for Three Dollars and Eighty-five Cents. \$3.85

This is the greatest value we have ever shown in a first-class Wicker Rocker.

FREIGHT PREPAID.

We will ship this Rocker on approval if desired.

J. H. HICKS & SONS
BRIDGETOWN, N. S.

A Sample of the Testimonials we are Constantly Receiving.

CANADIAN FAIRBANKS CO.

St. John, N. B.

The two horse power engine purchased of you recently has now been in operation for some time. It has been well tested out in every way and I must say it is marvelous for power and simplicity. I am doing work that it has taken an ordinary 3 horse engine to do and it works like a charm. It is a dandy and no mistake.

Centreville, April 10, '11.

CLARENCE ROSCOE.

W. A. DASHWOOD.

THOMAS ORGANS.

The Favorites Everywhere.

The reason why the sales of Thomas Organs are so far in excess of all others in Nova Scotia is—QUALITY. Nothing can equal them in quality of tone, lightness of touch and workmanship. You may have one by paying only a few dollars each month—send for catalog showing latest styles—Used organs taken in exchange.

N. H. PHINNEY & CO.
LAWRENCE TOWN.

Stores at Lawrence town, Bridgewater, Windsor, Yarmouth and Halifax.

Motion Pictures At Temperance Hall

Thursday Friday Saturday

3 Shows Each Evening. 1st Show Commences at 7.15.

Pictures Brilliant, Steady, Non-Flickering.

Unsurpassed by any other house in the Province.

Technical, Educational, Historic, Dramatic, Com THE BEST OF MUSIC.

Acadia Seminary.

Miss Mary Alcock, about whose condition considerable anxiety was felt, is gradually improving. The other patients are convalescent. It is confidently expected that a rapid and complete recovery will take place in the case of each.

A good exhibition of heavy draying was witnessed on Friday last when the old roller was taken to the school-grounds for the purpose of rolling the new grading. The weight is estimated at from five to six tons and with a little assistance it was taken up Linden avenue by the town horse and the horse of Mr. J. J. Mills, local farmer. It would probably be a difficult thing to find two other horses that would do this work.

Arrangements have been made to have the new opera house for the accommodation of the public meeting in the interest of the Union Reform candidates on May 29th.

FOUND—On Linden avenue, a carriage rug. Owner can have same by sending property and paying for this notice. Apply to J. E. Halse.

BICYCLES FOR SALE—In good condition, with coasters, brakes, mud guards and lamp, used one season. Apply to J. W. Williams.

Minard's Limestone cures Dandruff.

Minard's Limestone Cures Dandruff, Etc.

CARPET SQUARES

We are showing a full line of Squares in the newest designs.

Handsome Velvet and Axminster from \$20.00 to \$30.00. Tapestry from \$8 to \$15.

Unions, All Wool and Fibre Union, several distinct designs.

Mats and Carpet ends with Fringe to match.

Madras and Muslin Curtain Material, New Lace Curtains.

Linoleums from one to four yds. wide. Oilcloths in entirely new patterns.

Japanese Matting and Mats, Fibre Mats, Bath Room Mats, Mud Mats in Cocoa Rubber and Steel.

J. D. CHAMBERS.

All our Wall Papers are carefully chosen from among the finest goods on the market.

LOOK THEM THROUGH.

It is really wonderful how far a small sum will go among our new Wall Papers

WOLFVILLE BOOK-STORE.

FLO. M. HARRIS.

PAINT

Our T. Eaton Wall Paper sale was a huge success. Lots of Bargains Left.

Now is the time to Paint. But use only the best quality, such as we keep. A new stock of screens, doors and screens. A full line of builder's hardware. A new stock of Tin and Enamel. A fully stocked of Hammocks. The best roofing in the world, fire proof and storm proof, 80 years record. Rex Flint Kote. Agents for the latest improved Tungsten Electric Lamp, 30 and 32 c p. Low prices.

Wolfville Decorating Co'y

PHONE 68.

J. F. HERBIN OPTICIAN & WATCH-MAKER.

- (1.) Eye Examination and Fitting.
- (2.) Lens Cutting, Drilling and Fitting.
- (3.) Optical Repair in Every Line.

Three Departments Complete.

Eye Examination Free.

WOLFVILLE, N. S.

Spring Millinery Opening

Tuesday & Wednesday April 4th & 5th

HERBIN BLOCK.

W. C. DEXTER & CO.

A. M. WHEATON.

Our Fruit, Fancy Biscuits and Confectionery Are the very best.

Buy where the prices are most reasonable.

O. W. DAWSON.

Fruit Trees for Spring Planting.

The subscriber has about 2000 No. 1 Apple Trees, three years old, which he offers in tempting quantities at lowest rates. A discount to those who take delivery at Nursery. Write or see E. E. AICHENBACH, Wolfville, Feb. 15, '11.