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Wolfville's Convalescent Home

An Institution That Will be of Value

A representative of THE ACADIAN had the pleasure of a call this week at "Restholm", as Mrs. R. D. G. Harris has appropriately named her convalescent home which she expects to have open for patients on June 1st. Some weeks ago Mrs. Harris purchased the old Dr. Brown place on Main street, a property well adapted to the purpose for which it is now to be used. The location is one of the pleasantest in town, with spacious grounds, and the roomy old dwelling commanding a splendid view of the surrounding country. The proprietor has had a large addition built on the west side providing a number of fine rooms, sun-parlors and sleeping porches, and when the work now in progress has been completed will have the house thoroughly overhauled and refitted. Nothing in the way of equipment will be neglected, the improvements including an up-to-date system of hot-water heating, baths, etc.

Mrs. Harris declares her intention of sparing no expense in making "Restholm" thoroughly comfortable and homelike—a real home for those who take up their residence there. Already a number of applications for admission have been received and it is expected that the accommodation will be pretty well taken up by the time the property is ready for use.

"Restholm" will, we believe, fill a real need and when in operation prove an attractive resting place for convalescents and all those requiring efficient care and attention.

The staff has already been secured and will include Mrs. Greta Harris as nurse, and Mrs. Ellis of the staff of Acadia Seminary, in charge of the culinary department. Mrs. Harris will herself superintend and give her whole attention to the needs of patients.

Wolfville should congratulate itself on the opening of "Restholm" which promises to be a valuable institution of the town. THE ACADIAN wishes the new venture much success.

WELL DONE, WATERVILLE!

On the evening of Tuesday, May 10th members and friends of the Waterville United Baptist Church met to enjoy a social time and to make an attempt at raising the sum of three thousand dollars for the purpose of adding an extension to their church in Waterville. This extension to be divided into three rooms, choir room, a waiting room for the members of the choir, and a pastor's room. These rooms to be used as class rooms during the sessions of the Sunday School.

After enjoying an excellent repast, furnished by the ladies, the meeting was called to order by the pastor, Rev. H. B. Camp, who, after making a brief address called upon Mr. F. M. Chute to explain the plan of the proposed extension to the church. Mr. Chute then presented to the gathering the necessity of the extension which was much needed, and the benefits accruing to a community in possessing a modern up-to-date church.

Those present were then given an opportunity to state the amount that each would contribute to this worthy cause. That the appeal was very generously responded to was manifest when the sums pledged were found to amount to over twenty-six hundred dollars. The Waterville United Baptist Church is certainly to be congratulated on having such generous members and friends.

The W. C. T. U. wish through THE ACADIAN to thank the people of Wolfville for their generous contributions at the lecture given by Miss Warne on Sunday evening. The sum of \$45.35 was realized and will be given towards the building of the new orphanage, which is being built at one of Dr. Grenfell's Mission Stations. Any further contributions, either of clothing or canned goods, will be thankfully received, and can be left at the home of Mrs. J. W. Vaughn, Supt. of Ladrador Work, before the first of June.

An Acadia Poet

Last Sunday afternoon a very pleasing recital took place at the College Library, where a goodly number of citizens assembled to hear Mr. J. Harold Manning of St. John, N. B., read a number of his poems. Mr. Manning was graduated from Acadia in 1919, when he delivered as his graduating oration a translation of Goldwin Smith's Latin poem, "Numa Pompilius." Three years before his brilliant young brother, Fred Manning, from the same platform spoke to the people concerning "The War and After." Both brothers were soldiers in the Great War; Fred laid down his life at Vimy Ridge; Harold returned to do a man's work for Canada and for the world. The people of Acadia University and of the town of Wolfville who knew the young men during their student days were indelibly impressed by their brilliant qualities. It was with a special interest, therefore, that they gathered in the Library Sunday afternoon to hear Mr. Manning read.

The first selection was entitled, "An Ode to Life." This was far more than a pretty hymn to praise; it was a solemn invocation to the Goddess of Life, a goddess who the poet fears as well as loves. As Mr. Manning read he held his audience quiet but thrilled and when he finished all felt born a new trust in the dread power in whose arms we lie. Life is mysterious, elusive, terrible, but it is good. Several other selections Mr. Manning read, and he especially gratified by giving once more his "Numa Pompilius." Mrs. W. H. Thompson rendered appropriate violin solos.

Dr. DeWolfe at the close of the recital moved that a vote of thanks from the audience be tendered to the reader and poet, and that Mr. Manning be encouraged to publish his poems without delay. The motion was seconded by President Cutten and carried unanimously.

A social half hour followed in which those present had an opportunity to examine a collection of pictures, reproductions in color of the world's masterpieces, which Mr. Manning is presenting to Acadia. These he has mounted in albums and has carefully arranged and catalogued according to the different schools of painting. From the note appended to his catalogue we quote "I will feel amply repaid for the labor involved in the collecting if the pictures succeed in arousing interest in art and some serious study of this great subject at Acadia. Perhaps they will be an assistance to the great painter."

OUR NEW TOWN CLERK

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN.
Dear Sir:—I notice that Mr. R. W. Ford has been appointed as Town Clerk, of which action no criticism can be made. Just what motive our "civic rulers" had in selecting Mr. Ford out of the number of applicants (including one returned man) does not appear, however. So far as I can remember from reading the reports of the Council meetings in THE ACADIAN practically every one of the other applicants, all competent men, agreed to do the same work that will be expected of Mr. Ford for \$1000 per year, while he is to receive \$1500. Is it because the Council has more money than they know what to do with? The state of the town finances does not indicate that such is the case. Citizens naturally have some interest in such matters, as they "must pay the bills". If not out of order an explanation on the part of the authorities would please the undersigned and perhaps a good many others.

TAX PAYER.

According to present indications Sunday next ought to be "Blossom Sunday" in the Valley. The prospects for a big show of blossoms are exceedingly good and if the weather is favorable a scene of rare beauty will be presented. The usual number of sight-seers from Halifax and elsewhere, with a large attendance of anniversary visitors will make Wolfville a busy centre of activity. No one should miss seeing the apple-blossoms. The opportunity comes only once in a year.

Splendid Recitals

Given by Conservatory Graduates

On Monday evening, in the Baptist church, a recital was given by Miss Barbara Marion MacNeill, reader, (pupil of Mae Churchill Deane), who has completed the course in Expression for a certificate of standing. She was assisted by Miss Miriam W. Bancroft, pianiste. The following programme was splendidly rendered and much enjoyed by those present: The Playroom..... Doris Holman

Miss MacNeill
(a) Danse Polonoise..... Joffery
(b) Prelude G minor, op. 33, No. 5..... Rachmaninoff

Miss Bancroft
A Pleasant Half Hour.....

Marjorie Benton Cooke
Miss MacNeill
The Very Tired Girl..... Eleanor Abbott

Miss MacNeill
(a) Nocturne, op. 37, No. 1..... Chopin
(b) Fantaisie Impromptu, op. 66..... Chopin

Miss Bancroft
(a) Nobody Cares for Me..... Eugene Field
(b) Little Bateese.....

Wm. Henry Drummond
(c) Mr. Bear..... Charles Noel Douglas
(d) Why?..... John Barnes Wells

Miss MacNeill

The graduating recital of Miss Olive Bernice Purdy, pianiste (pupil of Frank E. Marsh, Jr.), and Miss Hilda Margaret Kinsman, violiniste (pupil of Pauline Tourjee Nelson), which was held in the Baptist church last evening, proved a very enjoyable affair. Both graduates showed themselves to be accomplished musicians and their playing was much enjoyed. The programme was as follows:

(a) Toccata, op. 14..... Jonas
(b) Arabesque, No. 2..... Debussy
(c) L'Alouette..... Glinka-Balakirew

Miss Purdy
Sonata VI..... Handel

Adagio
Allegro

Largo
Allegro
Miss Kinsman

(a) Nocturne, op. 15, No. 2..... Chopin
(b) Ballade, op. 47..... Chopin

Miss Purdy
(a) Aria..... Tenaglia
(b) Alla Turca..... Beethoven

(c) Mazurka..... Mlynarski
Miss Kinsman

Concerto, op. 25..... Mendelssohn
Presto

Miss Eileen Wilson at second Piano

A SPLENDID SHOW

It often happens that Wolfville people, who generally are liberal in their patronage of happenings at the Opera House, miss the very things which they ought to see and hear. The presentation of "Grumpy", Cyril Maude's greatest comedy success, on Wednesday evening, was a case in point. This was one of the finest performances seen here for a long time, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the half a houseful who were present. Mr. Edward Lewers, who took the part of "Grumpy", is a wonderfully clever actor, and he is supported by a strong company. Many of the situations were of an exceedingly amusing character and a good time pervaded the entire play which is clean and wholesome throughout. The leading lady part was taken by Miss Violet Hall Caine, a niece of the great author, which added not a little to the interest of the performance. Those who failed to attend missed a treat. THE ACADIAN learns that a return engagement of this clever English company has been made and that they will again appear at the Opera House with another play in about two weeks time. Watch for the date and be sure to see it.

Mr. C. W. Wilson, a ministerial student at Acadia, had the misfortune one day last week of breaking his right arm while cranking his car. The circumstance was particularly unfortunate as the accident prevented Mr. Wilson from writing his examinations which are now on.

The People's Forum

LAW ENFORCEMENT

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN.
Dear Sir:—In the current issue of your esteemed publication is an article by "The Man on the Street" which should convince certain of the Town rulers and officials of the desirability of keeping this Angus-eyed gentleman 'off the Street' in the future. "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown"—thrice uneasy lies the head of him whose doings, or lack of doings, come under the notice and disapproval of this hypercritical vagrant.

His scandalous remarks regarding the non-enforcement of our Town Laws are such as cannot fail to attract and hold the attention of everyone interested in the peace, order and good government of Wolfville. While possibly he would retort that "a cat may look at a King", yet it appears to most of us that criticism of those in high places is a very different matter.

We had all been under the impression that the Town had "some agency by which its laws might be enforced". But reason bids us agree with certain members of the Town Council in the opinion that, while laws might be enforced, it is never intended that they should be.

Possibly it is quite in order for the Chief of Police to arrest Jacobus Jones, owner of a Ford, for breach of the Automobile Laws. It is perfectly proper that he should be fined and the fine collected for Jones is poor, has no friends and no influence. But what an outrage that he should arrest a wealthy and influential citizen of the Town for a similar offence. How thoughtless of our legislators in Halifax, base born churl, that they should make such a law and insist that a fine be imposed. And once imposed, it is unthinkable that the Town should take any steps to enforce it's payment.

And now for the Chief of Police and the other members of the 'Force'. When, in their devotion to duty, they make an arrest, does not "The Man on the Street" realize that it is permissible for those in authority and charged with the enforcement of our laws to privately and publicly remind them for their indiscretion? And not only permissible, but imperative that they should do so.

As to the "By-laws"—surely no one imagines that they were ever intended for enforcement. If so, let that person explain them at the same time imagining himself engaged under one of their sections as a sure cure for the blues.

Altogether, Mr. Editor, this "Man on the Street" appears to harbor some idiotic ideas, and probably if the Town Fathers were not so averse to the enforcement of the Law, some Act regarding the care of the feeble minded might advantageously be invoked in his behalf.

But, as I tell my sister's kiddies, "the Boogey Man will get him yet, if he don't watch out!"

Yours faithfully,
ELAINE LEFAYRE.

DO NOT ASK FOR FREE LIGHT

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN.
Dear Sir,—Permit me space in your columns to thank "The Man on the Street" for his unsolicited comments in support of the Great War Veterans Association in your issue of last week. I would nevertheless point out a slight error in this connection. The G.W.V.A. have at no time asked the Town Fathers for free light. On June 2nd, 1920 (approximately twelve months ago) the following resolution was forwarded to the Town Council:

"We, the Executive Committee of the Wolfville Great War Veterans Association, in session, respectfully request of you, as the Council of the Town of Wolfville, empower the Electric Light Commission of the said town to sell to the Great War Veterans' Association electric power, for lighting purposes in their Club Rooms, at a rate equal to that paid by the Commission to the Gaspereau Heat, Light and Power Co., for such power."

To date this communication has not been acknowledged.

Yours truly,
P. W. DAVIDSON,
Secretary G.W.V.A.

THE COAL PRICE

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN.
Dear Sir:—Will somebody who knows please explain why the people of Wolfville have been obliged to pay at the rate of fourteen dollars a ton for Springhill coal while it has been selling at Berwick for \$12.50 or \$12.00 for five ton lots. Shipping facilities such as we enjoy ought to enable the dealer to land his coal at Wolfville for considerably less than it can be taken to Berwick. Naturally we should expect the advantage to be in our favor while the opposite is the case. Will some one please tell us why?

ENQUIRER.

Greenwich Notes

On May 9th we had a snow storm of three or four hours, but did not stay. Snow fell in the night, so that early risers found the ground quite white on the morning of the 10th and "The Ridge" showed off white all the forenoon. Rather late in season for a snow storm.

About two weeks ago Mrs. Cutler Forsythe had an auction sale at her home of farming implements, some stock, a horse, automobile, etc., which proved successful.

Mr. T. J. Borden is fast learning the art of driving a fine new Ford car, one of the latest models. Mr. Murray Forsythe also has one, of the same popular make of the newest improvements, which makes three new cars in this place this spring. Mr. Harold Ford is now driving the "Lizzie" he purchased from Mr. Hazen Bishop this spring. After all a "Lizzie", or old Ford, proves to be as faithful as any of them.

Sympathy is expressed for Mrs. Fred Ford, in the loss by death recently of her aged mother, Mrs. Parsons, of Hortonville, a highly esteemed lady.

Mrs. Omar Pudsey spent the day last Thursday in Avonport attending the wedding of her niece, Miss Roxina Holmes.

A week ago last Sunday was "Mother's Day" and our pastor, Rev. Mr. Watts most certainly gave a sermon appropriate to the day in the afternoon service here, one that will long be remembered by those who heard him. We understand Mr. Watts will soon be leaving us for a new field of labor. All will wish him well.

Miss Verta Lantz a student at Acadia College, spent Sunday with relatives here. Miss Lantz was one of our former school teachers.

John and Aleck Andrew have been ill with the measles at the home of their Aunt, Mrs. Andrew Fenwick, both are better. Mrs. Andrew has been ill with an attack of the mumps, but is fully recovered now.

All our farmers in the place have been busily spraying the past week, some with the liquid spray, others use the dust spray.

CANNING ITEMS

The W.C.T.U. were entertained by Mrs. N. W. Eaton on Monday evening, on which occasion Miss Warne gave a very entertaining and instructive talk on the Labrador work.

The Social Service Council held their business meeting on Monday evening. A vexed question of a public playground occupied the business portion of the session. The boys and citizens generally are being asked for their loyal support of this project to ensure its success. Discussion was followed by an earnest and inspiring address in Social problems by Rev. G. A. Logan after which the musical and entertaining committees furnished a feast of song and nourishment. President H. Barbour being detained at Blomidon the first part of the evening in his official capacity as a welder of two destinies, the chair was filled by Vice-Pres. N. W. Eaton.

The Golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Newcombe was attended by a host of friends and relatives on Monday. The road to Wolfville which so many wish to use in the coming week is conducive of closer relations of travellers, occupants of carriages and autos being much thrown together in transit. Nothing better is looked for until grants and commissions are exhausted.

A bill has been introduced in the Nova Scotia legislature providing for a change in the rule of the road that would make passing to the right compulsory throughout the province.

School Board Meets

C. H. Wright Gets Contract for New School Building

A special meeting of the School Board was held on Monday evening with all the members present.

The resignation of Miss S. G. Stevens, vice-principal, was read, and the chairman was requested to interview her and if possible secure her services for another year. In the event of the resignation being pressed it was decided to offer the position to Miss Drysdale, at present the teacher of Grades 6 and 7.

The application of Miss Ernst, at present teaching Grade 8, for the position of vice-principle, was read and laid over until next meeting.

Miss Haley, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Everett, Miss Baxter and Miss West were reappointed for next year.

Tenders for the proposed new building were read as follows:

N. S. Construction Co. \$57,260
Rhodes, Curry & Co. 45,831
C. H. Wright 36,000

On motion the tender of Mr. Wright was accepted and the architect was instructed to make the necessary contracts, etc.

Architect Leslie R. Fairn, whose plans were accepted at a former meeting, was engaged to look after the work of construction at 5 per cent. commission.

PROVINCIAL EXAMS. ON JUNE 24

The Provincial examinations of the High Schools of the Province will commence on Friday, June 24th. It has been customary to commence the examinations on Monday but this year it is necessary to start on Friday in order to fulfill the statutory declaration that "they shall be held in the last six days of June."—July 1st coming as it does on Friday. It is expected that a record number will write the papers this year, although the names have not yet been sent in from the various County Academies.

Another interesting feature is the increasing number of candidates applying to write the "University Grade Examinations" which will be held in August. This is the highest examinations given by the Department of Education, the successful candidates qualifying for the Academic license. Up to the last few years a comparatively small number of candidates had applied to take the examinations, but this year nearly a one year, or a "partial" examination covering one or more subjects. Details of this examination as well as the Provincial examinations will be announced through the Spring issue of the Journal of Education which will appear next week.

"THE MAN ON THE STREET"

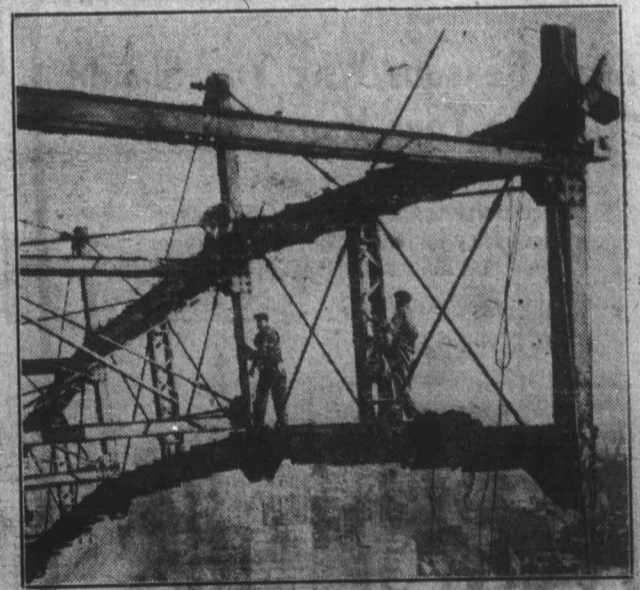
An uncomplimentary remark concerning the character of the post-office doors was overheard by "The Man on the Street" recently. Doors are always a nuisance to some people as they always require to be opened and frequently must also be closed. The doors in question probably do possess more than the ordinary number of faults. The real trouble, however, is often with those who pass through them. A little judgement would generally avoid most of the trouble expended.

The mail service for some years conducted by the Minas Basin Steamer "Prince Arthur", which was withdrawn at the beginning of the present season, was resumed on Wednesday of this week, and will continue as in the past to be a great convenience to residents on both sides of the bay.



A SYMBOL OF ALLIED STRENGTH

French Armoured Car patrolling the streets of Dusseldorf since the allied occupation of several German cities.



FAMOUS LANDMARK DISAPPEARS

The giant ferris wheel situated on the outskirts of Paris, is now being dismantled. Some idea of the size of the structure and the dangerous task of dismantling it may be obtained by comparing the size of the workmen with the steel frame.