

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., FEB. 15, 1907.

School Board Meeting.

The first regular meeting of the School Board as at present constituted was held on Tuesday evening at the Town Hall. There were present Messrs. Johnson, Hales and McKenna and Commissioners Bars and Vaughn. The election of a chairman was the first business, and on motion Dr. McKenna was elected. In a short speech he thanked the Board for the honor conferred upon him, and asked the co-operation of each member in the work of carrying on the important work before them. It was decided that the sum of \$3,000 be asked for by the Board for school purposes during the year. This will provide in addition to the usual requirements for certain much-needed repairs on the school building, including painting. It was decided to spend the sum of \$30 for the nucleus of a school library, so as to qualify the school to receive the regular grant to A teachers. Mayor Black, who was present, offered to donate a full set of 'Encyclopaedia Americana' to the library. The Board, Dr. DeWitt, health officer, was present, and pointed out some desirable changes, that should be made in the condition of the building, in the interest of the health of the pupils.

The Lord's Day Act.

By request I have been asked to quote the sections of the Lord's Day Act that may be of interest to us in Wolfville.

The first section of the Act defines what is meant by the Lord's Day. The second section is as follows: 'It shall not be lawful for any person on the Lord's Day, except as provided herein or in any Provincial Act or law now or hereafter in force, to sell or offer for sale or purchase any goods, chattels, or other personal property, or any real estate, or to carry on or transact any business of his ordinary calling, or in connection with such calling, or for gain, to ho or employ any other person to do any work, or labour.'

The third section exempts works of mercy, &c.

Section six reads: 'It shall not be lawful for any person on the Lord's Day, except as provided in any Provincial Act or law now or hereafter in force, to run, conduct, or convey by any mode of conveyance any excursion on which passengers are conveyed for hire, and having for its principal or only object the carriage on that day of such passengers for amusement or pleasure, and passengers so conveyed shall not be deemed to be travellers within the meaning of this Act.'

Section nine covers the distribution of the Sabbath papers published in the United States.

The penalty for violating the Dominion Lord's Day Act ranges from one dollar to forty. If an employer violates the law by authorizing or directing any employee, the fine ranges from \$20 to \$100. The penalty for corporations violating the law ranges from \$50 to \$250.

The Dominion Lord's Day Act is not stringent and was not passed in the interest of religion but to preserve a day of rest for the people of Canada.

The Executive of the Lord's Day Alliance feel that for the welfare of our people and to hand on the splendid inheritance bequeathed to us, the hardy co-operation of all is necessary in keeping the Lord's Day. While the committee earnestly desires to avoid as far as possible all litigation it is felt that some large corporations and some individuals are determined to test one or other of the sections of the Act. It may therefore be that we may see, shortly after the law comes into force, some test cases before the court. The maxim however of the Alliance is—avoid litigation if possible. Moral suasion appeals to those who may have violated the law to help us to respect it and to have it recognized as the law of our land. But if that fails then the law must be vindicated and the Executive of the Lord's Day Alliance will put the same energy into the enforcing that they put forward in getting the Act passed.

On behalf of the Executive of the Lord's Day Alliance,
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Some of the Canadian newspapers are likely to get themselves into trouble by printing the evidence in the 'Thaw' case. The matter was brought up in the House of Commons the other day by Dr. Stockton of St. John and the Postmaster General warned the press at this country that they were violating the law in printing much of the evidence in this disgusting case.

Was Blair Understood?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE ACADIAN:

Sir.—It seems a pity that appreciation of the good in public men, or at least open recognition of that good, is so often withheld till its object is beyond reach. Few public men in Canada have been the object of such alternating admiration and execration as the late Andrew G. Blair; and yet it is doubtful if he was ever fully understood by any great number of the people. Canvass an honest New Brunswick opinion on his merits at the close of his twenty years of provincial politics there, and you will get verdicts of 'statesman,' 'trickster,' 'political genius,' 'unscrupulous manipulator,' and so on. He was a truly loyal party man while that party measured up to his standard, or perhaps to his requirements; he demolished party altars and wiped out party traditions when occasion, or his ambitions which created the occasion, demanded. For this he earned much execration, 'Trickster.' Yet he was only slightly ahead of his time. There is a growing sentiment abroad now that the smashing of party lines is not always an unmixed evil.

He fought an anti stamp-tax policy in a general election once and was

the policy and its champion, reorganized his government, and next day was smiling premier 'Andy' again. 'Political genius.'

Through the dark days of the Liberal party, during the McDonald regime, he didn't tempt the fates overmuch in New Brunswick, then solidly Conservative. He didn't want the earth, only New Brunswick,—and he got it. Party names, shibboleths or traditions didn't bother him; he wanted a government,—and a government he got. And held it too till he was called to the larger arena.

Here, not disappointing expectations, he loomed large. He had courage, energy, and ability, and a genius for constructiveiveness too audacious even for his conferees.

The test of his real worth came in '03. The extension of the new transcontinental from Quebec to Moncton was immensely popular in New Brunswick. The maritime members had insisted on it. Blair protested. It would parallel the intercolonial and ruin it. His protest developed into fight, and in open session he smote his leader as none had ever smitten him before. But there was an iron will behind that courtly French smile that Blair couldn't move, and he resigned. And, later, from a position of much emolument on the Railway Commission he again laid down the reins.

Now, from any standpoint of ambition,—fame, place or power,—these resignations are not understandable. Blair had in them all to lose and nothing to gain. Nothing but a high unspelled sense of right,—as he saw the right,—could have prompted him to cut from his party and sacrifice what seemed the very goal of his life ambition. The homage of his province,—St. John had just torchlighted him into parliament with an immense majority,—the prestige, the glamor so dear to a politician, all deliberate ly thrown to the winds. For what? What, if not a principle? And yet, because he injured the Liberals and refused to turn the melee into account on behalf of any other party, no public man that I have heard of, no newspaper that I have read, credits him with this manly deed that cost him so much. He wouldn't 'play the game.'

In this relinquishment for principle Blair stands among Canadian statesmen, and to say almost alone. Of the statesmen who have sacrificed public life for principle Canada hasn't many specimens. There is one other, though, and both parties are evidently trying to forget him. He was Blair's contemporary, his fellow at the council board. And he, too, was a bete noir. Yes, for many years the misdeeds of the Laurier administration were all laid at the doors of this man and Blair. He was 'ze great enjstaire,' the 'master of the administration.' The best hated and the least trusted was he of all our public men. Yet one day he told his chief and told the country that larger protection had been promised the Canadian manufacturer, that he was a party to the promise, and that since that promise was not to be fulfilled, he couldn't honestly retain his portfolio. So, walking out of the best of the spending departments, Israel Tarte effaced himself by disappearing into private life.

How often on the questionable curves and sharp angles of these men's public lives have they really wanted to be as frank and manly as they were on these occasions? We shall never know.

'I resent the balance let's be mute. We never can adjust it. What's done we partly may compute. But we know not what's roared.'

W. T. FORD.

A feature of the British Columbia elections was that all the larger centres of population went solidly Conservative, the cities of Vancouver, Victoria, and New Westminster returning ten supporters of that party. The same tendency may be noted elsewhere. In the leading business districts of the city of Montreal a few days ago, a Conservative was returned to the Quebec legislature by a vote of nearly two to one, and by elections for the House of Commons at the metropolis of Quebec gives signs of breaking away from Laurier.

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Canning Items.

News of the death at Port Worth, Texas, of Miss Ada Starr, half-sister of Mrs. E. M. Beckwith, was received with deep regret by the many friends she had made during her visits here.

Mr. A. D. Payant has returned from a trip to Liverpool, N. S. Owing to the illness of Miss Stella Loomer, the Intermediate Department of our school is closed this week.

Present sufferers from la grippe are Mrs. Henry Hills, Mrs. Dexter Davison, Mrs. J. M. Lyons and Miss K. Sturk.

Rev. Dr. Wilson exchanged pulpits on Sunday, the third inst., with Rev. W. R. Turner, of Kentville.

Mr. Herbert Sheffield is home from Londonderry on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Latta Sheffield.

Rev. Mr. Wall of Kingsport occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church Sunday evening, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. F. V. Buchanan.

The dramatic and humorous recital given on Thursday evening of last week by Miss Frances Johnson, assisted by Mr. Walter McKay, was greatly enjoyed by those who attended.

Joseph Sachfield is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Rev. Mr. McLeod took charge of the Presbyterian service in the Town Hall on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 3rd.

Misses Wood and Newcombe, of Woodville, were the guests over Sunday of the former's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Judson Melvin.

Mrs. William Crosby arrived from Massachusetts on Saturday last, on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Palmer Grant.

A Fancy Masquerade Ball was held in Oddfellows Hall, on Tuesday evening.

Canning Division has been invited to pay a fraternal visit to Wolfville Division on Monday evening next.

Two of our citizens, Messrs. N. W. Eaton and Albert Harris have effected an exchange of residential properties. Moving day will soon be on.

Two valuable horses have recently died from the effects of colic, one belonging to Mr. James Newcombe, the other to Mr. Chaucey Ward.

A Cornwallis correspondent writes: 'Farmers are already beginning to think of the planting season. Potatoes did not turn out well last season. Some thought this was because almost every variety of potato had run themselves out. With thought in mind farmers are importing new varieties. One of the newest kinds is the 'Excelsior,' a potato imported from the United States. It is said to be a superior sort of potato and Kings Co. farmers are finding ready sale for them in parties in neighboring Counties, who are anxious to procure them for planting during the coming season. They are selling at fifty cents per bushel.'

Violent Headaches. 'I was troubled for a long time with headaches which would come on with such violence that I could not eat or do my work. Headache powders did no good. Eight months ago I took six boxes of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and I have not been troubled with headache since.'—M. O. BARBER, SIMONS, Ont.

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FEBRUARY

Clearance Sale!

BEGINNING FRIDAY, 15th!

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In taking stock we have laid out a large amount of goods that must be sold even at a sacrifice, in order to turn them into cash and make room for new stock. To separate these particular lines from other goods we will display them in our large BASEMENT Department, which will be fitted up especially for this sale.

Muslins, Gingham, Waistings, White Goods. A special snap, one good pattern, regular 10c, to 15c price. Goods that ranged from 15c to 25c per yard, Sale price only, 10c yd.

WRAPPERS—20 pieces, all good patterns, regular 10c, to 15c price. Sale Price, 8c. Yd. Remnants of Dress Goods, Remnants at half price.

50 pairs Black and colors—Black all sizes—to sell for 50c. Pair.

We offer a discount of 20 per cent. off our entire stock of Dress Materials, without reserve.

LACES. Immense stock of Fancy Laces, all good patterns reduced 25 per cent.

25 Lustre Waists cream, champagne or greys from \$1.25 to \$2.00, sale price \$1.00 each.

White Wear. In the Basement we offer all our last season's stock at 20 per cent. discount. On the Millinery side we show our new stock at 10 per cent. discount.

Embroideries. Special bargains in ends of Embroideries in the Basement.

10 p. C. off all stock of specially ticketed or advertised.

Cash Prices. No Approvals. No Returns.

Chambers

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