

**THE ACADIAN,**  
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When we issued our anniversary number we explained to our friends and patrons why we were running so small a sheet and at that time we made a third step in advancement by changing from semi-monthly to weekly issues. Since then our paper has been successful beyond our most sanguine expectations and we now feel in position to again enlarge our sheet. It may perhaps not be out of place to give our platform for the future. As in the past we shall continue to be Honest, Independent, Fearless. The ACADIAN has always aimed to view every subject with which it has had to deal with fairness, strict impartiality, and with the welfare of the community always first taken into consideration. It is useless for us to pretend to conceal our personal views, but our personal views are our own, not the people's, and it is our aim always to present as near as possible the people's views and wants. We defy either Grit or Tory to say we have in any instance favored either the one or the other in anything. So long as either does what is considered right we will uphold them and when wrong we will just as surely and firmly oppose them. As to being humble followers of either party we decline the honor with thanks. Party Politics has in our opinion done enough already to damage the reputation and the business of our province. With Dominion issues we have nothing to do except in so far as they affect our local interests. Ours is a local paper and we have neither time nor inclination to weary our readers with long dissertations on the honesty of Sir John A. Macdonald or Edward Blake; or the money-making propensities of Sir Charles Tupper or Sir Richard Cartright. Being a local paper we think we can find enough to do in advocating local reforms. Many things in our own county are not as they should be and the sooner these are brought to light the better for the people. Our columns shall always be open to all, no matter what their party, creed or opinions, and we invite their use in the discussion of all matters of common interest to King's County. The farm and its products shall always receive our careful attention, and for the aid of the farmers and merchants we shall endeavor to have a carefully revised list of market prices each week. We do not intend to promise very great things nor very learned articles, but we will do as in the past, our level best, to present things as they are, not going to the right or left to gratify the personal feelings of anyone. What we have done our readers know. What we shall do will be as much better as we and those of our literary friends that have promised their aid can possibly make it. In conclusion we ask your support. Our paper is not an experiment but an established journal. Your advertisement will pay as well or better in the ACADIAN than any other in this locality. Our job work is of the best, and we guarantee satisfaction. Patronize your own industries and you can rest assured we shall do all in our power to merit your confidence and support.

**A DAY WITH THE GRANGERS.**

Having received an invitation from a member of the order of the Patrons of Husbandry to the picnic, held in the Exhibition building Kentville on Tuesday last, under the auspices of King's and Annapolis Division Granges, we considered it our duty to attend as we were sure not only of spending a pleasant day but also of noting something that might be of interest to our readers. On crossing the Cornwallis River at Kentville we noticed that although there is a good foot-path on the bridge, there is no connection between it and the highway on either side of it, and wondered why it was left in its present state. Will some one please explain? On arriving at the Exhibition building we found that the ladies had already been at work and the tables were perfectly resplendent with silver and glass and tastefully decorated with handsome

boquets of flowers, while the display of good things for the inner man made us anxious for the signal to set down and make ourselves at home. Grace having been said by the Rev. F. J. Axford we soon satisfied ourselves that however much the farmers of the Annapolis valley may complain of hard times they show little signs of them when they invite their friends to join them on such festive occasions as the present. Having done ample justice to that portion of the entertainment we took a stroll about the grounds and learn from the Annapolis brethren (of whom there are about 200 present) that the weather, which had in the morning been threatening with us had been actually wet with them and prevented a large number who intended coming being present. We estimate the entire number present in the building and on the grounds at about 1000 persons, about half of whom belonged to the fair sex.

At 3 o'clock Mr. C. R. H. Starr, Master of King's Division Grange, called the meeting to order and after a few well chosen remarks on the nature and object of the meeting and in which he regretted the absence of Col. Blair, of Truro, Mr. Burns, Lecturer of the Dominion Grange and other prominent members of the order who were expected to be present, introduced Mr. Forsythe, Master of the Annapolis Division Grange, who read an address of fraternal greeting from the brethren in Annapolis to those in King's.

John N. Coleman, well known as the pioneer of small-fruit raising in this valley, spoke at some length on various subjects in the course of which he stated that in the last season he had raised 10,000 quarts of strawberries which had netted him \$850.00 clear of all expenses.

Rev. R. Avery in a short address regretted the fondness of our young people for the United States and thought there was no reason why they might not be contented and happy at home.

Mr. Peter Innes stated that he had been brought up on a farm and a few years ago started a farm on his own account and now like the late Horace Greeley can tell "what he knows about farming." He had tried raising horses but found that they had eaten their heads off before they were ready for sale; with cattle he had similar experience; but with turnips he had been fairly successful. He considered that the raising of fruits, both large and small, would be the most profitable branch of farming in this section and referred to the increasing facilities for placing our products in the markets of the United States and Great Britain. He thought the season farmers did not occupy their proper position in this country was due to their extreme modesty. They as a general thing were not blessed with the gift of the gab, but they had brains and brains would tell in the long run.

The meeting was also addressed by Mr. Miller, of Annapolis, Dr. Creed, of Hants Co., and Mr. D. B. Newcomb, and we regret that owing to the noise and confusion of people moving about we could not hear what they said, but believe they referred to the Principles and working of their order. After a vote of thanks to Mr. Innes for special trains and reduced fares and to the visitors for their presence, the proceedings were closed by singing the National Anthem, and we slowly turned our horse homeward convinced that the Grangers were a contented and a happy people and hoping that some day we may be allowed to join their honorable order.

**EXCURSION TO PARRSBORO.**

The annual picnic of Evangeline Division, S. of T., Lower Horton, this year, took the form of an excursion to Parrsboro' on the steamer Hiawatha on Tuesday of last week. Your correspondent being among those favored with an invitation, early wended his way to Horton Landing, the place of embarkation, where he found a highly respectable crowd waiting, well supplied with trunks, baskets, etc., giving ample promise of good things to come. After waiting a short time the steamer rounded the Point, and steamed bravely up the river, but now the morning that promised so fair at first has gradually

clouded over and a few drops of rain fall ominously. There is some talk of postponement but a cold water company like this are not to be daunted with a few drops of rain and the embarkation begins and "Oh! brave hearts and true not one went back," but a young man who fell in the mud and got his clothes dirty. Nothing is left on the wharf but a few small boys who manage to cast of the moorings, and we glide smoothly down the river to the "Gaspereau mouth" where the historic "English Ships" "lay at their moorings" on that pleasant September morning more than a century and a quarter ago waiting to carry a "nation with their household gods into exile." We don't give much thought to this, but a few quotations from Longfellow are always in order in this land of Evangeline. A good steady drizzle sets in as we pass Boot Island and continue till Blomidon is passed and we are crossing Minas Channel, to give it its geographical name, though the illiterate mariner gives it a shorter and more suggestive one, when the wind freshens and some of the passengers give unmistakable signs that "Old Whitear" is looking for them, most of them escape him this time as we are soon at the "Saag," which is getting a new top. The raja still continues to fall. Some of us take teams for the village, some get rooms at the hotels at the Island, and some spread their tables on board the steamer. Your correspondent eats his frugal meal and starts out to see the sights. The wind is blowing half a gale and the scud almost seems to touch the top Partridge Island while the rain squalls shut out the familiar Blomidon, and the bay is full of white horses. An enterprising man from Parrsboro' village, in view of the present excursion, has pitched his tent on the beach and stocked it with liquid lightning. He reaps no profit from us as temperance principles prevail and none of us patronize him. However some toilers of the sea belonging to ships in West Bay have come in a boat and soon the sound of the profane fiddle is heard issuing from the tent, mingled with unholy sea songs and occasionally one of Moody and Sankey's hymns. As the afternoon wanes the uproar gets louder, and the proprietor of the Ottawa House goes down and after a short conversation the owner "folds up his tent like the Arab" and quietly moseys off home. The afternoon wears away, pleasantly enough to most the hotel proprietors, doing their best to make everything pass off agreeably. As six o'clock, the time for embarkation, approaches the night looks badly. As we gather on board there is some talk of a Jonah. We have three clergymen on board, but two of them have families, and we can't sacrifice them on uncertainties. The other is so popular with the ladies that we haven't the heart to say anything about him. So we gloomily conclude to take our chances. Somebody says we can't get home but will have to go to Hantsport. The captain is questioned who is reticent. "He will do his best." And so in storm and uncertainty we start. The water is lumpy and the steamer wobbles and the rail is soon lined with victims. Some young men earn eternal gratitude for assisting the unfortunate. The young clergyman struggles to the deck looking very pale. Your correspondent has sat under his ministry and has admired his learning and eloquence, perhaps envied him his privilege of talking without anyone talking back. Certainly envied him the tender interest taken in him by the ladies. And now the carnal demon that is within us chuckles and grins at the thought that he is mortal like the rest of us. However, the sight of worse misery than his, as he reaches the deck, reassures him and he returns quite comfortable. We are soon in smooth water inside Boot Island, and as we pass the mouth of the Gaspereau the engine is stopped and the lead is thrown, there is a gleam of hope among the crowd around the pilot house that we are going to get home—but no! the bell in the engine room rings and we go ahead to our old course, and are soon fast at the wharf at Hantsport. Two or three get teams and go home, some go to hotels in the village, but most of us stay on the boat. The owners send down lots of mattresses and pillows, the officers give up their state

rooms, and comfortable provision is made for passing the night. Some young men, possessed with the idea that others have as great admiration for them as they have for themselves, persist in making a noise or walking about, but tired nature gives in at last, and sleep that robs them of their glory also covers their futility. As is the fate of all excursions and picnics, the usual party of young people are there with no thought of other's comforts; they take possession of one end of the saloon, and giggle and chatter through most of the night. When morning comes we find nature, who frowned so persistently yesterday is all smiles to-day. It is as warm as summer; the water sparkles in the sunlight and the air is liquid gold. A prominent member of Evangeline Division, who has been very kind during the night, now stirs himself and soon there a hot cup of tea and comfortable breakfast for all. About nine o'clock we leave Hantsport and steam pleasantly down the river. A porpoise is lazily tumbling about inshore. Some of the younger members of the party, fresh from Sunday School, who heard the talk about Jonah yesterday, wonder if that was the whale sent for him, if it is, he gets no prophetic out of this crowd, for soon—too soon some think, we are at the wharf and all safely landed. The prevailing opinion is that it wasn't such a bad time after all.

**GENERAL NEWS.**

—The Scot Act is to be submitted in Toronto.

—There were 586 new cases of cholera and 343 deaths in Italy on the 19th.

—A slight shock of earthquake was felt in the western and north-western states on Friday last.

—During the month of August four thousand bbls. of mackerel were shipped from St. John N. B. for the States.

—A well known Fenian named Duggan has just died in Dublin. His funeral was attended by 15,000 persons.

—Rindskoff Bros. & Co., wholesale clothiers, of New York, have assigned. Their preferences aggregate \$377,000.

—Victoria Morosini, the daughter of a rich New York broker, has eloped with and married her father's coachman.

—R. L. Black has been nominated by the Lib. Cons. of Cumberland as candidate for the prospective vacancy in that county.

The contract for grading the Indian-town branch railway extending from Derby siding to the Intercolonial, a distance of about 13½ miles has been awarded to J. B. Snowball, ex M. P.

—The Sovereign Grand Lodge of Oddfellows of the world met on Monday the 8th inst., in Minneapolis, where about 200 delegates were present. There are now about five or six hundred lodges with 90,000 encampment members.

—It is very probable that we must have a Prohibitionist party in Canada before long. It would have a salutary effect upon the old parties, and the battle of reform might thus be carried to a definite issue.

The foregoing is from the *Presbyterian Witness* of Halifax. We agree fully with the opinion expressed. In the United States the two great parties have either coolly ignored the temperance question or played fast and loose with it till the Prohibitionists have been compelled to organize a Prohibition party; and so temperance men will do in Canada unless the two parties contending for the mastery shall fully and formally adopt the Prohibition principle. One thing or the other will have to be done very soon. There is a great body of sturdy temperance men, steadily increasing in number, who have about reached the determination to sever their party connections, if their parties do not represent their views on Prohibition.

The foregoing from the *Christian Intelligencer* receives a fresh and forcible illustration. The Liquor Trade of this city is now organized into our Association, as it has a perfect right to be. We hope that the organized force of this powerful trade will make itself felt far and wide. It is rich; it is influential; it is directly or indirectly destructive in the extreme. Now we believe it will greatly conduce to solid reform if the Liquor interest should concentrate and unite upon one policy. Organization and aggressive action on the one side will compel similar action on the other. The way will thus be prepared for sincere earnest conflict which will not admit of compromise.—*Presbyterian Witness.*

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