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The Academy.

Acadia Collegiate and Business Academy is the oldest of the three Acadia institutions in Wolfville, having been founded in March, 1829, as Horton Academy. During the eighty-six years since its establishment the Academy has provided educational facilities for a host of young men, preparing them for the larger duties of life.

IS IT NEEDED?

There can be no question concerning the need of such an institution at the time of its founding, more than three-quarters of a century ago. At that time there were no public schools, and scarcely any institutions in the country offering the advantages of a higher education. Young ministers and other young men required such advantages to fit them for their respective places of leadership in the various professions. Chiefly for this reason, the men of two generations ago wisely laid the foundations, and the men who succeeded them have, with their greater resources, enlarged upon the work of the founders. But conditions have greatly changed in recent years. Our land is now boasting of a free public school in every town and village, and high schools are located throughout the country. Pupils may prepare for University matriculation in many of these high schools. Why, then, is it important that the work of Acadia Academy should be continued? There are many considerations making its continuance imperative, of which several may be noted: