



Calendar for December with days of the week and dates.

THE ACADIAN

WOLFVILLE, N. S., DEC. 31, 1886

THE OLD YEAR—THE NEW YEAR. RETROSPECT—PROSPECT.

The close of the year is the time when events of the past are recalled, and when the thoughts of all look on to the future.

But it does not follow that the year has been barren of good results because of the smoothness of the current of events.

What of the year to come? No one can predict for a single day, much less for an entire year.

To all our readers we extend our New Year's cordial greeting, hoping that the months as they pass may find them happily at work in their various occupations.

TO OUR READERS.

With this issue the ACADIAN makes its fifty-third visit during 1886, it having been issued on the first and last days of the year.

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THE CARBONIFEROUS PERIOD.

AN ESSAY DELIVERED BY CARMEL L. DAVENPORT, OF BARRINGTON, AT THE GEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION OF THE JUNIOR CLASS OF ACADIA COLLEGE, ON TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 14TH, 1886.

A piece of coal, black, grimy and repulsive as it is to both sight and touch, is not the most attractive object among the many which Nature presents to us.

Geology does not presume to reveal the time of that "beginning" in which God created the Heaven and the earth; neither does it arrogate to itself the privilege of determining with accuracy the conditions of that earth, which sprang from the Creator's hand.

But although that beginning may be obscured in mists and thick darkness, yet Geology points to it. By the revelations of this science, we are enabled to trace back to their origin, not only the animals and plants which at present live, but also their predecessors through successive dynasties emerging in long procession from the depths of a primitive antiquity.

Among these different ages, there is none more worthy of consideration than the Carboniferous or period of coal measures. It is exceedingly interesting to the geologist on account of the many remarkable monuments of that "strange mysterious change" of the earth's surface which it contains.

Thus existed the coal forests for ages, ever growing, ever decaying, until great thicknesses of half-decomposed matter had accumulated on the swampy soil and below the floating islands. Then came a change. It was now ready for the process of carbonization through which it was to pass.

But how came these coal marshes and forests to sink? A complete answer to this question would show that the earth's crust is a very unstable affair. The answer may be found along the shores of Greenland where for 600 miles a slow sinking of the land has been going on for centuries.

Then the buried areas rose again. The same luxuriant vegetation again flourished and decayed as before. When a fitting time had arrived, large areas again sank, and so the process went on through a long series of alternate elevations and submersions.

Coal is the all-important factor in the mechanical arts and sciences of this 19th century. It lies at the basis of the wealth and prosperity of the greatest nations on earth, and were all avenues to it effectually closed, the fast-falling twilight of our modern civilization would settle over the nations. But this is not all.

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In the luxuriant vegetation which reigned the earth's surface, there were also the animals and plants which at present live, but also their predecessors through successive dynasties emerging in long procession from the depths of a primitive antiquity.

Among the most prominent and best known of the plants of this period was the Lepidodendron or scale tree, so called on account of the beautiful scale-like markings of the bark.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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TEMPERANCE AND OTHER MATTERS.

DEAR ACADIAN,—This issue will be your last for 1886. As we look back over the year we can see that the world moves on and the temperance people are not standing the grit-repulsions "rushing to ruin."

It is composed of purely vegetable remedies, and is warranted to cure and prevent Croup, Whooping Cough, and Colds, Lung Fever, Loss of Appetite, Epizootic, Pink Eye, Diarrhoea, Worms, Swelled Legs, Scalds, Collar Boils and Galls, Cribbing, Wind Distresses, Mange, Abortions in Cows, Milk Fever, Retention of Water, Bloody Urine, Pleuro-Pneumonia, Loss of Cool, Garget, Impure Blood, Cramp in Legs, Hollow Horn, Foul Nose and Rot, Hog Cholera, Boty and Pip, Hides Bound, Kidney, Heart, Liver and bladder diseases.

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Johnson H. Bishop,

Wolfville, Oct. 1, '86 AGENT.

1887!

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Wolfville, December 17th 1886

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Epitaph.

Incompleteness. If some were dead, and none were sad, What service could we render?

Woman's Mission.

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Every time I tell the truth I add to my strength of character. Every time I oppress a servant I am guilty of a sin against God.

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They ran away and brought a woman, she came to find him dead in his chair. "How I there is a smile on his face!"

Every time I tell the truth I add to my strength of character. Every time I oppress a servant I am guilty of a sin against God.

Every time I spend a dollar foolishly I am opening a pathway to ruin. Every time I refuse a drink of liquor I improve my manhood.

Every time I pay rent I am taking that much away from a home of my own. Every time I buy an article I am encouraging the manufacturer or producer.

Every time I refrain from speaking in defence of a friend I prove that I am not a friend. Every time I speak a kind word I am adding a brick to my temple of manhood.

Every time I refuse to do a favor when I can as well as not, I prove that I am growing mean. Every time I see a man who is not a friend, I see a man who is not a friend.

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