

## THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., SEPT. 10, 1909.

Perhaps Premier Murray will be good enough to tell the friends at Kentville to-day why he was so pleased over the result in this county of the provincial election of 1906!

The fruit crop is growing fast during these bright days and cool nights. All over the valley the apple trees hang full of their luscious fruit. The picture is a pleasant one to look upon.

The Dominion government has appointed Monday, October 25th, as Thanksgiving Day. The Government decided to continue the innovation set last year of making Thanksgiving Day come on a Monday instead of on Thursday as heretofore.

The Seminary and Academy opened on Wednesday, and the number of young ladies and gentlemen who have come to Wolfville to pursue their studies is large. THE ACADIAN is glad to give them a welcome to our town, and trusts they may find their stay among us to be pleasant as well as profitable.

Any person driving over the streets and roads of this county cannot fail to be impressed with the fact that there is a wonder along the roadside. It is a wonder that the county has not been called upon before this to pay damages for some bad accident. This is bound to happen some day if greater precaution is not taken in this regard.

Complaint has been made to THE ACADIAN of the number of young men and boys who congregate on Main street during the evening in front of the stores and make remarks to the annoyance of merchants and customers alike. It is hoped that the proper authorities will see to it that this nuisance is abated at once, even if it is necessary to put on additional police force for the occasion.

Nova Scotia's Department of Industries and Immigration has issued a circular to newspapers, Boards of Trade, and municipalities throughout the province, asking for specific information regarding opportunities for the establishment of new industries or business enterprises. This information is to be published in an industrial handbook of the Province, which will be given wide circulation. This is a matter in which our Town Council might well take the initiative and it is necessary to operate with the Board of Trade, in order that Wolfville's advantages for manufacturing may be adequately set forth. It will cost nothing to secure this desirable advertising, and no one will deny that there is need for energetic action if Wolfville is to keep up with other progressive towns that will surely take advantage of the offered publicity.

### The White Slave Traffic.

AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO FIGHT IT.

Readers of THE ACADIAN know something of the heartless traffic in young girls for immoral purposes, carried on by abandoned wretches of both sexes, who do not scruple to traffic in guileless and weak humanity. Hon. E. W. Sims, of Chicago, believes that there are not less than 15,000 foreign girls imported and sold into this traffic annually in the United States and Canada, and probably three or four times as many native born girls find their way into the same hopeless life of vice. And all to line the pockets of wealthy traffickers in women.

Two comparatively poor women have recently sent in each \$5.00, the one to Rev. Dr. Carman, the other to Rev. Dr. Shearer, President and Secretary respectively of the Moral and Social Reform Council of Canada, which has undertaken the laudable and difficult task of fighting this horrible traffic.

This Council is interdenominational, and represents—the Church of England in Canada, the Methodist Church in Canada, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Baptist Church in Canada, the Congregational Church in Canada, the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, the Dominion Grange and Farmers' Association, and the Salvation Army.

Are there not countless other women, as well as men, throughout Canada, who would esteem it a privilege to have a similar share in this humane and much needed work? If so, money may be sent to, and will be duly acknowledged by the Treasurer, Mr. Henry Moyle, or the Secretary, Rev. Dr. Shearer, either of whom may be addressed at 415 Confederation Life Building, Toronto. These gentlemen, and those associated with them, are doing this work entirely without remuneration.

### Figures That Stagger.

AN ESTIMATE OF THE QUANTITY OF COAL IN THE WEST.

Winnipeg, Sept. 2.—The British Scientists' Association wound up its meeting yesterday with a big session in the Parliament Buildings. J. B. Porter and E. Stausfeld gave an outline of an investigation now being conducted by the Dominion Government into the coal fields of Canada. Mr. Porter estimated that Alberta had four thousand million tons of anthracite coal, eight thousand million tons of bituminous, and eighty thousand million tons of lignite. On the Pacific coast there was but little anthracite. He places it at only ten million tons, the bituminous two thousand million, and the lignite, one thousand million. In the far north he thought there was about fifty million tons of bituminous.

### Odds and Ends.

There seem to be a whole lot of people who cherish a total misconception of the relation between Canada and Great Britain. They talk as if Canada was entirely independent, and as if the Mother Country had no longer anything to do with her except to the exercise of a nominal or sentimental motherhood. Indeed many go so far as to speak of Canada as in all respects equal in authority to Great Britain, with no other tie between them than acknowledgement of the same titular sovereignty.

How absurd all this is will be manifest when we remember that our charter is an act of the imperial parliament, and no amendment to our constitution can be effected without an act of the hands of the same parliament. Our Governor General is not responsible directly to the King, he reports to and receives instructions from one of the members of the British Cabinet viz. the Secretary of State for the colonies. We have our being as a self-governing people because the people of Great Britain, through their parliament, will have it so. At any time the British people, through their parliament, and through the Colonial Secretary of State, can amend their authority over us.

Some public writers seem to fancy that because powers are allowed to lie latent, or rarely exercised, that therefore they are non-existent. Some pretend to think that the British sovereign is merely a figure head, ornamental only, with no actual part in the government of the British Empire. Others, however, know that such an idea is a most ridiculous one. The British monarch retains and to a great extent exercises the right to control in foreign relations of the Empire. King Edward has availed himself very often of this prerogative much more than Queen Victoria was accustomed to do, and we all know with what happy results. Even as regards the internal affairs of the Empire, and of Great Britain in particular, the monarch is very much to the front in any great crisis such as a change of government.

What is the truth regarding the relations between Great Britain and her colonies? Some of her colonies are still in the infantile stage and are not allowed self-government because they are not prepared for it. Some may never be, such as Nigeria, Uganda or Hong Kong where inferior races accustomed to Anglo-Saxon ideals, are in the majority. Power is generally dealt out to the colonies gradually, first by a council, then by two chambers, the lower elective. But all the while the authority that devolves power can withdraw it, and ought to do so when power is abused.

The notion that the day will ever come when the British Parliament and Ministry will have nothing to do with Canada, that the Empire will consist of a series of self-governing nations, Great Britain included, having nothing to do with each other except that all acknowledge the sovereignty of one monarch, may be capable of realization in the millennium, certainly it will not be while human nature remains as it is. It would mean confusion and utter break up, instead of the solidarity of the greatest Empire the world ever saw.

Don't forget that political authority means military backing. The ordinary control of Canadian forces no doubt should be vested in the government of Canada, but the supreme and ultimate control must remain with the imperial government. The power that withdrew the imperial garrisons from Halifax, can at any time return them. We are still the 'British possessions in North America.' In the event of war, let us say with the United States, a British general would command both Imperial and Canadian forces. Nothing else would be consistent with our real condition as a British colony. To talk as if we were a nation maintaining our foreign relations abroad, and making war at our own discretion, is worse than puerile. It is like an infant crying for the moon.

### ODDS AND ENDS.

#### Provincial Exhibition, Halifax.

SPEED ENTRIES CLOSE SEPT. 10TH. ALL OTHER ENTRIES SEPT. 11TH.

The entries for the speed competitions at the Nova Scotia Exhibition close on September 10th. The regulations are that the race meeting will draw a large field of horses. The speed competitions will commence on the opening day, September 23rd, and will continue until the close of the fair.

Dr. Eliza Ritchie, an enthusiast in art, and who is in charge of the gallery of fine arts, predicts that the display of paintings this year will surpass in beauty and interest any collection of pictures ever seen in these provincial fairs. The local council at once are arranging for illustrated lectures on tuberculosis. This will form a distinct feature of the educational program at the exhibition. They will also conduct their tea room and the other departments managed by them in former years.

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### Pertinent.

Some of our newspaper writers, as well as the editor of the Globe, seem to take a somewhat pessimistic view of the condition in Great Britain. The editor of the Globe, who has just returned from the Press Conference in London, gives a most dispiriting account of what impressed him most in Great Britain. The background to him of every reminiscence, in which he saw the bloodless, ruthless, hopeless faces of the common crowd, that was 'Britain out to work.' He saw disease and degeneracy in body, in mind and morals. Some of the conservative papers get after Mr. MacDonald and attribute these results to the moody, ill-willed, insane Free Trade Policy of the motherland. The Globe editor saw England in her magnificence, her wealth, but the awful background was what seemed to remain in his dream.

Now what is the real cause of all this degeneracy and decay? Mr. MacDonald knows but he fears to tell in his writing why all this is. It is not the result of war, famine, Free Trade or plague, and yet we are persuaded that the disintegration is slowly but surely going on. The ordinary Englishman you meet refuses to admit the evidences of decay, and sees only her majesty, might and grandeur. There is no doubt that some of the causes that are making for Britain's national decay is the 'out of work' poverty, drunkenness, debauchery, prostitution, the cursed land laws, and, worse of all, the liquor laws. Britain's true subjects admit that, as the sun rises, the British drum beat follows it around the world, that her flag permeates the world; and that her flag is the emblem of power.

grandeur and civilization, but no sane man will deny that the causes and agencies referred to are bound to destroy even Britain, the mistress of the seas, with all its pomp and grandeur. What caused the decadence and final overthrow of the Roman, Assyrian and Babylonian empires? See if you cannot find the same agencies at work in the mighty Britain of today. Wealth and idleness have been in evidence before the collapse of every civilization that history records. Among the heart of all the wretchedness and the ease and poverty of the British shows in the dumbness of the people.

There are millions of untilled areas in England and Scotland, the unused area of great estates, that should be reclaimed from the peasants and used for those of the unfortunate peas, who can and are willing to work. England has her economic problems that are by no means simple, and because of this multitude on the ragged edge of want, something must be done to save the empire. It is significant that one of the tunes played by the seventy hands present when that great gathering of half a million of London's unemployed was held, was the Christian hymn 'When Will Thou Save the People.'

Something is going to happen. With an eye on the telescope we are enabled to understand the anxiety of Lord Roberts and great Kipling's meaning of his 'City of Dreadful Night' is not national health.

Overview.

Mr. John Blanchard, for many years a prominent business man of Kentville, died at Shelburne on Sept. 1st, aged 87 years.

Mr. P. B. Harris has laid on the editor a table a basket of luscious pears for which he has our sincere thanks.

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