

30 YEARS AGO

The following items were taken from the files of THE ACADIAN of 30 years ago: A remarkably cold spell for the time of year visited us this week. The thermometer on Wednesday fell as low as 5 degrees below zero. Wednesday night the thermometer rose, with wind and rain, and the thermometer registered 55 above.

IMPORTANT SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY

A most important scientific discovery is announced from Paris. An anti-tuberculosis vaccine for cattle has at last been developed. This achievement is declared by scientists of the Pasteur Institute to be "the beginning of the end of the great white plague." Now that it is possible to render cattle proof against the infection, it will be also possible to guarantee milk free from infectious germs and prevent all cases of infant mortality from tuberculosis from that source.

HE WAS SHY

At a circuit court in a country town a young woman was under examination. "Now, my girl," said the judge to a witness, "you say that you were near the spot when the prisoner committed the act. Was anyone with you at the time?" "Yes, my lord; my sweetheart was with me."

One of the interesting events of Armistice Day was the formal presentation to Belgium of H. M. S. "Vindictive," which played such a gallant part in the raids on the German submarine bases at Zeebrugge and Ostend in the spring of 1918.

They were talking about the different places they had visited during the war. One Australian was saying he had the privilege of being on guard one night at the gates of Bethlehem. Suddenly another Australian looked up at the first speaker and said "I'll bet the shepherds watched their flocks that night."

THE TOWN COUNCILLOR OF WOLFVILLE

(From "Woman's Century") Mrs. Laura Halliburton Moore, at present Town Councillor of Wolfville, Nova Scotia, and also Chairman of its Board of School Commissioners. Mrs. Moore was the first woman in Nova Scotia to hold these positions, and she served her community so excellently, that now several women are holding municipal offices in the Maritime Provinces.

At the fifteenth annual convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, which met at Windsor, N. S., last August, Mrs. Moore's address was a leading feature. She spoke on the need of Women entering on municipal work, if the community is to advance on moral and educational lines. Her other topics were child welfare, especially speaking of the need of the truant officer in rural communities; also the necessity of better pay for teachers. Then she spoke seriously of the need of a Home or Institution for all the feeble-minded of her province, to prevent their adding feeble-minded children to the country.

TO A CHILD

"Draw," you said, "I like it!" So I drew Crocodiles and merchants, Monkeys, too, Trees and tables, houses, Ships at sea, Till you stopped me smiling; "Now draw me!"

Little maid, I draw not Such as this; How portray the sweetness Of a kiss, Song of birds at sunrise, Scent of Rose, Purity of morning? No one knows! Anthony Currie Richardson, in The Westminster Gazette.

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ENUNCIATION

Of all the faults of vocalists, professional and amateur, which mar the enjoyment of the listener, none is more irritating than the common defect of imperfect enunciation. I do not now refer to the more glaring types of mispronounced syllables, or the excruciating ill-treatment of the letter R, because these are, of course, absolute crimes against the laws of grammar, and should be blamed on the general lack of education in the individual; but I have to mind the relatively minor sins of slipshod neglect of the terminals of words, and the slurring over of consonants. These faults are bad enough in public speaking, and are, as such, generally criticised by people who are rather particular, but they are, curiously enough, ignored in singing, where the most care should be observed.

Again, the supreme test of choir singing is that the words shall be heard distinctly, so that the hearers can follow the Psalms, for instance, without the book, and can then, and then only, appreciate the devotional sympathy which underlies the varying tones and color, which are evident in all well trained choirs. With faulty enunciation, the rendering becomes a mere blur of more or less inarticulate sound, and much of the essential aim is lost.

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