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Reform at the Core.

If there is one thing that we need more than any other to learn in our civic life, it is that real reform is of the center and not of the circumference. In other words, the source and secret of civic righteousness are found in the individual citizen, and not in the collective citizenship. While the culmination must necessarily be of the mass, the causes that lead up to the culmination and make it possible are always to be found in the aspiration and action of the man. Until this is fully understood and acted upon by each one of us in our individual capacity, it is absolutely impossible to achieve the progress and purity for which every real Canadian patriot is earnestly wishing.

It is idle to use a political scapegoat to bear the sins of the community. A grafter is not merely a rascal; he is a reflection of rascality in others. He is possible and tolerated only because he truly reflects the moral standard of the citizenship at large. When the standard rises he must necessarily make way for the man and the morals in keeping with the time. All of which means that national regeneration and civic righteousness are very much easier and accessible than we have most of us supposed. Instead of waiting for that seemingly impossible time when the whole nation will move onward, it is simply necessary for the individual to take a step toward himself. Instead of reforming the nation by a cataclysmal overturn of society, it is much more surely done by the elimination from a man's own life of those acts and evils that in reality form the basis of national ill. The reform that is not of the root does not in reality reform at all. Regeneration is always of the center, and not of the circumference.

You can make Wolfville a better and more beautiful town in ten or twenty days. Either by agitating others or by acting yourself. The first concerns itself with petitions to the much overworked town government, and by public meetings. The second way is to start out on your own account, and to do whatever lies in your power to add to the beauty and betterment of the town. The man who picks up a vagrant piece of paper blowing about in the dirt of the street does quite as much service for the community as the man who has written in his paper about it, and scolding and denouncing the street department.

We should all begin at the core of things. Let him see that a civilized society is not so much designed to supply moral crutches for weak people as it is the result of those who have made themselves morally strong. Charity and reformation both begin at home.

A Contest of Much Interest.

Curator William McIntosh, of the Natural History Society, St. John, will superintend the School Children's Competition, at the Exhibition, in that city, this fall, between September 14th and 19th.

The prizes have been decided upon, and all particulars of this interesting part of the show are contained in a small leaflet, which may be had for the asking.

Five dollars as a first, and three dollars as a second prize, are offered to the schools in each county sending in the best collection of plants found growing in the fields or woods of the province, which will include grasses, wild fruits in blossom, medicinal plants and weeds.

Then ten and five dollars are the two prizes open to the schools of the province for the two other best collections of minerals and insects. Teachers who aim to get their pupils interested in these contests, should send for the information leaflet as soon as possible. They can be obtained from K. B. Arnold, Manager of the Exhibition.

Vacation days are near, and the work of preparation will be pleasant employment for idle moments.

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At the meeting of the Municipal Council on Wednesday to consider the regulation of automobile travel in this county the following resolution was passed:—

Resolved, that the following regulations be made under and by virtue of Chap. 23 of the acts of the Legislature of Nova Scotia for the year 1908, namely:—That the use and operation of motor vehicles upon any of the public highways of the Municipality of the County of Kings on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday of each week is hereby prohibited and that any person violating these regulations shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars for the first offence and not exceeding one hundred dollars for a second offence and not exceeding two hundred dollars for a third offence.

The Aboiteau Again.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—Some time ago several articles were printed in one or more of the county papers, advocating the building of an aboiteau across the Cornwallis river at Town Point. I have been told that a petition to this effect was largely signed by the ratepayers of the county.

I have seen nothing in print lately regarding this matter. I would like to inquire what disposition has been made of the question. Surely the citizens of our county must see (if they consider the question for a moment) that the completion of such a work as was proposed would add immensely to the interests of nearly every person in the county, if not in the province. It would benefit the owners of property of all kinds, and would also benefit the laboring man, even though he were not a property owner, as it would not only make work for the men building the aboiteau, but many others who would build the electric railway which would be sure to follow in the near future,—a road extending from Kentville to Wolfville and across the valley to the foot of the North Mountain and west to a considerable distance and into Kentville again. Before long, lines would no doubt extend along the principal streets in the whole section. Such a system would not only carry passengers and mails but the produce of our valley to the steam railway and save a very large expense in carting to a distant station. The increase in the value of the marsh and river banks outside the present running dyke, and the benefit to the dykeland already enclosed, was pointed out in the articles referred to. The large extent of interval along the river and west of Kentville that is now almost worthless would be brought into first class hay land. And lastly, the danger that must sooner or later arise from sewerage deposits under the present existing system near Kentville would be averted. This latter menace to the health of the community is one in which every citizen should be interested.

Many other benefits could be mentioned, and among them, it would be a great factor in bringing not only more tourists to our valley, but many people who would become permanent residents. Surely the question is one of great importance, and I should like to see the ideas of many of our people printed in your valuable paper.

CHARLES E. STARR,
Upper Pictou, N. S.

The Son-in-law As Middleman.

Ottawa, June 2.—It was pretty well established before the Public Accounts Committee this morning that Mr. Leslie B. Macoun, son-in-law of Sir Frederick Burden, sustains to his father-in-law's department relations similar to those sustained by Mr. Merwin to the marine Department and Mr. A. E. Walberg to the Intercolonial Railway. In a word he is the middleman. Mr. Macoun is small but plucky. He is natty in appearance and dress and speaks with a marked English accent. Though he frequently refused to answer questions put to him he never lost his temper except when asked if he owned any factory, store or shop. The suggestion that he might keep a shop appeared to grate upon him and he answered with some asperity: "A shop? I keep a shop? Certainly not."

The question was quite pertinent, because he sold supplies amounting to \$75,000 to the Militia Department in 1905.

Mr. Macoun was examined by Mr. Crocket (Con., N. B.)—"Are you the son-in-law of Sir Frederick Burden?" he was asked. "I am at present," he answered.

He said he was a manufacturer's agent and had sold \$6,500 worth of automatic machinery to the Quebec arsenal last year. In April, 1905, he notified the Militia Department that he had been appointed agent for an American concern making those goods and requested that he be given an order for supplies for the arsenal.

The correspondence showed that previous to this request the department had been in direct communication with this same concern and had decided to buy from them.

How did you come to apply to the Potter and Johnston Co., of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, for that agency? asked Mr. Crocket.

"That is none of your business," replied the witness, "it is my private business."

Mr. Crocket protested that the question was relevant and should be answered. He said the public was interested in knowing how it was that while the Department of Militia was in direct communication with a firm of manufacturers, the son-in-law of the minister should bob up as a middleman and the firm could not get a contract except through him.

Mr. Crocket recalled Mr. Jarvis, secretary of the Militia Council, for further examination. He admitted that \$51,000 had been advanced to Mr. Macoun upon a consignment of copper billed at \$51,500 before the copper had been tested and indeed before it had been received by the department. This is the more remarkable because a lower tender had been turned down on the pretence that the tenderer had insisted on the sale being a cash transaction.

Attention is directed to the interesting letter by Mr. C. E. Starr in another column. The ACADIAN would be glad to publish letters from other gentlemen of the county on this important matter.



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Educational Notes for Teachers and Trustees.

The Journal of Education for April is just being sent to the sections. It contains matter of very great importance and I wish to call attention to a few points in it.

1. The Provincial Examinations begin on Monday, July 6th. The time-table for this examination will be found in the October Journal, 1907. The time-table in the April Journal, 1908, is for next year. Candidates should notice particularly the hours for each subject and present themselves at the right time.

2. The summer vacation has been extended to eight weeks. With this

so that in certain cases special grants will be given to specially poor sections. Such sections cannot have more than \$3000 assessable property, and more than twelve families within their bounds. And they must vote and collect for current school expenses not less than two per cent. on the property of the section. This law is to be found in the last Journal, on page 146. It is expected that all sections that can legally take advantage of this amendment will do so.

3. The semi-annual payment of Provincial Aid to teachers shall be on the basis of the class of license held at the opening of the school each half year.

COLIN W. ROBINSON,
Inspector of Schools.



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consent of the inspector, schools may be kept open during the vacation in summer and closed in winter. Read the regulations touching this matter carefully and if it suits your section apply for permission to hold your school in that way.

3. Candidates who must take the supplementary examinations can do so at the regular time for their grade. A special supplementary examination is provided for in C Drawing and Book-keeping, on Monday, July 6th, from 2 to 2 p.m.

4. The School Law was amended at the last session of the legislature

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