

DUKE A COUNCILLOR

In Nova Scotia there is always great difficulty in persuading leading men of business to take part in municipal government. They refuse the duty oftener than they accept. Whether it is considered to be menial work, or work of no value does not appear. Either view, however, is far from correct.

Municipal administration is at the root of city and town progress; and should engage the attention of every citizen who has a desire to live and carry on business under conditions that make for prosperity and congenial social relationships. It is a wholesome sign when the best men and women of a town or city are keenly alive to the importance of municipal administrations.

In the Old Country the County and City councils are regarded as governing bodies of great importance; and men of prominence look upon membership in those councils as an honor and a duty. They realize that community administration affects the daily comfort and happiness of the people, as well as their individual and commercial prosperity.

A rather interesting instance of this, to Canadians, occurred the other day when the Duke of Devonshire who, not long since, was Canada's honored Governor-General, contended for a seat in the Derbyshire County Council against a local builder and was successful in the election. A Canadian who might happen to have held a position as high as the Governor-General's or one not so high, would be more inclined to turn his back on a nomination for a County Council than to emulate the Duke's example. In England men like Devonshire, are not too big for the relatively smaller matters of municipal administration; and it would be a wholesome condition in this country if our citizens generally were imbued with the English spirit.

ST. JOHN WON CHAMPIONSHIP

Defeated Halifax Academy Basketball Team 34 to 31.

An exciting game of basketball was played at the Acadia Memorial Gymnasium last Friday evening between the Halifax Academy and St. John High School teams, for the championship of the Maritime Provinces. The game was closely contested and the St. John boys won the championship by the narrow margin of 3 points, the score being 34 to 31.

It was a fast, exciting contest, the sides running a neck and neck race from start, scoring basket for basket till ten all when St. John scored one from a penalty, followed by another basket, then alternately till Halifax reached 12, but St. John went on to 19 before half time. Within five minutes of the ending of the first half, Fraser of the leaders had to retire with a bleeding of nose, Williams taking his place.

The second period was faster and more furious, the teams scoring basket for basket, with St. John adding another single for a penalty. In the last minute the Halifax lads forced the pace and reduced their adverse margin from five to three, and the Haligonian element among the fans saw vision of a tie, if not victory. It was a magnificent struggle to witness, the combination on both sides being very effective. Perhaps a little over-anxiety in the last ten minutes affected the Halifax range finding. The line-up:

Halifax—Guards, Gordon MacOdrum, Geo. Hamilton; centre, John Piers; forwards, Harry Bartlett, Capt. Allen Lucas; sub, Paul DeWolfe.

St. John—Guards, Lee and Fraser; centre, Potter; forwards, Wilson and Welsford sub, Williams.

R. Feece—Mr. Russell, Physical Director, Acadia.

"FEELING"

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FIRE LOSS IN CANADA SHOWS INCREASE

That Canada maintains its splendid isolation from the rest of the world in the matter of Fire Losses is made evident by the following figures compiled from returns made to the Dominion Fire Commissioners. During the year 1921, the 25,916 fires reported occasioned property damage amounting to \$45,015,930, exclusive of the incalculable loss arising from forest fires. In comparison with the years 1920, 1919 and 1918, when the losses were \$28,745,590, \$25,361,240, and \$33,817,050, respectively, the record for 1921, shows so substantial an increase as to tend to confirm the general belief that fires and trade depression go together. Of the total loss, approximately \$34,000,000 or 75 per cent. was covered by insurance. On the basis of population the loss in Canada amounted to \$5.22 per capita, as compared with \$0.90 per capita in Great Britain where fire losses in 1921 only amounted to \$36,400,000. By Provinces, the distribution of the Fire Loss in Canada was as follows: Alberta \$2,875,000 or \$4.95 per capita, British Columbia \$3,050,000, or \$5.82 per capita, Manitoba, \$2,864,000 or \$4.67 per capita, New Brunswick \$2,735,982 or \$7.02 per capita, Nova Scotia \$3,177,000 or \$6.06 per capita, Ontario \$15,444,817, or \$5.28 per capita, Prince Edward Island \$216,478 or \$2.44 per capita, Quebec \$10,897,653 or \$4.64 per capita, and Saskatchewan \$3,755,000 or \$4.93, per capita. As reported by Municipal officials, the losses in Cities having populations of more than 10,000 amounted to \$13,616,951, or \$4.29 per capita, in towns of from 1,000 to 10,000 \$6,184,085 or \$7.52 per capita and in villages and rural districts \$25,214,894, or \$5.31, per capita. In places having municipal fire protection systems the loss was \$4.90 per capita and in unprotected places \$5.31, per capita. There were 59 fires where the loss exceeded \$100,000, 45 with a loss from 50,000 to \$100,000, 261 with a loss from \$10,000 to \$50,000, 3992 with a loss from \$1,000 to \$10,000 and 21,558 smaller fires with aggregate loss of \$4,644,817. Classified according to the character of the property involved the more destructive fires occurred as follows, 49 in Industrial property with a loss of \$8,188,200, 32 in mercantile property with a loss of \$5,659,000, 9 in Institutional property with a loss of \$1,948,561, and 15 in miscellaneous property with a loss of \$4,301,465.

Note. The figures included herein for Alberta and British Columbia have not been confirmed by the Fire Marshals of these Provinces. They have been estimated from municipal reports and insurance companies' returns.

STUNG

(From the Boston Transcript.) An over-enterprising cigar manufacturer sent a doctor a box of cigars which had not been ordered, accompanying it with a bill for \$10 and this note: "I have ventured to send you these on my own initiative, being convinced that you will appreciate their exquisite flavor."

In due time the doctor replied:—"You haven't asked me for a consultation, but I venture to send you the enclosed prescription, being convinced that you will derive therefrom as much benefit as I shall derive from your cigars. As my charge for the prescription is \$10, this makes us even."

THE INCOME TAX

We've figured out our assets And put them on the bank; We've written out the facts about Our money in the bank. The cash on hand that we demand Is down in black and white, But still we quail with fears of jail— They probably aren't right.

Arithmetic appalled us, We could not learn a rule; It made us sad to have to add Or multiply in school. At problems which were set us We labored all day long, We tore our hair in dumb despair— And always got them wrong.

We've studied the directions The Government supplies, And only find they strain our mind. And tangle up our eyes We read and read them over Then walk the floor and cuss, But all in vain; they're hush as plain As so much Greek to us.

We've put down all the income We think that we have got, And yet, somehow, it strikes us now That we've left out a lot. However, it is finished, We've laid aside our pen; We'd rather go to jail we know Than fill it out again.

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Bobbie and Daisy were going to a party. "After I wash my face," said Daisy, "I look in the mirror to see if it's clean. Don't you Bob?" "No, I don't have to," said Bobbie, "I just look at the towel."

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