

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., DEC. 27, 1907.

The Duty of the Hour.

As the date approaches when the Acadia second forward movement must be completed those having the matter in hand are naturally filled with apprehension. The raising of the \$100,000 within the prescribed time means very much to Acadia—more, perhaps, than many of the friends of the university realize. It not only means that for every dollar the fund is short at the end of the year the college loses a dollar from Mr. Rockefeller's gift, but the condition upon which Mr. Carnegie has promised \$50,000 for a new science building is that the full amount of \$100,000 shall be in the hands of the college authorities by the end of the year—thus enabling them to take advantage of Mr. Rockefeller's offer in full. Failure, then, means a serious loss to the college and its friends are therefore putting forth strenuous efforts to have the matter fully closed within the next few days.

The successful outcome of this project also means much to Wolfville and its citizens. Success means the spending of \$30,000 here next year in the new building, and a widening of the college influence, increased attendance of students—and hence increased business to merchants and others. What is the college worth to Wolfville? A conservative estimate has placed the total expenditure of money at \$50,000 per annum, and this is only one of the advantages which we reap because of the college being located in our town. It is quite possible that few of our people ever stop to consider this matter, but we feel sure a little thought will convince any person as to the importance of the college as a factor in the growth and prosperity of our town, and the desirability of its continued extension and development.

What then should be the attitude of our people towards the present crisis? Every day we read of towns offering large bonuses to induce industrial institutions to locate within their borders. Wolfville has not been without experience of this kind, as special privilege have from time to time been granted desirable concerns to induce them to make our town their home. This is regarded good business and thus large industries have been built up and communities have prospered. Does it not then become apparent that any assistance which can be given by our town or its citizens at this time will be well invested and well worth while?

We do not know how our people in the past have responded to the canvas made in the interest of the Acadia second forward movement, but presume they have not been niggardly in their gifts—in fact we know of some very generous contributions having been made. If there are any however, who have not as yet contributed what they properly should to this project, we trust they will give the matter due consideration and so far as they are able assist in this final effort to reach the point aimed at. The time is short, and whatever is done must be done within a very few days.

The Dominion Railway Commission is making enquiries into the rates charged by the express companies of Canada. It is certainly about time that this leech was taken in hand as the rates charged are away and beyond all reason. Why, people from the Old Country wonder at the long suffering of the people of Canada in this respect. The Commission should deal in no half-hearted manner with this monopoly. The whole business now done by the Express Company should be handed over to the Post Office Department to be run by them as the Parcel Post as in England, and the public will benefit by at least a reduction of half what is now paid.

Rev. C. W. Stark, pastor of the Methodist church at St. Cloud, Minn., finding that city and county officials refused to enforce the Sunday liquor laws, and that saloon-keepers arrested for their violation escaped punishment, brought impeachment proceedings against the Mayor, winning in all the tribunals up to the Supreme Court. And now the lid is on all over the State on Sundays. Other Mayors may take notice of what one man can do.

Sir Thomas Sutherland, presiding at a meeting in London, referring to the Japanese awakening, said, 'the soul of the people that had lain dormant for centuries had suddenly awakened to almost supernatural activity.' He said he thought that the Japanese, unfairly, were forcing the Japanese Steamship company to increase its weekly sailing, and the entire British trade between Bombay and Japan had been wiped out by the Japanese.

The feature of the Dominion Commercial Travelers' association annual dinner, which was held recently in Montreal, was a great ovation tendered to R. L. Borden, the conservative leader. When Mr. Borden rose to reply to the 'Parliament of Canada' he was greeted with loud cheering and it was several minutes before he could proceed. Hon. Sydney Fisher also replied to the toast.

Eight thousand workmen in the Tropicana nitrate fields in Chili have gone on strike, and troops have been ordered to the scene of trouble.

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Concerning Libel Suits.

The course of the Nineteenth Century Magazine, which to escape action for libel at the suit of Sir Fred Borden has expressed its regret that in copying from the Canadian press it may have prejudicially affected the reputation of the Canadian minister of militia, seems to have given great pluck and solace to a Kentville contemporary. The Western Chronicle concludes that the alleged apology of the English magazine entirely establishes Sir Fred's reputation for morality and sobriety. Rendered valiant it challenges other papers to follow the example of the Nineteenth Century in quoting from the columns of the Calgary Eyeopener strictures upon Sir Fred, and holds out lurid threats to any paper which may take up its challenge.

In point of fact the Nineteenth Century's statement has not the significance as far as Sir Fred's reputation is concerned. This magazine in the first instance never presumed to make the statements concerning Sir Fred upon its own knowledge. It simply quoted a statement as it was current in Canada and gave its authority. It did not pretend to have any personal knowledge of the truth or falsity of the charge. The Nineteenth Century is not in a position either to affirm or deny the truth of the Eyeopener's assertion. Any statement which it may make, therefore, adapted to free it from the annoyance of complications with obscure colonial politicians can have no bearing whatever upon the truth or falsity of the Eyeopener's charges.

It is evident that this is the view taken by Sir Fred himself. He has stated that the publication of these regrets will not cause him to discontinue his libel suit. If the Nineteenth Century's apology established his innocence why should he go on with his action? In that event nothing could be gained from a prosecution of the suit but revenge or money. It is clear from what the English journal says that in quoting what it did not have any animus against Sir Fred and there is therefore no excuse for revenge. Sir Fred's position in this country is altogether too lucrative at the present to make it necessary that he should resort to tactics of this kind in order to raise money. The public must pretty well understand that anything that the Nineteenth Century or any other paper that has no personal knowledge of the offence complained of, may do or fail to do, can have little effect in rehabilitating Sir Fred's reputation.

So far as we know there is only one man that pretends to have personal knowledge of Sir Fred Borden's alleged improper conduct in this particular instance and who claims that he is in a position to prove the truthfulness of his assertions. This man is the editor of the Eyeopener and the surprising thing is that he is the one man that Sir Fred seems least anxious to proceed against.

Why is it that the Western Chronicle in its zeal for libel suits has never thought to advise its doctory knight to establish his claims to the virtues of Sir Galahad by the successful prosecution of the journal which is the source of all these damaging reports? The excuse that the proprietor of the Eyeopener is financially a. g. and could not therefore be made to pay damages is no excuse at all. It is not Sir Fred's finances that is affected by this plain speaking by the Eyeopener it is his character. This is one of the cases where a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches.

Granted that the proprietor of the Eyeopener could not be made to pay damages for libel he could, nevertheless, be jailed if his statements are proved to be untrue or the courts could restrain him from similar publications in the future. Then, too, Sir Fred's innocence would be established and that should be worth more to him than any financial consideration. Until the Eyeopener's statements are proved to be false they will stand at face value with the most of people in this country. Sir Fred owes it to his constituents if not to himself to vindicate his reputation by speedy proceedings against the journal which his friends hope is speaking falsely concerning him.

Until this is done any amount of stage play with journals thousands of miles from the scene of action will have little or no effect upon public opinion. Challenges to journals which do not profess to know and which therefore are not in a position to prove the truth or falsity of the damaging reports to enter the lists as defendants in libel suits will be regarded by thinking people as the silliest sort of bluff.

Dr. Edward Young celebrated the 93rd anniversary of his birth at his home in Washington, D. C., on the 11th. Mr. Young, though a citizen of the United States, was a native of Falmouth, N. S. For eleven years he was United States consul at Windsor, N. S., and is personally known to many of our readers. Dr. Young was one of the earliest students of Horton Academy, and he always manifested a lively interest in our educational work. His life has been long, vigorous and successfully devoted to useful work in the service of his adopted country. He has lived a wholesome and temperate life and carried his years lightly. A Washington paper says of Dr. Young: 'He does not look the nonagenarian.' Though slightly stooped, his carriage is firm and alert, his voice clear and strong, his eyesight good—in short, he does not look a day more than seventy, and even many men who have reached seventy fail to carry their years as lightly as Dr. Young carries his.

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The Brown Tail Moth.

At the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association the subscriber announced that the Department of Agriculture would, from December 20th until the 1st of June next, pay a bounty of 10 cents per nest for every Brown-Tailed Moth nest containing caterpillars which are picked and, subsequently destroyed, either by the College authorities or by the several men, whose names are mentioned below. It is recommended that any who find nests of these caterpillars should put them away securely in a box of some kind and, when they have gathered together a sufficient number, forward them, by express or mail, in a secure box, to the Agricultural College, at Truro, or to Mr. Morton, Principal Academy, Digby; H. G. Payne, Granville Ferry; F. C. Johnson, Bridgetown; R. J. Messenger, Bridge town; G. H. Vroom, Middleton; S. C. Parker, Berwick; C. Perry Foote, Lakeville; R. W. Starr, Wolfville. These men are authorized to examine specimens after which to destroy them and send report to the Agricultural College, Truro. In addition to the bounties, the Department will pay the expenses of either mailing or expressing the Brown-Tailed Moth nests to any of the above gentlemen or to the College at Truro. It is understood that this bounty will not be permanently continued. It is merely a temporary measure, decided upon in order if possible to insure a complete eradication of this pest from the Province, and will be discontinued after the present season.

The hearty co-operation of school teachers and citizens of all classes, in this effort to destroy the Brown-Tailed Moth nests, is asked on behalf of the Department of Agriculture by the subscriber.

M. CUMMING,
Secretary for Agriculture.

The mill in Waterville owned by Mr. Noble Lloyd was burned at an early hour on Sabbath morning last. The fire was first observed about 3 o'clock and was making such headway that scarcely anything could be saved. The establishment comprised a rotary saw mill, shingle mill, grist mill, etc., and its destruction is a great loss to the community. Mr. Lloyd's loss will exceed \$6000. There was no insurance.—Berwick Register.

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