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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Our change spoken of in our last two issues has been partially effected. We are able this issue to appear before you in our new dress, bonnet and all. It has cost us something in money and in trouble but we think the difference in appearance will more than pay that, besides the increased variety of work we can now do and the greater satisfaction to our customers. We are further negotiating for a good large press which will do all the work needed here. This however has a certain vagueness about it which prevents us from giving our friends too great expectations. We therefore ask them to be thankful for what they have got and wait patiently till we grow. Now for your part. The type we got cost money, in fact considerable for us. Our rent costs money. Our time is worth money. You have got the money. We need it. There is the whole matter in a nut-shell. We will give you value for every cent you place in our hands. Give us a chance.

Some time ago there was discovered near Hantsport a very valuable coal mine.

Some persons started to work it but for some reason or other, it was not carried on. Now why is this. Haven't we got a few men somewhere in Kings or Hants with pluck and energy enough to put some money into what cannot help being a very paying speculation.

Look at the impetus to manufactures, which

such a mine *must* give. Look at the men it might employ. Come! men of Kings; Come! men of Hants; wake up and let people outside know you are alive.

[For The Young Acadian.]

Newspapers—Large and Small.

Newspapers are of all sizes, from that of the YOUNG ACADIAN, and far smaller, to the *London Times*, and some American Journals, still larger, and whose *only* recommendation is in their size. Such is a poor recommendation indeed; yet so perverted and erroneous are the views of some proprietors and editors of newspapers, that in their prospectuses and advertisements their great and almost sole appeal to public favour is the vast dimensions—the number of inches or feet which measure the length and breadth of the sheet. Such was always a poor claim for support: it is vastly more so in our day, when on account of the abundance of reading matter, the great difficulty is to decide what we shall read first and whether this and that should be read at all. These immense newspapers therefore so far from being objects of value may be but little better than incumbrances and nuisances. And that would be so, even if the matter, which occupies their columns, was of some appreciable worth, but it is not too much to say that many of the largest papers published are filled with trash and trifles, if not with something even worse. It is therefore a relief to know that there is one paper which takes a truer and more sensible view of the situation, and by example if not by precept endeavours to correct the mistaken notions that are only too prevalent.

What we want is not size but *merit* an unpretentious sheet whose contents and articles are items of general interest and utility, concise and terse, well written and well printed, and all in such form and dress, that even the most fastidious and exacting will welcome the paper to the parlour and the office of business. And this I am glad to know, is the object and will be the steady aim of the YOUNG ACADIAN.

The paper proposes to itself various improvements; that is right, for it has not attained to absolute perfection as yet, but it is devoutly to be hoped that it will not ambitiously aspire to make a speedy enlargement. That is the rock on which so many promising ventures have been wrecked and which it is earnestly recommended to the YOUNG ACADIAN wisely to fear and resolutely to shun.

Let other newspapers, if they please, endeavour to make up by *quantity* what they lack in *quality*, the converse is for every reason the preferable plan. As a rule the most rare and precious articles are put up in the smallest packages.

Wolfville, June 29th. '83.