

THE ACADIAN.

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Editorial Brevities.

It is better to be careful a thousand times than to be injured once. Get the safety habit. If you see a man acting carelessly, tell him about it.

To day civic management requires men of foresight, men who are especially trained in solving difficult questions of engineering, sanitation and transportation, as they are effected by the growth of the city into the immediately adjoining territory.

As a result of the agricultural survey of the Commission of Conservation, it has been found that in a number of cases too many horses are kept to be profitable, while the number of cattle kept per hundred acres is seldom up to the capacity of the farms.

Human interests demand, unconditionally, that useful birds should be protected, and that the destruction and increase of injurious ones should be controlled. This protection of useful birds depends upon the supply of conditions necessary for their existence and increase.

The practical and economic importance of modern town planning is in preserving human life, reducing disease and suffering, in improving the physical condition of citizens and so placing their earning power on the best possible basis, in providing for the comfort of the citizens, particularly those with the smallest incomes.

One of the newspaper correspondents, describing the landing of the Canadian Contingent at Plymouth, described how they saw Nelson's flagship, 'The Victory,' moored in the harbor, and admired it so much. The correspondent's sight must have been very keen because 'The Victory' is not moored in Plymouth harbor, but in Portsmouth harbor, 200 miles or so away.

It seems that all the war is not on the continent of Europe after all. A man in Vermont advertised his wife as having left his partnership without just provocation, and the woman advertised in return that she had had some provocation, because he cut her up with a hand axe, choked and kicked her, so that she had to flee for her life. That man must be a German Hun.

A German officer who took part in the battle of the Aisne wrote: 'The English are marvellously trained in making use of the ground. One never sees them and one is constantly under fire.' What a Nemesis is here! The German Emperor stirred the Boers to rebel against the British suzerainty and incited the Boer war; but it was to prove the undoing of his own ambition. In that war the British learned lessons, which as intimates above, made them marvellously proficient compared to their numbers.

The suggestion of organizing a Home Guard in every city and village of Canada is very timely. No one can tell when trouble may be made by the thousands of German and Austrian 'reservists' who were summoned to the colors from every province of Canada and every state in the American Union, and who were prevented from securing passage across the Atlantic because of the British command of the sea. There is no good reason why the citizens of Wolfville should not organize in this direction, as has been done in many towns and cities throughout the country. There are undoubtedly many who, while not yet ready to offer themselves for service abroad, would willingly fit themselves to defend their home and country.

The October number of the Canadian Co-operative notes the fact that the Co-operative Union of Canada has now been in existence for nearly six years, and has been steadily enlarging its field of operations. There are nine co-operative societies in Ontario, five in Nova Scotia, four each in British Columbia and Alberta, two in Quebec and one each in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Reports from several of the societies which appear in the October issue, show that they have had a successful year. There is an interesting quotation from a speech by the Rt. Hon. Herbert Samuel, President of the local government board, as follows: 'The Co-operative Wholesale Society and the Co-operative Union (of Great Britain) had supplied much valuable information that had been very serviceable in keeping a check on the prices recommended by the Food Prices Committee.' The Daily Citizen, of London, says that 'the co-operative movement has performed a great national service in steady prices.'

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The Horton-Poor Farm.

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN. SIR:—The letter in the last week's issue of THE ACADIAN from Mr. Burpee L. Bishop on existing conditions at the Horton-Poor Farm ought to make some people 'sit up and take notice.' Will it do so? Will the apathy of the authorities which has hitherto existed when their attention has been called to the shameful state of sanitary conditions at the Poor Farm still say that they want proof that disease germs exist in a sluggish spring a receptacle of sewage from foul and polluted sources, because they do not see them? Will they deny the evidence of medical authority the world over that the germs of typhoid fever have their lurking place in a polluted water supply?

Are we living in the 20th century when science has demonstrated as an unmistakable and certain fact that typhoid is a water-borne disease; and that there are those who are paid to safeguard the welfare of the unfortunate poor in our almshouse who say that they do not believe the germs exist because they do not see them? It is related in the life of Robert G. Ingersol that he was in conversation with a Quaker as to the existence of a personal God. Mr. Ingersol said to the Quaker, 'I do not believe in a personal God.' He had not seen Him and did not believe in what he did not see. Said the Quaker, 'Hast thee a brain?' 'Of course,' replied Mr. Ingersol. 'Hast thee seen it?'

The contaminations that find their way into the spring which is used for domestic purposes at the Poor House is evidence enough, without a microscope, to show quite clearly that the typhoid fever which has recently done its deadly work there was the cause of the death of the overseer and the attack by the same disease of another of his family. But was Mr. Andrew the first victim of typhoid fever at the Poor Farm? I understand he was not. About two years ago the former overseer died after an illness of a few weeks. The disease was called pneumonia—doubtless typhoid pneumonia. If so, the germs of typhoid have been lurking in the privy vault, the pig sty, which latter is only about 100 feet above the spring, in the sewage and waste water from the house, and yet no steps have been taken in all this time to alter these disgraceful and lamentable conditions. Upon somebody rests the onus.

We have a good health act empowering authorities to see to it that its laws are obeyed, but in the rural districts the health act is regarded the least of any act upon the statute. Mr. Bishop has stated why this is so—false economy, a dearth of knowledge in sanitary affairs, lack of duty ignoring the great commandment, 'Love thy neighbor.' Politicians, surely, have nothing to do with it. The political machine cannot have anything to do in frustrating the enforcement of the health laws. Councillors and officers appointed as custodians of the public health, when they take their oaths of office, do not premeditate the spread of disease, the making of widows and orphans. Still we look for the cause. Where is it?

It is true that the government of the Province by the earnest and persistent efforts of the medical profession has framed a good health act. It is also true that most of the health officers appointed by the municipalities are busy practitioners, too busy to give the requisite time enjoined upon them by the health act in enforcing sanitary laws; and are too solicitous for the feelings and prejudices of their patrons to oppose what the latter too often and unwisely regard as their interests, when sanitary laws are attempted to be enforced.

Fruit inspectors are well paid by the government to inspect and take note of the fruit forwarded to markets for the people's consumption. This is done not so much for the people's health as it is to make the packers honest and the purchaser to receive the class of goods he bargains for. Doubtless this is worth while. But is it less worth while to appoint men to safeguard the public health at a remuneration adequate to the duties required of them? The health officer appointed by the municipality receives \$100 per year, or the municipal sum of twenty-seven cents per day, to perform the duties devolving upon him by the health act. His duties cover the territory of a whole county. How much of it is under his surveillance? How much is left undone that ought to be done because of insufficient remuneration and lack of time on the part of the busy practitioner to do the many acts enjoined upon him by the health laws? The health act is a 'beautiful act' says Mr. Bishop, but the execution of its laws has been and will be a farce until men are appointed who are qualified to do the work and are paid for it.

If the overseers of the Poor Farm will not see that the disgraceful sanitary conditions are remedied, has not the health officer the power under the act to do it and make the district responsible for it? He certainly has, if not, the act is worthless. But the act is not worthless. Under the act the medical health officer can, and in his duty when in his opinion the sanitary conditions are dangerous to or jeopardizing the public health, to notify the authorities of the conditions; and, after a regular notice has been served upon them and they disregard it, to have the work done at their expense. It is also his duty to bring them before an authority court for such cases where they are amenable to a fine for such neglect. Otherwise the act would be worthless. The

FISH

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Our Admiration of Courage.

Heroism and reward have little to do with each other. When Garibaldi, according to tradition, told his followers that they would have to give up everything, and that their recompense would be suffering and death, he appealed to the roots of the heroic in Belgium, France and Russia today the Allies are fighting as bravely as men ever fought, not because one race believes one thing about the life here after, and the other believes another thing, but because they are full of the material that, since history began, has been found in men, making them do what was set before them to do, whatever the cost might be. The Kaiser declared at the beginning of the war that in ten days he would eat his dinner in Paris. The Germans are strong on boasting but it cannot be denied that they are proving themselves as brave as anybody. The British and French do not boast, nor do the Japanese. It is not according to their taste; but they do deeds of valor which no race could surpass, and do them, not in any frenzy but with much calm and judgement. There is something inspiring in spite of all our humane progress, in the thought that such doings are possible today as have been enacted by Belgians in this war. Every new report that comes to us confirms the view that in the present war the most dauntless valor has been combined with the most watchful discretion. The virtue of physical courage is often preached so that it swells and blisters harshly, but it can still be preached with sad sincerity, and it can be practiced so that it seems part and foundation of much that is noble in our lives. An intrepid courage is at best but a holiday kind of virtue, to be seldom exercised, and never but in case of necessity. Yet are we connected that when physical courage ceases to be a part of the male's constitution we are to a state of degeneracy where all other virtues tend to disappear. Courage is the great virtue and is found in all strong races. The world admires it, and the world thinks more of Belgium today than it did a year ago.

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