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Editorial

Our pulpits are our work clothes. Each of us live some kind of a sermon every day.

CO-OPERATIVE BOOSTING

Boosting is a game that more than one can play. "I boost you, you boost me," is a good motto, and "we will boost together," is another good motto. The newspaper man can boost in a very effective way, even by not "knocking" when people want him to "knock." He can boost a good deal more by coming out flat-footed and upholding the good that is in an individual or an institution and leaving unsaid what he knows to be bad. But when this is done there is no occasion for the person or institution which is boosted to assume that the newspaper has to do it in order to hold its job with the public, as that is indeed a serious mistake. A newspaper man sees and hears more things, bad or good, about individuals and about the way institutions are conducted than other individuals, a gossiping old maid not excepted, and it is unfair to assume that it is because he does not know that he does not print it. It is because he has a sense of honor and a sense of feeling, and last but not least, a love of peace and harmony in the community. Many things might be printed about our town which would make spicy reading but why herald such things abroad? The least said, the better. The newspaper man, however, has a keen sense of appreciation and is susceptible to praise of the right sort, and to substantial business support. He appreciates the spirit of the man who, when he has a few dollars' worth of job printing, does not go galavanting about the country, spending car fare and time thinking he might get it a few cents cheaper, but who says, "We've got a printer here at home who is trying to help our town, and we will in turn help him by giving him the little printing we have to do." This is the true community spirit, and it counts with the merchant, with the doctor, with the lawyer and with every business which draws its daily support from a community.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE ACTION

At the risk of being regarded unduly persistent THE ACADIAN again urges that at the forthcoming annual session of the Municipal Council our County legislators should take into serious consideration the matter of providing some better method of dealing with those under sentence in our county jail. The present conduct of this institution is neither businesslike nor fair to the prisoners and demands immediate revision. Last winter there were amongst the occupants of the prison several men well able to perform a good day's work, and who would be the better for it, were supported in idleness at the public expense, and from present appearances the same thing is likely to happen again this winter. This is not only expensive for the ratepayer but has a tendency to encourage minor crime in order to secure a comfortable and easy living at a time when outdoor life has few attractions. It also frequently results in offenders escaping punishment which they richly deserve because those responsible for the law's enforcement are anxious to keep down the public expenditure and prevent increased taxation.

In other lands a better and more rational method of handling this class of population is employed, and we might very well follow the lead of such, including the Western provinces of our Dominion. The legislature of Nova Scotia has made provision for such an innovation although they have not gone to the extent of making it imperative as many think they should. Such a step would most assuredly make for a very decided improvement in economic conditions in the county and even if it might not be found possible to complete all necessary arrangements to set the wheels in motion for this year it is certainly full time that a beginning should be made.

CIVIC WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

In former times it was the custom in some churches to hold what was known as a "Watch Night Service" during the dying hours of the old year. This practise is still continued in some communities and when the meeting is properly conducted certainly furnishes a profitable and fitting time for reflection.

The program of a service of this kind held at Schnecktady, N. Y., during the past three years has been broadcasted by the General Electric Company's station and received all over the country and by the radio outfit of this paper. The service occupied two hours and the program included addresses, musical selections and other interesting features. It was a community institution in which the representatives of the different religious denominations and public men took part.

The idea of a community getting together at the end of the year to discuss matters of public interest is a very good one and might with profit be applied in civic as well as religious life. There are always problems to be solved in which citizens generally are interested and which are worthy of the careful consideration of those best qualified to advise. THE ACADIAN has on different occasions advocated the holding of such a gathering at this season for the consideration of these problems. Such a gathering need not provide an opportunity for fault-finding and criticism but rather a time for reasonable and helpful deliberation over the best methods of carrying on civic affairs. The selection of those who are to sit at the council board, the new budget and many other items of equal importance might very profitably occupy a full evening's consideration.

ROAD-SIDE SIGNBOARDS A NUISANCE

No longer in the State of Minnesota will road-side billboards inform the traveller what to smoke or chew or what hams are best. The state legislature has decreed that all signs along the highways must go. Here is a hint that might very well be taken note of by the authorities of every community.

In Nova Scotia our landscape is disfigured on every hand by hideous advertising signs which should not be allowed to mar the view. We have in mind more than one town in this province which the visitor might very easily be inclined to regard as existing solely for the purpose of extolling the virtues of some brand of smoking or chewing tobacco or other commodity. Otherwise good appearing buildings are disfigured by gruesome lettering and pictures which make them far from attractive.

In Wolfville we formerly had a by-law which prohibited the posting of bills on fences, trees and other public places, including telephone and electric poles, but this has, apparently, long been forgotten or disregarded. We have heard of organizations being formed for the purpose of preventing these nuisances and would

suggest that such a laudable work might very well be undertaken here. Wolfville has the reputation of being the prettiest town in the Maritime Provinces, and the surrounding sections are a delight to visitors. We cannot afford to do other than set our disapproval upon anything that would impair such a reputation.

THE OLD AND THE NEW YEAR

I mused as the hour drew nigh, and methought the Old Year stood before me. Weary and wayworn he seemed, and in his hand was an hour glass whence the last sands were falling. As I looked upon his wrinkled forehead, his both pleasant and mournful, came over me; faint would I have constrained his longer stay and spake earnestly with him.

"Many blessings thou hast brought me for which I give thee thanks. New they have been every morning, and fresh every moment. Thou hast indeed from my heart's garden uprooted some hopes that I had planted there; with their clustering buds they fell, and were never quickened again."

"But I answered, 'Thou hast also hidden from my sight the loved and the revered; clouds are strewn upon their faces; they reply to my call no more, and the home that they made so fair, and the places that once knew them know them no more.' Then in a faint voice he murmured, 'My mission unto man is done. The stone is rolling away from the door of the sepulchre; I will enter in and slumber with the years beyond the Flood.'"

"I gazed upon his wan brow and to me it was beautiful. Faint would I have swept away the snows that gathered round his hoary temples, but he suffered me not, and stretched himself out to die. By his side I knelt and said: 'Oh departing Year, and I beheld a scroll folded beneath his mantle, what witness shall it bear of me at the judgment? Low and solemn were his last words, and the books are opened, and great, stand before God.'"

The midnight clock struck, and I covered my face and mourned for his death who had once been to me as a friend. I remembered with pain how often I had slighted his warnings and the opportunities he had given me of doing good, and had cast away the wreath of time, that priceless boon from the Eternal. Methought from the dying lips came feebly a sigh, "Farewell, Farewell."

Then a passion fell upon me, and when I lifted up my head, lo, the New Year stood in the place of the departed; smiling, he greeted me with good wishes and words of cheer, while round me many tokens of friendship and love; but I was afraid, for to me he was a stranger and when I would have returned his welcome my lips were silent. Then he said, "Fear not, I have come unto thee from the Giver of all good and perfect gifts."

"New Year, whither wilt thou lead me? Art thou appointed to bring me joy or sorrow, life or death?" He replied, "I know not; neither doth the angel who sitteth nearest to the throne now. Only Him who sitteth there, Give me thy hand and question not; enough for thee that I accomplish His Will. Make that thine own and thou shalt taste of His happiness, even here below. Promise nothing, be content with what He giveth, and take thy prayer for wisdom, this winged moment. The next may not be mine to give. Yet if we walk onward together, forget not that thou art a pilgrim for Eternity. If I bring thee a cup of joy, be thankful, and pitiful for those who mourn, and let all men be unto thee as brethren. If the dregs of bitterness cleave unto thy lips, be not too eager to receive relief lest thou betray the weakness of thy faith. God's perfect discipline giveth wisdom, therefore count them happy who endure. When the morn breaketh in the East gird thyself in the Holy Spirit's strength for thy duties, with a song of thanksgiving; for God is near to those who trust Him, and rejoice in His ways. And when the night putteth on her coronet of stars, kneel and ask

that the day's sins for Christ's sake be forgiven thee, and when I myself die, thou mayst bless me as a friend and a helper on the road to Heaven."

"WHAT'S THE USE OF WORRYING"

It has been very truly said by some that more men and women are killed by worry than by all the wars and plagues. If it rains, we are having too much rain; if it doesn't rain the country is going to burn up; if we have a pleasant winter, someone drags out that old aphorism—a green Christmas means a full churchyard in the spring; if the winter is severe the climate is becoming abominable.

Everybody knows the utter futility of worrying. Some people are never so happy as when they are miserable. It is the easiest thing in the world to fall into this wretched habit of enjoying misery. If the weather is beautiful somebody proceeds to tell us with prophetic glee: "This weather is too good; it can't last."

How much corn does Worry grow? Does he feed the stock? Worry does none of these things, but great goblin that he is, grins leeringly at the farmer and makes him think he is to spend his last days in the almshouse. Many a farmer has worried so about the season that he has not made the best of the season.

But the farmer is not the only one who bows too often to worry. Millionaires have worried themselves into their graves because they lost a few thousand dollars foolishly. The preachers have worried themselves helpless because the world doesn't reform overnight; the statesmen have ruined their last home beneath the sod as a result of a defeat at the polls.

Grocers have died broken hearted as have butchers, dry goods merchants, retailers of all kinds, when the little stock of goods is foreclosed and they face bankruptcy. Doctors, teachers, professional men of all kinds all have been killed by Worry, the demon.

Away with Worry! He shall not rule us. Let slaves and weaklings tremble at his power. Ours is the privilege to conquer the beast and lose ourselves from his power forever. Then calm and serene, we shall face the battle of life unafraid, knowing that it is impossible for us to strike one blow amiss.

Though our sword may be broken we shall fight on, knowing that a handicapped is an advantage to the courageous heart. The hosts of bygone heroes wait watch our work. They too have won the victory, and they wait for us to claim ours.

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CHRISTMAS AT COUNTY

WATERVILLE, possible there are but it is not thought there is any better where in the Maritime economy and comfort Home (sometimes called a monument to the part of the ratepayer a visit to the one ratepayer "Well, I will never my taxes after the The Christmas is a children's fact, the County for although many hood in body, yet in of the inmates are the changing express as the various to cheer come into view making one feel that that can be done carried its own away happiness come in otherwise are only existence.

Fortunate indeed of Kings County in takers of the County Christian and high- and Mrs. Sol Staus only have adopted (64 at present) of u own, and take a i their welfare. It is big-hearted "Sol" boring store to pur money enough "suc at home or to "comforts".

Christmas comes but before it comes someone has been ing and arranging or eight weeks before commenced a little of all sorts of anti-mas treat and add time. Here is a li stockings, shirts and neckties, mitts penders and handk and colors; wonder for trinkets which bureau. It must be this work had been room and principal white (how she ev with all the other c with her own mon a little additional source. This is by Christmas Day o hopes and many di to be rewarded, for discipline known a ness. The heart is over and all are reception room, d and the men the o of the room stand grown Christmas tr ed out way back in was lit and loaded for Children's Can

NO I each who is a good cheer to the noon programme of mas song by Mr. a and two of the in ed all present. The ber of visitors pres afternoon's proceed one wants to spend mas afternoon next Home.

All parts of the to the Christmas i interest in the Co report will convey ledge that their worthwhile and mi would be fully con but see the expres faces of the inmates was the present Slauenwhite by th the inmates. This sidence they have caretakers.

CHRISTMAS AT Owing to the a last week THE A omitted making t the Christmas de phum Theatre. These were of a actor and were a front stage was b tions and everge with handsome J over the entrance at the front of th was festooned w streamers and circulations giving a The work of gni stand, was under t of Mrs. Evans, w resident of Wolfv a reputation for flower decoration a number of priv she has had unde

At the matinee Christmas eve the by Santa Claus w the children pres and seasonable g management is des for the manner u conducted since th ago. The town is possessing such popular place of THE ACADIAN Evans on the e spirit which he ha all the prosperity deserves in the N

Our bread ha 10. Cent Our bread is machinery and w bakery. W. O. Pulstiff both sell our bread A. M.