

HIGH PRICES

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN.

Dear Sir,—I should like to call the attention of the citizens of Wolfville to the prevailing high prices in this town. During the war and until the present we have paid the exorbitant prices for commodities without a murmur. The time has come to revolt. It is a notorious fact that the Wolfville tradesmen have advanced their prices on old stock to correspond with present prices and where wholesalers have advanced two or three cents on an article the retailers have advanced ten or twenty. It is also a known fact through out the length and breadth of the Province that Wolfville is an expensive town in which to live. We had to put up with conditions until prices came down elsewhere. Now we can take things in our own hands and buy where we can obtain things at lowest cost.

The dry goods man kicks about the way the grocer charges, the grocer kicks about the tailor (and incidentally sends out of town for his dry goods), the tailor kicks about the furniture man and the people kick about them all and they should do more than kick, they should see that prices are brought down.

I understand from perfectly reliable authority that farmers are being paid 14c. per pound for beef. What are the consumer's paying? Forty cents per pound for tough round steak. Also milk is being bought in Gaspereau Valley for 9c. per quart and being retailed here at 15c. Any profiteering here? When few potatoes were selling for \$1.25 in Halifax we paid the modest sum of \$2.40. We live in the potato country. One merchant in this town boasts that owing to judicious buying he has not had to buy window shades since the boom but he has charged exactly what others did, who paid \$4 and \$5 a dozen more wholesale. Another merchant was offered the other day \$6 for a pair of boots priced at \$9. He declined to sell but when purchasers stated that he could obtain the same boots for \$6 from other dealers the merchant sold them (undoubtedly at a profit) for said \$6. How does it happen that a merchant in Port Williams can sell sugar a dollar a hundred cheaper than they do in Wolfville. Because the merchants instead of competing, have a combine to keep prices at certain rates. At least a grocer told me so in explaining why Port Williams sold cheaper.

No one wants to see goods sold at a loss, all we desire is a square deal. A great many of us can remember when two or three cents a pound was a good profit on beef. Times certainly have changed. The only way to bring prices down is to buy as little as possible, to ask the price of every article purchased, to keep informed as to the wholesale market and buy goods where they can be obtained at lowest rates.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the valuable space in your paper, I am
Yours truly,
CONSUMER

A Quick Relief for Headache

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LONDON, Dec. 18.—"Transatlantic wireless telephonic communication accomplished fact and soon will be used in a large practical scale. I also believe this invention will be perfected to the extent of enabling a person in New York or Montreal to see the person with whom he is speaking in London, or Paris" said Doctor Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone. "Apparatus enabling telephone conversationalists to see each other, is merely a form of wireless transmission of light. Light travels in waves, the same as electricity does, and I believe it will soon be used not only for transatlantic communication, but also for telephone cable work as well. I have studied the Marconi wireless telephone apparatus here and discussed the plans of that company for international communication between the United States and Canada and England and when I think of the strides my original invention has taken within the last few decades, I realize the marvellous inventions which the world will utilize within the next hundred years will require a mind of vaster imagination than even Jules Verne to forecast. Such writers really inspire great inventions.

The inventor stroked his gray beard and smiled broadly when he was asked to discuss the invention of the telephone. "When I first went to Canada and later to the United States from Scotland at the age of twenty-five," he said, "I was so near death that the doctors had given me up. I fooled them, however, and as I was completing the invention I met a young lady in Cambridge, Mass., who later became Mrs. Bell. She had a rich father, and I was a proud young inventor, and rather than have it said that I was marrying her for money, I insisted that she marry me for my inventions. I turned all my interests in it over to her and her father, who helped me wonderfully in getting it marketed. Then dispute started as to whether the telephone was invented in Canada or the United States. I was in hot water explaining, but I finally settled it by saying it was conceived in Canada and born in the United States.

"Today I personally hold just one share of stock in a telephone company. I am leaving for Nova Scotia to continue my work on an important new invention, the nature of which I am not at liberty to disclose now."

Canada ranks second in the world in water power resources; the per capita development is larger than that of any country except Norway.

CHRISTMAS GIVING.

There is only one successful way to give, and that is unselfishly. Any other kind of giving fails of at least one main purpose and that purpose is the character-building of the person who gives. No matter how far up, or how far out the education of the child reaches, its education is a failure if it be not graduated—literally led out—in the fine art of successful giving, as in every other act, emphasis is cast upon the nature of the act rather than its significance—from a purely monetary standpoint. The heart is what makes or unmakes the deed. There will be gifts enough as long as the world lasts, but how many gifts are far-sighted?

The far-sighted gift denotes a gift out of which flows a stream of good will from the person benefited, and no person is so blind or so dull as not to be able to discern the nature of a gift. Gifts are made out of all sorts of motives and many large gifts will fail any ulterior and permanent good because of the sense of personal elation, of personal glorification and advertisement brought to the giver. This is a selfish giving. No one properly responds to the selfish gift. The morsel may be taken and eaten with a kind of mumbled thanks, but the beggar will always hold a kind of grudge against the person who stood blowing a trumpet with one hand while he held out a crust with the other.



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