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Municipal Ownership.

It is questionable if the more radical tenets of the socialist's creed are gaining in public favor, but the present tendency is certainly toward extending the sphere of the government ownership to control of industries. Those enterprises which touch most closely the interests of the public as a whole and the development and improvement of large sections of the country are beginning to be looked upon as properly and peculiarly the industries of the government. Many of the most practical and prominent members of our federal parliament as well as other public men in Canada are of the opinion that just as the government to-day controls the postal service so should it own and operate the railways and telegraph lines throughout the country. Only a few months ago Manitoba declared emphatically in favor of government railroads, and its executive is now endeavoring to bring into effect the will of the province in this respect.

This management of affairs has admittedly many advantages, but the great and perhaps only serious objection raised against it is the enormous increase in patronage which it would entail and the attendant corrupt effect it would naturally have upon the administration in control of these public works.

There is certainly something in this objection when it is applied to government or city ownership of industries and we do not feel equal to the task of deciding between it and the arguments in favor of the theory. However, this objection does not exist against the ownership and operation by small municipalities of those services in its bounds of public interest, and it is in favor of extending this principle that we wish to say a word.

Towns which own and operate their own water supplies or public schools are seldom menaced with civil corruption. There is really no opportunity for it for every citizen is a policeman for the public interests. In fact we believe that it is the experience of almost every small municipality which controls its own public services that this system is eminently successful.

Wolfville indeed can testify to the truth of this assertion. Here the citizens are furnished in a most satisfactory way with water supplied by the town. In a few years the municipality will have paid for the plant entirely and the cost of water to the residents will be either lessened or the proceeds from the service will go toward diminishing other taxes. Compare this condition of affairs with that which would have obtained had our water been supplied by a company. Then we would have been compelled to give for our water what the company was minded to ask, and as time advanced we would have been in no better position.

Why should we not then extend this practice to those industries and services in which the citizens are generally interested? The idea is not new. The town of Glasgow, Scotland, owns all the industries of the kind and as a result taxes are unknown, and the people's interests are most cheaply and satisfactorily looked after.

Here are a few of the advantages which town ownership has over private ownership.

The industry is run with the object of accommodating the people instead of bringing in large returns to selfish owners.

The people look upon the service as their own and are more careful not to take useless advantages of it, but as owners are solicitous that the enterprise should pay.

Unlike a private concern the town or municipality need fear no competition and can therefore make its expenditures accordingly and its estimates accurately.

The town can operate the industry more cheaply than a private concern for it can borrow money at a lower rate of interest and it has all the officials for the collection of debts and for legal advice, etc., ready to hand.

There are no owners' profits to provide for. The service costs the people just what it actually costs.

Wolfville Streets.

Undoubtedly the most important department in our town machinery is that which has control of our streets and public ways. For several years back—in fact ever since the water system was put in—our streets have not been in a satisfactory condition, in spite of the many changes that have been made in the management, and the suggestions that have been furnished gratis by our citizens from time to time. The season has again come around when the necessity of work being done is especially apparent, and considerable curiosity is expressed as to the ability likely to be displayed on the part of the present committee. Good streets constitute a powerful factor in the life and progress of a town and when the work is well and efficiently done money spent in this direction is well invested. The past season has been an exceedingly hard one on streets and roads as washouts and destroyed bridges in every direction testify; and in consequence a considerable amount of work will require to be done. On Main street in many places the curbing has become displaced and will require to be removed if the streets and side walks are to be kept in any kind of creditable condition. The position that our town holds as a place of resort for summer visitors renders it imperative that more attention should be paid to the matter of tidy and well kept streets and we trust that the coming summer will see a great advance made in this direction. When the estimates are made up for the year we hope to see a liberal allowance made for streets, and the expenditure of the amount for this purpose carefully and intelligently made, with corresponding good results.

Grand Pre.

The funeral of the late Andrew Borden took place on Friday last. The services were conducted at the house by Rev. R. F. Dixon. The burial was in the old Presbyterian ground in front of the old church in the north west corner. Mr Borden had the respect and esteem of all his neighbors and the funeral was largely attended. His sons, R. L. Borden, M. P., and Harold C., were present; but the second son, J. W. Borden, was unable to leave Ottawa. Among those from a distance were Judge Chipman, Kentville, and F. C. Simson, Halifax. Mr Borden was the last of his family and the oldest man in Grand Pre, as well as the last male representative of the Borden family in this place.

James Anderson, Gaspereau, has sold his farm to Moody Miner and purchased the J. W. Taylor farm, Avonport.

George Miner, Gaspereau, has purchased the Fred Annand farm in the hollow east of Robert Trenholm's. He has built an addition to the house and is improving the farm. It is a picturesque spot in a deep hollow at the foot of the mountain, with a sugarloaf hill on the right of the wood going down to the hollow towering up a hundred feet almost perpendicularly. The house stands at the junction of two roads, one of which runs down into the hollow and up over the mountain called "Hard-scrabble"—from the top of which is a magnificent view—and the other winds around the mountain on the north side between it and the Gaspereau river. "Riley's Brook," clear and stony bottomed runs across these roads near the house, and is spanned by two bridges within a few rods of each other. A delightful "sleepy hollow" on a summer's day. Fifty years ago it was the comfortable home of John Trenholm, whose brother Robert is the next door neighbor; and only half a mile across the river, neighbors to Judge Weatherbee's "St. Eulalie," dwelt two other brothers, Wm. and George Trenholm. These four brothers built comfortable happy homes for themselves and families by labor and economy. They were all good farmers, good citizens, church members, useful, valuable men in the community in their day and generation. Robert is the only survivor, and with his son Harry lives on the old homestead, a pretty spot and excellent farm at the top of "sleepy hollow" before mentioned, with roses climbing all over the house and flowers in the yard, the work and delight of his good wife. Why cannot our young men and maidens go and do likewise nowadays—build homes for themselves in our own beautiful land of sunshine and blossom and fruit and sure seedtime and harvest.

John Lawrence, Falmouth, has moved on the Wesley Taylor farm Avonport.

W. C. Hamilton has sold 28 head of young cattle to the R. W. Kinsman Co. Canning.

During the winter the R. W. Kinsman Co. have bought and hauled to Canning about 35 tons of straw from Howard Fuller and 10 or 12 tons from W. C. Hamilton. The company feed 100 head of stock, 50 head of fat cattle, and five men are employed in the stables. The late William Young's Short-horns were purchased by them, one of the finest herds in the province.

The annual spring meeting of the proprietors of the Grand Pre Dyke was held in Evangeline Hall last Saturday 2 P. M. Only routine business was transacted.

Lilly of the Valley Division, Port Williams, will visit Evangeline Division next Monday evening, 9th inst.

Three men from Frank Reardon's, Halifax, are putting the art glass into the windows of the Methodist church this week. Three of the windows will be memorial.

Mrs Mitchell with her daughter, Mrs Willet and two children arrived from London and New York last Saturday evening.

A Splendid Idea.

It was an American subject, Robert Choate, of Boston, Mass., who first, through the Montreal Star, suggested the popular patriotic fund taken up by the children of Canada and United States, and now receiving such favor all over the world. The idea was to get something started with which young Canada could be identified, and the presentation of which would bring the boys and girls of Canada into direct touch with the Queen, who will treasure the photographs of the boys and girls. It was proposed to engross on parchment the name of every giver to the fund of ten cents and upwards. The name of every boy and girl who collects ten subscriptions in the testimonial is to appear in the testimonial as a leader in the movement, and the photograph, beautifully mounted, of every boy and every girl who collects five dollars or upwards is to accompany the gift and the testimonial. The latter of which will be in form suitable for placing amongst the tributes from her loyal subjects, placed in the room in Windsor Castle, where the public can obtain a view of them. The presentation of this great testimonial from the children of Canada, through Lord Minto, accompanied by the photos of the children, who are raising it, will be a touching incident in her life, and it is an opportunity that will probably come only once in a life time to the children of Canada. Boys and girls wanting special blank subscription lists and particulars of the movement can obtain them by mailing a postal card to the Montreal Star. Photographers all over Canada are offering to photograph free to place in the Queen's testimonial the boys and girls of Canada who indentify themselves, successfuly with the movement. Subscriptions by the thousands are pouring into the Star office.

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The first two pests which claim our attention are the oyster-shell bark-louse and the bud moth. If your trees are infested with bark lice or if they are covered with moss or old bark and look as though they needed a general clearing up, nothing will do them so much good as spraying with potash, either the rock potash, which can be bought for about 3 c. per pound, or with the leachings from wood ashes. One who has never tried it will be surprised at the wonderful improvement this will make in the appearance and thriftiness of the trees. It cleans off all old bark or roughness of any kind, thereby removing countless bark-lice, insect eggs and fungous spores, and it makes the trees look almost as though they had been varnished. Try it and you will have all your neighbors stepping in to ask how you did it. And the beauty of it all is that whatever material is applied in this way will eventually find its way into the soil, where it will make the best of fertilizers for the orchard. If you use the rock potash take one pound to 3 to 5 gallons of water, and if the leachings from ashes, that leached from a barrel should make a cask or more of excellent spraying material. But there are two precautions to be observed in applying this potash. 1st—It must be done when the trees are dormant, which means that if you are going to use it this year (and that is what you should do) it must be applied during the present month; and 2nd—Great care must be taken not to get any of it on the hands or any part of the person, as it is extremely caustic and is likely to to produce serious results.

The bud-moth, which seems to be very troublesome in parts of the Province, is one of the most difficult of insects with which to deal. The eggs of this insect hatch in the late summer and the little worm produced feeds on the leaves of the apple until about half grown when it stops feeding and passes the winter in a half-developed state, in little cocoons or nests which may be found by careful investigation attached to the twigs of the trees. In the spring, on the first signs of growth in the orchard, the little worm gnaws its way into the centre of the expanding bud and there plays havoc with the prospective crop of fruit by eating the young buds. Our object should be, therefore, to prevent the worm from getting into the bud, and to do this requires very careful spraying with Paris green. I should advise spraying just as the buds are opened sufficiently to afford a lodgement for the Paris green among the points of the little leaves, and if the insect is very troublesome I should spray a second time a few days later when the buds are fairly well opened, using for both sprayings Bordeaux mixture with ¼ lb of Paris green to the cask. The Bordeaux mixture will adhere to the buds better than pure water and thus increases the chance of keeping the poison where it will do the most good. This treatment may not effect the entire destruction of this pest, but I am confident it will greatly reduce its ravages. And we must remember that once the worm is inside the bud, he is beyond the reach of sprays of any kind.

For the past two years Nova Scotia has been blessed with an abundant apple crop, while the world's crop has been light and the result has been high prices for our fruit and "no questions asked." We cannot hope for this to continue indefinitely, but must be prepared the coming season to compete with at least on average crop from the other apple growing districts. And the best way to prepare for this is to produce the best of fruit. The best fruit grown in Nova Scotia to-day can successfully compete with that grown in any other section, and what we must do is to make it *all* as good as the best. Growers can do this if they will make a united effort for better practices all through the season and nothing will help more to accomplish this object than thorough spraying. Will you do it?

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Notes from Billtown.

This is a time of trouble for the people in these parts La grippe has come with unusual severity, and his victims have been many. As among these I may mention the names of W. C. Bill, Henry Bill and his son Frank, Alonzo Palmeter, Stanley Palmeter, Ed. Steadman, Mrs J. Card, George Kinsman, W. Wheaton and William Wheaton. This does not at all exhaust the list. These are all progressing favorably with the exception of W. C. Bill, Esq. His case has been considered critical, but now it is hoped that the worst is over with him.

Lakeville.

Lakeville has also been afflicted. These two communities though separate have common interests. The epidemic has visited almost every family in the place. For a time fears were entertained for Mrs Joseph Porter, Mrs Wentworth Wood and Mrs Anderson, but they are supposed to be improving. Mrs Ephraim Brymer had a sudden attack, but she was supposed to be doing well, when the disease attacked the heart and death ensued. At this writing her husband, Dea. Brymer, is in a precarious condition.

Woodville.

Woodville is not exempted from the scourge, but here it is not so severe.

Mr Asahel Rockwell, senr., had a sudden attack of the disease in the form of congestion of the lungs. His recovery is doubtful.

A social event of interest to the community was the marriage of Mr Chas. Rand and Mrs Adelia Rockwell. They have the congratulations of their numerous friends.

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	Max	Min	General state of weather	
March	Ther.	Ther.	Morning	Evening
29	41	25	Fine	Cloudy
			Strong wind	
30	37	27	Fine	Fine
31	42	27	Overcast, Snow, strong east Wind	
April				
1	37	21	Fine	Fine
2	39	22	Fine	Fine to Cloudy
3	50	30	Overcast	Rainy
4	53	35	"	Rain & Clouds

Snow fell March 31st, about 5 inches.
Rain " April 3rd, .90 "
" " " 4th, .05 "

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