

THE ACADIAN.

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Editorial Notes.

It seems a trifle unflattering that Nova Scotia, which, as the various plebiscite votes show, possesses very advanced views on the temperance question, should, in a sense, be represented in the newspaper lines by dailies so very much behind the times in this respect as the Halifax Herald and Chronicle. Probably no papers in Canada have taken a more decided and unfair stand against the temperance cause than they have taken.

In fact it is very apparent that they are quite as much organs of the whisky interests, as they are of the political parties they are supposed to aid. Whether or not the liquor influence shall be permitted to have exclusive control of the daily press in this province, is a question prohibitionists should gravely consider. What would be the matter with the establishment of another provincial daily, either in Halifax or some progressive town outside, which would more fairly represent the people of the province on this question.

Indeed a more moral stand on the temperance question is not the only particular in which a new periodical might improve upon the traditions of the old. Our present dailies are antiquated in other respects as well. The time is past, we think, when a newspaper can do most for its party by falsified reports and by heaping approbations upon the opposite party, and fulsome praise upon its friends under any circumstances. Yet these are just the tactics which the Halifax press make use of. The times call for a little more independence in journalism. Yet who ever heard of either of these papers advocating anything which their party had not first originated, or standing out against their party for the sake of principle? Who ever heard of them recognizing merit in an opponent, or mistake on the part of those of the same party color?

Instead of anything like this they pursue the same old policy of slavish allegiance to the dictates of their party; they halt the same old terms of invective against each other, and bestow the same extravagant praise on their friends until their readers become nauseated. The only variety which we have had of late being that since '96 the two papers seem to have exchanged files.

Were a daily started with a personality of its own, one with advanced views on the Prohibition question and other kindred reforms in which the people are interested, and one above all which would be clean and reliable, we venture to predict that it would receive a hearty support from Nova Scotians, whether they were Liberal, Conservative or neutral.

The wide fire law went into force in New Brunswick on the first of May of this year. Regarding its popularity, it is a fact that the Halifax Herald has this to say: "Premier Emmerson's wide fire law, which went into force on May 1st, seems to be meeting with general approval in this neighbourhood, and it is beginning to look as if the narrow tires for heavy vehicles would soon be a thing of the past. It was thought at first by not a few persons that the law would be a failure, but already a good many who entertained that opinion have changed their minds. The law is being pronounced one of the very best ever placed on the statute book, and there seems to be a disposition on all sides to conform to its provisions. It is generally admitted that wide tired vehicles are much easier on horses, particularly on country roads, and for this reason it is not looked upon as hardship to be compelled by law to adopt them. Already a large number of persons including millmen and others, who have heavy hauling to do, are using the wide tires, and none can be found who regret having made the change."

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Woods in July.

Probably there is no other spot in nature where we may obtain the mind-rest, which we all so often badly need, as in the summer woods.

This must be especially true during these sultry July days of ours. For the heat has come upon us so suddenly, and before we were half aware of it's near approach, that rest and coolness seem rare and very, very pleasant; and the contrast between time spent in the woods and the time spent in our own homes and offices and on our dusty streets, where only now and then a stray breeze will reach us, is all the more striking.

There is something supremely peaceful about the forest which enfolds all within it; and one has scarcely entered before this same subtle influence steals over him, and the frets and worries of the work-a-day world vanish quite out of his thoughts. It is all so restful, and quiet and sublime there seems no room for one worldly care or thought. All things seem as one, and there comes over us a feeling of reverence and awe as though we were in the presence of something Divine. The unseen and the seen are blended in perfect unity. God and nature appear to us, at least for a little while, as one great whole. Perhaps for the first time in our life we really understand the meaning of the words,

"Closer is He than breathing,

And nearer than hands or feet."

Something inexpressibly sweet comes to us from the songs of the birds, and we forget how disagreeable our experiences with the outside world have been. Forgiveness and love do not seem nearly as difficult, and we are willing to believe that there is quite a lot more of both existing among our fellow men than a short time before we could have believed possible.

But perhaps it is the trees themselves that appeal most strongly to us. Dr. O. W. Holmes in speaking of trees compares them to so many full-grown, half-witted children, with out-stretched arms, depending on nature to dress and undress them. Myself, I like to think of them as a part of nature as we ourselves are, taking in their own nourishment and depending upon themselves for their existence as much or more than any of us do. Their thousands and thousands of leaves, all speaking the same unutterable language we cannot understand. But they bring over us all the sweet, vague feelings of some beautiful dream of a happier time, and a better, nobler life.

In even the smallest tree there is some great and mysterious power. Among all our trees the oak is the best type of strength and endurance, and it is almost impossible, while walking beneath them, not to have some of their power and strange, silent nobleness and unchangeableness engrafted into our own nature. It is just as Tennyson says of the Yew,

"O not for thee the glow, the bloom,

Who changes not in any gale,

Nor bending summer suns avail

To touch thy thousand years of gloom."

"And gazing on thee, fallen tree,

Sick for thy stubbers' hardihood,

I seem to fall from out my blood

And grow incorporate into thee."

All our better impulses are stirred, all the good that may be buried deep in our hearts is raised to the surface. Who can explain it? Who can express it? Toi, influence which Nature, greatest teacher of the present, or past, or of the future, works upon us all. But whatever it is we have all felt it at some time during our life, perhaps many times. And it is a disposition on all sides to conform to its provisions. It is generally admitted that wide tired vehicles are much easier on horses, particularly on country roads, and for this reason it is not looked upon as hardship to be compelled by law to adopt them. Already a large number of persons including millmen and others, who have heavy hauling to do, are using the wide tires, and none can be found who regret having made the change."

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ASTHMA.

If you have it try Ozone, a sure and safe remedy. Ozone kills the germs of the disease and nature does the rest.

Mr. A. R. Melan, engineer of the Str. "Evangeline," says: "I have suffered terribly from asthmatic trouble, and every night I would wake up choking and straggling so that at last I did not take my clothes off at all on retiring. I have taken two bottles of Ozone and have been greatly benefited thereby. I now can enjoy a good night's rest. I can confidently recommend Ozone to all sufferers from similar troubles."

For sale by Druggists and Dealers. 50c. and \$1. per bottle.

Southern California Letter.

The people of this section are agitated in many ways this summer. The semi-drought is affecting them at every turn. The crops are almost a failure, pastures are drying up alarmingly fast, and the water supply is falling at every point. For the first time in the history of San Bernardino there is insufficient water to supply the needs of the inhabitants. Artesian wells stop flowing and Lythe creek, from whence comes the city water, is drying up at the rate of 10 inches a day. Just east of town, and on a lower level, an artesian well was opened in May of this year that is a wonder in the whole country. It is 550 feet deep, 10 inches in diameter, and throws out a stream that measures 350 miner's inches. This water has been sold to parties in Riverside, 10 miles south of us and on a still lower level. These facts will give point to the following squib that appeared in a local paper this week:

"NOW OTHERS SEE IT.

"Speaking of saloons reminds me of a conversation I overheard on the train the other day. A Los Angeles man was twitting a San Bernardino man about San Bernardino's saloons. 'Here you are,' said he, 'having no end of trouble to get bare drinking water, while Riverside gobbles up the well, naturally your supply, flowing enough water for three or four cities like San Bernardino.' 'Oh, you make a mistake,' said the Bernardinoite, 'we're not bothering about water; that is just Los Angeles talk. We don't need water like Riverside. We sprinkle our streets with oil, drink beer, and curry ourselves in lieu of bathing.'" For the benefit of the San Bernardino papers the writer went on to label his little article as a joke. He said he did not believe that the people of that city ever drink water nor bathe, even if it is true that they sprinkle their streets with oil.

BOUND TO RUN DOWN HILL.

A few weeks ago the lumber firm of Sawakrup & Hoek purchased from the Desert Box Co. a large traction engine with which they expected to haul the logs from where they were cut in the forest to the mill. They started it from this city under its own steam for their mill in the mountains, over 6000 feet higher up in the air, over the toll road of the Arrowhead Reservoir Company. At the toll-gate they were refused passage and after offering \$25 toll, the men broke down the toll-gate and proceeded on up the mountain. But just as they reached the main grade the driver discovered that the water in the tank was giving out, and there was no brake, so he undertook to keep on just enough steam to hold the engine on its grade without moving either forward or backward. This bright scheme wouldn't work, and the ponderous engine backed off into the canyon, a drop of 40 feet. At an expenditure of \$350 the engine was taken to pieces, repaired, and carried to the mountain crest. Here it was again set up and started under its own steam for the mill. Everything went well until it was within two miles of its destination, when it again backed off the road into a deeper canyon, where it now lies in a badly smashed condition. To add to these perplexities the owners have had to appear in court to settle with the Toll-road Company for smashing the gate and obstructing travel.

THE N. E. A. CONVENTION.

The meeting of the National Education Association, just concluded in Los Angeles, has been a notable affair. Educators from every state in the Union, from Cuba, Porto Rico and Honolulu, were in attendance. Reports just published show that the Santa Fe has brought 4000 delegates into the State from points east. The Southern Pacific has brought in 3000. Besides which the Southern Pacific has brought 1200 from Pacific coast points, and the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific together have hauled to Los Angeles over 3000 from cities and towns immediately tributary to Los Angeles, making a grand total of 11200 persons there two companies have put into Los Angeles. M. B. Shaw, San Bernardino, Cal., July 17, 1899.

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New Minus Items.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harris, who spent the winter with her daughter in Massachusetts, returned home last week. Mrs. Fisher, of Massachusetts, with her family is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Downey, of Highbury. Bears are reported troublesome in the Blue Mountain district this summer. Mr. John Lane had a sheep stolen from the pasture by a large bear. Only two or three months ago a large bear was trapped by Mr. David Costly, of New Ross Road, the skin of which brought twenty dollars.

Sheffield Mills.

DEAR MR. EDITOR.—Our farmers are very busy in the hay fields. The crop here will be above the average, having increased nearly one-third the last three weeks, rejoicing the heart of the farmer. Crops are looking their best now. There are prospects of a short crop of apples but of course there will be more than is at present feared. Miss Maud and Mr. Lewis Power are spending a few weeks with their uncle, Mr. Douglas Power. Mrs. S. M. Bentley is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Harris. Miss Julia Baxter and Miss Comstock, of Boston, are at Mr. B. Eaton's. Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis, of Cambridge, Mass., has been visiting Mr. Werth. Mrs. Low nee Miss Foote, daughter of the late John Foote, is visiting Miss Webster.

The R. W. Kinman Co., Ltd.

has succeeded in getting their barn ready for hay. It is to contain 400 tons. There are two dismovers on the side. The barn has a curved roof and no posts above the mow floor, below which there are to be two rows of cattle. Anyone wishing to build should first inspect this barn. A Successful Kings County Farmer. While at Sheffield's Mills one day last week we had the pleasure of an inspection of the farm of Mr. C. E. Kinman. Mr. Kinman is one of the most successful farmers in Kings county and everything about his premises is in perfect order and shows indication of the careful and skillful superintendence of its owner. The farm has a beautiful situation and its broad acres of orchard and other crops is a sight which cannot fail to please the eye. Mr. Kinman has a fine orchard of about 200 trees in full bearing and producing from 500 to 700 barrels of fruit. Last year his crop was a beautiful one and present indications point to another large crop this year. Such a record can only be the result of systematic cultivation and generous fertilization. He has also a young orchard which is in fine condition and in a few years will add very considerably to the value of his already valuable property. Mr. Kinman has occupied the farm on which he now resides for the past thirteen years and its present condition is an splendid testimonial to what brains on a farm can accomplish.

Meteorological Observations

Taken at the N. S. School of Horticulture, Wolfville, for the period July 6-12, 1899.

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