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Editorial

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

POLITICS THE BANE OF MARITIME PROGRESS

JUST what is the matter down in these provinces by the sea is a question that has agitated the inhabitants at many times in recent years and particularly during the past few months. Numerous causes have been assigned for the lack of progress that has been made and the meagre extent of prosperity enjoyed, any of which might be responsible for present conditions. An upper provincial journal when discussing the question declared that the weakness of the Maritimes resulted from too much attention given to politics at the expense of a desire to extend development and the establishment of suitable industries. It was claimed that because of party zeal on the part of our representatives their influence in parliament was of little consequence and little regarded. Because they can always be depended upon to answer the party whip the leaders have no reason to listen to their demands.

Looking the situation over carefully we are inclined to the opinion that this newspaper has "said something" which should be duly regarded. Take for example our own province. Nova Scotia since confederation has sent to Ottawa outstanding men who have contributed very largely to the political affairs of the Dominion, and yet the claim is made that Nova Scotia has not been fairly treated. Had these representatives, some of whom at least were statesmen, but served their native province as well as they served the country at large Nova Scotia would scarcely have failed to take the prominent place among the provinces of Canada which it so richly merits.

In the present parliament Nova Scotia has practically solid support for the party in power and if there was ever a time when our claims should have received consideration it might reasonably have been in these years. We do not advocate an unfair advantage, but with the government experiencing such difficulty to carry on as has been the case since 1921, if our "solid sixteen" had been willing to place duty before party they should not have found it difficult to get for their constituents what was justly due.

How it works out was well illustrated in the vote on the budget last week, when the full quota of Nova Scotia members assisted in voting down the Progressive motion calling for a "revision of the tariff downward", after having been elected because promising in their pre-election statements to support such a policy. THE ACADIAN is not for the present taking sides on the tariff question, but if the people of Nova Scotia regard it as in their best interests that a policy of "tariff revision downward" should be in operation why should their representatives vote against it in order to save the party.

BETTER SUPERVISION NEEDED AT "DUMP"

RESIDENTS of the east end who passed the "dump" on their way to and from church on Sunday must have been anything but pleased with the conditions existing in that conspicuous and yet far from attractive section of the town. If among these were included any member of the Council he could not fail to have borne in upon him a realization that some one had blundered. Fortunately for the reputation of Wolfville the day was for from pleasant and less than the usual number of visiting motorists passed along Main street to have their senses offended by what they saw and smelled. The accumulation of rubbish dumped and left uncovered certainly presented a spectacle that was far from creditable and if necessary added additional emphasis to the claim that THE ACADIAN has made over and over again that a better supervision of this institution of our town is necessary.

There is no objection to the amount of material deposited or to its quality, provided it is properly placed and covered with earth in such a manner as to insure that it will not be offensive. During the present season up to the past week this has been fairly well done but on Saturday, due perhaps to the fact that it was difficult for teams to get to the edge of the dump, a quantity of empty cans and other refuse was left out in front and occasioned good cause for complaint.

Citizens are anxious that the work of filling up this cavern and is using it to become a credit instead of a reproach should proceed as rapidly as possible, and with this end in view those who have waste material of any kind might very profitably be encouraged to use the dump. The work, however, should be carefully supervised. One day in the week might be selected at which time only it would be permissible to have material taken to the dump, and at which time some one should be on hand to see that the work was properly done.

It is devoutly to be hoped that on no other Sunday nor for that matter on any other day during the coming summer should such a condition as existed last Sunday be permitted to obtain.

LENGTHY SPEECHES SHOULD BE PROHIBITED

IT IS more than a coincidence that at Washington as well as at Ottawa there is an agitation in progress for a limit both in number and length of the speeches of representatives. It indicates a conviction born out of experience that legislative bodies waste too much time in mere campaigning. No complaint is made that representatives are too much disposed to devote excessive and needless attention to public business, but rather that they neglect national issues in order to carry on their partizan battles.

One cannot read the addresses delivered in the protracted debate on the recent Canadian budget without being painfully impressed by the futility of much that has been uttered. Very little of the discussion has been of a constructive character, and fully three-quarters has consisted of mere repetition. The object of nearly all of it has been to score a party advantage. This is not only a subversion of the underlying purpose of parliament, but a scandalous waste of time and money that merits the censure of the thinking people of this country.

Members evidently will not take the time and trouble to so organize their speeches as to make them brief. They dilute ideas with words until they are homeopathic. Hard work and concentration on a speech would not only reduce its proportions, but add enormously to its effectiveness. In other words it is poor policy to be verbose. A speech of ten minutes, bristling with epigrams and points would be such a novelty that it would invoke and receive the close attention of listeners. Most of these speeches are intended not so much for parliament as for the constituents for whose edification they are printed and circulated at vast expense to the country, which receives no corresponding benefit. More strength to those who are working for this reform.

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Answers to Last Week's Puzzle

IN QUIANT NOVA SCOTIA

(Chicago News)
In few countries of the world can you find modern and primitive life in such close proximity as in Nova Scotia, and this is one of the great fascinations of the province for the traveler and vacation-seeker hungry for unbeatn paths. In the railway towns you can buy up-to-date sport clothes and dance to the latest jazz music, while a few miles away there are villages without electric lights or a single street lamp, and where oxen haul all the carts and wagons. On a nearby road a moose or deer may cross the road in front of your motor. The guides will show you the spot where a bull moose charged a fiver, "on the right hand side goin' north," as they put it, and tipped the car over the roadside. It is but a few miles from wherever you are to the woods where deer and moose are plentiful. Not a town in the entire province is over 30 miles from one of the hundred arms of the sea.

Scattered along the shore of St. Mary's Bay for 20 miles south of Weymouth are the famous French villages. The first of the villages was settled more than a century and a half ago by a few of the French who were driven out of Grand Pre in "Evangeline Land" farther north, by the English in 1775. Many quaint old customs still prevail and French is still spoken exclusively among the villagers, while Breton costumes are often worn by the women. At several of the villages can be found the primitive wind saw-mills, the wheel so low that, as it turns, it barely clears the ground.

The queerest custom was in the town of Comeauville at the hotel with the "clothes pin register". At the roadside in this hamlet is an old fashioned white story and a half cottage nearly a century and a half old, kept as a hotel by Miss Addie Comeau, a bright and sprightly spinster, who has played the hostess for many years. Within, the house is modestly spotless as to whether his name is written for the next and clean. The few tiny bedrooms are like small cabins on a ship. Each guest on arriving at the hotel signs his name and address in ink on a clothespin and the pins are stuck in a wire rack, beside the front door. The pins of departed guests go into the box from which the hostess recruits her guests for the next day. On this great day of the week, Miss Addie says she often hesitates over the selection of the pins on which the names of her boarders are imperishably preserved, so after he has gone, the aristocratic visitor is left with the intriguing uncertainty as to whether his name is assisting in holding a smock, a shirt or a nightgown to the line on the Monday after his departure.

In these towns the houses and stores are strung along the road in single file, and often the lines of buildings are so continuous that it is impossible to tell where one village ends and another begins. Just back of the homes are the tiny farms and here for every kind of

farm work, oxen are used exclusively. Oxen were to be seen drawing the most modern reapers, and often whole families, men and women and children, were out in the field with the great crude wagons made of poles getting in the hay crop.

BIBLE THOUGHT
—FOR TODAY—
Bible thoughts for every day.

MAY 22
And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.—Hebrews 10:17.

MAY 23
Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the earth, which the Lord the God giveth thee, for ever.—Deuteronomy 4:40.

MAY 24
Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Matthew 11:29.

MAY 25
And when the chief shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.—1 Peter 5:4.

MAY 26
Sing unto the Lord, praise ye the Lord; for he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of the evil doers.—Jeremiah 20:13.

MAY 27
Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.—Psalms 37:3.

MAY 28
But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.—Philippians 4:19.

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