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These Days of Chivalry

For some reason hardly to be understood, and certainly not to be justified, we look back over a century and a half to the days of chivalry. We do so because we associate the word with the day in which we live, or even find occasion for the quality amid the circumstances of our modern daily life. It suggests ever the picture of an ancient knight setting forth in brave pursuit of chivalrous enterprise, as Spencer puts it, pledged to purity and vowed to the defence of the oppressed. There is something in the heart-stirring, moving us to emulation, and filling us with a feeling of envy that the good old days are past.

Yet it is most true that never in the history of mankind was their greater need or chance of chivalrous deed than in these very days in which we live. The setting of the stage has been modernized, but the old play still goes on—the old play where vice oppresses virtue, and tyrant ever attacks defenceless innocence. Markedly lacking of the ancient drama, except it be the heroic knights who are willing to fling themselves with whole-hearted devotion into the part of defenders of the weak. And if in truth we lack these, then is our age degenerate indeed, and we lacking in the essential elements that alone can make a nation worthy of our lives worth while.

Truth is more than its trappings, and chivalry than its coat of mail. It is greater than its garb and walks in many guises. Where once it pranced astride it now goes afoot. It enters no tourney, wears no sash tokens, breaks no lance. But the old spirit lives on, setting manly hearts astrife with pity for the weak, and sending men out in high enterprise on their behalf. The symbol, however changed but the fact remains the same.

There is much in our modern life that challenges our knightliness. No plumed knight of the past, sporting along ancient highways, ever heard so many calls for his assistance as come every day to the ears of every man who walks the street. On every side of us are those who need our help. Ever do we meet the weak, far from defenceless. If there is vestige of the old knightly spirit left in us, we must respond in some way to their unspoken appeals.

Let it go abroad that here no one oppressed lacks a champion and a defender. Let it be truly said of us that we possess the same spirit of pure and unselfish chivalry that made our ancestors in the romantic past fall to the risk of life to defend innocence and weakness from the unromantic circumstance, but clearly discern the need and bravely perform the deed of chivalry.

The finest exhibit of fruit ever forwarded from Nova Scotia went from the valley last week for display in the Royal Horticultural Society Fruit Show to be held on the 26th and 27th of this month, where it will be shown in competition with fruit from British Columbia, Ontario and various colonies in other parts of the world. The largest contributor was Mr. H. D'Almeida, of this town, who sent a collection of one hundred and fifty varieties. Other contributors are Messrs. J. Elliot Smith and E. E. Archibald, of Wolfville; John Donaldson and D. S. Collins, of Port Williams; J. R. Blanchard, of Upper Dyke Village; H. H. Johnson and B. J. Messinger, of Bridgetown; W. H. Woodworth, of Berwick; J. H. Cox, Cambridge; and J. A. Kirtman, Lakeville. In all about three hundred boxes comprised the shipment, and for quality and beauty are reported to have surpassed any display of fruit ever shown in the province. Nova Scotia was second only to British Columbia in last year's exhibit, and it is hoped they may even take first place this year. Last year each of the exhibitors received medals in addition to the one awarded the government of the province. The fruit, after being exhibited at the Horticultural Show, will subsequently be shown at other leading exhibitions in Great Britain.

Prohibition is now a mighty factor in politics across the line. The chairman of the Prohibition Party of New York reports that the vote polled in that state for Chaffin, the Prohibition presidential candidate, was between 25,000 and 30,000, in contrast with 15,000 four years ago. We shall now, he says, carry the war to Albany and compel the State Legislature to line up for or against one position, and are in a position to defeat many of the members if they do not vote with us.

At a preliminary examination before Justice Beck with his Conning on Tuesday, Walter M. Carruthers, of Kentville, was bound over to the Supreme Court for trial upon a charge of criminal libel, on the complaint of Sir Frederick Jordan. The crime consisted in handing to Mr. W. W. Pines, of Waterville, a copy of the Calgary Eye Opener, of Oct. 27th, containing the letters of Mrs. Maria Allison, of Ottawa. The outcome of this trial will be awaited with interest.

A sporting guide to Nova Scotia is to be issued by Dr. Beck under the auspices of the Maritime Board of Trade. The doctor, who is a wealthy man, belongs to the United States, but has spent much of his time in Annapolis County and is much taken with the attractions of the Province.

Thanksgiving.

The Thanksgiving season has become, in recent years, a period of pleasure and self-laudation. We devote it to feasting and amusement. We employ it as an occasion for magnifying our material progress and our success in national enterprises. This is really a misuse of the celebration. It loses sight of the fact that we ought, at such a time, to reflect upon our own failings, and to consider how we are profiting by the blessings that have been showered upon us. An old writer has told us that he who says "My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth," is on the way to destruction.

This is a simple statement of fact with reference to the individual. All experience teaches that self-conceit and pride are the beginning of the end. The rule applies with equal force to nations. Just so long as we acknowledge our dependence and our weakness, we are eager to cast out that which makes for evil, and we therefore press forward and gain strength. But the moment we claim perfection and cease to strive for better things the decline sets in. There is no standard position for either communities or for persons. How is it with Canada? There can be no doubt that we have reason to be grateful for the favors bestowed upon us. Under the wide canopy of heaven there is no country more highly blessed, more richly endowed. Everything that contributes to the welfare of mankind is ours. We have a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley and vines; a land whose stones are iron and out of whose hills we can dig brass. But do we view our marvelous inheritance in the right spirit? It is to be feared that as a people we are too ready to say: "My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth."

The deadness of the Thanksgiving celebration, the employment of this great occasion for purposes other than for which it is instituted, speak the national view of the question. Along with indifference and self-sufficiency has come a notable decline in public morals. We are so strong that we do not care to descend to moral questions. How strangely we have departed from the ways of the men thirty years ago! Then a small delinquency brought ruin to a powerful government. The statement that a public man had received an election contribution from a person looking for a contract produced a revolution in the country. There was a great rising against the offender and out of the office he had to go. In those days inconsistency or infidelity to principles and to pledges were treated as offences of the most reprehensible character. It was once supposed that the public man was bound in honor to accomplish or to attempt to accomplish

to do. But we have passed that stage now. Millions every year may be stolen, the public chest may be looted that the corruption fund may be swollen; the politician may laugh at his platform and tell you that he used it only as a means of reaching office—and a great body of the people is stolidly indifferent, while actually a section of the press defends public theft and continues to live.

Our morals have undergone so great a change that we tolerate and even applaud in public affairs that which a few years ago would have brought upon the guilty man the condemnation of the entire country. Is it probable that we can continue in the present course and yet grow to sturdy manhood? History replies to the negative. There must be a re-awakening of the moral sense of the people, or the wickedness of to-day will bring upon us disasters of the direst kind. Natural law will not change in order to save us; we must change or the law will have its revenge. Let us then make our Thanksgiving an occasion not for loud and vulgar boasting, but for reflection upon our duty to the country. Our blessings are numerous and great. Are we employing them in the upbuilding of a great nation, or are we allowing them to be impaired through a moral decline.

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Mr. I. B. Oakes is reported by the Western Chronicle as having said in the course of his address on Declaration Day at Kentville that "our member was a man of whom so constitutions or parliament need be ashamed." Although the paper is recognized as being thoroughly unreliable it would appear so that it is now "up to Mr. Oakes." THE ACADIAN feels obliged to the use of its columns in order that he may set himself right with the public if he has been misreported.

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Electric Light Meeting.

The public meeting of the citizens on Friday evening of last week was well attended and passed off very successfully. Mayor Black was in the chair and gave a brief statement of the present condition of affairs relating to the electric light proposal. He also read extracts from the report of Mr. E. M. Archibald, the engineer on the proposed Black River water-power. Mr. Archibald was present and answered satisfactorily a number of questions put to him. The following was moved by Mr. J. D. Chambers and seconded by Rev. J. S. Lewis:

"The rate-payers of the town of Wolfville, in public meeting duly convened under the provisions of 'The Towns' Corporation Act,' and now, on this sixth day of November, 1908, duly assembled; do hereby

Resolve, that the town council of the town of Wolfville be, and such council is hereby authorized to apply to the legislature at the next ensuing session thereof, for power to borrow

on security of the town a sum not exceeding forty thousand dollars, for the purpose set out in chapter 124 of the acts of 1907, entitled 'An Act to enable the town of Wolfville to borrow money, for electric light and power purposes,' instead of the sum of \$20,000, by said act authorized.

There was very little discussion, those present apparently having come prepared to vote on the question submitted. On the vote being taken the resolution was carried, 57 voting for and 23 against.

The general elections in Newfound-land have resulted in the return of an opposition government.

Position supporters in a house of thirty-six members. A similar situation occurred as a result of the general election for the House of Assembly in Nova Scotia in 1874. When the new house met, however, an opposition man was elected speaker, the Cape Breton members were promised a railroad, and the government had a working majority.

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