

**Notes and Comments**

Woodstock, N. B., is erecting a \$5,700 soldiers' monument.

Winnipeg city officials are prosecuting skating rink owners who open their rinks on Sunday.

Shoe factories in Canada and the United States are officially reported to be producing on a pre-war basis.

At the National Educational Council Conference, Feb. 17 to 19, in Ottawa Nova Scotia will be represented by Dr. Sloan, Truro; Rev. Dr. J. J. Thompkins, Antigonish; and John T. Joy, Halifax.

The United States Millionaires have increased from 2,348 in 1914 to 6,664 in 1918! No wonder we hear of the demand for an increase in wages all over that great Republic.

The United States at the end of the year had a "favorable balance" of trade of over \$4,000,000,000; no wonder that paper currency from Europe has such a depreciated value in the United States.

The Light is again advocating a town manager for Yarmouth. It says: "We are living in a period of reconstruction, and adjustment in nearly everything, and it is time that we were moving ahead as a town."

Somebody in England has realized that the audience is half the fun in a theatre, and is planning to have a mirror drop curtain so that one can study the dress circle from the orchestra without turning one's head.

Chicago window washers strike for \$48 a week! The question arises, Is this particular occupation a trade, a profession or a calling? Letting the light in that way pays better than most pulpits and many assistant professorships.

France has sent a new note to Berlin with a list of the persons accused of war crimes. It is suggested that in the event of non-surrender of the culprits that they be tried by default. In that case they could never leave Germany except for neutral countries.

The English brewers are decorating every bottle of beer and all they sell with a caricature of Uncle Sam bearing the warning "if prohibition wins there will be no more beer." Alas! The American brewers tried to avert aridity with a similar weapon. It accomplished nothing. If JOHN BULL is going dry telling beer drinkers that prohibition means no beer will not help them.

**It's a Queer World**

Did it ever happen, as you coursed along the slippery pave, these frosty mornings, that the man second ahead of you tossed both feet into the nippy ozone and came down hard and painfully on his opinus terminus? And the next man ahead of you laughed? And the next man ahead of you, advancing, likewise hoisted his friebies zenithward and came down with pain and humiliation even as the first had done? And you laughed the more heartily? And a crowd collected—a hard hearted crowd—and laughed? And you advanced? And reaching the spot where the other two had flung themselves you, in like manner, with wild abandon, flipped your fancy footwear flightily? And you came down? Hard? And hefty? Ain't it a queer world?



**King's College Burned.**

**DISASTROUS FIRE AT WINDSOR**  
On Thursday afternoon of last week King's College, the oldest Colonial University in the Empire, was reduced to ashes by a disastrous fire which swept the ancient landmark from end to end, leaving nothing standing but the five chimneys and the stone walls dividing the bays. The fire started in the nursery of the Steward's Bay, and had worked its way into Radical Bay, the students' quarters, before the alarm was given. The new motor chemical was on hand soon after, but the flames had made such headway that chemicals were of no avail to check the progress of the fire.

To add to the consternation of the faculty and students, the hydrants were frozen and had to be thawed out before the water could be used. By the time the firemen had the hose working, all hope of saving the old building had vanished. In the meantime, the students had heroically worked to clear the building of its contents, so that the greater portion of the belongings of the college were saved.

Fortunately, the day was mild and the little wind blowing turned the flames away from the Science building in the rear. The Hensley Memorial chapel, at the north-east end of the college, being of stone, was saved from being gutted by the cutting away of the wooden corridor connecting the two buildings.

King's College has a remarkable history. It was erected in 1791. A Royal charter from King George III was granted in 1802. The first President was Dr. William Cochran, formerly a Professor of Classics at King's College, New York, now Columbia University. In its early days the old building had served as Convocation Hall, lecture rooms and chapel and the hallowed memories of happy days and historic events clung to its walls and never failed to impress students from generation to generation.

There were about 40 students in residence, all of whom were received into the homes about town. Dr. Boyle, the President, and Mrs. Boyle, occupied the Western Bay. Some of their belongings were saved and they are now guests of Rev. H. A. and Mrs. Harley.

The material loss will, of course run into tens of thousands of dollars, but who can measure the real loss—the loss to this Province and Dominion of one of the cherished Landmarks of the Empire.

**Stormy Weather Hard on Baby**

The stormy, blustery weather which we have during February and March is extremely hard on children. Conditions make it necessary for the mother to keep them in the house. They are often confined to overheated, badly ventilated rooms and catch colds which rack their whole system. To guard against this a box of Baby's Own Tablets should be kept in the house and an occasional dose given the baby to keep his stomach and bowels working regularly. This will not fail to break up colds and keep the health of the baby in good condition till the brighter days come along. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Music is the food of love, which is more than can be said of the onion.

In the South Carolina legislature a bill has been passed forbidding smoking in any eating place.

**Retires After Good Service**

THE ACADIAN has received a late copy of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican, which announces the retirement of Mr. G. W. Cox, well known to many of the older residents of Wolfville, from the position of Superintendent of Schools for the town of Ware. Mr. Cox is a native of Stewiacke and a graduate of Acadia College. His education was completed at Harvard, where he was graduated with honors in 1895.

His first position was as principal of McCollom institute, Mount Vernon, N. H., where he served three years, later going to, Belows Falls, Vt., as superintendent of schools, and from there to Stockbridge as superintendent of schools and principal of the high school.

The Republican says of his work:

Since coming to Ware the schools have greatly advanced and the work now completed in a year is as great as any done by schools in any town or city in the state. The increase in number of pupils has been about 30 per cent. for which nine new rooms have been added. Perhaps one of the things introduced in the Ware schools during his administration which will prove of the most benefit to the pupils in the end is the school savings system. This was started in 1916, and for the remaining 29 weeks of the school year the deposits amounted to \$2488. The pupils have continued to deposit at the rate of about \$55 a week, and the withdrawals have been small in comparison.

Other improvements which have been added are a commercial course in the high school, manual training or sloyd in the upper grammar grades; course in elementary history in intermediate grades, special course of literature in grades, new system for reading, spelling and geography. He has made hosts of friends and few enemies during his term of service and Ware people will be sorry to learn of his retirement.

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