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

NEWS WE DO NOT GET

It occasionally happens that a newspaper is criticized for having failed to mention some event of more or less importance, but one in which, nevertheless, a considerable number of people are interested. Usually it happens that such affairs have been of a somewhat private nature, have not been advertised to any great extent, if at all, and at any rate no representative of the local paper was able to be present to prepare a report.

In this connection it will be readily understood that no one man can possibly attend every concert, entertainment or banquet, even though he might wish to do so. Therefore it should be considered incumbent on those in charge to see to it that the paper is supplied with particulars of such affair. The paper is always anxious to get it, and will be only too pleased to publish such news. But, as stated, someone should see to it that the necessary information is supplied to the editor as soon after the event as possible. Whether or not it is written in newspaper style does not matter, as that can be looked after by the editor. All that is required is the necessary information as to what happened and any special features in connection therewith.

Fraternal societies should appoint some member to attend to this, whose duty it should be to keep the local editor informed as to what transpires which may be considered of public interest, or of interest to their members.

All newspapers, particularly those located in the smaller centres, are most anxious to promote and encourage all local undertakings, and are ever on the lookout for items of local interest. Consequently, if any event is inadvertently overlooked, it is because it has not been brought to the notice of the editor, and has not been through any fault or wish on his part.

Since a bright newsy paper is the very best advertisement any town could desire, and since it reflects the nature of a community, and the energy and enterprise of its people, it may readily be seen that co-operation on the part of the people with their home paper is very much to be desired. Given this THE ACADIAN will be able to maintain the reputation which it has made for being the newest paper in the Valley.

AN EVENT WORTH COMMEMORATING

An anniversary which hitherto has never received proper recognition commemorates the signing of Magna Charta by King John at Runnymede in the year 1215.

Although of far greater importance to the English speaking people than such events as decisive military or naval battles it has been allowed to a great extent to pass unnoticed. It was on the 15th of June that the signing of this important treaty between king and people was entered into, and the proposition is now made that a day be appointed to commemorate the memorable occasion. Especially should the day be observed in the public schools and it is also urged that churches and Sunday schools should take cognizance of the occasion on the third Sunday in June. To that end an international movement has been inaugurated in which seven countries are participating, representing all sections of the British Empire and the United States. The movement is a timely one as the occasion affords a splendid opportunity for teaching the principles of true citizenship to the youth of the land.

The signing of the Great Charter was the beginning of the struggle for liberty and responsible government which has since come to fruition and become recognized in almost every country of importance in the world. It demonstrated that a despotic king could not, even in those early days when government was primarily based on force, rule oppressively in defiance of the rights of an indignant nation. During the centuries following the signing of this historic document the kings were not a few in British annals who lost sight of the great treaty between the crown and the people, but its principles remained unchanged and were eventually returned to. Other treaties were from time to time signed between the reigning sovereign and parliament, but in every case the principles of Magna Charta were adhered to and formed the basis of the new document.

It seems particularly fitting that the present year should be selected for an observance of this anniversary, since the day proposed falls now upon the exact date.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The time for holding the annual school meetings throughout Nova Scotia will be at hand in the course of a few weeks. These gatherings, in some sections at least, are not so well attended now as formerly, but should be numbered among the most important events of the year. Nothing should be allowed to prevent the presence of those who make up the community. Due preparation should be made for the business to be presented which ought to be thoroughly discussed and understood by every ratepayer before definite action is taken. The best men available in the section should be selected as trustees and they should be directed by the school-meeting to provide the very best possible conditions for the physical and mental development of the boys and girls who constitute the school. In many sections a generous amount is always voted for carrying on this important work, but in too many instances a penurious policy which is anything but wise is often followed. A person whose duty required the visiting of the schools of a large district once remarked in the presence of the writer that the schoolhouse was very frequently identified as the plainest and least pretentious edifice in the settlement. This ought not to be the case. On the contrary the aim should be to make the school-building and surroundings attractive and comfortable and to have it equipped with everything necessary to ensure a systematic and efficient training of the youth of the community. Money wisely expended in the proper education of its young people is the best investment which any community can possibly make. More and more this fact is becoming recognized. The children of the present day enjoy advantages unknown by those of a few generations ago, and yet our schools are very far from what they should be. The welfare of the future men and women of this country demands that the very best possible conditions should obtain in regard to the instruction given in our schools, the construction of our school buildings, the lighting and arranging of our school-rooms and the general equipment employed in this most important branch of education.

THE WHITE-BREAD PLAGUE

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The article on "Illegitimate Parenthood", by Rev. Dr. Shearer, which appears in another place in this paper, should have the careful consideration of the readers of THE ACADIAN. Nova Scotia should not be allowed to lag so far behind the other and newer provinces of the Dominion in this most important matter. A similar measure to that passed by the legislature of Ontario has been rejected by our legislators at Halifax, to the shame of the people of our fair province. It is high time for those who rule in Nova Scotia to be given to understand that they represent a present-day people.

ILLEGITIMATE PARENTHOOD

Dr. J. G. Shearer.

Five thousand children are born out of wedlock in Canada every year! These children are—very badly handicapped for life's struggle. They are inadequately supported, often poorly educated and socially ostracized. Their mothers, also, are most unjustly treated. They are ostracized by society, especially women, have single-handed to care for their children and bear usually the entire economic cost of maintenance. The illegitimate fathers in the past have gone scot free. Too great cads to volunteer to bear their fair share of responsibility, the laws of the past have been too weak to compel them to do so or pay the penalty.

But this is rapidly being changed in Canada. In 1921 the Social Service Council of Canada began a movement for a modern and efficient law for the care of children born out of wedlock, and for the securing of justice to the mothers of such. The Ontario Legislature passed the measure in that year; Manitoba the following year; Alberta and British Columbia in 1923; Prince Edward Island in 1924; and the present prospect is that all the other Provinces will adopt the measure in the near future.

An important feature of the measure compels the illegitimate father to support the child according to the standards of his own station in life until it is sixteen years of age, and it is not left to the mother to take the initiative in putting the law in motion. This duty rests with the Superintendent of Child Welfare for the Province, who gets his information from the Registrar to whom the doctors and others are required to report the facts of each such birth. The Judge is clothed with power to decide the question of the fatherhood with all the evidence before him, and as well to fix the amount of financial responsibility of the father; also at discretion to require the mother to personally care for the child, assuming her fitness. Thus far as possible the child is assured a fair chance in life, and the father is compelled to bear his just share of responsibility for its maintenance. This law has been in force in Norway for 8 or 9 years and has worked well, and in addition to serving the purpose for which it was enacted its operation has resulted in a steady decline in the number of such births in proportion to the population.

The law in Ontario, which contains one-third of the population of Canada, has been in operation for nearly three years. The latest report indicates that 2,500 cases have been reported. A large proportion of these cases are still in process, but at least half of them have been finally dealt with. In 203 cases it was impossible to establish the paternity of the child for lack of corroborative evidence supplementing the mother's statement. In 104 cases the parents were voluntarily married. In 314 cases the mothers specially desired that no action should be taken. 639

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Canadians, particularly in the East, all too easily forget landmarks in the life of the historic Royal Northwest Mounted Police, now the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. It was in 1874 that the agitation among missionaries and traders in the Great West led to the establishment by the Dominion Government of that force. After the cession of Rupert's Land by the Company of Gentlemen Adventurers Trading into Hudson's Bay, the present prairie provinces were for a time the paradise of smugglers and murderers.

Canada east of the Great Lakes was appraised of conditions through letters written by George McDougall, a Harveteran missionary, endorsed by Harveteran and other public-spirited officers

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