

THE ACADIAN.

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Editorial Brevities.

The Railway Commission of Canada has made an order permitting the fifteen per cent. advance in rates asked by the railway companies.

Hellifax asks that the importation of intoxicants into the devastated city be prohibited for three months. Whenever there is important and serious work to do liquor isn't wanted.

The Military Service Council expects that at least fifty per cent of a class men will be enrolled and put into khaki, and it is taking steps to appeal from exemptions considered improperly granted.

The recent election signalizes the accession to parliament of many new figures. A large number of young men have been elected, and it is with much interest that their careers will be followed by the people of the Dominion.

Fifteen business men in Seattle, Washington, are studying public speaking at the State University. Their aim is to fit themselves to take an effective part in the administration of public affairs. This is a civic patriotism of a kind that must be more generally practised if civic control is to be kept from the professional politicians.

Daylight saving seems likely to receive more attention next summer than ever before. One strong reason for the April to September general adoption of the plan is that it will save in electric light and gas plants alone more than a million tons of coal. It is by no means improbable that the Canadian and American governments will both declare summer daylight saving as a measure of national economy, as have Great Britain, France, Germany and other European nations.

From present indications it looks as if we were to be faced by a real problem in the near future in the matter of a sufficient fuel supply. To provide for actual needs is very likely to prove a rather difficult matter. It will be necessary that efforts be made to economize in every possible direction before the winter is over. The suggestion has been made that in view of this shortage it should not be necessary for all the churches of Wolfville to be opened and warmed every Sunday. It is claimed that the capacity of the Baptist church is sufficient to provide for practically all the church goers of the town, and that the services might be so arranged that each of the ministers should preside in turn. THE ACADIAN takes pleasure in passing along this suggestion to the managing boards of the different churches in hopes that it may be acted upon and a real saving effected in a very necessary commodity in this crisis. Who knows but that other cities and more lasting benefits might also result from a "getting together" in the manner indicated?

The capture of Jerusalem has deeply appealed to the Christian world because of the connection of the city with the origin and founder of our Faith. It was the desire of the British general to avoid, if possible, any injury to the Holy City, and a gun was pointed in that direction. The tactics pursued was to cut off the city from communication with the sea and from any relief by land and the plan worked successfully. The Turkish garrison finding itself in danger of being starved into surrender, fled in haste and escaped the last closing trap. The city surrendered and a new building was injured. The captors being warmly welcomed by the Christian, Jewish and Moslem population. The successful commander, General Allenby, is one of the few generals who served in France at the beginning of the war, against whom not one mistake or error of judgment has been charged. Since the days of Cour de Lion he is the first British general who has led a hostile force to the walls of Jerusalem, but unlike the terrible Angevin he entered those walls as a conqueror.

The Call to Prayer.
The text of the King's proclamation setting apart the first Sunday in January as a day of national prayer throughout the Empire is as follows: "The world-wide struggle for the triumph of right and liberty is entering upon its last and most difficult phase. The enemy is striving by desperate assault and subtle intrigues to perpetuate the wrongs already committed and stem the tide of free civilization. We have yet to complete the great task to which, more than three years ago, we dedicated ourselves. As such a time would call upon you to devote a special day to prayer that we may have the clearest vision and strength necessary to the victory of our cause."

The victory will be gained only if we steadfastly remember the responsibility which rests upon us, and in a spirit of reverent obedience seek the blessing of Almighty God upon our endeavors. With hearts grateful for the Divine guidance which has led us so far towards our goal, let us seek to be strengthened in our understanding and fortified in our courage in making the sacrifice we may yet have to make before our work is done.

I therefore hereby appoint January 6th, the first Sunday of the year, to be set aside as a special day of prayer and thanksgiving to all the churches throughout my Dominion, and request that this proclamation be read at the services held on that day."

The Coming Year.

Standing on the threshold of 1918, one pauses for a moment to look upon the year that is gone. It has been a year of great sadness, of much anxiety, and in spite of its sorrows, of many blessings. When 1917 dawned upon a world at war, very hopefully the men and women of the Allied nations, cheered by the wonderful victory at Ypres in October, 1917, looked for a conclusion of hostilities before another New Year should be born. And when months and months passed and it was realized that 1916 would fade into oblivion, growing old to the sound of cannon, and not destined to bear the bells of Victory, a hopeful people courageously determined not to let the shadow of disappointment darken the opportunity for service that came with the coming year, but to make 1917 as far as possible ready for Victory—if Victory it was to be. Now, 1918 must take upon its shoulders the burdens of the war. In the many months that have passed they have grown very heavy, and with them has come the knowledge that they must be still heavier.

They will be abandoned. But they have been also abandoned. From the uncomplaining men in the trenches has been learned a lesson of cheerfulness. The hungry men and women in Belgium have emphasized the wealth of the Canadian resources. Dismounted a shamed head before the thankfulness of the French for the little that remains of their beautiful country.

The New Year cannot ignore the past. There are recollections of sad and terrible tales of death and destruction, Russia is now an anxiety far greater than ever Sweden. Gallipoli is still a heartbreak, but the United States has added her brilliant Stars and Stripes to the Allied colors, and the Turkish Crescent no longer floats over Jerusalem. In the years that have passed since the beginning of the war, and from which we now write history, a great and mighty love has been developed, not alone for the Empire of which we are so much a part, but for the men and women who with us are striving for that heritage of Freedom which is the gift of God. Life has ceased to be a thing of ease and daily sorrow and death and sacrifice are the portion of the people. But the end is no small thing—a record of high endeavor on the pages of Time. Sorrow the people have known and sacrifice, and death has been a familiar friend, but from these things the soul of the nation has been found, and through these things it will remain unshaken.

The responsibilities of the coming year are many and heavy. To Canada, Europe is looking for food. There is no doubt that the demand for conservation and restriction will be great, but with the vast resources of the Dominion at the command of the industry of the people, with unspoiled and undevoted homes, with sons and daughters overseas, the call for assistance will fall upon listening hearts. Canada has given generously but it has not been sufficient, and in memory and honor of those who have laid down their lives in Flanders field, she must give and give, again and again.

The New Year brings with it that wonderful gift of hope without which man cannot live. He may know the worst, but by the grace of Pandora he looks always for the silver lining. No man dares say what the year may bring, but looking back he sees a weary world torn and distraught but unconquered. He sees men gallantly going out to defend that wider liberty for which their fathers struggled, with no thought of surrender. He sees a world at variance with preconceived notions of what life was to be for him and for his children, but beneath it all he sees the principles of right and freedom for which Christianity stands, and because of these things he struggles valiantly to do his part.

We break new seas to-day. Our eager keels quest unaccustomed waters. And, from the vast uncharted waste in front. The mystic circles leap To greet our prow with mightiest possibilities. Bringing us—what?—Dread shoals and shifting banks?—And calms and storms?—And clouds and blinding gales?—And wreck and loss?—And vast uncharted wastes?—And, maybe, death!—and so, the larger life!

And maybe Life—Life on a bounding tide, And chance of glorious deeds—Of help swift born to drowning mariners; Of cheer to ships dismantled in the gale; Of succour given unasked and joyfully; Of mighty service to all needy souls.

Provincial Highway Board.
The last issue of the Royal Gazette announces the following appointments under date of Dec. 22, 1917: To be the Members of the Provincial Highway Board under the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Act of 1917, entitled, "The Public Highways Act": Willard G. Clark, of Bras River, in the County of Annapolis; Walter Crowe, K. C., of Sydney, in the County of Cape Breton; Thomas Cantley, of New Glasgow, in the County of Pictou; James E. Kellaber, of Halifax, in the County of Halifax; and Percy C. Black, of Amherst, in the County of Cumberland, and also Willard G. Clark to be the Chairman of the said Board.

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Week of Prayer.

The annual week of prayer will be observed in Wolfville next week beginning Jan. 6th. Services have been arranged as follows:

- Monday night, Jan. 7th, Baptist church. Subject—Thawing and Conversion.
 - Tuesday night, Jan. 8th, Presbyterian church. Subject—Church A waking.
 - Wednesday, Jan. 9th, Methodist church. Subject—Nations and Rulers.
 - Thursday, Jan. 10th, Presbyterian church. Subject—M's tony's Interest.
 - Friday, Jan. 11th, Baptist church. Subject—Home, Schools, Young People.
- Service begins each night at 7:30 o'clock and a large attendance of a prayerful people is hoped for.

A New Order.

An American paper calls attention to the fact that thousands of young men have been kept out of the army and the navy by flat feet. The defect, says the editor, is hard to cure, but easy to prevent. No Indian ever has fallen arches, for Indian boys go barefooted until they are about twelve years old. Fifty years ago nearly all American boys went barefooted from choice all summer. Their only troubles were stone bruises and in the winter chilblains. Now that the country is in such need of leather for war purposes there is a chance for several million boys to do their "bit" by organizing for next spring the Young America League of Barefoot Patriots.

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