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Editorial

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

DEPLETING OUR FORESTS

WHILE the avowed policy of the United States is that "a tree grown is a tree saved," we in Canada appear to be anxious that our forests should become depleted to provide for the needs of that country. One of the latest ways in which this is being accomplished is by the shipping of Christmas trees for the use of our "American" cousins. Recently a shipment of seven carloads was sent from Avonport station, which constituted part of a total of one hundred and eleven carloads which has already been sent from this province to various points in the United States. Thousands of trees were included in this shipment, one only of many which will leave the province during the time from now until the week before December 25th. These trees were purchased from local people by a man from Queens county who paid for them at the rate of thirty cents for a bundle of four.

From the fact that a car contains something like sixteen hundred trees it will be seen what havoc is being wrought to the future forests of this country. The trifling profit which the cutters and shippers are able to make on this business is not at all in proportion to the loss sustained by the province in consequence of a traffic which should be prohibited. Such a wholesale encroachment upon the future wealth of our province will be appreciated by any person who takes the trouble to look into the matter fully. The manner in which the resources of this country are being neglected is criminal and calls for immediate action.

A DISGRACE TO OUR COUNTRY

IT MUST be anything but gratifying to the decent people of Nova Scotia—and they are by no means in the minority—that the capital city of this province should have become the centre of operations for rum-runners to the United States, in which country, apparently, an honest effort is being made to enforce a reasonable measure of prohibition. Were it not that the allegation is only too true, the unenviable reputation which our province has acquired in consequence would be the less distasteful.

While nominally we have a prohibitory law in Nova Scotia, the enforcement of its provisions is shamelessly neglected by those who are made responsible for its carrying out. Not only that, but liquor is permitted to be held in bond at Halifax, from which port it is allowed to be distributed by violators of law operating in our own country and elsewhere. Such a condition is a shame and disgrace upon our country and flag, and should not be allowed to continue.

We have no desire to place the blame upon any political party, as there has been no assurance given up to the present that under a different government there would be any change in policy from that which now obtains. What we do say is that prevailing conditions are no credit to the people of this province, who should take the reins into their own hands and insist on a change.

LAW BREAKERS SHOULD BE PUNISHED

THERE has been entirely too much evidence of "booze" around town of late, especially on Saturday nights. Conditions are no worse in Wolfville than in other towns of similar size, and probably not so bad as in most of them—yet very much worse than they should be. While we have no desire to criticize anyone—and we know that at those responsible for law enforcement have no easy task in these times—we have no hesitation in expressing the opinion that some more drastic action than has yet been manifest should be taken to meet out suitable punishment for those who are systematically breaking the law in this regard. The good name of the town demands it, and citizens who pay the taxes have a right to expect that their property and personal safety and comfort should be considered. If we have not the necessary police force to keep our streets and public places decent and orderly, provision should at once be made for such increase as is necessary to quell the evil.

It should always be remembered that the greater offender is not the poor victim but those who for the sake of gain furnish the stuff which causes all the trouble, and no effort or expense should be spared to have these apprehended in order that a better state of affairs might prevail.

OUR APPLES IN BRITAIN

MUCH to encourage the fruit grower is contained in the news from England. First came the return to power of the Conservatives, who have been in favor of adopting the recommendations of the Imperial Conference.

Since then many things have pointed to a better market in the old land for Nova Scotia fruit and other products. There is much significance in the recent announcement of the organization of an association entitled "British Empire Goods", with many very prominent men at its head. Not only will this association advocate the buying of empire-made goods, but it is out after written pledges committing business men for the period of one year to buy empire products whenever possible.

Growing Empire sentiment along with the great publicity given our fruit at Wembley and at the Imperial Fruit Show in Birmingham will make it possible for us to sell many more apples in the Old Country and at better prices.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

THREE weeks from today will be Christmas Day! However, the exceptionally mild weather—an extended Indian summer—makes it hard to believe that the festive occasion is so near at hand. The local stores are taking on the Christmas spirit, Santa already being much in evidence.

Christmas is the most joyous occasion of the year in the lives of the young folks, and it is their welfare and happiness which should be looked after first. The local stores have attractive displays of suitable gifts for both young and old. Purchasers will do well to watch the columns of THE ACADIAN closely during the next week or two for announcements in this respect.

Be sure to shop early! You'll find it much more pleasant than waiting until the eleventh hour. There will be larger and more complete stocks for you to select from; you'll avoid the crush and fuss of the last mad rush, and the clerks will have more time to wait upon you.

AN APPEAL TO OUR ADVERTISERS

YOU KNOW, in your business, what it would be if all your day's customers waited till ten minutes of closing time and then squeezed in and demanded instant and perfect attention. It's exactly like that when advertisers squeeze their copy into our office at the last minute and then expect the same results as if they'd given the composing room boys enough time to turn it into snappy layouts. You do your best by your advertising only when you give us time to do our best by it. This applies especially at this busy season.

GENERAL ELECTION IN THE AUTUMN

Government Not Likely to Go to the Country Before Late in 1925.

OTTAWA, Nov. 27.—The success of the Government in the West Hastings by-election has given an impetus to speculation on the question of a general election. The suggestion is heard that the Government might appeal to the country next summer, but there is little likelihood of this, as the session will run well into the summer, and an election in mid-summer or until after the crop is harvested would not be considered.

There is the further statement, put forward by a Montreal daily, that the Administration will likely live out its full term of office, and not appeal to the people until 1926. This is still more unlikely. There are only two instances of a Government having taken advantage of the full five year term, and one of those—the Borden War Administration—was under abnormal circumstances. The other was the Conservative Administration which began with Sir John Macdonald in 1891, and ended after a succession of premiers, with Sir Charles Tupper in 1896.

The unwritten law of precedent both here and in Great Britain is against a government continuing to the end of the term, nor is it considered good tactics.

While the question has not been considered any more than informally, there is every probability that the appeal to the people will be made in the autumn of 1925.

WOULD LICENCE ALL DRIVERS OF AUTOMOBILES

Roads Conference Proposes That System Should be Adopted to Check Reckless Driving.

TORONTO, Nov. 28.—Recommendations will be forwarded to the various Provincial Governments in Canada for the adoption of the principle of licensing each and every person operating a motor vehicle as the result of a decision



Mail Contract

SEPARATE SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 12th December for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, twice per week between

GASPEREAUX P.O. & VESUVIUS P.O. and three times per week between HARBOURVILLE P.O. & BERWICK RY. STN. (via Burlington)

under proposed contracts for periods not exceeding four years dating from the 1st April next.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the terminal and route Post Offices, and at the office of the undersigned.

W. E. MACLELLAN, District Superintendent of Postal Service, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, Halifax, 28th October, 1924.

REVENUE OF CANADA DECLINES

Customs and Excise Returns Show Big Falling Off.

OTTAWA, Nov. 30.—A decrease of \$41,028,820 in the total customs and excise revenue for the eight months of the fiscal year ending Saturday, as compared with the same period a year ago, is shown by the monthly statement issued from the Customs and Excise Department.

Total customs and excise revenue for the eight months of the present fiscal year was \$164,254,325. For the same period of 1923-24, the total was \$205,283,145. Customs import duties show a falling off of \$10,834,634. Customs import duties were collected amounting to \$80,865,585, compared with \$91,700,170 in the eight months of the previous year. Excise tax collections amounting to \$87,783,682 were less by \$28,443,712 than for the eight months of 1923-24.

made by the Inter-Provincial Roads Conference which closed here yesterday.

In the opinion of the conference it was felt that it was in the interests of public safety that such measures be adopted, in order to curtail reckless driving. The cancellation of such permits for serious infractions would be one of the penalties imposed. It is understood that the Ontario government will adopt the principle at the next session of the legislature. Another recommendation made by the conference was that an educational campaign be undertaken by the provincial government and regulations adopted to compel motorists to reduce speed to 15 miles per hour within 300 feet of railway crossings and to compel motor buses to come to a full stop in such areas.

There was a falling off of \$1,725,119 in excise duties collected, which during the eight months of the present year totalled \$24,841,578. The decrease in the customs and excise revenue for the month of November alone, as compared with November 1923, was approximately \$4,950,000. Customs and Excise revenue collected during the present month amounted to \$20,952,108.



A Gift that Increases in Value

Presentation Covers are provided for Christmas Gift Books.

WHAT DID YOU GIVE LAST CHRISTMAS? Toys for the kiddies—most of them broken by now. "Something useful" for the grown-ups—now worn out or forgotten. Cash to your employees—appreciated but soon spent. Other presents—hurriedly bought and perhaps ill-chosen. Are they remembered now?

Suppose this year you give them each a Bank Book containing an initial deposit, and urge them to add to it regularly. Could anything be more suitable?

Add "Royal Bank Pass Books" to your list of Christmas Gifts.

The Royal Bank of Canada

Wolfville Branch
R. Creighton, Manager

Port Williams Branch
R. S. Hocken, Manager

CHRISTMAS

Now is the time to start your Christmas Cooking. Up-to-Date Stock.

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| Seeded Raisins, 5 for 75c. | Choice Figs, 35c |
| Seedless Raisins, 5 for 75c. | Citron Peel, 69c |
| Cleaned Currants, 20c. pk. | Lemon Peel, 49c |
| Dates, 2 for 25c. | Orange Peel, 49c |
| Cooking Figs, 2 for 25c. | P. Sugar, 15c |
| Baker's Chocolate, 28c. | Pure C. Tartar, 35c |
| Cocoa pure 2 for 25c | Pure Gold Extracts |
| Fresh Coconut 28c lb. | Table Raisins |
| Pure Spices | |
- Malaga Grapes, 35c. lb., 3 lbs. for \$1.00
Oranges, 29c., 39c., 49c., 60c. doz.
Large Grape Fruit, 3 for 25c
Moirs XXX Chocolates, 65c. lb.
Moirs Crescent Chocolates, 39c. lb.
Fancy Boxes for Christmas Presents
Pop Corn Balls, 5c. each
- Morse's Orange Pekoe Tea, bulk 69c. lb.
- Leave your orders for Christmas Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Chicken, and Fowl.
Choice Beef, Veal, Lamb and Pork

CASH AND CARRY CALDWELL-YERXA LIMITED

Electrical Gifts Are Most Practical

Show your mother or your wife that you take an interest in and seek to lighten her arduous household duties --- by selecting an Electrical Gift for her Christmas. It'll win smiles of contentment throughout the year and save her much time and energy.

The demand for Electrical Household Appliances becomes more pronounced each year and knowing what ideally delightful Christmas Gifts they make, we have arranged an assortment that affords you many good suggestions. For instance:

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| Apex Vacuum Cleaners | Electric Irons |
| Rotary Washing Machines | Boudoir Lamps |
| Electric Sewing Machines | Reading Lamps |
| Northern Electric Radio Sets | Desk Lamps |
| Electric Heaters | Silk Lamp Shades |
| Toaster Stoves | Curling Irons |
| Upright Toasters | Flashlights |
| | Electric Fixtures |

J. C. Mitchell - - Wolfville

