

THE CRITIC'S CALENDAR.

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THANKS.—A large and handsome calendar has been received from the Canada Printing Ink Company of Toronto. Many thanks.

DR. BUCHANAN'S TRIAL.—The trial of Dr. Robert Buchanan, which was to have opened on the 13th of this month, has been postponed until March 6th. The Doctor's Halifax acquaintances will watch the proceedings with much interest.

PICTOU'S NEW POST OFFICE.—The sum of fourteen thousand dollars has been placed in the estimates for the purpose of erecting a new post office in Pictou. More than one Pictonian has been heard to remark that it will not be built before it is needed.

AMHERST'S NEW ACADEMY.—The Amherst students expect to occupy their new Academy building shortly after Easter. Messrs Rhodes, Curry & Co., who are still working on the building, expect to have it completed about the middle of next month.

A WELL LIGHTED TOWN.—The Sackville Electric Light and Telephone Company has just closed a profitable year's business, and from the report it is quite evident that the hub of Methodism delights not in darkness. Well managed electric light companies pay.

MONEY IN FRUIT.—Berwick is the headquarters of the Annapolis Valley Orchard Company, the capital stock of which has been placed at \$100,000. Orchardng on an extensive scale is proposed and good returns are anticipated. May it be fruitful; so saith THE CRITIC.

LIQUOR LICENSE LAW TO BE AMENDED.—A special committee of the City Council has been appointed to consider making a change in the present liquor license law of Halifax, and to suggest methods of improving thereon. As yet nothing definite has been done in the matter.

TO MACHINISTS.—The attention of machinists is called to Messrs. Austen Brothers advertisement in another column. The Northey Manufacturing Company of Toronto make a specialty of pumping machinery of all kinds and are prepared to give full satisfaction to their patrons.

REFORM IN ST. JOHN CIVIC AFFAIRS MOOTED.—The citizens of St. John are agitating a sweeping civic reform. The civic elections take place next month and promise to be very exciting. Several public meetings have been held to consider the question and the champions of the reform movement are sanguine of success.

WATER WANTED.—The citizens of Lunenburg are agitating for a good water supply for domestic, manufacturing and fire purposes. Some Halifax capitalists are said to be interested in the enterprise. The town pump and the old oaken bucket have done admirable service, but progressive Lunenburg wishes to keep abreast of the times.

THE ADVERTISER'S BRIGHT IDEA. The Kentville *Advertiser*, recognizing the need of the fruit growers of the Province for a paper devoted to their interests, has decided to substitute for its usual Tuesday issue a weekly paper devoted exclusively to the agricultural and horticultural interest of Nova Scotia, to be called the "Acadian Orchardist."

LUMBER BOOMING.—The lumber kings of New Brunswick have under consideration a big lumber combine, and legislation will, it is understood, be obtained at the coming session of the New Brunswick legislature. Just how the combine is to work has not yet been made public, but it is said that the proprietors of the forest lands are looking happy over it.

LONDONDERRY HUSTLING.—Upwards of ten thousand cars carrying away the products of the Acadia Mines, Great Village, and the surrounding country left Londonderry station during the past year, the business being fifty per cent. greater than that of the year previous. This handling of freight and manufactured and other products means the employment of many busy hands.

THE STEVENS-HALLETT CASE.—The preliminary trial of Mrs. H. T. Stevens, of Moncton, N. B., has closed, and the Stipendiary has committed the prisoner for trial for manslaughter. As Mrs. Stevens and her husband have always occupied a good position in social circles the case is exciting deep interest in Moncton as well as in St. John, Mrs. Stevens' former home, and elsewhere.

OUR AMBITIOUS NEIGHBORS OVER THE WAY.—It is proposed to start the publication of a weekly paper in Dartmouth. Our friends across the water have hitherto been content with reading the news of their town as given occasionally by the Halifax dailies, but henceforth will report their civic, social and business affairs in a journal of their own, which will no doubt be well supported.

SABLE ISLAND PRODUCTS.—The wild little ponies that inhabit Sable Island are a source of profit to the Dominion Government. Last year \$1,775 worth of these ponies were sold, and the expenses attendant on the capture and sale of the animals were comparatively small. Although the soil of this island is anything but fertile the total sum received for the island's products amounted to \$2,354.

A NEW CHURCH IN HALIFAX.—A neat building has recently been erected on North Street, which on Sunday last was dedicated for public worship, services being held morning, afternoon and evening. The building will seat about 350, is well finished inside, furnished with new cabinet organ, and is lighted by electricity. The congregation which is to worship within these walls is known by the name of "The Disciples," the membership numbering about forty, and the new church is called the "Christian Church."

OUR ENGLISH FRIENDS IN LUCK.—A correspondent in Derby, England, writes under date January 27th, that the primroses are blooming, grass is growing quite green and the hedges are budding. Such a delightful state of affairs can hardly be imagined by Nova Scotians, who look forward to some two months or more of cold blustery weather before the flowers that bloom in the spring put in an appearance.

NORTHEND POST OFFICE.—The residents of the Northend of Halifax are still agitating for a branch post office to be established on Gottingen Street. This street now forms one of the most active business portions of the city, having well-stocked retail establishments in all lines of trade and a branch bank, and there is no doubt that a post office for the accommodation of the residents of this part of the city has become a necessity.

THE SUGAR BEET.—An article in the February *Cosmopolitan* on the making of beet root sugar will be read with interest by agriculturists. Illustrations of each step in its cultivation, the seed, plant, planting, cultivation, and harvesting, as well as the machinery used in the manufacture, are given from instantaneous photographs. The industry is, comparatively speaking, new, but promises in the near future to become of great importance in America.

A KINDERGARTEN AT BADDECK.—Mrs. Bell, wife of Professor Bell of telephone fame, is taking a leading part in establishing a Kindergarten School at Baddeck, C. B., which the promoters expect will be opened next summer. All who are interested in educational matters, and who have given the Kindergarten movement their attention, will be glad to hear of this method of training young minds being more universally adopted throughout our Province.

CONCERNING THE CRITIC.—As week by week goes by THE CRITIC gives to its readers a palatable synopsis of the world's doings, and the fact that THE CRITIC is to-day the most widely copied paper throughout Nova Scotia shows that our wide-awake newspaper men appreciate us quite as highly as do our readers. Bright, reliable news is what we aim to give, and every mail brings us assurances in the form of subscriptions to prove that we are running on the right track.

A CLEVER NOVA SCOTIAN HONORED.—The many friends of Mr. Robert Sedgewick Q. C., Deputy Minister of Justice, will gladly hear of his appointment to fill the vacancy in the Supreme Court of Canada caused by the death of Chief Justice Ritchie. Mr. Sedgewick is one of Nova Scotia's sons in whom his fellow provincialists take pride, and his successful career speaks volumes for his ability and qualifications for the high judicial position which he has been appointed to fill.

REV. SYDNEY WELTON NO LONGER PASTOR OF HIS CHURCH.—The ministerial council in St. John, N. B., which has been considering the case of Rev. Sydney Welton, one of the principals in the graveyard insurance case, lately tried in that city, concluded its session last week. While not expressing any opinion as to Mr. Welton's guilt or innocence of the crime with which he has been charged, the council decided to recommend the Main St. Baptist Church to sever its connection with him as their pastor.

BRIDGETOWN'S TRAGEDY.—The Cameron poisoning case at Bridgetown is still exciting much interest. Evidence is being taken in the preliminary examination and public opinion is divided. Mrs. Cameron has received several letters of condolence, one of which was from Dr. A. P. Reid, of the Victoria General Hospital, who, with other of her friends, has no doubt of her innocence. The St. John chemist who is making an analysis of the stomach and other organs of the late A. D. Cameron has not yet made his report.

A FINE EXHIBIT FOR THE FAIR.—The Starr Manufacturing Company of Dartmouth has its exhibit for the World's Fair ready for transportation. The design, which originated in the brain of manager Smallwood, is a five pointed star, measuring ten feet from point to point. The front and back of this star are made of glass, inside of which have been placed one hundred pairs of the company's celebrated skates, handsomely finished. The star stands on a pedestal five feet high, made of mahogany by the Nova Scotia Furnishing Company of this city.

INSPECTOR MACKASEY RE-APPOINTED.—The City Fathers had a large and interested audience at their council meeting on Tuesday evening, when the important business of granting liquor licenses and appointing a license Inspector was taken up and disposed of. The applicants for the position of Inspector were J. A. Mackasey, W. E. Messervey, F. A. Carter and W. G. Naylor. On a vote being taken Mr. Mackasey was re-elected. Of those applying for license nineteen were refused on account of their petitions not containing the necessary number of signatures.

TARIFF CHANGES.—The Finance Minister delivered his budget special on Tuesday. In reference to a change in the tariff Mr. Foster promises a general revision next year, to be made after full investigation and careful consideration. Meanwhile the duty on binder twine has been reduced from 25 to 12½ per cent. All restriction on importation of coal oil in bulk has been abolished, and the three years exemption from duty on mining machinery not manufactured in Canada, imported from the United States, which expires next month is to be extended for three years longer.

A PLEASANT PROSPECT.—The possessors of a "sweet tooth" will rejoice to know that the coming spring promises to be a great season for maple sugar making. It is well known that the trees yield a larger quantity of sap, the sap is invariably sweeter, and furnishes a larger percentage of sugar after a frosty winter than after a season with frequent periods of warm weather. The snow in some places in the maple woods is very deep, and although in consequence the manufacture of the toothsome sweet will probably be late, yet it is thought there will be a larger quantity in the market than for several years past.