

THE ACADIAN.

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The Moral Reform Party.

Sir Frederick Borden said recently that if whiskey was formerly used by the plot at Aldershot, it is now used by the barrel. Such a statement should sound in the ears of the Moral Reform Party with the imminence of a ringing alarm.

Again, it is rumored over this coast that if dollars were used in the last election by the hundreds they will be used in the next election by the thousands. Many may regard these rumors as idle report. Others are wiser and feel dread misgivings.

These apprehensions of intemperance and corruption fling down with ringing steel a glove of argentine, and every Moral Reformer, true to his principle, must accept the signs of challenge.

Such work needs no defence, it is our God spelled duty. If it is proper for us to go about cleaning up after the devil, it is proper to fight the devil. All should enter the lists, pastors as well as laymen. A man does not lay aside any of the prerogatives of citizenship when he becomes a minister, he only consecrates them.

Paralysis of the public conscience, a recurrent malady, in this county of Kings. Eternal vigilance is its only preventative. A renowned physician recommended recently that diagrams of microbes should be painted as big as wolves and tigers. The same treatment might be adopted to combat our moral microbes. Making light of them is suicidal. The evils of booze and boodle should be painted in lurid colors. The casting hypocrites, and filthy pecksniffs, that fetch the jewels from our crown, should be stigmatized in unadorned Saxon.

Personally I do not believe in the Moral Reformers placing a candidate in the field for election. In so doing they must degrade their cause to partisan issues. Anglo Saxon government for centuries has been party government; and such is still the case in Canada. A candidate whether he will or not must accept the policy of one of the two great parties. Otherwise he becomes a mere negation. Therefore I believe in running our elections on straight party lines.

The main task of the Moral Reform Party is educational. Their work should begin the day after election. At times like the present when there is no partisan stress, their moral asstos can be felt. When the heat of the campaign begins then their work should be done. This method may not have so much of the spectacular and the pyrotechnic, but its results will be normal and abiding.

The heinousness of bribery, and the curse of intemperance, may be patent to some of you good people, but the boys' don't all see as you do. It is not your duty to howl at election time, and keep quiet all the rest of the year. Such tactics only make the bad boys worse. If we are out and out against these evils one week in the year, let us be out and out against them all the year. If the devil is onto his job all the time, we should be no less busy.

I would like to hear some preacher give us a sermon on Political Purity next Sunday, when everyone has an open mind. I would like to see a few mass meetings, in the interests of Moral Reform, now when we are clear of the special excitement of party issues.

A great work has already been accomplished. None are more aware than the writer, of the transformation that has been wrought. The unselfish devotion of the good men who have toiled for this cause has not been in vain. Many remember when Kentville was aptly called 'The Devil's Half Acre'; and when Wolfville and Berwick gave the shire town a hard run for the name. Recall the conditions in the days before Mr. Sawyer and the Temperance Alliance began their work in the county. Open drunkenness was a daily sight in the larger centres. Many of our hotels were nothing but 'Blind Tigeys' and 'Kitchen Bars'; brawls and street-fights were a frequent occurrence, and camp at Aldershot was a live long bacchanalian. Bribery and corruption appeared in the high places, as unblushingly as virtue and truth. Since then vast progress has been made. But a swarm of moral and political reptiles still exists, and our task still remains.

A little experience has taught me that no party is all good, or all bad. We cannot act as though the Conservatives were white sheep, and the Liberals were black sheep. Each is a mixture of the black and the white. My conviction is that both parties strike an average grey. Therefore as we must have party government, we must have the parties. Whether we call ourselves Gert or Tory our duty is to cleanse ourselves within.

ARTHUR HUNT CLARK.

Letters to the Editor.

Mr. Editor—A few days ago I found a notice in an old paper that Mr. Robert Harrington, Kentville, had some five generations of the name in the county. I have some five generations in each of two branches of the name—Joseph, who died in 1810, Samuel, John E. Rufus, Eric, Edward, Joseph, Joseph, Richard, Robert W. Arthur, and Carl who is 17 years old, and Carl is 17. I was 10 years old when my grandfather Joseph died. I remember him very well.

W. W. BLAIR.

The Apple Maggot or Railroad Worm.

A NOTE OF WARNING.

The Apple Maggot (*Rhagoletis Pomonella*) is one of the serious pests of the apple, particularly the early fall varieties. The maggot is the larva of a fly, a small, two winged insect belonging to the family Tryptidae. In this family are a number of serious fruit pests, all difficult to combat on account of their mode of life. The Apple Maggot is quite widely distributed throughout the north-eastern United States, parts of Ontario and Quebec. It is also reported from several sections of our province, but it has not done any serious damage as yet.

The work of this pest may be readily recognized. The maggot lives in the pulp, burrowing back and forth between the core and the skin. The burrows are discolored, generally brown with small cavities here and there in the flesh. Several maggots may be found in a single apple and the flesh so honey-combed as to be almost ready to fall to pieces. In these burrows will be found a small, footless maggot about three eighths of an inch long, yellowish-white in color. These maggots remain in the fruit until mature, that is, after the apple drops. The maggots then leave the fruit and change to small, yellowish-brown pupae. These pupae transform to the adults, two-winged flies, the following summer. The fly is somewhat smaller than the house fly, of a general black color with yellowish head and legs and four dark bands on each wing. The eggs are laid throughout the summer just beneath the skin of the apple. As the adults appear at various times during the summer the egg laying extends over a considerable period. There is thus only one brood a season.

At the present time this pest has not been found in the fruit belt extending from Annapolis to Windsor. However, every year sees considerable early fruit coming into our province from the New England States and various parts of Ontario. The writer found nearly every apple infested in a small shipment of early fruit from some point in Ontario. This fruit is being distributed all over the province and all damaged or old specimens are dumped outside, under ideal conditions for the maggots to mature and transform to adults the following season. In this way we may look for several new points of infestation each year unless care is exercised in the handling of this kind of fruit. This note is especially prepared to warn all merchants and those buying early apples to see that all spoiled fruits are carefully burned or fed to animals not dumped in some convenient place outside, thus allowing this pest to secure a foothold in our province. All fruit growers should exercise care and examine their apples, and if any suspicious fruit is found, send samples to the Department of Agriculture at Truro, N. S.

In infested orchards the only efficient means of control known at present is the picking up and feeding or burning all dropped fruit. This should be done about every week or ten days. Another efficient means is to allow the hogs to roam through the orchard and they will take care of all the dropped apples.

It is to be hoped that all fruit growers, who are at all suspicious that their fruit is infested will adopt the control measures suggested and thus rid their orchards of a dangerous pest.

Fortunately this pest does not spread rapidly and may confine its attack to only a few trees in a single orchard for a few years before spreading to adjacent trees of the same variety. This habit is a very fortunate one and often enables the fruit grower if he exercises care to not only control it but to exterminate it when the infestation is a limited one. It is to be hoped that all persons interested in our fruit industry will be on the look out for this pest and immediately report its occurrence to the provincial entomologist at Truro, who will at once recommend treatment and endeavor to prevent the spread of the pest.

ROBERT MATHESON,
Provincial Entomologist,
Truro, N. S.

For Good Roads.

We have heard a great deal lately about the absolute necessity of "good roads." That is a fact that cannot be disputed, but how are we to get them? At present the majority of the roads of this province are carelessly made and kept in order by statute labor, supervised by overseers who have had no instruction in road building and frequently are ignorant of the first principles, consequently much of the work done is useless, or worse. This must be altered.

Road overseers must be instructed and taught how to do their work properly. Get good men, keep them at it, pay a fair salary and see that they work it.

At present all our roads, except a few miles in the cities and small towns, are "dirt roads," made of soil through which they pass, and this is likely to be the case for many years to come. What we must do now is to take and keep them in the best order and condition possible. To do this some few rules or principles must be observed and followed.

The first, and most important, is DRAINAGE. This means not only getting rid of the surface water, but also that of the subsoil, by pipe tiles, wherever necessary.

The second is GRADING. This means not only filling hollows and cutting down hills, but by leveling

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travelling costume was a tailored and of tan cloth with hat to correspond. Numerous and costly gifts attended to the popularity of the bride, among them being cheques, silver and gold, one exquisite piece of the latter being from the young people of the parish. The groom's present to the bride was a cameo brooch set with coral and pearls; to the bride's maid a pendant of pearls and diamonds; to the organist a brooch of silver with anethyst setting.

Mr. and Mrs. Gould will return in September and occupy their home in North Grand Pre. They are both general favorites among their acquaintances, from whom they have best wishes for many years of happiness.

NOTICE. DOG TAXES.

All dog taxes due the Town of Wolfville must be paid on or before the first day of September, A. D. 1913 or summons will be issued for the collecting of the same.

W. M. BLACK,
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Program of Festival by Boston Opera Co. Stars.

"Cavalleria Rusticana" will be presented on Friday evening, August 29th, at the Opera House, Wolfville, as this year's offering of the Grand Opera Festival Series. The program has been definitely announced as follows:

"Cavalleria Rusticana," grand opera in one act, by Pietro Mascagni. English title, "Rustic Chivalry."
Musical Director in charge, Maestro John Craig Kelly.

Scarlotta, a village girl, Mme. Maria de Ghabri
Lola, wife of Alfio, Mlle. Frances Woolwine
Turiddu, a young soldier, M. Giovanni Gatti
Alfio, a teamster, M. Pietro Vittono
Lucia, mother of Turiddu, Mlle. Edith Sinclair

Preceded by Concert Program, as follows:

- I. Prólogo,—"Il Pagliaccio" Leonovallo
- II. Aria,—"Samson et Dalila" Saint-Saens
- III. Aria,—"Le Cor" Mlle. Frances Woolwine
- IV. Quartette,—"Rigoletto" Verdi
- V. Aria,—"Rimón Boacangna" Verdi
- VI. Qui la voce,—"Il Puritani" Bellini
- VII. Che Galida Marina,—"In Bohème" Puccini
- VIII. Sextette,—"Lucia di Lammermoor" Donizetti

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ON
Monday, August 25th, 1913

PROGRAM

First Session

- 10:30 Devotional Service Rev. F. H. Beale
- 11:00 Minutes
- 11:10 Finance District Recognized
- 11:20 Address—Relation of the Sunday School to the Community Mr. Robert Robinson
- Discussion
- Appointment of Nominating Committee
- Adjournment

Second Session

- 2:15 Devotional
- 2:30 Minutes
- 2:35 Reports from Superintendents of Departments
- (a) Home Mrs. Bryant
- (b) Temperance Mr. H. Stiles
- (c) Adult Mr. John Davidson
- (d) Elementary
- (e) I. B. S. A. Mrs. J. W. Brown
- (f) Secretary Mr. W. E. Poston
- (g) Missionary Mrs. J. S. Hennigan
- (h) Education Mrs. David Ellis
- Discussion
- Round Table Dr. Henry
- Report from Secretary and Financial Obligation
- Reports from Districts
- (1) Arden Mr. H. D. Woodbury
- (2) West Cornwallis Mrs. Ernest Bishop
- (3) Central Mrs. M. S. Feltton
- (4) East Cornwallis Mr. E. O. Denton
- (5) North Cornwallis Mr. J. S. Hennigan
- Discussion
- Report of Nominating Committee
- Adjournment

Third Session

- 7:00 Devotional
- 7:15 Minutes
- 7:30 Offering
- 7:45 Promising S. S. Worker by Field Secretary
- 8:15 Address—"The Message of Scripture" Dr. J. W. Brown
- Benediction

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