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Editorial

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

TAKE IT FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

THE "Maritime Development Co." is an institution of which considerable has been heard during recent months. Its ostensible purpose is to improve industrial and trade conditions in these provinces by the sea and to generally promote the material welfare of our people. In so far as these endeavors are concerned, this organization, or any other possessing similar ambitions, deserves the heartiest of support on every hand. It is the intention of the promoters, so we are told, to invoke governmental assistance and put on a campaign of publicity in order to get the public fully in sympathy with the undertaking.

THE ACADIAN is very glad to give the weight of its influence and any other assistance in its power to a proposition which aims to advance the public weal. It has a suggestion to offer that may be of value to those who are responsible for the launching of this movement.

We have in Nova Scotia something like forty men who are paid to look after the interests of the various counties, and in addition we have eighteen others—one from each county—who are expected to render similar service. Besides these we have sixteen men who are paid at the rate of four thousand dollars per year each, to advance the interests of the province as a whole. New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island have also representatives of a similar character. All of these are supposed to be especially informed in statecraft and possessed of general knowledge respecting the localities in whose interests they are expected to function. The legislative duties of this legion occupy their time, as a rule, for not more than half the year. What agency could be better qualified than these to undertake this work of developing maritime interests? Because of their connection with the respective governments they should be able to secure any needed assistance from those sources, which naturally would assist greatly in ensuring the success of the work.

HOW OUR MONEY GOES

THIS PAPER has repeatedly directed the attention of its readers to the unnecessarily expensive methods followed in the carrying on of the public affairs of this country. Comparison with the republic to the south of us shows that our cost of government is proportionately greatly in excess of theirs, and we have never been inclined to recommend the United States as an example, to those who seek information as to the manner in which public expenditure should be dealt with. It certainly costs us far too much for legislative expenses. Our system is too complicated and employs too many high priced officials. A case in point has recently come to our notice. In Nova Scotia we have about twenty-five creameries, which come in for inspection. To do this work under the present method four different officials are employed. These include a dairy superintendent, a dairy inspector, a cream grader and tester, and a butter tester. These are all well paid officials whose expense accounts no doubt aggregate a considerable amount. We have it on excellent authority that the duties required of these four inspectors are well within the powers of one man, who should have ample time to supervise the work of these twenty-five creameries and do the work just as efficiently as it is now done.

This multiplicity of officials is very apparent in every branch of the public service today, and absorbs a very much greater part of the public revenue than is necessary. As a consequence the people are heavily and needlessly taxed, and the progress of industrial development is seriously retarded. It is high time that the people of this province, at least, should take into more serious consideration these matters which ought to be of material interest to them.

WARM UP FOR THE NEW YEAR!

ONCE MORE we hang up a new calendar. An old year dies and a new year is born. It is stock-taking time.

It is time to measure profit and loss, failure and success. All check up accounts. What has been gained or lost in the material things of the world? Have we enriched or impoverished our spiritual resources? Whatever we have done with the closing year is done. None of us can rewrite the story. But a new chance is given to all to make the story of the new year what they will.

We live in a country that was built up on the principle that all men are created equal. The dyspeptic mind has been disposed to repudiate that doctrine, contending that education and opportunity are after all for a privileged class. However this may seem, the makers of our government denied no man the right to initiative and enthusiasm. Whoever shall use these tools can pick his way into any privileged class, if there be such.

Begin the New Year by warming up to an idea or an ideal. Light the wick of enthusiasm.

Emerson says that enthusiasm is the passing from the human to the divine. The Greek word for enthusiasm signifies God within us.

Go to it. Let our resolves be DO rather than don't. The fulfilment of resolutions will save disappointment, regret and remorse.

LAUGH

THE DIAPHRAGM beats a tattoo on the stomach when you laugh. Every time you let go a good hearty laugh this diaphragm pops up and down on your liver, and helps to drive away the very thing that gives you the blues—biliousness.

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Laughter penetrates. You may laugh because you are happy, and you may be happy because you laugh. It is the one thing where the cause is the effect and the effect is the cause. Any man can be a millionaire of good cheer. Start the year with a laugh.

It is said that Leo Koretz threatens to return to Nova Scotia at the conclusion of his prison sentence, and will bring with him a number of Chicago millionaires to develop the hunting and fishing facilities of the province. He should also have along some of his detective friends, who could furnish them interesting details as to hunting in this sea-girt province. The people of Nova Scotia, however, will be just as well off by the absence of these gentry who should find more congenial surroundings in the big wicked Western city.

A HOME FOR BLIND BABIES

(Dr. J. G. Shearer, Social Service Council of Canada.)

A kind hearted gentleman, conceived the idea that a Home should be established for blind babies or children. His kindness was Christlike. His method was unscientific. It is not enough to have Christian or humanitarian sympathies. Sympathy and social science should be synthesized. Our kind-hearted friend should have studied the whole subject before jumping to the conclusion that a Home should be established. We would have sought diligently for answer to such questions as these—

"Are there many blind babies?" "Why should there be any?" "Should blind babies be taken away from their mothers?" "Would the mother part with them?" "If so, ought not the babies to be placed in foster homes until they are old enough to go to a school for the blind?"

As a matter of fact there are not many blind babies. There ought to be none. Blindness in babies is almost wholly preventable if doctors and nurses and mid-wives are as careful and skillful as they ought to be.

He had raised about \$2000 for the Home. This money until lately, was on the hands of the trustees who were perplexed to know what to do with it. They took counsel of an experienced social leader who advised them to consult with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. This they did with the result that the money is being handed over to the Institute to be used for the purpose of either caring for or giving sight to blind children, which is often possible, or in their educational work for the prevention of blindness in babies by securing proper care at their birth. A simple solution applied to the eyes of the new born babe makes sure that it will not be blind even though there were in its eyes the seeds of blindness because of disease of the mother.

One such blind child recently in a western village was discovered by a worker for the Institute for the Blind, taken to a city, operated on, had its sight restored or bestowed and is now happy in God's sunlight and in all the matchless beauty of the world and faces life almost wholly unimpeded. Inasmuch as this great thing has been done unto Jesus, the Great Lover and Saviour of little children. How much better to put this money to such use rather than to establish a new "Institution" to be a burden and a source of perplexity to future generations of kindly disposed people.

Another aid of kindly but socially untrained people, is to launch the building of great orphanages for little children. Any worker of social experience knows that to place these little orphans out in private foster homes is a much wiser thing and much less expensive. The only use of an orphanage is to house and care for orphan or neglected children until such time as foster homes can be secured for them. And this is what the best orphanages are seeking diligently to do.

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