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Editorial

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

NOVA SCOTIA FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

This grand old organization, which has been in annual session in the town during the past week, is rounding out the sixtieth year of useful activity in the interest of the apple-growing industry of this province. Its inception may be traced back to the great London Exhibition of 1860. At that important and wonderful show specimens of Nova Scotia apples were displayed and attracted general attention and admiration. From the inspiration of the show the initial association was conceived, organization was effected on May 10th, 1894.

As an element necessary to the development and financial success of the apple industry the grouping together of progressive growers for the purpose of conferring on the best ways and means of improving conditions has proved a wise and well justified undertaking. The avowed object of the organization was outlined as being "to serve as a leader in directing horticultural endeavor along right lines." It has been the directing factor in the growing and selecting of commercial varieties of fruits; the star to guide the grower in the many perplexing and complicating problems surrounding orchard development.

The activity displayed in fruit growing in the Annapolis Valley and in other parts of the province since the inauguration of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association is a high tribute to the initiative and energy of the pioneers of the long ago. The first president of the association was R. G. Haliburton and the first secretary was D. Henry Starr, both of Halifax. The late Richard Starr, of Storr's Point, was vice-president for Kings County. Rev. John Starrs, then rector of Cornwallis and Horton, was active in the organization. The late Dr. C. C. Hamilton, of Canard, was the second president of the association and served in that capacity for over twenty years. He was an enthusiastic horticulturist and a man who gave of his energy unsparingly to community interests. Other men who served the organization were: Avar Longley, of Paradise, Annapolis County; Robert W. Starr, of Starr's Point; J. R. Hart, of Bridgetown; Dr. Henry Chipman, of Grand Pre, and J. W. Bigelow, of Wolfville.

Among those who served as secretary were Dr. J. R. Hea, Andrew H. Johnson and C.R.H. Starr. The latter filled the office for nine successive years. Under his direction the first reports of the proceedings of the association were published in pamphlet form. Since then the reports have been published regularly and furnish a valuable and interesting record of the progress that has been made.

Wolfville was for many years regarded as the headquarters of the F. G. A. The annual meeting was held here, with quarterly meetings at different points in the fruit-growing sections. Early in its existence the association erected a building here on the site now occupied by the Acadia Dairy. This building was used for exhibition purposes and splendid shows were staged every fall by the members of the association and largely attended. Through the activity of the association a Horticultural School was established here and for some years did excellent work. This was afterwards removed to Truro and affiliated with the Agricultural College.

The Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association has not outlived its usefulness as some are inclined to believe. It has yet much valuable service to render. Nova Scotia still continues to be one of the finest apple growing sections, but before it comes into its own much remains to be done to perfect the handling and marketing of our fruit. No agency is better calculated to effectively perform this work than this organization with its sixty years of well directed effort to its credit.

THE NOVA SCOTIA TEMPERANCE ACT

That a strenuous effort is being made in some quarters to disparage the Nova Scotia Temperance Act is very apparent. As a matter of fact the law is a very good one but shamefully neglected in its enforcement.

The element of personal profit in the old days was regarded as the motive behind the liquor business, and it was thought that if some means could be devised by which this could be eliminated the difficulty of fighting the evil would very largely vanish. With this end in view government control was suggested and theoretically, this plan ought to have been effective. As it has worked out, however, the government has apparently recognized this as an opportunity of replenishing its coffers and enriching its supporters. Municipalities have also seen here a chance to increase their revenues through the aid of the vendor and thus be enabled to undertake civic expenditures otherwise well beyond their reach. In consequence the spirit of the law has in large measure been defeated by those who should have been its champions and defenders.

Some of these days the people of Nova Scotia will be asked to reverse their opinion regarding provincial prohibition on the ground that it has proved ineffective in controlling the liquor traffic in Nova Scotia. When that time comes the public will place the responsibility where it belongs. Conditions may be bad and they might easily be very much better—but, in spite of the failure to function on the part of those whose duty it is to see that its provisions are adequately carried out, the present law has made a vast improvement over those that existed in by-gone days and still deserves the support of well thinking people.

AMUSING THE PUBLIC

The comment frequently made these days by those whose business it is to cater to the entertainment of the public is far from complimentary to the present generation. They pronounce it unprofitable in the extreme to attempt to put on anything of a dignified or intellectual character as only programs exceedingly light appeal to those who patronize present day places of amusement. The fact that the dramatic productions of other times which our grandfathers were inclined to regard as frivolous and hardly proper are far from being sprightly enough for modern theatre goers should furnish food for thought not only to the parents and guardians of the rising generation but as well to those who compose the youth of the community. The natural and logical inference may reasonably be drawn that the lack may not be so much with the old classics as with the mental calibre of those who incline to the jazz and jingle and urge that they must be amused and not instructed.

On the other hand the theatre man will scarcely be able to justify his course wholly on financial lines. Like the self-respecting newspaper those engaged in this sphere of usefulness should realize that they are responsible to their fellows for the kind of service

they are giving. They cannot afford to be always led but in a sense, at least, should be moulders of public opinion. No man liveth unto himself and we ought to be willing to contribute something to the general weal in return for the privilege of living and doing business in this good old world.

SCHOOL BOOK FICTIONS

Under some circumstances there is nothing more delusive than average figures. It is said, of course, that figures may be made to prove anything; and there is truth in the statement. Of all figures, averages are the most adaptable for tricking the mind. Parents in this province will be interested in the information which has been given out by the provincial government's School Book Bureau. There is widespread complaint in regard to the cost of school books. But the bureau blandly comes to the government's defence with the assurance that the "average" cost of the common school books per pupil is not over 92 cents. A very comforting assurance—if the people could be convinced of it. This is the bureau's manner of stating the case.

That the cost of the common school books with all new books figured up for last year, spread over the number of children attending school in the province, average not over 92 cents per pupil. The arithmetical gymnast who prepared that statement could, it will be easily seen, prove anything by such averages. He could prove that every parent in the province has a pocket full of money. He might almost, by a little more juggling, prove that parents are being paid to buy books from the bureau.

The cold fact remains, however, that parents are actually paying in hard cash a good deal more than 92 cents for books. The parents know this. They know it because they have to have to hand over the cash. Reams of average figures collated by the School Book Bureau will not convince parents that they do not have to pay—when they know that they are actually paying far more than 92 cents.

There should be an end to this sort of "proving black white" by departments of government.—Halifax Herald.

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AND HE GOT IT

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1923 A. No. 3964.

IN THE SUPREME COURT

Between: RAY L. COLDWELL Plaintiff and RUPERT P. WHITMAN and BLANCHE A. WHITMAN Defendants.

TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION by FREDERICK J. PORTER, High Sheriff in and for the County of Kings or his Deputy at the Court House at Kentville, in the County of Kings, on

TUESDAY, THE 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A. D. 1924, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to an order of Foreclosure and Sale made herein and dated the 4th day of January, A. D. 1924, unless before the time of sale the amount due to the Plaintiff herein and costs be paid to the Plaintiff or his Solicitor.

ALL the Estate, right, title, interest, property, claim, demand and equity of redemption of the above named Defendants, RUPERT P. WHITMAN and BLANCHE A. WHITMAN and of all persons claiming or entitled by, from or under them or either of them in to and out of all and singular that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situate lying and being at Lockhartville in the County of Kings, bounded and described as follows:—Beginning at the South-east corner of lands formerly belonging to the Estate of Andrew Lockhart deceased and running by said lands to the Puff road so called, thence by said Puff road Easterly to lands formerly belonging to the Hugh McMonagle Estate; thence by the said lands formerly belonging to the Hugh McMonagle Estate to the old Mount Denison road; thence Westerly by the said old Mount Denison road to the point of beginning, containing sixty-five acres more or less.

TERMS OF SALE—Ten per cent deposit at time of sale, remainder on delivery of Deed.

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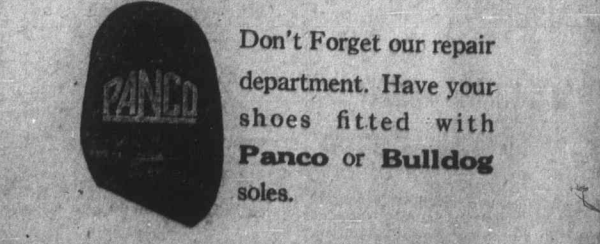
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