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Editorial

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

THE CANNING ACADIAN

With this issue THE ACADIAN begins another department which the publishers believe will be appreciated by its readers. Canning is the centre of perhaps the best agricultural section of this county and its people have in past years contributed much towards its industry along various lines. Men who have had their homes there have occupied leading positions in public affairs. Embowered in its orchards and shade-trees, the natural beauty of the place is unsurpassed and its citizens are prosperous and progressive.

With three other newspapers in the county Canning is not possessed of such an institution and to provide partially for the need THE ACADIAN this week opens a department that will be devoted exclusively to the interests of that flourishing community. In its columns will be found news items, local sketches, business announcements, etc., which will make better known the history of the section and the advantages which it has to offer. It is hoped that through this medium any existing grievances may be corrected and beneficial innovations may be ushered in. The publishers of THE ACADIAN bespeak the hearty co-operation of residents of Canning and vicinity in this venture which we trust may be mutually advantageous to all concerned. Business men of the place have expressed themselves as pleased with the idea and leading citizens of all classes have promised their assistance. The publishers promise to do their utmost to merit the support which will be necessary to make this venture the success which we trust it may become.

THE WOLFVILLE-KENTVILLE ROAD

Considerable rather unfavorable comment is heard regarding the present condition of the Wolfville-Kentville road which has been receiving the attention of the provincial highways board during the past year. This road has cost a large amount of money and while it was generally conceded by the public that such a method of construction as was employed could not in the nature of things be otherwise than transient it was confidently hoped that for a time at least the two sister towns would enjoy the benefits that might reasonably be expected to result from such a large outlay of public money.

It will be remembered that when the work was contemplated a strong delegation waited upon the government urging that in the preparation of this important and much used stretch of highway so far as possible the work should be of a permanent character. Such a roadway as has been adopted by the towns of Wolfville and Kentville was requested. Instead the gravel-road policy was adopted and from present appearances this is likely to be anything but satisfactory. At present the roadway is showing signs of wear and in places is practically as rough as it was before the work was undertaken. There is a report that the road has not yet been taken over from the contractors and that as yet it is in an unfinished state, and it is devoutly to be hoped that this is true as its present condition in no way justifies the large expenditure that has been made upon it.

GOOD APPLE CROP PROMISED

The outlook for a good apple crop is regarded by those who ought to know as most encouraging. The fruit has set well and conditions so far have been just right for its development. Orchards have in most cases received considerable attention and it is evidently the purpose of orchardists to seek to produce a superior quality of fruit. If the Annapolis Valley is to maintain the reputation of former years our people must needs adopt the very best possible methods.

We need better organization in the direction, not only of growth, but also in the packing and marketing of our fruit. The fact that in the province of Ontario they have recently secured the services of an expert from British Columbia to instruct in box packing is most suggestive. The western province has certainly demonstrated the advantages of this method of packing which is well worth looking into on the part of our growers.

In the matter of the marketing of our apples there is unquestionably much room for improvement as is evidenced by the fact that even in our own markets in many instances we have been unable to compete on favorable terms with the product of British Columbia.

THE BUS SERVICE

Much dissatisfaction exists in all sections affected by the bus service over the apparent unjust treatment which it has received at the hands of the Board of Public Utilities. In view of the fact that railway and steamship services receive substantial bonuses from the government it is very properly argued that no undue obstacle should be placed in the way of an institution which provides such a satisfactory service. The present tax imposed makes it highly improbable that the undertaking can be continued with any reasonable profit and its discontinuance at the present time would be most unfortunate. It is to be hoped that some arrangement may be made that will at least withdraw any impediment to what is bound to be, if not interfered with, a real public convenience.

A GOOD HAY CROP

The grass harvest is now about ready and promises to be an abundant one. In their wealth of bloom and odor the fields are a picture and a drive through the country at this time is a delight to the senses. A good hay crop is a promise of prosperity as it means the possibility of an increased live stock and a consequent greater production along every line of agricultural activity. For the past two or three years this crop has been below the normal and the present outlook is very encouraging. Next week should see haying operations in full swing as according to reliable authorities, an undue postponement is almost sure to mean inferior quality.

The condition of the old Main street cemetery is such as to demand some immediate attention. Situated as it is in a most frequented section, its appearance is not such as to be a credit to this enterprising town. Visitors to Wolfville will naturally conclude that our citizens are neglectful regarding the resting-place of their forefathers if the present untidy and unkempt condition is allowed to continue.

Several changes have been made in the staff of Acadia Collegiate and Business Academy. Dr. Archibald has secured the services of H. H. Wetmore, B. A., and J. H. Dexter for the collegiate department, who have both been during the past year on the Pictou Academy staff. Mr. Ernest D. Pace, of Taunton, Mass., will succeed Miss MacGregor in the business department. Miss MacGregor, who for the past five years has rendered such splendid service, retires from the staff to take up work in the United States.

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Questions and Answers

—All About Canada—

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THE DUNKIN ACT

Q—What was the Dunkin Act?

A—The Dunkin Act was an early temperance measure, called a Permissive Prohibition Bill passed by the Parliament of Canada on June 30, 1864, so called because it was introduced by Hon. Christopher Dunkin, M. P. It was the first step toward local option and was followed in 1878 by a more advanced Act known as the Scott Act.

AVERAGE CROP YIELDS

Q—What were the average crop yields in Canada for a ten-year period?

A—For the ten year period, 1913-1922, the following average yields were noted: All wheat, 15.75 bushels per acre; oats, 32.00; barley, 24.75; rye, 15.75; peas, 16.75.

THE FIRST MARRIAGE IN CANADA

Q—Who were the first couple married in Canada? and when?

A—The first couple to be married in Canada of which a record has been kept, were, Anne, daughter of Louis Herbert, who was married on June 25, 1617, to Stephen Jonquest, a young fur trader of Quebec.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE EXHIBITION

Q—What is the British Empire Exhibition?

A—A British Empire Exhibition will be held in London, England, during the summer of 1924. Canada will be well represented with a large number of exhibits in a million dollar building.

THE DISCOVERY OF LAKE SUPERIOR

Q—When, and by whom, was Lake Superior discovered?

A—The discoverer of Lake Superior was Etienne Brule, who discovered Lake Superior in 1622. He was a coureur de bois, in whose honour a monument has recently been erected in the form of a cairn, at Sault Ste. Marie.

CAP ROUGE

Q—Where is Cap Rouge?

A—Cap Rouge was built in 1541 near Quebec by Jacques Cartier, who wintered there before returning to France in the next year. It was occupied during the winters of 1542-44 by Roberval. It is to be marked by a historical tablet.

BATTLE OF MORAVIANTOWN

Q—Where and when was the battle of Moraviantown fought?

A—The Battle of Moraviantown was fought on October 6, 1813 when the Americans destroyed the village. The site is near the village of Thamesville.

THE C. P. R. COLONIZATION POLICY

Q—What has the C. P. R. expended on its colonization policy?

A—The Canadian Pacific Railway has expended on its colonization policy since 1881 the sum of \$60,000,000 for colonization, Land settlement, Irrigation and similar work, directly accounting for the occupation of over 20,000,000 acres of farm land in Western Canada. The Company has recently announced a generous policy of settlement for the future.

MINING IN QUEBEC

Q—What was the mineral production of Quebec in 1922?

A—The mineral production of Quebec in 1922 reached \$18,335,153, an increase of 18.00 per cent. in the year.

THE STEAMER BRITANNIA

Q—What is the history of the first Cunard Steamer, the Britannia?

A—On July 4, 1840, the Britannia, the first vessel of the Cunard line started from Liverpool on her first trip to Halifax and Boston. Sir Samuel Cunard was a Nova Scotia boy, who was knighted for

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THE INDIAN VILLAGE OF HOCHELAGA

Q—Where was the village of Hochelaga situated?

A—The ancient fortified Indian village of Hochelaga, out of which Montreal grew, stood where the department of the interior has made arrangements to erect a monument and memorial tablet within McGill University grounds, to commemorate the existence of the village of Hochelaga. The quaint sketch of Hochelaga, published by Ramusie and reproduced in the works of Champlain, together with Cartier's interesting description of the village, has made Hochelaga one of the outstanding points in the romance of Canadian History.

BARONETS IN CANADA

Q—How many baronets are there in Canada?

A—There are seven holders of baronetcies in Canada, viz. Sir Joseph Flavelle of Toronto; Sir Vicent Meredith, of Montreal; Sir Charles Stewart Tupper, of Winnipeg; Sir Edward Gordon Johnson, of Montreal; Sir Francis Howe Seymour Knowles, of Ottawa; Lord Aylmer and recently, Captain Sir Hugh Poynter, of Toronto.

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