

THE ACADIAN.

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Editorial Brevities.

THE ACADIAN takes the opportunity, in its last issue before Christmas, to extend to all its readers heartiest greetings and best wishes. May the yuletide festival bring to you all possible happiness and good cheer. May we find the greatest satisfaction in seeking to make it a real Christmas in the fullest sense of the word.

On Tuesday of this week Mrs. R. deW. Archibald, of this town, shipped 500 jars of preserves and fruit juices, through the courtesy of the St. John Red Cross Society, to Miss Annie C. Strong, matron of No. 2 Stationary Hospital, Bolognes, France. Mrs. Archibald is doing a noble work for our soldier boys at the front, a work that, perhaps, is not appreciated as it ought to be by our people. The satisfaction that always comes from duty well done is, however, the best reward. We are afraid Mrs. Archibald does not receive all the assistance that should be rendered her in the grand work that she is doing. Too few of us are doing what we ought to help the Empire and her brave sons win the fight for the right.

Premier Lloyd George has sent through the Colonial Secretary and the Governor of Canada, the following stirring war message to Sir Robert Borden for transmission to the people of Canada.

"On taking up the high office which His Majesty has charged me, I send to you, on behalf of the people of the Old Country, a message to our brothers beyond the seas. There is no faltering in our determination that the sacrifices, which we and you have made and have still to make, shall not be in vain, and that the fight which we are waging together for humanity and civilization shall be fought to a triumphant issue. We realize that we shall need every man that we can put into the field, every pound that rigid private and public economy can provide, and every effort which a united people can put forth to help in the heavy task of our soldiers and sailors. The splendid contributions to the common cause, already made by the Dominions, give me surer confidence that their determination is no less higher than ours and that, however long the path to final victory, we shall tread it side by side." (Signed) LLOYD GEORGE.

National Service.

The first week of the new year is to be a "National Service week." Forms containing a number of questions which have already been given in THE ACADIAN, will be placed in the hands of post masters and post mistresses all over the Dominion for distribution to men between the ages of 16 and sixty five. Public notices will be posted in prominent places, the services of clergymen, lawyers, teachers, notaries, etc., will be enlisted and every effort will be made to have the questions answered as completely and quickly as possible.

Every male within the age limits mentioned, is requested to fill out and return to the National Service authorities the cards with which they will be supplied. Filling out the card constitutes no obligation upon the party concerned, except as he may agree in his answer to some of the questions to leave his present work and take up work in another district if the welfare of the country demands it. The sole object of this census is to obtain a complete schedule of the available man power of Canada in order that the highest possible efficiency may be obtained in the work of the country. The National Service Commission is not concerned with recruiting.

The scheme does not make registration compulsory and there is no guarantee that all cards will be returned. For this the Commission depends upon the patriotic spirit of the men of Canada.

The Red Cross Society last week sent 128 pairs of socks to our Wolfville boys overseas for Christmas.

This week the Red Cross Society has sent 60 pairs socks for the 25th battalion.

Shorten Tipperary Road.

More than four hundred persons in United States signed a petition to shorten the road to Tipperary. Bankers, ministers, business men, doctors and lawyers signed, before it was discovered that it was a joke. The contention of a Justice of the Peace that anybody with a petition for anything could get all the signers he wanted, apparently was shown to be about right. The Justice and a friend were discussing a petition. The Justice's friend contended that almost anybody would sign a petition for anything without reading it, and to prove his point he drew up a petition which asked the British Government to shorten the road to Tipperary. The petition was circulated about town and more than four hundred signers were obtained in one morning.

Report of the Acadia Seminary Red Cross Society.

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Technical Education.

On account of the war which has taken so many of our best young men to the front and thus made a scarcity of both instructors and students, the Nova Scotia Technical College will not offer more than a select number of short courses during January and February of next year. It was felt by the authorities that these courses which have done so much for ambitious students should not be discontinued altogether. Therefore, on Wednesday, January third, the following courses will be offered: Land Surveying, Architectural Drawing, Structural Steel Drafting, Coal Mining, Metallurgy of Iron and Steel, Chemistry and Assaying.

The courses last for two months up to Friday, March 9th. The student spends all day each week day in the lecture room, drafting office and laboratory. The work is all intensely practical and all the refined theory that is not used in the every day routine of industry is sifted out. The courses have been carefully planned for those who have not had the chance to go to college when they were young and now want instruction of a technical nature to enable them to rise to positions of greater responsibility. The fee for any course is \$15.00 for the two months. During January and February there is a distinct slackening of activity in a great many of our industries. Many young men are able to leave their positions and return to them when the courses close in March.

The instructors who have been selected for the short courses are all men who have had a thorough scientific training and also practical experience in the lines they teach. There is no formal entrance examination. Any young man who has had a good common school education through Grade VIII and has industrial experience along the line which he wishes to study may enter without any hindrance or delay. Now that the war has shown the necessity of technical training for Canadians, it is well for any ambitious, industrial worker who can possibly spare the time, to take advantage of the opportunity without delay.

Germany's Peace Proposal.

Germany's peace proposals have been the chief topic of conversation in military circles during the past week. If we consider these as definite not to be compromised in any way they hold out no hope for peace at the present time. If, however, they are simply 'feelers' to be used as a basis for bargaining, the outlook for peace might be more optimistic. Whatever our views are concerning these matters we cannot doubt that Germany feels the need of peace, and when we compare these proposals with their first demands we can easily see that they have become considerably diminishing. Whatever way we read these they make strong arguments for recruiting, for it would be the power which has the most men under arms, either at the front or in training, which can dictate the terms when a peace conference is held. To the minds of most people these proposals show weakness which we should take advantage of by putting every available man into the field and by shattering the dwindling forces of the enemy. The Allies' full strength and greatest force should be ready for the springtime campaign.

Training the Boy.

St. Clifford Sifton stated at the fifth annual meeting of Commission of Conservation: "With respect to the general progress of conservation ideas it must be remembered that in the last resort the highest degree of conservation depends upon the efficiency of the human unit." Many influences are co-operating to increase efficiency of our people, and especially is this the case with the human unit—the boy. To the boy of today we must look for future results. When called upon to undertake the burdens of civic and business life, the efficiency of his training as a boy will be apparent in his character and habits, his initiative and action. Canada's future greatness depends upon the proper direction of the young mind of today, and upon her leading men of today rests the responsibility of providing for this training.

"The Unsheathed Sword."

We shall not sheathe the sword, which we have not lightly drawn, until Belgium has recovered more than she has sacrificed, until France is adequately secured against menace, until the rights of the smaller nationalities have been placed upon an unsalable foundation, and until the military domination of Prussia is finally destroyed.—Mr. Asquith's speech at Guildhall on Lord Mayor's day, 1914.

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Fresh Sausages and Head Cheese

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R. E. HARRIS & SONS.

To-day and to-morrow are Bargain Days With Us

COME IN!

Two Telephones: 115-11 and 16.

Attempt to Raise Muskrat in Europe Proves a Failure.

Only a few years ago the attempt was made to transplant and raise Muskrat in Bohemia, and strange to say, in his new home the Muskrat soon degenerated into what we in America know as a common wharf rat with no value in its pelt as an article for furriers' use and a nuisance beyond control.

The writer, Mr. A. B. Schubert, President of A. B. SHUBERT, INC., Chicago, U. S. A., the largest House in the World dealing exclusively in American Raw Furs, made a personal investigation of the Muskrat in Bohemia, visiting Prague and Smichow, in the neighborhood where the American Muskrat was first planted. The geography of this country is about the same as our Northern States, the climatic conditions will compare very favorably with Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, New York, Wisconsin and Michigan and the temperature will average about the same.

The importation of the Muskrat was manifestly made with the intention to settle the race in Bohemia and increase them so as to cheapen the pelt that was imported from America. The animal got quickly acclimated and the number was greatly increased. Notwithstanding all this, it was made plain that the experiment was a failure from a commercial point of view. Why this little Fur bearer should deteriorate in the quality of its Fur, no one has yet been able to explain and the only explanation that Mr. Schubert could give was that it was possibly caused by the fact that the American Muskrat could not understand the Bohemian language.

The pelt of the Muskrat is unquestionably the most serviceable and profitable of any of the Fur bearers of North America and at the present time bringing a high Market price. The Muskrat makes his home in every State in the Union and every Province of Canada and will not thrive in any other land.

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The simple gift that lends The touch of friendship without The embarrassment of an obligation. Make an early appointment. Edson Graham, Wolfville Phone 70-11.

SHORT COURSE

For Farmers, their wives and children Agricultural College TRURO Course includes Agriculture, Horticulture, Dairying, Animal Husbandry, Household Science, etc., etc. Two Weeks BEGINNING Jan. 2nd

TENDERS.

For the collection of County, Poor, Railway, Dog and any other Taxes that may be levied upon Kings County during the year 1917, will be received at this office until 12 o'clock, noon, on December 30th, 1916.

The proposal must include the names of two responsible parties and their post office addresses, who are willing to become bondsmen for the payment of said Taxes collected in event of the Tender being accepted. The Collector must be a resident of the Ward in which he purposes to collect the Taxes. By order. C. L. DOGGE, Municipal Clerk and Treas. E. C. BISHOP, Licensed Auctioneer for Town of Wolfville and Kings County. Wolfville, N. S. 14-3m pd.

CANADA NATIONAL SERVICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given under the authority of the "War Measures Act, 1914," that during the first week in January, 1917, an inventory will be made by the Post Office Authorities, of every male between the ages of sixteen and sixty-five, residing in Canada.

National Service Cards and addressed envelopes for their return to Ottawa have been placed in the hands of all Postmasters for distribution amongst the persons required to fill in such cards. Every male person of the prescribed ages is required to fill in and return a card enclosed in an envelope within ten days of its receipt.

Any person who fails to receive a card and envelope may obtain the same upon application to the nearest Postmaster. Ottawa, 15th December, 1916. R. B. BENNETT, Director General.

GOD SAVE THE KING. NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK : 1st to 7th JANUARY.

CHRISTMAS ANNOUNCEMENT!

Ony Two Weeks Until Christmas

WHERE TO BUY! WHAT TO BUY!

Don't forget our Big Bargain Basement. We now have larger space and better entrance.

The Grotto

Toys, Games, Books, Fancy Goods 5c., 10c., 15c. and 25c. Tables.

DOLLS.—Notwithstanding the scarcity of the market we are showing a good assortment from 25c. to \$3.75 each. Dolls that talk and Dolls that are dumb. Unbreakable and breakable Dolls.

MECHANICAL TOYS.—See "Sandy Andy," the great automatic Dumping Machine that won't get out of order. Also "Tinker-toy," which will amuse the youngsters as well as instruct them.

J. D. CHAMBERS

To our old, to our new, and to those who would like to be our Patrons, we wish A Merry Xmas ACADIA PHARMACY HUGH E. CALKIN PHONE 41.

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Peef, Lamb, Pork, Veal, Chickens, Fowls and Ducks, Fresh Fish.

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BONDS!

Government, Municipal and Industrial Bonds Bought and Sold. Will buy Ontario Pulp Co. Bonds. Prompt and careful attention given to all investments placed with me. Ask for my list of Bonds yielding from 5 per cent. to 6 per cent. half yearly. Annie M. Stuart, Grand Prix, Nov. 21, 1916.

NOW IS THE TIME! To Get Your Furniture Upholstered. Carpenter work is slack at present, and I am prepared to do Upholstery of all kinds of Furniture, also Carriage and Sleigh Seats, I will also repair Furniture of all kinds. I have had a large experience in this work and can guarantee satisfaction. J. C. Bishop, - Wolfville.