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## Editorial

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

### OPPORTUNITY FOR TOWN BUILDING

WHILE THE quarters occupied at present by the town offices are comfortable and very well adapted to the purpose, it is only reasonable that in the very near future more accommodation will be required than is now available. At different times since Wolfville became incorporated the idea has been discussed of the town erecting a building of its own that might provide for every need and be at once a credit to citizens and an ornament to the town. This appears to us as a very reasonable ambition and there is little doubt but that eventually it will be realized.

A good many years ago a public meeting of citizens decided upon the erection of such a building, but owing to pressure which was brought to bear on the legislature by local interests which opposed the undertaking the action came to naught. During recent times when the matter was revived the difficulty has always been to secure a suitable location and such difficulty is bound to be more in evidence as the years go on.

Just now there appears to be a way opened to provide just what is required and at a cost most reasonable. The union of the Presbyterian and Methodist congregations of this town and the decision on the part of the united body to use the place of worship formerly occupied by the former leaves the edifice on Gaspereau avenue so long used for worship by the Methodists available for some other purpose. The building is now offered for sale and could be secured by the town at a sum probably two-thirds less than that which would be required to erect it now. Conveniently located in practically the centre of the town, the building is in a good state of repair and has plenty of room to provide for every demand likely to be made for the use of the various departments of town government and activity. The matter of remodeling would not be a serious one and could be provided for as conditions warranted. In any event it would appear to us as good business for the town to take immediate steps to acquire this property which at the price would provide a very satisfactory addition to our assets.

### TOWNS SHOULD GET A SHARE

THE FACT that the provincial government is pressing this town for an excess on account of highway tax because of the inflating of our valuation by the Assessment Appeal Court in 1923, furnishes food for thought on the part of our citizens. At the time THE ACADIAN presented its views in anticipation of what was very likely to happen. The highway law imposes a tax of one per cent. on the assessment of each of the towns of the province, and since those who had charge of our affairs saw fit to increase the figures of the assessors and were supported in their action by the Council as a whole, it is not likely that the Highway Board will be willing to accept from us any less than that allowed by the act.

This paper has contended on different occasions that the government's method of dealing with the towns in this matter is most unfair, and we see no reason to change our opinion on the subject. While the towns provide a very substantial proportion of the funds raised by the province for highway work, and besides, as in the case of Wolfville, furnishes through their entire length a stretch of permanent street to augment the system of trunk road which the Board is attempting to establish, they get no part of the tax to which they contribute.

Another way in which the incorporated towns of Nova Scotia suffer because of the unfair attitude of the provincial rulers is in connection with the motor license fees collected. The towns get no proportion of these fees although their citizens naturally contribute very extensively. On the contrary, in British Columbia the amount collected is equitably divided and each municipality receives its due share. Summerland, a town of about the same size as Wolfville, this year received a cheque for \$1,424.78, as its proportion of the amount collected, and each of the other towns and cities of the province got its share.

### THE HOME PRINTER

THERE ARE so many "weeks" being started that it looks as if the fifty two weeks allotted to us will hardly prove sufficient for the world's needs. Before the entire list is spoken for, we would advocate a Be-Fair-With-Your-Printer Week. We are sure it is badly needed in almost every community. In consideration of such a week, we would advocate the following principles:

Your printer—make him your partner, not your victim. Don't get prices from one printer and then submit same to another, hoping for a cut in prices, unless you would like to have the printers do the same with you when they are in the market for some article of merchandise which you carry in stock.

Give your home printer a chance before you buy your printing out of town.

In general, treat him with the same respect that characterizes your other business dealings and keep in mind the golden rule of business, to do unto others as you would be done by. Having properly observed this week, the spirit of it may stay with you during the remaining fifty-one. Such, we believe, is the big idea in all these special weeks.

### HOW TO MAKE YOUR ADVERTISEMENTS PAY

FEW MERCHANTS really have the proper appreciation of what advertising means to them.

If a man spoke to his wife only once a month or every two months she wouldn't recognize his voice, says an exchange. Yet some business men advertise once a month or every two months and then wonder why they don't get more business. Advertise every week. Remember "the used key is always bright". The store that tells the public what it is doing every week is the store that gets there in the end.

### AS IT IS DONE IN MIDDLETON

THE TOWN of Middleton has made provision for the weighing of coal and other heavy commodities that is working out most satisfactorily. A public scale has been installed with a public weigher who is a thoroughly disinterested person. All coal must be weighed thereon and the buyer pays a very small fee for the service. The proposition was strenuously opposed by the dealers but the town authorities insisted, and the public are well satisfied. So far the fees have been sufficient to provide for all expense and leave a respectable surplus.

### A SUGGESTION THE WINTER

THE ACADIAN would suggest that arrangements be made for a series of Sunday afternoon lectures during the coming winter. Wolfville is particularly adapted to such an undertaking since it numbers among its citizens many who are thoroughly competent to assist. We have an array of speakers sufficient to fill the entire season who we believe if called upon would willingly undertake the task. Then there are always numerous visitors in Wolfville during winter whose services might readily be enlisted. This proposition, if placed in the hands of a competent committee representing the various churches and other institutions of the town, would be a very pleasing and instructive feature of our community during the winter. Who will set the necessary machinery in motion?

### BEER AND WINE

THOSE WHO are somewhat advocating a more general use of light wines and beer in this country, and who point to the old country to disprove the potency of national prohibition, forget that the free use of these beverages constitutes the precise reason why millions of workers in Europe have never been able to secure as high a standard of living as have American workers. No man ever yet improved his system by taking poison into his system, and a brain befuddled by alcohol a very poor equipment to prepare one to do his best in life.

### MAINE GOVERNOR IS BOOSTER FOR NOVA SCOTIA

Was Much Impressed by His Visit to this Province and Advocate Closer Relations Between Nova Scotia and New England.

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