THE ACADIAN.

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Editorial Brevities.

The efficiency of the boycott as a means of reducing prices has been demonstrated by the women of Chattanooga, Tennessee. By an organized boycott of milk the women have forced a reduction from seven to five cents the pint in the price of this commodity.

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Dates for the British Columbia by-election for the return of the Cabinet Ministers have been fixed as follows: Nominations, December 16th; polling, December 23rd. There are nine by-elections and several at least will be by acclamation. The Legislature will convene February 22nd.

Canadian Exhibits Abroad.

Canadians when they go abroad invariably come home with a higher appreciation of Canada. This is partly due, no doubt, to the real advantages Canada offers, but it may also be attributed in part to the excellent representation of Canadian things that has been made in foreign countries. The Dominion Government, for instance, has the reputation of showing collections of Canadian products at the leading international fairs, which for excellence of products exhibited and artistic presentation are rarely equalled by any other country.

The Canadian Pacific Railway also has carried on a very important work in making Canada's resources known in other lands and particularly in the neighboring republic. Not only at such international events as the Panama-Pacific Exposition a year ago, but also in exhibits of a more local nature, the Canadian Pacific Railway has lost no opportunity of representing Canadian resources in a manner of which the citizens of this country may well be proud. Handsome displays of Canada's resources including minerals and fruit, but more particularly the products of western farms, are maintained at a number of the chief centres throughout the United States ans never fail to excite favorable comment.

One of the exhibits recently established at the Bureau of Industry and Agriculture conducted by the Chicago Herald on the second floor of the Ashland block, corner of Clark and Randolph streets, Chicago. At this Bureau are exhibits showing the resources of many of the states of the United States and also of Canada. Canadians visiting Chicago are invited to call at the Bureau at the address given above and make themselves known to the attendant in charge of the Canadian Pacific Railway exhibit there. All our readers having friends in the south who are likely to visitC hicago during the winter can do their country a good turn by suggesting that these friends take advantage of their visit there to see for themselves what Canada has to offer. The Bureau is open every week-day and motion pictures illustrating the different districts represented are run in a special feature hall. No charge is made for admittance either to the exhibit or to the motion picture hall.

Canada's Mineral Wealth.

Some observations made by the President of the Canadian Mining Institute in a recent address before the Empire Club, Toronto, are worthy of more than passing attention at a time when every country in the world is thinking seriously of how to develop natural resources and secure a larger share of world trade. After pointing out that only a small portion of Canada's mineral wealth was yet known the suggestion was ventured that Northern Ontario, from Cobalt to the Arctic Circle, offered better chances of obtaining valuable mineral deposits than any other country on the globe. When it is remembered that geologists in government reports published many years before the Cobalt rich es were discovered made the same prediction, its value is not lessened, but increased. To-day Canada leads the world in the production of coal, asbestos, nickel, talc, feldspar, mica, graphite, silver and gold, but Canada is not getting the full benefit that might be derived from some products: nickel for instance, mined in Canada, but smelted in the United States. A closer co-operation between mining and manufacturing leading to a still larger development of the Canadian mining industry is demanded if Canada is to reap the full benefit of a wealth already providing, according to Mr. Cole, more freight for Canadian railroads than either Canadian manufactures or Canadia agricultural products. Whether the undiscovered mineral wealth of Canada is greater or less than the known mineral wealth, there can be no two opinions on the importance of a larger Canadian development of what is already known, giving Canada the benefits to be derived from this development and eliminating the possibility, now known to exist, of an enemy being able in times of dire necessity to secure a valuable mineral. Germany, recognizing the value of minerals, directed her military operations along lines which gave her the coal areas of Belgium, the iron mines of Lorraine and the oil fields of Roumania. So long as she can hold these so long will Germany be able to maintain her munitions. Without the coal and iron she would soon be forced to ask peace. That is why military critics regard the West as the war's centre of gravity, where fighting must be continued until the mineral wealth of Belgium and France is recovered. Now is the time for the adventurer, the prospector to look for what is hidden in the unexplored regions of Canada.

Kings County Agricultural Society Dinner.

On the evening of Friday, the 8th inst., the Kings County Agricultural Society assembled at Evangeline Hall, at Horton, to celebrate the one hundred and twenty-seventh anniversary of its formation.

A dinner was provided for the occasion by the ladies of the Grand Pre Woman's Institute and served to the members of the society and invited guests, by the ladies. The abundance of good things provided testified to the ample stores present in a farming community upon which a draft can be made at short notice for an occasion of this kind, as well as to the ability of the ladies to prepare it tastefully.

After the dinner, of which over one hundred partook, those pres nt assembled in the hall above where after brief introductory remarks by the President, Mr. Oscar Harris, the program of the evening was carried out. The President of the Agricultural Society was ably supported in his conduct of the meeting by the President of the Woman's Institute, Miss Annie Stuart, whose remarks at appropriate occasions were highly appreciated.

Miss Jennie Fraser, organizer of Woman's Institutes, first addressed the meeting, telling in an interesting manner of the growth of Woman's Institutes in the Province, their aims and objects, and the immense amount of work done by their members in Red Cross and relief work of this character during the period of the war, to which during the last two years their main energies had been directed.

Prof. Haycock was then called upon for a paper on the history of the Society during the one hundred and twenty seven years of its existence, which covers nearly the whole time from the colonization of the locality after the expulsion of the Acadians up to the present. This very interesting paper will appear in the columns of THE ACADIAN in the near future.

Prof. Blair, of the Experimental Farm, Kentville, next addressed the meeting on agricultural matters pertinent to the times, advocating greater production of food to meet the greater needs of the time and showing how, in various ways, the soil could be handled so as to yield greater crops with the same or but slightly increased efforts. His remarks were highly appreciated by the farmers present and cannot but be of value to them in ensuing years.

The Reverend gentlemen, Hockin and Miller, were called on for remarks and responded with short, witty, and pleasing contributions to the evening's instruction and entertainment.

The veteran farmer, Mr. James Hamilton, was present and responded to the call of the chairman in his usual manner.

Miss Stuart then gave an interesting account of how to ascertain which neighbour's hens were foraging in your garden, followed by general remarks from others present.

Music at intervals was furnished by a choir of male voices, Mrs. Stuart Trenholm presiding at the organ. The meeting dispersed after joining in the National Anthem and the participants wended their way homewards through the mud feeling well repaid for the time spent in thus celebrating the anniversary and planning for bigger and better things in future.

Snipers.

The work of Snipers at the front is graphically described in that very interesting little book 'Kitchener's Mob.' The author says:

'Snipers have a roving commission. They move from one part of the line to another, sometimes firing from carefully concealed loopholes in the parapet, sometimes from Snipers' nests in trees or hedges. Often they creep out into the tall grass of No Man's Land. There with a plentiful supply of food and ammunition they remain for a day or two at a time, lying in wait for victims. I talked with many Snipers at different parts of the line. It was interesting to get their different points of view, to learn what their reaction was to their work. The butt-notchers were very few. Although Snipers invariably took pride in their work, it was the sportsman's pride in good marksmanship rather than the love of killing for its own sake. The general attitude was that of a Corporal whom I knew. He never fired hastily, but when he did pull the trigger his bullet went true to the mark. 'You can't 'elp feelin' sorry for the blighters,' he would say, 'but its us or them, an' every one you knock over means one of our blokes saved.'

Profitable Gleaning.

According to the Kansis City Star the wheat farmers of Kansas are too prosperous to trouble themselves about the few hundred bushels, more or less, hat may be wasted in harvesting the grain. They do not cut the fields clean. That affords opportunity for outsiders to profit. The Star says that a gleaner eighty years old, after the wheat harvest in Pawnee county last year, went over the wheat fields with a waggon, a rake, a brush and a shovel and swept up the wheat left on the ground by the threshers. He gathered nine hundred bushels in forty days, sold the wheat at one dollar a bushel, and went south to spend the winter in Texas. He was back in Pawnee county last summer, gleaning the grain that the rich wheat farmers spill and do not bother to gather up.

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Port Williams Items.

A few things took place or happened in our village last week On Monday, Dec. 4th, our old-time friend, the Rev. John W. Meisner, pastor of the Baptist church at Chegoggin, Yarmouth county, N. S., arrived in town, accompanied by his mother and sister Violet, of St. John. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nawhinny also arrived at the same time, to be present at the Meisner-Gates wedding on Wednesday, Mrs. Nawhinny being a sister of the bride. The groom's numerous friends were pleased to learn of his ordination at the Charlotte street Baptist church, St. John. Mr Meisner was a student at Newton last year.

On Monday evening a "surprise shower" was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Gates for their niece, Miss Gertrude Gates. The shower consisted of cut glass, silverware, dainty pieces of china, linen, kitchen utensils, and a handsome quilt, woven by a friend. Rev. J. D. Hull presented the gifts. Mr. Charles Campbell gave a short address, referring to the high esteem in which Miss Gates was held by the community.

On Wednesday afternoon the wedding of Rev. John Meisner and Miss Gertrude Gates took place at the Baptist church. In spite of the dull day the church was filled with friends, many coming from Wolfville and Kentville. The brown eyed bride looked very pretty and dainty and the groom never looked better. We prophecy much happiness and prosperity in their church work.

The victims of the late tragic fire at this place, Mr and Mrs. Harley Eisenhaur and baby, who have been at the V. G. Hospital, Halifax, since, came home last week, their condition being much improved

Our stores are beginning to look like Christmas. We expect busy times.

An Appeal to the Churches.

To the churches of Kings county:

Dear Brethren,—At recent sessions of the Baptist District Meeting, and Temperance Alliance, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

That the churches of the various denominations of the county be invited to hold at least one union meeting quarterly, for the purpose of considering the application of the principles of Christianity to social life.'

With the endorsement of these two organizations, and in the name of our common Lord and Master, an appeal is hereby made to the churches to unite in carrying out the spirit of this resolution. It is admittedly a difficult kind of service but its importance cannot be overestimated. Pastors are urged to take the initiative in arranging for such union meetings. Local or imported talent may be employed. As a beginning it is suggested that one evening of the Week of Prayer be set apart for this purpose.

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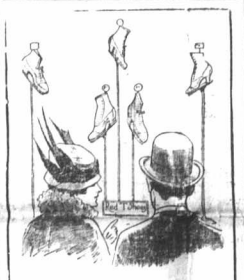

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