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Editorial

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

THE AUSTRALIAN WAY

There is much significance in the recent report from Australia that the government of that country has decided to bonus the fruit growers to the extent of from five to thirty shillings a ton of fruit grown.

One of the reasons advanced for this decision is the action of the Imperial Government in rejecting the plan for Imperial preference. Competition from California and other cheap labor countries is also urged in justification of the bonus.

Interesting, too, is the statement that the fruit growers of Australia are asking that a compulsory pool be formed so that the industry might be stabilized.

Annapolis Valley growers were expecting advantageous results from the proposed Imperial preference which failed to materialize, and they, too, are obliged to compete in the world markets with the product of cheap labor. Apple growing is our chief industry, which might be vastly extended if given the encouragement which it deserves.

EGGS ALL IN ONE BASKET RISKY

Fortunately for both the farmer and the townsman, the movement in Manitoba away from the one crop system and the gamble which it must always be, is steadily growing. As it grows, the Manitoba Free Press points out, there will be less left to chance and more of the results of agricultural effort will be under the control of the worker and can be influenced to a greater extent by the brains he puts into his work—by his thought and careful calculation.

In this connection the question as to the wisdom of the Annapolis Valley farmer in devoting practically all his attention to the growing of apples is worthy of consideration. Time was when the potato crop was a very important factor in our agricultural activity, and the growing of oats, wheat and other grain was considered a lucrative occupation. Is it not possible that a return to mixed farming in this fruitful valley would assist materially in solving some of the problems which our people have to face?

ONE TEXT BOOK FOR ALL

Our Dominion needs today, more than anything else, that the ties which bind the provinces together should be strengthened—that our people should think and speak in terms Canadian. We wonder if it has ever occurred to those in charge of the public affairs of the country that this spirit might be very materially promoted by the adoption of the same text books in all the public schools of the country. At present each province uses its own books at a very much greater cost, and at the same time tending to perpetuate sectional differences and the keeping apart of a people who should be one. Given a reasonable amount of intelligence it should not be a difficult matter for representatives of the various provinces to agree upon a text book that would adequately instruct in at least such subjects as arithmetic, grammar, geography and most other branches that are taught today in the public schools of our land, without offence.

SHRUBBERY ABOUT THE HOME

One of the easiest ways of beautifying home surroundings is by planting shrubbery. Once you get a bed of shrubs well started, they need little attention. A small amount of spading, trimming and perhaps fertilizing, and these sturdy and independent little bushes take care of themselves and ask no favors from anyone. At their own appointed time, every shrub in a well selected arrangement will burst forth into a rich mass of bloom. If correctly chosen the bank of shrubbery should have blossoms at every period in the season. It transforms a bare and cold looking dwelling into a cheerful centre of radiance and beauty. Every home should be and many of them in this vicinity are adorned with pretty shrubs.

STREET CLEANING

There is no time that our Main street so much needs a thorough clean-up as on Monday morning and it is too bad that in most cases this has to be deferred until the following Saturday. There are always an unusual number of people in town on Saturday nights and the consequent accumulation of litter makes the street present anything but a tidy appearance. This is even more noticeable since the sidewalks have been paved. As THE ACADIAN has frequently pointed out a regular cleaning every morning is the only method by which the street will be kept in a respectable condition.

NEW BRUNSWICK GROWS POTATOES

It is estimated that this year more than a quarter of a million barrels of New Brunswick potatoes will find a sale in the southern United States. Such is the statement made by the Minister of Agriculture for that province, who bases his opinion upon the report made to his department. A larger acreage than usual by fifty per cent was planted this year, and from present indications the yield will be more than an average one. These potatoes, which are to be used for seed, will not be sold in a lump but will be purchased in small quantities by buyers who are soon expected to be on the ground.

WELL DONE, MEMBERS OF "ORPHEUS" LODGE

THE ACADIAN congratulates the local Odd Fellows on the successful manner in which all the details in connection with the recent meeting of the Grand Lodge here were carried out. It was a big undertaking to entertain such a large company of visitors in a small town like ours, especially when it is remembered that last week we were at the heart of the tourist season. That they were entertained so well and expressed themselves so thoroughly satisfied is most gratifying.

The catalogues from the mail-order houses which are now flooding the country are bigger and more attractive than usual. This class of dealers never cut down their advertising appropriation when times are "hard". They realize that the only way to get business is to go after it. The moral is obvious, and local merchants will do well to take due heed.

AGREE TO EVACUATE THE RUHR



Peace between France and Germany came one step nearer Saturday night when the representatives of the Allied Powers and Germany, in session at London, signed or initiated a protocol providing the means for putting into effect the Dawes plan, designed to settle the reparations problem. The French agreed to evacuate the Ruhr absolutely within one year from August 15, and to evacuate Dortmund immediately.

N. S. COAL WILL MAKE CANADA INDEPENDENT

Sir Adam Beck Advocates Its Use in Ontario Steam Plants

LONDON, Ontario, Aug. 15.—Nova Scotia coal will make Canada independent of the United States in respect to the proposed establishment of three or four large steam plants for generating electricity in this province, Sir Adam Beck stated to the Canadian Press on his return to the city today from overseas where he has been an honorary delegate at the conference of power experts in old London.

"We can get large quantities of soft coal from Nova Scotia for use in the auxiliary steam plants of the Province," stated Sir Adam. "This will make us practically independent of the United States for our fuel because the Maritime Provinces can supply us cheaply and satisfactorily. All the coal used in our steam plants will have to be pulverized so that the breaking-up of the soft coal in the shipments will be to our advantage and not disadvantage."

The Ontario hydro chairman drew attention to the fact that the provincial legislature had authorized the expenditure of large amounts on auxiliary plants which would shortly be established at strategic points throughout Ontario. These large units would augment the electric power developed at Niagara Falls and would serve more effectively the industries and other consumers of the province.

PROHIBITION IS SAID TO AID WORKER

Business Men at Babson Conference Agree that it Raises Efficiency

BOSTON, Aug. 14.—Thirty-three out of fifty business men gathered at the round table discussion yesterday at the Babson Business Conference, Welleley, expressed the opinion that prohibition has increased the efficiency and the individual productivity of American labor. The expression was in reply to a question put by George E. MacEwain, presiding at request of Sir Eame Howard, British ambassador to the United States, who was an interested visitor.

Not one of the business men would say prohibition was responsible for any decrease in production, and only two that it had made no change.

Sir Eame appeared deeply interested in prohibition discussion and took an active part in it. He described the Götterburg system as he had witnessed its application in Sweden while ambassador to that country, and he expressed the opinion that the use of liquor in

England was on the decline. The course of moderation in England was disrupted by the war, he said, but conditions had been steadily improving since immediately after the armistice.

Sir Eame, in speaking of rum smuggling to the United States from England, expressed the opinion that the recently signed liquor convention between Great Britain and the United States would result in its reduction.

TALK IS NOT REALLY CHEAP

Parliament has become a very talkative body. The average member of the Commons does not believe that so far as he is concerned—actions speak louder than words. In practice he proceeds more on this rule—you can't speak too long or too often.

It is difficult to say just how many words were spoken in parliament during last session, but those who have attempted to figure it out have about come to the conclusion that a word was said for almost every man, woman, and child in the country.

Here is how this is arrived at. The House of Commons Hansard for the session has 5,050 pages. Set solid it contains about 960 words to a page, which means about 4,850,000 words. Of course, all the pages are not solid, but on the other hand, some of the type is very small. So it about evens up. On the same basis of estimating the members of the senate uttered about 960,000 words.

But these figures, which account for 4,850,000 words, make no allowance for the words spoken in committee. As some of these are in session sometimes for between two and three months, it is easy to see how the volume of words in these mounts up. Both houses have their committees, and their number is increasing.

Senator McCoig has suggested that radio be substituted for Hansard. The proposal will not be popular among the members, for among other things it would do away with that veritable mine of information in the form of old speeches contained in Hansard, which are a never-failing inspiration, especially to those who are not prolific in ideas.

Talk is said to be cheap—but it costs money at Ottawa.—Financial Post.

SPEECH AND SLANG

London Morning Post: It is unfortunately true that Gresham's Law applies to speech not less than to coinage—the bad currency tends to drive the good out of circulation. Instead of the example of the better educated and trained prevailing with the others, it is the other way about, and what is at first with them no more than facetious

imitation, grows into a settled habit. The present age dislikes formality of all things else. It has discarded the frock-coat and the top-hat, and feels in refuge in the lounge-suit and the trilby; but it is possible to be informal without being slovenly. Our English tongue is worth some effort to preserve it in the honorable estate—to keep it from sinking into dilapidation, with its fences broken and its pastures untended. Subscribe For The "Acadian"



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