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Editorial Notes and Culls.

Those who are indebted to THE ACADIAN in any way may be of real assistance just now by handing in to the office the amounts due. We need money in our business just now to meet necessary expenses of publication.

The first duty of every citizen of Wolfville during the year 1914 should be to put Wolfville first. Every body assist in making this year the best in the history of our town. It should be the honest aim of every citizen to make Wolfville the best town in the Maritime Provinces.

In the December number of Conservation there appears a special article on the 'Essentials of Farm Book Keeping.' Space does not permit us to publish the article, but any farmer who may be interested can obtain one or more copies of Conservation containing the article referred to from the Commission of Conservation, Ottawa, free of charge.

Next year the citizens of New York who purchased live poultry, paid somewhere in the vicinity of \$2,000,000 for sand and gravel in the crops of chickens. The State Department of Agriculture has begun to check the overfeeding of poultry just before it is sold to the public. This may help to lower the high cost of living, but there are other things that must be done as well.

Wolfville people are to have the opportunity of hearing an address at the Opera House this evening from Dr. Michael Clark, the brilliant Liberal member of the Canadian House of Commons for Red Deer, Alberta. Dr. Clark, who is said to be the strongest debater on the Liberal side of the House, is making a tour of the province, speaking at all the chief centres of population. He will be gladly heard by Wolfville people of either political faith.

A farmer has been fined for cutting off his cows' tails. He said he did it to keep the milk clean. Nevertheless he was convicted of an inhuman act. No doubt he was properly convicted but the question may suggest itself to somebody why it is more inhuman to cut off a cow's tail than to cut off a horse's tail or a dog's tail. We don't hear of anybody being fined for docking horse's tails. Is humanity like so much popular morality, largely a matter of custom?

With the approaching session of the Dominion Parliament, it is intimated that the parliamentary rules with the House will be abolished, and that the House will meet at eleven o'clock in the morning instead of three o'clock in the afternoon, and the committees at nine o'clock instead of eleven. The Saturday holiday may be abolished. Parliament will open about the 15th, and hopes to be prorogued by May 24th.

Montreal Gazette: Since Parliament rose last summer there have been seven by-elections, three in Ontario two in Manitoba, and one each in Quebec and New Brunswick. Government supporters were elected in six of them and in two, Portage la Prairie and York, without opposition. The range of country covered is fairly wide. It is reasonable to conclude at the close of 1913 the majority of the voters of Canada think in regard to the issues between the parties as they did in the fall of 1911, when the general election was held.

For the first time in the history of the city of Calgary a woman has been elected to an office in the gift of the citizens. The successful candidate is Miss Annie Foote, who has just been elected a member of the board of education. Not only did Miss Foote's campaign meet with success but she came out at the top of the poll, running ahead of four men with a lead of some eight hundred votes over her nearest rival. Miss Foote has had seventeen years of experience as a teacher in the schools of the west and is considered well qualified for the office to which she has been elected.

Premiers and Titles.

Somewhat or other, we believe, Mr. Borden's repeated decision to put aside the honor of his cabinet for the present is a sign of the piece of news. It pleases the people, doubtless, to see him withdrawn from the office of a minister of crown, on which he has been elected to honor as a member of the cabinet. It pleases them, we think, to have a man who matters what his record is, who does not jump at the title to which he is so to speak, technically entitled. It is a performance characterized by good judgment and good taste. It shows the prime minister as a man, not in a hurry, who does not 'hog' all the perquisites of his office before he found out all the responsibilities that attach to it. If Mr. Borden's conduct in an engaging title, honors may bear some weight in his selection, or their better halves, we do not believe that fact will serve to put effective pressure on the prime minister. The first minister would, however, do a title honor, he is in all outward attributes of the type that history seems to fit. He has dignity, probity, great attainments in legal and political knowledge, is

wealthy and cultured—versed in literature and appreciative of art and music. Yet there is a note of simplicity about the man that reveals a contempt for non-essentials, and titles in this country may well come under that heading.

An Exceptionally Eventful Year.

The year that has just closed has been marked by more than usually impressive events and great courses of action, says the Toronto Globe. Its opening found the Balkan allies and the Turks engaged in peace negotiations, but the war was renewed as the result of the overthrow of the peace party at Constantinople. The proposed cessation of Adrianople was repudiated, but it was taken by the allied forces at the end of March. A few weeks later while the general peace treaty was on the eve of being signed in London, war broke out between the Balkan allies, and eventually Bulgaria was compelled to surrender to Serbia and Greece in the final peace treaty, a considerable portion of the territory she has wrested from Turkey. Meanwhile Adrianople was recaptured by the Turks who still maintain their position there. It has been chosen Provisional President by the successful revolutionists after the expulsion of the Manch dynasty, he came the regular President in October, having put down an incipient rebellion and obtained a loan from European nations to facilitate the reorganization of the country, he has been put into a position to show whether he has the genius statesmanship and the gift of administrative ability, and whether the Chinese people are fit for democratic government.

France has passed through a stormy year in domestic politics. M. Briand, who became premier in January, was succeeded by M. Barthou in March, and he was in turn defeated in December. The political changes were partly due to the adoption of the policy of enlarging the French army by adding a third year of military service to the years already required, so as to keep the army equal in number to that of Germany, which has been raised to over eight hundred thousand men. Meanwhile both Great Britain and Germany have gone on building war vessels without any indication of a willingness to come to an agreement of any sort that would secure a cessation from the inevitable enormous expenditure.

In British politics the year has been a momentous one. In January the High House Rule bill was passed by the House of Commons and rejected by the House of Lords. It will be reintroduced when the British Parliament meets this month. Meanwhile there have been during the year months of activity in Ulster, the 'covenanters' preparing, by importing arms and practicing drill, to offer physical resistance to a Home Rule Government, if one is established. There have been also discussions of the Home Rule question in public speeches, and informal negotiations between political leaders with a view to a conference for the purpose of securing a peaceful all round settlement. The Welsh disestablishment bill was enacted by the Lords in February. Whatever else may result from these events, they have had the effect of widening the cleavage between the two Houses of the British Parliament.

Early in February a revolution was organized against the Madero Government in Mexico by Felix Diaz and General Huerta. A fortnight later the President was assassinated, and Huerta became Provisional President. The United States Government refused to recognize his Administration, and the country has been kept in turmoil to the close of the year by civil war. As the year ends the opponents of Huerta have almost complete control of northern Mexico, and are threatening the very neighborhood of the Capital. There was talk for a time of the probability, if not the necessity, of American intervention, but this has long since ceased.

In the United States the chief events of the year have been the revision of the customs tariff and the creation of a new currency system by Congress. The tariff bill was passed in special session, and most of the legislative work on the currency bill was put through in the same way, but its final stage was completed early in the regular session which began a few weeks ago. These two great measures are credited to President Wilson as a sort of personal triumph, because he had very much to do with making their passage possible. The chief Parliamentary incident in Canada during the year was the passage of the Naval Aid Bill by the House of Commons and its failure to pass in the Senate. In the second week in November an unprecedentedly fatal storm destroyed much shipping and caused much loss of life on the upper lakes. The exceptionally open fall and the keen demand for transportation facilities kept the freight steamers in commission later than usual, and this made the loss more severe than it would have been in an ordinary season.

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Good Advice For 1914.

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With these few pertinent remarks THE ACADIAN is going to suggest to its readers who can find the time to do so, the keeping of a cash account during 1914. The idea is advanced at an appropriate time when the high cost of living is pressing so hard and people find it absolutely necessary to economize to meet the inevitable expenditures. The keeping of such an account will seem somewhat of a nuisance at times and yet there will be compensations enough to make the undertaking worth while.

Such an account may be simply kept in any blank book, with the debit entries in one column and the credit items in another column on the same page. The footings carried on from page to page will show just how the account stands and he—or she—will indeed be a most economical person who after a few weeks will not discover ways in which money can be saved by stopping useless expenditures. Keep one year, the account will teach enough so that the task need not be repeated, but it certainly offers a chance for a person to get acquainted with the channels of expenditures.

Some Questions.

Dr. Clark, who is to speak in the Opera House this evening, is recognized as one of the leaders of the Liberal party of Canada. He should, therefore, be able to explain how free food, the latest policy of the Liberal party, will benefit the farmers of this Valley if the Liberals should be returned to power and carry out their promise.

Does Dr. Clark think the free admission of all farm products, including meats, eggs, butter, etc., from Argentina, China, Russia, New Zealand and Australia and many other countries, would be of great benefit to the farmer of Kings County? Does Dr. Clark think the farmers of Kings are receiving too much for their products at the present time? These are a few of the questions that deserve to be answered and I hope Dr. Clark will be able to do so. KINGS COUNTY.

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