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**GOOD CITIZENSHIP**

Unless his interest extends beyond his own personal affairs and his activities include at least some of the interests of community life no man can be said to be a good citizen. No man liveth unto himself and every individual must take his share of responsibility for the conditions that exist around him. The realization of the very apparent fact, that the community must necessarily far exceed in importance the individual, would make us all better citizens. We "have our day and cease to be" but the community goes on and on after we of to-day are forgotten.

Every young man should early in life get interested in the conduct of public affairs in the locality which he selects for the scene of his energies. Effort invested in the development of his surroundings he will find to return good dividends and in no manner detrimental to his personal prosperity in the long run. In Wolfville we need especially that our young business men should get a better insight into civic and community matters than they now possess and be willing to give a portion at least of their time and ability to the promotion of such enterprises as are calculated to advance town welfare.

**PATRONIZE YOUR HOME TOWN**

The Galt Reporter has a very timely article upon the above subject and it can be adopted with equal force to Wolfville. It says:

"Have you a dollar bill in your pocket? It might be well to take it out and look at it and think about it. Suppose you spend it; are you ever going to get any part of it back again? Are you spending it in such a way that you get benefit not only from the thing you buy but actually from the use of the bill after it has gone out of your hands? That sounds like a foolish question, but it isn't. There are two ways to spend money. One way is to spend it so that it will benefit you, perhaps directly, perhaps indirectly, after you have passed it over the counter in exchange for what you have bought. Wouldn't you like to have a string attached to all the money you spend, so that you could be sure to get some of it back again?"

Let's take for example a city of

25,000 population. Half of that population spends its money in its home city; the other half spends its money elsewhere to buy what it needs for its own consumption. Then, half of that city is supporting the other half. Half is paying the taxes; half is supporting the schools; half is supporting all the stores, banks, etc.; half is putting all the money that goes into pay envelopes. It is a half-town. Half of its people are but half-citizens. They live in their town and support other towns."

The statement of the Reporter is commendable. The question of loyalty to home town industries and business places is a most important one. The big departmental stores in the larger centers pull a lot of money out of the towns, such as Wolfville. A lot of money is spent elsewhere than in the towns where local business men help in a large measure in paying the taxes, which go to support the schools, fire and police departments, and all of the other accessories and equipments so inseparable from the upkeep and progress of a municipality. The buying at home principle is a sound one.

**ARMISTICE DAY**

It is to be hoped that the citizens of Wolfville will not allow Armistice Day to pass this year without due observance. Many of the towns of Canada have decided to ignore the official proclamation and to observe the anniversary of the end of the Great War on the proper date, November 11th. They point out that Nov. 11th is a date of sufficient historic importance to be perpetually remembered by the Canadian people and that to shift the celebration to Monday and combine with Thanksgiving Day is a sacrifice on behalf of expediency that is not justified. Thanksgiving Day furnishes a very satisfactory holiday but it is not another holiday that the Canadian people need so much as a proper understanding and appreciation of the national days that are observed. To thousands of Canadians Dominion Day means no more than a day on which there is no work and an opportunity to go fishing, and there is great danger of Armistice Day developing into the same brand of a holiday if the proper date is ignored and Thanksgiving Day used instead. A few years ago Wolfville staged a most fitting observance of

Armistice Day and THE ACADIAN would like to see it duplicated or made even better on November 11th.

It is gratifying to note that the management of the D. A. R., which is not given to heaping favors upon this town, has honored Wolfville by naming one of their locomotives for it. The "Wolfville", formerly known as the "President", is not a new engine although one of the best owned by the road. She has recently been repainted and refitted, and presents an appearance creditable to the town whose name she has the honor to bear.

**ADVERTISE OUR GOOD ROADS AND MAGNIFICENT SCENERY**

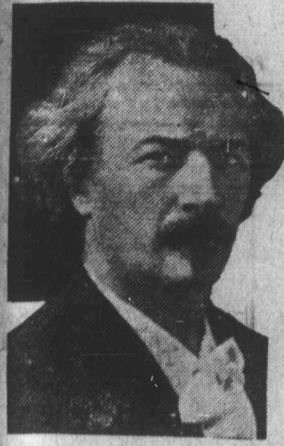
(From the Sydney Record)

The task of providing this province with good roads is one that has received considerable attention from the powers that be within the last few years. Silently and regularly the work has been pushed forward with, on the whole, good results, and the Island of Cape Breton, in keeping with the rest of Nova Scotia, has been given improved travelling conditions, which the motorist, if questioned, is not slow to acknowledge and commend. It is rather unfortunate that the work has not been given the publicity that it deserves. Occasionally a compliment is heard or circulated through the columns of the press. Some petty by-lane needs attention and the fact is at once chronicled. But miles of highway are solidly built and little is said about it. This is because we have failed to realize in good roads an asset that the province could very well turn into dollars and cents. We have been content to finance, design, construct and maintain. After that, the roads belong to the public to use at its will. We have overlooked the fact that a country like Cape Breton, blest with all the natural charms that attract the tourist, could capitalize its roads by advertising them so as to let outsiders know that they were, at least, passable.

The plan adopted by some of the States to the south of us might very well be followed here. There, road maps are issued each year, showing all the routes and indicating their conditions by various coloring schemes. In addition, points of historical, scenic and industrial interest, as well as camping sites, are shown. There is a real business return for the state in such a publication as this. Increased highway traffic turns revenue not only into the hotels and shops, but into industries of all kinds.

In this country the development of tourist traffic as a means of paying indirectly for road construction and maintenance has been entirely neglected. "Before leaving home", says a visitor from Maine, writing recently to the press of this city, "I made some

**PADEREWSKI THREATENED**



Paderewski is expected to visit Toronto this winter to give a recital, but owing to the pogroms which occurred during his rule as premier of Poland, his visit is objected to by Jews in Canada. It is even hinted that his visit may be the signal for disturbances.

enquiries in regard to roads in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton, and many were surprised to know that I should contemplate such a trip at all, as they claimed I would find miles and miles of almost impassable road." He then proceeds to state that the opposite was true, paying our country a gracious, but merited, tribute.

The road proposition is one that has been tackled seriously in Nova Scotia only within the last few years. We have made substantial progress in building. We must follow this by a systematic method of maintenance. Important roads should be kept under patrol, so that slight flaws could be discovered and necessary means to correct them taken promptly. Already however, we have advanced far enough on our programme of intensive road improvement that the tourist need fear no wilderness in coming to Cape Breton. He will find roads that are, to quote once more the visitor above referred to, "far above the average", and, where possibly below that, "they are being fixed up as fast as possible."

**GLoucester CITY COUNCIL ISSUES STATEMENT**

Gloucester, Oct. 27.—After yesterday's International Race, Mayor Wheeler and members of the Gloucester City Council issued a public statement expressing admiration for the sportsmanlike conduct of the Canadian representatives of the Captain and Crew of the Champion Bluenose. The statement said: "We have found the Canadian Representatives earnest in their endeavor to make this annual event clean and sportsmanlike. The representative of the British Provinces has been above reproach in every way."

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