

THE ACADIAN.

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Editorial Notes.

The city of Hull, England, owns the street car system—the profits on which for the last ten years have been over \$700,000. After paying all charges for operating expenses and interest for the year ending March 31, 1911, there was a surplus of \$87,567, which was applied to the general expense account of the city, reducing the tax levy that amount. The system is kept in first class order. The fare is two cents, which carries the passenger from one end of the line to the other. Workman's tickets for the morning hours are only one cent.

The present would appear to be a very opportune time to have Main street straightened. By the recent burning of the Masro mill and the blacksmith shop at the bridge the way for making this change is opened up. Now that our streets are being graded for the making of permanent roads there will be a considerable amount of material which might be used in filling in the creek and improving the locality. The straightening of Main street and the filling in and beautifying the creek at the bridge has been an ambition of many Wolfville people for many years, and might now easily be accomplished, much to the advantage of the town.

Dominion Parliament will re-assemble on the 18th inst., and preparations are being made at Ottawa to render the heated term as comfortable as possible by the use of electric fans, and tons of ice per day will be used to cool the heated air passing through the ventilators. The leader of the Opposition has announced in favoring re-distribution before a general election, so that it promises to be a long session even if reciprocity should not be carried to a vote. There is some likelihood of the Government bringing in a 'closure rule' which could be passed in spite of any obstruction. Its passage, however, would probably be stubbornly resisted so that the session is bound to be prolonged.

The Secretary of Industries and Immigration, at Halifax, informs us that a London firm manufacturing concrete mixtures sand and ballast washing machines, ganging machines for sand, cement, etc., desire to enter the Canadian market. A Scottish firm manufacturing enamelled bricks, tile and pipe, also enamelled fire clay sinks, tubs and sanitary goods generally, seeks Canadian resident agents. A Lancashire pottery manufacturing company would be pleased to consider offers from Canadian producers of best quality felspar. Replies to these trade inquiries will be promptly transmitted to the High Commissioner to the Industries and Immigration Department, Halifax.

The extremely hot weather of last week while the high school examinations were going on throughout the province has caused a renewal of criticism of the educational authorities for the policy of arranging to have there important exercises take place at the most unfavorable season of the year. The display of a certain amount of intelligence on the part of those who direct our public schools is not an unreasonable expectation of the public. The criticism appears to us to be not only timely but very natural from those who witness the misery of the wilted candidates agonizing over difficult questions while heat and humidity struggle for first place. This ACADIAN has referred to this iniquity before—and will probably do so again.

Prof. A. S. Mackenzie, Ph. D., F. R. S. C., a member of the faculty of Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J., a graduate and former professor of Dalhousie, has been appointed to succeed Dr. Forrest as president of Dalhousie University. President Mackenzie is a native of Pictou. After graduating from Dalhousie he took the degree of Ph. D. at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, and also took courses at Cambridge and at German universities. Returning to Dalhousie he took charge of the department of physics, and was at this time elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. It is only a little more than a year since he resigned his position as a member of the faculty of Dalhousie to accept the professorship of physics in the Stevens Institute.

Baby's Own Tablets Cure Summer Complaint.

Baby's Own Tablets should be kept in every home where there are babies or young children. At no time in the year is baby in such danger as in summer. At the first sign of illness the Tablets should be given to the little one, for summer complaints come on so quickly that unless prompt aid is at hand baby may be beyond help in a few hours. The Tablets never fail to relieve the sick child, and if occasionally given to the well child will keep him well. Mrs. Deane Martin, St. Denis, Que., writes: 'I have a baby three months old who suffered from colic and constipation. Caster Oil was of no help at all, but Baby's Own Tablets speedily cured him, and now I always keep them in the house.' The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Twenty houses as a loss of about \$100,000, were destroyed in Bideford, Me., on Saturday night, by a fire which threatened to destroy the business district.

Stay in the East.

A former resident of the east, who is living in the west and who has done well in the west, was asked by the Sussex Record for a frank statement concerning western life and conditions. He states the fact above all others which he would emphasize is that the west is a country where capital is necessary so successful, and that it takes more money each year to get into the game. Most of the money made in the west has been made in real estate, and that business, this gentleman states, has been overdone. Prices for land have become exorbitant and in many places are such as will not be justified for years to come. He points out that a slump in land values or an interruption of real estate sales would mean disaster to the 'little fellow.' Moreover money is tightening, and the banks are insisting on a more conservative policy which makes it more difficult for men of small capital.

Turning to other branches of business the Record's informant states that it is not easy to walk in and get a good position in western cities, for thousands of people are pouring into the centres and competing for employment. In the winter months especially, the problem of the west is how to find employment for all. The man who has money enough to start in business (and he would require three dollars in the west for one in the east), has good opportunities, but very keen competition. Summing up the situation this western man advises any individual who has a good living in the east to stay in the east; for there is just as much worry and hard work in the west as here, and a lot of real estate men must be weeded out involving difficulty for small dealers in other lines of trade. The west, he says, is all right for one man in a hundred; but he must have capital, and the demand for money men is constantly becoming greater.

There is a lesson in this for the people of Nova Scotia. During the past spring a large number of young men went west. Some of them went to accept positions, others in the hope of doing better there than here. Their going was a loss to this province, and it may be questioned whether in the end the majority of them will get any more out of life than if they had stayed at home.

The High Commissioner-ship.

Referring to the approaching retirement of Lord Strathcona from the Canadian High Commissioner'ship, the Montreal Witness well says that 'a majestic figure is withdrawing from the stage of Canadian history, and particularly from those scenes in which our history is imperial. In his retirement, Canada is losing from its highest service, one whose position has raised him high above the ordinary level of his past life, and whose age and wealth have placed him close to those beyond all sordid questions of gain; one to whom there is no successor; indeed most Canadians will be apt to ask ever Sir Wilfred Laurier, if he shall ever look upon his like again.' Referring to the rumors as to his successor, and that some politicians 'supposed to be in the way at Ottawa, and some men of large wealth have been mentioned,' the Witness adds that every high-minded citizen must agree with 'that so great a place on the stage of history as the high commissioner'ship must be in the years of imperial development on which we are entering, is not a shelf for an awkward politician, and that it is one that no number of millions can fill. We have no one to name for it nor have we heard the name of one who would satisfy the country. We can only say to aspirants, that after Lord Strathcona, it will be a very difficult one to fill to the nation's satisfaction.'

Borden's Great Tour.

R. L. Borden finished his tour of the prairie provinces last Saturday night, with meetings at Morden and Souris, set, Manitoba. The tour lasted 18 days and during that period the opposition leader addressed 35 net meetings, which were attended by 50,000 people at thirty points. Mr. Borden met the organized farmers, who tendered him memorials and resolutions, the chief question being the passage of the reciprocity agreement. Mr. Borden also was tendered thirty five civic receptions and at many places briefly addressed gatherings from the rear of his special train. The total territory covered in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta was 32,000 miles, and the average distance covered during the 18 working days was 177 miles.

This tour creates a new record both in respect to the territory covered in the time, and the number of meetings held. Everywhere Mr. Borden received a generous welcome, and before he left for Ottawa, he expressed satisfaction with the results achieved and his appreciation of the hearty hospitality and warm welcome of the western people.

Mr. Borden's many friends in this his native county are proud to hear of the esteem in which he is held throughout the Dominion.

The D. A. R. station at Bear River was burglarized on Saturday, while the agent was at dinner, and \$740 stolen from the till. Chief Bowles, of Digby, was summoned and was soon on the track of the rascals and there is but little doubt that they will be captured.

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Wolfville Boy Makes Good.

The following, which appeared in Tuesday's Halifax Herald, will be of interest to many of our readers. Mr. Davison is a Wolfville boy and Wolfville people will be pleased to learn of the appreciation in which he is held in his adopted home:

Bridgetown, July 7.—The federal election campaign in Annapolis county was stated by a very large and enthusiastic convention of the liberal-conservative party held here to day. Despite the fact that the busy season is claiming the attention of the farmers, the gathering was exceptionally large and delegates were present from every polling district.

The recent local election has left the party in fine fighting fettle. N. H. Phinney is the first liberal-conservative member to be returned from the county in over a quarter of a century in a local contest. Much of the success of the campaign, which was splendidly conducted throughout, was due to the brilliant platform work of A. L. Davison, who came within only nine votes of his successful colleague. His addresses at Annapolis Royal at nomination and declaration were especially forceful. In recognition of Mr. Davison's valuable services to the party he was to day presented by the convention with an address and a purse of over \$700.

Tax Reform in Saskatchewan.

Everybody knows that the Progressive West is years ahead of Eastern Canada in its tax laws and it appears that the West is determined to continue to lead.

At the session of the Saskatchewan Legislature which has just closed, a decided move towards allowing cities and towns to adopt the Single Tax System gradually but within four years, was made. In cities and towns the assessment is now 100 percent of the value of the land and 50 percent on buildings and improvements. The latter may now be decreased at such a rate that in four years there will be no assessment on buildings and improvements. The City Act has recently been amended to allow bona fide tenants to vote at municipal elections, under reasonable conditions.

This amendment to the City Act of Saskatchewan is very similar to the proposal so vigorously argued by the press of Ontario during the past year that Municipalities be allowed to tax improvements at a lower rate than land values.

Throughout the rural areas of Saskatchewan the assessment is a flat rate per acre, regardless of value, and there are no taxes levied on the farmer's personal property, buildings or improvements. At the recent session of the Legislature provision was made whereby rural organizations might assess at a certain rate per acre on a valuation basis, but this will not likely be adopted as yet with great extent until the year 1912.

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Director of Piano-forte at Acadia Seminary.

Prof. Edward Fletcher, who has accepted the appointment of Director of Piano-forte in Acadia Seminary, was graduated from Harvard University in 1904, with the degree of A. S., and Special Honors for work done in Musical Theory. While completing the Academic Course at Harvard he enjoyed the privilege of studying piano, playing under Felix Fox, the well known Boston teacher.

After graduation, Prof. Fletcher decided to go abroad to perfect himself as a Piano Virtuoso, and with that end in view went to Leipzig, Germany, and entered the Conservatory. His four years there were equally divided under Wisniewsky and Tschannler, who were the most celebrated pedagogues of the Institution at that time. As a graduation test he played the G Major Concerto of Beethoven.

Prof. Fletcher is a pianist of great technical facility and marked interpretative power, and although his public appearances have been few, owing to his natural preference for teaching, his repertoire contains all the most representative works of Piano Literature. He has also had a large experience as a chamber music performer, and is a sympathetic accompanist.

As a composer, Prof. Fletcher has great many works to his credit, most of them in large forms, such as Piano Concerto in C major, Sonata for Piano and Violin and a Trio for Piano, Violin and Cello. In the smaller forms he has written a great many Piano pieces, Songs, etc. He has recently published a work on Piano Technique entitled, 'Virtuoso Technical Studies.'

Prof. Fletcher was Director of Music at Simmons College, Abilene, Texas, and for the last year has been professor of Piano Playing and Theory at Oxford, Ohio. At both of these institutions he has received the highest commendation both as a Teacher and Performer, a Colleague and a Christian Gentleman.

With all confidence 'Acadia' commends Prof. Fletcher to the music loving public and to all who are interested in securing for themselves or their daughters the very best musical advantages.

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