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## THE MID-WEEK HALF HOLIDAY

We understand that a few of the clerks in town were somewhat peeved by our reference last week to the closing of Wolfville business places on Wednesday afternoons. It certainly was not our desire to deprive the clerks of any holidays to which they are justly entitled. That is a matter entirely in the hands of their employees and is no concern of the public provided satisfactory service is given. Our contention is that the holiday is not in the interest of the business of the town, and the comment we have heard from business men during the past week indicates that we are by no means alone in this opinion. The present easy means of communication with nearby shopping centers, and the strong bids put up by mail-order houses for business, makes it imperative that the local dealer should be always on the job in order to retain his hold on his customers and failing this even for one afternoon a week may mean a loss of ground that will be impossible to regain.

## THE COUNTY NURSE

The recent action of the Municipal Council in discontinuing the services of the district nurse in this county is apparently not meeting with public approval. This action was taken after Wolfville had emphatically agreed that so far as we were concerned the fact that we provide our own nurse should in no manner jeopardize the county work by the withdrawal of our share of the expense. While as yet only in the initial stage it has been fully demonstrated that the work of the district nurse is a most important one, particularly as it affected the conditions surrounding the health of the pupils of the public schools. Through the clinic located at Kentville most effective results have been obtained, the value of which it would be impossible to estimate in its bearing upon the added efficiency of the youthful life of the community. Judged purely from an economic standpoint we cannot but think that this backward step on the part of our municipal rulers is bad business. The Women's Institutes, which have proved most helpful in advancing community progress, the members of which are in a better position than anyone else to appreciate what has been done, were, as a rule, heartily in favor of continuing the district nurse. It is only fair to state that a number of the councillors—including all those representing wards in this vicinity—voted to have the work continued and presented good arguments in support. (The people of this town, who are providing generously for the expenses of carrying on the operations of the V. O. N. here, feel that the expenditure is amply justified and would not consider a proposal to do away with it.

## HOW TO START A FLOWER GARDEN

After the necessary grading is done, decide on and mark out the main walks. These may be grass or gravel at the discretion of the grower. If they are to be of gravel, remove six inches of the surface grass on soil (more if you care to) and replace with gravel. The space assigned to the lawn should be dug over and may be seeded to grass in April or early in May. Assuming there is grass already present and in fair condition, cut it as short as possible and spread over a thin layer of rotten manure and fine soil. If swept about at weekly intervals, this will work in the uneven parts and level the ground.

**A Good Beginning**  
Whether it is intended to grow flowers, fruits or vegetables, the ground should be spaded to a depth of 18 inches at least, or better still, trenched to a depth of 1 1/2 to 2 feet, and rough, strawy manure worked into the bottom soil. With the surface eighteen inches, well rotten manure and bone meal should be incorporated. A good beginning makes all the difference in the ultimate success or failure of a garden.

The next procedure will be to decide where the hedges, if space warrants them, are to be, to separate the vegetable plots from the flower borders and lawn. There are several good evergreens available for this purpose. The Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, will supply a pamphlet on this subject on request.

The Japanese rose, *Rosa rugosa*, provides a useful informal hedge. The rambling roses make splendid screens trained to a wooded trellis or skeleton wooden fence, but require winter protection. If the garden is large enough a pergola of roses and other climbers is always an attraction, with perhaps a creeper-covered arbor at one end. The path beneath the pergola may be paved with stones of varying sizes. Failing a pergola, introduce arches and pillars (rough poles eight or ten or twelve feet high) for rambling roses. As the ground will be newly trenched it will be better to defer planting the roses until it settles.

**What Plants to Choose**  
What to plant to secure a permanent, easily cared for home garden is the question of questions. It is a long process to find out for ones self what plants can be relied upon for vigor and perma-

nence. Naturally, locality is one determining factor. There will be few mistakes if varieties locally accepted as hardy and in every way worth while are selected for the foundation of the garden. Kinds which attract because of personal interest or rarity can be experimented with at leisure once we have secured the garden feeling with the trusty, generous, long-serving kinds. Familiarity and commonness are in no sense to be avoided. The plants which have longest served mankind are richest in legend and folk-names and so are most suggestive in the home garden.

**Amateur's Sheet Anchor**  
A border of mixed perennial flowers is frequently described as the amateur's sheet anchor, providing flowers during the spring, summer and fall months both for indoors and out. It depends how much is to be spent in stocking a garden whether quantities of perennial roots should be purchased, or most of them raised from seed. It is not a difficult matter to grow most of the perennials from seed, which, if sown in the late spring or early summer, will produce plants that will flower the following year.

**The First Year**  
The first year the best display of flowers will be from annuals sown under glass during April or outside where the plants are to flower during May. A selection may include Astors, Stocks, Sweet Peas, Zinnias, Clarkias, Godetias, Larkspur, Calendula, Officialis, Cornflowers, Poppies, Candytuft, Coreopsis, Nemesis and Mignonette. To these add bulbs of gladiolus, and the grower will be rewarded by an ample display of bloom during the first summer of his gardening operations.

The reason why some towns grow, remarks the Renfrew Mercury, is simply because there are men of push and energy in them who are not afraid to spend their time and money to boosh their town. There's a text or a sermon on Wolfville.

The man who eats as if he had a suction valve in his aetiology is no gentleman.

## A "MAN'S MAN"

The London Daily Mail and other English publications are discussing the kind of a man a woman should marry. The opinion that she should marry a "man's man" has started the query what a "man's man" is. A consensus of the answers to this query designates a "man's man" as one who prefers the society of men, likes dinners where men sit after the women have gone, is rarely a dancer, abhors strong-minded women, has little sympathy with the professional beauty, will not persevere in a love affair after a rejection, and centres his affections on one woman.

This is the analysis of the "man's man", and English women frankly admit that they are preferred for husbands to the "woman's man". They can never be so popular with the fair sex as the latter, who are of a more jealous disposition and even more a matter of anxious solicitude after wedlock than before. Then, too, there is zeal in a hunt for a father for her children when a "man's man" is the quarry. Women accept his deficiency as an enterprising lover, and so are willing to go part of the way to meet him. English papers have made a great deal of the controversy. The subject of matrimony is a feminine prerogative, and women delighted to make the most of this opportunity to give their views. The general trend of the pros and cons of the question plainly indicates that the reflective male thinks it absurd that a member of the fair sex should feel for him in any way. There is no enlightenment on this male estimation given by the women, for what they really think of men is as much a mystery as ever. What they want men to believe they think is very easily followed. They are very free in admitting that a "woman's man" is all right at social functions, but as a protector of motherhood and as a breadwinner the "man's man" has their preference.

## FIVE TRAGEDIES

A man struck a match to see if the gasoline tank in his automobile was empty. It wasn't.

A man patted a strange bull dog on the head to see if the critter was affectionate. It wasn't.

A man speeded up to see if he could beat the train to the crossing. He couldn't.

A man touched a trolley wire to see if it was charged. It was.

A man cut out his advertising to see if he could save money. He didn't. Business Magazine.

A man's innocence frequently has to be proved by a lawyer who knows his guilt.

## BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

**MAY 18**  
IN HIM WE LIVE.—That they should seek the Lord... For in Him we live, and move and have our being.—Acts 17:27,28.

**MAY 19**  
PRAISE THE GOOD GOD.—Make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving. For the Lord is good.—Psalm 100:1,4,5.

**MAY 20**  
GOD'S WONDERFUL LOVE.—For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

**MAY 21**  
BE PATIENT.—Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.—James 1:14.

**MAY 22**  
IN THE MORNING.—Hearken unto the voice of my cry, O Lord, and my God: for unto thee will I pray. My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.—Psalm 5:2-3.

**MAY 23**  
GOD'S WORD STANDS.—The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.—Isaiah 40:8.

**MAY 24**  
PERFECT SAFETY.—Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.—Isaiah 41:10.

## THE CANADIAN IS WORLD'S RICHEST MAN

TORONTO, May 10—"If public deposits in banks and loan companies can be taken as a fair indication the Canadian is the world's richest man," said F. A. Hatch, of Hamilton. "These deposits amount to upwards of two million dollars, or \$250 per capita." Mr. Hatch was addressing the annual meeting of the Ontario Branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association here today.

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