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## Editorial Briefs

Some provision for the regulation of the width of loads on our highways will have to be made in the near future in the interests of public safety. At present there appears to be no limit and it is a common thing to meet a loaded vehicle that practically takes the whole roadway. Since the advent of the motor truck this evil has grown considerably and during the time when apple and potato barrels are being moved it is most apparent. The increased amount of traffic on our highways during recent years and the speed at which it moves makes it most necessary that every precaution should be taken that will prevent accidents which are becoming far too common.

Viewed either from a sanitary or aesthetic standpoint the conditions that exist about our waterfront are far from creditable. Visitors approaching Wolfville by means of the railway see these conditions and cannot but be impressed unfavourably. Citizens apparently pay little attention to the state of affairs that obtains—other-wise they would demand a change. THE ACADIAN has already referred to the matter without avail and would again respectfully urge the authorities to take immediate action to prevent the indiscriminate dumping of refuse matter and the continuance of the very untidy appearance which prevails in this quarter.

The report that the executioner who officiated at a recent hanging in New Brunswick was intoxicated and seriously bungled the operation is causing considerable comment and an investigation of the whole matter is promised. If true it indicates a condition of affairs which should not be allowed to pass, and those responsible should receive the condemnation which is so richly deserved. Some of our readers will remember when similar doings disgraced our fair county in years gone by. The whole question of capital punishment deserves consideration at the hands of the public at this time when in various parts of the province men are under sentence of death. Many of our people are inclined to regard "legalized murder" altogether unjustifiable and an unwillingness to be a partner in the crime perhaps accounts for some of the verdicts which have been returned in recent murder

cases in some of the provinces of our Dominion.

## CANADA AND HEARST

During the stressful days of the Great War the Hearst publications were denied entrance to Canada, and rightly so. Since the withdrawal of the embargo these same publications are to be found on every newstand throughout the Dominion and are bought by Canadians who do not seem to realize the danger lying in perusal of the insidious attacks upon every British or Canadian ideal which are contained in every issue of a Hearst journal, be it daily, weekly or monthly. Some of the attacks are open and all are scurrilous, but the open attacks only appear where they can appeal to the ignorance or hatred of the reader. These attacks have been recently directed against the crown and the royal family, usually lies cut from whole cloth, but sometimes puffing stories dressed to bring British institutions, customs and manners into disrepute. The journalistic demagogue who makes it an object to continually poison the wells of public intelligence and who controls the policies of the Hearst publications, is the gravest menace that true democracy has to deal with and the greatest enemy of continued peace between the two great branches of the Anglo-Saxon race.

There is altogether too much scope allowed for the circulation of the Hearst propaganda in Canada, and there seems to be no means of putting a limit to its poisonous activities except through advance censorship by Dominion authorities. Every issue of any journal published outside of Canada for circulation within the Dominion should be subject to a censorship which would delete stuff such as appears in some of the papers and magazines which at present freely circulate misinformation and falsehood concerning Canada and things Canadian.

If Canada is to develop a true nationality it must be done along Canadian lines, not along lines indicated by men like Hearst and his hirelings.

Its funny how a man who can sit patiently and hold a 140 pound girl on his lap until 2 o'clock in the morning every day in the week will kick up a terrible rumpus a year or so later about holding a 19 pound girl for 15 minutes.

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## THE PROBLEM OF THE MENTALLY DEFECTIVE

(By J. G. Shearer)

The Mentally defective constitute, by no fault of their own, one of the greatest and most perplexing of social problems. This fact is all too little understood and appreciated.

It is usually estimated that from 11 to 2 percent of the population are below par mentally. On that basis there are in Canada from 135,000 to 180,000 of these unfortunates. Some are idiots, utterly helpless and unable to care for themselves. Other are imbeciles, a grade higher than idiots, but unable to support themselves, and requiring constant oversight and protection. Between the imbecile and the normal are the much larger proportion who because they are not easily detected constitute the greater menace. After they reach adult years they remain mere children in mentality and self-control, yet possessed with all the passions, propensities, and desires of adults.

It is easy to see what a menace this combination constitutes to themselves and to the community.

Their sexual propensities are unusually strong, and they have neither mental vision to foresee the consequences of indulgence, nor moral self-control to govern their passions. They multiply as fast as normal folk, and always reproduce their own kind and this quite regardless of whether they are married or not. In the Board of Education offices in Vancouver, is a family chart showing that some years ago an alcoholic man married a feeble minded woman. Twelve children were born. Three fortunately died young. The nine who grew up are all feeble minded. One of these a young woman now in her twenties, is the illegitimate mother of five children all feeble minded. Fourteen mental defectives, each one a social problem, from one marriage that never should have been allowed.

It is estimated by those best qualified to judge that two-thirds of all prostitution is due to feeble mindedness. More-over a large proportion of the children born out of marriage have feeble minded mothers. These women living in promiscuous sexual indulgence soon develop venereal diseases, and infect all their male associates. Many of these associates are normal young men who afterward marry, and infect their innocent wives, and pass on the dread heritage of these terrible diseases to their children. It is estimated that not less than forty percent of venereal disease is due to this source.

At least fifty percent of all crimes in general are committed by these unfortunates. Their uncontrolled passions lead to assaults, common or indecent, to incendiarism, to murder, to burglary, to banditry, to the demoralization of children of both sexes.

Many of the epidemics of vice in schools due to the presence of a small group of feeble minded girls or boys or both. Normal children especially boys are by them led into vice, and the evil rapidly spreads. Mischief is thus done that will cause these youths for years if not for life.

It is false economy not to provide for the care, training or restraint of these deficients. A large part of the enormous cost of administration of Justice, police courts, gaols, prisons, reformatories, etc. could be saved if adequate provision were made for their segregation, specialized training, and the prevention of the reproduction of their kind. A subsequent article will however deal with the remedy for this great social evil.

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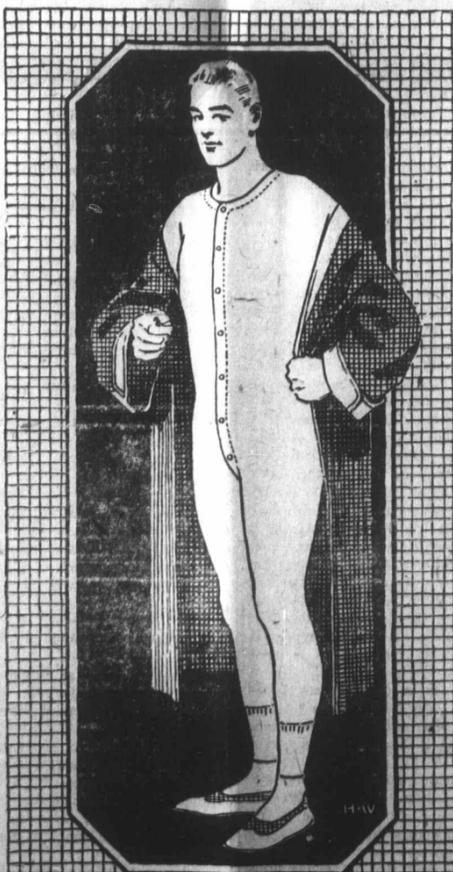
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