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Editorial

Our pulpits are our work clothes. Each of us live some kind of a sermon every day.

HONESTY—A GOOD POLICY

WHETHER "Honesty is the best policy" is a question that may ever remain a debatable one. So much depends upon the view one takes of life. Moralists affirm that to degrade it into a question of policy is to take all the merit out of honesty. If the object is simply to get on in life, observation shows that plenty of men get position and wealth and political preferment by not running what is called honesty into the ground. Almost everyone admits that a reputation for honesty is useful, and everybody knows that it is often acquired by a long-headed shrewdness in speech and action.

Legal honesty is tolerably common, for it is not true that the majority of people are kept out of jail owing to the imperfections of courts and the difficulty of conviction. There is great respect for law, and in private life an innate or cultivated sense of justice and fair dealing. We all know honest men, and we speak of them as honest with emphasis, showing that we regard it as a kind of distinction to be simply honest. A man can easily be conspicuous by being pretty honest. We do not necessarily choose such men for office—it has indeed become a sort of mocking proverb that such a man is too honest to go through the necessary steps to commend himself to the suffrages of the majority—but we like to have them in a community for they impart a sort of stability to our shifting affairs. If what a man wants in this world is peace of mind, and if he enjoys having the absolute confidence of those who know him intimately—if, as the slang is, that is his lay in life—why, entire honesty is good policy.

The world has only a qualified admiration for a man who cheats in the sale of a horse, or makes money by selling a bad article branded as good, and we feel a righteous disgust for a fellow who filches a ham out of the smoke-house. There is a common consensus of opinion that honesty should be the policy of those fellows, but do we have the same feeling towards a man who corners wheat on a large scale and makes such a rise in prices that the poor man, who may be pinched for something to eat, thinks himself justified in taking the ham? We have a contempt for the man who sells his vote. If, however, a man buys a great many such votes, or pays for the running of machinery that buys them, and gets himself elected to the Legislature, what is his distinction as compared to other politicians?

"Honesty is the best policy" is maintained by the majority to be a sound maxim, and in line with the teachings of the New Testament, Socrates and Franklin. The difficulty is in getting that view adopted and practised by the rest of the world who hold a different opinion. One who is honest in the ordinary sense acts, or is always disposed to act, with careful regard for the rights of others, especially in matters of business or property. One who is honest in the highest and fullest sense is scrupulously careful to adhere to all known truth and right, even in thought. Finally, summed up, Honesty and Honor are Love's fountainhead—the combined virtues that make the world go round. Honor is the dominating force, which brings to mind that couplet of Lovelace:

"I could not love thee, dear, so much,
Loved I not honor more."

THE HOME PAPER

THE ACADIAN receives frequent commendation from readers for the excellent service it is giving in the matter of district news. It has cost us much effort and no little expense to develop this department, and we are pleased that the results have been such as to win public approval. Our endeavor is to make THE ACADIAN primarily the people's paper, and for the co-operation and assistance which our staff of correspondents has unstintingly given us in the work we desire to tender our best thanks. If the activities of your section are not being reported for our columns we should be pleased to have the work undertaken. We have no room for neighborhood gossip but want all the news while it is news, and are willing to pay for it. Make it snappy and be sure of your facts. That THE ACADIAN is rapidly growing in popularity as a newspaper is amply proven by the new names that are being constantly added to our subscription list, as well as by the flattering references of appreciation which frequently come through the mail. We want to make THE ACADIAN still more interesting and to this end invite contributions on matters of public moment. The long winter evenings are at hand, and may be profitably devoted to a discussion of community interests. The columns of this paper are freely placed at your disposal for such purpose. Make THE ACADIAN your forum.

HALLOWE'EN

TIME-HONORED Hallowe'en is again at hand. It falls on the evening of Oct. 31st, which will be Saturday of the present week. Hallowe'en is so called as being the eve or vigil of All Hallows, or All Saints, which falls on the first day of November. It is associated in the popular imagination with the prevalence of supernatural influences, and in Scotland is frequently celebrated by meetings of young people with the performances of various mystical ceremonies humorously described by Burns in his poem Hallowe'en. In this country it has long been an occasion for youthful pranks of various kinds and sometimes for acts of vandalism that are in no way justified. That the young people should amuse themselves in any legitimate manner at Hallowe'en will not be questioned by any fair-minded person, but when it comes to a wanton destruction of property or rowdy conduct it will be just as readily conceded that the line has been overshot and that the offenders should be promptly dealt with.

ARMISTICE DAY

PERHAPS no other place in Canada has more appropriately made an annual observance of Armistice Day than has this town. While attended by no great ostentation or display the occasion has fittingly taken first place among the events of the year. It is no ordinary anniversary whose recurrence we will again observe on Nov. 11th. Just what form the celebration this year will take we are not yet in a position to say, but it can be counted upon that leaders will be found who will arrange a suitable program, and that they will receive the universal support of the community in honoring the anniversary and the memory of our noble sons who gave their lives in the defence of the Empire and for the upholding of those principles for which it stands.

CANNING AND VICINITY

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. William A. Allison, Montreal, spent the week end in town, en route to their homes in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne F. Blenkhorne and Bertram Blenkhorne left on Oct. 21 for Florida, where they will spend the winter.

Mr. Gerald Huston left on Monday, Oct. 19, for Florida, where he will spend the winter.

Mrs. James Knowles, St. John, spent a week in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook, formerly of Upper Canada, are spending the winter in Boston.

Mrs. (Dr.) N. H. Gosse has returned from Halifax, where she underwent medical treatment. She is much improved in health.

The Boy Scouts, Scoutmaster Dr. Thomas W. Hodgson, held a well attended meeting in the vestry of the United church last week.

The Mission Band of the United church met on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 17, under the leadership of Mrs. A. A. Ward.

The Mission Band of the United Baptist church held a largely attended meeting, with Miss Marion Eaton leading.

The Debt Destroying League of the United Baptist church met last week.

Miss Frances Reynolds, Windsor, formerly of Wolfville, leaves in a few days for Los Angeles, where she will spend the winter with her nephew, Mr. Claude Reynolds, and her niece, Mrs. Osborne.

Rev. W. G. Hisler preached in the Pereau Baptist church on Sunday morning, Oct. 18, and in the evening occupied the pulpit of the United Baptist church.

The Baptist Sabbath School, under the leadership of Mr. Warren Eaton, is being very largely attended.

The many friends of Rev. G. A. Logan, formerly of Upper Canada United church, now of Brookfield, Colchester county, will be glad to learn that his health has much improved.

Colonel Allison, Borden and Mr. John A. McDonald were recent visitors in town.

Miss Geraldene Brown is visiting friends in Canada before leaving for Montreal.

Miss Ruby Borden was the guest of honor at a delightful reception held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Dickie, Hillaton, on Thursday evening.

Miss Borden, who recently graduated with honors from the Maritime Business College, Halifax, leaves this week for Boston, where she will spend the winter.

Miss Borden, who was a very active member of the Mission Circle of the United church, was presented by the president, Miss Erma Goldsmith, on behalf of the society with a beautiful set of French ivory. Miss Borden, who was taken entirely by surprise, expressed her deep appreciation of these tokens of esteem, after which games and community singing were enjoyed. At the close supper was served.

Canning music lovers were afforded an evening of unusual pleasure last week, when the Armory was filled with a representative audience to listen to Mr. Roderick Fraser, organist of New Glasgow, a graduate of Halifax School for the Deaf, and his school.

Mrs. Hattie Bignell, president of the Women's Institute, presided at the meeting being held under the auspices of that organization. The program was of an exceptionally high order, and has done much to arouse the interest of the community in the work of one of the greatest organizations in our province.

Mr. Fraser, by his musical performance charmed his audience, while Mr. Donnan made one of the finest appeals we have had the pleasure of listening to, as he set forth the aims and accomplishments of that institution.

Florence Meek, Belmont, Mass., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Meek and Mr. and Mrs. Fred West, Kingsport.

Mrs. A. M. Covert entertained a party of Acadia University students last week, the evening being a very delightful one. Miss Lou Covert is a member of this year's graduating class.

Dr. N. H. Gosse and Mrs. Gosse entertained delightfully last week in honor of their son Clarence, the occasion being the anniversary of his birthday. More than twenty young people enjoyed an evening of games and music, and the guest of honor was presented with a beautiful fountain pen.

Lawrence, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Brown, is undergoing treatment at the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vickery entertained at an enjoyable crokinole party last week, the guests pronouncing it one of the best.

The Canning orchestra met at the home of Mrs. Charles Smett on Thursday evening of last week.

Mr. Hill, Halifax, was a visitor in town last week and was a guest at the Waverley.

Mrs. Albert Harris is ill.

Mrs. Thomas Roscoe, who was the guest of her uncle, Mr. W. B. Burbridge, has returned to Hall's Harbor. Mrs. Thomas Watson, Scotts Bay, is visiting Mr. Burbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Leander Woodworth, Port Williams, were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellis.

Mrs. E. M. Beckwith has returned from visiting in Wolfville, and after spending a few days in town left for Starr's Point, where she is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Starr.

Miss Florence Chipman, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harris, has returned to Kentville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Newcombe, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Braine, Montreal, spent the week end in town, en route to Halifax, where they will spend a vacation with friends.

Mr. Philip Brown celebrated his 95th birthday on Thursday, Oct. 23, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. F. Avery, with whom he resides. Mr. Brown, who is Past Master of Scotia Lodge, No. 28, A. F. and M. U., was visited by many of his masonic friends from whom he received gifts. He is in excellent health, and THE ACADIAN extends to him congratulations. Mrs. E. F. Avery and Mrs. C. H. Meek, Canning, are daughters of Mr. Brown; and Mr. Samuel Brown, of Eastport, Maine, is a son.

Mr. Meek, who was the guest of honor last evening at a dinner party held at the home of Mrs. Avery, was the recipient of many loving wishes and gifts.

The Canning Women's Institute held a rally day at the home of Mrs. N. W. Eaton on Thursday afternoon of last week, president, Mrs. Hattie Bignell, in the chair. The members and guests numbered more than fifty, several names being added to the list for membership in this society, which is a power for good in the community. The Institute voted the sum of \$25.00 annually to be contributed for three years toward the support of the Inter-provincial Home for Girls at Moncton. The speaker was Miss Helen McDougall, Provincial Organizer, who gave a very fine address on what the Women's Institute should mean to the individual and to the community, and also showed many charts in connection with a short address on Health which she gave at the close. An expression of appreciation was extended to Miss McDougall, after which a social hour was spent over the tea cups.

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KINGSPORT

The Sewing Circle of Union church met at the home of Mrs. Charles Huntley. A large number were present and enjoyed a social hour together.

Mrs. E. I. Loomer is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Langille, New Annan, also friends in Truro and vicinity.

Rev. Thomas C. Crosby conducted the weekly prayer-meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Weaver. These meetings, that are being held at the various homes of the congregation, are well attended and are a source of inspiration and helpfulness.

Mr. and Mrs. James Willoughby, Toronto, spent two weeks in town, returning on Friday to Halifax, where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Brown, en route to Montreal.

FLAX PROSPECTS ENCOURAGING

The prospects of flax cultivation are promising. In his report for 1924, recently published by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, Mr. R. I. Hutchinson, Chief Officer of the Fibre Division of the Experimental Farms, says that the year was the most encouraging for Canadian flax growers since 1920.

The growing and retting conditions in western Ontario, where practically all the Canadian fibre flax is at present produced, were very favourable, with the result that an exceptionally high yield of fibre and seed were obtained. Some commercial areas produced as high as 339 pounds of fibre and 16 bushels of mill-run seed per acre. Not only were the yields of fibre and seed higher than usual but the demand for them showed improvement. One grower in western

Ontario was offered 30 cents per pound for one lot of fibre. Most of the seed ranging from \$2.40 to \$2.65 per bushel. Mr. Hutchinson continuing says that the seed was suitable for seedling purposes, and as there is evidence of a good demand there were prospects of a good \$3 and \$4 per bushel being realized for the remainder in the hands of the growers of approximately 6,000 bushels.

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