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An effort is being made to build up our Board of Trade into a more effective organization for the promotion and protection of the town's interests, and a rally of the enterprise and public spirit, that is working in so many directions, to this cause is the only way to successfully accomplish this object.

The true value of such a limitation is to say to our people largely upon the interest that is taken in it. Where it is made the most-point of the commercial and general public interests, there is worth in it demonstrated.

Because the Bridgetown Board of Trade has not accomplished great things in the past is no argument why it should not now be made an active factor in working out the welfare of the community.

A period of apathy has left our organization with a substantial membership and a large treasury, and what we now urge is a renewed interest from old members and the association of every business man and citizen who is interested in the progress of the town.

A wide-awake, representative Board will constitute an anti-trust agent in discovering and mitigating the evils that hamper our industrial development and in shaping the future growth of the town. That we need just such an agent cannot be fairly denied.

No matter how efficient our civic government there are many matters that need attention that will escape its notice, and the direction of the public eye to these matters, and agitating the improvement, can better be done before the Board of Trade than in the Council Chamber.

Experience has shown us that the chief difficulty in engineering improvement through the Town Council, unless that party itself is the prime mover, lies in the fact that it is well-nigh impossible to present the scheme in a sufficiently advanced stage of agitation to ensure an intelligent vote among a representative meeting called by the Council.

The Board of Trade would furnish an excellent school for primary work in these matters, and the recommendation of the Board would be a guarantee of the wisdom and popularity of any proposition emanating from its discussion. While the town is young is the time to establish a regulating influence, and every public-spirited citizen should lend his aid to this end.

Prof. Sears, of the Nova Scotia College of Horticulture, through a comparative stranger in the province, has evidently become deeply impressed with its possibilities. Recognizing the loss our agriculture and orcharding country sustains through the exodus of the young men from the farms to the neighboring Republic, he is seeking to lay bare the cause and, if possible, check the drain.

His action is commendable, and his remedial suggestions, as outlined in his letter to this paper, if acted upon, should improve the situation. He is grappling with a problem that has only recently received any degree of attention from either the press or our legislature, though it is one of paramount importance to our province.

Systematic education in all branches of farming must be promoted, and the government would be justified in largely increasing its subsidies for this purpose. Demonstrate that there is money in farming, that an apple orchard is a better investment than a gold mine, and that the boy on the farm is more certain of health, peace and competence than his city brother, and the urban loadstone will lose much of its power of attraction. It is because we want to earn money that the average farm lad seeks employment elsewhere.

A desire for the confidence of city life or to see something of the world are subordinate to this longing to handle hard cash, and if modern agricultural methods, or a father's willingness to show proper appreciation of the value of his son's services, will place him in a position of proper independence in this respect, farming will soon become a popular industry. Until he can be a partner in the farm and understand thoroughly that his improvement will result to his financial advantage, the boy can hardly be blamed if he seeks his fortune in another direction.

Local and Special News.

—75 bbls Five Rose Flour at \$4.75 per bbl. For sale at J. E. Lloyd's.

—The receipts of Nova Scotia coal at Boston this year, up till April 7th, reached 183,000 tons.

—Buy your Paint, Oil, etc., at SUTLEY'S. Largest stock, lowest prices.

—Mr. John P. Hunt, of Inglesville, was in town this week, disposing of his season's manufacture of maple syrup and sugar.

—Next Saturday is the last day for getting discount on town orders.

—The inventory of the estate of the late H. E. Baker, of Yarmouth, has been taken, and the value of real and personal property at \$230,511.

—Monkey brand soap at half the old price. Nothing cools it for cleaning silver or polishing brass, etc. At J. E. Lloyd's Corner Grocery.

—The fishermen of the South shore are experiencing an unusually early start in the open weather.

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—Rev. Avery A. Shaw, of Windsor, has accepted the call to the Brookfield, Mass., Baptist church, and will assume his new duties about June 1.

—The St. John's Budget says four school-boys have been lately hounded at that port one at Sable and one at Lockport, and two more are being hounded at the first named town.

—The Dominion Coal Co. has placed an order in England for three 10 knot steamers with a capacity of 6,000 tons each, to be weekly trips between Lunenburg and Boston.

—The result of the examinations at Dalhousie were posted on Monday, and it is noted that Miss Abigail Bath, daughter of Mr. L. D. Bath, of Bridgetown, ranks high in her class.

—Dr. Allen Haley, M. P. for Hants, died at Ottawa last Monday. He was born in Yarmouth in 1844, and was a man of sterling worth, who had many true friends in both political parties.

—The D. A. R. steamer Prince Edward, which has been down South all the winter, is being renovated and repaired at Boston.

—The first Canadian contingent at the seat of war is now reduced to 715 men in arms. Forty were killed, some have died from illness, and the rest have been laid up from exhaustion, wounds or sickness.

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—Mr. Somers McCall, has purchased N. B. Chase's farm at Upper Granville, and has taken possession.

—Driving Cattle, Showers, Manure Forks, Ratchet Discs, Licks, Blugs, and other goods, for sale by R. SHIRLEY.

—The directors of the Driving Park are offering a purse of \$125.00 for a three minute race on Queen's Birthday, and they are also arranging a match between two local horse racing clubs.

—Mr. H. W. Cole, of St. John, will assist at the Indian Famine Fund Concert, to be given in the Court House, Thursday, May 3rd. Mr. Cole is a great favorite in musical circles, and his songs will be an attractive feature of the program.

—The death of Richard Unsicker, Prothonotary, occurred at his home in Annapolis yesterday morning. He had been confined to his bed and rendered practically helpless for some time, on account of rheumatism, but the news of his death caused great surprise and consternation. He has been in the town for many years, and was a most popular and obliging official.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Postmaster Dodge, is on the sick list. Mr. E. R. Feltz is in town yesterday. Rev. C. W. Rose is the guest of Mrs. R. D. Kelly.

Miss Annie Pratt of Windsor is visiting at the home of her uncle Mr. Frank Pratt. Miss Maud Stanford went to St. George, N. B., on Saturday last to spend the summer. Mr. Mark Curry, now engaged in business in Sydney, has been in town during the past week.

Mr. A. F. Cameron and Miss Dechman, of Sherbrooke, are visiting their sister, Mrs. F. L. Miller.

Mr. Primrose Parker, who is taking a dental course at Baltimore, Md., is at home for the summer.

Miss Adelle Chesley, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Bowles, at Grafton, has returned home.

Mrs. Ansley and Miss Ansley, who have returned from the past three weeks, have returned home.

Rev. J. G. Coaker White, who, some time since, resigned the pastorate of the Baptist church at Annapolis on account of impaired health, has, we are glad to report, so far improved as to resume active service. He has gone to the Pacific coast, having engaged to supply the pulpit for a while at Nelson, B. C.

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