

Editorial Notes.

While the frosts of last week are said to have done considerable damage down the Valley little or no harm resulted in the vicinity of Wolfville. This is a much favored locality. Neither early nor late frosts molest us in the way they do farther from the salt water. The fruit-grower in the vicinity of Wolfville is ideally located for the successful carrying on of his vocation.

Some of those who are taking part in the 'campaign' for the repeal of the Scott Act in this county are making themselves appear exceedingly ridiculous by suggesting that there is a fight on between the forces of all that is good and the forces of all that is bad. As a matter of fact there is no fight on at all. What is actually proposed is that the people of Kings county throw away a weapon for Temperance warfare which they know by experience to be good, to adopt one that these 'campaign speakers' think may be better, and which many of those who have been actively engaged in the work for many years are afraid may not prove to be as good.

Most Unfair.

The unwarranted dismissal of Mr. Edward M. Beckwith, of Canning, from the position of Stipendiary Magistrate, which he has so long and honorably filled, has caused a wave of righteous indignation among the best thinking people of Kings county. That the dismissal from office was altogether unwarranted is shown by the fact that the government has refused to grant an investigation or to allow Mr. Beckwith to present any defense. Mr. Beckwith is too well known in Kings county to make necessary any comment upon his character and general worth. For over thirty years a justice of the peace he has always administered the duties of the office in a judicious and impartial manner. Occupying a high place in the estimation to which he belongs, he has ever been on the side of what has tended to the best interests of his fellow men. He occupies a high place in the estimation of his fellow citizens, which the action of the government will in no manner impair. In his retirement from office the Temperance cause in this county has especially met with a heavy loss. For many years practically all the cases brought for the enforcement of Temperance laws were brought in his court. When other men were intimidated and declined to act Mr. Beckwith has boldly done his duty and through him the present very efficient county has largely been brought about. His dismissal from office may be very properly regarded as a cowardly blow at the Temperance workers of the county and as such should be, and is, strongly resented by them, as well as by all who believe in British fair play.

Save the Children.

Mothers who keep a box of Baby's Own Tablets in the house may feel that the lives of their little ones are reasonably safe during the hot weather. Stomach troubles, cholera infantum and diarrhoea carry off thousands of little ones every summer, in most cases because the mother does not have a safe medicine at hand to give promptly. Baby's Own Tablets cure these troubles, or if given occasionally to the well child will prevent their coming on. The Tablets are guaranteed by a government analyst to be absolutely harmless even to the newborn babe. They are especially good in the summer because they regulate the bowels and keep the stomach sweet and pure. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Premier Murray's Birthday.

In honor of his 53rd birthday, Premier Murray was on Saturday evening last presented with an address from the members of both houses of the legislature. The address conveyed the expression of esteem in which they held the honored leader of the Liberal party in Nova Scotia as accompanied by a case of pipes, a Gladstone travelling bag and a suit case from a number of friends. Premier Murray was completely taken by surprise and expressed appreciation of the kindly thought which prompted the presentation.



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The Gospel of Good Roads.

DEAR MR. EDITOR: With your permission I wish to supplement what has already been said, and effectively said, under the above caption. That there is diversity of opinion as to the means to be employed in the construction and maintenance of our highways, no one will for one moment deny. As to the desirability of improved roads there is absolute unanimity. Good Roads promise to be the mainspring of both pleasure and business in country, and city too. City folks are now realizing that this 'mainspring' will reduce the cost of living, and will also open up to them hitherto partially, if not practically, closed pleasure resorts, and will lead to a closer relation between the city and the countryside and seaside. The enthusiasm for better highways is now widespread among all classes of society. The farmer knows that they will decrease his cost of transportation, increase the value of his property, reduce to a minimum the hardships of farm work, and add materially to the comforts and convenience of farm life. In brief, life in the open country will be revitalized. So let us all shout for good roads, but follow up our shouting by our efforts. To unanimity of thought let there be added, united action. In other words, practice as well as preach.

Be ye doers, not shouters only. When it comes to the question of method I am not competent to write. Common-sense, however, has not wholly deserted me, and I am constrained to say that the position we have reached is not a happy one. Our earth highways could be greatly improved. The elimination of primitive methods of road construction, and the adoption of modern methods may entail a somewhat larger expenditure of money but this will be more than offset by the lessened expense of maintenance. The crude practice of turning up the sods and vegetable matter of the ditch and depositing them in the road must be discontinued; good drainage must be recognized as one of the first principles; wide rather than deep ditches; the use of the split log drag at the 'psychological moment'; roadway of sufficient width, say 16 feet at least; cement or stone culverts; material for earth surface the best obtainable in the neighborhood; abolition of statute labor. The foregoing I submit, are fundamentals. I should have added to the last-mentioned, the substitution of the patrol system for statute labor. Under this system, as in France, the patrolman is held responsible for the condition of his road at all times. A road once built according to modern principles of road construction should not require large sums of money spent annually, but only a small amount for maintenance should be constant and continuous. In regard to Kings county, we dare not hope to have all our roads surfaced with hard material, at least not in our day and generation, for this would require more money than we can afford to spend. Failing cement or Tarris surface, we must, of necessity, resort to the best earth surface, maintaining the roads, not haphazardly, but in conformity with approved methods. I suggest that our Good Roads Associations, co-operating with the Local Government and the Municipalities, invite the practical sympathy of the press, the platform and the pulpit. But keep out of every self-respecting and public-spirited citizen. Highways constructed and maintained according to the principles of the best authorities are of incalculable benefit to a community. Permit me to 'break forth into song' on the subject—

I am a Road, a good road, fair and smooth and broad; And I link with my beautiful tether Town and country together, Like a ribbon rolled on the earth from the reel of God. Oh, great the life of a Road! I am a Road, a long road, leading on and on; And I cry to the world to follow, Past meadow and hill and hollow, Through desolate night to the open gates of dawn. Oh, hold the life of a Road! I am a Road, a kind road, shaped by strong hands; I make strange cities neighbors, The poor grow rich with my labors, And beauty and comfort follow me through the lands. Oh, glad the life of a Road! I am a Road, a wise road, knowing all men's ways; And I know how each heart reaches For the things dear Nature teaches, And I lay the path that leads into green young May. Oh, sweet the life of a Road! I am a Road, and I speed away from the slums, Away from desolate places, Away from unloved spaces; Wherever I go, there order from chaos comes, Oh, leave the life of a Road! I am a Road, and I would make the whole world one. I would give hope to the daily, And cover the earth with beauty, Do you not see, oh men! how all this might be done? So, save the power of the Road!

The Local Legislature.

Press Gallery, House of Assembly, Halifax, June 6. The statement of Hon. Geo. H. Murray, premier of Nova Scotia, that long tenure of office has a tendency to make governments corrupt, seems to have a special significance these days. One cannot help recalling that statement of the premier when the house is in session and the premier bines if cannot help recall it when he listens to the charges hurled, almost hourly now, across the floor of parliament. And it is a study from the gallery view point. When Mr. Tanner or Mr. Douglas, or Mr. Corning or some other member of the opposition puts

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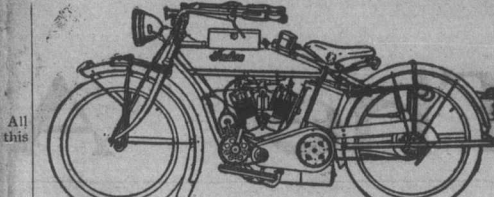
questions to the commissioner of works and mines. The premier keenly eyes the questioner. Then he turns sideways to see the commissioner and hear more distinctly his answer. For the premier practised proboscis scents trouble while the commissioner does not. An answer is given. The commissioner apparently thinks it is a satisfactory and conclusive one. Then the opposition member asks another. The premier is all attention. He knows what is coming. The commissioner balks and the deed is done. He is trapped. If a scandal charge does not follow, something mighty like it does and the house is off.

This has been a session of scandals. First we had the tram legislation, which, by the way, the city of Halifax is preparing to ask the Dominion government to disallow. Then came the Daniels scandal, which at this writing is still before the house. Mr. Tanner's resolution asking the premier to call on Mr. Daniels for his resignation, and the naming of the commission by the premier are yet to come up. One would think that two scandals of the magnitude of those mentioned would be enough for one session, but it appears there are, others, and the opposition is unseating them as the days go by.

Mr. Douglas charged that tenders for certain bridges had been changed after they had been received and claimed that the whole matter looked very 'fishy' to him. The commissioner of works and mines answered this by losing his temper. The end of this matter is yet to come. Another serious charge against the government was that it was buying cement outside the province when it could get an article just as good, if not better, in this province for far less money. It is sad enough to pass by Americans, but when the government pays one dollar a ton for a foreign and inferior article there appears to be something wrong somewhere.

Things of this nature are cropping up every day and yet people wonder why the house does not adjourn. The government is very anxious for an adjournment. It would put the shutters up in an instant if the opposition would only say the word. But the opposition realizes its sacred duty to the people. Long tenure in office has tended to make the government corrupt and the opposition is doing its level best to ferret out the corruption and show up the Murray Government in its true light.

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