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LET US WAKE UP.

If the Newcastle Board of Trade, whose membership is supposed to include nearly all the citizens who are actively interested in public affairs, is alive, it gives little, if any proof of its existence. The rank and file, instead of themselves inflicting measures of practical utility, wait for the officers to act, the officers wait for suggestions from outside, and the outsiders don't care. So nothing is done. There is not enough vitality left in the Board to provide for even the collection of the membership fee. Perhaps the members of the Executive are too busy with their own affairs to give any time to the public. If so, surely some men can be found who are willing to spare a few hours occasionally to devote to the common good.

With one of the best situations in the world, so far as communication by water and rail is concerned, we have few manufactures of importance, and our population increases very slowly. There is not enough work to employ our men in the winter time, and house rent is so high that many buildings are overcrowded.

There is no passenger boat on the route between here and Red Bank this spring; and, unless the Messrs. Russell receive more substantial encouragement this year than they got last year, it does not appear that there will be any boat on the North West season. But what two or three individuals fail to perform, many working together can easily accomplish. If nothing else can be done to place the river steamer again on the route, surely a few of our citizens who have ready money could form a joint stock company with the present owners to take over the North West boats and resume traffic. Is this nothing to the Board of Trade? Is it nothing to the business men of Newcastle? Is it nothing to the people of Redbank and other settlements along the river? What are our officials and representatives going to do about it? Whatever is to be done should be done soon.

The Board of Trade should frequently hold meetings to which the public should be freely admitted. There are always questions coming up that can best be solved when discussed generally. The success of a town depends somewhat, it is true, upon its situation and natural resources, but mostly upon the public spirit of its citizens. Let us be up and doing.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

We understand that Newcastle school District has accepted the compulsory attendance clause of the Education Act. But no provisions whatever have been made for putting that particular clause of the act into force. No truant officer has been appointed, and the children of parents who will not send them, or cannot compel them to go, to school, run the streets as usual. No law, not even the Canada Temperance Act and the law against selling tobacco to minors, has ever been known to enforce itself. While the penalty for not sending children to school is ridiculously small, yet some good might be accomplished by setting the machinery of the law in motion. If only the inadequacy of its provisions were demonstrated thereby, the effort to enforce it would not be in vain but would lead to a popular demand for more stringent legislation. Let us use what means we have of ensuring an education to every child in the town.

HOLD ON TO THE

INTERCOLONIAL.

The policy of the people of Nova Scotia, at least, their wisest policy, is to hold on to the I. C. R. like grim death to his victims. The I. C. R. can handle all the freight offering so far between Nova Scotia and the West and can make such arrangements as may be necessary to do so in the fu-

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ture. To hand over one-half, may be more, of its freight from Halifax to St. John to the C. P. R. would deprive it of a good deal of its profits and would cripple its earning powers. The people of Nova Scotia were proud of Hon. Mr. Blair when he took the control of this part of the I. C. R. from the C. P. R. some years ago, and we believe it would be a bad day's work for one of Mr. Blair's successors to put the people's road again under that yoke. In a few years the I. C. R. must be prepared to take charge of the freight brought by the Grand Trunk Pacific to Moncton. In the meantime it had better be getting ready for that freight by double tracking and obtaining a supply of freight cars. Hold on to the I. C. R.—New Glasgow Eastern Chronicle.

THE LOCK-UP.

It would do no harm, and might possibly effect an improvement, for the town council and the citizens generally to direct their attention to the unsanitary condition of the cells in the lock-up, in one of which an old man recently died. They are small affairs with no windows and no ventilation except through an opening in each door. There is only a narrow raised platform for a bed, and there is no apparatus for flushing what by courtesy is called the closet. The law, in punishing transgressors, does not contemplate the placing of them in an environment likely to permanently injure their health. We respectfully bring this matter to the notice of the proper authorities trusting that better provision will soon be made for the detention of the unfortunates who, in the interests of peace and order, have to be occasionally deprived of their freedom.

BREWERY TACTICS.

Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown, in the Wesleyan of the 22nd ult., writes that he has in his possession the original of a letter written by a brewer to one convicted of illegal sale in a Nova Scotian Scott Act County asking the latter (who at present is not engaged in the liquor business) to demand of the temperance leaders, their consent to an arrangement by which the importation and sale of a certain mild liquor called "Hopnade" would not be interfered with. The brewer threatens that, in case the temperance people should not agree to this compromise, he will bring in the organizer who, as he states, has already been the means of setting the Dunkin Act in two Quebec counties and the Scott Act in thirty-seven of Ontario to persuade the majority of the electors to declare for license. He declares he has some \$225,000 invested in his brewery and cannot afford to see his business in Nova Scotia falling off. He says he is willing to pay \$2,000 into a fund to fight the temperance people and adds that the Montreal and Toronto brewers and liquor dealers, who are thoroughly disgusted with Nova Scotia, have promised to join him for any amount he may wish them to subscribe. It does not appear that this honorable gentleman, who is licensed by the

government to manufacture intoxicants, has any special desire to corrupt and ruin the manhood of nation, but is merely determined by any means in his power to realize a profitable dividend from the \$225,000 he has invested.

As we have already stated, the element of private profit is the worst feature of the liquor business. To eliminate that, the national government must take over the direct manufacture, importation and sale of all intoxicants. So long as private parties are allowed to manufacture liquor they will find a way of selling it, legally or illegally. So long as private parties in prohibited territory (as doctors, druggists and other licensed vendors in Prince Edward Island and Scott Act Counties) are allowed to keep liquor for what is considered necessary use, no prohibition law will be effective. The sooner the churches, and temperance societies wake up to this fact, the better for the temperance cause.

A SENSIBLE PLAN.

The Advent Baptists, Methodists, and Presbyterians of Hopewell Cape, N. B., have agreed to hold their services in the same building thus saving the expense of erecting heating and keeping in repair the two extra buildings that would otherwise be required. This is a wise move and might with great profit be initiated in many villages and towns of Canada and other countries. While much unnecessary expense can be saved by such a small measure of denominational co-operation, we see no good reason why the three sects above mentioned, along with many others, could not make up their minds not only to worship in the same house but to meet at the same time, uniting into one congregation and employing one pastor, and using the money and ministers thus dispensed with in building up the cause of Christianity in places where now there is neither church nor pastor. Before Christianity becomes the regenerative force it should and was designed to be its professed followers must rise above all petty and hindering divisions and present a united front to the evil influences that are undermining the foundations of society.

HOW CANADA GROWS.

Since our last Dominion census was taken, the immigration figures are as follows:—

1901-1902	67,379
1902-1903	128,36
1903-1904	130,331
1904-1905	146,266
1904-1906	189,064

MILLERTON.

The ladies of the Methodist church held an entertainment on Thursday evening, which cleared about \$50.00. Lots of music was provided and a good supper served. The feature of the evening was a lecture on the Philanthropy of Wit and Humor by Rev. J. B. Champion of Harcourt. Mr. Champion has delivered this lecture in many places, and it is always in great demand.

SOUTH NELSON.

South Nelson, May 31.—The many friends of Mr. Howard Flett are glad to learn of his return from the west.

Mrs. William Paul of Auburn, Maine, has returned home to spend a few days with her mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Vye.

Miss Maggie Appleby, who was seriously ill with an acute pain in her right side, is now recovering. Miss Boyes and Miss Nellie Ling were the guests of Miss Agnes Flett on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLaughlin were the guests of Mrs. Wm. MacKenzie on Friday evening. The old Hubbard residence was burned on the 29th.

SILLIKER.

Silliker, May 31.—We have had a great rain and the drives are coming out.

Miss Jean Swanson spent a few days at her home in Douglstown last week.

Miss Mabe, White spent a few days last week the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Mathews.

Miss Hannah Dunnett who was spending a few days with her aunt Mrs. J. Hamilton, has returned home.

Mrs. Jacob Silliker and her sister Miss Mabe, spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Wm. Matchett of Redbank.

Mrs. Josiah White was the guest of Mrs. Wm. Blackmore last week. Misses Priscilla Graham and Ella Murphy were guests of Miss Annie Tozer Sunday.

We are glad to see Miss Eliza

Travis's new store being built, Mr. George Blackmore is busily engaged working on it.

Quite a number of our young men are coming off the drives and the young ladies are wearing happy smiles.

Miss Barbara Matchett was the guest of Millie Matchett Monday afternoon.

Most of our men are busily engaged in farming.

Maggie McDonald is spending a few weeks with Mrs. Charlie Hubbard of Cassilas.

Mrs. Thomas Blackmore spent last week the guest of Mrs. Wm. Metch.

DOUGLASTOWN CONCERT.

Douglstown, June 3.—The concert given under the auspices of St. Mark's choir in the "Temperance Hall on Monday night was a brilliant success. To begin with the hall was densely crowded with an audience drawn not only from Douglstown, but from Chatham and Newcastle. The platform was very tastefully furnished and decorated by bunting and potted plants. The program comprised some fourteen numbers and was thoroughly first-class throughout, reflecting the utmost credit upon Rev. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Simpson who were the promoters of this most creditable and successful entertainment. Indeed all the performers took their part with distinction, nearly every member being encored. The piano trio and duets by Mrs. F. C. Simpson and Mrs. McGlashen and Miss Beniah Henderson were warmly received. The choruses were rendered with great spirit and were greeted with rounds of applause. Rev. Mr. Simpson's solo "Dreams" was sung in faultless style and he was compelled to come back with the ever welcome "Lost Chord." Mr. Geo. Lamont who made his debut as a soloist sang in fine style a very pretty solo, "Love me and the world is mine." Mrs. J. A. MacGlashen captivated the audience by her spirited and beautiful rendering of "Coming through the Rye" and responded to an enthusiastic encore with "The spring has come." Mr. Thos. Baynes also won an encore by the pleasing manner in which he sang "Laddie boy." Another number which deserves special mention was a male Quartette by Messrs. James and Geo. Lamont, Archie Russell and Richard Gulliver.

The chair was occupied by Rev. J. A. MacGlashen of Cape Breton who is visiting at Rev. Mr. Simpson's who in a facetious fashion introduced the various performers keeping the audience in great good humor by his witty remarks. At the close of the program, Rev. Mr. Simpson in fitting terms thanked all those who contributed to the success of the evening, also intimating that in the near future another musical treat might be expected in the shape of a sacred concert to be given in the church. A handsome sum of \$89.00 was realized.



Annual Training

Battery Orders by Major T. W. Lawlor Commanding 12th Battery Canadian Field Artillery.

The officers non-commissioned officers and drivers of the 12th Battery will parade at the Armoury Newcastle, N. B., on Monday June 24th at 1.30 P. M. for the purpose of proceeding to Sussex, N. B., to perform 12 days annual training in Camp.

PETERAWA.

A Detachment of 26 will go to Peterawa for target practice on Monday July 8th returning July 13th.

SERVICE ROLLS.

As the service rolls must be completed by June 15th, all members are requested to inform the officer commanding at once, if they intend going to camp. It will not be necessary for members whose term of service has not expired to sign the service rolls a second time. Members who have completed 3 years service if they wish to reengage, will be required to sign the service rolls, and take the oath of allegiance, as for first enlistments.

RECRUITING.

For the purpose of receiving applications from drivers and others wishing to furnish horses, and the attesting of new members, an officer will be at Miller's Hotel, Redbank on June 15th. Other dates apply at the office of Lieut. T. H. Whaley, Newcastle and at the office of the Renous Bridge Lumber Co. Renous Bridge, N. B.

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