THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., FEB. 2, 1912.

Our Civic Rulers.

Tuesday was nomination day and the following were placed in nomination to fill the vacancies at the Council Board: For Mayor—Coun. J. D. Chambers; for Councillors—Prof. Haycock, Coun. Regan and Mr. W. C. B. Harris. This makes a contest unnecessary and on Tuesday morning next the above will be declared by the town clerk elected for the ensuing term. The resignation of Coun. Chambers to accept the mayorality will make a vacancy, however, which will be filled later by a by-election. Mr. Chambers has been for some time in the Council and his grasp of town business should well fit him for the new position. Couns. Haycock and Regan have been good men in the Council and they should be still better for the experience they have gained in the past term. Mr. Harris is a clever young business man who will be a useful member of the Council. We congratulate the town on again avoiding a contest and upon the good men secured to look after the public business.

Bad Taste.

Ever since R. L. Borden was elected for Halifax, or since he entered political life, the organ of the Liberal party in Nova Scotia has pursued him with a maliciousness and petty hatred unexplainable to those who are unacquainted with the policy of that paper and the individuals who inspire its columns from day to day. Previous to entering political life Mr. Borden was a very busy lawyer, generally admitted as leading at the bar of his native province. He was known as a quiet, unassuming, fair-minded, genial gentleman. He has to day in Halifax among the leading Liberals of the city some of his most intimate friends and admirers. In this county he has scores of friends and relatives who are not Conservatives but who are proud of him because of his achievements and of the place he holds in Canada and the empire. And yet, notwithstanding these facts, and no one can deny them, the Liberal organ of Nova Scotia is daily publishing malicious falsehoods, unfounded insinuations, nasty, narrow, petty, unreadable editorials and correspondence that must be very irritating to his many Liberal friends and relatives throughout the province. The Conservatives are not troubled by the organ's falsehoods about their leader. They do not care how much reciprocity is kept before the public. No better campaign sheet, in the Conservative interest, could possibly exist than the paper or organ referred to. We will say this however, This organ at Halifax is doing more to embitter the Conservative ranks and organization against Liberal office-holders than did all that occurred on the 21st of September last and the few weeks that preceded that momentous date.

A Canadian Song.

Miss Margaret Vereker, in her recital this evening, will sing the patriotic song, 'A Song of Canada,' which should be of interest to Canadians. Both words and music are by Percy Semon, and the song is dedicated to The Rt. Hon. Lord Strathcona. Below are the words:

A land with glorious sunshine blest
Where freedom reigns from east to west,
A land o'er all the world the best
Is Canada, my home.
There grows the world-famed Golden Wheat
There lie the prairies scented sweet,
There mountains, lakes and forests meet,
In Canada, my home.

Onward, onward to fame
Nations thee shall proclaim
A land of wealth and liberty
Whose homes are filled with joy
Rule with power and with might,
Thou whose hopes are so bright,
May peace and happiness unite
In thee, O Canada.

No fear that foe or foreign might,
Shall e'er possess this land so bright,
Old England staunchly guards the right,
Of Canada, my home.
Through all the world her name shall ring
And all Canadians proudly sing,
With heart and soul, God save the King
And Canada, my home.

Onward, onward to fame, etc.

The Canadian Magazine.

The Canadian Magazine for February contains a good variety of material, composing a number that is entertaining, as well as instructive. 'The Trail Beyond Cobalt,' by Duncan Armbrust, is a racy description of the scenery and encounters incident to a prospecting trip in Northern Ontario. W. Lacey Amy contributes a humorous, almost ironical sketch, of the capital of Newfoundland, which he calls 'St John's: The Impossible Possible.' Britton B. Cooke gives a comprehensive idea of the work and ideals of Joseph Pennell, the famous etcher, and there are half-tone reproductions of some of the artist's best work. A poetical drama by Arthur Stringer begins in this number, and there are three first-class short stories and some excellent verse.

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As to the National Policy.

DEAR ACADIAN:—Will you permit a constant reader to give expression in your columns to a few thoughts in relation to the above named topic. I believe in protection for our native industries so far as is compatible with the general good. The citizens of our own country have claims above and beyond those of any other land. They compose the nation; they pay the taxes; to them we look for the preservation of our order, and the security of our institutions.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the great leaders of the conservative party, who framed the laws by which we are governed, and who legislated so wisely for the protection of our industries from foreign control—a control that would have made the people of this Dominion to become mere hewers of wood and drawers of water to an alien state; who gave us the priceless boon of Confederation; who saved our great western lands to the Dominion and to the Empire, through the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway, uniting the east and the west together in bonds of mutual sympatny and interest and who gave the 'National policy' that has placed our country in the proud position she now occupies.

It is being urged that this tariff policy has placed the manufacturer in the way of becoming rich at the expense of others. That their investments become profitable is a matter for congratulation. Those who risk so largely of their means should have their reward. The protection that ensures their success is a simple matter of justice. Consider how many they help to a livelihood, how many families are placed by their means in circumstances of comfort, how many industries they create and foster, how large a share they take in the up building of the nation.

It is assumed that the repeal of reciprocity in the fifties was a great blow to the prosperity of the Maritime Provinces. No doubt the Americans considered it a fine stroke of policy for their advantage. They thought it would drive these provinces into annexation. But they counted without their host. We might have been sorry then, but now we are glad for that repeal.

The late Dr. Edwin Clay, Emigration Agent, told how he was once traveling in company with several American gentlemen who had come to Halifax on some public business. One of the number was the distinguished Senator Blain, who asked the doctor if he could give him his impressions respecting the abrogation of the treaty. This, in substance was the reply: 'Previous to that time the stoves in use throughout the country had the mark of 'U. S.' upon them; now it is St. John, Sackville, Halifax Windsor and Yarmouth.' At this the Senator, turning to one of his party, said, with certain expletives added which it would be improper to repeat, 'I told you so.'

It is further said that the abrogation of reciprocity at that time was the cause of the exodus of so many of our people to the United States, and that the exodus has been kept up to this time because of the tariff. This is a great mistake. The tariff had little, if anything to do with it. The exodus, in fact, began before that time, not because of trade arrangements or party politics, but because of the demand for labor across the border. The motto then was 'America for the Americans—protection for our own people.' Factories grew and prospered under protection. In these, many Canadians found lucrative employment denied them in their native land. Through all these years we have been giving brain and brawn for the advantage of our neighboring republic. We might have done worse, out we can do better still by fostering manufacturing industries within our own borders. ALIQUIS.

Criminal Records.

The criminal record of the United States for 1911 has just been compiled. In the year there were 8 967 murders. Of this number one murderer out of every 87 suffered either the extreme penalty, death, or life imprisonment.

The United States in 1911 had eight times as many murderers in proportion to its population, as had Great Britain. The United States has over 70 murderers per million of population, Great Britain has 9 per million of population; while Canada's figures are double those of Great Britain per million, they are but one-quarter those of the adjoining republic, the Canadian murder figures being 18 to the million.

Canada's murder figures are altogether too high, although it is encouraging to note that in several years there has been no large increase. A recent Amherst comment by a United States judge is that no one crime in a hundred is premeditated; that over ninety-nine per cent. of killings are the result of the coincidence of the anger, the victim and the weapon. This indeed seems to be the case in Canada; were weapons less easy of access to the unbalanced and the criminal, murder and attempted murder would become considerably less than it is. And this matter is one that Canada is beginning to legislate upon, although much still remains to be done.

The Quebec provincial government will grant the sum of $10,000, towards the erection of a monument to the memory of Sir George Etienne Cartier. It will cost $100,000 and will be unveiled at the Mount Royal in Montreal on Sept. 6, 1914, which is the honorary of Cartier's birthday.

Fathers, Beware.

Your boy is in danger.
There are evils lurking around him.
Snares and pitfalls threaten him.
These traps are not always laid in secret; but on the surface.

Fathers take time to think, and see for yourselves where they are.

I am glad that the recent Fruit Growers' Association, held at Wolfville, took a step in the right direction when they passed, by a large majority, a resolution protesting against the raising of tobacco on the Experimental Farm at Kentville. It is earnestly hoped that they, as well as other men, will do more by precept, example, and enforcement of the law.

Fathers, stop and think what the cigarette, with all its attending evils, is doing for your bright and promising boy. How long will he be bright and promising if he uses cigarettes? Do you realize that 'The boy who smokes cigarettes need not be anxious about his future,—he has none.'

Fathers, I beseech you, be not deceived, 'For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.' There are plenty of ways and means, by which this robber can be put out of our homes and country; if you so desire.

Come to the rescue!

'Watch ye, quit ye like men, be strong,' and you will be rewarded by honest, noble, beautiful and prosperous sons, who will make worthy and useful citizens.

Think deeply, long and well, and may it arouse you to speedy action in this matter. R. A. C.

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