

THE ACADIAN.

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Editorial Brevities.

The Game Society received \$4,390.72 from the sale of licenses last year. Sale of permits amounted to \$242, while fines and forfeitures turned in \$699.80. There is likely to be legislation to shorten the open season for moose hunting as the commissioners feel that too many moose are being killed.

Ontario women are very active in patriotic work but many of them are able to give some time to politics. At a meeting of Liberal women in Hamilton last week an organization for fifteen ridings was formed. The ladies propose to take a vigorous part in the next general election, which some people think is unlikely to be far distant.

Canada has a new reason for pride. It was great good fortune for her that the taking of the Vimy Ridge, for which the Allies had poured out so much of their blood, fell in the long run to her. April 9th, 1917, will be in Canada's history one of the great days, a day of glory to furnish inspiration to her sons for generations. Her new ally salutes her and rejoices with her.—New York Times.

According to a tabulation made by the Boston Municipal Bureau of Statistics for war purposes, to show the number of foreign-born residents in that city, there are 49,596 who were born in Canada and Newfoundland. Of these 20,989 are from Nova Scotia. New Brunswick is represented by 7,641, Prince Edward Island by 5,007, and Newfoundland by 4,876, while other parts of Canada supply only 1,349.

The advance of the Allies on the western front, which began on Easter Monday, continues unchecked. The Germans have been driven from point after point where they were expected to make a stand. British losses are reported as small in consideration of the work done. The Germans have lost, it is claimed, some 20,000 prisoners. The battle, which is still in progress, is spoken of as the battle of Arras.

There can be no difference of opinion regarding the work of the Y. M. C. A. overseas, whether in England or at the various fronts. Canadian soldiers have been helped in every way. Life has been made more pleasant for them under the greatest difficulties, and in distress of mind and body they have been greatly helped. The Y. M. C. A. is striving in a good cause, with a large degree of success. Encouragement and assistance should be generously given those who are seeking the means to carry on their labors in the next year.

The manner in which Mr. Barclay Webster, Stipendiary Magistrate at Kentville, administers the affairs of his court arouses the admiration of a correspondent, and is such as to cause a very sincere respect for law on the part of those who come before him. Mr. Webster is determined, evidently, to suppress drunkenness and liquor selling at the shanties. Recently when a man who was brought before him for drunkenness refused to answer the customary question as to where he procured the liquor, Mr. Webster promptly imposed a fine of twenty dollars or sixty days. Such treatment is likely to indicate to future offenders that the Kentville stipendiary is not to be trifled with and to cause him not to be held in proper respect.

From an exchange we clip the following: "The telephone in the back yard fence of the present generation. Much that was once used for back yard fence discussion is now saved for over the phone, and back yard fences are getting to be considered very middle-class. A telephone is a valuable means of getting into closer touch with your fellow creatures. A party line is especially good for such a purpose. Get on a party line and you can always know what your neighbors are going to have for supper. Sometimes you can tell they are going to have a party or a divorce. The pleasure of talking on a party line is the knowledge that one of the other parties is always listening. In talking over a party line one should always pass a remark for the benefit of the eavesdropper. Say, 'There's some sneak listening to us.' That always stings. You know how it is yourself."

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The Progress of the War.

Halifax, April 16.—The past week has been another 'most encouraging' week of the war, and the encouragement still goes on. The splendid success of the British attack on the famous Vim Ridge, which has proved the despair of the Allies in the past, has put new heart and hope into all of us. The splendid part which the Canadians have taken in this, where they were given the post of honor, which means always the hardest task, shows the opinion which is held of our fine troops. The reputation which they have made in the past has not been lowered by their work here; they did what they were asked to do and did it well. Thousands of prisoners and dozens of guns were their share of the spoils. They are writing Canada's name in large letters in the Hall of Fame. Of course we cannot hope to achieve these results without paying the price, but we are assured that the casualties are much lower than it was anticipated—and the anticipation is always low. News is coming, however, that many of our brave fellows have fallen and that others are wounded. Any Canadian with red blood in his veins, must be filled with pride at the glorious deeds of his fellow countrymen, and with this must come a feeling of obligation to go forward, taking his place in the line; and doing his work just as gloriously, and, if necessary, sacrificing his life.

The great spring drive which, unfortunately, last year could not start until July 1st, and was deprived of the fruits of victory on account of the early fall weather, is starting in due season this year and with this start comes an insistent call for more men. We must not be denied the full fruits of victory this year because men are lacking to deliver the final blow. Never has the call been greater, and never was victory as sure.

Veterans Organize.

Canada's war veterans are taking early steps to organize. A convention has been held at Winnipeg at which representatives from the various provinces met and agreed upon a Dominion-wide organization with headquarters at Ottawa. This, without doubt, is the beginning of a movement that will in time reach a position of much importance in Canada. Hundreds of thousands of men will be eligible for membership after the war is over, and the body is likely to wield considerable influence, as has the Grand Army of the Republic in the United States. Springfield, Ill., was the birthplace of the G. A. R., and Dr. B. P. Stephenson, who had served as surgeon in an Illinois regiment in the Civil War, was the founder. The idea was born in 1865, and on April 5, 1866, the first Post was organized as a secret society at Decatur, Ill. In October, 1866, a national convention was held and all bodies having similar objects to the G. A. R. joined that body. The principles laid down were praiseworthy: To preserve and strengthen those kind and fraternal feelings which

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NOTICE!

All ashes, rubbish and other material in back yards, cellars and outbuildings, not conducive to health, must be removed and the premises cleaned 'not later than the first day of May next. The inspector is now and will be on the job. G. E. DEWITT, Medical Health Officer. April 19th.

THIS IS A TRAGEDY.

It is the story of "Dollar Bill," a story of happiness gained through service to others and of final ingratitude by one who was thus served. And that ingratitude, or perhaps it was only thoughtlessness, proved disastrous to "Dollar Bill" and disastrous to the people whom he had served so long and so well.

This is how 'Dollar Bill' told his story, set down just as he told it while herded among thousands of his kind in a big vault of a giant corporation.

"Mine is an old, old story, as old as Christopher Columbus who discovered America and the treasure of the Incas for Spain, and was later thrown into a dungeon by an ungrateful sovereign—as old as the discovery of this land, and as old as the discovery of any other land.

"I remember the day I came from Ottawa to a Bank far down in New Brunswick. And well do I recall the day I was paid out by the Bank Teller to rough, good-natured John Smith, the contractor. The sound I made as Smith gathered me up with many others of my kind was only 'crinkle' in the ears of the Teller and the contractor, but in reality it was the snap of my fingers as I bade adieu to the Bank for I was eager to get into the busy lives of men, to be of service to the community.

Smith did not keep me long. The whistle had scarcely blown when the men formed up to receive their weekly wages. Into this big, grimy hand of Dan Murphy, foreman, I went and with that change I felt that I had been fairly launched out on my work of service. I revelled in the thought.

"And then came the joy of being spread out on the table before Mrs. Dan and being the object of admiration by all the little Dan's. Would that those happy days might return.

"Supper finished and the dishes cleared away, down town I went with Dan and Mrs. Dan, for it was Saturday night—buying night—another opportunity for service. Ah! what great days those were.

"I passed into the possession of the grocer the very first thing in exchange for sugar, flour and tea. But I was not to remain long with the merchant. Two hours later, I was

paid out to one of the clerks as part of his salary. But my journey was not concluded that night until I had been handed over to a shoe dealer as part payment for a pair of boots. And there I rested after having served six people during the day. That was service—the kind of service that is now so sorely needed.

"Sunday is a day of rest for most, but it was not for me. I went into an envelope and into the Church collection plate. And my service to the Church was immediate. The next morning I shared in the payment for the Church's coal supply.

"I cannot recall how long I remained with the coal merchant—it was not long for, I changed masters every few hours in those great days, but soon I was in the hands of the Town Clerk in payment of taxes.

"And so it went on and on and on. Never did I remain in one place more than a day. I brought happiness to thousands by making it possible for them to buy what they wished.

"And then one day I suddenly found myself slipped into an envelope and hurried to the Post Office. I was no longer bright and new when the day I was paid out to the contractor. I was worn and old looking, marks gained in the service of the community. Yet I had still all the powers of my youth, and I wondered why I should be sent from the place for which I had done so much.

"It was to a huge store far away in a big city I was sent. And there I am now with thousands of my kind, sent from hundreds of such communities as I had come from. Like Columbus, after my services, I was heaped with chains and made useless.

"Perhaps I have bored you with my story, but I hope you will read in it a duty which is owed to your community. Every dollar bill that circulated in and brought prosperity to you, community will never return to that town once it is sent away."

"That is why we have a 'BUY-AT-HOME' movement. That is why the people of this town and surrounding villages are urged to 'BUY-AT-HOME.' NOW, EVERYBODY, ALTOGETHER BUY AT HOME.

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In an effort to exterminate this weed, sixty-five acres of that part of the farm which appeared to be the worst infested was treated as follows: About the first of June it was plowed four inches deep and well harrowed. The spring tooth cultivator was then used, serving to draw the roots well to the top of the ground. Next a chain harrow was employed. This implement brought all the loose grass to the surface and left it in large rolls all over the field. These rolls were then forked into heaps to dry and were burned about August 1st.

Immediately after this the land was again plowed and again

given the treatment outlined above, and was finally plowed a third time late in the fall.

In the spring of 1916, it was well harrowed then rown and cross-rown with barley at the rate of 1 1/2 bushels per acre each way. There was a good crop of grain and it was almost impossible to find a blade of couch grass on the whole area.

Use the Soil.

It is just as important under present conditions to have reserves of food as reserves of cartridges. When so much is dependent upon a good crop, the entire community should concern itself about the situation from the beginning of the season. There are certain common vegetables, competing a large part of the food supply, such as potatoes, beans, onions, etc., which do well in all parts of the country. They can be grown in a small way without machinery, and their production this year in ample quantities should be secured beyond chance or doubt.

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