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Editorial

Our pulpits are our work clothes. Each of us live some kind of a sermon every day.

THE BUILDING BY-LAWS

IN THE precepts of the town, although perhaps unknown to many of its citizens, there is a somewhat cumbersome code of by-laws, intended to direct all building operations. Among the many provisions included in this code there are a number, at least, that are wisely conceived and necessary and should be better understood by our people. One of the reasons for the seeming neglect in complying with the conditions laid down in these by-laws is due, no doubt, to the fact that the by-laws have never been printed or circulated among the people, who have no way of making themselves familiar with the requirements. At the present time there are a number of building operations going on in various parts of the town, for which no permits have been asked or granted, and this is one of the most prominent requirements of the building by-laws.

There is no doubt but that a wise and systematic supervision of all buildings erected or repaired in this town is imperative, and that carefully thought out regulations governing this work are entitled to respect on the part of all good citizens. It is important that buildings should be safely constructed so as to ensure the minimum risk of fire and that sanitary conditions should be duly considered. In order that the best results might be obtained and that the aesthetic taste be not offended it is necessary that due regard should be had for the architectural design and location of buildings. These and other considerations should be given due heed to and some of them at least are provided for in the building by-laws of the town.

Up to the present time the appointment of an official to undertake and direct the carrying out of these building ordinances has been one of the difficulties experienced by our civic rulers. For some time this work was done by a committee composed of the whole Council, but this was not found altogether satisfactory. Councillors were importuned to grant exceptions which were not within their powers, and when complied with this naturally made trouble. During the regime of the town manager this duty fell upon him but now that this office has been abandoned some other plan must be made.

We are of the opinion that if a proper person could be found to undertake the duties of inspector for a reasonable remuneration it would furnish the best solution of the problem. An independent inspector who would follow out a well defined policy in connection with the enforcement of the by-laws either as they exist or are amended to suit any requirement should produce satisfactory results.

SPRING CLEAN-UP

THE NEED of a regular community spring clean-up is no greater this season than usual but it is hoped it may be made more general and that it include every undertaking that will make more attractive our town and surroundings. Already the street authorities have been more than ordinarily active and private properties in some instances have received attention. What we hope to see, however, is a combined effort on the part of the town authorities and citizens in an aggressive campaign for community house-cleaning. No appointment of a time has yet been made, but in view of the unusual season this should be fixed for an early date.

The members of the aggressive town improvement committee of the Board of Trade will gladly welcome this opportunity to give a good account of themselves and it goes without saying that the civic authorities will be glad to do all in their power to promote such a worthy undertaking. Let it be made a "pull together" to make our town cleaner, brighter and more attractive generally than it has been hitherto. Any effort that is put forth in this direction tends to the betterment of the community generally and the cost in money and effort will be profitably and wisely invested. THE ACADIAN hopes to announce some definite action along the line indicated in its next issue.

THE CLOSING OF THE ROADS

THE PRESENT season is so far advanced that those in charge deemed it advisable to open to motor driven vehicles the trunk road from Halifax to Yarmouth on Friday last. This is earlier by practically three weeks than ordinarily, and the highway board gives notice that should weather conditions render it necessary the road may be again closed to traffic.

The edict of the highway board has made little difference in the travel in this section, however, as ever since the roads were closed cars have been running freely, with or without permits. Justification for closing the roads to automobile traffic during the spring weeks is based upon the fact that when the roads are soft injury is done by the heavy and fast moving vehicles, but why a car, the driver of which holds a permit, is likely to do less damage than one to whom a permit is denied doth not appear.

Like many other laws that are most conspicuous in their non-observance this measure is not likely to win very general admiration on the part of a discriminating public. If the law is necessary there should evidently be no permits, and a more even-handed enforcement of its requirements.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

AND NOW the local government proposes to "reform" the Legislative Council! A bill is before the legislature which provides for an age limit and makes the appointment to that moss-grown adjunct for ten years instead of for life. This paper has already on more than one occasion stated its views regarding the Council, which has already long outlived its usefulness and is now merely an echo of the Assembly and a bill of expense to the people. The agitation for its abolition has evidently impressed the government that something must be done—hence this proposition which, however, means nothing. Like many other extravagances of our present day methods of government the logical method of its "reform" would be to reform it out of existence, and in the interests of economy and the betterment of our provincial condition the earlier such a reform is set in motion the better.

NO MARKET FOR NEWFOUNDLAND FISH

A REPORT comes from Newfoundland that large catches of halibut are being taken for which there is no market. It is said that fish offered at two and three cents a pound failed to obtain buyers. Meantime in this Valley those who are able to eat this favorite fish are obliged to pay for so doing at the rate of forty cents per pound. We are not saying that local dealers are charging too much, but something must be wrong. Transportation charges, as everybody knows who has to pay them, are enormous, but the fish sold in these parts does not all come from Newfoundland.

DON'T BURN YOUR LEAVES

Have you got the leaves raked up yet, the bulbs and flower beds uncovered, and the packing off the shrubs? What did you do with them? The smell of bonfires has been on the late afternoon winds recently, betraying some early gardener who failed to conserve a supply of humus in a compost heap.

These leaves have by now served their purpose as winter coverings for tender plants, as Nature intended, and they should be cleaned off the beds by the end of the week. It is best to rake them into a distant corner in the fence, preferably out of sight, behind shrubs or the garage. Pile them a foot deep, and then anchor them with six inches of green manure and six inches to a foot of loam, then pile on another layer of leaves, of manure and loam. Poor loam can be used in this mixture, if that is all you have, as it will be improved. Sand or gravel should not be used. Garbage, too, can be buried in this pile; it will add to its fertility, having rotted somewhat by fall when the pile will be forked over. But don't throw in old weed stalks and sticks—burn them. The weed seeds would probably sprout when the compost is spread on the lawn, used in winter flower pots, or is used to replace some infertile section of the garden.

If you have no manure for the garden, fork under your leaves, even though they are not now rotted, to hold moisture in the soil—don't waste them by burning. Don't burn your leaves; make them produce crops for you.

PLUMS FOR CANADA

"Comparatively few people get good plums to eat, especially in the fresh condition, and the export trade in plums, whatever it may be in the future, is practically nothing at the present time," writes W. T. Macoun, Dominion Horticulturist. "The plum has not been as profitable to grow in Canada as some other fruits," continues Mr. Macoun, "but with a careful selection of varieties and good care it will be found to give fairly good returns. In those parts of Canada where the European plums do not succeed, the improved native and American varieties have been found very profitable."

A new bulletin by W. T. Macoun, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, is now in the press and will very shortly be ready for distribution. This bulletin, deals with every phase of plum culture, and among other valuable features, gives a complete list of the varieties recommended for the different parts of Canada, from Prince Edward Island in the east to British Columbia in the west. There is also a description of the varieties included in the list just mentioned. This bulletin, entitled "Plum Culture," (No. 45, New Series) which is perhaps the most complete of its kind yet issued by the department, will be sent free on application to Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

WHY YOU SHOULD SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN 1925

BECAUSE if nobody supported it, there would be no church, and chaos would result.

YOU may think the church is not ideal. That is so excuse. Politics are far from ideal, but that does not mean that we must refrain from the duties of citizenship.

CHRISTIANITY alone gave Sunday as a day of rest. If you take advantage of that blessing, you should support the institution which gave it to you.

YOU live under its moral protection and share its numerous blessings. Why not share its problems?

The church is YOU, Mr. Everyman. Perhaps you are looking for the church to help you. The church is made up of ordinary people; by what right do you expect to be the beneficiary? You will gain benefits from the church according to the enthusiasm you bring to it.

YOU are the church, with the rest of us. Its problem is our—yours. The church, like the government, is not an abstract, mysterious body of super-beings. It is what we make it.

THE CHURCH—the best institution for good in the world. Go there, support it—HELP, LIFT.

Bobby (trying to stop baby from crying)—Mother, didn't you get an instruction book with this thing?

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

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ADVOCATES RETURN TO GOLD STANDARD

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A PRAYER FOR THE KITCHEN

My labor makes me glad,
May I have eyes to see
Beauty in this plain room,
Where I am called to be.
The scent of clean blue smoke,
The old pans polished bright,
The red flame's lovely light,
May I have wit to take
The joy that round me lies,
Whether I brew or bake,
My labors make me wise.

My labors leave me sweet,
When twilight folds the earth,
May I have grace to smile
And count the days worth while.
An old song in my soul
And quiet in my breast,
To welcome tranquilly
The night's quiet gift of rest,
And gather strength to face
Tomorrow's busy strife,
Here in this humble place,
May labor bless my life.

A BUNCH OF HELPS

Rinse all GLASS receptacles with cold water before putting milk in them and they will be easier to wash.

TEST MILK dip a knitting needle in it and if none adheres it has been watered. Whole milk will slowly drop off.

A small amount of soda added to ACID FRUITS before sweetening saves sugar.

A tablespoon of soda added to CREAM before churning helps to bring the butter.

A raw prune placed in a coffee pot will improve the flavor of the coffee.

Roll SAUSAGES in flour before frying. It will prevent their breaking and improves the flavor.

Scraped raw potato will afford relief for a burn. Change it as often as it gets warm until pain is relieved.

Candy—Maple Taffy
One-half cup sugar, three-quarters cup light corn syrup, three-quarters cup maple syrup, one-third cup water, one-eighth teaspoon soda, one and one-half tablespoons butter. Put the first four ingredients into a saucepan over the fire. Stir until sugar is dissolved. After the sugar is dissolved stir only enough to keep from burning. Cook until it forms

a rather hard ball when dropped in cold water. Remove from the fire, add the butter and the soda and stir just enough to mix well.
Turn into a greased pan and let stand until cool enough to handle. Gather into a ball and pull until light in color and rather firm. Stretch into a long rope and cut into small pieces with scissors.

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