

THE ACADIAN.

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Editorial Notes.

Yes, the dearest of reciprocity was a good thing for Canada. The Canadian producer can get more stuff into the United States under the new tariff than he would under reciprocity, with out having to give up his own market and without having to keep the Laurier government in office.

The wet weather which has continued throughout the month of October has been most unusual. As a result much of the crop is yet unharvested, and the outlook for its gathering is most gloomy. Many apples are yet unripened and in some sections very few potatoes have been dug. It has rained practically every day of the month.

A change in the manner of directing mail is shortly to be established in connection with the Dominion Atlantic service. Through mail cars will run between Yarmouth and Sydney both ways, reducing the labor required in transferring and otherwise facilitating the postal business. The Dominion Atlantic is part now of the Canadian Pacific Railway system.

Now that the dark nights are again upon us we would like to see the suggestions made by some of our citizens last spring with regard to an improved system of lighting Main street carried into effect. We believe such a system as was then outlined would undoubtedly prove to be a profitable one. A move should be made at once so as to get all the benefit possible from the improvement. We hope to be able to report progress next week.

One of the men who will be missed from the new Municipal Council when it is elected will be Mr. R. F. Reid, of Wolfville, who has for about thirty years represented Ward 8 in that body and exerted an influence probably greater than that of any other man in the carrying on of the business of the county. Mr. Reid is a man of excellent judgment and has made himself conversant with municipal affairs, and though he has been obliged by advancing age to lay down the work we trust he may be spared for many years to counsel and assist those who take it up. Ward 8 has done a graceful thing in electing by acclamation, his son, Mr. W. A. Reid, to take his father's place. Mr. Reid, Jr., is a young man of excellent business capacity and will be a very useful man in the Council.

Mr. W. D. Lighthall, K. C., Secretary of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, attended the New Brunswick Union and praised the work already done in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He said the Nova Scotia Union was founded by Mr. F. W. Doane and is one of the best. The convention report for 1912 proves that so called 'old conservative' province in the forefront of Canadian progress. Formal notice is given that they have brought about the passage of a Town Planning Act, a Tenement Act, a Street Tree Act, a Public Utility Commission Act, and even an act to advertise industrial opportunities and seek tourist trade; and are preparing an impatiently awaited set of standards to be by-laws. If I had been asked without knowing what province had produced this sheaf of legislation, I would have answered 'Saskatchewan,' but all idea of an 'effete West' is blown to the winds. The key of such progress lies evidently in the fact that, like the other provincial unions, they have wisely cultivated friendly relations with the legislature as appears by its printing its proceedings and accepting their suggestions.

Hallowe'en.

Are you peevish when a rattling noise disturbs your peaceful slumber? When a lot of rocks come rattling against your house? When the door bell rings and refuses to stop? When someone comes on your porch and rings the bell you answer the ring and when you open the door a big log falls on your face and nearly knocks you off your pins? When you wake up next morning to find your comfortable chair that you left on the porch hanging from the top of the telegraph pole on the corner? And when you find the hose is gone, the gate is gone, those pretty roses that you admired so much, gone, and on your porch you find everything from a washing machine to a small sized house, does it peeve you? And when you take a healthy kick at the sidewalk and nearly kick your toe off, does it really peeve you? If you do get peeved, just think of the time you were a boy and think that it only comes but once a year—Hallowe'en.

Municipal Candidates.

The municipal elections take place on November 4th. Before voting, the ratepayers should carefully weigh the qualifications of each candidate and then vote for the man who appears to them as the one most likely to carry on the affairs of the municipality in an intelligent and business-like manner. There should be no other considerations. The very best men—men of intelligence and high ideals—should represent the tax payers of the Council. Ambitions to be a councillor in a qualification, there must be a lot of common sense and sound judgment in the mental make-up of the candidate before he should command the vote of the people. Let the best man win.

The Hon. Martin Burrell.

Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, is being widely commended throughout Canada for his aggressive agricultural policy. The ten million dollars voted for agriculture has proved exceedingly popular, and by co-operating with the government Mr. Burrell has evolved a plan which has greatly increased the effectiveness of the agricultural work of both provincial and federal governments. The 'Canadian,' a non-partisan weekly published in Toronto, has the following eulogy of the work of Mr. Burrell which is but typical of the commendation he is receiving from all sides:

'The Englishman who is Dominion minister of agriculture has made a speech at a country fair that ought to be endorsed by every newspaper and publicist in Canada. Mr. Burrell said that the ten million dollars that has been voted for the aid of agriculture in the provinces will be spent without reference to politics. The apportionment has been made according to the population of the provinces, and before the money was voted, Mr. C. C. James, former deputy minister of agriculture for Ontario, laid out a scheme in conjunction with each province, so that this money will be spent where the best results will be secured. 'Mr. Burrell is a skilled farmer, of high intellectual culture. He is governed by the best traditions of public service. He is, of course, a thorough Canadian which makes it the more gratifying for those who rejoice to call him an Englishman to render him the warmest tribute of respect for the administration of this department. 'If the agricultural grant shall be allocated according to the population of the provinces, why should not the grant for good roads be similarly treated? The partisan enemies of the government say it is because the funds are intended to be used where they will be of most electoral advantage, and that that is why the senate refused to pass the bill. 'It might be argued by a captious purist, that the agricultural grant was devised to benefit the government and that it is, therefore, as shrewdly partisan as though the manner of its distribution were nakedly political. But such a counsel is a counsel of foolish and impossible perfection. There is no reason why rectitude should put a premium on obtuseness. 'To the pure all things need not be stupid. One of the things that the so-called clever politician does not know is that the best service of the public is the best service of the party. 'Mr. Burrell is too wise a man to set out to wreck his party. He is too sincere a Canadian to be willing to despoil the country of its rightful dues. He is a public servant who knows the political precariousness of a good name.' More power to his elbow; more success to his department.'

Arthur Friedheim.

IN COLLEGE HALL, WOLFVILLE, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH. Who among the piano playing world does not know the name 'Friedheim'? Friedheim, the favorite of Liszt, who lived under the master's roof for a long period, and was for years regarded by him as the most wonderfully endowed of all living players! His playing is characterized by the most blazing brilliancy and an irresistible sweep which is all compelling; and again one is soothed and tranquilized as when placed under the influence of a narcotic. His technique (that much abused term) is colossal and his fingers can produce all the dynamics from the highest pp to the greatest ff. His poised and poetic rhythm are equally beautiful and never distorted but all that he has done is the outpouring of a sane intellect, guided by a perfect equipment and inspiration of something more than talent, that is genius.

Good for Farmers.

The interests of the farmers are being carefully cherished by the Borden government and the Hon. Martin Burrell as minister of agriculture is carrying out his plan of extending the scope of the agricultural department. The spending of the grant made during last session is receiving the attention of the heads of the department and announcement is made of the work.

Several small demonstration plants in different parts of the province will be conducted as an aid to poultry keepers. D. demonstration fruit orchards will also be established. The same methods will apply to dairying, tobacco growing, the maple syrup industry and honey production.

The minister in his new agricultural policy of introducing better methods will remove the lines already laid, while assisting the farmer to produce better fruit and more honey, tobacco, etc. Reports are being received from farmers all over the country, who are keen on adopting the principles of the department. In connection with the third part of the policy, namely to teach the rudiments in the public schools, the department announces special courses for normal school teachers in nature training. It is proposed to establish agricultural branches of instruction in connection with French speaking normal schools, and it is also proposed to enlarge the scope of domestic science schools by adding to them work in agriculture and dairying. All sections of the Dominion are receiving a fair share and the desire of the present government to reach the farmer by the introduction of modern methods will lay the foundation of future prosperity.

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The floral offerings were exquisite and very numerous, including beautiful tributes from the students of the Academy, members of the Wolfville Athletic Association, the Mission Guild of St. Andrew's church, the Y. W. C. T. U., the Senior class at Acadia University, the R. A. E. Club, the staff of THE ACADIAN and friends from Wolfville and different parts of the province.

The interment took place at Willow Bank Cemetery, where Rev. Mr. Miller pronounced the last impressive rites in the presence of a large gathering of sorrowing friends. The pallbearers were Messrs. Cliff and Webster, Arthur Allen, Horace McKenna, Robert Borden, William Chase and George Dexter.

The deceased entered the matriculating class of the Academy this term, but was able to continue his studies only a month when he became a victim of acute tuberculosis, succumbing after an illness of three weeks, an illness born with courage and fortitude which rendered easy the task of those who ministered to him. He was a young man the loss of whom must be keenly felt. His brightness of intellect, his wit and thoroughly gentlemanly qualities made him one whom it was indeed a pleasure to have known either as son, brother or friend. Beside the sorrowing parents and a twin brother he leaves three other brothers, all of whom have profound sympathy of many friends in this time of sorrow. B. M. C.

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