

THE ACADIAN.

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Editorial Brevities.

A new coat of arms for the Dominion is to be designed.

The League of Nations committee has decided to make Geneva the headquarters of the League.

It has been announced that Federal legislation on prohibition will be brought down in the House shortly after Easter.

A bill to amend the Nova Scotia legislation to extend to two years the term of office of a mayor of an incorporated town instead of one year as at present.

One hundred billion gold marks is the amount Germany must pay the Allied and associated governments for losses and damage caused in the war. Other billions to be determined by a special commission on which Germany is to be represented.

Hon. N. W. Rowell, President of the Privy Council, announced in the Commons last week that Sir Robert Borden, Sir George Foster, Hon. C. J. Doherty and Hon. Arthur Sifton had been appointed plenipotentiaries to sign the peace treaty on behalf of Canada at the conclusion of the Peace Conference.

Field Marshal Haig pays a just tribute to the great armies which Britain organized, and which contributed so largely to the victory over the Teutons. Germany seems to have failed to understand that once the British lion is roused she is bound to succeed—or perish, and she exhibits no sign of perishing.

Sir Edward Kemp announced in London this week that by the end of April one half of the Canadian troops will have been repatriated, amounting to 130,000 men who were overseas when the armistice was concluded. The second division will embark in May, and by the end of July most of the troops will be back in Canada.

A statement by President Wilson in behalf of the Council of Four says that the questions of peace are near a complete solution that they will be quickly and finally drafted. This announcement was contained in an official bulletin which added that the German plenipotentiaries had been invited to meet at Versailles on April 25.

The Canadian Club of Boston is going to have a "Transportation Night" at the City Club, Boston, on April 23rd. The object of the banquet is to discuss transport routes from New England to Canada, particularly to the Maritime Provinces, during the coming summer. Mr. R. U. Parker of the D. A. R. will be one of the speakers.

Moncton Times.—When the government wants to float a loan, or sell War Saving Stamps, it advertises in the newspapers. When the Salvation Army sets out to raise a million dollars for philanthropic work, it gets publicity through the newspapers. Yet tens of thousands of merchants seek to do business without the aid of newspapers and then complain if the mail order houses, which spend millions in advertising, take their customers away from them.

Vickers, Limited, are about to start a transatlantic service with airships which the company was building for the British Navy when the armistice was signed and which are no longer needed, the Pall Mall Gazette says. The passenger rate will be £48 and mail will be carried at the rate of £105 a ton.

The pioneer ship will have a capacity of 1,200,000 cubic feet and engines of 1,000 horse-power. Larger ships are being designed to carry two hundred passengers.

We note the introduction in the legislature of a bill to amend the Town's Incorporation Act, which provides for the appointment of a member of each town council to represent the towns in the Municipal Councils of the province. This is a measure which has been advocated by THE ACADIAN for years, and we think it a very reasonable and sensible one. If the citizens of the incorporated towns required to contribute to the expenses of the municipalities they certainly ought to have a voice in determining what expenditures are to be made.

Any news that goes into a newspaper must be given by someone who knows the piece of news, to the editor or someone connected with the newspaper. Some piece of news is born every minute in every community, and if the newspaper knew of this news and considered it the property of news for publication, it would be published. Many times the reader of a newspaper will glance through the pages and then say "There is nothing in the paper to-day," and yet that very individual undoubtedly knew of certain happenings, maybe rival in their nature, that if he had told the editor regarding them would have materially increased the news feature of the paper.

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The next big task is to place Dominion trade full on its feet. Talk of making trade normal again will not do. To go back to what was normal before the war would lead to sheer national bankruptcy.

Domestic war debts have gone up roundly to one and a half billion dollars. The per capita debt in 1914 was \$46; today it is \$70. Indebtedness abroad is such that we have to remit to foreign countries considerably over half a million dollars a day.

Larger exports chiefly will bring in more money, because in the last term exports alone pay for imports.

Head in hand with this should go less buying abroad of those things we can produce in field and factory in Canada. Over \$400,000,000 a year is spent on things from the United States alone which, with a little extra effort, might be made in the Dominion.

The Canadian Trade Commission points out plainly the danger of indifference to our financial position. It decides that the country must organize its peace trade on a wartime scale, in securing foreign orders the old competitive system must give way to co-operative methods. Business men must set objectives to get the outside trade and then subdivide it among their factories in the way which makes for the best interest of our own people, giving steady employment for fifty-two weeks in the year to all who are willing to undertake a full day's work for a full day's pay.

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50 Years Ago.

The following extracts are taken from the files of THE ACADIAN of 50 years ago:

The weather has been remarkably fine and warm this week. Should it continue so probably gardening will get quite a start next week.

Swallows have made their appearance and were seen on the streets this week.

On the morning of the 16th inst. Mr. Kissam Palmer, of Long Island, shipped on board the train at Grand Pre to Henry Worth, of Windsor, one pair of fat oxen which tipped the scales at 4,360 pounds and for which he received \$28.90, having sold them for \$25 per hundred pounds, live weight.

Thoughtlessness.

It seems a great pity that it should be necessary to put up those unsightly barricades in order to protect the lawns at the government building. Everyone should understand that the walks provided are for their use and do their utmost to assist the caretaker in his earnest endeavor to make the grounds as attractive as possible. Ordinary common sense ought to be a sufficient guide in the matter. The building and grounds are a credit and ornament to the town and there should be enough civic pride on the part of citizens to protect them from such careless treatment as is sometimes witnessed. The offenders, although few in number, succeed in doing considerable mischief and ought to be punished as they deserve—and there is a penalty provided.

Returned Men.

The following Kings county men have returned from overseas during the past week and are gladly welcomed home:

L. M. McNughty, Gasperan
A. J. Lake, C. K. McLeod, Wolfville
B. Johnson, J. Lindsay, H. Simmons, L. B. Kedden, E. D. Hill, Kesville
R. Miller, Alton
J. A. Fraser, Kingstons
J. J. Cochrane, Aylesford
Pte. B. Bennett, Canisot

Red Cross Notes.

The Red Cross Sale held Tuesday last was most successful. The flowers were an important part of the entertainment and presented a gay appearance.

A vote of thanks is extended to Mrs. Sleep and her Committee for their efficiency and untiring energy and indeed to all who helped to make the Fair such a success. The proceeds amounted to \$110.00 clear of all expenses and is to be devoted to the "Wolfville Sun Parlor" in Camp Hill Hospital.

Mr. Porter kindly gave the use of his store for which we are much indebted.

Death's Harvest.

James West, a live-long resident of this town, passed away after a lingering illness last week. The funeral was conducted by Rev. M. P. Primm, assisted by Rev. E. D. Dixon, and the interment took place at the town cemetery. The deceased had for some years acted as sexton of St. John's church. He is survived by a widow, a daughter of Mrs. Fred Kenny of this town, and by a large family. Two of his sons, Clyde and Stanley, have served for several years in Europe and are still in England. The father has won the Military Cross.

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Fertilizer Prices

became an active subject for discussion at the ending of the war. An immediate reduction was expected by many.

It prices had advanced immediately at the beginning of the war a like reduction might be expected at its close, but there was no actual advance in fertilizer prices until the spring of 1918, notwithstanding at that time the war had been on for over three years. This of course did not apply to Potash being cut off at once.

Late in the fall of 1917 on account of the prices of fertilizer materials, the scarcity of shipping and the shortage of all fertilizer there was a general feeling that there would not be an adequate supply. This was called to the attention of the Government of British and the manager of the COLONIAL FERTILIZER COMPANY was asked to appear before the Committee on Increased Production of the Nova Scotia Legislature, and gave all possible assistance to relieve the fertilizer.

In the summer of 1918 with the experience of that spring the Agricultural Department of New Brunswick called together the fertilizer manufacturers and recommended they put in a heavy stock of fertilizer materials. The Secretary of Agriculture for Nova Scotia also urged the COLONIAL FERTILIZER COMPANY to put in an extra supply of raw materials irrespective of their cost. He realized as did the manufacturers the importance of fertilizer to the food supply, and to get large crops fertilizer must be used.

At the close of the war all fertilizer manufacturers in Canada being urged by the Government officials had on hand a very large stock of fertilizer bought at the extreme outside prices quoted in the summer and fall of 1918.

The expected lower prices have not been realized but on the contrary there was a heavy demand for export and prices on some materials have actually advanced.

A sensational report appeared late in March as to a heavy reduction in price of fertilizers in Anson County. This is traced back to one brokerage firm in New York which is attempting to dispose of undesirable fertilizer materials directly to the farmers. This material is such that no fertilizer manufacturer will buy it although it has been on the market for some time and the holders of it are willing to sacrifice it at a cut price. An Anson County farmer writes: "Have been investigating the chemicals that the New York firm is offering and have found out that it is taking chances to use it. You may refer to me or to any of our Anson County boys in reference to this stuff as we have made a close study of these goods and feel quite safe in denouncing its use for the Anson County spuds. The amount of this material is but a drop in the bucket of the requirement of fertilizer and it is offered cheap because it is a cheap material."

The farmers must decide now, whether or not they are going to plant this season and with a falling off of 50 per cent, in the average of potatoes and garden trucks in the Southern States and the immense demand for food in Europe, it appears the farmers of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are in a position to put in a big acreage and get the advantage of the market conditions which must prevail in the fall.

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