

Another year has come and gone, and another chapter in the history of man's life has been written. There is something inexplicably sad in the decline of a year, but there is also something joyous in its passing. For all our many miseries and sorrows, many bright beams of sunshine have shined upon our path, and many happy hopes have been kindled. It has been a year of progress and achievement, and we have many things to be proud of.

The world's history during 1891 has not been marked by any events of transcendent importance. Many of the European powers have changed their governments, though all are stable, if we except Bulgaria, which remains in a state of anarchy. There is something truly medieval in the life of Prince Alexander, the idol of his people, who was well looked upon by all as a brave and knightly character, whose destiny promises to be an illustrious one. During the cloudy days of the year, the sun shone in the hearts of English people owing to the extraordinary and comfortable resignation of Lord Randolph Churchill. While the triumphs and setbacks of English politics will probably return to office of Mr. Gladstone and the opening of home routes to Ireland, the spark of religious animosity, and a parliament in Dublin would be established through blood and ruin. However it may be, 1891 promises to be, though we would fain hope otherwise, a sanguinary year in the history of the world. It is reported, though not proved, that the Chinese revolution and the war in Cuba will be prominent features of the coming year.

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IMPORTANT LOCAL EVENTS

Chronicological list of happenings, accidents and otherwise in 1891.
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NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

A great deal has been made lately of what has recently been done in telegraphing over long circuits in Canada, but it is recalled that 25 years ago direct and uninterrupted communication was carried on between Halifax and San Francisco. It is added that if the enormous volume of business constantly passing over the Atlantic cable is any indication of the position can be made and uninterrupted communication carried on between San Francisco, this city and Halifax, and almost any point in Europe, Africa, Asia, the East Indies, China, Japan, and even to the North Pole, the world will be brought into a single system.

WHAT ENGLAND DOES FOR EGYPT.

An important and interesting White Paper has just been issued, containing the German foreign office's correspondence respecting the affairs of Egypt for the year 1890 up to June last. The information is valuable, especially now, as people seem to be beginning to be anxious to know just what has been going on in Egypt for the past six months. By far the most vital point to be considered is what good the natives of Egypt have derived and what they are to expect from the British administration. The answer is given by a memorandum of conversations with two native gentlemen, one a Member of Parliament, the other a prominent Egyptian, who are well known to the public.

ONTARIO'S MAJORS.

Those who are elected and those who were not.
 Toronto, Dec. 27. - The municipal elections were held throughout the province today. The following mayors were elected by acclamation: Lindsay, Thomas Walker; St. Catharines, John E. Galt; Hamilton, John H. Murray; Brantford, W. H. Biggar; Windsor, Benjamin A. H. Peterson.

DIED IN HIS WEDDING DANCE.

MARSH, Mich., Dec. 15. - Mr. Charles Brown and Miss Cora Sibbey were married at the residence of the bride's parents in the town of Marsh, three miles north of this city, Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. After the ceremony, the happy couple were seated at a table in the parlor, and the dancing commenced.

PIONEER NEWSPAPER MEN.

The first newspaper established on this island was printed in French. Its editor was one Paul De Garrow, who in his own right was a pioneer in the newspaper business. He issued three times and then gave up the sheet. De Garrow afterwards was in the city on New Year's day, and in the morning he was blown up by a great bomb (now the Caribou Fly) while that vessel was on her way out of the harbor.

A. Whittow, with A. Williston as editor, established the Victoria Gazette in May, 1858. The Gazette was published until the first issue of the Victoria Colonist, which was published in 1860. The paper was published by J. W. Williston, who was the proprietor.

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VICTORIA'S FORTIFICATIONS.

The Liverpool of the Pacific. The Port Victoria committee believes that the Victoria harbor, notwithstanding the claims that it is a natural harbor, is not a natural harbor. The committee believes that the harbor is not a natural harbor, and that it is a port of call for the ships of the world.

HOME-MADE CIDER.

Amongst the many additions to the manufacture of Victoria, we may mention the late quantity of cider. This year by Sany & Co., who have caused a great decrease in the amount imported. Starting under the name of Sany & Co., they were not very successful in the first instance, but they have since been very successful.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

The following passenger list was published by the Steamship Company of Victoria, which is the only line between San Francisco and Victoria.

FOR PRIZES PLEASE GO TO FELL & CO'S.

R. Cohen, Montreal.

MARRIAGES IN 1891.

List of happy couples who have been united in matrimony during the year 1891.
 Jan. 1. - Mr. John Smith and Miss Mary Jones.
 Jan. 2. - Mr. James Brown and Miss Elizabeth White.

Jan. 3. - Mr. Thomas Green and Miss Anna Black.
 Jan. 4. - Mr. Robert Grey and Miss Sarah Red.

Jan. 5. - Mr. William Blue and Miss Helen Gold.
 Jan. 6. - Mr. Charles Silver and Miss Margaret Brown.

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