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"Willie" Takes Retrospective Glance Over Past Year And Talks About I. R. C. Affairs

More Freight and Passengers Carried and Percentage of Accidents Less on I.R.C. than Any Other Single Track Road in North America.

Dear Editor:

This issue of The Citizen will be the last in the year 1911. As I realize that fact, my mind travels back over the past year and I find that it has been a banner one so far as the I. R. C. is concerned.

More freight and more passengers have been carried over the people's road than in any one year in its history.

This means more prosperity for those employed in this branch of the government service, for in almost every class of labor employed on the railway we find an organization ever zealous in its endeavor to better the condition of the employees, and through this organization the year 1911 will go down in history as one of exceedingly good results from a labor standpoint.

Every class has benefited by a new wage scale and better working conditions.

The railway men are thankful for this and as the year closes so auspiciously for the cause of labor we are thankful that among our ranks and among the men who represent us before the management there are no "McNamaras".

In this retrospective glance over the past year we, as well as the public generally, have another reason to be thankful, and that is, that the percentage of accidents, fatal and otherwise, is smaller on the I. R. C. than on any other single track railway of its length in North America.

We have had some fatal accidents in which faithful public servants have been cut down in their prime and the Grim Reaper has gathered others in different ways.

We miss their sunny smile and cheering words and cherish their memory and trust that a kind Providence will with the passing of time, heal the wounds of the loved ones left behind.

It is said every man has a hobby, and I expect I will have to plead "guilty" to the charge, and with your permission I will give rein to mine for a short space.

The outstanding feature, to my mind, the past year has been the wonderful success of the labor organizations on the I. R. C.

Each and every one of them have been "up against" the management for improvements in their working conditions, and in the face of strenuous opposition from some of the boards, who were appointed that very purpose, have achieved results.

This in itself is a cause for rejoicing but it has a further and more far-reaching effect, that of teaching us that there is still truth in that old saying, "In union there is strength."

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1912 Is Leap Year And The Old Maid's Last Opportunity

Bachelors Who Have Been Dodging the Issue For Many Years Past Should Be Forced To Toe The Mark.

1912 is a leap year. Some people fondly imagine that we have a leap year to set the sun and the earth and the calendar all in perfect accord, but it's all a vast and mighty error.

Leap year, gentle reader, is for a far loftier purpose.

In other words, LEAP YEAR is the "OLD MAID'S OPPORTUNITY" and if she is wise she will make the most of it.

It only happens once in every four years and usually results in thinning out our stock of surplus old girls.

Time was when mere man considered "leap year" a joke, but this suddenly ceased when the fair maiden "lacked him up into a bay window and gave him his chance between a church wedding or a breach of promise suit.

Then he realized that "life is real, and life is earnest."

Leap year is primarily useful in determining whether a procreating sutor means business or is merely four-flushing.

After the patient young woman has seen the years slide by and each year the eligible bachelor has eaten her fudge, and padded the electric light bill, at the same time dodging every advance she has made, with the agility of a quarter-back, she is certainly justified in seizing him by the forelock at some armories club dance or bachelors' ball and leading him up to the burning question in some retro-cozy corner or sitting-out place.

Some of these old bachelors are too timid to propose, but they aren't too timid to absorb all the heat before an open fire for a term of years and keep all the old gossip in the town guessing as to his intentions.

Leap year is the last call to dinner in the dining car for many a coy widow or desperate maiden, who has wearied of entertaining a

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Mayor Stuart Writes Most Interestingly About the Town's Progress During 1911

Truro Is Keeping Abreast of the Times and Everything Pertaining to the Economical, Financial, Physical, Social and Moral Welfare of It's People, is Well Looked After—An Appeal to The People as well as an Appeal to the Merchants

Editor Citizen:

I had almost hoped the onset of winter would be permitted to gather on my feeble literary pen; I fear, however, did I not comply with your request I would be misconstrued by those who, like myself, sometimes err.

I am pleased to know the progress and prosperity of our commercial and industrial status will be individually dealt with by others. I only know in a general way of the progressive strides made in the past year in our industrial as a whole.

Being on the board of our newest industry, the A. A. Durkee Shoe Co., Ltd., I may say the volume of business secured up to the present time far exceeds our original expectations and the industry bids fair to be a financial success.

The business of the commercial house of G. W. Reid & Co., Ltd., wholesale jewellers, (of which I am connected), has materially increased in the past year.

I think I may be said of all our business houses, both wholesale and retail.

Being on the executive of the Board of Trade, I feel justified in referring to a matter of trade seriously affecting our merchants and indeed the whole community. I refer to the very large amount of money sent away for goods to the retail houses of the upper provinces, largely to Toronto.

Each individual sending cash out of the province may innocently think that what he is sending does not amount to much; were he alone, it would not count much, but when we sum up the whole collectively, the amount is enormous.

May I appeal to the good sense and loyalty of our people, who I believe have been unwittingly doing a great injury to the community in sending away out of the province the money made and earned here.

Please do not overlook the fact that the education of your children and have this all-important necessity mailed or expressed to you, through the greatest of our requirements, must be obtained here and paid for proportionately by our citizens.

The farmer, who crops his lands yearly and sells off his entire product, turning nothing back to fertilize the soil, soon finds his lands impoverished. The analogy, I think is applicable.

Let me too, advise the merchant, in whatever class of goods he may be dealing to meet the requirements of the purchasing public; not only at such prices as will appeal to the masses, but those who are not lured away by the enchantment of distance and a show catalogue.

In Municipal progress and improvements, we are keeping abreast of the times without overloading our citizens with taxes. I am pleased to say in this respect, we

stand decidedly favorable in comparison with other towns and cities.

Our water system, our sewerage system, and our surface drainage system, have all been largely extended during the past year and are all up to date in excellent working condition.

Our fire protection is maintained in a manner that draws favorable comment from experts the country over and insures for our people the most favorable rating on fire risks.

Prince Street West from Victoria Square to Zion Church, English Street and Church Street, with concrete sidewalks, have been made permanent the past season, all will be for some time to come, strong upon our people; the rich fairer taste; there is also the gain and honied words and the golden pills of the land agent and the hereat love we all possess of greater freedom, and the exploration of new fields. All these inducements will continue to draw upon us for some time to come, but the pendulum will swing back again in due time and our people will remember the comforts, conveniences and will turn their faces again hitherward.

Truro has naught to fear; its geographical position insures for it the railway centre of the Maritime Provinces. This position has brought us the great provincial institutions, which have attained reputations for their excellence that have gone far beyond the confines of this province and this Dominion. These institutions will continue to grow and extend their influence in staffs such as those at present in charge, are maintained.

Our duty is to make things as attractive here as we consistently can in doing this, we must overlook nothing pertaining to the economic, financial, physical, social and moral welfare of all those now and those who may come, within our gates. Let us do our thinking and acting always fixed on our bank accounts, but with a wise outlook for the future as well as the present.

May I be permitted to say in closing, without being misunderstood, while I am looking forward to the near closing of my mayoralty replete with a good deal of relief, yet 'tis not without some little anxiety as well.

I have tried hard—far as erring human judgment permits—to lift all issues out of and above the plane of personal selfishness; I have tried—within the limits and scope of my limited ability to make Truro in every respect a wholesome and therefore a desirable place to live in.

Wishing you one and all the compliments of the season, I am, Your obedient servant,

Closing 1911. THE MAYOR.

We wish all our readers—that is, you—a happy and prosperous New Year.

Former Truro Boy Off For Sunny Italy On Important Mission

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Paige left New York on Saturday last for Cherbourg, France, from which they will proceed to Naples, Italy.

Mr. Paige goes as the representative of the Fore River Shipbuilding Company of Quincy, Mass., and in Naples he will, as engineer of the above company, install turbine engines in a battleship which is under construction there for the Italian government. This will occupy the best part of the winter, and when completed, Mr. and Mrs. Paige will embark for the Argentine Republic, where he will present a similar work.

Mr. Paige learned his trade in the Truro Foundry & Machine Works which has turned out so many young men who have gathered honors to themselves in high positions, the world over.

Mr. Paige is a daughter of our well known townsman, James V. Murray, and their address for the winter is, Care Office Meccaniche, Naples, Italy.

We wish all our readers—that is, you—a happy and prosperous New Year.

Will Truro Operate Its Own Electric Light Plant And Light The Streets Of The Town?

Town Council and Chambers Electric Light Co., Have Apparently Locked Horns and Interesting Developments May Be Expected.

A Royal Welcome For All Truro Babies Born Feby, 29th, '12

The "Citizen" Will Present To These New Citizens a Solid Silver Mug Suitably Engraved to Commemorate the Occasion.

The Citizen believes that we do not make enough fuss over our new residents.

And The Citizen is going to inaugurate a campaign of the "glad hand" figuratively speaking—and is going to do it right away.

Every little "tut" borne into this world in Truro should become a Truro citizen proud of Truro.

And Truro as a town should welcome every babe born here, because each babe is worth thousands of dollars.

The year 1912 is a leap year. And on February 29th there will be little boys and girls born, who won't have another birthday till 1916.

To show these leap year babes that there are others who welcome them into this vale of tears besides the fond parents, The Citizen proposes to present to every baby born in Truro on February 29th, 1912, a beautiful solid silver mug, suitably engraved, as a souvenir of this most pleasant occasion.

These solid silver mugs will be bought in Truro from Truro merchants.

We will refer to this matter again at greater length, and we trust that we will be notified of all the happy events on this date of February 29th, when our bachelor business manager will go forth smilingly, bearing with him the gifts of silver.

We hope to be able to place a silver mug in all the households of Truro.

Curling Soon.

The ice in the Curlers' Rink is coming along fast and if this cold snap continues it is expected that the curling season will begin on New Year's Day with a full muster of enthusiasts.

Hello! Thanks! Hello!

The telephone operators in the local exchange office desire to thank those who so kindly remembered them at this season.

Will Truro operate its own electric light plant?

That's the question that is engaging the attention of the powers that be at this present moment. Here are the ways and the wherefores:

The Truro Town Council is just now faced to face with a new contract for street lighting, etc., with the Chambers Electric Company.

The electric company submits three propositions to the town, as follows:

1st. To provide the light for the streets at the same price as last year, the town to provide the company with water at the same price.

2nd. To install meters and charge for street lighting as per meter reading.

3rd. To provide light at the same rate as the town of Amherst is paying.

These conditions do not suit our town rulers and almost a dead lock has resulted, although a temporary contract has been agreed to on the basis of the third proposition.

This, so the Town Council believes, will increase the present cost of street lighting about 50 per cent.

That is, the electric light company would be getting about \$7,000 instead of about \$4,750 as at present.

There are 423 lights in Truro and if these were put on a meter basis the lights would have to be reduced to about 340 to keep the cost about the same as last year.

So a municipal lighting plant is suggested.

At the pumping station the light could be manufactured and if permission were secured from the Telephone Company to string wires, practically the only expense would be the cost of installation and wires, and then our town fathers believe, Truro could have its own light at a reduced figure.

So that's how the matter stands today as nearly as we can learn.

We will now watch for results.

ORPHANS WELL REMEMBERED

On Christmas day Mrs. Hugh Cameron and her little band of workers journeyed to the Orphanage on Bible Hill and made the hearts of the little orphans very glad indeed. Every year Mrs. Cameron by means of a garden party, or some other way, assisted by her band of devoted workers, raises money to use at Christmas time to make some poor hearts merry.

Each child received a splendid Christmas box and enjoyed the Christmas tree.

And The Citizen doffs its hat to Mrs. Cameron and her little band of workers and says, "God bless you every one."

SPECIAL CLEARING UP SALE

Bargains in Remnants. Special discounts off all Winter goods, and any odds and ends clear out before stock taking. See the silk ends at 25 cents a yard.

We wish you, one and all, Good Health, and A Happy and Prosperous New Year

We also, wish to thank our Patrons and Friends for our increase of business during 1911, and to tell you that we will be in a better position to cater to your want for MILLINERY and DRY GOODS during 1912.

Keeping nothing but up to date goods in good qualities, at Popular Cash Prices. Watch our Ads, we will keep you posted about our new goods as they come along.

Genuine Hat Bargains

F. C. LAYTON & CO.

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS OF UTILITY

BATH ROBES, SMOKING JACKETS, DRESSING GOWNS. From the great number of smoking jackets are the most popular of all practical gifts for men. The price ranges from \$4.00 upwards.	SUIT CASES. There's no doubt in the world that he would not only "like" but heartily accept something so sensible, attractive and pretty. "e" have them from \$2.25 to \$10.00.	UMBRELLAS. Come to us for an umbrella if you want that which will make you proud to present and your friend happy to carry as a present. Suit Case Umbrellas 1.50, 2.50, 3.00. Umbrellas with fancy handles 3.00 to 5.50. Umbrellas ladies 2.00 to 4.00. All steel rods and handle 1.25, 1.75.
A Hint To Little Scamps who want to please and surprise papa hang on the Christmas tree a pair of DR. JAGGERS WOOL SLIPPERS, 1.75. Equally good for mama, too, and will wear for 5 or 6 years, 1.50.	NECKWEAR Imported and domestic productions. Decided variations from conventional offerings. Ombres two-tones, self-tints, cross-stripes, original bar designs short but treatment—classic effects put up in Christmas box 25c to 1.00.	Combination Sets Cheney woven with the new absorbent silk hchiefs, to match, 1.50. Accorded pleated silk tie with 1-2 to match. London garters with armlets to match, 65c.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

If you would would make a Happy New Year for the man of the house, give presents that he can wear, and use, such as are suggested above.

PHILLIPS & CO., HATTERS AND CLOTHIERS.

Special Bargains FOR DECEMBER 3

All through this month we give Special Bargains in every Department of our well assorted stock. Many lines are too heavily stocked & must be reduced before the end of the year.

Ladies' Coats, only 25 left, and will be cleared at half price. Bargains in LADIE'S COATS. A Very Special Snap, \$2.25

Ladies' Underwear

Intensely important we have a very large stock which must be reduced this month. Big variety of qualities at Special Prices. AllWool Undervests regular \$1.65 | Silks and Wool regular 1.65 Clearing at 69 cts. Clearing at 98 cts.

Bargains in Dress Goods, Blankets, Hostier Table Linens, Towels, Ladies' Waists, Children's Dresses, Hundreds of Hdks at Special prices.

A. W. Guill & Co.