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## THE NEW YEAR

Every day is the beginning of a new year. Custom has decreed, however, that the first day of January shall be regarded as the day more than any other on which people take a look backward and a look forward; and, if they have resolutions to make regarding their future conduct, to associate them with that particular day in the calendar.

Resolutions of the negative sort may be of value, but the man who merely says, "I will cease to do certain things," is very far from living up to his opportunity. He should at the same time say to himself, "I will do certain things," the need for which is apparent, and which I have too long neglected."

It should be easier at the Christmas season, when hearts are mellowed by good cheer and good fellowship, and those family reunions and kindly ministrations which bring so much pleasure to the people, to resolve to carry the spirit of the season into the new year, and regard every day and every tomorrow as offering an opportunity to do something which will add to the sweetness of life for some neighbor, or some less favored member of the community.

It is impossible for any individual in a city to live to himself alone, or to pursue any course of conduct without in some way touching the lives of others, and affecting them to a greater or less degree for good or evil. There is a community life as well as an individual life, wherever people are gathered together as they are, for example, in the city of St. John.

What is the contribution of each of us to that community life? If reforms are to be promoted it can only be done successfully by the development of the community spirit, and the hearty cooperation of the citizens. It is especially important now, since stress is laid by custom upon the new year and its opportunities, that every citizen consider his relation to the community around him, the good and the evil it is in his power to do, and to make choice deliberately and of determined purpose of the course he shall pursue.

The past year has seen very considerable progress in relation to many matters which affect social welfare in this city. The questions of housing, of supervised playgrounds, of fighting the white plague, of a wider use of school buildings, of technical education brought within the reach of those who have been compelled to leave school, of an extension of the work of the kindergarten, of protection for children, of better provision for the care of drunkards and wastrels, have all been brought forcibly to public attention, and some progress made along these lines of work for the community. Much, however, remains to be done in relation to all of these questions, and there are others only waiting their turn to be taken up in an intelligent way and solved in the interest of all the people.

No better use could be made of leisure time during these winter months than to give some thought and effort to the solution of social problems. There are many forces available which it is only necessary to co-ordinate to promote reform along many lines. The development of the community spirit is the key to the situation. Why should not every citizen look about and discover a way to associate himself with the development of such a spirit, in such a manner as it has never been developed in this city? The Times commends this thought to its readers. Citizens are bound to differ in relation to many questions, but there is no difference of opinion concerning many measures which would quickly improve social conditions if they had behind them the driving force of an aroused and united public sentiment. There is a bigger St. John than there was a year ago. There will be a still bigger St. John a year hence. Why not organize and unite and develop the community spirit, so that there shall also be a much better St. John when Christmas and the new year come again?

## A NEW YEAR GREETING.

The Canadian Club of Hamilton, which is twenty-two years old, sends a new year greeting to "the presidents, officers and members of the Canadian Clubs throughout the Dominion," and expresses the hope "that the new year may usher in an era of increasing usefulness." This greeting is very handsomely printed, with a spray of maple leaves in gold on the front cover, and on the back the following "desire for unity," which may well be commended to all Canadians on the eve of the new year.

"Let us learn as they of old the wisdom of 'unity in our councils,' and seek in all we think and say and do to harmonize the varied elements composing this Canada of ours—that living mass of Briton, Celt and Gael, that human trinity which happily harmonized and fittingly fashioned together shall be the very body, soul and spirit of this young nation of illimitable possibilities."

Every lover of his country may well at the opening of the new year pray that appeals to race and religious prejudice shall have no part in the affairs of Canada in 1914.

## A YEAR OF PROGRESS

The year which closes today has been marked by great progress in St. John, and in the province of New Brunswick. In spite of the financial stringencies which affected the whole country, trade in all lines continued active in this province and labor was well employed. There has been less complaint about unemployment in St. John than in other cities of the province. It is true that the switching of the big mail steamships to another port has made a difference, not only in some lines of business but in the amount of wages paid out to longshoremen, but on the whole the conditions, so far as labor is concerned, are much more satisfactory than in former winters before the winter steamship trade had assumed large proportions or large public works such as are now in progress were under construction. Looking back upon the year 1913 the city and province are able to note satisfactory progress, while the outlook for the next year is also fairly good. There will be much construction work to be completed; and, although there is still a tightness in the money market, and the cost of living continues to increase, this city and province, having entered upon a constructive period which will continue for some years at least, should show as many evidences of real prosperity as any other part of Canada.

Here's hoping that St. John's water problem will be satisfactorily solved in 1914.

The Times extends to all sincere wishes for a prosperous new year with as much of happiness as the conditions which are beyond individual control will permit.

The Christmas and New Year season in Mexico has not been marked by peace and good will. There has been some very fast running, however, and perhaps some new records made on the way to the American border.

It is not surprising that St. John merchants complain when English goods landed at Halifax ten or twelve days ago have not yet reached St. John. The government railway is sacrificing the interests of local patrons in order that it may the better satisfy the demands of the C. P. R.

The Carleton Sentinel, in the course of a mild controversy with a contemporary, gently observes:—"A delightfully written article, characteristic of the lickspittle subservience and indecent vinctiveness of the Press appeared in that paper this week."

Mr. J. B. Daggett, a provincial government official, Mr. F. F. Smith, who has political aspirations in relation to the tory leadership in Carleton county, and some other persons appear to be highly excited over the situation that has arisen in connection with the American embargo upon potatoes, and some statements concerning the situation made by Mr. F. B. Carvell and the Telegraph and Times. If all these critics had been as wise in 1911 as they are at present they would have supported reciprocity, and a policy which would doubtless have entirely prevented the embargo.

Surely Mr. Hazen and his retinue will make one or two more appearances in public before he goes back to Ottawa. The scraggy smile of Mr. Lockhart, the wise expression of Senator Daniel and of the Hon. John E. Wilson, the youthful enthusiasm manifest on the face of Mr. Tilley, the philosophic air of Mr. Baxter, to say nothing of Senator Thorne's happy expression, and the gentle gravity of Mr. Grannan, are worth going far to see; and Mr. Hazen should gather together these faithful, along with some others whose names readily occur, as frequently as possible.

The older men connected with the press of the maritime provinces have kindly recollections of Mr. W. B. Alley of Truro, whose death has just been announced. While his journalistic work was in connection with a weekly paper whose circulation was largely confined to one portion of the province of Nova Scotia, Mr. Alley was himself widely known, not only through his connection with the Maritime Press Association, but as an enthusiastic curler and a prominent member of the Masonic order. He was a most companionable man, and the news of his death is heard with regret by many old friends.

The Standard suggests subjects that might be discussed by the Hon. Mackenzie King, Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., and Hon. William Pugsley. The cost of living, the St. John Valley Railway, and the attitude of the government toward St. John and Halifax are some of the subjects suggested by the Standard. These and others will no doubt be dealt with very effectively by the speakers named, and it is only to be regretted that Mr. Hazen, when he had the opportunity, did not deal to some extent with Valley Railway matters, the business that is being hauled past St. John to Halifax for the benefit of the C. P. R., and several other subjects which he skillfully avoided.

## BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31.  
William Folger Nickle, M. P., for Kingston, was born in Kingston on the last day of 1869. He is a lawyer by profession and has taken an active interest in Queen's University and the Kingston General Hospital. From 1908 to 1911 he represented the city in the provincial legislature and in the Dominion election of 1911 was returned to the House of Commons.

J. W. L. Foster, a Canadian portrait painter, is sixty-three years old today. He was born in Norfolk, Ontario, and studied art in Paris, being admitted to the Paris Salon in 1880. He has painted the portraits of many eminent Canadians.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1.  
Sir John Gibson, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, who celebrated his seventy-fourth birthday today, is fond of telling the story of the time he helped the Canadian team win the Kellogg Cup twice in one day at Wimbledon. It happened in 1875, when Sir John was in the heyday of his fame as a crack rifle shot.

The Dominion team, of which he was a prominent member, was pitted against a British team in the cup matches. For some reason or other the British team failed to turn up at the appointed hour in the morning and insisted on shooting the match over again. This was done in the afternoon by daylight good shooting they won.

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Hubby—What's the matter, darling?  
Bride—Oh, dear, this recipe is for cottage cheese and ours is a bungalow!

## Excalibur's Splendid Origin

Taking down a magnificent sword that hung over the mantelpiece, the professor brandished it about his head and he explained:  
"Never shall I forget the day I drew this blade for the first time."  
"Where did you draw it sir?" an awestruck freshman asked.  
"At a raffish" said the professor.

## A Wife's Real Value?

"Nothing," said John D. Rockefeller, Jr., recently, "is holy to the cynic. Why, even marriage is a target for his darts. Apropos of a man whose affairs had become involved, I said the other day at the club: 'Poor old Smith! He's got a good wife, though. It's when a man's in trouble that he learns the value of a wife.'"

"Yes," sneered a cynic over his glass of buttermilk, "yes, he can put his property in her name."

## Hope for the Farmer

Motorist—"Flying machines will eventually supplant automobiles."  
Guests—"But what will we do with these expensive roads?"  
Motorist—"Oh, I suppose we'll have to let the farmers use them."

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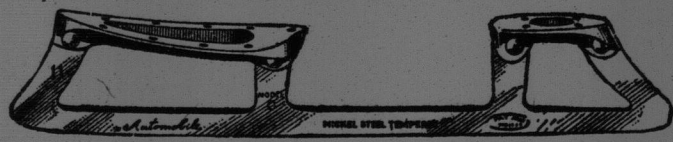
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R. H. IRWIN.

December 31st 1913

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