

The New Year.

Today we greet a New Year, and the Acadians wish for all its bright and prosperous days for them.

The year 1903, with all its pleasures and sorrows, its successes and disappointments, is now a thing of the past, and we turn over a new leaf and write 1904.

The fight in England over the Education Bill still goes on. The Government is still going to see directly to the support of the schools which nonconformists control.

Mr. A. G. Blair, who a few months ago resigned his office as Minister of Railways, owing to his opposition to the Government Bill for the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, has now resigned as member of Parliament for St. John's.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone, member of the British House of Commons, says that the Bankers of England are against Mr. Chamberlain's proposals.

Mr. Chamberlain's Advocate. An especially hopeful message which, coming from so able a source, cannot but be regarded as auspicious, runs through the Christmas Farmer's Advocate and Home Magazine.

Wake, and behold how might it doze, and how thy breast, and o'er thy brow, bursts the uprising sun!

Ever noted for its out-and-out Canadian sentiment, the Farmer's Advocate, in this number, sustains its old-time reputation.

The death occurred on Monday night, at her home on Prospect street, of Mrs. Elizabeth Dickson, widow of the late Douglas Dickson, and daughter of the late George Whidden, of Dartmouth.

On Tuesday evening Rev. Dr. Sawyer entertained at his home the members of the Faculty of the College with a very instructive and suggestive lecture on "Herbert Spencer."

Therapeutic readings at Parker's Pharmacy. Max. Min. Thursday Dec. 24 '03 38 39 Friday 25 26 40 Saturday 26 27 26 Monday 28 20 15 Tuesday 29 17 6 Wed. 30 28 26

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Such methods speak for themselves. They show how completely we may be at the mercy of unscrupulous councillors who may obtain power for certain purposes on certain conditions.

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