

large buildings are projected in the spring of next year, and judging from recent sales there will certainly be an increased demand for household property.

It is a subject of congratulation that such industries as that of the Sugar Refinery, the Cotton Factory, Starr Manufacturing Company, Dartmouth Rope Works and other enterprises on both sides of the harbor, mainly owned and operated by our citizens, are presently enjoying a fair measure of success, and are giving steady employment to so many of our working people. While some branches of trade continue in a depressed condition, others are improving, and on the whole there is much to be thankful for.

Halifax during this year has been signally favored with exemptions from great storms and conflagrations, from pestilences and earthquakes, from strikes and labor troubles, from riots and outbreaks, from famines and droughts, all of which calamities have visited so many other cities in the United States and our own Dominion. There is not a community of people on this wide earth that has so much to be thankful for as the citizens of Halifax. We can all heartily join in the statements of one of our newspapers on Thanksgiving Day that "If ever there was a year in the history of this country that the people have reason to thank the Lord for, this is the one. In a most especial manner He has poured out his bounties." Also in the words of another newspaper: "If there is a country in the world that has great cause for thankfulness, that country is certainly this, Canada of ours."

Next year is the Jubilee Year of the coronation of our beloved Sovereign, Queen Victoria, and in common with every other City in that vast Empire which owns her benign sway our citizens will join with enthusiasm in the world wide demonstration in honor of the event. Would it not be a fitting time to lay the corner stone of our new City Hall? And I would further offer the suggestion that the square in front of the City Hall be named "Queen Square" or "Victoria Square"