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THE YEAR 1915. Reviewing the year 1915 in relation to maritime provinces have been the most

St. John and the province of New Bruns- favored part of Canada during the past wick, the first thing to be noted is that the people responded well to the call of patriotism, sent several thousand men to the front and other portion of the Dominion. to the front and placed many hundreds more in training; supported the Patriotic Fund and other funds in a generous manner; and sent substantial proofs of sympathy and love to the New Brunsa wick men who are in the trenches. The work of the women of the province has work of the women of the province has been wonderful, and their patriotic services have been beyond praise. They have responded to every call, and those who are familiar with the work of the different organizations in St. John know how much the zeal and genuine hard work of the women have lightened the general burden and made for the success- that it will be repulsed with ease. The shment of desired results. It sinking of two Austrian torpedo boat ful accomplishment of desired results. It may be hoped that with the new year the women will interest themselves more definitely in the recruiting movement, which also needs their aid. The business men of the city and province have also discovered that they could devote a good deal of time to patriotic work without injury to their commercial interests, but it is fair to say that they did not consider the interests of their business when their presence and their labors were needed in connection with matters affecting the welfare of the country. They have given much more than money to the cause, and have been awakened to

the cause, and have been awakened to same time guarantee a continuous suphigher aims; and this is surely one of ply of recruits. the compensations of the testing time when so much of real sacrifice is called the compensations of the testing time when so much of real sacrifice is called for in the interest of the Empire.

The people could well afford to make contributions in money, for the province has been very prosperous. Business has not declined to any appreciable extent. Wholesale merchants say that collections have been good. There has been no complaint about unemployment. Taken as a whole, the income of St. John families has been as large or larger than usual. There is an abundance of money for needful purposes. The factories have been busy, the farmers and fishermen have had a good year, the lumbermenhad as good or a better year than in 1914, and the separation allowance and Patriotic Fund brought to many families, in St. John at least, more money than they ordinarily received. It has not been necessary, therefore, to make great sacrifices or suffer severe hardship through lack of money. When we compare our happy state with that of the people of Belgium, Serbis, Poland and a part of France, we see at once what great cause we have, for deep thankfulness that while the war has brought sortions of the more of the carried of the periodic flowers and the separation allowance and Patriotic Fund brought to many families, in St. John at least, more money than they ordinarily received. It has not been necessary, therefore, to make great sacrifices or suffer severe hardship through lack of money. When we compare our happy state with that of the people of Belgium, Serbis, Poland and a part of France, we see at once what great cause we have for deep thankfulness that while the war has brought sortions of the people of Canada at the very dependent of the periodic flowers and the separation of the people of Canada at the very dependent of the periodic flowers and the separation of the people of Canada at the very dependent of the periodic flowers at the province of the carried to have a subject of the flowers of the second of the periodic flowers and periodic flo

homes the relatives of those killed or A happy new year to all who deserve wounded at the front are not also com- it. pelled to suffer privation at home.

The year 1915 has been a momentous year in the world's history. Let us hope it and 1916 will see the last great stand

of barbarism against the forces of civil- Perhaps the new year will bring us the of barbarism against the forces of civilization. When Germany sprang at the throat of Europe she precipitated a struggle that has long been in preparation, though the world outside of Germany knew it not. None realized, until the war revealed it, the utter savagery that lay under and behind the German ambition for world-dominion. The year 1915 has revealed it in all its hideousness, but has also revealed the fact that the forces of righteousness are not daunted or to be overcome.

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Canada at large has had a prosperous year, far more so than was anticipated a year ago. The fears then prevalent have been allayed, and it is now clear that this country will weather the storm without severe hardship, and that when Catholic church in Canada, and is, more-

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the war is over a great new era of development will begin.

Reviewing the political situation in the different provinces of Canada during the past year, there have been revelations of a scandalous character, but there have also been unmistakable evidences that the people do not condone the offences committed, and will in due time attend to the greatest whether in the the case of the grafters, whether in the provincial or federal arena. It is realized that while it is well to fight for a country it is also well to have a country worth fighting for; and that to en-

sure the latter condition there must be a higher standard of public morals and Christmas but nevertheless it is a noble f public service.

So far as St. John itself is concerned, British flag sees five million men in arms

So far as St. John itself is concerned, there have been notable improvements during the past year. The new bridge has given uninterrupted street car service between the east and west sides. The street railway has extended its service to Glen Falls and East St. John. New warehouses have been built at West St. warehouses have been built at West St.

John and a record winter business there is in progress; while the mail steamers are this season sailing direct to and from this port. The fine new post office has been practically completed, and some other building work of importance has been practically completed, and some other building work of importance has been practically completed, and some other building work of importance has been practically completed, and some other building work of importance has been practically completed, and some other building work of importance has led the world for individual liberty without license, and for generous public ideals."

been carried on, adding many new residences in the suburbs and improving the appearance of the city and its outskirts. A town-plan has been prepared and approved by the citizens, and this is really the most far reaching in its beneficial effective with the murder of her 5-year-

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Remember this is the time we want all the friends we can get and no enemies.

friends, also our enemies, we feel confident we would have more friends and fewer enemies. Life is too short to make enemies.

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Letter From Rev. C. K. Harrington on Hearing of Death of Poet

Writing from No. 29 Sanai, Ushigome. Tokyo, Japan, on Nov. 29, Rev. C. K. Harrington acknowledging receipt, of copies of the Evening Times telling of the death and burial of the late H. L. Spencer, writes:—

"I am very glad that Mr. Spencer, during his declining years had about him friends who could appreciate him, and to whom it was a pleasure to do what friends might do for his comfort, I am glad that Mr. Spencer published a volume of his verses and in such an attendating many than the toth hat the Mr. Spencer, during his declining years had about him friends who could appreciate him, and to whom it was a pleasure to do what friends might do for his comfort, I am glad that Mr. Spencer published a volume of his verses and in such an attendating many than the boby, while its glycerine soothestheres birary strength to every organ of the author as well as made permanent his contribultion to Canadian perty. I am glad that Mr. Spencer, during his decilining years had about him friends who could appreciate him, and to whom it was a pleasure to do what friends might do for his comfort, I am glad that Mr. Spencer published a volume of his verses and in such an attendating many than the could such as the many than the contribultion to Canadian literature.

"That is the poet's message."

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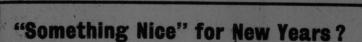
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The vision of the world And all the glory that shall be."
but he wrote according to his nature and his own experience, and, perhaps, when all is said, it was thus he could make his most valuable contribution to Canadian literature.

Optometerist and Optician

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