

THE NEW YEAR.

"Ring out the old, ring in the new!" will soon be the message borne upon the air by the bells, the mournfulness of whose parting message to the past will soon be almost at once dispelled as, though they may declare that "the King is dead!" they will simultaneously peal out "long live the King!"—"King 1892!" To say that the last twelve months have witnessed wonderful things would be but to repeat what has been said many a time, nevertheless it cannot be questioned that in its succession almost every year has been a more important one in the history of progress than the one which has immediately preceded it. In these days there can be no standing still; for the moment a halt is called, the individual or the

ing us with their capital and their enterprise which, in addition to that which we already possess are making for us excellent headway. We are not only progressing, but we are prospering. We are not taking two steps forward and one backward, but are going all the time, and everything that is undertaken by our people seems to have about it an amount of real go that shows stability of purpose.

With all this there has been no financial stringency—few business failures—in this Pacific Province. The range of mountains on the one hand seems to have shut us out from the commercial blasts that have caused so many wrecks in the east, while the fiscal policy of the nation has heightened the barrier of national boundary against commercial depression from the south. There is every



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nation forges to the front which in the eternal fitness of things is the best able to take the lead. But, if it is a case of "Let them take who have the power," the condition is "Let them keep who can!"

The indications have been of late that we have reached, or are rapidly reaching, British Columbia's day—the day of the Western country. Progress began in the East and, with one unceasing purpose, it goes the way of the sun. Official commercial figures have demonstrated that in almost every one of its substantial interests British Columbia is on the move, and the wise men of the East are continually coming here led by the star of hope and expectation. They are endow

reason why, with the satisfactory experiences we have had and the encouraging prospects that lie before us, we should be a happy and contented people, and, therefore, it is no mere idle compliment but a wish that is based upon the very best and most reasonable expectations, when we say "We wish you all a happy New Year!" —*British Columbia Commercial Journal.*

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