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THE NEW YEAR

THE dawning of a New Year is always an occasion for retrospection. We look back over the year that has passed, over the events that have transpired during the short twelve months, and sometimes we marvel that so much could have been crowded into so short a period of time.

We find that our outlook has been broadened; we have new interests, new friends, new opinions, we seem to live almost in a new land, so great are the changes sometimes, and we are wont to wonder what the months of the new year have in store for us—And not only for each individual, but as Canadians we scan the events of the past year and strive to conceive some idea of what another twelve months will accomplish in this country.

We may grow, perhaps, a little weary of the repetition—for we see it everywhere—of staggering facts about the advance and growth of the country, of the rapidity with which the wide West is being filled up, of the incalculable wealth of our hills, our valleys and our broad plains—And yet, do we in our hearts weary of the repetition? Do we not rather feel a great pride and loyalty for our country?

Canada is like a great, strapping, bright-eyed, rosy-cheeked young lad, full of life and energy, full of the optimism of youth, of the confidence which of itself wins success, and who is in reality—though already splendid in his healthy growth and youthful accomplishments—only beginning to realize what grand opportunities he holds in his hand, which will make of him not only a man among men, but one of the men commanding respect and admiration from his fellow beings.

SIR CHARLES RIVERS-WILSON, a man of wide experience in public life, who has been connected with many large financial enterprises in England, and who is the president of the Grand Trunk, paints a glowing picture of the growth of the Dominion, and refers to Canada as a country offering the best possibilities for the investment of capital.

Such words simply confirm our own opinions. There are such infinitely great opportunities in Canada that it is impossible to comprehend all, and the best of it is we are a new country, with our wealth still before, not behind us.

IT has been said, very truly, by a prominent citizen of the United States, that the United States was the country of the nineteenth century, and it is equally true, as the same man said, that Canada is, and will be, the country of the twentieth century.

FOR the new year THE NATIONAL MONTHLY AND CANADIAN HOME has many good things in store in the line of excellent stories and articles by Canadian men and women. Readers amongst the ladies will be interested to know that it is our intention to add very materially to the departments which are of particular value on matters of the household.

A CANADIAN magazine has an important place to fill in the country, and an important mission to perform in keeping the readers not only informed of the happenings in our own land, but up to the time in general reading matter, this requiring the greatest care in the selection of reading matter. It becomes not only the personal enterprise of the publisher, but an enterprise which has an influence on the nation, in that it effects the minds of the public. With this thought in our mind we aim each month to give to our readers material of a national as well as an entertaining character.

It is interesting to Canadians to know how the name Canada was acquired. Though the country, according to the earliest official records, was discovered by John and Sebastian Cabot, who, sailing under commission from King Henry VII of England, landed in 1497 in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, the name Canada does not appear in reports until seen in the record by Jacques Cartier, of 1536-7. The word comes from an Indian word meaning "village," and was used by the Indians when Cartier asked them where they lived.

"Kanata," they said, as much as to say, "our village," "over yonder," pointing at the same time towards their homes.