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A Year Passes.

A new page is being turned in our lives, and in the history of the world; another picture will be added to the gallery of the ages, and another vista will be opened along which we are called to travel in this our wonderful life-pilgrimage. Someone has said that it is a blessed thing for most of us that life is divided into years That, arbitrary as the point of division may be, it seems to hold out to us opportunities of beginning life afresh. That would be beyond all measure dreadful if some year of unspeakable sorrow, some year of dire misfortune, were to go on forever. That it it remained always the same year, always the same date, it would be unspeakably terrible. Of course it is only a fancy, for ever since man has seen the hosts of heaven above him he has told himself that they were set there for 'signs and for seasons,' and for days and years.' Although, then, our divisions of the calendar are quite artificial, and although, again, we cannot altogether—even if we would—get away from the heritage of the past, there is something sublime and wonderfully significant in the moment when the two years, the new and the old meet on the mid-ocean of Eternity and then part; one dropping astern, laden with its cargo of accomplished joys and sorrows, and the other forging ahead into the seas of the sunrise, with its freight of hopes and fears for the markets of the future.

Editorial Notes.

We gladly publish the very timely suggestion of Rev. Mr. Bryant this week, and commend it to the attention of Wolfville readers.

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It is said that there are nearly 45,000 automobiles in Canada. May not this be one of the causes for the high cost of living which we hear so much about now?

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According to the Western Chronicle Sir Frederick Borden repudiates a recent interview in which the Montreal Telegraph claims he stated he was now out of public life. Surely Sir Frederick will not question the fact, however.

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Sir Charles Tupper is the only living 'father of Confederation.' Prince Edward Island claims to be the cradle of Confederation, as it was there the first Confederation Conference was held. Next September will be the fiftieth anniversary of this initial conference and Prince Edward Island proposes to have a celebration of the event.

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THE ACADIAN is very sorry to record the death of Hon. J. N. Armstrong, which took place at his home at North Sydney, of pneumonia, on Wednesday of last week. Hon. Mr. Armstrong, who was one of the best known men in Nova Scotia, was a recent visitor to Acadia's anniversary and made many friends during his short stay in Wolfville. He is survived by a widow, two sons and three daughters. The degree of LL. D was conferred upon Hon. Mr. Armstrong by Acadia University in 1912.

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The playground movement is making rapid progress in Canada. McGill University has added a department for the training of playground teachers. Last year the Playground Association of St John asked the Board of Education of that province to make such provision at the Normal School, but though expressing sympathy the Board was not in a position to undertake the work. McGill has now taken it up, and we shall soon have thorough supervisors of play trained in Canada. Looking back ten years, and remembering the utter lack of of public sentiment in relation to supervised play, those who advocated the movement and were termed 'faddists' have reason to rejoice in the change that has taken place in a decade.

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The Canadian Magazine begins the year with a fine number for January First mention should be made of the really splendid offering of short stories by Canadian authors—Robert Barr, Ben Bacon, Margaret Bell, F. C. Leeder, and Peter McArthur, all of which are humorous to a degree. It is refreshing to have so much Canadian humor in one number. There are a number of interesting articles, historical and economical, such as 'The Bartlett Drawings,' by Bernard Muddiman; 'Canada's New Parcel-Post, by George W. Austen. 'Speculation and Its Effect in Canada,' by W. W. Swanson. There are also running just now two series of sketches by two most entertaining Canadian writers Mrs. Arthur Murphy, who continues her delightful description of her journey from Athabasca Landing to Gronard, and Mrs. Forsyth Grant, who describes charmingly her recollections of Toronto fifty years ago. One of the most interesting contributions is the sketch of Honorable Robert Rogers, by Grattan O Leary under the heading, 'The Wizard of Dominion Politics.'

Opera House.

'Our Wives' the most successful comedy that Halifax has had for many a day, and which ran the entire week of Dec. 15th at the Academy of Music, will be presented at the Opera House in Wolfville on Thursday, Jan. 8th. The Halifax people say that this is one of the finest play on the stage, and the full company of Academy Players will be in Wolfville that night to give you a good hearty laugh.

The Calumet Horror.

The awful tragedy at Calumet, Michigan, where the lives of more than seventy persons, most of them children, were crushed out in a panic at a Christmas tree entertainment in a theatre, has sent a thrill of horror throughout the world. The panic was caused by a false alarm of fire, apparently given by a man who thought it a joke. How any man could regard so grave a crime as a mere joke passes comprehension. Unhappily there are still so many people with whom civilization is a veneer that when a panic is raised they revert to savagery, and are ready to kill in their frantic efforts to save their own lives. It is a curious fact that members of a human mob seized by a panic are as ruthless as the fiercest animal that treads the jungle. There was absolutely no need that a single life should be sacrificed or anybody injured in the theatre at Calumet. There was no fire, and, if there had been a fire, panic would have made it all the more difficult for the people to escape. It is not pleasant to think that there are so many cowards in the world, and so many who are willing to sacrifice the lives of others to save their own. By contrast the act of the man who is willing to risk, and if need be lose his own to save the life of another, needs to be recalled by those who read such a horrible story as that of Calumet theatre. It is said that in times of panic even the bravest and most unselfish will sometimes be carried away by the spirit of the mob, and pursue a course of action which normally they would regard with horror. Let us hope, for the sake of our faith in humanity at large, that this is true, and that most of those who trampled the little children to death were not conscious murderers, but persons who for the moment had become violently insane.

Kings County Farmers' Association.

The Kings County Farmers' Association held its annual meeting on Tuesday, Dec 23rd, in Forrester's Hall. President F. W. Foster, of North Kingston, was in the chair.

The opening remarks of the chairman dealt with the inspiration and knowledge that the Association had been the means of imparting to farmers. The various addresses on different phases of agriculture, which has been delivered under the auspices of the Association, had, declared the president, put thousands of dollars in the farmers' pockets.

The secretary-treasurer's report was given by W. H. Woodworth, showing a successful year's work and a good balance in the treasury. Twenty-seven meetings had been held during the year.

R. L. Palmer was elected president for 1914.

The following directors were chosen: F. W. Foster, North Kingston; W. H Woodworth, Berwick; P. Innes, Cold Brook; Manning K. Ells, Port Williams; A. S. Banks, Waterville; Frank Gertridge, Gaspereau; W. W. Parker, Welsford; C. E. Ells, Lower Canard; Jos Taylor, Aylesford; N. J. Bryden, Weston; Geo E Hutchinson, Morris town. Elton Saunders, Dalhousie.

P. Innis and J. Howe Cox were re elected auditors.

Prof Saxby Blair gave an address on potato culture. He showed the advantage of using well-rotted stable manure as a fertilizer and the advisability of carefully studying the needs of the soil on which potatoes were to be grown.

A. E Adams made a plea for the production of better fruit and urged greater attention to spraying and the general care of trees.—Berwick Register.

New Year's Thoughts.

No minute or hour of solar time begins this new year. The sunset of one place is the sunrise of another. Time's true calendar is the spirit of man. Then every day should be greeted as the dawn of a new and better life—greeted with new sensibilities, new ideas, new purposes—so that life may never wither, but keep eternally young and ready to learn, and as full of wonder as the eyes of the Child who sits in the Sistine Madonna's arms.

God's mercy flows over the past year, blotting out its failures and sins. Let us, then set our faces hopefully toward the new. Pass out of the book of resolutions into the book of acts and so inscribe upon its fresh, fair pages a better record! May there be in all the coming year no bud that shall not burst into blossom and no blossom that shall fall without being filled into fruit.

The old year, with its lights and shadows, has drawn to a close. As we look in review we cannot but sincerely regret any stain on its pages, knowing that they must stand until that great day 'when God shall judge the secrets of men.' Then let us turn our eyes toward the new year with resolution and hope, with faith and love, and the victory is ours. There will be the same old foes to meet, the same old temptations to encounter and the same old battles to fight. But thanks be unto God, who giveth us the victory, and going forth in 'His name' we will wear the victor's crown.

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A Seasonable Suggestion.

DEAR MR EDITOR:—My New Year's greeting to you, and through you, to my fellow citizens, is expressed in a wish, which doubtless is shared in by others, that we as citizens of the town get together and organize ourselves into a Civic Improvement League, or Citizens' Association, for the purpose of discussing, in an informal and impartial way, such current problems as: Town Beautification and Sanitation, Taxation and Education, Municipal Ownership of Public Utilities, and the present high cost of living, and other corelated questions.

This, I think, would be worth while. If we have a vision of 'the Town Beautiful,' let it be followed by action.

GEO. T. BRYANT,

Wolfville, January 1st, 1914.

Death of Alex. McNeill.

Alex McNeill, Chief of the Fruit Division, Ottawa, and ex President of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, died at Ottawa on Sunday.

For years Mr. McNeill had been a semi-invalid; for weeks he was in a condition between life and death. Nothing but his courage and splendid optimism kept him going for so long Prostrated one day he was at work the next, accomplishing as much in one day as many men would do in two days.

A skilled fruit grower, a man of boundless public spirit, a ready speaker, and a still more forceful writer, he was one of the chief agents in placing the fruit growing interest in the prominent place it occupies to day Perhaps the best of his work in this line was in promoting co-operation. He talked and wrote co operation always and everywhere, and the fact that fruit growers have made greater progress along this line than have any of the other lines of agriculture is largely the result of his unceasing efforts.

In the passing of Alex. McNeill Canada has lost a citizen of rare capacity and willingness for public service.—Toronto Sun.

Fenian Raid Bounties.

An Ottawa despatch of Dec. 17th says: The number of warrants issued by the department of Militia for Fenian Raid bounties of $100 each now totals 15 900. There are almost as many more applications for bounties still to be passed upon. The original estimate of the number of men who were actually called out for service was approximately 10,000. Canada's experience with the pension list bids fair to surpass that of the United States when it comes to the survival of war veterans and the constant turning up of new ones

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Wedding Bells.

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The bride wore a travelling costume of blue cloth and hat to match, with white plumes and was given away by her brother.

Mr and Mrs Yeoward left by the afternoon express and are planning to travel somewhat extensively during the winter. After visiting the home of the groom they propose going to California to visit friends of the family who reside there.

The gifts were very numerous and costly including gold, silver, cheques, etc The groom's gift to the bride was a solid gold bracelet.

Maritime Provinces Best Part of Canada.

'The Maritime Provinces are the best part of Canada' if only the people knew it,' said V. Halford, a representative of Canada, in a London, Eng., illustrated weekly, who has just completed an eight months' trip through the Dominion, which included a visit to Sydney. 'If you had the spirit of the west here, you would not know the country in a few years. Most of the people in Eastern Canada admit their part of the Dominion has a great future before it, and generally they let it go at that. Here the people seem to be content to wait for things to come along; in the west they go after things Here the people pray for things, in the west they do things.

'It is mainly the people who make a country, though of course, you have the natural resourses and possibilities. Here you have a better country than they have in the west, and you can deliver the goods, if you make up your minds to.

Vancouver News-Advertiser:—The English decision that women are not persons within the meaning of certain statutes, and therefore not eligible as barristers, is in line with Canadian decisions. In several Canadian Provinces the objection was overcome by legislation opening the legal profession to women. No doubt this will be done in Great Britain. It is now almost universally agreed that all professions should be open to women who are able to qualify for service in them Women may be found in civil and countries engaged in law, medicine, engineering, architecture, journalism, teaching, preaching, and even in water and air navigation.

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