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PUBLISHER'S TALK

WE are pleased to tell our readers that every department of the *Courier's* business showed excellent progress during 1908, and that we have begun 1909 with perfect confidence. There are a few pessimists who have prophesied that a publication so extravagant as to use a new coloured cover each week would speedily come to financial grief. To these Jeremiahs we would say that the coloured cover is a permanency. It has justified itself whether regarded from the artistic, the sentimental, or the business view-point.

THE voting competition has closed and the announcement will be made next week, with portraits of the ten leaders. We do not assume that this competition settles the matter finally, but it certainly shows who are "Canada's Ten Big Men," so far as the general public has made up its mind. The general public of to-day and the future historian may disagree tremendously.

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