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MESSAGES FROM THE PREMIERS OF CANADIAN PROVINCES

Faith in Canada's future, an excellent outlook for 1914, are notes of some interesting developments during the past year are the outstanding features of this year's messages to the annual number of The Monetary Times which the nine provincial premiers have contributed to this issue for several years. The financial stringency, while felt in Nova Scotia, writes Hon. G. H. Murray, premier, has not largely affected the volume of mercantile business. There was much less decline in trade in Nova Scotia than in the western and central provinces. Moreover, the present indications are promising. The recent changes in the United States tariff will materially assist in the development of the province. It is believed that the free entry of fish into the United States is one of the best things that has happened our fishing industry since the days of the old Reciprocity Treaty. Our fishermen will reap the benefit of fully half, and in some cases of practically all the duty that has been removed. The demand for our agricultural products and for our lumber has already been stimulated, and a large business in these lines for 1914 is confidently expected.

Optimism in New Brunswick.
 The year 1913 has been a good year in New Brunswick, says Hon. J. K. Fleming. Our most important industry is agriculture, and our farmers have had a favorable season, crops being good and prices now prevailing satisfactory. The potato crop (which is rapidly increasing in importance) was particularly good last year. The increased acreage and the bountiful crop, with the fact that the potato will add greatly to the income of many of our farmers. The development work at the port of St. John has been going on throughout the year. Additional wharves are being constructed on the west side of the harbor, and further important additions are planned for the Courtney Bay development. It proceeded with sufficient progress to warrant the contractor in stating that he can have the whole undertaking completed within the contract period, if not sooner. The rapidly increasing trade of Canada will find at St. John, the eastern gateway of the Dominion, a port open, accessible and available for the handling of traffic twelve months every year.

Trade Good in Prince Edward Island.
 In Prince Edward Island, the Hon. J. A. Matheson reminds us that quite recently two exportations of Karakul sheep were made with a view to the production of Persian lamb fur on an extensive scale, an enterprise which the promoters hope may prove to be decidedly profitable. Fur-farming showed great activity in various ways. Many new companies were incorporated, many new ranches built and old ones enlarged. From the province.

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 Toronto, December 3rd, 1913.

ada for their wheat and other grains. Last year marked an important point in the evolution of farming. Coarse grains for feeding purposes are beginning to predominate with the advent of mixed farming. A gratifying increase in the number of dairy cows and hogs is reported from every district, indicating a new source of wealth production, a more constant revenue for the farmer and a new basis of credit for farming operations.

Hope and Cheer in Saskatchewan.
 "I have nothing but hope and cheer for my fellow-citizens in Saskatchewan and the Dominion at large," is the message of the Hon. Walter Scott. As to the general outlook for 1914, he adds, in the Dominion and in Saskatchewan, the appropriate note appears to me to be one of a sober and well-considered optimism. For years past the rate of advance in the Dominion has been, not abnormal by any means, but certainly phenomenal. I think, probably, that figures will bear me out if I say that in no province has the advance been so striking—I might almost say so spectacular—as in that of Saskatchewan. The sheet anchor of Saskatchewan is its soil, which (excluding, of course, the far north) comprises a larger proportion of land capable of sustaining a farming population than any area of similar vastness on the globe. Nothing but inconceivable recklessness and waste could prevent Saskatchewan remaining for all time a great agricultural province, and it comes to me that nothing can really seriously check the steady forward movement of this province—and perhaps of the Dominion—except a return to the extremely low prices which prevailed in the earlier days of the settlement of the northwestern territories, concludes Mr. Scott.

Prosperity for Ontario.
 Ontario has had a year of great prosperity and can see still greater things ahead, thinks Sir James Whitney. Every advance made by Western Canada gives an impetus to the older provinces by creating new demands for agricultural and manufactured products and by compelling investment and development in every line of business. In Ontario we are endeavoring to live up to our opportunities and we are seeking in many ways to improve ourselves. Many millions have been and are being added to the value of our agricultural and dairy products by means of scientific agricultural instructions. In every corner of the province the education of the people is being advanced in a thorough practical and efficient way, so that today Ontario has 25 per cent. less illiterates than it had ten years ago when it was considered to be in the van of educational progress.

Splendid Outlook in British Columbia.
 Sir Richard McBride says that British Columbia, judged by the general growth in population and the general industries during the past year, and the expected outlook, may confidently be expected to have continued and increased prosperity in 1914. While the figures are not yet available, conservative estimates point to a marked increase in the development of the various natural products.

Mining will show a larger output for the current year. Additional work is said of agriculture and the other occupations in which the people are employed.

The wise plan of conservation in timber and a systematic endeavor to make the immense water powers of the province conduce to the general welfare, generous and wise expenditure for adding to the already extensive railway system, the building of necessary public works as well as the enormous amount of railway construction due to legislation passed in the past year, and the settlement of immense areas, hitherto almost dormant. Taken as a whole adds Sir Richard McBride, the prospects for the immediate future are most gratifying in the Pacific province.

Alberta on Sound Footing.
 Alberta was never on a sounder footing than it is today, is the conclusion of Hon. A. L. Sifton. The general feeling throughout the province says, is that 1914 will be a year of normal business and expansion along legitimate lines. This view is based upon the success of the season just closed. Alberta has reaped the best crop in her history, and stands in line for her share of the millions of hard cash earned by the farmers of Western Canada.

ST. MARY'S LOOKS FOR ACTIVE CIVIC YEAR
 London to Stratford Railway Project Seems More Probable Since Advent of Hydro.

(Special to The Toronto World).
 ST. MARY'S, Dec. 25.—As the question of building a new central school and possibly hydro-radial extensions, will be up for the next town council to consider, it is felt that the best men available should be elected by the ratepayers.

Whether or not a new school should be built, many think the old central school could be remodeled and enlarged, and an addition made to the West Ward School at possibly one-third the cost of a new central school building.

Also there has been talk for some time of an electric railway from London to Stratford via St. Mary's, it seems now more probable than ever since the installation of hydro power.

CAUGHT IN MACHINERY
 Superintendent of New Hamburg Factory Dead as Result of Accident.

NEW HAMBURG, Dec. 25.—(Special.) Charles Mermer, superintendent of the New Hamburg Felt Boot Co., died this evening as the result of an accident that happened on Saturday last. He was engaged in the works examining a loom when he was close to another one in full operation, when his sweater caught in the drum and he was instantly carried into the machinery, sustaining terrible injuries. Mr. Mermer was about 45 years of age and unmarried.

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