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The passing of another year, with its opportunities lost and won, money made and lost, friends severed and others gained, marks an epoch in the life of each

As the time-worn resolve to "turn over a new leaf" comes to us with the dawnmg of a new year, so do all business plans and prospects present themselves. We naturally look back to see the mistakes made, and to lay down plans to prevent them in future. We sum up our losses. bad debts, imprudent purchases, injudicious business ventures, etc., and look for a more prudent and judicious way of conducting our affairs. We take our annual inventory of stock (or, if all do not, they should commence now), and we sum up our balance sheet, with the hope of finding a favorable showing. We also devise or map out our course, for the coming year, and thus enter upon the well-trodden path with sundry experimental ideas and partially matured plans which time alone will tell whether they are workable or

For many of the druggists of Canada the year 1897 has not been altogether "a bed of roses" in a business way. The first of the year saw business in all branches in a very depressed condition, money scarce except in the banks, and a feeling of distrust prevailing from the previous year. The latter part of the year, however, brought a more confident tone to the business community, consequent upon the extremely favorable harvest reports from all sections of the country, and the large influx of foreign capital, which was principally confined to the mining centres.

Values of all kinds advanced, and the close of the year witnessed a decided improvement in all commercial lines. Notwithstanding the stringency of money matters, however, and the dullness of times, the failures in the drug trade of Canada have been comparatively few, partially