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THE OUTLOOK

The closing week of the year 1909 is marked by a general feeling of confidence in Canada that 1910 will be the banner year in the country's history. The year now closing has witnessed a remarkable improvement in conditions, both industrial and commercial. It has been a year of splendid crops, which have brought good prices. While the west has witnessed the greatest growth, there has been a forward movement in the provinces by the sea, and this movement should be accelerated in 1910 along lines of agricultural, educational and industrial development, and the increase of population by the arrival of desirable settlers for our farm lands. The city of St. John should make notable progress next year. Projected industries should take form, there will be further development of harbor facilities, and there should be a further expansion of the trade of the port. The Dominion Fair, which was a feature of 1910 in this city, and should prove a most effective advertisement of the city and province. In the province many more miles will be added to the rail ways in operation, and there will be further development of the mining industry. That which is needed more than anything else to boom the city and province is a spirit of confidence and of progressive enterprise among the people. The revival of this spirit has been very noticeable during the latter part of 1909, and it should take form and become productive of much material development in the year 1910.

THE BRITISH CAMPAIGN

It is stated that the Conservatives in England place much reliance on the "silent vote." This means that they are not at all confident of winning in the elections. They are handicapped by the lack of inspiring leaders, and of debaters who hold their own with Premier Asquith, Lloyd George, Winston Churchill and Sir Edward Grey. Their lack, also, of a definite and authoritative programme of tariff reform, which they seek to make the leading issue, makes it more difficult for them to gain support. Hence many of their speakers must fall back upon the policy of denunciation and the threat to the fears of the people. The budget, they say, would be ruinous. The return of the Liberals would mean the revival of home rule agitation, and danger to the very existence of the House of Lords. It is stated that betting on the stock exchange indicates a general belief that the government will be sustained, and that a reduction of the Liberal's majority as will make it difficult for them to carry on the government, thus forcing another general election within a comparatively short time. Much indeed depends upon the "silent vote" which the opposition hope to gain. The extremists on both sides are rather speechless in their statements, and the issue will not be decided by appeals either to prejudice or fear. Those who will be decisive are turning over in their minds the saner arguments of both sides, and are not disturbed by any fear of ultimate disaster to the nation. It is always easy to defeat a government when disaster threatens.

THE STORM

St. John people are interested in the story of the great storm and tidal wave which did so much damage in Boston and vicinity yesterday. There are so many province people in Massachusetts that some of them must have been among the sufferers from the storm. The dispatches estimate the general loss at more than a million dollars in Boston alone, while many other cities and coast towns suffered more or less. The great rise of the tide made it necessary in some towns to rescue whole families from their homes by the use of boats. In Everett and Chelsea hundreds of people driven from their homes were sheltered by friends or in the city buildings and churches. Several lives were lost. The Massachusetts cities have had no such experience before for half a century. New York was also in the grip of the storm yesterday, and thousands of men and teams were kept at work clearing the snow from the streets. As far east as Portland the high tide did damage to property. In St. John there was a wild storm, but no damage was done, and traffic was not seriously impeded. This section has therefore been fortunate.

Vessels out in the storm of yesterday, anywhere along the Atlantic coast, must have had a fearful experience. Winter was long delayed hereabouts, but it came yesterday in the rush of a blizzard.

AFTER CHRISTMAS

It is evident that Christmas this year found the great majority of the people not only in the mood for giving gifts, but able to carry out their plans. That the mail and parcel business was never before as heavy is the testimony of clerks and carriers. In the city stores, while the absence of snow may have kept many country people at home, a very large holiday business was done. A number of merchants replied to the query of the Times by stating that they were well satisfied with Christmas trade. But there was a dark side to Christmas, and it should not be overlooked. On Christmas eve and on Christmas day there were drunken men about the streets, and as a result there were homes where the family joy was sadly marred. There was much drunkenness on Christmas eve. The time has gone by when this sort of thing could be regarded as a harmless and perhaps meritorious evidence of conviviality. There are too many human wrecks about to warn young men of the danger that lies in the convivial cup, and the more the people realize the real significance of Christmas the more revolting is the sight of men who make the Christmas spirit into that of day. If beasts of themselves upon that day. If the Christmas spirit is to remain with us, the temperance organizations should display more activity during the rest of the winter than they have ever shown before. That would be one very effective method of improving conditions before next Christmas comes.

The Standard approves of the purchase by Canada of British cruisers for training ships.

Many will hear with regret of the death of Frederick Remington, the artist whose pictures of wild west life have made him famous.

That is a very distressing story from Berlin, which tells of the falling out of William and Ferdinand. And yet the Kaiser did not use the royal boot.

It is said that a series of meetings will be held along the route of the St. John Valley Railway to boom that project. This should interest Premier Hazen.

A note should be made of the fact that golf and base ball as well as skating had their devotees in St. John on Christmas Day, 1909.

Social reformers in the United States are quoting the declaration made in Toronto by President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, that "the time has come when the saloon and the labor movement must be divorced."

The new president of Nicaragua has found it necessary to arrest the man who was Zelaya's finance minister, and with him Zelaya's son-in-law and another man, charged with embezzlement of public funds. The financial condition of the country is said to be alarming. Meanwhile Zelaya has got away.

The Victoria Colonist, Conservative, hands this one to its friends who are eager for tariff reform in England: "Sir Edward Grey thinks it dangerous to introduce a system of tariff bargaining between the several parts of the empire. It has always been a surprise to us that this aspect of the case has been so persistently ignored by those who think the empire can be consolidated by raising difficult questions between the several governments, for there is nothing more difficult of settlement than tariff questions as they affect different countries."

The following from the Montreal Herald of Tuesday last is of interest: "Mr. E. J. Chamberlain, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, has just returned from the west, and speaks most hopefully of the progress of the road construction in that part of Canada. He is of opinion that the company will be running its own trains to the Pacific in 1912, and perhaps before. The mild weather that has been experienced the other side of Edmonton has allowed the work to proceed without hindrance. With regard to the Winnipeg and Edmonton stretch, Mr. Chamberlain says that the line is in such good condition that one of their locomotives will be able to draw a train of three thousand tons as against half that amount of the other companies."

As an illustration of the extreme of partisan bitterness and mistaken zeal to which some Conservative journals in Canada go in their treatment of the government's naval programme, we quote the following sneering paragraph from the Toronto Mail and Empire: "Our first warship is a discarded bulk. But, of course, it will adequately represent Laurier's affection for the empire. It is gratifying to know that it will fight in no British war, to cite the language of Sir Wilfrid, unless ordered to do so by parliament. A humane parliament will see to it that its crew is not endangered by being sent to sea, especially when the enemy is at large. If war should come we will have to ask the royal navy to take our war vessel under its protection. Failing that, it will be necessary to scuttle her or to send her inland."

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After Christmas Bargains

THAT YOU SHOULD RECKON WITH

The Christmas selling has left us with a lot of broken lines and odds and ends which we have decided to clear out at greatly reduced prices. This gives you a splendid chance to buy acceptable gifts for some whom you have overlooked in the rush of your Christmas buying.

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WITH NATURE

Who loves the solitary morning hour,
The moss-grown woodland path, the mystic
try, of
Some forest dell?
Who sees with rapture sunlight on a
flower
Or learns with quiet joy the history of
A leather belt?

Who seeks at noon the willow-bordered
stream
Whose limpid course 'twixt verdant pas-
ture lands
Lies undisturbed?
Who loves 'mid drowsy nature's soft day-
dream
To watch the water's gleam—with idle
hands
And soul allured?

Who mounts to watch the majesty which
girds
The hills with magic radiance and the
skies
With farewell glow?
Who listens to the twilight songs of
birds
Whose mournful notes bring back those
memories
Of long ago?

Come with me to the realm of dawn
Where the dewdrops sit in wreaths
On the sleeping flowers' tawny cheek,
And the wind a fragrance breathes.

Where the sighing crests of the poplar
Imprison the sun's first rays.
And the feathered flock in their nests be-
neath
Awake to greet the day.

Where the last pale star in mystic fades,
And the warblers' lights adorn
The eastern heaven's stilly face
With wakening smiles of morn.

O, come! O, come! And you shall see
A sight thrice fairer far
Than moonlight on Italian lakes
Or chateaux of Navarre!

Who with a humble mind and faith secure
The seeing eye, employs to make his own
Earth's beautiful things—
Ah! he hath surely seen of Nature's pure
Still-burning fire of Genius—which alone
Contentment brings.
—Jean Isabel Nesbitt.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

SEE.

If God had intended us to tell all we
see. He wouldn't have given us two eyes
and only one tongue.—New York Times.
As soon as other people begin to envy
you, you're succeeding.

EVERYTHING UP.

Tar: "On my last voyage I saw waves
one hundred feet high!"
Spar: "I've been a sailor forty year,
and never seen 'em over forty!"
Tar: "Praps not! But everything is
higher now than it used to be, mate!"

TRYING TO SATISFY HIM.

Squashish Guest (as waiter places wa-
ter before him): "Waiter, are you sure
this is boiled distilled water?"
Waiter: "An' no, sir."

Squashish Guest (putting it to his lip):
—"But it seems to taste pretty hard for
distilled water."
Waiter: "That's because it's hard-boiled
distilled water, sir."

RING.

This difference still lingers
Among women in all lands:
The rich ones ring their fingers,
And the poor ones wring their hands.

PROOF.

He—"You can always tell when a wo-
man has told you all she knows about a
piece of neighboring gossip."
She—"How?"
He—"She concludes with, 'I should be
glad to tell you all about it, but my lips
are sealed.'"

AN IMITATION.

Come Mister Blizzard, since you've got to
come;
Take all yer big sticks an' beat on yer
drum.
The fires will blaze
Through the nights and days,
An' we'll have halleluia when the fiddler
plays.

WHEN CUPID RETREATS.

Polly—"Jack vows he will love me 'till
the sun grows cold."
Patience—"Hm! Wait until after the
honeymoon and see if he loves you when
the flat grows cold."

SAFE.

Bertha—"I'll tell you something in con-
fidence, which you must keep a secret. I'm
engaged to Mr. De Riche."
Daisy—"All right. I'll see that the re-
port is spread thoroughly."

PERMANENT.

There was not even standing room in
the crowded car, but one more
passenger, a young woman, wedged her
way along just inside the doorway. Each
time the car took a sudden lurch forward
she fell helplessly back, and three times
she landed in the arms of a large, com-
fortable man on the back platform.

The third time it happened, he said
quietly, "Haden't you better stay here?"
Uncle Remus—"The Home Magazine."

Some family skeletons are padded be-
yond recognition.

THE BAY OF FUNDY

Grand Manan,
Dec. 22, 1909.

Sir: In regard to what I said about
the lights at the North West Ledge,
Brier Island. Although I have followed
the sea for more than thirty years, yet I
have very little influence. But if some
of the ship captains coming to St. John
would call some attention to—or make
some suggestion to men of influence in
the city of St. John, some notice would be
taken of it. But unfortunately it is one
of the last things that a captain wants
to do. He visits many strange ports, and
has become accustomed to accepting con-
ditions as he finds them. Many people
speak of the Bay of Fundy as a danger-
ous place to navigate. But it is really a
fact that were it not for Grand Manan
and her numerous spurs, it would be one
of the clearest stretches of water to be
found anywhere. It seems as if the Evil
One had gathered all the obstructions to
be found in the Bay of Fundy and dropped
them down here in the space of a few
miles. So that those that would wish to
make any suggestions for the benefit of
St. John as a winter port, would confine
themselves altogether to the channel be-
tween Grand Manan and Brier Island.
Yours truly,
ARTHUR LEARY.

Emery powder and oil made into a paste
is an excellent mixture to clean steel.
Rub on well and polish after which rub
with an oiled rag, and then polish up again
with a clean duster.

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will have it.

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OBITUARY

Geo. B. Till

The death of George Brunswick Till
took place Friday morning at his home,
19 Orange street, at 11.30. The deceased
was in his 84th year, and was never mar-
ried. Mr. Till was a local newspaper man
and veteran printer. He was first employ-
ed on the Brunswick, and latterly was
with The Telegraph. Mr. Till was in active
work until about six years ago, when he
had to give up on account of failing
health. He was well known in many cir-
cles and had a host of friends who will
learn with regret of his death. The
funeral was held Christmas Day. He was
buried in Fernhill Cemetery.

Bridget McAlloon

The death occurred yesterday of Bridget
McAlloon, a respected citizen of North
End, in the 84th year of her age. The
deceased was a very popular old lady and
lived with her nephew, James McAlloon,
227 Main street. She is survived by two
brothers, Paul and James McAlloon, both
of this city.

Wm. C. Reade

The death took place last evening at his
father's residence, 83 Duke street, West
End, of William C. Reade, son of Clinton
B. and Estella E. Reade. The young man
was a student of the Normal School, and
it was while attending there that he con-
tracted typhoid fever. He was of a very
pleasant disposition, and his kind and
gentle manner won for him a host of
friends who will regret to hear of his death.

James Murray

The death occurred in this city on the
26th inst. of James Murray, in the 69th
year of his age. He is survived by a wife
and eight children. The funeral will take
place on Tuesday morning at 8.30 to St.
John the Baptist church, where requiem
mass will be celebrated.

John Stewart

A long and busy career was terminated
yesterday by the death of John Stewart,
a veteran I. C. R. engineer and one of
those who received the medal of the im-
perial service order for long and faithful
service. Mr. Stewart was in the 84th year
of his age and up to seven years ago when
he retired was the oldest engineer in the
I. C. R. employ, his term of service dating
back to the days of the European & North
American Railway. In all his service of
40 years he had never had an accident and
was regarded as one of the most reliable
and competent men in the employ.

Born in Invernesshire, Scotland, he came
to St. John soon after his marriage after
making the voyage across in a sailing ship.
He was first employed as gubner on the
state of the late Alex. Hardie and later
joined the I. C. R.
Despite his advanced age Mr. Stewart
enjoyed good health until Thursday last,
when he became ill.

He is survived by his wife, four sisters,
Mrs. W. B. Henry, of Salisbury; Mrs. W.
A. Simonds, of this city; Mrs. Frank Reid,
of Harvey Bank, and Jean, at home; and
two brothers, William H. Stewart, of H.
& T. L. McDowall, and John Stewart,
acting master mechanic of the I. C. R.
since the death of N. L. Rand. The fun-
eral will take place on Tuesday afternoon
at 2.30 from his late residence, Canon
street.

ICE AS AN EXPLOSIVE.

Quarriesmen in very cold districts some-
times economize in dynamite by using wa-
ter instead. Drilling several holes in a
large block of granite, they pour in water,
stop up the hole securely, and leave it for
a couple of days. The water freezes, and
in the process expands so much that it
bursts the stone asunder. From this fact
may be gathered some idea of the enor-
mous forces contained in nature.

Hot chocolate, unweetened wafers and
crystallized prunes form a dainty course
for luncheons or supper.

Short skirts are decreed for all occasions
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