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THE OLD AND THE NEW.

The period of stock-taking and good resolutions is here once more. Despite the flippancy with which most of us speak of the associations of the season of New Year it is not without an aspect of seriousness not wholly disregarded. The attraction of the new year is that possessed by all things not sullied by use. As the child whose copy book has been disfigured by clumsily constructed pothooks and blotches of ink spilled by an unskilled pen, delights to turn over a new leaf; so older people, conscious not only of unfulfilled good intentions but also of many sins of commission less excusable, like to cheat themselves for a moment with the belief that a new year will be marked by an appreciable advance. For most of us it is the clean sheet in the book in which the record of our successes and failures in the task of life are automatically inscribed. At the bottom of our hearts there is the premonition that when the last line of the new page has been reached the aspect of the whole will show little improvement on the previous one, which we so gladly hid from view. In our serious moments we know that the task is too difficult to allow of sudden and successful leaps towards perfection. It is in the nature of things that progress of this sort, so far from being spectacular, should be at best barely perceptible.

Despite all these considerations, however, the clean sheet has its attractions and it is well that it should be so. Despite the proverbial wisdom which declares that good intentions go to pave the floor of the most unholy of places, we venture to assert the truth that should be trite, namely, that good intentions are good. After all, there is this truth in the proverbial reference to their purpose, that they provide a foothold for those who have failed, affording, too the only certain foothold to those who would move uphill along the path of moral effort. If they go to pave the floor of hell, they provide also the only spring-board from which one may take a leap into cooler, calmer and more pleasant surroundings.

Don't be afraid, then, to make a few good resolutions.

MANNING THE SHIPS.

Those who have little faith in the ability of the people of the Dominion to build, man and maintain a Canadian navy, have made much of the fact that there has been no rush of recruits to the Canadian navy and that desertions during the past year have been frequent. Canadians cannot be induced to volunteer for service, we are told. If Canada sent out a call for men to man her ships there would be no response. Hence the only course open to the Dominion in dealing with the naval question is to sing "Rule Britannia," buy a dreadnought or two and let the Britishers do the fighting.

An effective answer to those who, while loud in professions of patriotism, gloat over the scarcity of recruits for the Canadian navy, is contained in the recent report of Admiral Kingsmill. The following is an extract:

"Owing to the uncertainty of the future naval policy, and to the accommodation being limited, no special efforts have been made to obtain recruits."

Admiral Kingsmill does not add that, in any case, an appeal for recruits would have been made under most unfavorable circumstances while "loyal" Tories were engaged in jeering at the men as mock sailors and scoffing at the ships as units in a "tin pot navy."

Of the desertions which have been made much of by those who are strangely anxious to ridicule any serous effort on the part of Canada to take an effective part in the defence of the Empire, consistent with the dignity and self-respect of an autonomous people, Admiral Kingsmill says:

"The large number of desertions is attributed to the fact that the larger number of recruits are drawn from cities and towns remote from the sea; candidates present themselves who are totally unacquainted with the conditions of life on a ship, which differs much from that with which they are accustomed.

"Up to the present time the fishing population has not been exploited, and it is anticipated that recruits can be obtained therefrom who are inured to a sea life and who would find themselves in congenial surroundings in a man o' war."

There can be no doubt in the mind of any thoughtful person that the material for manning a navy can be obtained as readily in Canada as elsewhere. In this connection it will be well to remember that Canada has on her coasts at the present time fishermen to the number of 70,000.

It will be useless, of course, to blink the fact that In this connection it will be well to remember that if men are to be induced to volunteer the life must be made sufficiently attractive. While many are prepared to volunteer for service at a time of crisis men cannot be expected to enter the army or navy as a life work if the service offers salaries smaller than those offered in any other calling. That would involve a sacrifice which this or any other country has not the right to ask of any of its citizens.

Canada has the material to man a navy and she has the will to do it. Mr. Borden and his associates will oppose her at the peril of their political lives.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

A public market in Brandon, successfully operated, will do more to boost the city and district than any advertising campaign that could be undertaken.

By providing a public market where farm and garden products may be sold direct to the consumer the city will give a boost to diversified farming in the district.

The British doctors have found the fiery little Chancellor of the Exchequer one too many for them and are weakening in their opposition to the Insurance Act. It is only fitting that doctors should sometimes "take their medicine."

Last year we were told that if we traded with the Yankees we'd be annexed for sure. Now we are told by the same people that if we have a Canadian navy we'll break away from Old England and paddle our own canoe to perdition.

Canada has a military force, composed of Canadians, controlled by the Canadian parliament and paid by the Canadian people. No one has suggested that this force should be disbanded for fear that its existence may lead to separation. Yet "Jam" Aikins and other of that ilk declare that if Canada is allowed to establish a Canadian navy she will break away from the empire.

After the inauguration of the United States parcels post service on Wednesday next Canada will be the only remaining civilized country which has not made similar provision in its postal service. Delay in effecting this much needed reform can only be explained on the supposition that the government is entirely subservient to the railway corporations whose associate express companies are prepared to fight to the last ditch to maintain their valuable preserve.

THE YEAR 1912

By GEORGE FITCH,
Author of "At Old Siwash"

The 1912th year since the world stopped counting backward and began to look forward is just drawing to a close and has been completed on schedule time without any hitch whatever.

For many centuries the years have been completed exactly on time. This is a fine illustration of the excellence of the organization of the universe but a sad reflection on the modern hotel which cannot get up a place banquet and serve it before the soup is cold.

The year 1912 was one of the long 366 day models and was successfully negotiated by upwards of 1,500,000,000 people. Upwards of 30,000,000 human beings retired from the universe during the year. While about 35,000,000 new members of society were admitted This shows a satisfactory growth and should encourage the building of a large number of new automobile garages during the next year.

The year 1912 was one of the most inadequate heated years of recent times. The thermometer remained persistently at zero until March. Over 1,000 theatrical companies were frost-bitten before June. Wood fires were comfortable in July and in November the greatest snow in the history of America fell, completely burying the largest president and the most terrific ex-president the country has ever known.

The year 1912 saw great progress in many ways. Aviators, office buildings, the price of gasoline and the cost of living reached hitherto untouched altitudes and automobiles became so cheap that no man with $500 will be safe henceforth. It was a healthy year for kings, the death rate being very low but the most disastrous on record for the republican party, which split with a loud report in June and has remained enthusiastically and inflexibly in fragments ever since.

In 1912 science discovered that icebergs are impervious to steamships even when rammed at full speed. Andrew Carnegie got poorer in 1912, but so many other magnates got richer that the slack was more than taken up. The art of murder was considerably improved during the year in New York and many well dressed young men achieved fame by the frank and above-board way in which they eradicated each other.

The year 1912 not only achieved considerable local fame but will be remembered in history for many thousands of years. It will be one of the dates which the tired school boy of the year 2500 will be required to remember because of the awakening of China the putting to sleep of Turkey and the surrounding and capture of the South Pole.

McDonald's 15-Day Annual Clearing Sale

The Curtain rises for the first act of 1913. . . . . .

The rumble of the New Spring Goods is heard in the distance.

The command rings out "clear the shelves of Winter Goods — and lines that are broken." Strike from the shoulder — Spare Nothing — Demolish Profits — Forget the Cost. The result only is what counts . . . . . .

The first gun of the campaign is Fashion Craft suits—with price label in pocket — comprising Scotch and Irish tweeds and English worsteds—semi-fitting coats, semi-peg trousers, with cuff on many and belt loops on all.

$18.00 suits, re-priced	$13.85
22.00 " "	16.85
25.00 " "	18.85
30.00 " "	22.85
35.00 " "	25.85

Mothers will welcome a chance to get the best boys' suits for a fraction of their worth.

Boys' 2 piece suits, 22 to 28, Norfolk or double breast, mostly bloomer knickers.

$4.00 suits	$2.95
5.00 "	3.25
6.50 "	4.85
7.50 "	5.75

Boys suits, 29 to 34.

Single and double breast, plain and bloomer knickers.

$5.00 suits	$3.65
6.50 "	4.85
7.50 "	5.75
10.00 "	6.95

If you plan a trip East or West, or want a medium weight coat for the milder days—
$15.00, $17.50, $26.00
Chesterfield coats for **$10.00**, makes easy buying.

Think of the future and these boys' knickers will suggest a saving—
Thirty-three and one-third off all boys' knickers. Plain and Bloomer.

Be on hand early for a stock of these fine shirts, 90 per cent. of our shirts are Cluett.

$1.00 negligee shirts	65c
1.50 " "	$1.00
2.00 " "	1.50
2.50 " "	1.75

English flannel shirts, made right and fit right—with reversible collar and without.

$1.50 flannel shirt	$1.10
2.00 " "	1.55
2.50 " "	1.85
3.50 all wool taffeta	2.45

Fashion Craft ulsters have style, beauty and finish; high storm collar, some belted, lined with worsted. Get the advantage of first choice.

$18.00 ulster, sale price	$13.90
22.00 " "	16.90
25.00 " "	19.90
30.00 " "	22.90
40.00 " "	28.90

Extra Specials

One otter collar, rat-lined, black beaver coat, the very best making. A good buy at $100.00.
Sale price $78.50

One Persian lamb collar, black beaver coat, rat-lined, reduced from $65.00 to..... $47.50

If your head is not too large—buy one of these fur-lined caps. Hardly any larger than 7 1-8.

1.00 caps for	55c
1.25 " "	85c
1.50 " "	$1.00
2.00 " "	1.35

Other Extra Specials

On which 20 cents on every dollar is saved the purchaser.

Boys' negligee shirts.
Boys' work shirts.
Boys' mitts.
Men's black shirts.
Men's work shirts.
Men's sweaters.

Here is what you have been waiting for—don't delay now—there is always a pick to furs.

$75.00 men's rac'n coats	$59.50
85.00 " "	69.50
90.00 " "	71.00

Don't let one of these **wombat coats** slip through your fingers—You know they are the best and strongest coat on the market.

$42.50 clear greys	$32.75
33.50 whole skin	23.75

Terms are cash. Alterations to clothing will be charged for extra. No goods on approval.

JOHN A. McDONALD

Shop of Fashion Craft

TO BE GALA DAY AT LANSING.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 31.—The advance guard of what promises to be the biggest crush of visitors ever seen has arrived to witness the swearing in of Woodridge N. Ferris, the first Democratic governor in Michigan in twenty-two years. Elaborate preparations have been made for tomorrow's ceremonies, and all State and city buildings and many business houses and [illegible] are profusely decorated. It is expected that by tomorrow noon 20,000 strangers will be in the capital. Special trains have been chartered to bring large parties of Democrats from Detroit, Grand Rapids and other points.

PALZER AND McCARTY ARE NOW BOTH READY.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 31.—This city is intensely interested in the second "heavyweight elimination" battle between Luther McCarty and Al. Palzer. There have been many notable pugilistic encounters held in this vicinity during the last ten years, but none has ever aroused more public interest than the McCarty-Palzer affair to be pulled off this afternoon in the Vernon arena.

It is expected that 20,000 spectators will gather at the ringside and that the gross receipts will amount to nearly 50,000. At the scene of action Palzer, a native born of California, may rule a slight favorite, although many believe that it will be a case of even money and take your pick when the men climb through the ropes.

So far as physical condition goes there appears to be nothing to choose between the two big fighters. Each has trained faithfully for the mill and to all appearances is in perfect trim. Both are of the rugged type, able to assimilate as well as administer a vast amount of punishment. In their size and measurements the two are more than ordinarily well matched. McCarty is considered the more scientific boxer, while Palzer, on the other hand, is believed to be the harder hitter of the two.

BISHOP KEILEY'S ANNIVERSARY.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 31.—In accordance with a yearly custom Rt. Rev. Benjamin Keiley, Bishop of Savannah, celebrated a special pontifical high mass today in observance of the thirty-ninth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. During the day he received many congratulations from friends throughout the state.

REWARDS OLD EMPLOYES.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31.—During the year ending today a total of several hundred thousand dollars had been distributed to employes of Sears, Roebuck and Company, under the provisions of the profit-sharing plan put into effect by the company one year ago. Every person who has been in the concern's employ for five years shared in the distribution to the extent of 5 per cent. of his yearly pay. A check for the amount of the bonus is presented to each employe on the fifth anniversary of his employment and on each succeeding anniversary. About 2,000 employes of the company have benefited by the plan during the first year of its operation and it is estimated that within another two or three years the distribution will amount to half a million dollars yearly.

NEW YEARS DAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—Feeling greatly refreshed by their trip to Panama, the President and Mrs. Taft are looking forward with pleasure to the New Year's reception at the White House tomorrow. The function, which will be the last of its kind under the Taft administration, promises to be unusually brilliant. It will begin at 11 o'clock in the morning and continue until well on in the afternoon, concluding with the reception to the citizens of Washington, which will begin at 1 o'clock.

PAY ENVELOPES IN WALL STREET FATTENED.

New York, Dec. 31.—Many of the leading stock exchange houses, banks and trust companies closed the year today with the distribution of rewards to faithful employes. Some of the big houses distributed their largesses on Christmas, but the great majority still adhere to the old custom of handing out the envelopes on the last day of the year. Practically every employe in the Wall Street district received something, the presents ranging in amount from a year's salary received by some of the managers of the banking and brokerage houses down to a few dollars given to the messengers, janitors and scrubwomen. Of late years many houses have adopted the practice of devoting a certain percentage of their yearly profits to the end-of-the-year fund. The practice is regarded as an excellent incentive to the employes to increase both the business of the house and their own efficiency.

FIRED FOR SMOKING CIGARETTES.

Two Students at West Virginia College Get Their Walking Papers.

Buckhannon, W. Va., Dec. 31.—Two students at West Virginia Wesleyan College have been expelled for smoking cigarettes, and other pupils are reported as having violated the college order against cigarettes and are on the anxious seat. The names of the expelled Students have not been given out, but Jesse B. Small of Weston and Arthur P. Howard of Bluefield are mentioned.

FLASHLIGHT MAY COST SIGHT.

Father Burned Trying to Photograph His Children.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Ralph E. Day, a clerk in the Treasury Department, may lose his sight from an explosion of flashlight powder today at his home while he was preparing to photograph his children grouped about their Christmas tree.

He was taken to the emergency Hospital, where the surgeons said that the sight of his left eye had been destroyed and that the right eye was badly burned.

Daily News For The Home

Bring in the New Year in the good old fashioned way at the

PRINCE EDWARD HOTEL

and reserve your tables now.

New Year's Eve Supper

will commence at 10.30 p.m. This will be a big night, and one or two Special Features will be introduced. Don't Miss It. Remember the seating capacity of the Dining Room is limited.

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Special Business Men's Lunch, 25c. From 12 to 2.

Everything in Season. a la Carte All Day.

First Class Dining Room for Private Parties.

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The Truth

The difference between the wise man and the improvident one is the difference between independence and dependence. The way to wealth is by the way of a savings account. Why not start that account with us today? Four, and four and a half per cent. interest, according to arrangements, compounded semi-annually.

Canadian Guaranty Trust Co.

THE IMPERIAL LIFE ASSURANCE CO. OF CANADA

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An Ideal Life Assurance Company is that which can pay satisfactory returns to its policyholders and at the same time build up its policy reserves on a strong basis. Such a course ensures security for the carrying out of all contracts and places the company in the best possible position to maintain its surplus earnings. In both these features this Company has an exceptional record.

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H. A. SHORT, Life Manager

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