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## CONCERNING 1924

And its Happenings

The year 1924 has not been marked by any startling or spectacular events such as those which characterized the years of the past decade, and for this there might well be a general song of profound thanksgiving. But, as years go, 1924 has not been altogether drab and colorless. It has been filled with important doings, doings and planning for the betterment of the world and for the peace of mankind.

**POLITICAL ORIENTATION**  
Politically events have taken place which will determine for some time to come the world's political orientation. The French Chamber of Deputies will not be re-elected until 1928 and members of that body are more anxious than ever, particularly toward the settlement of after-war affairs. British Labor has been given a trial at the government of the mother country and Labor at Westminster made an excellent showing. But British Unionists have now their hands on the helm of state and will likely remain in power for years to come. In the United States the Republican party is in the saddle and a Republican President is safely enthroned until March, 1929. Italy has had some storm warnings, but Mussolini still rules with a strong hand, his despotism showing signs of being tempered with constitutionalism. In Germany and in Russia affairs are still uncertain and chaotic. China is rent with civil strife. Apart from these three countries, the course of the leading world powers seems set for years to come, and each and all more disposed to work in harmony for the common good than at any time since the great war.

**BRITAIN AND RUSSIA**  
Since the Baldwin government has taken the reins, the Russian treaty has been cancelled. The de jure recognition of Russia accorded by the previous government is not withdrawn. The presence of a Soviet diplomatic representative in England is admitted. Whatever trade is possible still goes on under the provisions of the trade agreement. But the Bolsheviks are clearly warned that they are on probation and that they will not be allowed to repeat the experiment of combining commercial negotiations with revolutionary propaganda. There is little doubt that the action taken by the Baldwin government is better calculated to lead to an establishment of normal relations between England and Russia than the concessions of the Labor government which confirmed the Bolsheviks in their worst errors and their insufferable pretensions.

**EMPIRE EXHIBITION**  
The influence of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley has been far-reaching and good, and with the experience gained we should be able to make even greater in 1925. The primary object of this great enterprise was to strengthen the bonds of empire—the bonds of sentiment which are woven of closer contact and more intimate mutual knowledge and the more practical bonds of common interest in trade and interchange of commodities. At Wembley for the first time the representatives of the dominions and colonies have come in contact with one another. Trinidad has been able to negotiate business with the Gulf Coast and Canada with Burma. The possibilities of inter-empire trade are almost limitless and it is evident that the seed sown at Wembley in 1924 will produce a good commercial harvest in years to come.

**LEAGUE OF NATIONS**  
The League of Nations has pursued an even course and, if not accomplishing all that was expected of it, yet winning the confidence of its members, especially the weaker nations who feel the need of some guarantee against aggression. Four years ago when the first Assembly was held forty-four nations reported, now there are fifty-four members. The Dawes plan of settlement has brought the European allies into harmony and Germany's acceptance of its conditions, if carried out, will do much to bring Europe to a more stable condition.

**SCIENCE AND DISCOVERY**  
Science and discovery have made steady advance. The earth was for the first time circumnavigated by airships, though not in such rapid time as was hoped. Photographs have been sent across the ocean by means of radio. A new rotor ship has been constructed, and though yet in its experimental stage, promises much. A cure has been discovered for gonorrhea which one of the medical journals of London hails as "the latest glorious triumph of medical science." Two men of the Mount Everest expedition of 1924 reached the great height of 28,230 feet in conquering the mountain whose summits have never before been trampled upon by the foot of man. The sacrifice of life in this undertaking has been very great, but not surely in vain, for in dying these intrepid explorers showed the upward aspiring spirit of man, which will sacrifice all in the pursuit of an idea.

**DEATH'S HARVEST**  
Death claimed an unusually large harvest of men of eminence during the year. Among these were: Nicholas Lenon, regarded by some as the evil genius of Russia and by others as one of the most far-seeing of statesmen; General Sir Lee Stack, Sirdar of the Egyptian army, a worthy successor to Lord Kitchener, whose tragic death stirred the world; Carolus Louys, Prime Minister of Ireland, who was honored of Rome to a greater degree than any other of his fellow countrymen; Dr. Sun Yat Sen, President of South China, a product of Mission Schools and a remarkable personality; Woodrow Wilson, former President of the United States, who by almost unanimous consent is awarded a place as one of the most illustrious men this continent has produced; Samuel Gompers, forty-three years President of the American Federation of Labor, and who has to his credit the settlement of more labor dis-

## 44 YEARS AT SEA



Sir Bertram Hays, recently brought the Majestic into New York Harbor for the last time. It completed his 38th trip with the great ship and his 44th year at sea. The veteran pilot is 67 years old, and when he slips the Majestic into her berth at Liverpool on his return voyage, he will retire from deep water service.

## FOR THE NEW YEAR

**Timely Greetings From Representative Citizens.**  
We take great pleasure in presenting to our many readers this week a New Year's message from a number of representative citizens of Wolfville. Had space made possible we should have been glad to have extended the invitation to many others. The gentlemen whose contributions follow have kindly responded to our solicitation and have placed THE ACADIAN under a debt of gratitude by so doing. Their articles contain much that will be of interest and profit. We consider ourselves fortunate in being able to present these contributions and commend them to all and to the careful attention of those who read the paper.

## MAYOR CHAMBERS'S MESSAGE

I wish to extend to my fellow citizens of Wolfville and vicinity my best wishes for a prosperous and happy New Year.  
I thank you for the support you have given me during the past year in trying to fulfill the duties of my office. There have been squawks and brickbats. I fully appreciate both.  
The records will show that the past year has been one of progress in our town. We have many reasons to look forward hopefully to the year upon which we are entering. 1925 will round out the first quarter of the new century, and we have a vision of what the last quarter will be.  
Are we going to work together to make this a better community? There is much to be done. Be a booster; any one can be a knocker. Bruce Bairnsfather pictures "Old Bill," telling his pessimistic, about the shell hole in which they have taken refuge. "But, if you know of a better hole than this, go to it." This would be our message to the latter class.

J. D. CHAMBERS, Mayor.

## EVERY MAN OUGHT TO KNOW

(A New Year's Message by Dr. F. W. Patterson.)

That it is always a mark of wisdom not to take one's worth for granted. It is well to take stock of one's self at regular intervals. While cubits may not be added to one's stature merely by taking thought, one becomes less of a man who does not pause at intervals to take thought.  
That the first requirement in any stock taking is a worthy standard of judgment.  
That one's worth to the world is to be measured not by what one has, but by the way in which one uses what one has; not by one's talents as used; not by one's wealth, but by the way in which that wealth is put. The man of average gifts using what he has for the glory of God and the good of mankind is greater than he who possessing great gifts uses them to exploit his fellows.  
The man of small means using what he has for humanity is greater than a Dives spending his wealth on a sumptuous table.  
That the great majority of the world's ills grow out of a wrong use of things that in themselves are right. No one can render a greater service to humanity than to accept this standard of values and measure his life and its worth by the use to which he puts his powers and possessions.

## SUPPORT YOUR BOARD OF TRADE

Considering the things left undone and the opportunities missed during the past year, one cannot help feeling that the Wolfville Board of Trade has not done as well as it might have done.

puts than any other man; and Antile France, one of the greatest men of letters, and whose glory, now that he is gone, is an artist and a writer fills the French mind. His books have been translated into many languages.  
The world is poorer because of the passing of such men. But comfort may be taken from the assurance that the generation which produced them has not been lacking in genius and vision, and others of similar mental and moral calibre are still among us in larger numbers than most of us realize. The soil which produced them is still producing worthy successors to whom the future conduct of the world, under Divine Providence, may be safely entrusted.

## Last Night The Old Year Died

Last night the Old Year died, yet ere he passed  
Adown Oblivion's Roadway, bleak and drear,  
I helped his tottering footsteps o'er the path,  
And tried to light his way with words of cheer.  
He left with me his blessing, speaking low,  
As o'er the hill a shining visage shone.  
"See! Yonder comes the New Year, now I go;  
Let him fulfil what I have left undone.  
I brought you good desires, though yet but seeds;  
I gave you joy to brighten happy days.  
Let New Year make them blossom into deeds  
And turn the joy unto a hymn of praise.  
I may have brought you sickness, given care;  
I may have taught you sorrow, that at length,  
Through patience, perseverance, hope and prayer,  
Triumphant you might rise to future strength.  
If I have brought you plenty, with its charms,  
If I have given health and power to plan,  
Small not this Stripling turn some wealth to ams,  
The plans to nobler works for God and man?  
If all my gifts and graces you forget  
May New Year bless and crown them all at last.  
My dying wish is one of radiant hope,  
You'll hold this New Year dearer than the last."

made good to the extent possible. Yet the Board has done some very good work during 1924. Realizing the desirability of working in conjunction with other maritime boards, special attention has been given to the matter of encouraging tourist business. It goes without saying that the benefits derived from having a Board of Trade are in proportion to the support given it by the business men of the community. And it is hoped that the annual meeting early in the year will see such a one as will put new life and enthusiasm into the organization.  
EDSON GRAHAM, President.

## A SERMON FOR THE NEW YEAR

By Rev. Dr. Marshall.  
The celebration of New Year's Day is as national as it is universal. It is the great teachers of God a large place must be given to great events and great days. He must have either a topic of imagination or a sleepy conscience—both—who can stand at the pole where two years meet and not be lifted into some mood of sober thought. The instructed imagination might well claim that the passage from one instant to another to be as serious and as fruitful of suggestion as the moment when one year dies and another year is born. But we are in bondage to the almanac; so we accept the tick of the clock at which the numeral which marks the year has to be changed as being of special significance. Feet stir about it; fools jest over it; cynics sneer at it; while the Church signals its coming and marks its going with prayer. At that moment, if at no other, we feel it is well to reflect on the swift flight of the year and on the sure coming of that Eternity which cannot be measured by years. No one perhaps at bottom doubts the relation of time to eternity. The most serious fact in this relation is the exceeding brevity of time thought being a commonplace, it is the last to be realized. Years ago preachers and teachers laboured hard to bring them to their hearers the greatness of eternity; but who can doubt that for practical purposes men need to be warned not so much of the measureless largeness of eternity as of the hastening brevity of time. "Time is short" is whispered by the dying year and heeded by the year new born.  
The philosopher like Carlyle is held by the mystery of time. "That great mystery of time—the illimitable, silent, never resting thing called time—rolling, rushing on, swift, silent, like an all-embracing ocean tide on which we and all the universe swim, like exhalations, like apparitions, which are and are not; this time forever very literally a miracle, a thing to strike us dumb," while we average folk do well to realize the practical use of time and to note how its swiftness colours all our relationships and determines the whole temper of our lives. Let us get a mental picture of opportunity grasped, mistakes corrected, and aspirations realized.

## WHAT IS TRUE HAPPINESS?

Through the kindness and courtesy of the editor of THE ACADIAN, I have been asked to send New Year's greetings through the columns of his widely circulated paper, to an audience or "congregation" far more numerous and comprehensive than that which I am in the habit of addressing. I naturally begin this message with the time honored words, "A Happy New Year," which still lingers on the lips of thousands wherever humanity congregates. Now the term happiness is one of infinite variations and meanings. To no two persons does it mean exactly the same thing. Generally speaking, I may say that it is associated in the minds of most of us with the idea of some material possession, and for it from me to disparage material blessings. Rightly used they fully merit the name commonly applied to them and they do make for our higher well being. They are "blessings" in the strict sense of the term. But in every case let us remember that they are only means to an end, valuable not for what they are but for what they bring. It is the use we make of them, not the things themselves, that really matters. Therefore wishing you "A Happy New Year" in the ordinary meaning of the expression, all sorts of material blessings, health, and abundance of the "good things of this life," I would ask you to bear in mind that happiness in its best analysis consists rather in being something than in having something. One can have everything and yet have nothing, and nothing and yet have everything. The "happiness" therefore, dear friends and fellow citizens that I wish you is a mind at peace with itself. Happiness, like charity, begins at home, works from the inward to the outward, not from the outward to the inward. One of our eighteenth century poets says:

"It is not in mortals to command success  
But we'll do more, we'll deserve it."  
We will deserve happiness only by following one path, the path of righteousness and duty, and thus we will gain that inward peace and calm and firmness of fortune which will imperceptibly arm us against all the ills that may beset us and make life really and truly worth living.

To all the citizens of this fair town of Wolfville and neighborhood, where I have resided for twenty-five of some of the happiest, and I hope not the least profitable, years of my life, and from many of whom I and my family have received so many tokens of appreciation and good will, and with renewed thanks to the editor for his kindness I wish the readers of THE ACADIAN in every sense "A Happy New Year."  
R. F. DIXON.

## SUDAN'S NEW GOVERNOR



Sir Geoffrey Archer is the new Governor-General of the Sudan, succeeding the late Sir Lee Stack.

## COUNCIL MEETING

There was a special meeting of the Council on Tuesday eve. At which the representative of THE ACADIAN was not present, no notice having been given him. The chief purpose of the meeting, we understand, was to provide for the payment of claims against the town to the end of the year, and a goodly number of these were passed. It was also decided to purchase an adding machine for the use of the town office at a price of \$260.  
Manager Stairs reported on the work recently done at the new school building at a cost of \$1250. Of this amount \$700 is charged to this year's business and the balance will be carried into next year.  
The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to enter into a contract with the Canadian Westinghouse Co. for the purchase of lights for street use, the order to amount to \$300 within the year.  
It was decided to allow the Electric Commission for all the work recently done at the station for the accommodation of the fire equipment, and that the town rent the building from the Commission.  
The Council undertook to guarantee the rental of \$2.00 per week to A. M. Wheaton, for his tenement for the use of the Stevens family now located on the reservoir lands.

## INFORMATION REQUESTED

To the Editor of THE ACADIAN  
Dear Sir—It was noticeable in the magistrate's Court, at the hearing of two charges under the Nova Scotia Act, a few days ago, that the Town Solicitor did not represent the prosecution, nor was he present. Is it possible that these actions were commenced without the advice of the Town Solicitor? Is it possible that our Town Council pays a salary to a Town Solicitor considers not competent to handle prosecutions under the Temperance Act?  
And, by the way, how much has the town received, or is it likely to receive, as the result of those convictions?  
INQUIRITIVE.

## BORN

Sally—At Annapolis on December 20th to Mr. and Mrs. John Selby a son, Robert Eric.

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## WINDSOR APPRECIATES

Generous Donations From Kings County House Wives

Tuesday afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Johnson, motored to Windsor with a quantity of preserves and pickles to be distributed among the families burned out in the recent fire of Nov. 9th. Some time ago Mayor Smith had been notified by Mrs. Johnson that the Institutes of Wolfville and other places in Kings County were kindly interested in this movement and asked for a list of the families who had been victims of the fire. At the request of the Mayor this list was furnished by the President of the Windsor Red Cross Society which had been carrying on the work of relief among the fire sufferers. Through the kind offices of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and of Mr. Beltzer, Contractor, who also brought some of the donation to Windsor the splendid contribution was reported to the town office on Tuesday and placed in charge of the Red Cross Society for distribution. The donation was so generous that each household burned out received a supply in proportion to the size of his family. There were forty-two different deliveries. Several who are now out of town will be looked after and the donation to each delivered later.

The following contributions of preserved fruit and pickles were forwarded to Windsor on December 23, 1924:  
Wolfville I.O.O.F., 24 qts., 8 pts.;  
Gaspereau Institute, 34 qts.;  
Fort Williams Institute, 21 qts., 1 pt.;  
and personal box for one family by one donor; Grand Pre Institute, 27 qts., pt.;  
Greenwich, 20 qts. by personal canvass; New Minas and Highbury, 30 qts. (collected by Mrs. Fred Forsythe and Miss Eaton).  
In behalf of the recipients of the splendid donation to the Town Council and the Windsor Red Cross Branch unite in extending to the Women's Institutes of Kings County and all other contributory organizations or individuals, sincere thanks for the thoughtful and most generous contribution to the relief of the sufferers of the recent fire.—Windsor Tribune.  
The thanks of the general committee are extended to the local staff of the Maritime Telephone and Telegraph Co. for help in collecting, to Messrs. J. H. Beltzer and H. D. Johnson for delivering at the Town Hall, Windsor, to THE ACADIAN for press notices, and to all collectors and contributors.

## WEEK OF PRAYER, 1925

Next week is the week of Prayer. The ministers of the town have approved the following programme:  
Monday, Jan. 5.—Subject: "The Church as a Social and Spiritual Force" speaker, the Rev. R. E. Dixon, St. Andrew's United Church.  
Tuesday, Jan. 6.—Subject: "The Church as a Social Force," speaker, the Rev. A. N. Marshall, St. John's Church of England.  
Wednesday, Jan. 7.—Subject: "The Social Problem of our Community," speaker, the Rev. Dr. Patterson, the Baptist Church.  
Thursday, Jan. 8.—Subject: "Education as a Social Force," speaker, Dr. H. T. DeWolf St. Andrew's United Church.  
Friday, Jan. 9.—Subject: "The Unconventional in Christ," speaker, the Rev. Douglas Hammon, the Baptist Church.

The meetings will open at 7.30 o'clock p.m. Each minister will preside in his own church. The choirs are asked to lead the singing, each in its own church. An offering will be received on Monday for the V.O.N.; on Tuesday for the Poor Relief and on Wednesday for the Children's Aid Society.  
On Sunday, Jan. 11th, the following arrangement has been made for morning worship: St. Andrew's United Church, the Rev. A. N. Marshall; the Baptist Church, the Rev. Douglas Hammon.

## OUR SERIAL

We are sorry not to be able to print the usual installment of our serial, "The Inverted Pyramid," it is week. Owing to lack of room, because it consequer of the holiday we are unable to print more than eight pages, we are obliged to hold over this until next issue. The story is proving to be a very interesting one, and is meeting with much favor. The concluding chapters, which will appear in the next two issues of THE ACADIAN, complete a story of absorbing interest.

## "THE GUILTY ONE" GREAT PARAMOUNT MYSTERY PICTURE

Agnes Ayres Featured in New Production Coming to the Orpheum Theatre  
According to Joseph Henabery, who made the Paramount picture, "The Guilty One," from the play of the same name by Michael Morton and Peter T. All, in the factory field at the present time mystery novels and short stories are enjoying a tremendous vogue and on the speaking stage such vehicles as "The Bat," "The Cat and the Canary," "Zero," etc., establish records.

"Now is preference being its reflection in the film," says Henabery. "The Guilty One" is I will be a fun rerun of many more mystery dramas to come. As a stage play it was warmly received and the treatment which has been accorded it in translation to the screen has doubled its entertainment value.  
"And," he continues, "the field is almost virgin. As long as a gruesome episode is awarded and the mystery element is pervaded by big time terror I am sure the public will clamor for more and more."  
Agnes Ayres is featured in the principal role of "The Guilty One," which shows at Windsor on Tuesday at the Orpheum Theatre. Edward Burns is her leading man. Clarence Burton, Cyril Riggs, and George Kent, George Seigman, and other prominent players appear in supporting cast.

## Town Topics

Tid-bits on the Tip of Everybodys Tongue

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## The Year's Record

New sales records were established in 1924, the growing popularity of Moira products being directed particularly to the packed chocolates, biscuits and cent bars. Sales of the chocolates have now reached the point where they are boxed as well as in bulk the most popular brand in Canada.  
In 1925 every effort will be made to beat this by making them, if at all possible, even better.