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Notes and Comments.

THE season of 1892 has been a most prosperous one. Then let each one, as we enter upon the New Year, give thanks to Him, who maketh all things good. When we turn over the new leaf for 1893, let us try and make it a record, of which we will all be proud; and above all let us keep it bright and clean, so that the Recording Angel will at its close, exclaim "well done." Did you ever, dear reader, stop a moment to think of the dying year? Of the many memories and incidents which is interwoven with its history, to be handed down through the coming ages; of the many homes which have been made happy, and how many have been made desolate. Time is a ruthless monster and waits for no man. Eternity is near, and the present is the only time we have any promise of. As we think of the old year passing away, it seems like parting with an old friend forever. May the coming one bring still brighter memories.

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It is a matter for congratulation

that Governmental matters at Ottawa have at last assumed definite shape, and with a probability of stability and permanency, which augurs well for the part our country is to play in the changed conditions which have been created by the overthrow of McKinleyism in the United States, and the advent of a political regime in that country, which at least professes honesty of purpose and fair play to its neighbors. The administration of Sir John Abbott was a successful if not a brilliant one; and although there were not wanting those who attributed the twenty odd majority which the last general election gave him, to the respect and regret for the great chieftain, who had so long led the Conservative party, yet the bye-elections which followed, giving to him a majority of sixty-five, showed conclusively that Canadians believe their interests safer in the hands of Liberal Conservatives, than in those of a party either wholly without a platform, or with one so slippery, rolling and uncertain, that it resembled more the barked basswood poles which form the slippery temporary cordu-