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NEW YEAR REFLECTIONS

Start right.
Continue right.
Wind up the year right.
Resolve, and stick to it.
Avoid past errors and mistakes.
Profit by your follies and be
wiser.
Be stable in your ways, stronger
the right.
Shake wrong, turn from sin,
cling to the good.
If you stumble, get up; if you
fall don't give up.
Attempt something, have a pur-
pose, persevere.
Speak kind words often, harsh
ones very seldom.
If you blunder, let it be on the
side of right rather than wrong.
Don't scowl, don't frown, but
wreath your face in smiles.
Don't drown yourself in doubt,
but buoy up your life with hope.
Be good natured at home, good
natured abroad, and **SON**

BE CAREFUL Kill them all. If the girls don't "pop the question" before 12 midnight, its all off with them for another four years at least.
We wish all our readers a Happy, Prosperous, and Joyous New Year.

RESOLUTIONS

A gentle zephyr wafted the following resolutions into our sanctum:
I resolve the following year that I will not drink any, unless I am dry—very dry.
That I will let people mind their own business and assist them all I can.
That I will agree to obey my superiors, if I have any.
That I will always forgive my enemies, especially those I can't whip.
That I will strive to be in love and charity with my neighbor, if I see I shall need him to back me in some pursuit of life the coming year.
That I will subscribe for this paper and promptly pay for the same.
That I will trade at home and try and get back some of the money I squandered abroad the past year

COURAGE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Have the courage to start right and keep right.
Have the courage to turn from evil and to cling to that which is good.
Have the courage to prefer comfort and propriety to fashion in all things.
Have the courage to wear old clothes until you can pay for the new ones.
Have the courage to discharge a debt while you have the money in your pocket.
Have the courage to obey your conscience at the risk of being ridiculed by men.
Have the courage to own you are poor, and thus disarm poverty of its sharpest sting.
Have the courage to wear thick boots in winter and insist upon your wife and daughter doing the same.
Have the courage to do without that which you do not need, how-
ever much your eyes may covet it.

Have the courage to speak to a friend in a "seedy" coat, even though you are in company with a rich one, and richly attired.

Have the courage to speak your mind, when it is necessary to do so, and to hold your tongue when it is prudent you should do so.

Have the courage to show your respect for honesty, in whatever guise it appears, and your contempt for dishonesty and duplicity, by whomsoever exhibited.

Have the courage to "cut" the most agreeable acquaintance you have when you are convinced that he lacks principle. "A friend should bear with his friend's infirmities, but not his vices."

Have the courage to stand by your convictions be both courteous and firm, making no compromise with evil, not turning into by and forbidden paths; choose the right reject the wrong; be good and do good and then you will have a Happy New Year.

Good-bye, old year. After all we are loath to part. Many precious memories as well as many sad things to remember will be forever linked with thee. But time bids us part and however severely thou hast chastened us, yet we find our hardened feelings relenting and a spirit of charity prevades our being. We forgive as we hope to be forgiven. In humility and love we bow our adieu and welcome the New Year with naught but good resolves and high aspirations that each coming day will see our lives better, purer and nobler in every act and purpose.

On the front page will be found a letter from Mr. Thomas Woolford anent the railway east of the St. Mary's river. Nodoubt Mr. Magrath will be found pushing the claims of this district with all his might. He ought to at any rate.

THE OLD AND NEW

We are saying "good-bye" to the old year, it is slipping away from us with all its memories, and it takes a chord of pain in our hearts as we think that it will ever long be a thing of the past; gone, forever, with its sunshine and its shadow, its joy and its pain, its many opportunities, employed or disregarded. Gone, and we cannot call it back again, we cannot live over again one day that is past, or use again one opportunity that we have allowed to slip by us unheeded. "We shall henceforth return no more that way."—Deut. 17:13. But let us remember that there lies before us a new year, fair and spotless, as yet untouched by sin or failure, and glowing with hope and promise. Then let us "go forward" (Ex. 14:15) into the untried future fearless and dauntless, staying our hearts on the grand promise that stands firm and changeless amid all the changing scenes of time. "The Lord, he it is that doth go before thee, he will not fail thee neither be dismayed."—Deut. 31:8. Yes, it is enough, we can go forward fearless and glad with His presence with us, His hand guiding and leading, His strength protecting, and His "welcome home" awaiting us at the journey's end. So we say "good-bye" to the old year, and enter upon the new, realizing that we are one year "nearer home," and that the hand that has led us all the days of the past will still lead us, until our feet shall stand in safety "within the pearly gates" of the New Jerusalem.

As the shadows gather round us, At the closing of the year, We look back at days departed, And perchance may drop a tear. Yet we know that we are nearer To the home of joy and love; Nearer to the "many mansions" Of "our Father's" house above

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MOVING OUR WESTERN CROP

Toronto Mail and Empire: Before the beginning of the western harvest and the close of navigation upwards of 62,000,000 bushels of grain was shipped from the prairie provinces to this side of the lakes. This is far the greatest grain traffic that ever passed through Fort William and Port Arthur in a single autumn. In no former season did the total quantity of Canadian grain moved from the head of the lakes to this side approach 62,000,000 bushels.

While the tonnage of the new crop landed east of the lakes before mid-December is greater this year than it was in any previous year, the tonnage left west of the lakes is also greater this year than it was in any previous winter.

Two years ago the quantity of wheat held over in the west was between thirty and forty million bushels, but that was the greater part of the whole exportable surplus, and the movement eastward was blocked by an early winter of unusual severity. This year the crop of wheat was 20,000,000 bushels greater than ever. The period between harvest and the close of navigation was longer than usual, and the carriers both by rail and water were able to place greater resources of transportation at the service of the grain trade. Moreover, the price of grain was high enough to induce free marketing by the farmers. Added to these conditions is the further one that the farmers needed the money for debt-paying and the making of deferred purchases. Thus everything was favorable for a great grain movement, and the amount of all grains actually transferred to this side exceeded the total for any other fall by probably 25,000,000 bush-

els. Of the 62,000,000 bushels forwarded, 50,000,000 bushels was wheat. Fort William's shipments from Sept. 1 to Dec. 12 were as follows.

	Bushels.
Wheat	36,717,000
Oats	6,040,000
Barley	1,532,998
Flax	539,762
Total	44,829,660

Port Arthur's shipments between July 20 and Dec. 11 were as follows:

	Bushels
Wheat	13,390,129
Oats	2,976,825
Barley	822,472
Flax	59,479
Total	17,248,905

Though the season was long, though there was little holding on the part of farmers, and though comparatively slack business on other parts of their systems enabled the Canadian Pacific railway and the Canadian Northern railway to put more cars and locomotives into the west, praise is to be rendered to the carriers for their attention to the western grain traffic this fall. They could not handle it all in the time the harbors were open, but we believe they handled as much as they possibly could.

In a year or two the Grand Trunk Pacific will be hauling to the head of the lakes from the farthest interior, and there will be new terminal elevators of tremendous capacity established at Fort William and Port Arthur, as well as at receiving points on this side of the lakes. Doubtless, too, the merchant marine in the grain trade will be greatly increased. Two years hence we should have transportation facilities for conveying 100,000,000 bushels of western wheat to this side of the lakes between the time of cutting and the time of freezing up.

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