

# THE SLOGAN OF NEW BRUNSWICK

## NEWCASTLE IS HAPPY IN PAST YEAR'S GROWTH

Many Improvements in Building Industrial Lines—What The Town Has To Offer the Home Seeker.

By Mayor Miller.

Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 31.—The town of Newcastle is situated on the north shore of the Miramichi River, and has from four to five thousand inhabitants. It has an excellent water service, the supply of which is got from artesian wells which are in the vicinity of 250 feet deep, the water of which is pumped from our power house where the wells are bored to our reservoir, which gives us on the town level a pressure of 45 to 60 pounds of water of superior quality. We also have good sewerage system and electric light plant, which supplies the whole town with light as well as heat.

The principal industries in which its inhabitants are engaged, are lumber and fish, and to some extent in the manufacturing of other articles. We had a first-class factory, known as the "Anderson Furniture Factory," which was engaged in the making of all kinds of chairs, but which we are sorry to say was burned in August, 1908. It employed some fifty persons or more, which on account of its destruction has been a material loss to the town; but I have every reason to think that in the near future this industry will be re-established, possibly on a very much larger scale. The past year or so has not been up to the mark, owing to the fact of the condition of the lumber market, which made short seasons and short cuts for those engaged in the lumber business. In fact one of the lumber industries known as the "E. Sinclair Lumber Co." which was purchased about three years ago by John McKane, has been practically doing no business for about a year or more, but we are pleased to learn that this business has been re-sold to its former owners, Sinclair Bros., who intend conducting the business under the same name and style, the "E. Sinclair Lumber Co." and have started in on extensive operations which will mean the employment of a larger number of hands than before.

The mills of D. & J. Ritchie and W. A. Hickson & Co., carry on as usual very large operations, which are practically the chief industries we have in the town of Newcastle. The past year, for those who run their mills, has undoubtedly been an improvement on the past, as they run their mills very much longer than they have formerly.

**A New Industry.**  
We also have a new industry started here this year, known as the New Brunswick Docks and Terminals, whose chief promoters are the "Dunsmuir Mines Co." They have built a branch railway line from the main line of the J. C. R. to French Fort Cove, where docks and wharves will be erected for the handling of their ore from the mines they have lately purchased in the County of Gloucester. This railway is about completed. It is their intention to build their docks as soon as the river freezes over, and with the opening of navigation next spring, will be loading iron ore here for Great Britain and the United States. The company is somewhat handicapped owing to the fact of the river not being able to accommodate as large vessels as they wish to engage in the trade, but can be very easily made so with a very ordinary expenditure on the part of the Dominion Government in the way of dredging.

This industry undoubtedly promises to be a great and permanent addition to the wealth and prosperity of Newcastle, and we look confidently forward to the early building of smelters here.

During the past season the railway between Indian town and Blackville, well known as the "missing link," has been completed and trains now run daily between here and Blackville. This gives the residents along the line an opportunity of trading in Newcastle, a chance they are promptly utilizing to the advantage of all parties concerned.

**Many Improvements.**  
A great many improvements have been made this year from a building standpoint. Numerous improvements have been made to buildings, and some new and elegant ones built. For example, a large addition has been built to St. James' Presbyterian church, and the main building has been completed.

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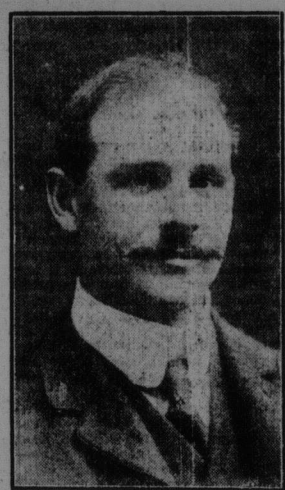
## CHATHAM SPENDS A QUIET YEAR

While Growth Has Not Been Marked During Past Twelve Months The Future Is Bright With Promise and Much is Expected of 1910—Smelt Fishing a Factor.

Staff Correspondence.

Chatham, Dec. 31.—The past year of 1909 has been, in many respects, a very quiet one for Chatham. Owing to the failure of the smelt fishing early in the year and the continued shut down of the Miramichi Pulp and Paper Co.'s mill, the largest and most important industry in the town, business did not keep on expanding in the way it had been doing for previous years and as a result the past year witnessed little or no growth in the town's population and industries. It is true that several new concerns have started in business, but they are looking to the future which is now very bright. Since the diversion of the railway line along the river front, practically assured a large increase in value has taken place in the property adjoining the new line and facing on the river front above the town, for splendid sites are here available for almost any kind of industry, which requires rail and water communication. For three-quarters of a mile above the present town, the river channel, 40 feet deep, runs close to the bank, and a wharf built out a few feet from the water line will have twenty feet of water at the front face. Already the J. B. Snowball Co. have bought a site for a proposed grist and planing mill, which will be erected in the spring, while several other industries are mentioned for other localities. Thus 1910 is looked forward to as a great boom year for Chatham.

The past year has seen several



well known and prominent citizens pass to their reward. Among these might be mentioned John Sinclair, William Kerr, G. P. Searle, J. F. Maher.

## ST. STEPHEN HAS YEAR OF STEADY DEVELOPMENT

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wing 50 by 95 feet, three stories, an office building 30 by 42 feet, two stories, and has other extensions in view. In August James Briggs, British Ambassador at Washington, paid a visit to Passamaquoddy Bay in connection with the outstanding dispute as to the boundary line, which much is expected from his visit.

In the same month, the United States Government had a surveying party at work upon the river, looking to the dredging of the St. Croix River. Another surveying party, sent out by the Dominion Government has been engaged all summer establishing the boundary line, which work they completed between St. Andrews and Upper Mills.

The little steamer Viking, plying between St. Stephen and Island point, became an accident, sank at her wharf here in September, but was quickly raised and practically rebuilt, though for want of facilities here, the work had to be done in Calais.

The wreck of the Hestia on Old Proprietor's Ledge in October was an incident sincerely regretted by every resident of the town. The St. Croix, however, conceded that this was an incident that should not have happened had those in authority been true to their trust.

With recent days W. H. Keys, proprietor of a steam laundry, and J. P. Wry & Sons, pork packers, have received flattering invitations to remove their establishments to British Columbia.

Haley & Sons, woodworkers, are busy upon a contract to supply doors, window frames, mouldings, flooring and other supplies needed for the enlargement of the Algonquin Hotel at St. Andrews.

Altogether the year just closing has been one of progress in the border town.

Among our prominent citizens who have passed to the silent majority during the year must be mentioned: Lewis A. Mills, K. C., a leading barrister; Henry P. Todd, of the lumber concern of F. H. Todd & Sons; Thos. R. Mitchell and Frank Smith, prominent merchants.

Perhaps the most important event of the year has been the organization of an agricultural society for the county, that has acquired property on King street on which it has erected a fine exhibition building and held its first successful fair. Though weather conditions were much against it, this was carried through and is but the forerunner of others to be held.

Acting on the request of a public meeting of the citizens, the town council granted a continuation of exemption from taxation to Danong Bros. Ltd., on a proposed addition to their factory and a little later, following this sentiment granted a fixed rate of taxation to the St. Croix Soap Manufacturing Co.

The former firm has already added a story to one of the wings of their factory and the latter has almost ready for occupancy a new wing that will enable them to increase their output about 50 per cent.

The Bank of British North America opened a branch here early in the year and the Bank of Nova Scotia already well established, has brought a property on Water street and will erect a fine new building in the spring.

R. WATSON GRIMMER, Mayor.

St. Stephen, Dec. 31, 1909.

## CAPITAL CITY REPORTS A QUIET YEAR

Fredericton's Year Has Been An Uneventful One Barring Civic Politics Which Supplied all the Excitement.

Staff Correspondence.

Fredericton, Dec. 31.—As one year succeeds another, Fredericton does not show the same progress which marked the younger cities of the great western country, and perhaps not the same growth that is noticed in some of the cities of Eastern Canada, but there is, however, a steady increase. The year of 1909 has not been a very eventful one in the history of Fredericton. In civic politics, however, there was the greatest turnover that has occurred for years. In the civic election in March last two tickets were in the field for the aldermanic positions in each of the five wards, one ticket representing the people who want to see the Scott Act strictly enforced, and the other representing those who preferred to see the Scott Act repealed. The various civic problems were resolved in the fight to decide whether Fredericton would be "wet" or "dry" this year. Only a comparatively few months before an attempt to oust the Scott Act had failed at the polls and Fredericton had had its first raid on hotels for over a decade. In the civic election every one of the temperance people's candidates was defeated and it has been a "wet" year.

**Council Progressive.**  
The present city council has proven a progressive one in many respects and the results have been some improvements which are noticeable in the city. One of the facts that Fredericton wants to be up to date. Four blocks of granite sidewalk along the military property and the Normal School have been put down and the cost has been borne by the Federal and Provincial Governments, and two blocks of Hassam pavement have been laid on Queen and Carleton streets. The city has been paying 50 per cent of the cost of pavement in front of its property. The block on Carleton street has the Federal Public Works Department property on one side and the Militia Department property on the other, so that the Federal Government paid the entire cost of that block of Hassam pavement. With the pavement concrete curb and gutter was put down and on King street two blocks of macadamized road were constructed by contractors, the first macadamized road in the city under contract, and with that concrete curb and gutter was also laid.

In the matter of civic improvements it might be mentioned that the close proximity of the Militia Department to a city engineer, which is a backward step. The former city engineer, Mr. A. K. Grimmer, C.E., resigned to accept a position in the Militia Department of Manitoba at Winnipeg and largely through some minor friction among the aldermen, a successor was never appointed, although some promising young and experienced engineers were available at the time.

The year marks the completion of the second term of Mayor C. F. Chestnut in his mayoralty chair, but has been the custom of giving the mayor only two years in office will be discontinued and it would not be surprising if he were re-elected in March.

**Industrial Tone.**  
Industrially, Fredericton has suffered during the year from the strike which was declared at the Hart Boat and Shoe Workers' Union, a body affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. This strike has been in progress since July, but has not been marked by any incidents of a very sensational character.

Union labor has made big strides in Fredericton in the past few years and is becoming a potent factor in the civic life of the capital city.

**The Reaper.**  
The grim reaper has been busy in 1909, as in other years, and death has carried off some of Fredericton's best known citizens during the past twelve months.

The list of those who have passed away include a successful merchant, a wealthy lumberman and a prominent business man, Mr. Henry Chestnut, who was the head of the hardware house of R. Chestnut and Sons, and he was also at the head of the J. C. Risterson Company, Limited, as well as being interested in the Chestnut Canoe Company, who make canoes in large numbers at a modern factory here.

Mr. Herbert H. Gunter, whose tragic death at Campbellton shocked the province, was a resident of Fredericton for the past few years. He was the head of the Willis Richards Company and became wealthy in the lumber business.

One of Fredericton's best known business men was Mr. Frank I. Morrison, who died early in the autumn, after a few weeks illness. He had accumulated considerable wealth while carrying on an extensive fire insurance business here and was the managing director of the Commercial Gas and Electrical Lighting Plant.

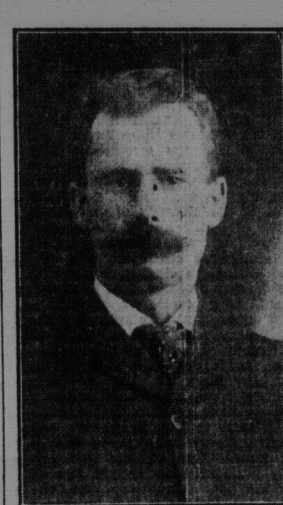
A feature of the past year in Fredericton was the holding of a successful 10 days exhibition in September, it being the longest as well as the most successful exhibit ever held in New Brunswick, notwithstanding rather unfavorable weather conditions at times.

The city of Fredericton expects to progress in 1910 at a faster rate than it has for many years. There is every reason to believe that the close of the next decade will find Fredericton fully as big a city as at present and of increased importance as well.

## VICTORIA THE VANGUARD

Warden Rideout Reports Considerable Progress Made By The Enterprising County During The Year—Several New Mills Have Been Erected Providing Employment for Many.

By Warden Rideout.



WARDEN B. A. RIDEOUT.

## SUSSEX REAPS HARVEST SOWN BY CITIZENS

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Sussex Mercantile Co., King, Asbell & Co., W. C. Elliot, N. W. Eveleigh & Co., D. A. Vail, B. J. Sharp, Connelly, Fairweather Hardware Co., George Saffron, W. B. McKay & Co., George Fairweather, J. R. McLean and W. H. Clarke all speak well of the improvement noted in their business. There has been more ready money in circulation than during 1908, and buying has been on the whole far more generous in its proportion.

Employment has been available for all men offering in town and there has been really more demand for hands than could be supplied. Wages have been proportionately good and any man who really desired work has not found much difficulty in getting it at a profitable remuneration.

From a civic standpoint Sussex is in the best financial shape in her history. This year saw a comfortable surplus in the bank, where 1908 brought a deficit of several thousand dollars. A small quantity of bonds offered for sale by the town brought good prices. The sinking funds are in good shape and while many improvements of a permanent nature have been made, it has been impossible to go to the people for authority to add to the funded debt. Taxation has remained at the low figure that has been maintained since incorporation and last year was \$1.10 on the one hundred dollars of a low valuation. The Water and Sewerage service is in good shape, street lighting has been added to and provision is being made for the gradual extension of permanent pavements in the town. A splendid fire alarm system is now in operation, backed up by an adequate high pressure water service and a well equipped fire brigade.

**Home Improvements.**  
In the way of home improvements, Sussex has made much headway during the past twelve months. A number of handsome residences have been erected and residents generally have made a decided effort in the way of improving their properties. In this connection it may be said that there are few towns in New Brunswick where residents take greater pride in their surroundings than in the citizens of Sussex. They have commenced well and the encouraging part of it is that each year adds more to the noticeable gain in artificial beauty spots.

In other respects Sussex is to be congratulated. The extensive school equipment which the citizens so generously provided is now justifying itself. The town has without doubt a building equal in all respects to the best in the Maritime Provinces and the interest in educational matters is being stimulated by the presence here of such an ambitious plant. There is nothing that the town possesses of which it has more cause to feel proud and it is emphasizing its belief in good, solid education by contributing to the school's support a sum many thousands of dollars in excess of that at the disposal of the trustees under the old order of things.

**Consistent Progress.**  
As a manufacturing centre Sussex is making consistent progress. The largest works in the town, the Sussex Manufacturing Company, now employs about 100 men and considerable additions to this number are expected during 1910. The company looks forward to a decided increase in its output of wood-working machinery and refrigerators, in both of which lines it is doing a coast to coast business. In the machinery department, particularly, the concern is adding largely to its range of machines and is meeting with encouragement in competition with the largest concerns in Canada.

Victoria county has made considerable progress during the past year. Although one of the best agricultural counties in the province, lumber is one of the chief industries, several saw mills having been built during the past year; among them being one by Hon. J. K. Fleming, on the bank of the St. John River, opposite Ortonville; one by Mr. Furcoite, at Grand Falls; and a large one on the line of the G. T. P. by the Willard Kitchen Co., the latter having an electric light system.

Aroostook Junction having been made a divisional point on the C. P. R., quite a building boom is going on there, the company constructing a round house and repair shops. Several hotels, stores and dwellings are also in course of construction.

The villages of Perth and Andover have installed an excellent system of electric lighting, during the past year, the power being supplied from Aroostook Falls.

As an instance of the agricultural progress of the county, it might be mentioned that six of the recent importation of Clydesdale mares, came to Victoria, also that Mr. Donald Onnes has for the third time won the Steel-Briggs cup in the seed grain competition, this valuable trophy thus becoming the permanent property of a resident of this county.

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ally abandoned, and the rails taken up and sold along with the other property. At the last session of the legislature the charter of the old company was confirmed and extended and negotiations commenced looking to the reconstruction of the railway by outside capital. Finally Dr. Henderson, of London, England who is interested in the Maritime Offsheds Ltd., obtained the charter of the railway from the province and within the last few weeks the purchase was completed. Dr. Henderson has also made a proposition to the city council to purchase or lease the electric light and gas works, with a view to running the railway and lighting plant under one management, which he says would result in a great economy. It is likely that liquidation will be asked at the approaching session of the legislature to enable the city to enter into negotiations to this end. The citizens would probably view such an arrangement with favor if a suitable bargain can be made and a guarantee obtained for a reduction in the cost of light and power, which is said the new company asked are prepared to give. Dr. Henderson says the cost of building and equipping a modern street railway in Canada would not be less than a quarter of a million. This would probably include a circuit taking in the suburbs of Sussex, Lewisville and Humphrey's Mill, which are all within 15 miles of the city. It is estimated that in population in the last few years and are in need of such communication with the city proper. The expenditure of this large sum of money, much of which will be for labor, cannot but have a good effect on business generally.

**Natural Gas Development.**  
The discovery of natural gas at McLeod's, about 12 miles down the river from Moncton, is regarded as having a most important bearing on the future industrial development and welfare of the city, as providing a likely means of furnishing cheap power, heat and light. Oil has been known for years to exist in this territory and thirty years ago or more some development work was done though without much result. More recently the New Brunswick Petroleum Company was organized and spent a large amount in sinking wells and installing pumping machinery. Operations were confined chiefly to St. Josephs, on the Memramcook river and Dover, both in Westmorland County. Considerable oil was obtained but owing to lack of funds the company practically ceased operations two or three years ago. The N. B. Petroleum Co. was largely in the hands of politicians but some energetic business men who became interested were: F. W. Sumner of Moncton being the leading spirit, took the matter up and went to England for the purpose of interesting capitalists. The result was the coming to New Brunswick of Dr. J. L. Henderson, a well known mining engineer of London. Dr. Henderson looked over the field and thought the proposition looked good, accordingly organized the Maritime Offsheds, Limited, and last summer commenced development work, under the direction of Mr. O. P. Boggs, who has extensive experience in the oil and gas fields of the United States. Mr. Boggs soon turned his attention to the Albert County side of the river with the result of making a find of natural gas. Well No. 3 registers 300,000 cubic feet every 24 hours and well No. 5 is even richer, showing a yield of 400,000 cubic feet every 24 hours. This gas tests with that from the best fields in the United States and is considerably above the average.

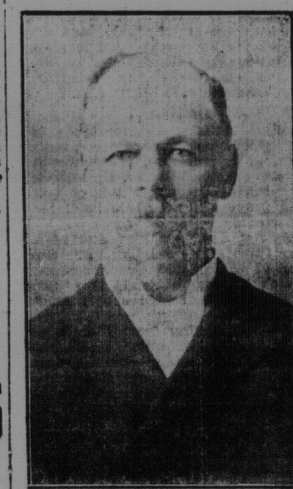
## CAMPBELLTON IN YEAR OF STEADY DEVELOPMENT

Enterprising Worth Show Town Made Constant Progress—Its Natural Assets are Many and Its Future Assured.

By Mayor Murray.

The town of Campbellton, which only a few years ago comprised less than a dozen stores and workshops, together with a few small scattered residences, and was known as "Martin's Point," is today a town of almost 5000 population, and is known on both sides of the Atlantic as the commercial metropolis of Northern New Brunswick.

Situated, as it is, at the head of deep water navigation on the Bay de Chaleur, and surrounded by extensive forests of spruce and cedar, with large and well equipped lumber mills in its immediate vicinity, and a splendid harbor, easily accessible to the larger class of seagoing steamers and sailing vessels for at least six months of the year, it has recently become the chief point of shipment for millions of feet of manufactured



MAYOR MURRAY.

lumber which are annually exported to British and foreign markets, and the revenue from which constitutes an important factor in the financial prosperity of our citizens.

Campbellton, N. B., Dec. 31.—Campbellton, situated on the south bank of the famous Restigouche river, where it empties into the beautiful Baie des Chaleurs, has made marked progress during the year 1909. Its growth has been of that steady quiet character which is indicative of a boom or spasmodic development, but the natural expansion of trade generally.

The lumber and shingle trade, which, so far, has been the basis of nearly all development in our town, this year surpassed all previous records; construction work on the international railway has been pushed with more than usual vigor; all branches of the building trades have been very active, and all lines of merchandizing have been good, in fact the best in the town's history.

The population of our town has increased rapidly during the last year. In 1901 the Dominion census showed a population of 2,652; in 1906 by a census taken under the authority of the Town Council the figures had increased to 3,749, and it is estimated that with the greater proportionate increase of the last three years the population must now be considerably over 5,000.

**Lumber Output.**  
For a number of years past there has been a steady increase in the lumber output, and this year it has been even greater. Taking the figures for logs rafted at the Restigouche boom, the greater part of which are seen at Campbellton, we find the following:

1907, .. 42,850,052 sup. ft.  
1908, .. 76,651,623 sup. ft.  
1909, .. 81,111,455 sup. ft.

Although the cut of lumber has been considerably larger there was a slight falling off in shipments, some of the lumber and a large quantity of shingles being held for a rising market.

An addition to the Government wharf, nearly 400 feet long, has been about completed to increase the shipping facilities, but not before it was an absolute necessity. Even with this addition it is felt that the accommodation for large lumber carrying steamers will hardly be sufficient for next season's business.

Considerable dredging was done in our harbor and near the Government wharf. This work will continue next spring, so that there will be additional berths for small vessels on the inside of the wharf without interfering with the large steamers.

**Railway Construction.**  
Construction on the International railway (which is to connect with the Bangor & Aroostook railway at St. Leonard's, affording a quick route to the New England markets, and incidentally opening up a new country rich in forest wealth and perhaps mineral wealth also) has been vigorously pushed in spite of the unfavorable weather conditions during the latter part of the season. The grading for the whole 106 miles of road has been about completed, and about 80 miles of steel laid. Nearly all supplies and rails for this work were shipped from here, and of course has had an effect on trade conditions in our town.

Altogether about a dozen steel bridges were erected during the past

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