

# THE LOGAN 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 255 feet deep, the water of which is pumped from our power house where the wells are bored to our town level a pressure of 85 to 90 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 ever before in the town.

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 "Dunn 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 and the handling of their ore from the mines they have lately purchased in the County of Gloucester. The railway is about completed, and 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 Indiantown and Blackville, 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 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 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 was practically completed a large increase in value has taken place in the property adjoining the new line and 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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ing 50 by 95 feet, three stories, an office building 30 by 42 feet, two stories, and has other extensions in view. In August last Hon. James Brien, British Ambassador at Washington, paid a visit to Passamaquoddy Bay in connection with the outstanding dispute as to the boundary line, which work 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 has been 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, this work had to be done in Calais.

The wreck of the Hestia on Old Proprietor Ledge in October was an incident sincerely regretted by every resident of the county, and it is generally conceded this was an incident that should not have happened had those in authority been true to their trust.

Within 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 F. 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 us, 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 Ganong 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.

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## PROSPERITY THE KEYNOTE OF DALHOUSIE

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Dalhousie Lumber Company built this on the site of their old long timber mill destroyed by fire two years ago. In connection with the rassing mill is a hand saw for long lumber and lath machines cut every available piece of lumber into laths. There is a separate shingle plant cutting shingles. During last season these mills turned out 6,000,000 feet of long lumber, 10,000 cords of pulp wood, 40,000,000 shingles and several millions of laths. This is greatly in excess of last year, owing to the fact that the mill was not placed in commission until late in the season. This company employs about 200 men in the summer season about the mills and loading ships. Eight hundred men are working in the lumber woods getting out lumber for next season. The pay roll comes up closely to \$200,000 per annum. Mr. Arthur Hilyard is manager, with Mr. H. A. Hilyard foreman of the plant. Besides these gentlemen the office work requires three clerks.

Baringer & Chapin have decided this year to work their own limits and a large number of men are engaged outside parties. This company is enlarging their mill preparatory to a large output next year. This gives a prosperous outlook for our town next season.

This season 20 vessels cleared for foreign ports with 40 millions of deals 19 1-2 millions battings, 14 thousand cords of pulp wood, 9 millions of laths one million of shingles. This is much in excess of last season, and the prospects point to a much greater export next year. The revenue went away by last year.

Successful Year. This year has been a very successful one for Dalhousie in building and general improvement of residences. The Dalhousie Lumber Company built on Williams street a magnificent residence for the manager. It is built on the colonial style, and is equipped with the latest and best apparatus for heating. It will be lighted by electricity in the summer from the mill, and in the winter by acetylene gas.

Dr. J. R. Diabrow erected a house and office combined on Adelaide street. The style is up to date. It was designed and built by Mr. Patrick Troy, of Dalhousie.

Mrs. Louis Arsenault built a pretty residence on Williams street.

The salmon fishing was very successful last year. The smelt season is now on, but no ice has formed in the river to enable the fishermen to set their nets. The smelt are abundant in the river at present.

One of the hopeful signs of our town is the way the citizens are availing themselves of the facilities offered them by the water system installed since incorporation. Two plumbers have been busy this season installing all the latest conveniences of up-to-date plumbing.

Dalhousie having lost its wood-working factory by fire, has had this offset in a measure by J. D. A. Harquail, of Campbellton opening up a warehouse in town, where all kinds of building material can be had.

Everywhere marked progress is evident, and by the energy displayed our town is to have a banner year of 1910.

## CAPITAL CITY REPORTS QUIET TWELVE MONTHS

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 law enforced, but the payment down the road ever built in the city under the Scott Act had failed at the polls and Fredericton would be "wet" or "dry" this year. Only a comparatively few months before an attempt to oust the city 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 payment down the road ever built in the city under the Scott Act had failed at the polls and Fredericton would be "wet" or "dry" this year. Only a comparatively few months before an attempt to oust the city 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 payment down the road ever built in the city under the Scott Act had failed at the polls and Fredericton would be "wet" or "dry" this year.

Council Progressive. The present city council has proven a progressive one in many respects and the results have been some civic improvements which are noticeable in every part of the city. The fact that Fredericton wants to be up to date. Four blocks of granolithic sidewalk along the military property and the Normal School have been put down 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 payment down the road ever built in the city under the Scott Act had failed at the polls and Fredericton would be "wet" or "dry" this year.

Industrial Tone. Industrially, Fredericton has suffered during the year from the strike which was declared at the Hart Boot and Shoe Company's factory by the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. 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. R. Rierson 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 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 exhibition 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 twice 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.

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. Furcotte, 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.

## 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 Sutfren, W. B. McKay & Co., George Fairweather, 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 1909, 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 has been sold by the town, and the surplus in the bank, where 1908 brought a deficit of several thousand dollars. A small quantity of bonds has been sold by the town, and the surplus in the bank, where 1908 brought a deficit of several thousand dollars.

## MONCTON MADE SURE PROGRESS

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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 Oilfields Ltd., obtained an option for the purchase of the charter 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 an option for the purchase of the charter 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 an option for the purchase of the charter and within the last few weeks the purchase was completed.

## 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 la 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 far-famed Restigouche river, where it empties into the beautiful Bale des Chaleurs, has made marked progress during the year 1909. Its growth has been of that steady quiet character which has been noticeable for a number of years past--no great 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 merchandising have been good, in fact the best in the town's history.

The population of our town has increased rapidly during the past decade. 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:

1905	42,850,052 sup. ft.
1906	76,651,623 sup. ft.
1909	81,111,355 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 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.

Construction on the International railway (which is to connect with the Banker & 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 had an effect on trade conditions in our town.

Together about a dozen steel bridges were erected during the past

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