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A NEW YEAR OPPORTUNITY

There is a tendency to smile at New Year resolutions, inasmuch as every day really begins a new year and there is an ever-present opportunity for any individual to mend his ways. There is, however, a time-honored habit of associating the New Year of the calendar with the beginning of more purposeful work and the ending of frivolous or injurious conduct. One has only to consider for a moment what would happen if every member of a community rose on a certain morning purged of all selfishness, and resolved to be industrious, thrifty, public-spirited and helpful, to realize that there is merit in good resolutions even if they are not universal.

It is a great privilege to be young and in good health, with even moderate prospects, at the beginning of the year 1922. Never in human history was there a time so pregnant with wonderful possibilties. The onward march of science has made man master as never before of nature's forces, to bend them to his will and purpose. Distance has been annihilated, and the faintest whisper is heard round the world. We talk now as of neighbors about peoples who not long since were worlds apart from us. To the adventurous the ways of all the world are an open road. Yet it is possible for people to live in a very small circle, oblivious to the beckoning hand of knowldege, and indifferent to all save the incidents of a narrow existence and the limited pleasures it has to offer. There could be no more fruitful resolution on the part of any young man or woman than to seek such knowledge as would make him or her a part of that larger life of the world which is not material nor subject to metes and bounds, and which is within the reach of every student, whether in the schools or in the library. With breadth of vision comes a larger sympathy, a sense of brotherhood, a new meaning for the word service; and with these an infinitely greater capacity for real satisfaction in life. To put away frivolous things does not mean to forsake entirely the ordinary paths of pleasure, and that would not be wise. The trouble with most of us is, however, that the pendulum swings too much toward the pleasures of the moment, in disregard of what is more vital, and in the end far more valuable because it endures. To give up a bad habit is not enough. To replace it with one that will yield dividends in character and efficiency and capacity for greater happiness removes temptation and leads to a fuller life.

POWER FROM NIAGARA

Last week in Toronto Sir Adam Beck made some very illuminating statements to the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He said the Ontario hydro-electric commission was carrying its power from Niagara 254 miles to Windsor, and although the town only used 8,500 horse-power the rate to domestic consumers was three and a half cents, and, after a certain amount is used, one and a half cents, whereas across the river in Detroit the rate is eight cents for steam-generated electricity. He said that power for the common home was put on the basis of minimum plane of cost, with relatively higher rates for those who should pay them, but the price to consumers never went above cost. The commission now operates 21 water powers, of which 19 had to be purchased, and they are all being developed for the people. Whereas on the American side of Niagara 90 per cent of the power goes to a few great concerns and 10 per cent to the homes of the people, the situation is reversed on the Canadian side and 90 per cent goes to ordinary consumers.

"We carry that," said Sir Adam, "to the point where we build transmission lines to carry power to villages that take only eight or ten horse-power. If the hydro-electric movement in this province had done no more than demonstrate, as it has, that we can supply some 60,000 homes in Toronto, large and small, at an average cost per month of 87 cents, it would have justified our claims on its behalf."

All this is very interesting reading for the citizens of St. John at the present time. We are at a critical moment in regard to power distribution in this city. What is done now will affect the growth of the city for years to come. The interests of the citizens now and for the future must be paramount. They must get the largest possible benefit from the power development at Musquash. Any other result would be without a shadow of excuse.

An Ottawa correspondent writes: "The new King cabinet contains seven Catholics and twelve Protestants. Five of the Catholics are from Quebec and the other two from Ontario. There is one Protestant from Quebec, four from Ontario, and all others are Protestants. Divided by occupations, there are seven lawyers, three newspapermen, four farmers, two manufacturers, one business man, one labor man and one physician."

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The clear, crisp air yesterday made it an ideal winter holiday, which was heartily enjoyed by all who love the out-of-doors.

THE RAILWAY MINISTER.

Maritime Province people will be especially interested in the new minister of railways. Hon. W. C. Kennedy, who represents the border constituency of North Essex, is described as "a successful business man who brings executive ability to the administrative work in the department of railways." The Toronto Globe says "he can be depended upon to carry out the premier's declared policy of giving public ownership a full and fair trial," and it couples him with Hon. W. S. Fielding in the following sentence:

"With Fielding in the finance department and Kennedy as minister of railways, the key positions have been entrusted by the premier to competent hands."

Mr. Kennedy has been in the House since 1917, and is fifty-three years age. His home is in Windsor, and he has been engaged in the oil and gas business. The Toronto Globe remarks that in the administration of the railways he will get valuable counsel from Hon. Mr. Murdock, whose experience as a railway worker will make him a well-informed adviser. No doubt the new minister will take an early opportunity to make himself better acquainted with the national railway system, and the people in these provinces who have not hitherto made his acquaintance will be able to meet him and acquaint him with the maritime point of view. He has assumed a heavy task, but the Canadian National Railways have shown net earnings for four months past, and the conditions therefore are not hopeless. The country desires that public ownership be given a fair trial, and the new minister has perhaps the greatest opportunity of any member of the government to make a record as an administrator.

GETTING PEOPLE ON THE LAND

The announcement that the C. P. R. proposes to spend $20,000,000 in settling 100,000 British immigrants on Canadian farms, the most of them necessarily coming from the cities, suggests to a staff writer of the Toronto Globe that it may not be necessary to go to Britain for these people. He says there are probably more than 100,000 recently arrived people of British birth who are to be found in cities from Montreal to the coast. They are not on the land, but they have already learned something about Canada and would be as easily trained as others brought from cities in the old land. Moreover, thousands of them are unemployed. The writer contends that it is not merely more population but a readjustment of the balance of the present population that is needed; and that there is a fine opportunity to get the idle away from our own cities and on the land before transplanting large numbers from the other side. If those who heretofore came out will not stay on the land, or if persons now in the cities cannot be induced to go on the land, would new-comers be any more likely to do so? This aspect of the case is certainly very interesting, and will doubtless attract general attention. The Toronto Globe prints a letter from a correspondent who was an instructor in horticulture and agricultural chemistry and secretary of a large poultry club in Great Britain, but who is doing clerical work in a Canadian city because no other field seems open for him, as he has not enough money to establish himself on a farm. He would have the government, either provincial or federal, give civilians some such aid as has been given with satisfactory results to soldiers. The Globe offers this comment:

"The C. P. R. will perform a great national service if it will provide this opportunity for immigrants trained for agriculture, but the door should be opened equally wide to residents of Canada. This country would be infinitely better off today if some of the money spent in railway duplication had been applied to schemes of rural colonization and settlement. The case of our correspondent could doubtless be multiplied, and some provision should be made for it. Canada could survive with fewer people in the cities, but it must have more of them in the countryside."

Ever since the value of the scheme to get soldiers settled on farms has been demonstrated people have been asking if a similar scheme applied to civilians would not produce good results. Apart altogether from the question of getting immigrants the fact is that there are too many people in the cities in proportion to the number on the land, and many problems would be solved by a proper readjustment of the balance. It is a question worthy of serious study by governments, federal and provincial.

A Port Stanley, Ontario, fisherman has just been prosecuted for neglecting his aged mother. It is found that children are not always the ones neglected, and the law for the protection of destitute parents is both humane and necessary.

A dust storm recently blew for thirty hours, carrying Gobi Desert sand to Shanghai and far out to sea. Japanese liners arriving at Yokohama found it difficult navigating, owing to the heavy yellow cloud enveloping them. During the blow Peking resembled a deserted city, for nobody ventured out except under stress of necessity.

AN EXCHANGE OF OFFICES

Above is the office of the prime minister, until lately occupied by Hon. Arthur Meighen. It is now the office home of Hon. Mr. King, whose portrait is inset. Below is the office of the leader of the Opposition, vacated by Mr. King and now occupied by Mr. Meighen, whose portrait is also inset.

THE NEW AGE.

When navies are forgotten
And fleets are useless things,
When the dove shall warm her bosom
Beneath the eagle's wings.

When memory of battles
At last is strange and old,
When nations have one banner
And creeds have found one fold;

When the Hand that sprinkles midnight
With its powdered drift of suns
Has hushed this tiny tumult
Of sects and swords and guns;

Then Hate's last note of discord
In all God's word shall cease,
In the conquest which is service,
In the victory which is peace

FRED LAURENCE KNOWLES.

LIGHTER VEIN.

Bet He Feels Puffed Up.

Vermont paper—Willie Schnitzler, who has been taking yeast cakes for three months, is now one of the town's rising young men.

New Use For Him.

Pained customer—I believe you keep a good cutter on the premises.

Tailor—Yes, sir; certainly, sir. One of the best.

Pained Customer—Well, you might put him on to cut down this account you sent me last week.

New Qualifications.

A new standard has been set in housekeeping. The following ad. appeared in an evening paper the other day: "Wanted—Housekeeping position by young woman; $15 a week; can make home brew. Write Box 55."—Pittsburg Leader.

Quite Unnecessary.

A rather poor family unexpectedly came into possession of a fortune. They purchased a farm with hens, cows and pigs.

One day a little daughter of the family was showing a visitor about the place.

"Do your hens lay many eggs?" he asked.

"Oh, they can," was the haughty reply, "but in our position they don't have to."

ANNUAL TREAT AT PLEASANT POINT

The annual Christmas tree and treat was held in the Pleasant Point Sunday school hall on New Year's eve. Speeches were made by the superintendent, C. B. Black, Assistant Superintendent Harvey Arbo and Rev. C. T. Clark. A programme was enjoyed by a large number of scholars and friends, as follows:

Chorus, "Christmas Celebration"—By D. of M.
Recitation, "Greetings" — By Lena Urquhart.
Solo, "Down the Ages Afar" — By Sylvia Hamm.
Exercise, "Three Trees" — Walter, Archie and Burton.
Recitation, "Peace on Earth"—Helen Naves.
Cradle song—Six little girls.
Solo, "Wonderful Star" — Hildreth Humphrey.
Reading, "A Christmas Tale"—By Mrs. Ernie Arbo.
Recitation, "Christmas Stocking" — Vincent Urquhart.
Recitation, "Night Before Christmas" —Mable McCaughan.
Duet, "Star of the East"—Nellie and Sylvia.
Recitation, "Christmas Stockings" — Dorothy Splane.
Chorus, "Holy Night"—By D. of M.
Dialogue, "Santa Claus" — By four girls.
Solo, "Out From the Shadows" — Lena Urquhart.
Recitation—By George Harvey.
Chorus, "Give Him Welcome"—Lovers of music.
Solo, "Ring the Bells"—By Lilian Bree.
Recitation—By Burton McCaughan.
Recitation—By Annie Small.
Chorus—"Christmas Day"—By D. of M.
Solo, "Shine On, Oh Star"—By Ruby Splane.
Recitation—Vera Naves.
Recitation—By George Green.
Chorus, "Carol"—By D. of M.
Recitation—By Dolly Wright.
Recitation, "Cracksman's Christmas" —By Lena Urquhart.
Recitation—Sadie McPherson.
Dialogue—"Christmas Plots"—By D. of M.

After this the Sunday school scholars were given their annual treat, and presentation of gifts were made by Mr. Clark as follows: C. B. Black, from the Sunday school; Ernest Arbo, from the Sunday school; Harvey Arbo, from his class; Mrs. Ernest Arbo, from her class; Mrs. Ernest Arbo, from "A Friend"; C. B. Black, from the D. of M.; Mr. Callom, from the L. of Mr.; Mrs. Jas. Ryder, from the L. of M.; Mrs. Jas. Callom, from her class. Also the "Golden Rule" and "Willing Workers" classes received gifts from their teachers. A watch meeting was held in the hall after the conclusion of the evening's entertainment.

COMMENT ON THE NEW CABINET

The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Globe says:—

"John Ewen Sinclair has been appointed minister without portfolio, in recognition of the solid bloc sent to Ottawa by Prince Edward Island. By reason also of Hon. Mr. Sinclair's sterling qualities no one merits this recognition more.

"There are six ministers who are the direct bearers of the Laurier tradition from having been in his ministry; Premier King himself, about whom Laurier once sanctioned the prophecy that he would be a future premier; Hon. W. S. Fielding, of all Canadians wisest in the ways of finance; Hon. H. S. Beland, more reminisicent, perhaps, than any other of the Laurier wit, culture and charm of manner; Hon. Jacques Bureau, the most popular member of the House of Commons on both sides; Hon. George P. Graham, looking ready to live up to his old record for administrative ability, and Hon. Charles Murphy, the downright fighter.

"There are also the two ex-premiers, Sir Lomer Gouin, who took Quebec from near bankruptcy to a place in the forefront of the provinces of confederation, and Hon. Charles Stewart. There is Hon. Daniel D. McKenzie, acting Liberal leader after Sir Wilfrid Laurier's death, a man who can quote Scripture to better effect than any other member in the late house, though he will have three clergymen in the next house to compete with him in that respect; a judge, a man who never lost an election, and a man not to be lightly crossed in debate. There is Hon. Ernest Lapointe, whose star rises higher and blazes brighter in the political firmament with every passing year, and who is now given the portfolio of marine and fisheries, which is the most important one of all to people who live in his native province of Quebec, the maritime provinces or British Columbia. There is also Hon. J. A. Robb, level-headed, capable and businesslike, universally respected, late whip for the Liberals. Hon. A. B. Copp astonished the dominion with his great 7,000 majority in Westmorland, N. B.; a clever lawyer and a good parliamentary debater. Hon. W. C. Kennedy is a successful business man who has been an eloquent member and who brings executive ability to the administrative work in the department of railways. Hon. James Murdock was one of the chief factors in the last election in reminding the electors of the autocratic, class government from which Canada has just freed herself. Hon. W. R. Motherwell is a model farmer, a capable administrator, a democrat and a fighter. Hon. Charles Stewart is kindly, dependable, patient, a thinker, a worker, an administrator, and a great acquisition to federal politics. Senator Bostock is an English gentleman in character, manners and traditions."

HON. A. B. COPP

(Moncton Transcript.)

Westmorland County is to be congratulated because its representative has secured one of the portfolios in the new government. Hon. Arthur Bliss Copp has been its representative for the past seven years. During this time he efficiently represented our county, as he had for the few previous years when he was a member of the New Brunswick Legislature. He has always been watchful of the interests of Westmorland and of the Maritime Provinces, vigorously protesting against the injustices which have been heaped upon us. We have every reason to expect that with Mr. Copp holding a cabinet position New Brunswick's interests will be carefully looked after.

Mr. Copp is a native of Westmorland, born at Jolicure in 1870. He is a son of Harvey Copp, English, and on his mother's side is of Irish descent. He was educated at the public schools of Jolicure, Provincial Normal School, Mt. Allison University and Dalhousie Law School. On being called to the bar in 1894 he opened practice at Sackville. In 1903 he was married to Miss Bell, of Newcastle, N. B., a daughter of a well-known I. C. R. employe.

Mr. Copp was elected to the Legislature of New Brunswick in 1901, holding the seat until 1912. From 1904 to 1908 he was Liberal organizer for the province of New Brunswick. In 1915 he was elected to the House of Commons and was re-elected in 1917 and again in 1921.

Mr. Copp besides his law practice has always taken an active part in the business life of this county.

ANNUAL TREAT FOR SOLDIERS' ORPHANS

The Christmas treat for the orphans of soldiers was held yesterday in the G. W. V. A. hall with 180 children, as well as many of the mothers, present, Mrs. J. H. Tillotson and Mrs. H. W. Ievers, the convenors of the ladies' committee, received the children. Games were played, motion pictures were shown and refreshments were served. Gifts were distributed consisting of toys and clothing. Addresses were given Colonel Murray McLaren, Dr. G. G. Corbett and H. W. Ievers.

The members of the committee for the treat were H. W. Ievers, chairman; J. A. McDonald and A. I. Machum. The members of the ladies' committees were Mrs. Tillotson and Mrs. Ievers, assisted by Mrs. Ashe, Mrs. G. E. Logan, Mrs. J. S. Williamson, Mrs. Norman P. McLeod, Mrs. E. R. Hall, Mrs. H. Cannon, Mrs. W. A. Cooper, Mrs. Charles Moore, Mrs. F. C. Tippetts, Mrs. W. G. Smith, Miss Agnes Sutherland and Miss Clara McGrath. The committee donated the cake. Assisting in the serving of the refreshments were the Misses Hazel Case, Audrey Swanton and Mona McGrath.

DIED IN MONTREAL.

Fredericton Gleaner, Friday:—Mrs. C. Fred Chestnut received a telegram yesterday afternoon announcing the death at Westmount, Montreal, of her sister, Mrs. W. M. N. Smith. No particulars were received, but Mrs. Smith had been in poor health for some time. She was formerly Miss Lily Hogg, of this city, and is survived by her husband and three children, her mother, who made her home with her; one sister, Mrs. C. F. Chestnut, and one brother, J. W. Hogg, of Butte, Mont.

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