

OUR BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

POLICE AND MERCURY PREVENTED DISORDER

Bluecoats and Falling Temperature Kept New Year's Eve Crowds Quiet.

T. JOHN USHERED 1914 IN WITH DECORUM. Chief Clark Had Good System Outlined and it Worked Well—One False Alarm and Some Broken Windows.

The prolonged waiting of steam whistles and the solemn tolling of bells marked the passing of the year 1913 in St. John, but hardly had the year run its course than the bells and whistles took on a more joyous tone and the young year was given a hearty reception by the citizens of Canada's winter port.

Trouble Expected. It had been predicted that the annual gathering at King square would be of record proportions and serious clashes were expected by many citizens. The crowd, however, was in happy mood and the slight jostling which occurred at times was taken good naturedly by everyone.

Police Were Active. The police particularly watched those whom they thought were desirous of creating trouble and they were always in complete control of the situation. The officers on duty about King square handled themselves well and the crowd seemed pleased with the methods employed by them.

Crowds Dispersed Early. Before one o'clock Charlotte and King streets were practically cleared of people and the North End contingent had advanced so far towards home that someone was able to send an alarm from box 152 at the Union Station at 12.45.

WANT NORWAY POTATOES INTO STATES FREE

Norwegian Minister Argues that Tubers from His Country Should Not be Taxed Under New U. S. Tariff.

Washington, Dec. 31.—H. N. Bryan, Norwegian minister here, called today upon Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture and Assistant Secretary Hamlin of the treasury department, to urge that potatoes from Norway be placed on the free list.

HONOR FOR MEMBER FROM YORK COUNTY

Expected at Ottawa that Hon. H. F. McLeod will Move Address in Reply to Speech from the Throne.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 31.—It is expected that Hon. H. F. McLeod is elected to day by acclamation in York N. B., will be chosen to move the address in reply to the speech from the throne at the opening of the coming parliament session.

CHAMPAGNE FLOWED FREELY IN CHICAGO

Horns, Confetti and Ticklers Tabooed, But People Found Other Ways of Celebrating Advent of New Year.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—With a "sane" New Year's celebration by the police, \$250,000 flood of champagne turned on by the big restaurants, and a watch night service in almost every church, Chicagoans had their choice of celebrations.

ITALIANS IN ARABS IN FIGHT.

Tripoli, Dec. 31.—Advices were received today of a battle in the neighborhood of Muzak, capital of Fezzan. A column of Italian and native troops completely routed the Arabs after five hours of fierce fighting.

PREMIER AND MRS. FLEMING HOSTS AT BANQUET TO THE CIVIL SERVICE OFFICIALS

Delightful Function at Barker House—Attended by Over Sixty.

HOW DEPARTMENTS WORK HAS GROWN.

Past Few Years Have Shown Wonderful Increase in Volume of Work Necessitating Larger Staff.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Dec. 31.—One of the most pleasant observations of the holiday season in Fredericton was the dinner tonight in the Barker House when Premier and Mrs. J. K. Fleming were hosts to the members of the Civil Service.

Amour the guests were Mr. G. M. Babbitt, I. S. O., deputy receiver general, who is the dean of the civil service in the province, having been fifty years in office.

Some Things the Occasion Brings to Our Memory

Gilpeas celebrate New Year on the first full moon after St. John's Day, which falls on December 27th. The Russian New Year will be celebrated on Jan. 14th, which marks the beginning of the year 8023 A. M.

The Chinese, having adopted the modern calendar, will celebrate New Year's Day on the orthodox date, but they still cling to their primitive notion that all debts must be paid on or before New Year's Eve.

The ancient Egyptians, Persians, Chaldeans, Phoenicians, Syrians and Carthaginians each began their year at the Autumnal equinox, about September 22.

Among the ancient Greeks New Year's day was first celebrated on December 22, and later on June 22. The Latin Christian nations had seven different New Year's days—January 1, March 1, March 25, Easter, and two variable dates.

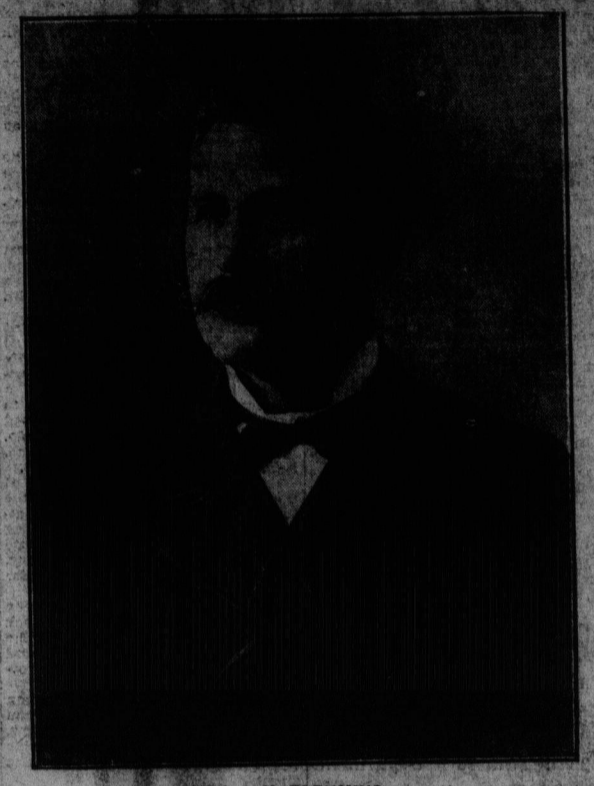
In England, from the fourteenth century until the adoption of the Gregorian calendar in 1752, the legal and ecclesiastical year began on March 25.

The twenty-second of September was the New Year's day in the French revolutionary calendar. The Mohammedan New Year is not fixed, but retrogrades through the different seasons of the solar year, the last observance having been on November 30, which marked the beginning of the year 1332.

In Scotland, New Year's day and the day before are called "daff" or "crazy" days, when everybody is privileged to drink a wee dram more than is good for them.

Up till a century ago, it was the privilege of the men in Scotch towns to kiss every girl caught on the streets on the first day of the year, but the custom is now tabooed.

The ancient Persians exchanged eggs on New Year's Day, September 22, but that was long before eggs became so valuable. One of the most beautiful of American observances of the day is the tournament of roses which is held annually in Pasadena, Cal.



HON. J. K. FLEMING.

MOTHER AND SON DEAD IN SAME HOUSE

Mrs. Lavina Dickson Dies Within Few Hours After Her Son—An Old Resident of Hopewell Cape.

Hopewell Cape, Dec. 31.—While the body of her son lay dead in the house prepared for burial, Lavina Dickson, widow of the late James E. Dickson, died today at her home, Hopewell Cape.

Death was due to pneumonia. Her late husband, James Dickson, was a member of the Baptist church here and was quite prominently known.

BRITISH SCHOONER CHESLIE PICKED UP

Wrecked in Gulf of Mexico on Christmas Day—Revenue Cutter Towing Her to Key West.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The British schooner Cheslie, wrecked in the storm which swept the Gulf of Mexico, on Christmas day, was picked up late last night off the Tortugas by the revenue cutter Miami.

HON. GEO. WITMAN DEAD, NINETY YEARS OLD

Annapolis, N. S., Dec. 31.—Hon. George Whitman, one of the oldest and most respected residents of the community, died at his home at Round Hill early today, aged ninety years.

He represented Annapolis County in the legislative council of Nova Scotia for a long period of years, until the infirmities of age prevented him from attending his duties. He will be buried on Friday with Masonic honors.

Waterlogged and her deckload was gone when the revenue cutter found her and her provisions were exhausted. No mention was made of the wreck to Key West. The Cheslie is

MANY CANADIAN NAMES ON NEW YEAR HONORS

GETTING INTO TOUCH WITH THE TRADE

Minister of Commerce Appoints Travelling Commissioner—Will Visit West Indies—Canadian Manufacturers Will Be Visited.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 31.—To bring into closer touch consumers of outside countries with producers in Canada, the Minister of Trade and Commerce has appointed Mr. Watson Griffin, a Montreal journalist, as a special travelling trade commissioner.

Since taking office, the Hon. G. E. Foster has been directing his efforts to the promotion of Canadian trade by his means. The reports of British consuls and trade commissioners bring into the department much information but the problem has to be solved of disseminating this information.

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Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Henry Kelly Egan, whose name appears in the list of New Year's honours, is one of the capital's most prominent and wealthy citizens and comes of an old Bytown family.

He is a son of the late John Egan, a native of Lisfahane, County Galway, Ireland, who represented Ottawa and Pontiac counties successively in the Canadian assembly 1848-57.

Born at Aylmer, Quebec, January 15, 1848, Sir Henry was educated at the Montreal High School. He is now managing director of the Hawkesbury Lumbar Company, a director of the Bank of Ottawa, British-Canadian Bank, Note Company, and the Ottawa and Montreal Transmission Company.

A Conservative in politics, Sir Henry has several times declined nomination for the house of commons. He is a member of the Ottawa Improvement Committee. Sir Henry has always taken a great interest in charitable and social work, and is a live member of the County of Carleton general hospital, a Governor of St. Luke's Hospital, a life director of the Old Men's Home, a director of the Country Club, member of executive committee, Royal Ottawa Golf Club, and a member of the Ottawa Hunt Club and Rideau Club.

Walking Trip from Winnipeg to Halifax. Sault Ste Marie, Ont., Dec. 31.—William C. Browne, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, who recently walked on a wager from Providence, R. I., to Winnipeg, passed through the Soo today on another 2,000 mile walk from Winnipeg to Halifax. He carried with him a letter from the Mayor's office in the city of Winnipeg to the United States consul here, and also a letter of introduction to the Mayor of Halifax. He wears his regimental uniform and a fur cap, on the front of which is a silver crest of the Winnipeg coat of arms.

List This Year Lengthy and Includes Five Peers.

COMMERCIAL LIFE WELL REPRESENTED.

Henry Kelly Egan, of Ottawa, a Knight Bachelor—Ex-Ambassador James Bryce Becomes a Viscount.

London, Dec. 31.—The New Year's honours list is an unusually long one. It comprises five peerages, fifty councillorships, six baronetcies, twenty-two knightships, and an enormous number of decorations and promotions to the various orders in the home, Indian, colonial and civil services.

The single appointment to the Order of Merit goes to Sir Archibald Gelkie, ex-president of the Royal Society. Literature and the arts are rather conspicuously neglected, the only noticeable names being James Bryce, the former British ambassador at Washington, who becomes a Viscount, Sir Archibald Gelkie, Owen Seaman, editor of Punch, and Ernest Rutherford, director of the Royal Society.

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