

YEAR.

CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS.

Among the happier events of the year was the closing of the struggle between the House of Lords and the House of Commons on the powers of the former. At one time it seemed as if the Parliament Bill which curtailed the functions of the Upper Chamber would be rejected, and that the Government would have been forced to the extraordinary expedient of advising His Majesty the King to create a sufficiently large number of peers to overcome the opposition that was threatening. The dislike to draw the King into the arena of politics was probably the reason which guided the majority of the opposing peers to withdraw from a fight to a finish and to accept the inevitable. The course pursued by these peers saved the situation and demonstrated the sound sense which usually prevails when a crisis has arisen and a clash seems imminent.

Outside of the constitutional struggle the chief legislation of the year has been the great Industrial Insurance Scheme of Lloyd George, which has been passed with the object of making provision for the support of the poorest toiled when unemployed through lack of work or disabled by ill-health.

We will close our review of home politics by a reference to the resignation of Mr. Arthur Balfour as leader of the Unionist Party. The exit from leadership of the greatest parliamentarian of the day has been successfully cartooned by Punch, who depicts a knight clad in armour passing from the arena with his helmet in his left arm, while his steed 'leadership' is being led away by an attendant squire. Underneath the picture is the legend, taken from the Passages of Arthur, "From spur to plume a star tournament," and headed "The End of a Day."

THE KING'S CORONATION AND THE DURBAR AT DELHI.

The most glorious function of the year was the Coronation of the King and the Queen in Westminster Abbey on June 2nd. It was one of the most brilliant ever witnessed in that old fane, and was attended by representatives not only of the Powers, but of all the powers that be throughout the wide domains of His Majesty. On the day following, the King and Queen, accompanied by feudatory princes and representatives of the States of the Empire and the Crown Colonies, and followed by representatives of the naval and military forces, made a progress through the capital. A review came off next day. Then followed State Garden Parties, Gala Performances at the Opera, Thanksgiving Services and the Children's Coronation Fete. The King and Queen entertained 100,000 of London school children at the Festival of Empire at the Crystal Palace. On Their Majesties paid State visits to Ireland and to the Scotch capitals, and proceeded to Carnarvon Castle, where the ceremony of Investiture of a Prince of Wales took place, a function which had been in abeyance for six centuries.

In the present Their Majesties are paying a visit to India, and a great Durbar was held at Delhi, the ancient capital of India, where the King proclaimed his capital for the future. The scene of the Durbar and the ceremonies which took place are said to have surpassed in magnificence anything that had hitherto been seen.

OUR ISLAND HOME.

Coming from these scenes of pomp and splendour and leaving behind us the storms and distress of other lands, we turn to a life of rest, where peace reigns, and the stress of starvation is absent. Life is cheered with joy and sorrow. Sometimes it is rosy and at other times gloomy. A glance briefly at our losses during the passing year. Quite a number of citizens who have occupied prominent places in religious, public, professional and social life of the city have been called to the community sustained a grievous loss in the death of Canon Dunfield, so connected with St. Thomas's Parish, and constant in well doing in the educational and social institutions with which he was associated. The Law Society met a heavy loss in the demise of its senior members. Its President was carried away in the person of Sir James who had played a great part in the

REVIEW OF THE CLOSING YEAR.

public, professional and educational life of the Colony. At the time of his death, his immediate junior, Mr. A. J. W. McNeily, K.C., was on a bed of sickness from which he was never to rise. In the passing of Mr. McNeily, Newfoundland lost an artist in words, alert for her honour, and ever desirous of presenting her in her best attire. Mr. D. J. Greene, K.C., of the same school of professional honour as the two, who just predeceased him, was elected as the successor of Sir James Winter as President of the Law Society. In his death, Newfoundland lost a genial soul, who had played his part in professional life and in many years of public life both as Premier in the dark days following the bank crash or as a simple member of the House of Assembly, or in the more exalted atmosphere of the Legislative Council. The House of Assembly lost Mr. Edward Davey, than whom no more honest man or one of more genuine worth has ever sat within its walls. Among other notables who have passed away was Mr. A. Marshall, whose last will and testament showed that he had taken much thought for the morrow of the orphans whose care is entrusted to our various institutions.

A PROFITABLE YEAR.

Passing from these sombre memories and turning to the more joyful aspects of our Island life, we are able to congratulate ourselves on a favourable year's work at the fishery, where catches on the whole have been good and the returns have been especially favourable. Employment has been fairly plentiful and this has no doubt been artificially expanded by the expenditure of the Railway Loan on branch railway building, and to that extent we have been living on our borrowings and not on our national earnings, and as a consequence the revenue is artificially swollen and gives a greater show of prosperity than the true earning power of the country warrants. A happy feature of the year has been the great demand for Gloucester for green fish, which has led to the disposal of much fish that otherwise would have been held over and cured next season. The prospects in this direction and generally for the banking industry are bright. The gloomy aspect of the picture is the incidence of heavy taxation, which adds materially to the cost of living, and the certainty in the future of having to bear even heavier burdens.

LEGISLATION OF THE YEAR.

The Legislative mill ground out its usual modicum of legislation. Some of it was useful; much of it mischievous. Among the latter may be classed the Cold Storage Act, the Crown Lands' Act, and the Old Age Pension Act. Bad as was the Cold Storage Act when it became law, it was much worse when the bill was introduced into the Legislature, where it met with much hostile criticism. So pernicious were the

financial proposals that the Government was forced to modify them owing to the severe criticism of the Leader of the Opposition, Sir Robert Bond, and the *Evening Telegram*. The Crown Lands Act which professed to be mainly an act of consolidation, conferred such wide and extreme powers on the Governor in Council that it met with much opposition, owing to the fact that the Governor in Council had not exercised the discretion they already possessed either wisely or well. The Pension Bill was so inadequate and so limited in its range that it was properly regarded as mere playing with an Old Age Pension Scheme. The chief legislation of value was the Early Closing Act, which is already justifying its existence. The notable feature of the session was the searching criticism of Sir Robert Bond and the warm welcome which attended his efforts on the part of the public at large.

FISHERMEN'S UNION.

The most remarkable feature of the year in our Island Home has been the rise to influence of the Fishermen's Union. It would be idle, and stupid in the extreme, to ignore its influence on the fishery industry and particularly its success in obtaining for the fishermen more adequate returns for their labors on the deep. It is a power in the land, and likely to be a lasting one, if its strength is exerted fairly and honourably for the betterment of the fishermen.

The part which its President, Mr. W. F. Coaker, played in obtaining better prices for fishermen selling fish is the most notable one we have known in such a connection, and should go far to establish the Union on a firm and lasting basis. We are living in an age of community of interest, and if the fishermen of the country can show the solidarity in the future which they have shown this fall, their economic interests will be much better safeguarded in the future than they have been in the past.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

We purpose now to bring our review to a close. We did not set out to attempt an exhaustive review, but to glance at some of the outstanding features of the story of the year which have attracted our attention. Our shore may in places be bleak and rugged and buffeted by the storms of the season, but they give shelter to a race noted for virility and capacity to accommodate itself to circumstances. So far industry and enterprise have prevailed and a marked desire among its people to live and let live. As we look around us and see the stress and strain of life elsewhere and the constant penury which hides its head in the large cities of the world, we can only conclude that the lot of Newfoundland by comparison is not an unhappy one. The treasures of the sea and the resources of the land can be exploited, it is true, to better advantage. A right education can do much to win more from the land or the sea, and daily public opinion is demanding a better bringing up of our young. The prospects of the future are therefore propitious, and in this certain hope and firm belief we can with confidence bid our many readers

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Cable News.

Special to Evening Telegram.
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 29.
The Government will not send any further troops to Persia.

Special to Evening Telegram.
QUEENSTOWN, Ireland, Dec. 29.
Thomas Broadwood, recently appointed British Vice-Consul at Chicago, is dead.

Special Evening Telegram.
SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 29.
Seven women have been selected by the Mayor to act in an advisory capacity during his term of office. He has also chosen 14 men, thus forming an advisory cabinet of 21.

Special to Evening Telegram.
ATHLONE, Ireland, Dec. 29.
The river Shannon is fourteen feet above its normal level, as the result of incessant rain storms. Large areas through which it flows are flooded. Many families have been compelled to leave their homes by means of boats.

Special Evening Telegram.
LONDON, Dec. 29.
The labour trouble in Lancashire is serious. Four hundred thousand looms are idle, and the workers' wages are £800,000 weekly. Should the spinning mills declare short time, the wage loss will be \$1,250,000 weekly.

Special to Evening Telegram.
LONDON, Dec. 29.
Sir Francis Campbell, Assistant Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office since 1902, is dead.

HALIFAX, Dec. 29.
King Edward Hotel was destroyed by fire to-night. Loss, \$75,000. Insurance, \$50,000.

Special to Evening Telegram.
LONDON, Dec. 29.
The Government has issued a decree, banishing for two years Mr. Mendesbello, Patriarch of Lisbon, and the Bishop of Guarda, Administrator of the diocese of Oporto, from their respective districts, on the grounds of their persistent opposition to the organization of Agricultural Associations.

Special Evening Telegram.
ROME, Dec. 29.
The police of Oriveto found the Countess Cahenovic in the woods near Aberton. When she recovered she related how she had been kidnapped by brigands, with the object of black-mailing her husband. During her time in the hands of the kidnappers she had been badly beaten and threatened with death. No arrests have been made.

Special to Evening Telegram.
LONDON, Dec. 29.
The Government will increase the number of Indian troops now employed for the protection of British consulates and trade routes in Southern Persia. This action is rendered necessary by the attack on Consul Smart at Shiraz. Further than this the Government will not go. The Foreign Office will issue a statement shortly. This action does not fore-shadow occupation of territory or interference with Persian authority, except when necessary in British interests.

Alum an Unseen Danger in Food.

Noted food scientists have decided that alum is an unseen danger in food, and as a result of their investigations, rigorous laws have been enacted and are now being enforced in England, France and Germany, prohibiting the use of alum in foods. Until suitable laws are passed in Canada prohibiting the use of alum baking-powders, every housewife should be careful to buy only a baking powder that has the ingredients printed plainly on the label.

Got Six Months.

The Magistrate's Court opened at 3 p.m. yesterday, when the adjourned case of the police vs. John Wells for the larceny of \$20, owned by one Lambert, of the sch. Bronx, was continued. Sydney Giles who knew the crew well, and Ambrose King were examined. Giles was not on board the schooner Wednesday when the cash was stolen, but averred that he and Ambrose King, who was also sworn, worked together all that day on the South Side discharging fish and went home together in the evening. King corroborated this. The evidence of the accused was then taken and he denied point-blank any knowledge of the theft. He swore that he left the schooner at 3:30 a.m. that day, returned at 3 p.m., changed his clothing, again left the vessel and returned on board at 11:15 that night. His Honor Judge Knight held that the evidence adduced left no doubt in his mind that accused was the guilty party and sentenced him to a term of six months' imprisonment.

WILL COME TO WRESTLE.—Bob Berry will come to St. John's to wrestle with Young Olson on January the 22nd. The C. L. B. Armoury has been engaged for that night. Berry is now in perfect condition. He will give an exhibition in the States on January the 11th, and will leave for Newfoundland shortly after.

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Experiments on Human Beings

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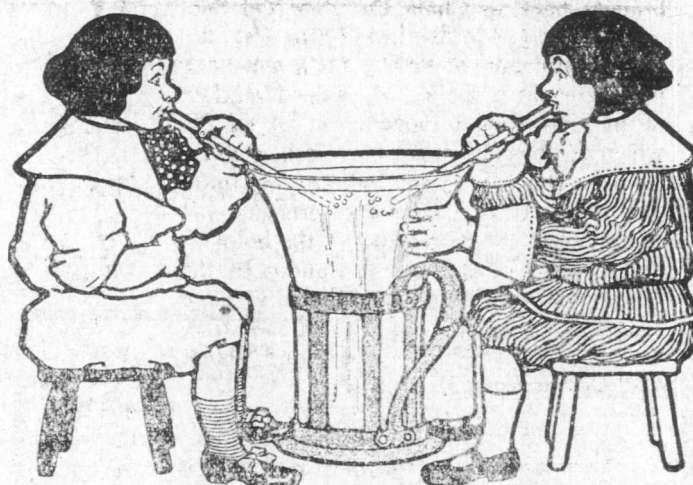
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AT HOME!

His Grace the Archbishop will receive visitors at the Palace, from twelve (noon) to four p.m., on New Year's Day.

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MAS CEREBRAL HEMORRHAGE.—Mr. M. Coffey, who was taken suddenly ill on Bowings' South Side premises yesterday, was greatly improved last evening, having recovered his speech and being able to take nourishment. He is suffering from cerebral hemorrhage and Dr. O'Connell, his physician, hopes to restore him to health in time.



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The Governor and Lady Williams will be at Home to receive visitors on New Years Day, from 3 to 6 o'clock.

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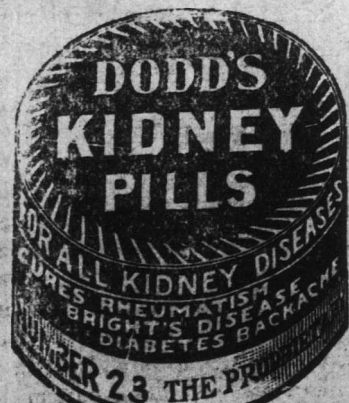
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Carol Service.

The regular service at the Kirk on Sunday next at 6.30 p.m. will take the form of a carol service, when the music rendered at Christmas will be repeated. Rev. J. S. Sutherland will deliver an address and will give a synopsis of the work performed in the church during the year.

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McMurdo's Store News.

SATURDAY, Dec. 29, '11.
To-day, then, ends the business year 1911, and all its successes and failures are behind us. It is a time to take courage, to gird up the loins of our minds to face a new, and we hope for all our patrons, a happy and prosperous year. For increasing business, at all our branches, we have to thank our customers, and to assure them that in the future, as in the past, our most strenuous efforts will be put forth to give them the best goods, the best service, the best satisfaction. We wish them all, in their thousands, throughout the length and breadth of Newfoundland, a very Happy New Year of 1912.