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THE RECORD OF THE YEAR.

When the dispassionate historian, who shall write about these days a century or so from now, takes up the records of 1884, he will probably find many things which will engage his attention and cannot be passed over without mention.

The year has not been marked by many very unusual events, but for all that there has been a good deal of history made since the bells rang in the New Year '84.

The Future of the World.

The peace of Europe has not been broken during the twelve-month and the year closes with no storm clouds over head, however many there may be about the horizon.

Been far from Satisfactory.

but there has been no wide spread destitution. Irish affairs have attracted more attention during the year than they have hitherto, but a policy of common sense and liberality will no doubt remedy the existing evils.

A Novel Experiment

and its success is problematical. In France we note that the Bonapartists are giving signs of activity, and it is not improbable that the impending failure of the Chinese expedition may lead to the overthrow of the Republic.

The Progress of the Cholera

and the effectual way in which it was held in check at so many different points are among the noteworthy events of the year, inasmuch as they indicate a step in the progress of medical science, the effect of which cannot be over-estimated.

In Asia the year has been

Far from Uneventful. The event of the Franco-Chinese war, if

war it may be called, are too recent to require recapitulation or extended notice; but they are far from constituting all that is worthy of note in the year's record of the great continent.

and the negotiation of the treaty, which may involve their relations more or less strained and hostile with Great Britain and other European powers.

An Important Year for the Dominion.

Parliament met when the year was quite young, and all remember the extraordinary concessions granted to the C. P. Railway Company. The \$30,000,000 loan, which our descendants will have to pay, was contracted in 1884.

So far as New Brunswick

is concerned, while the year has brought its quota of accidents by land and sea, it has not been especially marked in this particular. While business has been unusually depressed, an extraordinary activity has existed in railway circles, and we have seen the Northern & Western, the Carquet, and the Sackville & Cape Tormentine, and the Havelock Railways begun and pushed on towards completion with vigor.

A List of the Disasters

of the year would fill a large place in our columns; so many and so great were those which marked the early part of January that it was a matter of common observation at the time that the New Year bade fair to be one of calamities.

Poorer by Millions

than they were twelve months ago. The political events in which our neighbors participated during the year, other than the Presidential election, which will be likely to have an important effect on the future, are the attendance of a representative of the Washington government at the Congo Conference, being the first active part which our neighbors have taken in old world politics for some time,

way the highest type of the civilization of which he was the representative, Wendell Phillips and Chunder Sen, joined the silent majority during the year. Among the distinguished jurists who passed away it may be sufficient to mention Judah P. Benjamin, the Confederate Secretary of State, and afterwards leader of the English Bar and Charles O'Connor, the great New York lawyer.

Coming nearer home and scanning the Canadian field, while we may not find many things to congratulate ourselves upon, we see enough to warrant the statement that 1884 has been an important year for the Dominion.

And so we prepare to take leave of 1884 and welcome 1885 and in so doing we wish our readers

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

and many returns of this anniversary.

THE ISSUE IN SUNBURY.

Mr. Arthur Glasier was nominated in Sunbury last year as a supporter of the local government; he received the votes of all the friends of the government, and having been returned by a handsome majority made good his promises by his course in the legislature.

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much surprised that any gentleman of standing would enter the political field under circumstances which must necessarily make him the apologist and defender of Mr. W. E. Perley. There are only two sides to politics in this country, and the man who sets himself up to oppose a recognized supporter of the local government must be understood as condemning the government and sympathizing with their adversaries.

But Mr. Glasier, in asking for re-election, does not merely rely upon sympathy for himself, the indignation of the electorate at the charges made against them and the rottenness of the local head of the opposition party.

Whether we regard the career of the local government in respect to its administration of Public Works, in its management of the Crown Lands, in its business-like method of attending to necessary legislation, in the general discharge of its administrative duties, its course will bear investigation, and for proof we point to the fact that the opposition press, though constantly on the alert for points upon which to make an attack, have failed to discover one against which they could direct their blows with the slightest hope of success.

It seems to be generally understood that Lieutenant-Governor Wilnot will not be re-appointed, but will retire from office in February 12th, when his term of office expires.

The name of his successor has not been made public, even if the individual has been fixed upon. A rumor gives the place to Senator Botsford, who, it is said, will take it on the understanding that he will resign when Sir Leonard Tilley gets ready to step out of the political arena.

We only give the report for what it is worth. The only thing that seems certain is that we will have a new Lieutenant Governor to open the Legislature.

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