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Let us make 1910 the greatest year in the history of St. John. It can be done, and we, the people of St. John, are the folks to do it. There is only one proper way to undertake a proposition like this and that is by infusing into every act something of the energy and enthusiasm and confidence and hopefulness of which we see the effects elsewhere. We need a dose of the tonic of progressiveness to overcome the chronic attack of the blues from which we have been suffering for so many years.

Now don't run away with the idea that St. John has been standing still. The very fact that growth has been gradual renders it difficult for those who reside here permanently to appreciate the progress made from year to year. But men and women who return to the city after residence abroad notice a marked change. They see blocks of new buildings—not many perhaps, but still some—they note that we have better streets—better than ever before—they see larger business being done each year and they realize what falls to appeal to the stay-at-home, that St. John is moving—slowly it may be—but in the right direction. Our people are richer, our public institutions are more generously supported, and while the expansion of the city may not be very great in respect to the area covered, the whole town is being markedly improved.

While St. John is splendidly situated geographically, it is as unfortunate in its layout. Because of the topographical peculiarities of the districts bordering the city proper, there has been created a condition of congestion which in turn has developed a tendency against expansion. Most merchants add stories to their establishments instead of building new wings; persons desiring homes are satisfied to crowd their new residences into cramped city lots rather than to secure more open spaces on the outskirts of the town. We must break away from this habit and must grow stout rather than tall.

A building boom in St. John is inevitable. For years the city has suffered from scarcity of houses. Hundreds of families are living today in places not fit for human habitation. In the very near future these hovels must be wiped out. Hundreds of other families are living in apartments which they cannot easily afford. They must live somewhere, and tenements are exceedingly scarce. There is no possibility of very largely increasing the number of desirable residences in those sections of the city now overpopulated, and the natural result will be a building up of the vacant land on the outskirts. There are innumerable chances for active investors who come to realize the possibilities involved in developing waste tracts on the borders of the city and making attractive residential sites out of what is now neglected land. There would be a strong demand for such modern houses as can be built at a moderate cost, and in this way among others St. John should go ahead during the new year.

Industrially, too, the opportunities are many. We have at hand everything material that can be desired for the successful conduct of any industry known to America. In one respect too little faith, but this weakness is being so rapidly overcome that by the end of the present year, the knicker who is now in the majority in St. John, will be the exception. When our own people develop, as they are now doing, sufficient confidence to support in a generous manner such local enterprises as are now dragging through lack of working capital, when they become impressed with the knowledge that a thousand dollars invested in a home industry employing our own people and bringing wealth to the city, is better than ten thousand buried in a hole in the ground in California, then will come an industrial boom which will make the rest of Canada sit up and take notice.

As a national port, St. John is now well known. The business of which we are so proud was drawn here by the energy of a comparatively few men who foresaw the importance of a Canadian winter port. This business is growing, not by our efforts, but through the rapid development of the country to the west, and our energies are now directed, not to securing more trade so much as to providing for what is naturally coming to us. This will be continued. St. John has adopted a wise policy in this regard, and which has already more than justified its introduction, and which will work out its own future success in the ordinary course of administration. Having succeeded in this important shipping plan, it becomes our duty to attract to such other matters as may promise well for the growth of the city.

The beginning of the year finds an earnest group of young men engaged

In a far-reaching scheme having as its objects the proper advertising of St. John as an ideal location for manufacturers, and a general publicity campaign. In this effort, which is the first step towards a bigger and better city, all must help. The present is the proper time to start. Let every knicker become a booster, develop faith in the future of our home town, get hold of the idea that right here we have opportunities such as the so-called golden West never dreamed of, and wake up and sing, and by the end of 1910 there will be such a change that people will wonder if this is the same city.

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

NEW YEAR.

When I see a new year I think of my first copy book.

I had been promoted from slate and pencil, pot hooks and cranes to ink and pen, and I felt as important as a newly appointed justice of the peace or a girl with her first beau.

I said that I would keep that copy book clean and free from blot, but before the first line was written an unlighted blot had sullied its whiteness.

Now you see the parallel between a copy book—a boy's copy book—and a new year.

How that boy tried to keep his copy book clean, and failed, and how his crude writing was a caricature of the copy plate is a story as old as the first boy.

I am glad even now—after I have spoiled more copy and soiled more years than I will tell you—that with every clean white page before me and with every new copy book I tried to keep my pages and my book clean.

No matter how unlighted the pages were, dog-eared and blotted, I said to myself: "I will keep this one clean."

The years have been soiled and blotted and tears and remorse cannot wash the stains away.

I remember how far away the beautiful "copy plate" seemed to be. Could I ever write like that? Would my strokes and curves be as graceful and bold? Mine looked like the wonderings of a man drunk the night before. No, I could never write like that.

The poor man who sets up this copy knows how true that is, but I could write better and I would not give up. After all the years I have a glow at my heart as I remember I always tried, no matter how often I failed, to "make good copy."

There are two classes of people I am sure the devil loves. One class says "My copy is perfect. It cannot be made better."

The other class says, "What is the use? I never can do any better." "That's so," says the devil, "don't try again."

If you want to please the devil don't "resolve" any more, just commence the year as you ended it, swearing, drinking, boozing. Don't throw your pipes behind the woodshed, don't break your whiskey flask, don't ruin your wife and you will soon go to the devil you serve.

Take my advice and swear off again, and don't stay down if you should fall down.

Boccaccio as sung by the Robinson Opera Company delighted a fair sized audience at the Opera House last evening. While the opera is a very light one it contains some very pretty music and gave the leading members of the cast some excellent opportunities to display their ability. The scene is laid in Italy and the brilliant costumes of the ladies and courtesans made some pretty stage pictures. Miss Nola, in the title role, was a very charming youth and did full justice to the part. Percie Judah also took a male role in a delightful manner.

In the soprano role of the adopted daughter, Mrs. Storm repeated her previous successes and Miss Barton made the most of a comic role. Jack Henderson was as funny as usual, and Frank Nelson also contributed largely to the amusement afforded by the comic opera.

The opera was presented in a most effective manner and elicited great applause. Every solo was heartily applauded, the singers in several cases having to respond to three or four recalls.

At the New Year's matinee this afternoon the company will present The Mascot, and in the evening Gilbert and Sullivan's famous opera, "H. M. S. Pinafore" will be produced. The advance sale for the evening performance is very large.

BIG FACTORY IS DESTROYED

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 31.—The four-story factory and warehouses of the Dominion Chair Co. at Pass River, in Colchester, was completely destroyed by fire this evening. There was no fire-fighting appliances excepting a hand engine, which was without a hose.

No injury was sustained by any of the three hundred employees. The loss is estimated at not less than \$25,000, with insurance of perhaps \$3,000, principally on manufactured stock. Saw mills and lumber were amongst the burned property.

OCAMO HAD ROUGH TRIP

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 31.—Caught in the grasp of a fierce hurricane being a repetition of the storm that wrecked the Bermuda steamer Ocamo, the Pictford and Black steamer Ocamo reached Bermuda in a damaged condition, with part of her cargo washed overboard. Fifteen horses she shipped at Halifax were swept into the sea.

If potatoes are grained thoroughly before being put into the oven to bake they will have a rich satiny look and the skins will peel off as thin as tissue when they come to the table.

The Evening Chit-Chat

By RUTH CAMERON

When the average girl is trying to decide whether to say "Yes" or not, I think it would be a pretty fair estimate to say that half her mind is on John and how beautiful it will be to have him with her all the time instead of three evenings a week, one-eighth on what the girls will think when she wears an engagement ring, one-eighth in what kind of a wedding she will have, and one-quarter on how nice it will be to have a cunning little home of her own.

If you are good at fractions you can probably reckon from that without the assistance how much mind that gives her to decide whether John has the qualities that will make a good husband and a happy home.

Some of my readers are doubtless even now standing "with reluctant feet" where the brook of maidenhood and the full, deep river of married life meet.

Before they take the irrevocable step I wonder if they would not like to ask themselves some of these questions about "him."

Is he good to his mother? Is he thoughtful of her feelings? Does he ever take her to the theatre or the concert?

I don't think any true eulogium was ever written than "a good husband is a good son grown up."

Are you in love with him or with his love and wooing of you?

I thoroughly believe that a great many women found those two things and that that confusion is one of the great causes of unhappy marriages. A man who has fine manners or wear more harmonious shirts and neckties, but he thinks you love him as he is an adoration that you suggest is an aspiration on your love.

(To be continued in the next.)

Ruth Cameron

Going Out Of Business

On March 1st. we must vacate store occupied by us on 61 Charlotte street. After giving the matter much consideration we have decided on retiring from business and on WEDNESDAY NEXT will inaugurate

A Grand Clearance Sale of Boots Shoes, Slippers, etc.

We have just got through stock taking and find over 10,000 dollars worth of thoroughly reliable footwear that must be converted into cash at once. Bear in mind we are absolutely going out of business and every pair of shoes must be sold.

This will be the greatest opportunity offered in years to obtain real genuine bargains. To prepare for the sale—rearrange stock and mark sale prices the store will be closed all day Monday and Tuesday and on Wednesday Morning at 9 o'clock the sale begins.

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Sent by mail on receipt of price.

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E. CLINTON BROWN, Druggist, Cor. Union and Waterloo Sts.

Friday, December 31st, 1909

Store open till 11 p. m.

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Our prices on RUBBER GOODS, OVERSHOOTS and like goods are very small and you are certain of a proven quality.

SKIATING BOOTS will be needed for tomorrow. We have a large assortment of high class Boots and we attach the skates free of charge.

BOYS' SKATING BOOTS, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25.
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The heels are sold on all our Boots.

PERCY J. STEEL, Foot Furnisher, 519-521 Main St.

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Because everyone needs one at this time of year.

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S. J. JENKINS, 87 Waterloo street. Phone 1986-41.

1909 MAKES QUIET EXIT

Year Departs Without Noise—Crowds Orderly—Watch Night Services.

The birth of 1910 was celebrated in very quiet fashion by St. John. The usual salutes from bells and whistles welcomed the advent of the promising youngster. Hot drinks were served, the street at midnight was not particularly demonstrative. As usual King Square was the centre of attraction on the east side, while on the west side the crowd gathered on the Market Square. In the north end, the junction of Main and Mill streets was where the few people who were out congregated.

The crowd on King Square was greatly disappointed at the failure of one of the bands to put in its appearance to play the old year out and the new year in. It had been expected that the St. Mary's Band, according to its custom would furnish music. The life and drum band of the Every Day Club turned out at about 11:30 and played at the head of King street.

On the east side music was furnished by the Carleton Cornet Band which played a short programme.

There was very little disorder last night. The crowd which gathered on Charlotte street in front of King Square was boisterous at first, but the police were there in force and the merry-making did not go to any great length. There were a few minor accidents, but they amounted to nothing.

The usual watch night services were held in the majority of the churches. At St. Mary's a few minor accidents, but they amounted to nothing.

Wiggins Male Orphan Asylum sang carols.

BACK INCREASES FOR THE FREIGHT CLERKS

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 31.—Clerks at the Intercolonial Railway freight office at deep water received a 10 per cent increase in their salaries from April to December. This is the result of the finding of the Board of Conciliation which met at Halifax in September 1909, to consider salaries and conditions of the clerks at Halifax and St. John.

When a collar of linen or batiste blouse becomes slightly soiled it may be cleaned with a little naphtha or benzine in the same way as silk or satin. With this process the collar will not need pressing.

XMAS CAKES AND CANDY

In large variety at

ROBINSON'S 5 Stores,

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THINKING WHAT TO GIVE?

Why, nothing more appropriate for elderly people than a pair of eyeglasses. D. BOY-ASHER, Optician, 38 Dock St., will sell you a pair of glasses fitted with plain lenses, including a guarantee for a thorough eye test at any time after the holidays, and the supplying of proper lenses. Store closes 9 p. m.

MARRIAGES

HICKSON-COLLINS—At the residence of the father of the bride on Dec. 25th, by Rev. A. D. McCully, Leonard W. Hickson, of Stonehaven, Glou. Co. to Ethel M., daughter of George Collins of the same place.

DEATHS

JONES—Suddenly, at New Britain, Conn., on Dec. 29th, J. Harry Jones, son of the late James J. and Hannah Jones, of St. John, leaving one brother and two sisters to mourn. Notice of funeral hereafter.

LANTALUM—In this city, on December 31st, 1909, in the sixty-seventh year of his age, John Lantalum, eldest son of the late James and Margaret Lantalum.

Funeral from his late residence, 104 Union street, Sunday afternoon, Jan. 2, at two-thirty o'clock.

HENRY—At the residence of his son-in-law, Thomas O'Brien, 102 St. Patrick street, on December 31st, George Henry, in the 3rd year of his age, leaving three sons and one daughter to mourn. Seattle papers please copy.

Notice of funeral in Monday morning's paper.

The Lighter Side of Life

EXCLUSION. Grace—Women are not so frivolous as you think, Tom. There are still some who have thoughts of higher things than dress.

Tom—Oh, yes I know; hats!—Punch.

SEASONED IN WOOD. "The Japs make an intoxicating liquor of bamboo."

"What do they call it?" "I suppose bamboo."—Kansas City Times.

ROAD SOCIALABILITY. Drummer—Wouldn't your horse go just as fast if you didn't swear at him so much?

Countryman—Yes, I guess he'd go just as fast, but he'd feel awful lonesome.—Boston Herald.

SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER. "What's the matter?"

"What about?" "She said that a woman whom we met was beautiful, and I agreed with her."—Houston Post.

UP-TO-DATE OMAR. "Wake! For the sun has scattered into flight

The stars before him from the field of night—The furnace yawns, and on the snow-banked porch

The morning's milk, alas, has frozen tight!"—Buffalo News.

WHEN TO SAVE. "The time to save is when you're young."

"That's all right, but a fellow doesn't save anything till he gets well along, and then it costs more to live."—Boston Herald.

A COLUMN FOR WOMEN

Fashions and Fads

Large pieces of beading are used on gowns and wraps, gloves and opera bags, and even on stockings.

Stunning fancy gun-metal collar pins are shown. Some of these are studded with semi-precious stones.

The revival of the fashions of the Louis XVI period has brought back the dainty little fan, often hand-painted. The bracelet is surely in again, despite the fact that many women cling firmly to the long sleeve.

There is a tendency to shortening jackets to such an extent that a hint of the elbow is noticeable.

Blue and lavender bugles and beads are used for embroidering lace and net, crepe de chene and liberty silk.

Tiny link coin purses are in favor. They are made so small as to fit in the palm of the hand under the glove.

Crope meteor makes smart gowns for evening wear, especially when trimmed with beads and embroidered with heavy silk.

Muff hangers are in vogue colorings. Burgundy red, Robin Hood green, French gray, peacock blue and gun metal.

The ronyak coat continues in high popularity, though it is not the garment for occasions of first importance. Blouse sleeves are in the height of fashion, and they are often trimmed with bands, forming the sleeve into puffs.

Household : Hints

Carrots will make delicious preserves. Take three-quarters of a pound of sugar to a pound of carrots.

Add sufficient water to make a syrup and boil until the preserves are thick. A little ginger or lemon should be added to flavor.

While it is advisable to pack a water bag, it is occasionally there is necessity for rolling it. If so, it is well to lay a piece of cloth or paper over the bag first, then there will be no possible danger of the sides of the bag sticking together.

To use cold halibut or other white fish, remove the bones and flake it and arrange it in layers in broad crumbs and seasoning, in a buttered baking dish. Cover the top with buttered crumbs, turn in hot milk to moisten sufficiently, sprinkle grated cheese over and bake.

Cases of scissors containing three, four or five pairs of scissors of assorted sizes, make an acceptable gift as any woman can wish. Some of these cases are quite handsomely ornamented with silver, a monogram being added sometimes to give a distinctive and personal touch.

English molasses pudding is made of one cupful of chopped raisins, three-quarters of a cupful of molasses, a teaspoonful of soda beaten into the molasses, three tablespoonfuls of melted butter, one egg, one and a half cupfuls of flour and one and one-half cupfuls of sweet milk. Steam for one hour in the oven.

In making cranberry jelly or jam much less sugar will be required if the sugar be not added until after the fruit is well cooked.

WHAT MADE HIM SICK.

Teacher—Your little brother was all right when he left the house with you, and yet you say he's sick and won't be to school. The Kid—Sure! Didn't I give him the seegar wid my own hands?—Puck.

STATIONARY YOUTH.

Rich Father—My daughter is too young to get married. She is only eighteen. Impetuous Lover—I know, sir, but I have waited patiently for years, and she doesn't seem to get any older.



"When I'm married, dear, I shall give you a real gold vanity box."

"Oh, I would want it then! I'd rather have a real lace cap."

"YOU ALL DO KNOW THIS GARDEN."

When the weeping relict of Caesar was packing up to move out of the palace she came upon the fork worn by the deceased statesman on the day of the assassination.

"I don't know whether to darn this thing or to throw it away," she said. "I'd keep it as a curiosity, Calpurnia," said her mother. "Some collector might pay you a good round sum for that garment."

"How absurd!" retorted Calpurnia. "What kind of a collector would want a thing like that?"

"Oh, you never can tell," said the old lady. "Some rent collector may come along some time, and it is just full of 'em."—Pittsburg Times.

STAR FASHIONS

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All Seams Allowed.

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Price of Pattern, 10 cents.

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