

# 1909 WAS BIG WITH ACHIEVEMENT

## REMARKABLE YEAR BROUGHT TO ITS END LAST NIGHT

In Discovery, In Invention, in All Branches of Human Endeavor Past Year Looms Out. Discovery of Pole and Progress in Aeronautics the Epoch Markers—Canada and the Empire

When all the political events of the year are forgotten—the twelve months of 1909 will undoubtedly be remembered in history for two things: the aeroplane and the discovery of the north pole. Epic achievements were made in both of these respects and the future must look back to 1909 as the year of their happening.

Flying Machines Everywhere. The aeroplane, to be sure, had made great progress in the preceding year, but it is the twelve-month just closed that has brought the invention to a point where its definite adoption into the transportation system of the human race is no longer in doubt.

Virtually all the principal countries of the world used some form of airship in the annual manoeuvres, even Japan not being excepted. In Germany the dirigible balloon accomplished important results in scouting and, after the manoeuvres were over, executed a dramatic surprise against two of the strongest forts in the empire. In Italy the dirigible was used in the declaration of the value of the dirigible by ordering an entire fleet to be constructed. And when Heriot crossed the British Channel and Zeppelin crossed the Rhine provinces the feeling seemed to come home to military strategists throughout the world that an entirely new era in warfare was approaching. Naturally, under the circumstances, military men directed themselves with some vigor to the discovery of means of destroying the airship and aeroplane while in the air. Various nations have been conducting experiments of shooting at captive balloons with large and small artillery; the Krupp invented a gun especially designed for such use; the committee of the close of the year nothing definite in this direction had been accomplished.

The North Pole Won. But the excitement caused by the Wrights, the Berliots, the Goppeltts, the Lathams, piled into comparative insignificance when on Sept. 1, came the startling announcement that Dr. Frederick Cook of Brooklyn, had discovered the north pole on April 28, 1909—made all the more startling by the news five days later that Commander Robert E. Peary had returned to the Labradorian outpost of civilization and there declared that he had located the north pole on Oct. 12, 1909—adding that to him accrued the honor of being the first man ever to stand at the tip of the world since he could prove it. Cook was fabricating. Instantly there resulted that extraordinary controversy between the adherents of Peary and Cook which set the entire world by the ears. Peary's statement that he has been to the pole has been endorsed by scientists generally, he having had his records corroborated in October by a committee appointed by the National Geographic Society to examine them; while Dr. Cook's records were submitted to the United States authorities. Dr. Cook promised to submit the same, on his return to civilization, but he never did. He has since claimed the pole's discovery by that country's king and leading men and women generally; and those authorities on Dec. 30 returned their judgment that Dr. Cook's evidence as to his reaching the pole was valueless—thus ending what seems to have been the fraud of an age.

Until the world was treated to the truly unique situation of two Americans returning from Arctic fastnesses within a few days each other and asserting their right to immortal fame as the Pole's true discoverer, interest in exploration activities had been confined to the Antarctic achievements of Lieutenant E. H. Shackleton, of the British navy. On March 12 came the startling announcement that he had succeeded in penetrating after a series of most extraordinary hardships to within 112 miles of the South Pole—farthest south. Quite naturally, the news of the actual discovery at the other end of the world dimmed considerably the glory of this wonderful feat of the Briton. On the other hand, the mere fact that the North Pole had been discovered by America awakened in England a strong desire to be seconded in history with the discovery of the South Pole, and an Antarctic expedition, backed by British funds and made up entirely of British subjects, is now being equipped with the object of placing the Union Jack at the southern tip of the world. Hence, if this particular expedition gains its goal, the triumph of an empire was apparently decided forever by one of the most remarkable revolutions known to modern history.

## 25 INJURED IN EXPLOSION AT MONTREAL

Scene Of Indescribable Confusion At Place Viger Station Late Last Night When Gas Explosion Occurred.

### EXTENT OF DISASTER NOT YET KNOWN

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Que., Dec. 31.—Twenty-five people were injured, some fatally, in an explosion which occurred at 11:30 tonight at the C. P. R. Place Viger station here. The Quebec train was just about to pull out and the platform was thronged with people wishing the passengers good-bye and a happy New Year. A lighted cigar fell into a leaking tube underneath the platform from which the pitch gas is fed to the trains and the explosion which followed, ripped up the whole platform. There was a scene of indescribable confusion and a general ambulance call was sent out. So far it has not been possible to recover all of the victims from the wreckage but work is being rushed feverishly. One poor woman had her leg torn right off, while many others are so badly injured that their recovery is not expected.

Will Die. Later reports from the hospital state that Madame Dubault whose legs were torn from her body is so badly injured that she will undoubtedly die. Amongst others badly injured are E. Bertrand, H. Labarre, R. Sanson, S. Borrie, T. J. Cullen, H. J. Bellerose and J. Filteau all of whom were taken to the hospital. The hospital attendants were kept busy for some time in carrying the victims out on stretchers and a large crowd gathered around the station. The platform of the station was completely wrecked but none of the passengers on the train were injured and the train got off with a short delay.

### AMERICAN COMPANY FORCED TO SELL OUT

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The Quebec Bank has purchased the large building of the New York Life Insurance Company, the company being compelled to sell owing to the changes in the insurance laws of New York. No price was announced, but the property has been in the market for some time at \$275,000. The bank has for some years occupied the greater portion of the ground floor.

### ZELAYA ASKS RELEASE OF HIS SON-IN-LAW

Mexico City, Dec. 31.—Former President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, has sent several messages to Managua, asking his friends there to secure the release of his son-in-law, Joaquin Pasos. He says that the arrest was a measure of retaliation and that the president cannot prove the charges made. There is good reason to believe that Zelaya is arranging to stay for weeks or months in this country.

## The New Year Makes Its Bow



Ahem—in this, my very first appearance upon any stage it is but fair if you accord me some indulgence. In coming before you—I say that in coming before you—I, or well, I come before you. However, enough of that. My purpose is to forecast in a general way the work I have to execute while among you for the next twelvemonth. Our relations together will be pleasant, I hope, and I shall strive to make myself agreeable in many ways, and to form acquaintances of each and every one of you before my term of usefulness ends.

There is much I will attempt that is not now in the proper form for divulging and I couldn't if I would give you a straight tip on everything which will happen for much yet remains to be worked out. However it is no breach of confidence to forecast a few events of public importance. It may not be out of place to remind you that we will enter upon the forty-third year of our national existence as the Dominion of Canada and as the years go by we still more the wisdom of our fathers in hatching out the great scheme of confederation. It behooves us to mark each milestone of our progress with expressions of redoubled patriotism.

We will have this year the Canadian Navy emerging from its aridling clothes, a weak and puny infant indeed, but when I have passed from the stage of action and others come and go, bringing a change of administration, there is hope for this youngster and it may yet become a lusty young giant carrying all before it and a worthy offspring from a worthier mother navy. We love our peace but oh, you preparation for war. (Laughter.)

The work on the Transcontinental will proceed at enormous cost and sooner or later this unwieldy project will near completion. A new start will be made on the Quebec bridge and Sir Robert Perks will continue to agitate for the Ottawa ship canal.

In St. John I will venture to predict the preliminary work for the building of an immense dry dock will be undertaken and the sugar refinery built.

In the West the golden grain will flow in still more generous streams towards the ports of entry and civilization will press northward towards the wastes of the Arctic circle.

Before my administration is over, I hope to dispose of the pugilistic championship of the world. I promise that the heavyweight belt will rightfully adorn the waist of a husky guy whose first name begins with a J. It is up to you to guess the answer. I will not go a whit further in naming the baseball pennant winner. Suffice it to say that one of the clubs now claiming it so confidently will have the hunting ears football again incarnadined greenward.

As for outdoor sports, Charcot is looking for the south pole, and it may be discovered. We may also find out whether the north pole was discovered. (Laughter.) And first fights between Cook and Peary partisans in various parts of the hall. Come to order, please! Aviators will fly oftener and higher and farther, and some of them will fall harder. (Giggles.)

We are to have more scores resolve themselves into the real thing, much as we would hate to see Germany and England grapple. China will wake up some more, and Korea will be put more soundly to sleep. There will be big political questions tied in South Africa, and Great Britain's elections will decide the status of the House of Lords. Ireland may have home rule, Brazil will probably give up a show-down of her mysterious bid to become a naval power. Mexico will again go through the motions of holding a presidential election. Spain will have cause to remember Fenner, and Portugal may get the tar knocked out of her in her squabble with China over Macao.

We are to have Halley's comet with us in all its effulgence. It will be brightest May 10. We are also scheduled to witness right through its tail—everybody pull a hair out of it as we go through! (Laughter.) You can look for four perfectly good eclipses. There will be a total eclipse of the sun on May 8, but you won't notice it unless you are in Australia. There'll be a partial eclipse you can see on Nov. 1. The moon will be totally eclipsed on May 23-24 and on Nov. 16, and you can observe the performance without smoked glass.

In conclusion, I will say you are going to have doubled holidays for New Year's and Labor Day, because they fall on either Saturday or Monday, and you can count in Sunday if you want to. Christmas will be on Sunday and you can be celebrating Friday evening and leave off Tuesday morning. And, best of all, there'll be an extra Saturday in the year, providing a total of 53 pay days!

Thanking you for your kind attention one and all, I wish you a Happy and Prosperous 1910! (Prolonged cheering.)

### MORSE IS OFF TO SERVE TIME

Convicted Banker Relinquishes All Hope Of Another Trial—Trip To Atlanta To Be Made Today.

### NO NEW YEAR HONORS LIST

Political Honors In Great Britain Go By The Board With Present Budget Crisis On—Acquith Consistent.

### THREE KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Spreading Rails Thought To Have Been The Cause Of Distressing Accident On Rock Island System.

### INCREASE IN CUSTOMS RECEIPTS IS NOTED

Washington, Dec. 31.—An increase in customs receipts of \$20,743,770 and internal revenue receipts of \$8,412,000 during the first six months of the fiscal year 1910 as compared with the corresponding period of the fiscal year 1909 is the showing of the operations of the treasury, according to the latest figures available which lack one or two days of being complete.

## Lloyd George Declares That the Unemployment Situation is Least Acute in England.

No Single Issue Yet Dominates England's Political Fight—Situation in Scotland.

### NEW YEAR IN ON CREST OF GILDED WAVE

New York Left \$1,500,000 In Restaurants Last Night Watching An Old Year Out—Nothing But Champagne.

### POOR LISTEN TO CHIMES OF TRINITY

New York, Dec. 31.—Eight bells, tapped the quartermaster of the flagship. Eight bells sounded every other battleship of the Atlantic squadron and, as the voices of the bells floated to shore, they blended with the resplendent chimes of old Trinity, of Grace church and the bells of St. Patrick's Cathedral. It was the end of watch, the end of a day, the end of a year.

As the last stroke vibrated into silence every light went out and every whistle afloat and ashore shrilled and roared its feelings to the new year. The lights again while 12,000 seamen beat on cymbals, pans, rattles, pots and pans, and blew in discords on every wind instrument of the ships hands while they capered, shouting, in mock parade about the decks.

Waves of Champagne. Down town the new year rode on waves of champagne. After 10 o'clock "Nothing but champagne," was the rule at all the better known restaurants along Fifth Avenue and Broadway, where more than 100,000 guests had paid from \$10 to \$50 a seat for their reservations. It is estimated that this great crowd of merry-makers left \$1,500,000 behind them with restaurant keepers and hotel keepers, and suddenly without introduction had been made a month in advance. At another the guests were given silk masks and permitted to pass from table to table without introduction. Undesirables were excluded by close scrutiny at the doors.

On the streets there was the same old riot of cowbells and horns. "New York takes its pleasure that way. But along the waterfront it was noticeable how vacant were those barrooms usually the most crowded and the roughest of the city. The poor were listening to the chimes of Trinity.

On the east side differences of religion and nationality interfered but little with the universal celebration. In general there was small vicious disorder, few reports of picked pockets and surprisingly little public intoxication. Police precautions were admirably executed.

### SENATOR COX HURT IN FALL YESTERDAY

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Dec. 31.—Senator G. A. Cox caught his foot in a ring while leaving the Canada Life offices and sustained a bad fall. He went down two stone steps and struck the pavement, cutting his head and bruising his left leg. He was severely shaken up.

### MOLEOD, SOLICITOR, ETC.

Office in the Royal Bank Building, Opposite Post Office. 101 Front Street. FREDERICTON, N. B.

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PROTECTION IN BRITISH FIGHT

Government in his opinion, is certain to be returned. Lord Desborough said the budget had given cause for alarm...

Mr. Ward, labor member of Parliament, states that the Duke of Sutherland and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain...

CANADIAN TRAINMEN DECIDE NOT TO STRIKE

Are Out For Higher Wages, However, All Along The Line—Representatives To Meet Officials In Ottawa.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—In railway circles today it was given out that the railway men in Canada who have been voting on the question of taking part in a general strike...

NO ROOM FOR NEGROS AMONG THE ELKS

New York, Dec. 31.—Negroes are regarded as a nuisance in the Elks lodge at New York City...

WEDDING BELLS AT BRIDGETOWN

Bridgetown, N. S., Dec. 31.—A pretty marriage took place on Wednesday at the home of Mr. Chas. Edward Hicks...

CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Toronto, Dec. 31.—The Conservative provincial convention, which had been arranged for Toronto on January 11, has been postponed...

A HOUSE BRANSON

John Neilson, a sailor on board the schooner Zeta, had a narrow escape from drowning in the harbor last evening...

Trains Were Late

The Pacific Express from Halifax was delayed three hours and a half last evening on account of the engine being down at Truro...

PRESENTATION TO MR. GEORGE TIMING

Mr. George Timing, who for the past twenty-one years has been connected with Manchester Robertson & Co., Ltd., last evening severed connection with that firm in order to take up the position of local manager to John Taylor & Co. of Toronto...

TWO KILLED IN BRUSH WITH POLICE

Five Robbers, Intent Upon Robbing Bank, Are Held Up—Former Ball Player Among Dead.

Outhrie, Okla., Dec. 31.—Five men who intended to rob the bank and the postoffice at Harrah, Okla., early today ran into a party headed by United States Marshall "Jack" Abernathy...

The robbery was well planned but Carpenter told some one of the plot and postoffice inspectors learned of the affair...

FEES OF INCORPORATION CRUSHED TO DEATH IN SLEEPING CAR

Order In Council Is Passed Establishing New Scale Of Fees For Incorporation Of Companies Under The Act.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—An order in council is published readjusting the table of fees for the incorporation of companies by letters patent...

MORE TROUBLE FOR UNHAPPY NANTUCKET

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 31.—The inhabitants of Nantucket who submitted reluctantly to their turkey-like Thanksgiving, caused by a severe storm...

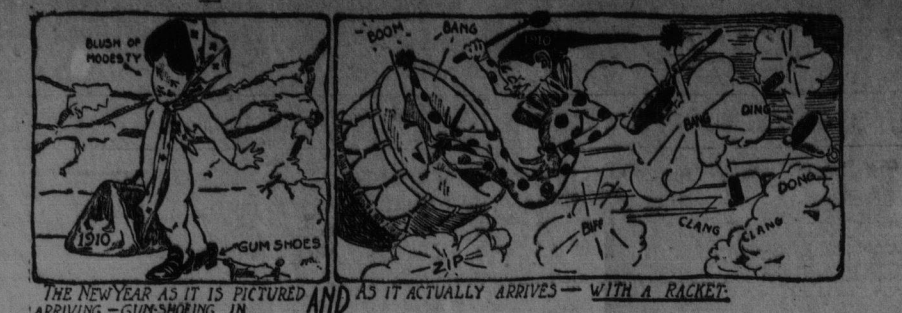
PERSONAL

Mr. W. F. B. Paterson, of Paterson and Co., printers, Germain street, is slowly recovering from a severe attack of congestion of the lungs.

WHEEL OF COACH BROKEN

About 7 o'clock yesterday evening on Dock street, a coach belonging to Mr. Samuel Parks was struck by street car No. 3, breaking one of the coach wheels...

Speaking of a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde



THE NEW YEAR AS IT IS PICTURED AND AS IT ACTUALLY ARRIVES—WITH A RACKET.

CRUSHED TO DEATH IN SLEEPING CAR

New York, Dec. 31.—Spencer Trask, the head of a firm of bankers which for many years acted as financial agents of the late Queen Victoria, was crushed to death in his private compartment today...

MUSK OX COMING BACK TO CANADA

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—It is probable that the musk-ox which has recently been placed in the New York Zoo will be returned to the Canadian authorities...

SCHOONER IN PORT AFTER EVENTFUL TRIP

Provincetown, Mass., Dec. 31.—Disabled after giving sea way of more than 200 miles to the Christmas storm during a week's unsuccessful battle...

PETERSVILLE HOUSE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Residence of Mr. Jas. Howell Visited by Fire Flend During Monday's Gale—A Hard Blow.

Petersville, Dec. 31.—The residence of James Howell, near the R. C. church, Petersville, was destroyed by fire on Monday the 27th, during the heavy gale and snow storm that was then raging...

LEAVES \$70,000 TO CARE FOR FAVORITE DOGS

Richmond, Dec. 31.—A bequest of \$70,000 to care for favorite horses and dogs and over \$25,000 left to household servants are among the unusual items in the will of Charles Francis Wright...

CHURCH NOTICES

Main Street Baptist Church. Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. The pastor, Rev. David Hutchinson will be the speaker at both services...

LOCAL APPOINTMENTS IN CANADA GAZETTE

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The following appointments appear in the Canadian Gazette: John Ballantyne, wharfinger of the Government wharf at Grindstone, Magdalen Islands...

FUNERALS

Mrs. Sarah Hopkins. The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Hopkins took place from her late residence 179 Union street, yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock...

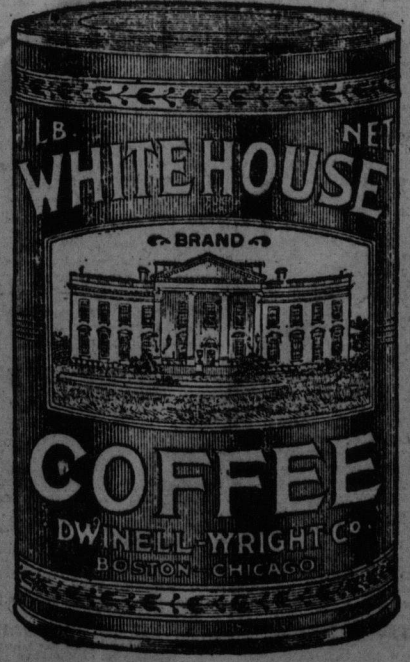
DEATHS

Lantulum.—In this city, on Dec. 31st, 1909, in the 67th year of his age, John Lantulum, eldest son of the late James and Margaret Lantulum...

FUNERAL NOTICE

Portland Lodge, Sons of England, will meet at Temple building at 1.30 p. m., on Sunday to attend the funeral of their late brother...

Advertisement for White House Coffee. Text: 'Suits when others disappoint. White House Coffee is the light-of-day coffee. Handled in a modern factory equipped with every device and accommodation for producing Pure, Sanitary, Straight Coffee without any secret treatment or chemical manipulation.'



Evenings of the Week

Bayard Coster—Clown. Lionel Teed—French Cavalier. Lawrence Scovill—Clown Walter Raleigh.

Mrs. H. B. Robinson entertained at a bridge on Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Guy Robinson.

The Monday Evening Skating Club held its first meeting at the Queens Rink on Monday night.

The Rev. J. Eastburn Brown, Rector of St. Paul's Church, who has been in poor health for the past few weeks, is improving and his friends hope to see him about again very soon.

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Mr. John Guy is spending a few days in Halifax. Miss Lucy Humphrey, who has been taking a course in nursing at Jamaica Plain Hospital, is visiting in the city.

Mr. Kirk Evans of Fredericton spent Christmas at his home in the city. Mr. Victor Harris, formerly of the I. C. E., but now second engineer on the government steamer Earl Gray, is spending a few days in the city.

McGowan, Mrs. C. A. Murray, Mrs. Thomas Henderson, Misses Lea, Mrs. Paul Lea.

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North Carolina, where they will spend the winter. Messrs. Howard and Guy Dyer, of the University of Maine, are spending their holidays in Calais.

Mr. M. J. O'Donnell and Master Barry O'Donnell leave this evening for New York City. Miss Mollie Hanson, student at Smith College is visiting her parents, Hon. and Mrs. George M. Hanson of Calais.

Mr. Charles Townsend Copeland, of Harvard University gave a most pleasing entertainment last evening at the Union Vestry, Calais, for the benefit of the Ladies' Hospital Aid Society.

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Students came home from Mt. Allison, St. Joseph's, and the Normal School to spend the vacation at their homes.

Miss Rhoda Macdonald of Fredericton, and Miss Cameron Macdonald of St. John, are in town for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Harper, of Riverview, Albert county, and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bell, of Moncton, spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. D. S. Harper.

Mr. Morgan Johns of the Bank of Upper Woodstock is spending his holidays with his parents in Lindsay, Ontario.

AUCTION SALES

PROPERTY FOR SALE POTIS. Property on corner City Road and Haymarket Square, consisting of Store and Three Flats. Enquire F. Aucton., etc. Phone-913, P. O. Box 118.

T.L.C. T. L. Coughlan AUCTIONEER. 70 Princess St. ST. JOHN, N. B. Clifton House Building.

HILLSBORO. Hillsboro, Dec. 31.—With delightful Christmas weather the holiday passed off as pleasantly as one could desire. Many families were reunited and old ties renewed.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING. Necessity is the Mother of Invention, and Classified Advertising was invented by The Man who was Forced to be brief.

FOR SALE. Job Printing Office, consisting of two job presses, hand press, and other tools, small shop, etc. Everything in good condition.

WANTED. By competent young man position with general office, making collecting. Apply O.B. Co. Standard, if possible.

TO LET. Self contained House, 53 Hazel St. Modern Improvements. Present tenant moving out. Possession immediately. Apply to GEO. H. WARDEN.

LOST. Money between Brunswick street and City Market, via Brunswick street. Apply FRANK R. FAIRWEATHER, 63 Prince William Street.

SHOW CARDS. All the new things in show cards and window signs. Lateral aluminum effects. RAMPTON'S ADVERTISING SIGNS. Phone 1889-31, 23 King Street.

Dainty Party Gown



This pretty frock is a revival of the charming old-time dress of our mother's girlhood days, and is now the craze in New York.

Here is a suggestion: Cut this out if you are ready to make your daughter's graduation dress. Could anything be prettier for that purpose? And wouldn't that girl of yours look just as if she'd stepped out of a picture of the days of 1897?

travelling bag. Mr. and Mrs. Moss will be very greatly missed by the many warm friends they have made in Moncton.

Mr. J. H. Dickson of Fredericton, Clerk of the Executive Council, will be the next lecturer at the Canadian Club, on Friday evening, January 14th. Mr. Dickson's subject will be "Beans' Journey".

ST. STEPHEN

St. Stephen, N. B. Dec. 31.—Christmas Day came with ideal weather and passed off right merrily. There were of course, the usual family gatherings and dinner parties.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Irving of Boston are spending the Christmas holidays in the city. Miss Mabel McLod is spending the Christmas holidays in the city.

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Now that the Christmas festivities have been brought to a close, society is once more enjoying the routine of the social world. Owing to the number of college students who are spending the holidays in the city, hostesses are doing their utmost to entertain them royally.

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SAINT JOHN, SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 1st, 1910.

THE PAST YEAR.

Probably the year 1909 will be most notable in history for the discovery of the North Pole and the development of the airship. It is always possible that some invention, discovery or achievement, not yet recognized or not appraised at its full value, will be found more significant than either of these events.

The greatest political events in the history of the year are the introduction of representative institutions into Turkey, similar experiments in Persia, and the political awakening of the great empire of China. It has been a period of vast commercial and industrial activity, of heavy financial speculation, of great consolidations and combinations, and of large engineering enterprises.

The immigration authorities at Ottawa are rather exuberant in their calculation of the amount of money brought into Canada by the American immigrants. They report 90,000 settlers, and computing \$1,000 as brought by each person, make a splendid total of \$90,000,000.

Within the British Empire the union of South Africa has been practically completed, though the system has not yet gone into effect. The Imperial defence conference will, perhaps, be regarded in future as the starting point in the organization of what may yet become a true Imperial navy.

New Brunswick seems to have entered upon a period of development. The coal fields of the Grand Lake district are likely to be worked more vigorously than they ever have been. Development of the iron deposits of the North Shore is going forward rapidly.

THE BUCCANEERS.

This journal does not expect or desire to be forgiven by Mr. Pugsley and his organs for breaking the machine newspaper monopoly which existed in St. John before the appearance of The Standard. For some months in 1908 and 1909 the Minister of Public Works was able to help of public subsidies to control the sources of knowledge open to morning newspaper readers.

Thus it comes about that on the last day of the year the organ of Mr. Pugsley, Mr. McAvity and Mr. Moore gives out signs of wrath. The Telegraph charges that The Standard is unfriendly to Mr. Pugsley because the minister refused to be black-mailed into buying a dredge. It refers with almost pathetic bitterness to the affidavit of Mr. Mayes concerning the \$25,923 which had to be paid to Mr. George McAvity.

Pugsley which are exposed in that sworn and uncontroverted statement. It was not to be supposed that the rehearsal of dredging history, or Central Railway history, from time to time, would please the organ of Mr. Pugsley which Mr. George McAvity and Mr. John E. Moore, dredging contractor, are the owners.

The Standard has no more interest than any other journal in the matter of the affidavit of Mr. Mayes to which the Telegraph refers with suspicious signs of emotion. But this journal takes the opportunity to say that it believes all the charges in that affidavit to be true.

It is a friendly New Year office to remind the parties concerned in these operations and in the newspaper attacks on all who stand in Mr. Pugsley's way, that the Conservatives are not the severest critics in this city of these predatory operations. There are hundreds of Liberals who have given their best services to the cause of liberalism, and have sought no reward.

BETTER BE MODERATE.

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THE AUDITOR'S STATEMENT.

The financial statement of the province presented to the public this week is not a production of the provincial secretary or any other minister. It is the statement of a capable and independent auditor general. This official was appointed by the late administration, but his position was made independent by the present ministry.

There are no longer any concealed expenditures passed over to the following year. Overdrafts have disappeared from the provincial finances. Suspense accounts and other notorious devices of the Pugsley-Robinson days are no more. Today when the people read the auditor's statement of expenditure, they know that the amount mentioned, and no more, has been expended.

Mr. Robinson suggests that Mr. Fleming might have issued a five per cent. loan and thus obtained more premium to place in his revenue account. There is not much point in the remark, but since it is made it may be explained that the only recent five per cent. loan floated by the province was made by Provincial Secretary Robinson himself.

It would appear that Mr. Winston Churchill and Mr. Lloyd-George are hardly able to keep up the violent pace they have set for themselves. They have reached the limit of their power of vituperation a full fortnight before the voting begins. The popular appetite, adjusted to this sort of speech, finds ordinary invective tame and commonplace. An anti-climax is threatened.

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HILLSBORO

Continued from page 3. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blake, of Moncton, were the guests of Mrs. James Blake for the holiday. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peck of Wolfville, N. S. spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Conners, Mill Street.

MARRIAGES.

Williston-Rusk. The marriage of Mr. Phineas Roy Williston, son of Mr. W. Wood Williston, of Bay Du Vin, N. B., who served in the South African constabulary during the late war, and who has been for the past four years in the furniture department of M. K. A. Ltd., and Miss Bessie Alma Rusk, daughter of John W. Rusk, general freight agent of the I. C. E. here, took place in St. John's (Stone) church at 5:15 o'clock last evening.

OBITUARY.

Mr. John Lantulum. Mr. John Lantulum died suddenly in his brother's office on Water Street yesterday morning. Mr. Lantulum had not been in good health for years having suffered from a slight stroke of paralysis, but his death was not anticipated. It came while he was sitting in a chair, and was due to heart failure. He was the eldest son of the late James and Margaret Lantulum, and was 67 years old. He had been engaged with his brothers in their business for many years. He was unmarried. His death is the fifth in the family circle within a comparatively short period, two of his brothers, Cornelius and F. Walter, Mr. Anon A. Wilson, K. C. proctor.

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THE COURTS

ADMIRALTY COURT. Sam Slick Case. His Honor Mr. Justice McLeod, judge of the Admiralty court, delivered judgment yesterday in the case of the schooner Sam Slick. This vessel which is registered in Windsor, N. S., was arrested while on the Gregory block on three suits. The owners of the tug Lord Walseley had a claim against her amounting to \$45 for salvage in the nature of towage and the rest of the creditors consented to allow this claim without contestation.

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PROBATE COURT.

Estate of Annie Sharpe. In the probate court in the estate of Annie Sharpe, married woman a petition for administration was granted. Deceased died intestate leaving her husband, Leona L. Sharpe, one son and three daughters. The husband is now an administrator. There is no real estate. Personal estate \$900. Mr. Anon A. Wilson, K. C. proctor.

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(Fredericton Gleaner.) Dubbed as "hyper criticism," and "not worthy of notice" by provincial officials holding important posts...

PARRSBOURGH HAS A BUSY YEAR

Lumber Shipments Continue To Be the Chief Source of Revenue for the Town, Despite Changed Conditions.

Parrsboro, N. B., Dec. 31.—For many years past Parrsboro has been noted for its shipments of lumber. Nearly a quarter of a century ago the demand for deals caused a largely increased output, and it was believed generally in vogue to have some grounds for such a belief...

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News of a Day

Employees Blamed. Quebec, Dec. 31.—Investigation into recent collision at Ste. Anne de Lacarte on the Intercolonial Railway, which was conducted by Mr. W. J. Dube, superintendent of the I. C. at Levis, has resulted in the suspension of two train hands, H. Label and J. Cote. The men did not run a train, it is alleged, hence is collision.

Elks in West. Toronto, Dec. 31.—A Globe Winnipeg special says: "It is reported here at the hierarchy in Saskatchewan of Alberta, when the Canadian order of Elks had many members attached to the Roman Catholic church, a been mainly instrumental in pushing the order, which will go out of existence tomorrow. The priest-existence persisted upon the ritual being omitted to them for approval."

C. P. R. Earnings. Montreal, Dec. 30.—The earnings of Canadian Pacific are rapidly approaching the \$100,000,000 mark, estimated as the gross revenue of the company for the present calendar year. In fact the average just now is much above that figure, being held down by the lesser earnings during the early part of the year, because of the depression in the city's trade has been overcome.

Montreal Man Wanted. Montreal, Dec. 31.—Charged with conspiring to defraud his creditors to the extent of \$15,000, R. Turk, of R. Turk and Co., fur dealers, St. Lawrence street, is sought by the police. He is not to be found. Nathaniel, his brother-in-law, is under arrest, charged with stealing \$1500 worth of fur coats from the store. Turk's premises were closed Tuesday, and creditors afterwards found missing. Spector claims he owed him money and that he was the fur to cover his claim. In meantime Turk is sought on the account.

Want Fire Protection. Kingston, Dec. 31.—A meeting of prominent property holders and householders was held last night at the T. House to talk over the question of providing a fire saving plant at this station. The chair was taken by E. Evans, and T. C. Donald, secretary. Recent fires have indicated that some provision should be made for active work when in their incipient, and with loss of time caused by bringing fire brigade from Hampton village, which is over a mile distant. It is estimated that he had secured quotations for about \$25 and a list of ten was struck, half of which, to canvass the remaining holders and property owners to fund of at least four hundred can be raised.

G. P. R. Changes. Fredericton, Dec. 31.—Charles K. will tonight finish his work as C. P. R. agent in this city, and will shortly enter upon his new duties as a travelling freight agent for the company. Relieving Agent Jones has arrived from Montreal and will assume charge of the C. P. R. station, pending the arrival from St. John of Mr. Charles J. Street, formerly of the freight department's travelling staff is expected in a few days.

Miss Anna Leaman. Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 31.—The woman found dead in her home, 183 Mary street, on Wednesday, has been positively identified as Miss Anna Leaman, formerly of Milltown, N. B. The woman's name was known at the time the body was found, but as she had been always reticent nothing was known of her family until yesterday, when she was found that she was of a well known family in Milltown, from whence she came to this city about three years ago.

Alonzo Hale Dead. Woodstock, Dec. 31.—Alonzo Hale, of Grafton, a gentleman well known in York and Carleton counties and brother of F. H. Hale, ex-M. P. of J. J. Hale, died quite suddenly of heart failure at 6 p. m. last evening. He was 62 years of age and is survived by a widow who was a Miss Rossborough, of York county. Mr. Hale had been living in his brother's residence in Grafton for the past five years. Deceased was a member of the United Baptist church and was also a member of Woodstock Lodge F. and A. M., under whose auspices the funeral will be held tomorrow.

To Re-visit Regiment. Toronto, Dec. 31.—The 100th Regiment, one of the three Canadian regiments to be revived by the British Government was raised in Canada during the Crimean war. It was a British regiment and was paid by the war office but was recruited here. The regiment left Quebec for the Crimea, when, however, it reached Gibraltar it did not proceed farther. The 100th was always known as the Canadian regiment. It was, however, not Canadian in personnel in later years. It was disbanded ten or twelve years ago.

U. S. Immigration. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 31.—Immigration from the United States during the past year has far exceeded all estimates or anticipations. More than 15,000 persons have come in excess of the highest calculation. Actually 90,148 persons have come in. The immigration commissioner estimates that the average wealth of these is one thousand dollars, which means ninety million dollars in cash added to the wealth of western Canada. In addition to this there has been realized from the great wheat crop \$150,000,000, thus making a total of \$310,000,000 of new wealth this year, not calculating the proceeds of the dairy, ranch and coarse grains.

The Mercantile Marine

DAILY ALMANAC. Sun rises today . . . . . 8.11 a. m. Sun sets today . . . . . 4.47 p. m. Sun rises tomorrow . . . . . 8.11 a. m. Sun sets tomorrow . . . . . 4.47 p. m. High water . . . . . 3.35 p. m. Low water . . . . . 9.49 a. m. High water . . . . . 3.57 p. m. Low water . . . . . 10.10 p. m.

Arrived—Yesterday. Str Manchester Importer, 2533, Wm. Thomson and Co. gen. S. H. Corleau, Gambell, Liverpool, Wm. Thomson and Co. gen. Str Manchester Mariner, Linton, Manchester, Wm. Thomson and Co. gen. Str Corleau, Gambell, Liverpool, Wm. Thomson and Co. gen. Str Manchester Mariner, Linton, Manchester, Wm. Thomson and Co. gen. Str Corleau, Gambell, Liverpool, Wm. Thomson and Co. gen.

Cleared—Yesterday. Str Parthenia, Stitt, Glasgow, R. H. Porter, 2581, R. P. & W. F. Starr. Str Corleau, Gambell, Liverpool, Wm. Thomson and Co. gen. Str Manchester Mariner, Linton, Manchester, Wm. Thomson and Co. gen. Str Corleau, Gambell, Liverpool, Wm. Thomson and Co. gen.

Sailed—Yesterday. Str Sobo, Bridges, West Indies, etc via Halifax. Str Parthenia, Stitt, Glasgow. Str Corleau, Gambell, Liverpool via Halifax. Str Shenandoah, 2492, Trinick for London via Halifax. Str Manchester Mariner, Linton, Manchester, Wm. Thomson and Co. gen.

Vessels Bound to St. John. Steamers. Empress of Britain, Liverpool, Dec. 31. Montreal, Antwerp, sid. Dec. 28. Montclair, Antwerp, sid. Dec. 25. Pomeranian, Havre, sid. Dec. 24. Gramplan, Liverpool, sid. Dec. 27th. Meville, Port Natal, Nov. 30.

Schooners. Aldine, Boothby, Me, sid. Dec. 5. Ulysses, sid. New York, Nov. 23. Clinton Point, City Island, sid. December 1st. Minnie Slauson, Portsmouth, sid. Dec. 19. Leitch, Porter, Salem, sid. Dec. 18. Otis Miller, Vineyard Haven, sid. Dec. 25. Preference, Perth Amboy, sid. Dec. 25th. Nettie Shipman, New York, sid. Dec. 27.

Vessels in Port. Steamers. Fythia, 2358, R. Reford Co. Mount Temple, 6661, C. P. R. Bray Head, 2020, Wm Thomson and Co. Kingston, R. P. and R. F. Starr. Dominion, 2581, R. P. & W. F. Starr. Glenarm Head, 2524, Wm. Thomson Co. gen.

Schooners. Kamford, (Nov.) 558, Wm Thomson and Co. Morien, 490, I. C. R. Manchester Importer, 2533, Wm Thomson and Co. gen. Arthur J. Parker, 118, J. W. McAlary. Adonis, 315, A. Cushing and Co. Annie A. Booth, 162, J. W. Adams. Abbie C. Stubbs, 292, J. Spilane and Co.

Sailing to St. John. Allan Line. Tunisian . . . . . do . . . . . Jan. 7. Corsican . . . . . do . . . . . Jan. 14. Hesperian . . . . . do . . . . . Jan. 21. Tunisian . . . . . do . . . . . Feb. 4. Gramplan . . . . . do . . . . . Feb. 10. Corsican . . . . . do . . . . . Feb. 18. Hesperian . . . . . do . . . . . Feb. 24. Tunisian . . . . . do . . . . . Mar. 7. Victorian . . . . . do . . . . . Mar. 15. Corsican . . . . . do . . . . . Mar. 24. Victorian . . . . . do . . . . . April 1. Victorian . . . . . do . . . . . April 7. Victorian . . . . . do . . . . . April 15.

C. P. R. Corsican (char.), Liverpool, Jan. 14. Empress of Britain, Liverpool, Jan. 28. Empress of Ireland, Liverpool, Feb. 11. Empress of Britain, Liverpool, Feb. 25. Lake Champlain, Liverpool, Mar. 7. Empress of Ireland, Liverpool, Mar. 11. Lake Manitoba, Liverpool, Mar. 16. Em. of Britain, Liverpool, Mar. 25. Lake Erie, Liverpool, Mar. 30. Em. of Ireland, Liverpool, April 6. Lake Champlain, Liverpool, April 15. Em. of Britain, Liverpool, April 22. Montclair, Bristol, Jan. 12. Montclair, Bristol, Feb. 26. Montclair, Bristol, Feb. 29. Montclair, Bristol, April 6. Lake Michigan, Antwerp, Jan. 26. Lake Erie, Liverpool, Jan. 30. Montreal, Antwerp, Jan. 30. Lake Michigan, Antwerp, Mar. 23. Mount Temple, Antwerp, April 6. Manchester Line. Man. Shipper, Manchester, Jan. 1. Man. Mariner, Manchester, Jan. 15.

Building operations have been less active than in some former years, but there has been enough work in that line to give employment to quite a large number of mechanics. A number of handsome residences have been built, several dwellings have been remodelled and enlarged, and much repair-work has been done. The new post-office is not yet visible, except to the eyes of faith, but another vote for it has been put in the estimates, and the people live in hope. W. C. Hatfield has the contract for building the new Methodist church at Canning and the materials is supplied from his factory here.

The coasting schooners and deal freighters of this port have had a prosperous season and the same is true of the stevedores and others engaged in handling lumber. The prospects for the coming year appear to be good. The lumber output will be probably equal and may exceed that of the present year. The Standard Coal and Railway Company under new management and with more capital and better appliances, will make another attempt to locate a coal seam on their property; and the development of the Swan Creek copper mine will be undertaken. If these enterprises succeed, and the much hoped for through line of railway will be pretty sure to follow. The trade of Parrsboro is and has always been chiefly with John Campbells, which tends to the industrial and commercial advancement of the winter port of Minas Basin can scarcely fail to benefit the winter port of the adjoining province.

Man. Importer, Manchester, Jan. 29. Man. Shipper, Manchester, Feb. 12. Man. Mariner, Manchester, Feb. 26. Man. Shipper, Manchester, Mar. 12. Man. Mariner, Manchester, April 9. For South Africa. Canada Cape, 4286 tons, will sail Feb. 10. Monarch, 7365 tons, will sail Mar. 10. Bantu, 4319 tons, will sail April 10.

Marine Notes. Str Manchester Importer, Captain Haworth arrived yesterday from Manchester via Halifax with a general cargo. The following steamships went to sea yesterday: Sobo, for Halifax and the West Indies; Donaldson liner Parthenia for Glasgow, and the Corsican for Liverpool.

Head Line Str Bray Head, Captain Blott, arrived yesterday from Sydney, C. B. to load for Belfast, Ireland. C. P. R. steamship Lake Champlain for Liverpool took away a cargo worth \$228,000. She had among her cargo 61,551 bushels wheat and a large shipment of United States meats, etc.

Canadian Customs. Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The customs revenue of Canada in the year ending today amounted to the handsome total of \$66,390,847. This is \$9,500,000 more than was collected in customs during the calendar year 1908. December proved to be the heaviest month Canada has ever had for customs revenue. The collections totalled \$5,256,613, which is \$1,381,523 more than was collected during the previous December. The end of December marks three-quarters of the fiscal year and during that time the collections totalled \$44,367,181, an improvement of \$96,523,

Royal Thanks. Oshewken, Ont., Dec. 31.—The council of Six Nation Indians have received through the governor-general a message from King Edward acknowledging and expressing thanks for a congratulatory message sent by the council on the occasion of the King's last birthday. In the message, which was sent on Nov. 10, the council were "pleased to remember your majesty's visit to Canada and our home city of Brantford in the year 1866 and we wish Your Majesty and Her Majesty, the Queen, and royal

At Campbells. Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 31.—The annual meeting of the Union of Municipalities of New Brunswick will open at Campbells on the 16th of February. Notices of the date are now being sent out by City Clerk McCreedy.

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Winnipeg Wheat Market

The Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Ltd. supply the following quotations of the Winnipeg Wheat Market:

December, 102, May, 106.

THE BUSINESS YEAR

(From Bradstreet's Yearly Review and Forecast.) Nineteen hundred and nine may be said in many respects to have equalled and in some directions surpassed the most sanguine expectations entertained at its outset.

dent early because of tariff, crop and trade uncertainty, and reduced public purchasing power, and later the remarkable advances of securities and commodities to hitherto unexampled heights, furnished ground for conservatism, which was no doubt beneficial in preventing excesses apparently inseparable from great forward steps in American trade, finance and industry.

void in the consuming markets made by two years of repression in buying all combined to cause a great outward surge in all lines of trade, which, despite the steadily increased cost of all that enters into human consumption, resulted in a total trade turnover which will compare very favorably with the best that was witnessed in previous years of abundant prosperity.

and business looked by manufacturers practically insured the full or overdone new being run until next year's crop and trade outlook takes more definite form. While it might be erroneous to expect the record building expenditures of 1909 to be exceeded in 1910 an active year's business it looked for.

STOCK MARKET

Expectant of Good Things

New York, Dec. 31.—The closing day of the year in the stock market reflected an expectant tone of good things to come with the opening of the new year, rather than the direct operation of present favorable influences in the trading, January will see the largest sum disbursed in the market that has ever occurred in a similar period in New York. Preparation for making these payments and placing of abundant funds in the market to carry out Monday kept the call money market still today at a minimum of six per cent., and exercised a restraining influence on market activity.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET; YES-

TERDAY'S TRADING ON WALL ST.

Table with columns: Shares, Sold, P'cent, High, Low, Close. Lists various stocks like Amalgamated Copper, American Beet Sugar, etc.

CANADIAN PRODUCE MARKETS

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 31.—A feature of the flour trade is the renewed demand for European sources for spring wheat flour and as bids in some cases are made with millers views, some sales were made. A fair local and country trade continues to be done and prices are firm. Prevailing prices are: Manitoba spring wheat patents, 87c; Manitoba spring wheat patents, second, 85c; winter wheat patents, 85c to 86c; Manitoba strong bakers 50; straight rollers 52.10 to 52.50; straight rollers in bags, 52.40 to 52.50.

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Table with columns: Montreal Cobalt and Curb Stocks, Montreal Stock Exchange. Lists various stocks and their prices.

AMERICAN PRODUCE MARKET

New York, Dec. 31.—Flour—Dull and unchanged. Spring patents 5.40 to 5.65; winter patents 5.40 to 5.50; winter extras No. 1 4.60 to 4.90; Kansas Straights 4.90 to 5.15; winter extras No. 1 4.40 to 4.55; Receipts 16,400; shipments 11,877.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET

Morning Sales. Asbestos Pfd. 25@96. Canadian Pacific Railway 25@181.24. Black Lake 50@22.10, 10@22.12, 10@22.12. Canadian Converters 10@44.12, 10@44.12.

WHEAT WEAK

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Liquidation of December holdings incidental to the expiration of the option caused weakness in the grain markets here today. As a result of these profit-taking sales wheat for December delivery sold off 6 1/2 from the previous close. The same delivery for corn declined 1 1/4.

MONEY ON CALL AT 5-34 P. C.

New York, Dec. 31.—Close: Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange 4 1/2 to 4 3/4 for sixty day bills and at 48 1/2 for demand. Commercial bills 48 1/2 to 48 3/4.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Table with columns: Range of Prices, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork. Lists prices for various commodities.

Winnipeg Wheat Market

Table with columns: Dec, May, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov. Lists wheat market prices.

AMERICAN PRODUCE MARKET

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Closing—Wheat, December 112; May 111 1/2 to 5-8; July 101 5/8. Corn—December 61 3/4; May 60 1/2; July 56 1/2 to 58.

CLOSING COTTON LETTER.

New York, Dec. 31.—While today's cotton market tendency faltered to duplicate its performance of moving to new high records the price was nevertheless well sustained despite a continued absence of bull speculation.

NEWS SUMMARY.

By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co. American stocks in London firm, 1-8 to 7-8 above parity. P. Leasure in Times Square leased for \$2,100,000 aggregate rental for 20 years.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN SERVICE West of Montreal. Train No. 1 After December 31st will run between Winnipeg and Calgary only.

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR

SPORTS

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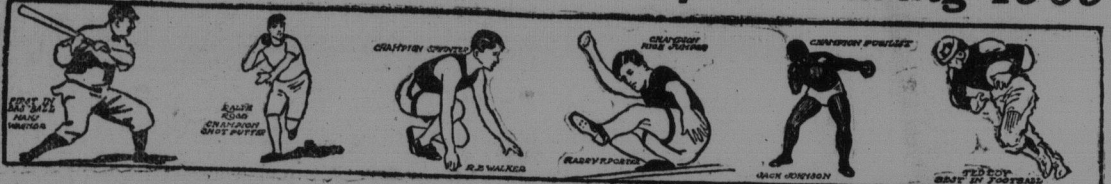
ANOTHER SEASON OF SPORT DAWNS UPON THE CIVILIZED WORLD TODAY.

TIP WRIGHT IS IN RIGHT

The Standard's Sporting Critic a Veritable Oracle -- His Many "I Told You So's" of Last Year.

By the Sporting Editor. Just to call your attention to a few things that have been tipped off to you during the past year by The Standard's sport expert, Tip Wright.

Most Important Events In Sport During 1909



- Jan. 4--M. W. Savage buys Minor Hear, pacer, 1.59 1/2, \$45,000. Jan. 12--President Morton, O. and P. League, disappears. Jan. 18--Fleider Jones demands \$30,000 to manage White Sox. Jan. 21--The Eel paces mile on ice in 2.11 1/2, world's record. Jan. 24--Oscar Gunderson jumps 138 feet on skis, world's record. Feb. 19--Cy Young sold by Boston to Cleveland. Feb. 19--Jim Driscoll outpoints Abe Attell. March 6--Lipman breaks world's five-man bowling record with 2962 pins at Pittsburgh tournament. March 12--President Morton, O. and P. League, found in Chicago, mind unbalanced. March 24--Walter Goerke sets new five-mile motorcycle record, 3.30 1/2. March 24--Robertson creates new five-mile automobile record, 2.24 1/2. March 24--Joe Foster creates new two-mile bicycle record, 3.47 1/2. March 25--Walter Goerke rides motorcycle 69 miles in 57.25 4/5, world's record. March 25--Walter Goerke rides kilometer on motorcycle in 27.45, world's record. March 25--Stubbs rides mile on motorcycle in 42.25, world's record. March 29--Ketchell defeats, Jack O'Brien, 10 rounds. March 29--Johnson posts \$5000 to bind match with Jeffries. April 2--St. Yves wins Marathon, setting world's record at 2.40.50 3/5. April 12--American league season opens. April 14--National league season opens. April 14--Frank Gotch defeats Mahomet. April 20--Jeffries announces intention to fight Johnson. April 26--Dr. Maurice Powers, Athletics' catcher, dies. May 15--Billy Papke knocks out Hugo Kelly. May 19--Johnson and O'Brien fight six-round draw. May 24--Sam Langford knocks out Jan Hagerty. May 24--Minoru wins English derby. May 28--Bat Nelson knocks out Dick Highland. May 30--Dan Ahern breaks world hop, skip and jump record, doing 49 feet 8 inches. June 2--George Sutton wins 18.1 balk line title from Geo. Slosson. June 3--King James wins Brooklyn handicap. June 9--Ketchel knocks out Jack O'Brien. June 12--John Flanagan breaks world's record throwing 16-pound hammer 174 feet 10 1/8 inches. June 25--George Sargent wins open golf championship. June 25--Dick Hyland knocks out Leach Cross. June 29--Hazel Hotchkiss becomes national woman tennis champion. July 3--Pittsburg's \$1,000,000 ball park opened with record breaking crowd of 59,788. July 1--Harvard defeats Yale in annual boat race. July 2--Cornell wins three intercollegiate events at Poughkeepsie. July 5--Ketchel beats Papke. July 5--Meadowbrook polo teams bring home American cup from England. July 5--May Sutton defeats Hazel Hotchkiss, tennis champion, in challenge round. July 5--Martin Sheridan makes 7385 points in all-around athletic championship, breaking all records. July 9--Lewis Stranahan breaks 50-mile circular track automobile record in 22.48. July 11--Chicago White Sox make triple play. July 13--Nelson outpointed by Ad Wolgast. July 14--Edward Payson Weston concludes coast to coast walk, five days behind time. July 19--Neal Ball makes triple play assist. July 28--Jeffries posts \$5000 forfeit to meet Johnson. July 28--Harry Pulliam, president, National League, suicides. July 30--Athletics make triple play. Aug. 2--John Hoyder elected president National League. Aug. 2--Johnson covers Jeffries' forfeit. Aug. 5--Jeffries sails for Carisbad. Aug. 13--Country Jay sets trotting to saddle mark at 2.10 1/2 world's record. Aug. 13--Hedgewood Boy and Lady Maud C. set world's team pacing record, at 2.02 3/4. Aug. 14--Ralph Rose puts 16-pound shot for world's record, 50.25 feet. Aug. 15--Theo. Breitenstein, pitches no-hit-no-run game. Aug. 17--Napoleon Lajoie resigns as manager of the Cleveland team. Aug. 26--Hamburg Belle defeats Ullian in two fastest heats ever trotted in a race, 2.01 1/4 and 2.01 3/4, and is sold for \$50,000. Aug. 31--Sweep wins Futurity. Aug. 31--Baron Alcyon wins \$35,000 trotting derby, Readville. Sept. 4--Ullian beats Hamburg Belle two heats. Sept. 9--Johnson outpoints Kaufman. Sept. 15--Country Jay trots to saddle in 2.08 1/4, world's record. Sept. 17--Willie Anderson retains western open golf championship. Sept. 20--Philadelphia-Detroit draw 117,298 paid admissions in four days. Sept. 27--Triple steal by Brooklyn. Sept. 30--Pittsburg wins National National League flag. Sept. 30--C. K. G. Billings buys Ullian, champion trotting gelding, for \$35,000. Oct. 4--Henry Guignaud, Swiss, rides 100 kilometers (61.1 miles) in 1.18:41 2/5. Oct. 5--California outlaw league joins organized baseball. Oct. 6--Native Belle, 2-year-old, trots in 2.07 3/4. Oct. 8--Papke beats Willie Lewis National League, becomes United States open golf champion. Oct. 13--The Harvester, unbeaten trotter, becomes ill during race at Lexington. Poisoning suspected. Oct. 16--Pittsburg wins world's series. Oct. 16--Johnson knocks out Ketchell. Oct. 25--Sir Thos. Lipton challenges for cup race. Oct. 29--Jeffries and Johnson sign to fight. Oct. 31--Alco car wins Vanderbilt race. Nov. 8--Packey McFarland beats Cyclone Thompson. Nov. 9--Gotch beats Raicevitch. Nov. 10--Hamburg Belle dies. Nov. 13--Michigan beats Pennsylvania. Nov. 15--E. C. Brown elected president of A.A.U. Nov. 20--Michigan defeats Minnesota. Nov. 26--Philadelphia team sold to Horace Fogel. Nov. 29--Yale beats Harvard. Nov. 29--American tennis players defeated in Australia. Dec. 1--Bids opened for Jeffries-Johnson fight. Dec. 2--Bid of Rickard and Gleason accepted by fighters. Dec. 3--Calvin Demarest wins 18.2 balk line tournament. Dec. 11--Rutt and Clarke win six-day bike race. Dec. 12--Bat Nelson signs to fight Freddie Welsh. Dec. 14--Signal tipping in American league whitewashed. Dec. 15--Western Golf Association becomes American Golf Association. Dec. 16--National league directors deadlock on presidential vote. Dec. 17--Jim Corbett returns from England to train Jeffries. Dec. 17--John Aitken broke all automobile records from 1 to 20 miles on Indianapolis speedway; 20 miles in 16:18.4. Dec. 17--Walter Christie drove automobile quarter mile in 3 1/2, new American record. Dec. 17--Chas. Miskey, White Sox owner, quoted as welcoming base ball war. Dec. 20--Thomas J. Lynch, noted umpire, elected president of the National League at New York. Dec. 23--Bob Fitzsimmons knocked out in 12 rounds by Bill Lang of Australia. Dec. 27--James J. Jeffries hissed in Texan opera house. Dec. 29--Pitcher Charles B. Adams signs with Pirates for season of 1910. Dec. 28--Young Loughrey, of Philadelphia, won on a foul over Young Donahue of Roxbury, in the 4th round.

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A SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF SPORT

Marked Revival in all Branches of Sport Hereabouts -- The Honors That Have Come to Local Athletes.

That the past year has been one of the most successful in local sporting circles for many years, is conceded by all. In every branch of sport from curling to baseball, there has been a marked revival, in the interest shown by the general public and it is hoped, a good margin.

CHINESE PIGTAIL IS TO DISAPPEAR

Constitution Spreads Among Orientals at News of Prince Regent's Decision -- The Pigtail and Anti-Pigtail Factors.

MEN AT FREDERICTON INTERESTED IN WEST

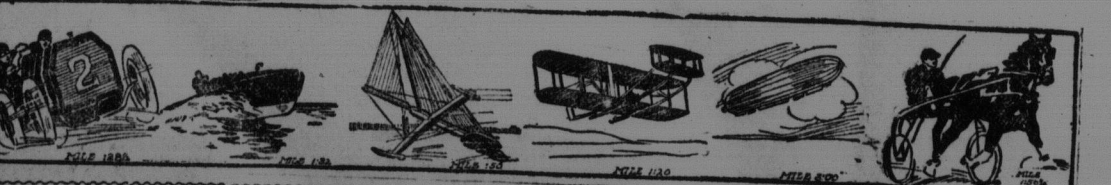
Mr. W. Stuart Benson Late of the Bank of Nova Scotia Staff Leaves for British Columbia.

MESSINA'S DAY OF MOURNING OBSERVED

Rome, Dec. 31.—The residents of the earthquake districts of Calabria and Sicily and numbers of relatives of the victims of last year's earthquake in many places in Italy observed Tuesday as a day of mourning. It was the first anniversary of the cataclysm at Messina and Reggio di Calabria, when more than 200,000 persons perished.

TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS.

PLEASE ADD TO YOUR DIRECTORIES Main 1623-11—Boyd, James, res. 140 Adelaide, number changed from Main 1892 to Main 1623-11. West 93—Carleton Curling Rink, Rodney, W. E. Main 1469-11—Dever, Mrs. J. Res. 5 Prince Wm., number changed from Main 1469 to Main 1469-11. Main 2265-21—Ellis, Clifford D., res. 163 Queen. Main 1763—Flood, George H., res. 160 Germain, number changed from Main 538-11 to Main 1763. West 177-21—Kane, M. T., Granite Monuments, 48 Sea, W. E. Main 1635-21—Patterson, Fred., res. 9 Metcalf. F. J. NISBET, Local Manager. December 31, 1909.



TAM A'SHANTER MEN TO CLASH AGAIN TODAY

The Thistle Curling Club will play a president vs. vice-president match today. Play will commence in the morning and continue throughout the day. The rinks will be composed of the players who were drawn to play on Christmas. At the St. Andrew's Rink scratch matches will be played between the members. The Carleton Curling Rink will play their president, vice-president match. Last night at the Carleton Rink four teams played for the rink medal with the following result: Roy Drinnan, skip, 12; Geo. Scott, skip, 11; W. H. Estabrooks, skip, 12; J. B. M. Baxter, skip, 10.

BUCCANEERS LICK DUST AT THE Y.M.C.A.

The Dreadnoughts took three games from the Pirates last night in the Y. M. C. A. volleyball league. A feature of the games was the ping-pong service of Mr. F. A. Dykeman. The teams lined up as follows: Dreadnoughts, Pirates, Right Wings, F. A. Dykeman, W. Armstrong.

THE WINNERS AT THE VICTORIA ALLEYS.

None of the bowlers at the Victoria alleys last night were able to roll higher than 121 and as a result Mr. David Foohey will have the pleasure of eating the fine New Year's turkey put up for the person making the highest score. —Are there never any twins in the Anno Domini family?

LUNNEY WINS.

C. Lunney is at present leading in Black's alleys, at the New Year's turkey with a score of 115.

JOSH WISE SAYS:

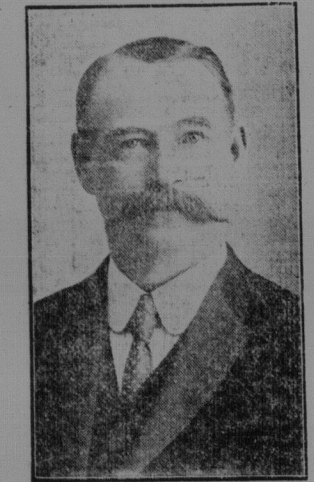
"Th' good resolutions that men pledge seldom live after them." —Doesn't it seem an awful lot longer than 10 years since we wrote it '09?

# PROSPERITY

ST. STEPHEN HAS  
YEAR OF STEADY  
DEVELOPMENT

Fishermen's Union Breaks Deadlock and Standard Scale of Prices is Agreed Upon.

Staff Correspondence. St. Stephen, Dec. 31.—In this quiet but enterprising community, the year just closing has been marked by some important developments.



MAYOR GRIMMER.

lock that had existed all through the previous year, and had greatly hindered this very important industry.

In March representatives of the Weirmen's Union of Charlotte county, and of the Sandhills Syndicate of Eastport and Lanesboro met here and agreed upon a scale of prices for the approaching season, thereby breaking a dead-

lock that had existed all through the previous year, and had greatly hindered this very important industry.

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# PROSPERITY FOR SACKVILLE

1909 a Year of Wonderful Development for Westmorland County—Town, Municipal and Private Enterprises Many—Educational Institutions with Favorable Progress.

Staff Correspondence. Sackville, Dec. 31.—The year 1909 has been a year of wonderful development for Sackville. Both in municipal and private enterprises, especially in those of manufacturing and building, although agriculture and forestry operations have also been very successful.

The Sackville Water-works has been made of the town for some time, the approximate population is 5,000. The assessment at the beginning of the year 1908 was \$901,800. At the beginning of last year it was \$958,000.

New Wharf. Sackville's water-trade has for a long time been considerably impeded by lack of wharf accommodation.

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The Enterprise Foundry Co., after having been entirely destroyed by fire last year, has been rebuilt on a large scale as to more than double their capacity.

The Sackville Wood-working Company has added something to its plant by the erection of a two-story factory. The situation of this building between the railway track and the wharf makes it very easy to ship goods either by water or by land.

The Electric Light and Telephone Company has doubled the size of its plant during the past year, and tripled that of its business.

A number of new companies were formed last year. The Sackville Manufacturing Company, at the back of the town, has been organized.

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# PROSPERITY THE KEYSTONE OF DALHOUSIE

Civic Politics Plays Important Part in Affairs of the Town—A Costly Wharf That is Not Working.

Staff Correspondence. Dalhousie, Dec. 31.—Dalhousie the shire town of Restigouche county, has had a prosperous year ending with 1909.

The Federal Government completed a very large wharf this spring saying that it was for landing coal for the C. R. but no one has been unloaded here yet.



MAYOR MONTGOMERY.

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While Development in Railway Town During Past Year Has Not Been Phenomenal, Substantial Gains Have Been Made—Growing in Importance As a Railway Centre.

Staff Correspondence. Moncton, Dec. 31.—Through a large amount of new building work has been going on it cannot be said that 1909 has been one of much industrial expansion or immense prosperity in Moncton.

The new shops were practically completed last year; the installation of the new machinery is well advanced, and the double tracking between Moncton and Painsac was completed in mid-summer.

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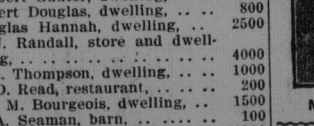
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Efforts of Energetic Townspeople Bearing Fruit in Material Progress of Centre—Agriculture Forges Ahead.

Staff Correspondence. Sussex, N. B., Dec. 31.—The commercial metropolis of Kings county, during the past year has enjoyed that prosperity which so joyfully served as an account of the efforts put forth by its energetic citizens towards its advancement.

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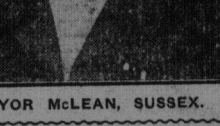
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# THE LOGAN OF NEW BRUNSWICK

## NEWCASTLE IS HAPPY IN PAST YEAR'S GROWTH

Many Improvements in Building Industrial Lines--What The Town Has To Offer the Home Seeker.

By Mayor Miller.

Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 31.—The Town of Newcastle is situated on the north shore of the Miramichi River, and has from four to five thousand inhabitants. It has an excellent water service, the supply of which is got from artesian wells which are in the vicinity of 255 feet deep, the water of which is pumped from our power house where the wells are bored to our town level a pressure of 85 to 90 pounds of water of superior quality. We also have good sewerage system and electric light plant, which supplies the whole town with light as well as heat.

The principal industries in which its inhabitants are engaged, are lumber and fish, and to some extent in the manufacturing of other articles. We had a first-class factory, known



as the "Anderson Furniture Factory," which was engaged in the making of all kinds of chairs, but which we are sorry to say was burned in August, 1908. It employed some fifty persons or more, which on account of its destruction has been a material loss to the town; but I have every reason to think that in the near future this industry will be re-established, possibly on a very much larger scale. The past year or so has not been up to the mark, owing to the fact of the condition of the lumber market, which made short seasons and short cuts for those engaged in the lumber business. In fact one of the lumber industries known as the "E. Sinclair Lumber Co." which was purchased about three years ago by John McKane, has been practically doing no business for about a year or more, but we are pleased to learn that this business has been re-sold to its former owners, Sinclair Bros., who intend conducting the business under the same name and style, the "E. Sinclair Lumber Co.," and have started in on extensive operations which will mean the employment of a larger number of hands than ever before in the town. The "E. Sinclair Lumber Co.," which was purchased about three years ago by John McKane, has been practically doing no business for about a year or more, but we are pleased to learn that this business has been re-sold to its former owners, Sinclair Bros., who intend conducting the business under the same name and style, the "E. Sinclair Lumber Co.," and have started in on extensive operations which will mean the employment of a larger number of hands than ever before in the town.

A New Industry. We also have a new industry started here this year, known as the New Brunswick Docks and Terminals, whose chief promoters are the "Dunn Mines Co." They have built a branch railway line from the main line of the J. C. R. to French Fort Cove, where docks and wharves will be erected and the handling of their ore from the mines they have lately purchased in the County of Gloucester. The railway is about completed, and it is their intention to build their docks as soon as the river freezes over, and with the opening of navigation next spring, will be loading iron ore here for Great Britain and the United States. The company is somewhat handicapped owing to the fact of the river not being able to accommodate as large vessels as they wish to engage in the trade, but can be very easily made so with a very ordinary expenditure on the part of the Dominion Government in the way of dredging.

This industry undoubtedly promises to be a great and permanent addition to the wealth and prosperity of Newcastle, and we look confidently forward to the early building of smelters here.

During the past season the railway between Indianton and Blackville, has been completed and trains now run daily between here and Blackville. This gives the residents along the line an opportunity of trading in Newcastle, a chance they are promptly utilizing to the advantage of all parties concerned.

## CHATHAM SPENDS A QUIET YEAR

While Growth Has Not Been Marked During Past Twelve Months The Future Is Bright With Promise and Much is Expected of 1910—Smelt Fishing a Factor.

Staff Correspondence.

Chatham, Dec. 31.—The past year has been, in many respects, a very quiet one for Chatham. Owing to the failure of the smelt fishing early in the year and the continued shut down of the Miramichi Pulp and Paper Co.'s mill, the largest and most important industry in the town, business did not keep on expanding in the way it had been doing for previous years and as a result the past year witnessed little or no growth in the town's population and industries. It is true that several new concerns have started in business, but they are looking to the future which is now very bright. Since the diversion of the railway line along the river front was practically completed a large increase in value has taken place in the property adjoining the new line and the town, for splendid sites are here available for almost any kind of industry, which requires rail and water communication. For three-quarters of a mile above the present town, the river channel, 40 feet deep, runs close to the bank, and a wharf built out a few feet from the water line will have twenty feet of water at the front face. Already the J. B. Snowball Co. have bought a site for a proposed grist and planing mill, which will be erected in the spring, while several other industries are mentioned for other localities. Thus 1910 is looked forward to as a great boom year for Chatham.



The past year has seen several well known and prominent citizens pass to their reward. Among these might be mentioned John Sinclair, William Kerr, G. P. Searle, J. F. Maher.

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wing 50 by 95 feet, three stories, an office building 30 by 42 feet, two stories, and has other extensions in view. In August last Hon. James Brien, British Ambassador at Washington, paid a visit to Passamaquoddy Bay in connection with the outstanding dispute as to the boundary line, which work is expected from his visit.

In the same month, the United States Government had a surveying party at work upon the river, looking to the dredging of the St. Croix River. Another surveying party, sent out by the Dominion Government has been engaged all summer establishing the boundary line, which work has been completed between St. Andrews and Upper Mills.

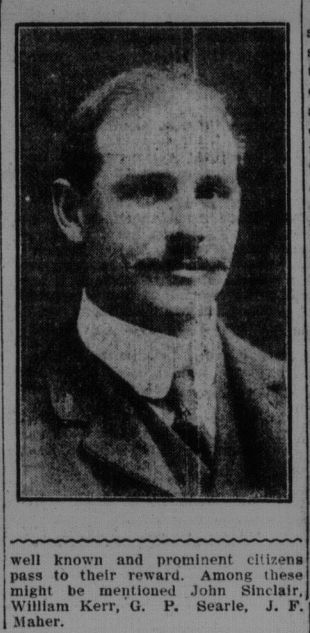
The little steamer Viking, plying between St. Stephen and Island point, became an accident, sank at her wharf here in September, but was quickly raised and practically rebuilt, though for want of facilities here, this work had to be done in Calais.

The wreck of the Hestia on Old Proprietor Ledge in October was an incident sincerely regretted by every resident of the county, and it is really a pity that this was an incident that should not have happened had those in authority been true to their trust.

## CAPITAL CITY REPORTS A QUIET YEAR

Fredericton's Year Has Been An Uneventful One Barring Civic Politics Which Supplied all the Excitement.

Staff Correspondence.



Fredericton, Dec. 31.—As one year succeeds another, Fredericton does not show the same progress which marked the younger cities of the great western country, and perhaps not the same growth that is noticed in some of the cities of Eastern Canada, but there is, however, a steady increase. The year of 1909 has not been a very eventful one in the history of Fredericton. In civic politics, however, there was the greatest turnover that has occurred for years. In the civic election in March last two tickets were in the field for the aldermanic positions in each of the five wards, one ticket representing the people who want to see the Scott Act strictly enforced, and the other representing those who preferred to see the law enforced, but the payment down the Scott Act failed at the polls, and Fredericton would be "wet" or "dry" this year. Only a comparatively few months before an attempt to oust the city on one side and the Militia Department property on the other, so that the Federal Government paid the entire cost of that block of Hassam pavement.

The present city council has proven a progressive one in many respects and the results have been some civic improvements which are noticeable in the city. It is evident that Fredericton wants to be up to date. Four blocks of granite sidewalk along the military property and the Normal School have been put down on one side and the Militia Department property on the other, and two blocks of Hassam pavement have been laid on Queen and Carleton streets. The Federal Government is paying 50 per cent. of the cost of pavement in front of its property. The block on Carleton street has the Federal Public Works Department property on one side and the Militia Department property on the other, so that the Federal Government paid the entire cost of that block of Hassam pavement.

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Dalhousie Lumber Company built this on the site of their old long timber mill destroyed by fire two years ago. In connection with the rousing mill is a hand saw for long lumber and lath machines cut every available piece of lumber into laths. There is a separate shingle plant cutting shingles. During last season these mills turned out 6,000,000 feet of long lumber, 10,000 cords of pulp wood, 40,000,000 shingles and several millions of laths. This is greatly in excess of last year, owing to the fact that the mill was not placed in commission until late in the season. This company employs about 200 men in the summer season about the mills and loading ships. Eight hundred men are working in the lumber woods getting out lumber for next season. The pay roll comes up closely to \$200,000 per annum. Mr. Arthur Hilyard is manager, with Mr. H. A. Hilyard foreman of the plant. Besides these gentlemen the office work requires three clerks.

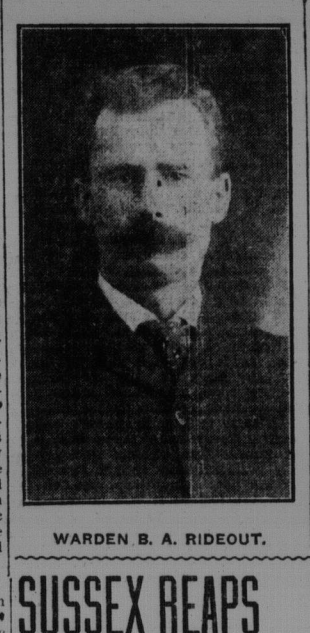
Baringer & Chapin have decided this year to work their own limits and a large number of men are engaged in the mill preparatory to a large output next year. This gives a prosperous outlook for our town next season.

This season 20 vessels cleared for foreign ports with 40 millions of deals 19 1-2 millions battings, 14 thousand cords of pulp wood, 9 millions of laths one million of shingles. This is much in excess of last season, and the prospects point to a much greater export next year. The revenue went away by last year.

## VICTORIA THE VANGUARD

Warden Rideout Reports Considerable Progress Made By The Enterprising County During The Year--Several New Mills Have Been Erected Providing Employment for Many.

By Warden Rideout.



Victoria county has made considerable progress during the past year. Although one of the best agricultural counties in the province, lumber is one of the chief industries, several saw mills having been built during the past year; among them being one by Hon. J. K. Fleming, on the bank of the St. John River, opposite Ortonville; one by Mr. Furcotte, at Grand Falls; and a large one on the line of the G. T. P. by the Willard Kitchen Co., the latter having an electric light system.

Aroostook Junction having been made a divisional point on the C. P. R., quite a building boom is going on there, the company constructing a round house and repair shops. Several hotels, stores and dwellings are also in course of construction.

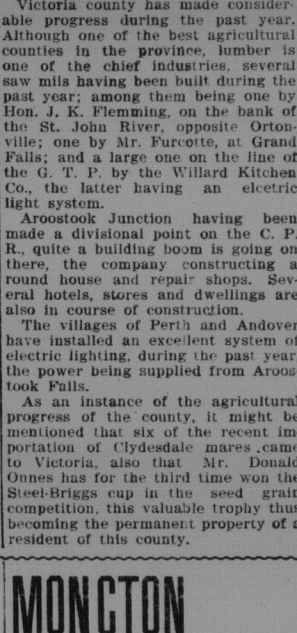
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Sussex Mercantile Co., King, Asbell & Co., W. C. Elliot, N. W. Eveleigh & Co., D. A. Vail, B. J. Sharp, Connelly, Fairweather Hardware Co., George Saffron, W. B. McKay & Co., George Fairweather, R. McLean and W. H. Clarke all speak well of the improvement noted in their business. There has been more ready money in circulation than during 1909, and buying has been on the whole far more generous in its proportion.

Employment has been available for all men offering in town and there has been really more demand for hands than could be supplied. Wages have been proportionately good and any man who really desired work has not found much difficulty in getting it at a profitable remuneration.

## CAMPBELLTON IN YEAR OF STEADY DEVELOPMENT

Enterprising Worth Show Town Made Constant Progress--Its Natural Assets are Many and Its Future Assured.

By Mayor Murray.



The town of Campbellton, which only a few years ago comprised less than a dozen stores and workshops, together with a few small scattered residences, and was known as "Martin's Point," is today a town of almost 5000 population, and is known on both sides of the Atlantic as the commercial metropolis of Northern New Brunswick.

Sussex has made much headway during the past twelve months. A number of handsome residences have been erected and residents generally have made a decided effort in the way of improving their properties. In this connection it may be said that there are few towns in New Brunswick where residents take greater pride in their surroundings than do the citizens of Sussex. They have commenced well and the encouraging part of it is that each year adds more to the noticeable gain in artificial beauty spots.

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ally abandoned, and the rails taken up and sold along with the other property. At the last session of the legislature the charter of the old company was confirmed and extended and negotiations commenced looking to the reconstruction of the railway by outside capital. Finally Dr. Henderson, of London, England who is interested in the Maritime Oilfields Ltd., obtained an option for the purchase of the charter and within the last few weeks the purchase was completed. Dr. Henderson has also made a proposition to the city council to purchase or lease electric light and gas works, with a view to running the railway and lighting plant under one management, which he says would result in a great economy. It is likely the liquidation will be asked at the approaching session of the legislature to enable the city to enter into negotiations to this end.

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Construction of the International railway (which is to connect with the Banker & Aroostook railway at St. Leonard's, affording a quick route to the New England markets, and incidentally opening up a new country rich in forest wealth and perhaps mineral wealth also) has been vigorously pushed in spite of the unfavorable weather conditions during the latter part of the season. The grading for the whole 106 miles of road has been about completed, and about 80 miles of steel laid. Nearly all supplies and rails for this work were shipped from here, and of course had an effect on trade conditions in our town.

## SUSSEX REAPS HARVEST SOWN BY CITIZENS

MADE SURE PROGRESS

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THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate west and south west winds, fair weather with higher temperature.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 31.—The Atlantic coast storm has passed away to the eastward, and the weather is now fair from Manitoba to the Maritime Provinces.

New England Forecast. Washington, Dec. 31.—New England warmer and generally fair Saturday; Sunday light to moderate southerly winds.

AROUND THE CITY

New Linotype. Patterson & Co., Germain street, have lately added another Linotype setting machine to their plant.

Mrs. William Pugsley Entertains. Mrs. Wm. Pugsley, wife of the Minister of Public Works, entertained at an enjoyable dance at the Golf Club last night.

The Empress Steamers. The C. P. R. M. S. Empress of Britain, Captain Murray, sailed from Liverpool yesterday for St. John via Halifax.

St. John Business College. Day and evening classes will reopen Monday. This is the college that does not find it necessary to discontinue a competing school or even to canvass for students.

Services Appreciated. The Senior Mission Band of Calvin Presbyterian church had a pleasant gathering last night at the home of Rev. L. A. McLean.

Changes in Customs Entry Blanks. Changes in the entry blanks at the Customs House have been made owing to the operation of the French treaty.

Appeals Again Recommended. At the regular meeting of the Appeals Committee yesterday afternoon the recommendations which were sent back by the council were reconsidered with the result that practically all were again recommended.

St. Andrew's Lady Curlers. A meeting of the St. Andrew's Ladies Curling Club will be held at the rink next Monday afternoon for the purpose of electing skips and arranging for the seasons play.

Conference on Dry Dock Proposition. St. John's position in the matter of securing the dry dock and shipbuilding industries of Harland and Wolff was discussed at a private conference called by Mayor Bullock yesterday afternoon.

Allowed to go West. The young German woman who landed from the steamer Corsican and was detained by immigration officials last Saturday, was allowed to go through yesterday to Edmonton, Alberta.

Two Accidents at Sand Point. Walter H. Parlee, of Victoria street North End, met with a painful accident at the Winter Port yesterday afternoon.

Saluting the New Year. The steam vessels in harbor ushered in the New Year by a vigorous tooting of their whistles.

At the Opera House. The Robinson Opera Company gave an excellent performance of the comic opera Boccaccio last evening.

Bequest of Mrs. Catherine Murdoch Provides Funds—St. John Behind Other Cities in Annual Grant.

Friends of the Natural History Society will be glad to learn that the recent bequest of the late Mrs. Catherine Murdoch has already provided sufficient funds to pay off the mortgage on the fine building owned by the society in Union street.

Bridge Building in New Brunswick. In the December issue of the American Carpenter and Builder is an interesting article by Mr. T. B. Kidner, provincial superintendent of manual training, on bridge construction in New Brunswick.

Presentation to S. Herbert Mayes. Last night at the Ludlow street Baptist church Mr. S. Herbert Mayes, who has acted as organist of the church, during the past two years, was presented with a gold chain and locket by members of the choir and congregation in appreciation of his services.

Past Year Best In City's History

St. John Has Progressed Along Many Lines—Lumber Shipments to States Increased \$1,000,000—Harbor Revenues Improved \$11,000—Tax Collections Made a Record—Bank Clearings \$6,000,000 Heavier—A Bright Outlook.

Mayor Bullock spoke truly last evening when in answer to a request to give a review of the year that was passing, he replied that 1909 had been a year of solid, steady progress for St. John.

At City Hall. Mr. D. G. Langley, city chamberlain, while not able to give out a detailed statement last evening said that not only with respect to the year's assessment but in the collection of back taxes the payments were heavier than ever before.

The only falling off in revenue had been from the police court, owing to the fines not being collected. The whole department which had gone over the appropriation was the sewerage maintenance and for this the assessment had been too small.

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A Holiday Necessity



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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

We take this opportunity of thanking our many customers for their very liberal patronage during the past year and wish all A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

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New Year's Gifts

- Snowshoes, Moccasins, Larrigans, Overshoes, Skating Boots, Hockey Boots, Ankle Supports, Felt Boots, Felt Slippers, Cloth Leggings, Leather Leggings, Rubber Boots, Waterproof Boots, Waterbury & Rising.

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Fireplace Fittings. It is not yet too late to pick out some attractive furnishings to enhance the value of the cheery blaze. Come in and see our Andirons, Fire Sets and Fenders, In Iron and Brass. W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd. Market Square, St. John, N. B.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS. To our customers, whose good-will we value. And this is our Resolution—that throughout 1910 our vigilance shall not be diminished; we shall be constantly on the watch for opportunities to give better values and improve our clothing where improvement is possible.

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UNEEEDA BISCUIT. Biscuit are more than mere soda crackers. They are a distinct individual food article, made from special materials, by special methods, in specially constructed bakeries.

Stores closed today. St. John, January 1st, 1910.

May 1910 Bring Golden Days. May each day of the New Year on which we have just started be a "Golden Day" filled with Happiness, Prosperity, Health and Contentment.

Advance Showing of Bright, New Dress Goods And Suitings for Spring. AT MRA'S LTD.

A Happy New Year To All Our Friends and Patrons. MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, LTD.