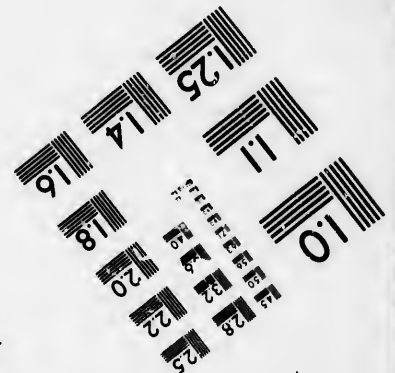
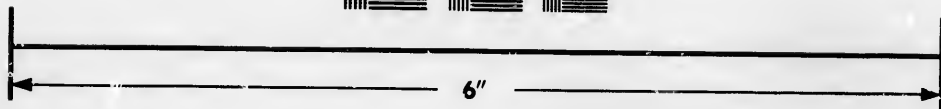
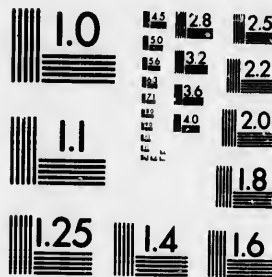


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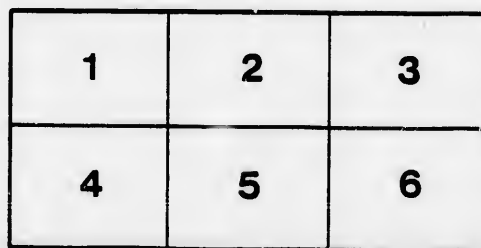
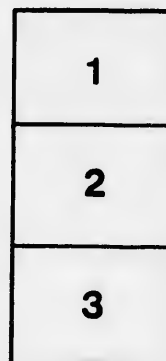
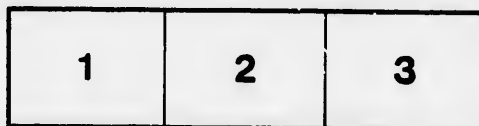
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NEWS BOY'S ANNUAL ADDRESS
 TO THE
 PATRONS OF THE
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 ROYAL GAZETTE.

1829.

HAIL to New-Brunswick's favor'd Sons, and Daughters dearest:
 HAIL to the News Boy's PATRONS kind—at dawn of this new year:
 HAIL to the prospects, opening mild upon our fertile Land;
 With grateful recollections due to PROVIDENCE'S HAND.

May the first Mail propitious be to VIRTUE, and to LOVE:
 And the next infer no other prove—If any thing, above
 The usual bounty of the HEAVEN, the assistance aught
 The visits of their News Boy true, in dark or moonlight night.

May the third Mail ev'ning find in every human breast
 Within the precincts of our Soil, so prosperous and blest:
 While the warm life blood animates each throbbing heart to beat
 With loyal zeal to numbers, their gratitude complete.

To PROVIDENCE with reverence all should meekly bend the knee,
 And own the MERCIES it bestows, which we so strongly see
 Marked in its present course through Time, dispelling every fear,
 And ushering in, on HOPE'S bright wings, the prospects of this year.

Thus having made my bow in rhyme as well as I could do,
 And own the MERCIES it bestows, which we so strongly see
 Marked in its present course through Time, dispelling every fear,
 And ushering in, on HOPE'S bright wings, the prospects of this year.

Indeed I've ever found you kind, considerate and fair;
 Then why should I suppose you changed, or altered with the year—
 But True to this, I know my FRIENDS too well to doubt their worth;
 Their JUSTICE—LIBERALITY—whitch never knew a death.

And so I'll venture to proceed, as custom hath enjoind
 At this auspicious period, when Song inspires the mind,
 Solemnly or sprightly tuned, to celebrate the Day—
 Succinctly to recount the gist, or purport of my lay.

Yet how can I, untaught, presume to steal the glittering hue,
 The soft, sweet graces of a Bard—and I unlearned too—
 The brilliant splendour of whose thoughts incessant creates beams,
 To decorate a News Boy's Verse, or this his humble Theme.

The forgery would apparent be, and therefore I forbear;
 At least no crude attempt of mine shall see the present year:
 But like a prudent artisan, I'll to my trade be true,
 By singing naught but that alone—and leave the rest to you.

And few but know, that, while without our presence and our types,
 In some degree in vain would be the Poet's boundless flights—
 Nor types nor press can have such charms as to inspire the mind
 Of Poet with a thought for these—whose thoughts are so rosin'd.

And what reward might I expect, e'en were I to attempt
 To deviate from my beaten track, and to my thoughts give vent
 In strains poetic?—Why that all who now respect my name,
 Would then stave only which should be first to denounce my shame.

May, tho' Types might e'en "unseen" themselves, and whizzing
 through the air,
 As thick as hailstones, tempest-wing'd, reduce me to despair:
 And PRESS of BROOKS' iron mould, hurl'd with the DEVIL'S force,
 Antisipate both types and me,—and finish one of course.

No, no; I'll not disguise the fact, for Poet I am none;
 And were no other reason given, those lines were surely none—
 Enough to prove the honest truth, so evident to all,
 That I a simple News Boy am—but poet, none at all.

Yet simple though I seem, and am, and humble though I be;
 A friend my Patrons all may find in one so poor as we:
 For I can cheer their Winter's hearth; and ease the fear to show
 O'er lovely WOMAN'S peach-like cheek, for Virtue's melting wo.

And I can fire the PATRIOT'S breast with sentiments so bold,
 That nought on earth may fetter them, nor Death their influence hold:
 Majestically moving on, through Time, in Virtue's light;
 His COUNTRY'S weal his noblest aim—next to his MAKER'S right.

I, too, can sooth the mind to rest, and tranquillize the heart;
 And dispel the feverish dreams, which bear so great a part
 In the affairs of man's short life—fall brief enough without
 His self-created phantasies, to wound the Soul with doubt.

And I can utter, silently, consoling words to read—
 Imparting PEACE and HAPPINESS to all who these may need:
 And sometimes I can recite the Truths, Divine and blest.
 Of man's immortal hopes and joys—EMERSON'S meek behest.

And—precisely—I can change the scene, and bring before your view
 Many an Anecdote of old,—and frequently some new:
 At which you've often grasp'd your ribs, and pour'd forth all your
 might,

In one far-echoing hearty laugh of rapturous delight.

Again I shift the scene—and lo!—the Armies on the plains,
 Fighting in dense and distant clouds, for false or real claims:
 Now thundering peals the dreadful note of Battle's crimson wrath;
 Now many a Patriot's gallant firm writes in the pangs of death.

And many other scenes 'tis mine the privilege to show;
 'Tis tedious to make mention of—Scenes not alone of wo,
 As I above have verified—But these many now appear,
 Sufficient for establishing my modest claim this year.

Then think what pleasures I impart, and look upon me kind!
 And deign a TRIBUTE to your true Purveyor for the Mind—
 Which all in this enlightened age should emulate to adore,
 With KNOWLEDGE that may lead the Soul its MAKER to adore.

'Twill serve more purposes than one—believe me I'm sincere:
 I'd not cajole you by sleek words; though the privilege, I hear
 To strain a poem admitted is fair play such times as these,
 When all but pots and frying-pans recline in jovial ease.

In parting for the current year, permit me to present
 My plain but hearty wishes for your happiness—content—
 (The purest happiness below)—prosperity—and health
 To crown each bright felicity—of all the richest wealth.

And now as I am quite aware how fruitful is my lay
 In errors—ere I close my theme, 'tis needful that I say,
 I trust that you will smile upon the labor of our PRESS,
 As I scan, with generosity, the faults of my ADDRESS.

Frederickton, January 1.

