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Maritime Farmer.

FREDERICTON, N. B., December 30, 1880.

We wish our readers, one and
all, a Happy New Year.

1880.

The last days of 1880 having arrived, ac-
cording to usual custom, a rapid survey may
be taken of the principal events which have
transpired since it commenced its course, and
which may make it memorable in the annals
of time. Nothing on a grand heroic scale
has taken place, no mighty wars, making and
unmaking nations, no revolutions, overturning
dynasties, and putting an end to the old
order of things, have marked its day, but it
has been uneasy and troublous time, and left
a legacy of danger to the year which is about
to open. Yet, if it is asked, if 1880 has
brought more of evil than of good, it may be
answered that the good has preponderated.
From its opening to its closing days, improve-
ment in business has gone on, reviving con-
fidence, and the spirit of enterprise. To the
mass of the people, depression in business,
want of employment, and the general discour-
agement that these things produce, are among
the worst of misfortunes. When their mis-
eries are fairly supplied, and their en-
ergies find occupation, they can bear up
against political trouble, and find even pleasure
in the excitement. Not even Ireland is an
exception to this rule. For may it not be said
that amidst the terrorism and lawlessness of
the present time, the people are
encouraged by a good harvest, are more
hopeful, alive than they were in the period
of dreadful depression and sore want when
absolute famine and pestilence were only by
the exertions of the humane and the benevo-
lent fought off Ireland, has been the source
of the heaviest anxiety, and the point of the
greatest peril during all the past year. Its
misery and its want have been the constant
themes of the ready writers of the daily
press. At the close of 1879, the arrest of
David, other prominent agitators, and the
departure of Parnell for America, to arouse
the charitable sympathies of the people of
the great Republic, on behalf of the people
of Ireland, threatened with famine, and to
seek moral support in their struggle for
redress of their manifold grievances, turned
general attention to the condition of dis-
tressed and discontented Erin, and the events
which have occurred during 1880 have fixed
it there. England was accused of showing
apathy towards the sister island, but the
Manchester House subscription proved that the
freedom of charity was not dried up within
her. The sympathetic and with which the
Duchess of Marlborough threw herself into
the cause of relief, touched the warm Irish
heart, and the noble generosity of George
Bennett, of the New York Herald, was hon-
orable to the man, and worthy the manage-
ment of a powerful press, which has some-
thing more potent than words to give to dire
distress. To all true patriotic Irish hearts,
it must be painful to see their country peri-
lously reduced to the extremity of being
the recipient of the world's charity. It is
not strange, that, believing that the land
with all their deteriorating consequences on
the character and condition of the peasantry,
are the main cause of Erin's woes, they
should unite with the determination to bring
about a reform. But Parnell and his col-
leagues have overstepped the bounds of legiti-
mate agitation; they have displayed a spirit
of intolerance, hateful enmity of the land-
lord class, whose fortune and misfortune it
is to have been born to the possession of the
soil. By instigating and conspiring at agri-
cultural outrage of the most brutal kind, by
instigating a system of "boycotting" against all
who will not obey the commands of their
league, they have brought on a reign of ter-
ror by their revolutionary and seditious language
and have brought themselves within the
grasp of the law. It is to be feared that
they have proceeded as far as they can work
upon the passions of the Irish people, that
an outbreak of violence is inevitable, and
that the Government will be forced to establish
its authority by military force.

It is to be feared that 1880 closes so very
gloomily for Ireland, that the prospects be-
fore her in the year that is about to open,
are as alarming. But still, until actual
bloody collision takes place between the dis-
affected and the armed servants of the law,
there is hope that the British Government
by calmness and firmness, and judicious
conduct, will be able to avert revolution, put
an end to the reign of terrorism and bring
it back to peace.

Affairs in Ireland might have taken a dif-
ferent turn from that of Earl Beaconsfield, had
remained in power. He either miscalculated the
time when he would be able to dissolve, or
the force of public opinion running against
him and his spirited foreign policy. Most
probably the time of dissolution had nothing
to do with his defeat, as the reaction of pub-
lic opinion, shown in the enthusiasm with
which Mr. Gladstone had been met in his ad-
dress, and the triumphal progress, through the
north of England and the southern counties of Scot-
land, towards the close of 1880, would have
swept him from power whenever he chose to
appeal to the country. The victory of the
Liberal party was very complete, but not
without compromise in its completeness, as wit-
ness the success gained by Sir John Lubbock
and the Conservatives, over Mr. McKenna
and the Liberals in 1878. Unnecessary
excitement was raised, unnecessary alarm
and anger expressed at the short delay made
in calling on Mr. Gladstone, to form a govern-
ment. A sort of false crisis was created,
(chiefly by the sensational reporters of the
great dailies) which was quickly dissipated,
when Her Majesty called "The People's Wil-
liam" to Windsor Castle, and showed, that
as a constitutional monarch, she entertained
no such rooted prejudice against the great
statesman, as could induce her to refuse as
her chief adviser the nation's choice. Mr.
Gladstone did not find the time of power, of
any day. Mr. Bradlaugh, the infidel mem-
ber of Northampton, who refused to take
the usual member's oath, and was im-
prisoned for a few hours in the Clock Tower,
for contumacy, was the first troublemaker of
his reign. This affair nearly produced a split
among his liberal supporters, and the com-
munion it excited, ended in an actual triumph
for the redoubtable and representative Brad-
laugh, who was allowed to take his seat by
making a simple affirmation. Such a scene
as was acted in Parliament over the oath
will not disgrace Parliament again, as Brad-
laugh has won for all who may claim it, the
right to make affirmation, instead of taking
the oath. Irish affairs, and the doings of the
irreconcilable Irish Brigades, occupied the
chief attention of Parliament. The Rabbits
Bill and the Bantam Bill, which were con-
sidered to tenants' rights, and the non-con-
formist feeling, caused warm debates, but
the feeling raised was but a piping breeze to
a stiff non-wester, compared to the angry
passions roused by the Disturbance in Ire-
land Bill, to give tenants' compensation for
losses incurred from the failure of the har-
vest. The debates and discussions in the

press over this Bill, disclosed clearly the
divergence of opinion between the Whig and
Radical sections of the Liberal party. Passed
by the House of Commons the Bill was re-
jected by the Lords, who thereby placed
themselves in antagonistic attitude to the
House, and a strong body of Liberal opinion
in the country. Hon. Mr. Foster, Secretary
of Ireland, in the excitement caused by the
loss of the bill, spoke in menacing terms
against the action of the Peers. But even if
it would not have disarmed the Land League
in Ireland, and prevented affairs there reach-
ing the present crisis. Something more
urgent and more radical is needed, to give
contentment to Ireland. A hard struggle is be-
fore the Parliament and the country before
such a measure is passed; a struggle which
will array extreme liberal opinion against
Toryism, vested rights and class privileges.
Such a measure will not be passed for Ire-
land without a demand being made for re-
form of the land laws of England in the ten-
ant's interest. After an unusually prolonged
session, Parliament was adjourned, and it
will meet again in January, a month before
its usual time.

Mr. Gladstone's Eastern Policy has been
vigorously denounced, but it is yet to be
proved that it will be unsuccessful in com-
pelling the stubborn Porte, to carry out its
obligations under the Treaty of Berlin. The
naval parade in which all the Great Powers
joined, and which was made at its instance,
excited some ridicule, but the fact remains
that it had some influence on the Porte, for
Dulcigno was surrendered at last to the
Macedonians. Constant and determined pres-
sure on the Turk, would force him to com-
ply with the Greek demands for the restitu-
tion of the islands. The British Government
occupied by the urgent state of Home affairs,
may relax their efforts, and that the other
Great Powers who never seemed in earnest
about upholding the Berlin Treaty, will
leave the Greek and the Turk to settle their
dispute among themselves.

On the continent of Europe the year '80 has
been one of peace. The disabbling death
of the Emperor in January, in the midst of
the Car's dinner table, evoked the world's
sympathies. Since then these revolutionaries
have been quiet, and have not at-
tempted to carry out their terrible threats
of general confiscation and massacre. The
Car in the course of the year lost his long
suffering wife, and made haste to effect a
hasty marriage with his reigning favorite,
Princess Dolgorouki. The last will was laid
on Tuesday afternoon, 21st inst. Trains from
St. Stephen and St. John, bearing the Presi-
dent and Directors of the road, the contrac-
tor and other gentlemen interested in it,
among whom we must mention James E.
Lyndon, Esq., M. P., met at a place called
"Mineral Springs," five miles beyond St.
George's, and there the final, polished steel
girders, were driven in, amid the hearty cheers
of the spectators and employees, followed by
the exultant shrieks of the locomotives, which
echoed across never before heard in the wil-
derness. It is to be thought that Hon. Francis
Herbert would so gladly have struck a
blow on the head of the last spike, did not
live to see the completion of a road in which
he took such warm interest. The conjoined
locomotives and cars, after the ceremony, pro-
ceeded to St. George's, where a supper was given
to the employees in a room in the St. George
Hotel, while the parties from St. Stephen
and St. John were regaled with a sumptu-
ous repast in its dining hall. The distance be-
tween St. John and St. Stephen by the Grand
Southern, is a little over 82 miles. There
are twelve stations on the road—St. John,
Charlottetown, Spruce Landing, Leonardville,
New River, Penfield, St. George, Benny
River, Dyer's, Oak Bay, St. Stephen.
The railway runs through a wilderness for a
great part, past some comfortable settlements
and much fine natural scenery. What can the
people and legislature of New Brunswick do
to accept "The Grand Southern" as an ac-
complished fact, hope that it will develop a
great and useful industry, and be the sub-
sidy as they would upon the payment
of a debt of honor, and raise no ques-
tions about it.

The St. Croix Courier, in its article on the
laying of the last rail, says:—

"To those who appreciated the situation, it
was full of interest. It was the first time
that the great system of full communion
with the railroad system of the continent,
that there was opened up a market
for the products of the soil, and that there
was dawning upon her a new era of
prosperity, which, let us hope, will prove as
solid and enduring as her granite hills."

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Economist and other great London papers
made it the subject of leading and mislead-
ing articles; when it was taken hold of by
a Syndicate of capitalists, wild statements
were made concerning the terms of the con-
tract: for months the opposition kept urging
the government to "let the cat out of the bag,"
and they did allow some of the claims to
protrude, but the body was not fully ex-
posed, until Parliament met, in extraordinary
early session, on December 9th, and since
then the opposition have been declaring that
the cat is a "wild cat" of the most danger-
ous description. At present Blake and
McKenzie, Cartwright and others, are at pub-
lic meetings in Ontario and Quebec, en-
gaged in acting the part, which Bully Bo-
rout desired to perform, namely, "a part to
tear a cat in," with more damage to their
reputation, than to the animal. Next to Sir
John, the Canadian who made himself most
prominent in 1880, was Hanlan. His con-
sistent with Trickett, in November, for the
championship of the world, was the great
event of the year, and this victory has been
declared an honor to Canada, which en-
titles the winner of it to public mark of
favor.

In New Brunswick in 1880, the destruc-
tion of the Old Legislative Buildings in Fre-
dericton, led to much political excitement.
The St. John press led the attack to cap-
ture the Seat of Government, but it was
repeatedly repelled by the press of this city,
aided by able volunteers. The battle was
closely contested in the Legislature, tempo-
rarily covered in the Normal School, but, in
spite of all opposition, the resolution voting
\$75,000 for the erection of new buildings in
Fredericton was carried by a majority of
seven, and a new and splendid structure, nearly
approaching completion, stands on the old site.
The two bridges that at present span the
Memramook do not supply the public with the
convenience which in this advanced age it
required and the construction of the pro-
posed new one is to fill a want long felt.
When completed it will shorten the distance
from St. Mary's College and vicinity, to the
city by a route of four and a half miles,
while the present route is over twenty miles.
The people of the locality in which it is to
be constructed, have been using their best
endeavors for fifteen years, to secure the con-
venience it will afford, and during the time,
Hon. Mr. McQueen, was in the Government,
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It is worth noting that the Transcrip-
tist, in its issue of the 11th inst., has
talked of asking the Legislature for authority
for the construction of such an insignificant
work, as if the Chief Commissioner himself,
is not clothed with the necessary power, and
its utterance in this regard, only exhibits a
lamentable ignorance. Then with respect to
the need of the bridge, there is not a doubt.
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