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NEW YEAR GREETINGS.

Before the next issue of THE REVIEW, another year, with all its joys and sorrows, its hopes and disappointments, its successes and failures will have passed into the great ocean of eternity and the world will have entered upon a new period of time. The season is one that gives occasion for a retrospect to all except the very young. While the lives of most have had their full measure of human happiness, others have been tinged with sadness and disappointment. It is well, however, for all to entertain and encourage bright and cheerful hopes for the future and strive to make the coming year happier and more successful than the past. THE REVIEW trusts that the Dominion and the Province of New Brunswick, especially, will enjoy a full measure of prosperity; and heartily wishes all its readers

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

PROVINCIAL POLITICS.

The speeches recently delivered by the Leader of the Local Opposition, Mr. A. A. Stockton, in different parts of the Province, and reported in the Sun and Telegraph, are attracting renewed attention to provincial politics. It is desirable in the interest of good government that there should be fair and intelligent public discussion of the general position of the province, financial and otherwise, and of the various questions that separate parties in the Local Legislature. Without this there is a danger that these important subjects will, in the minds of the electorate, be overshadowed by the larger, but in many respects, not more important questions connected with dominion politics and legislation. Dr. Stockton's course in holding these political meetings and clearly presenting his views, apart from the excitement of an election contest, is therefore in our opinion to be commended. He has recently been in Mr. Emmerson's constituency, and has apparently met with a good reception and interested audiences. At the Albert meeting he made a declaration which would indicate that he thinks the time has arrived when it would be well to discontinue the "Coalition" system that has so long ruled in the government of this Province. While apparently reserving to himself the right to take any course his supporters might approve of, in the event of his being called upon to form an administration, he said that "as he was opposed by the majority of the Liberals in the province, and by all the Liberals on the floors of the House, it looked very much as if, in the event of his being called on to give the province an administration, it would be the result of Con-

servative influences." How far Dr. Stockton's reasonable expectations of uniting Conservative influences, will be realized, is from present appearances somewhat doubtful. Hitherto he has not had occasion to feel under any particular obligation to the Liberal-Conservative leaders, and notwithstanding the disfavour with which the latter are said to regard coalitions, Dr. Stockton has now to witness the strange spectacle of Conservatives and Liberals meeting in joint caucus in Charlotte, and Conservative candidates like Mr. J. D. Chipman and Mr. W. Hazen Grimmer vieing with each other for nomination as Local Government supporters. This is certainly not very encouraging for the Opposition Leader. If the Liberal-Conservatives wish to place local politics on a new line, the sooner the party managers make an effort to straighten out the situation in Charlotte the better.

As THE REVIEW remarked last week, if they allow the bye-election in that county to run as it is now shaping, the sooner they cease to talk about the advisability of putting local politics on dominion party lines the better.

SIR ADOLPHE CHAPLEAU.

This so-called Liberal revolt in Quebec, headed by Mr. Langelier, has led to a disclosure that is not by any means pleasant for the Conservatives. It is no less than the apparently well-established fact that one of the former trusted leaders of the party in that province, one who has had a large measure of political success, and who has occupied prominent and lucrative positions in the gift of the Liberal-Conservative government has been privately negotiating with Mr. Tarte, with a view to a coalition. Sir Adolphe Chapleau, while still occupying the position of Governor of the Province, but apparently in anticipation of his early retirement from that office, has been arranging a deal by which he could join hands with his friends in the Liberal Cabinet, and unite his forces with those of Mr. Tarte under Sir Wilfrid Laurier's leadership. A letter written by Mr. Chapleau to Mr. Tarte, in which he outlines his scheme and which has been purloined, has been seen by correspondents of the Montreal papers who furnish reports of the contents which, as the St. John Sun says, are "decidedly interesting." The letter maps out the plan of campaign and points out the advisability of not securing too large a majority so that the parties to the "coalition" may have the whip hand over the government. The Sun "ventures to hope that there has been some mistake," and remarks that "it is time for the Governor of Quebec to speak." We should think so. When the trusted leaders of the party, those who have pulled the plums and enjoyed the emoluments and sweets of office, join in playing such political games, it is well that the electorate should be placed in possession of all the facts.

CHINA TO BE DIVIDED.

As a result of the weakened condition of the old Chinese empire, consequent upon the disastrous war with Japan, it finds itself unable to resist the encroachments of the greedy nations of Europe, who are apparently quietly arranging to carve it up, each taking as a New Year's gift the part that it considers best suited to protect and advance its own interests in the East. The Emperor of Germany, under a pretext of securing indemnity for the murder by Chinese of two German priests, has taken possession of and invested with his marines, an

important strategical point—the bay and port of Kiao-Chan on the Liao-Tong Peninsula, which lies between the Gulf of Liao-Tong and the Bay of Korea. This has forced Russia to show her hand, and the Russian Emperor has sent a fleet to take possession of Port Arthur which is situated in the extreme southern point of the Liao-Tong Peninsula, and about two hundred miles south of the German location. The ostensible excuse for this occupation by Russia, is that it shall have security for the loan of \$80,000,000 which it guaranteed for China as part of the indemnity that country paid to Japan for the war losses. While Germany and Russia are thus grabbing Chinese territory, it is not to be expected that Great Britain, whose commercial interests there are ten times greater, can be content to stand quietly by without an effort to protect these interests against its European rivals; and it is now stated that the British East Asiatic squadron has been ordered to sail for Quelpert Island at the entrance of the Yellow Sea, presumably to occupy it. The question now is, what will Japan have to say about this foreign occupation of its rival's territory. Apparently stirring times may be looked for in the East during the coming year.

"Lumberman's" letter which appears in another column is well worthy of the attention of lumber operators and others who are interested in that industry. It is only fair that the lumber operators of the County should have equal advantages at least with those who are cutting for manufacture out of the County and the Government should see that any unjust discrimination in the matter of stumpage should be removed. It is to be regretted too that it should be necessary to export our pulp wood when it could be so advantageously manufactured in Kent County. We look forward to the erection of a pulp mill in this locality and we trust it will be before the best part of our lumber has been sent elsewhere for manufacture.

COCAIGNE N. B.

Dec. 27th—Notwithstanding the roughness of the road the Christmas trade was fairly brisk, and though the holidays have been thus far comparatively quiet, the falling snow of to-day is raising hopes of merrier times before the New Year shall have passed.

Midnight Mass was celebrated in the different R. C. churches here. The church of which Father LaArcheveque is pastor interiorly presents a fine effect from the addition of stained glass windows some of them memorial, which have lately been put in at a cost of about \$600. The enhanced beauty of the church doubly compensates for the trouble and cost.

Our schools closed last week and the examinations held showed that substantial progress was the feature of the term. Changes have been made, however, in the teaching staff of many of our schools. Miss Aurelie Daigle, under whose efficient management our school has been for two years has resigned and taken charge of the school at the north end of the bridge, vacated by the resignation of Miss Priscilla Daigle. Miss McManus, of Memramcook is engaged to fill Miss Daigle's place. Changes have also been made in the schools along the river and in other neighboring districts.

A number of our school teachers have come home to spend the holiday.

Five of our young men have returned from St. Joseph's College to spend the vacation at home. Two ecclesiastics also from the College are visiting at the presbytery.

Mr. Alfred Goguen came home from West Gardiner, Mass., on Christmas eve, giving his friends a pleasant surprise by his unexpected arrival.

Mr. Joseph Bourgeois also returned from across the border a few weeks ago.

Mr. William Johnston, of Notre Dame, will on Wednesday return from Boston, where he had been spending a few weeks with his sons and daughters.

Smelt fishing has been attended by many disadvantages, and, though not a failure, is by no means a success.

DIXON.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.



THE LATE EX-PREMIER JAMES J. MITCHELL.

PRESBYTERY OF MIRAMICHI.

The Presbytery met at Bathurst on the 21st inst. The following ministers were present, viz: Revs. T. G. Johnstone, Thos. Nicholson, Dr. McKay, Wm. Aitken, A. F. Thompson, A. F. Carr, George Fisher, J. K. McClure, J. M. McLeod, J. A. Crawford and E. W. Johnstone, and the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Bruce.

The clerk submitted the report of the Home Mission Committee, which indicated a most prosperous year's work with less cost to the Mission Board than in former years.

The amount required for the Augmentation Fund was allotted among the congregations, as follows: Blackville, \$26.00; St. John's, Chatham, \$28.00; Newcastle, \$60.00; Red Bank, \$30.00; Black River, \$24.00; Campbellton, \$60.00; Bathurst, \$24.80; Tabusintac, \$40.00; New Carlisle, \$32.80; Escuminac, \$24.00; St. Andrew's Chatham, \$62.00; Dalhousie, \$43.00; Harcourt, \$30.00; New Richmond, \$55.20; New Mills, \$68.80; Loggieville, \$22.40; Bass River, \$50.40; Flatlands, etc. \$24.00.

A deputation, consisting of Messrs. Nicholson, Carr and Fisher, were appointed to visit Escuminac in reference to augmentation grant for the current year the time to be arranged by themselves.

Mr. Fisher was authorized to allocate the amount required for the college on the same scale as the augmentation.

A call is to be extended by Douglastown and Nelson to Rev. D. Macintosh. The matter was left with the clerk.

Leave to retire from the active duties of the ministry and to become a beneficiary of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund was granted to Rev. F. W. George, formerly minister at New Carlisle, but now living in Scotland. Mr. George will have reached his seventieth year in July and is entitled to retire.

Arrangements were made for the retirement of Rev. T. G. Johnstone, his pastorate of forty years to terminate on Jan. 3rd.

The clerk, Mr. Aitken, Mr. McClure and Mr. John Brander were appointed a deputation to visit Blackville, on the 28th inst., and arrange all matters between Mr. Johnstone and the congregation.

Mr. E. W. Johnstone withdraws from the mission charge of New Bandon and Caraquet at the end of the year. The care of the field till the spring is entrusted to Mr. Thompson and the Home Mission Committee.

By permission of the General Assembly the name of Rev. James Murray was placed upon the roll of Presbytery, and the Presbytery applies to the Assembly for leave to retain the name of Rev. T. G. Johnstone.

Dr. Carmichael of Kingston, Ont., was nominated for the Moderatorship of the next General Assembly.

Having appointed the next quarterly meeting to be held at Campbellton, on the last Tuesday of March, the Presbytery adjourned.

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"I was troubled with earache for a long time," says Miss J. Johnson, Innisfail, N. W. T., "and after trying different remedies without success, used Hagar's yellow Oil as a last resort and I can really say that it cured me so completely that I have never had earache since."

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 20.—Another heavy snow storm is in progress, the fall having lasted ten hours and added to fifteen inches already on the surface, makes one of the heaviest falls in the State's history. Throughout the State the fall is as high as thirty inches.

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