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LOOKING FORWARD.

Now that the papers have got through with their reviews of what happened in 1889, isn't it about time to think what is to happen in 1890?

There is too much looking back and grieving over past errors or longing after vanished flesh-pots. It does little good for an individual or community. The past is dead. We have only the present and the future. Retrospection and regret will not supply the place of action.

The new year is no better than any other time for people to make plans for renewed efforts, but most people consider it so. It is, however, as good as any other time, for sensible resolves are always in order, and action will always produce results.

The spirit of the past year has been to keep things moving, and to bring St. John to the front. Some of the beneficial effects of this have already been recognized, while others must be felt in the future. The "booming" of the city has begun, and to achieve the highest results it must be continued. The citizens have learned that the meek and lowly principles of waiting quietly until our merits are recognized, does not avail in the keen competition of the present day.

So it follows that the people of St. John will not rest content with what they have done in making their city known to the world. The Board of Trade has started well in the task, and is likely to continue its good work, but it is only one body, and cannot do everything. Every citizen should feel that he is a citizen, and that whether the newspapers do their duty or not, his course is plain in doing his share in advancing the general welfare of the city, in taking a lively interest in all that relates to it; and in acting with the faith that as the present is prosperous, so the future is full of promise.

It is no use to grumble that this or that cannot be done so long as these men or that are at the head of affairs. If the wrong men are in the city government, turn them out and put in the right ones. The council will bear liberal and judicious weeding, and if every honest man will take an interest it can be made a model body. So with other things which affect the city's welfare. It needs only the will and the work to do all that needs to be done.

And it should never be forgotten that as regards our immediate prosperity, the city and its relations demand the first care of every citizen. A Dominion election overshadows a civic election, but it should not do so. We should keep our own house in order, whatever the country may do. It is for us, as citizens, to see what we can do for our city, so that the close of this year may witness strides, where in the past we have ventured only in shortened steps.

SOMETHING ABOUT SMUGGLING.

The St. Croix Courier admits that members of its staff "have been the recipients of Christmas favors" from some man up the line. These "favors" must have been procured either in a Scott Act town or imported (through the customs, of course) from Maine. Their effect on the Courier man has been to make him very wild indeed, and in this condition of mind he has tumbled heels over head into the pit which he laboriously dug for his neighbors in St. John.

Last week PROGRESS mildly remarked that, consid'ring the size and importance of St. John, the amount of \$4,316 recorded against it for customs seizures last year was not a large one, as compared with \$1,026 recorded against St. Stephen. Thereupon the Courier now remarks:

While proclaiming their own immaculateness, St. John merchants have been years denouncing what they were pleased to term the wholesale system of smuggling at St. Stephen, and have striven to injure the trade of this port by the cry. Now the tell-tale blue books come along, and, by their aid, the Courier is enabled to show the hypocrisy of the

St. John men by publishing the fact that, according to the record of seizures, four times more smuggling is done in St. John than in the town they have continually striven to decry. It is not a question of denial that smuggling is done in St. John, assertion that it is carried on extensively in St. Stephen. The facts show both denial and assertion to be false.

It may surprise and grieve the Courier to learn that of the \$4,316, not one dollar was due to smuggling by St. John merchants. More than that, not one dollar was due to smuggling by residents of St. John.

There were eight so-called seizures in St. John. Nearly all of these were in the nature of fines imposed upon foreign vessels, which were in several cases re-mitted.

The only seizure of any great value amounted to \$1,626. In this case a man entered new furniture as settlers' effects. He was not a St. John man. He belonged to Campobello, in the county of Charlotte, within easy distance of the Courier office. The stuff was brought in by the way of St. John, but the seizure morally belongs to the border county.

The only other seizure worth mentioning was from some itinerant Jew peddler.

What has the Courier to say about this? What apology has it to offer to the merchants of St. John, whom it has willfully slandered without the shadow of an excuse?

If PROGRESS considered that the Courier represented the sentiments of the people of St. Stephen, it might say some very unpleasant things in the light of the facts thus disclosed. It has no desire to do so. The better class of its people are not responsible for the smuggling any more than they are for the Courier's insults to the citizens of St. John.

It would, however, be interesting for the public to have an analysis of the seizures which make up the \$1026 charged against St. Stephen. How many petty seizures did it take to make up that amount, and in how many cases were the goods taken from the persons, the conveyances or the stores of residents of the border town?

The Courier would do well to subside at this juncture. It will never have a better chance.

IT IS VERY FUNNY.

The Toronto World, in discussing United States politics, remarks that the socialists will join the democrats against the sustaining in national government powers, and of pushing the principle of state rights. It continues:

It stands to reason that the men or set of men, who want to see as little of national government as possible, will be inclined to exaggerate all they can the powers of states or provinces. An English socialist by name Percival Clubb, has been lecturing in Chicago, and also writing to the papers there on his favorite subject; being very anxious to show that the socialism which he advocates is something very different from that of such dangerous men as Marx and Most, who figured in the Haymarket riots in Chicago a few years ago.

While it is very well understood that the average editor is as ignorant of socialism as a horse is ignorant of the abstract sciences, it is not often that so much absolute nonsense is found concentrated in a single paragraph. Socialism is the very reverse of what the World supposes it to be. Its essential principle is the surrender of everything to a national government—the ideal state. If socialists are not republicans, it is because that party is the party of classes and monopolies. From a socialist view the democrats are bad, but the republicans are worse. State-rights have nothing to do with the case. The World has probably failed to comprehend the meaning of the phrase, "the state."

But the most amazing part of the paragraph is that which refers to "such dangerous men as Marx and Most who figured in the Haymarket riots!" Shades of Caesar! This is, indeed, a pointer for the Chicago police. Perhaps Marx threw the bomb, though he must have had a Jules Verne gun to make it hit Haymarket square. The World is a bright and newsy paper, but a knowledge of socialism is evidently not one of its strong points.

LEGAL NONSENSE.

What a mass of nonsense is contained in the phraseology of the law. The other day a clerk in New York was killed by a current of electricity, and the grand jury has indicted superintendent PIERCE of the electric light company for manslaughter. The indictment contains two counts, the first of which charges "that PIERCE feloniously made an assault on HENRY HARRIS, by causing a deadly current of electricity to pass through his body, thereby causing a shock of which he died. The second count sets out the responsibility of the superintendent over the current, and goes on to recite how he failed to do his duty." To the ordinary mind the second count, with a recital of the cause of death, would be quite sufficient without the fiction contained in the first one, but it would not suit the lawyers. The theory of the law is to have plenty of words, whether they mean anything or not.

The American Meat Market.

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Out at Sea.



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SUNDRY HITS AND HINTS.

Good weather for good resolutions. About this time look out for candidates. Is either party likely to carry the whole ticket in St. John?

About half of the candidates will get there—where McGinty got. Most any man with a cold can imagine he has La Grippe.

Nomination on the 13th. Thirteen will prove an unlucky number for some of the candidates.

Only the men who ought to go were elected there would be a mighty small legislature. It will be a cold day for Judge Palmer if the N. B. Medical society ever holds a consultation over him.

It is astonishing what a number of men have suddenly developed an intense interest in St. John harbor improvements. Wiggins says he has not investigated the weather for 1890. Thus vanishes one source of the paragrapher's jokes for the next few months.

Whatever the old residents may say, the records of the signal service show that there has been no change in the seasons for the last fifty years.

It may be stated as a general principle that a newspaper which abuses a party until that party buys its support is a blackmailer pure and simple. If there was a chest of gold, instead of a friendless man, at the bottom of the Fairville well, there would have been lots of money in circulation days and days ago.

Nearly every man who is a candidate thinks the world will be wiser and better if he is elected. But the world will wag on just the same, whichever side wins.

A letter from Stuttgart, Germany, and a Chinese translation from the Pacific coast shows that Progress "gets there" in both hemispheres, with out-parishes to hear from.

It is officially denied that President Harrison shot a hog in mistake for a coon. He has seen enough of the former among the office grabbers at Washington to recognize them at sight.

A Halifax newspaper man listened at the telephone and heard the local band playing at Spring Hill. The tune "was easily recognized as a well known polka." The band must be improving.

Yes, lady correspondents, we know that New Year's day was dull because there was no sleighing, but it would have sounded a little monotonous if you all said so in print this week. That's why.

The Halifax Recorder informs PROGRESS that the tramp who refused to drink a mixture of chloroform and belladonna hailed from St. John. That is why he showed such good sense.

One of the city papers is puzzled to know why there should be ten suicides in Maine to one in New Brunswick, though the population is twice as great. It is probably because the whiskey is twice as bad.

The governor and the two bishops held levees without wine, in Halifax, New Year's day. This is something new for the Halifaxians. They have not been accustomed to taking water, except "back-water," which they have to take pretty often.

And now comes the awful assertion that Rev. H. A. S. Hartley, B. A., and the members of Hartley Division called at the salvage corps rooms and actually danced. Whether the reverend gentleman executed a hornpipe or a Highland fling is not stated.

In view of the customs statistics, referred to in another column, St. John may be considered the most moral city in Canada. During the last fiscal year there has not been an instance of smuggling by its people. Considering the opportunities, this is saying a great deal.

The Halifax Echo is informed that Capt. Lawrence of the Chesapeake, did not spell his name with a "u," and that instead of his body being "removed to the States and interred beneath a church," it lies under a monument close to the busiest part of Broadway, New York.

[FOR PROGRESS.] IN THE STARLIGHT.

In the sweet and solemn midnight, The music floats to me, Of the Christmas chimes' glad ringing, Over the starlit sea. And over those restless waters, Over these fields of snow, The dreamland bells are ringing, The bells of long ago! When this same silver starlight, On other snows shone down; And other chimes were pealing, Over a distant town. Back in that vanished dreamland, I am a child again; And nothing know of sorrow, Of parting, or of pain. O long lost loves! To Heaven I lift my tear-blind eyes; For I know that you are watching Down through the starlit skies. While the dreamland bells die softly In the tender, sweet starlight; And the merrie chimes from the city Peal through the silent night: With Bethlehem's angels singing Out on the midnight still: "Glory to God in the highest! Peace, to men good-will."

December, 1889. JEAN E. U'NEALE.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

How Is It to Be Done?

TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: I clip the following from the Telegraph of last Saturday, by way of asking for an explanation:

"Is Sir John Macdonald keeping the country in a state of harrowing suspense simply because he does not proclaim from the housetops that he will, or will not, dissolve parliament? He has several times dissolved parliament long before the expiry of its full term, and he always kept his intentions secret, except to his supporters."

Will the editor kindly inform me whether it is really within the power of Sir John Macdonald, or his ministry, or even the Queen herself, to dissolve parliament? Has such an attempt ever been made since the formation of constitutional government? Can it be made, short of a revolution? But the editor goes further, for he says that several times Sir John "has dissolved parliament." I am sorry to correct one who is supposed to be a public educator, but I really must take this opportunity of contradicting the statement, with a view of making the editor more exact in future. CUSHING.

Out at Sea.

Come With the Season.

T. William Bell sends out a very expressive chromo, illustrative of the virtues of his teas.

Among the attractive calendars of the season are those of Hall & Fairweather and the Liverpool, London & Globe Insurance Co.

The Maritime Steam Lithograph Co. has been doing some good work lately. A design for a blotter, made for the Eastern Assurance Co. is an especially good thing of its kind.

The Intercolonial railway has a calendar showing a good picture of Sydney, C. B., in colors. L. O. Grothe & Co., Montreal, send one big enough for the deafest man to read, while the Barber & Ellis Co., the Glasgow & London Insurance Co., and others, swell the list of neat and useful reminders of the season.

Out at Sea.

Visiting His Maritime Province Friends.

M. Maxime Ingres returned last Tuesday to the city, and is going to spend a few days. All his friends, and especially the Ingres-Coutellier school, are much pleased to see him again. M. Ingres has established a branch of the school in Ottawa, and will probably go next week to Montreal, where the educational authorities have asked him to establish a branch.

Out at Sea.

[FOR PROGRESS.] ELECTION EVE.

You must wake and call me early, very early, mother, dear, For I am on the ticket and election day is near; My card is all in print, mother, it has a taking sound, But I've got to hustle round, mother, I've got to hustle round.

I don't know very much, mother, of politics or law, My intellect is limited, for I take after pa, But I can carry with me—I'd like for you to note— The solid Orange vote, mother, the solid Orange vote.

Of course I'll have to buy, mother, some votes—but keep that mum— And flavor my religion with a little dash of rum; I've always been a Grit, mother, but you'll be glad to learn With a strong Conservative turn, mother, a strong Conservative turn.

I cannot say my mind, mother, is in a very happy state Regarding liens on lumber and the proper stampage rate, But my views upon Home Rule, mother, I'm gratified to tell, Are solid for Parnell, mother, solid for Parnell.

I am a Mason now, mother, I joined a week ago, And away up in the orders of temperance, as you know; Likewise I'm in the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias, too— That ought to pull me through, mother, that ought to pull me through.

So you must call me early, very early, mother mine, That I may get a big start and away—way down the line; The colored vote is mine, mother, so you needn't have a doubt But we're able to knock 'em out, mother, we're able to knock 'em out. —BUHAD.

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