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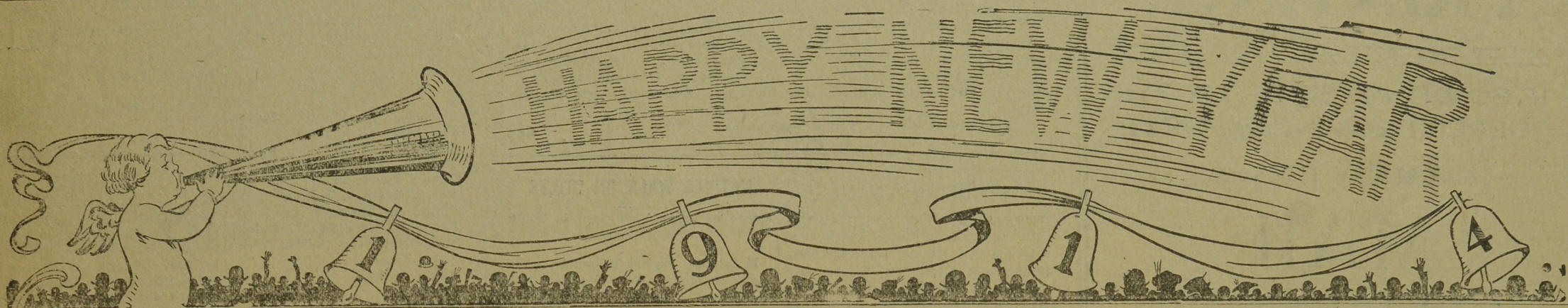
THE WEATHER.

Maritime — Strong northerly and northwesterly winds, moderate gales on Cape Breton, much colder, with light snow falls at first, then fair.

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BLIZZARD AND FLOODS IN EUROPE

Conditions are Reported Bad in Southern and Western France and Railways are Tied up

THE FIRST SNOW FALL IN MANY YEARS

Paris, Dec. 30—France and a great part of Europe are experiencing the bitterest year-end in a decade. Blizzards and floods have done great damage inland and gales of exceptional violence have ravaged the coasts.

In Spain and Portugal the intense cold has caused numerous deaths. In the South of France the temperature has registered some degrees below zero fahrenheit. Mount Vesuvius, in Italy, is covered with a mantle of snow.

Germany is now in the grip of storms and in many places, including Berlin, there have been heavy falls of snow.

In France and Southwest Europe, the railroads are cut in many places, and this section is completely isolated, so far as telegraphic communication is concerned.

Conditions are at their worse in Southern and Central France, which usually are favored with mild winters. Scores of villages which ordinarily never see snow, are cut off. The suffering of the poor is intense and deaths from exposure are common.

Paris and outlying districts have been partly snowbound and as a result of temporary thaws the tributaries of the Seine are overflowing. The Paris steamboat service, as a consequence, has been suspended and although the authorities do not anticipate a flood of disastrous proportions, they are taking all precautions as the weather bureau foresees no immediate improvement in conditions.

A cyclone struck Le Creusot, in Saone-et-Loire, doing great damage and overthrowing all the monuments in the cemetery. In the mountainous region of Morvan many houses were unroofed.

All the hills around Tolon, in the department of Var, are covered with snow for the first time in many years. Intense cold prevails. A terrific sea is running in the Mediterranean, threatening all craft that have not reached port.

OHIO SALOONS MUST TOE THE MARK

Columbus, O., Dec. 31—The year 1914 is not likely to wet its feet when it makes its entry into Ohio. Much of the liquid refreshments usually accompanying the New Year's Eve revelries will be missing. The State liquor license commission, which has been given a strangle hold on the liquor traffic legislation, has handed out the order that every saloon in the state must close its doors promptly at midnight. The indications are that the order will be generally obeyed.

CHARGED WITH THEFT

The case of three I.C.R. trainmen, Fred Perkins, Leonard Hannah and Warren Beaumont, charged with theft from passengers was before magistrate Steeves at Moncton yesterday. Perkins was the only one who appeared to face the charge, the others having forfeited their bail. The witnesses who testified were Mrs. Clara Hilyard of Dalhousie, Mrs. Jordan of Chatham, Mrs. G. H. Lounsbury of Chatham, Mrs. Lewiston and Miss Clara Ross of Chatham. The case will be resumed on Monday.

CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED

New U. S. Tariff has Been a Boon to the Western Farmers

Dr. Michael Clark Hammers the Tories in a Great Speech at New Glasgow, N. S.

New Glasgow, Dec. 29—One of the most enthusiastic and interesting political meetings ever held in Pictou County was that called for tonight in the Academy of Music here. As the chairman of the meeting, Hon. R. M. McGregor, M.P.P., remarked that it is plainly evident that the spirit of Liberalism is very much alive in Pictou County. The speakers were Michael Clark, M.P., of Red Deer, Alberta; Mr. John H. Sinclair, M.P., of Guysboro, and E. M. MacDonald, M.P., of Pictou.

The address of Dr. Michael Clark was a treat rarely enjoyed by a Nova Scotian audience and the mastery handling of the trade and navy questions by the brilliant British Canadian will be long remembered by every one within range of his voice. It was historical and his hearers followed him closely as he drew a picture of the battles of Liberalism in the Old Land and the contrast the same party was waging in Canada.

In discussing freer trade and reciprocity he was particularly happy. We live in days when events moved rapidly, as respecting the tariff and quoting Lloyd George, he believed the ice of protection was cracking all over the world. He told of the changed trade conditions in the west, due to the coming into effect of the Wilson tariff in the United States. 'The shipments of oats in 1911 had only been 183,000 bushels yet under a reduced tariff of six cents a bushel the shipments had grown to twenty millions of bushels being shipped from Canada to the United States.

JUST AS LOYAL AS EVER.

He took the audience into his confidence and told of his own experience as a raiser of beef cattle. This year he had sent his fat steers to the United States and received thirteen dollars and twenty-five cents per head more than he had ever done before, and with that profit in his pocket he had searched his heart, his soul and his conscience and found he was just as loyal to the Mother Country as he had ever been.

The Conservatives said trade with the United States could not and must not be. Like Mrs. Partington, they had tried to sweep back the Atlantic Ocean, and the waters had rolled over them to the amount of six hundred millions, his fat steers included.

On the subject of naval defence, the speaker was eloquent. He had no fear of Mr. Borden's emergency. It looked worse than it really was. You could talk up to it and actually stroke it without danger and he assured the audience that the Liberals were right in perfecting a system of self defence and not contribution.

For two hours Dr. Clark held the audience in his grasp and only a verbatim report can do the address justice.

SLUMP IN C. P. R.

The slump in C. P. R. stock to 205 has caused quite a stir in local financial circles. Many who bought the stock around 250 are still holding it and it will take them some time to even up. Quite a number of local speculators climbed on board yesterday at 206.

CHRISTIAN STUDENTS AT KANSAS CITY

Greatest Gathering of the Kind in the World's History—Seventh International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement—Presents a World Wide Constituency—Many Colleges in the East are Represented

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 31—The greatest gathering of Christian students in the history of the world began in Kansas City today and will continue until the end of the week. The occasion is the seventh international convention of the "Student Volunteer Movement," which represents a world-wide constituency of missionary students and workers. The chief object of the movement is to secure trained college men and women to volunteer for foreign missionary service in a campaign to Christianize the world.

The size and representative character of the present gathering exceeds the most sanguine expectations of its promoters. Up to noon today more than three thousand delegates had registered at the convention headquarters. Among them they represent hundreds of institutions of learning throughout the United States and Canada, as well as a number of foreign countries. Heading the foreign delegates were several scores of Chinese students. Many colleges and universities in the east, the south and the west have sent delegations of from fifty to one hundred members each. For the entertainment of the vast army of visitors hundreds of homes in Kansas City have been thrown open. Many of the student delegations are accompanied by members of the college faculties. Foreign missionaries from many parts of the world are also among the visitors.

This afternoon the convention met to organize and to listen to addresses of welcome delivered in behalf of the city and the local churches and religious organizations. John R. Mott, the chairman of the executive committee of the movement, occupied the chair. Surrounding him on the platform were many men and women of wide reputation as educators, missionaries and leaders in religious movements.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

Each day during the convention there will be special services in numerous churches, in addition to the regular sessions of the convention. The latter will be presented with numerous interesting reports from committees appointed at the last convention of the movement, held in Rochester four years ago. Missionaries returned from foreign lands will tell of their work and of the needs of the countries with which they are particularly acquainted. Daily sermons are to be preached by noted divines who are among the delegates and visitors. Other sessions and side conferences will be devoted to the consideration of present-day social, religious, industrial and educational problems. In these discussions many men and women of prominence will take part.

The Student Volunteer is a unique movement. It had its inception some years ago in a visitation to schools and colleges of two or three college-giants with missionary enthusiasm to arouse in the students a missionary interest and to enlist some of them for the work.

In more recent years it has developed into a great organization under the direction of Dr. John R. Mott, who only a short time ago declined

the appointment of minister to China rather than to interrupt the great work he has undertaken. The organization maintains permanent headquarters in New York City. Half a dozen travelling secretaries, including three young women representing the three leading women's colleges of the United States, are actively employed in the movement.

All colleges and higher institutions of learning are periodically visited by these travelling secretaries to keep alive the mission ideal and procure the best class of students as volunteers to fill the ranks in the mission boards. Auxiliary societies are formed in these schools through which the chief workers are kept constantly in touch with the students.

These college societies have become largely the source of supply to the missionary organizations of the various seats of Christian fellowship. The Student Volunteer Movement up to date has sent out nearly five thousand of its members to foreign fields. The movement is interdenominational and international. The women's colleges actively share in the work.

H. F. McLEOD ELECTED M.P. BY ACCLAMATION

H. F. McLeod was elected by acclamation as Member of the Dominion House of Commons for York today, Sheriff Howe declaring him elected at two p.m., when his court closed and no objections to Mr. McLeod's nomination were filed.

The nomination proceedings were the quietest on record. When the election was declared by the sheriff, more people were gathered in the corridor talking to one another than were in the court-room, where the official proceedings took place. Mr. J. A. Humble, the "Faithful Acheson" of Mr. McLeod and Ex-Ald. P. A. Guthrie, who has announced himself as Mr. McLeod's successor in the provincial House, wore beaming smiles as befitting the occasion. Col. McLeod performed a few handshaking stunts among the faithful knot of followers. The majority of the Conservative leaders of the county were conspicuous by their absence and it also was noticeable that those who bore the brunt of party battles in the past had not signed the nomination papers.

Among the names upon the papers were the following:—John Scott, J. D. Palmer, John A. Young, Harry Smith, Q. K. Howard, Eldon W. Douglass, Abner Gordon, R. H. Fleming, T. V. Monahan, A. C. Smith, Thomas Feeney, J. F. Ryan, A. H. Farrell, John A. Humble, H. E. Dewar.

DEATH AT MAUGERVILLE.

Charles W. Shields died this morning at his home in Maugerville. A widow, a sister of Mrs. Cyrus Burt and Mrs. F. B. Cooper of this city, survives. The deceased for many years was well known as a captain of river steamers. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon.

BIG MONEY IN BLACK FOXES

Ranches on P. E. Island are Worth Twelve Million Dollars

Worth More Than all the Stock on the Farms—Prices Keeping up Well

Charlottetown, Dec. 30—The outstanding feature of the year on P.E. Island has been the phenomenal development of the fox industry. The present value of ranches is \$12,000,000 twenty-five per cent. more than the stock on the farms.

The government will receive \$37,000 from fox taxes.

Prices show no sign of decline, options for next year being sold at from \$12,000 to \$14,000 per pair and next year will probably see mergers of important ranches. This week options were taken on several companies aggregating capitalization of about a third of a million. A prominent Halifax promoter has left here for England to finance the merger.

Agriculture about held its own during the year. There was a shortage in crops which is almost offset by increased prices. The value of the crops is about \$11,000,000 and fisheries \$1,000,000.

Leading merchants of the Island are almost unanimous that the year has been a good one, from a business standpoint.

The fox industry has loosened up money and stimulated speculation. A large portion of fox dividends was put back into more foxes but despite this collections were up to the average. Next year will likely see a new woolen factory and rolled oats mills started and the expansion of some existing industries, the development of the oyster industry by artificial cultivation; starting of the car ferry piers, passing of an act allowing automobiles to run; building of permanent steel bridges; extension of lectures and courses in agricultural education; increase in teachers' salaries are other milestones on the road of progress.

The new year opens up with the people full of optimism.

PUTS LID ON LIQUOR TRAFFIC

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 31—The hardest blow ever dealt the liquor traffic in Arkansas becomes effective at midnight tonight, which is the time fixed for the coming into operation of the Going law, which was enacted by the last legislature. The law requires a petition signed by the majority of the white adults of a community before a license can be issued to conduct a saloon. It is believed that virtual prohibition throughout the State will result from the operation of the law.

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A watch night service will take place at Christchurch Cathedral tonight, beginning at 11.15 o'clock. There will be a choral celebration of the Holy Communion, Very Rev. Dean Schofield being celebrant. Rev. A. H. Greenwood, rector of Canning and Chipman, will take part. New Year's Day is also the Feast of Circumcision. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 10.30 a.m.

STOCK MARKET CONTINUES IRREGULAR

Canadian Pacific is Holding up Well Around 206 and Many Shares Are Traded in

UNION PACIFIC AND STEEL ARE STEADY

New York, Dec. 31—The reactionary tendency of yesterday's stock market reflected largely the influence of the business failures announced during the day. Inasmuch, however, as events of this character tend to bring further liquidation of bank loans their broad bearing upon security values cannot be interpreted as wholly unfavorable. It is perhaps just as well that the upward tendency in the market was halted at this time, for it has operated to restore a normal short interest. In times, past reaction in business following a sustained decline in stocks has not interrupted a recovery in the security markets, and there seems no reason to believe that the present time would be an exception.

(Quotations by J. O. Mackintosh & Co., Bankers and Brokers.)

Copper	73½	72½
Smelters	64	64½
C.P.R.	206	206½
Northern Pacific	109	109
Pennsylvania	109½	109½
Great Northern	126½	126½
Reading	168½	168½
Lehigh	150	149½
Union Pacific	154½	155
U.S. Steel	58½	58½

Sales to 12 o'clock, 140,200 shares.

(Quotations by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, St. John, N.B.)

Royal Bank—73 @ 221.
Merchants Bank—5 @ 185.
Brazilian—310 @ 81, 55 @ 80½, 25 @ 80.
C.P.R. Rights—195 @ 4 3-32, 478 @ 4 1-16.
C.P.R.—27 @ 206, 25 @ 206½.
Canners—25 @ 56, 25 @ 52½, 25 @ 50, 10 @ 51.
Dominion Steel—11 @ 38.
Detroit—2 @ 70½.
Crown Reserve—50 @ 170.
Power—25 @ 209.
Shawinigan—25 @ 132.
McDonald—75 @ 17½.
Toronto Street—5 @ 138.
Illinois—25 @ 91.

WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

New York, Dec. 31.—National railways of Mexico will meet interest due Jan. 1st on prior lien 4½ per cent bonds by offering 3 year 6 per cent notes.

American Ice reports 11.12 per cent earned on preferred stock in 1913 fiscal year against 2.47 per cent in 1912.

Anglo-American Oil Co. declares interim dividend of 1 shilling a share and extra interim dividend of 1 shilling a share.

American Sheet and Tin plate Co's plant at Garry employing 1500 men re-opens after ten days idleness.

'Frisco receivers and Telegraphers reach agreement over wage dispute. President Willard says B. & O. gross earnings will show falling off in December but not as severe as in November.

Receivers of Siegel Stores estimate liabilities at \$7,500,000.