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THE PASSING OF 1913

The closing hours of the old year are passing away and tonight we say farewell to good old 1913 with its joys and sorrows, its successes and disappointments, and welcome in the little stranger 1914, which is now knocking at the door for admission.

The flight of time takes no notice of the artificial boundaries which men set up for their own convenience to divide the span of the earth's existence into centuries, decades, years, months, weeks, days, hours, minutes and seconds, but pursues relentlessly its course while man himself occupies but a brief period from his birth to the grave.

The world is growing better as the years advance, says the optimist, and he is in the great majority; the old times were best, declares the pessimist, and the world is going to the dogs, courting Divine judgment and condemnation.

The opinion of men, whether hopeful or otherwise, doesn't make much difference in the plans of the Creator for the maintenance of the universe, but the acts of men have much to do with affairs on this sphere and the balance is in favor of the good, the noble, the true.

This earth is a great deal better today than it ever was—better because of the spread of the Christian religion, better in precept and practice and while the millennium is still a long way off, the harmonizing civilizing influences of Christianity are working to that end and achieving much.

We are making history, the history of a young and vigorous country with scarcely any limit to our possibilities, let us build wisely and well, so that in contemplation of the future, we may feel the same degree of pride that we boast of in our past and present history.

Fredericton has enjoyed a fair share of material prosperity during the year now drawing to a close. New railway lines have been opened for traffic, there has been an improvement in the steamship service on the river and many new citizens have thrown in their lot with us. The outlook for the future is most promising and a feeling of optimism prevails in the community.

The inauguration of a Democratic President in the United States and the removal of the duties on lumber and many products of the farm has opened up great possibilities for agriculture in New Brunswick. Politicians may dilate on loyalty and patriotism for partisan purposes but after all, if the people of New Brunswick are prosperous, happy and contented there will never be any cause to question their loyalty to the old flag. When we say that the New England States is the natural market for the products of New Brunswick, we state a simple fact, which cannot be successfully controverted.

Old mortality has been busy during the year and men who have been prominent in the life of the county of York are now no more. Mr. Alexander Gibson, who achieved fame as a lumberman, railway builder and manufacturer, closed his long and useful life in August. Rev. Joseph McLeod, journalist and temperance reformer, and W. Turney Whitehead, who for some years was prominent in public affairs, were among the notable men who passed to the great beyond during the year.

The Daily Mail wishes everybody a happy New Year. May there be less sorrow and more joy, peace and contentment, prosperity and righteousness in the homes of the people, in the busy marts of commerce, in the great councils of the nation and may New Brunswick and Canada march forward to their great destiny blessed by the recognition and kind care of a beneficial and smiling Providence.

Secretary Daggett of the Provincial agricultural department is to think that it is part of his duty to talk politics and repli-

ments made by public men. The secretary is on the wrong track. He had better let Premier Flemming talk politics for the government. If Mr. Daggett knows as little about agriculture as he apparently does about the potato trade he is a bad investment for the province.

The St. John Daily Telegraph says: Hon. Mr. Flemming's latest declaration about the route of the Valley railroad below Gagetown leaves the Globe unconvinced. It wonders at the apathy of the Council and the Board of Trade. Mr. Flemming is for the east side route, but his enthusiasm for it has not led him so far as to be in construction. There is much uncertainty about the whole matter, despite statements by Messrs. Flemming, Wilson and McLeod. The biggest doubt of all was raised by Hon. Robert Rogers' statement that the Courtenay Bay terminals were to be used in common by all the railways. As a matter of fact St. John should have had definite assurances about the G. T. P. long before this not only from Mr. Chamberlain but from the Federal government.

Premier Flemming should take his secretary for agriculture by the ear, lead him away back somewhere and request him to sit down. He is talking altogether too much for publication these days. One day we find him telling the press that 'the embargo is about to be lifted from Carleton County potatoes and the next day he rushes into print to say that our potatoes are diseased. Yet the Flemming Government sent this man to Washington to tell the U. S. department of agriculture that our potatoes are free from disease.

Secretary of Agriculture Daggett who is evidently opposed to our farmers having truck or trade with the Yankees, says that the Canadian market will absorb New Brunswick's surplus crop of potatoes. Mr. Frank DeL. Clements who knows something about the potato trade, says that the Canadian market will take about fifteen car loads a week and no more. New Brunswick farmers it is estimated have about a million and a half barrels or 7500 carloads yet to market. This means that it will take five hundred weeks or nearly ten years to get rid of the 1913 potato crop. How do the farmers of York like the prospect?

Col. H. F. McLeod, who has resigned his portfolio of Provincial Secretary was today elected to the Federal Parliament for York by acclamation. Although Col. McLeod goes to Ottawa with the prestige of a provincial minister, the chances are that he will be called upon to hold down one of the back benches. This will be a new experience for him but he will have to grin and bear it. The Colonel still has a few things to learn about the political game, and the Federal parliament is looked upon as a very good school.

Col. McLeod makes the seventh representative which York has sent to the House of Commons since Confederation. His predecessors were Hon. Charles Fuber 1867 to 1872, John Pickard 1872 to 1883, Thomas Temple 1883 to 1896, Hon. George E. Foster 1896 to 1900, Alex. Gibson Jr. 1900 to 1904, O. S. Crockett 1904 to 1913.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1620—The Pilgrims held the first Sabbath observance in their settlement at Plymouth.

1775—Gen. Montgomery killed while leading an unsuccessful assault of an American force against Quebec.

1781—Congress chartered the Bank of North America.

1829—Gen. Guerrero resigned the presidency of Mexico.

1882—Leon Gambetta, former Dictator of France, died. Born April 2, 1838.

1889—Horatio Allen, who ran the first railroad locomotive in America died in New Jersey. Born in 1802.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Emile Loubet, former President of France, 75 years old today.

Brig. Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, U. S. A., 60 years old today.

Harry S. New, former chairman of the National Republican Committee, 55 years old today.

Robert M. Byrne, third baseman of Philadelphia National League, 28 years old today.

TO GIVE PARTY FOR THE BOWERY

New York, Dec. 30.—Not the least interesting of the varied entertainment with which the metropolis is planning to usher in the New Year tomorrow night will be the party to be given by Frederick Townsend Martin, society leader, author and "uplifter of the poor." Mr. Martin terms the affair a Bowery party and his guests will include several hundred men, women and children gathered up indiscriminately along that famous thoroughfare and in the neighboring streets of the lower East Side. Mr. Martin will have a supper for his guests, following which some famous opera concert and musicians will furnish entertainment for the gathering.

MISS LUCY HOKE SMITH A BRIDE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Miss Lucy Hoke Smith, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Hoke Smith of Georgia and one of the most popular girls in the official set in Washington, today became the bride of Elsign Alston Simpson, U. S. N., a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson of Fort Gaines, Ga. The wedding took place at noon at the home of the bride's parents. Miss Smith had no attendants and only the relatives of the two families and a few intimate friends from the South were in attendance.

NEW YORK'S "JUVENILE DEMOCRACY"

New York, Dec. 31.—The most unique election in the history of New York will be held tomorrow, when 40,000 or more children of the lower East side will vote in the first primary election of a "juvenile democracy." The movement has been organized by the East Side Protective Association with a view to giving the future citizens a practical training in self-government and politics. The polling places will be at the public schools, and assemblymen, congressmen, mayors and heads of municipal departments will be nominated. The general election will be held on Lincoln's birthday, when candidates leading in the primary will be voted on. The original idea was to limit the voting rights to the boys. The announcement to this effect, however, brought forth a vigorous protest from the girls, with the result that a proclamation granting equal suffrage was promptly issued.

THE BEAUTIFUL SNOW

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