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THE NEW YEAR.

Civilization, said a recent essayist restating an old truth, is a growth and not a trick. Consequently the man who expects the year 1922 to be come by some sleight of hand radically different from the year 1921 is doomed to disappointment.

But if he will take thought for a moment or two of his own attitude toward life he will see what little ground there is for surprise that the things that have been proved to be substantially the things that will be. If nothing else enlightened him the joke that New Year's resolutions are should be sufficient. We do not keep the resolutions which would change our way of living. This is because they are resolutions to change our habits, and habit is the momentum of a man's whole past life. It takes a greater force than resides in the human will to change at once the direction in which that momentum is driving a man forward.

As the momentum of society is the sum of the momentums of the individuals which compose it, the general direction in which it moves remains pretty constant. Attempts have been made to force it at right angles from its old course, but they have never succeeded. They have been accompanied by wrecks like those which overtake an automobile trying to turn a sharp corner at sixty miles an hour. Inertia, that tendency to continue moving in the direction in which one has started, makes it difficult to bring about any changes. It takes a powerful external force to accomplish anything and that force is usually powerful enough to produce only a curve from the old direction—a curve of so long a radius that for years its variation from the old direction is barely apparent.

An external force was applied by a Carpenter in Palestine nearly 2000 years ago. If we look back over the centuries we can see some evidence of a change in the direction in which society is moving. But if we look back to the beginning of 1921 society will seem to have made no progress toward better things. And at the end of 1922 the same thing will be substantially true.

But the world does move on toward better things. And it is because of the conscious resolutions to avoid the old errors and the old injustices that men are making every year and also because of the immortal idealism of youth, keeping alive a belief in progress.

As men grow old they lose their ideals, but a residuum of the early beliefs remains, so that each generation is a little further advanced than the last. It has been said that the dreams of one generation become the realities of the next, but this is only partly true. If it were wholly true we should have a new world in thirty or forty years. But it is undoubted that such progress as we do make is due to those few youthful dreams which survive the sophistication and cynicism of maturity.

We shall all have to continue to earn our daily bread this year as last and we shall all hope that it may be a little easier to do it. And it begins to look as if this hope might be realized.

Material prosperity, however, does not make the world better. It takes something else, and that is spiritual discernment and a devotion to those things which it discloses. The Carpenter of Nazareth never talked through a telephone or rode in a steamship, an automobile or an airplane. The world has made greater material progress in the last century than in all previous recorded time. If its soul had expanded in the same proportion it would be a better place to live in.

Mr. H. C. Crowell, in the New Year's number of the Halifax Chronicle, gives an interesting sketch of the career of Mr. Donald MacKay, a native of Nova Scotia who achieved fame as a ship builder in the United States before the Civil War. Mr. Crowell points out that the wonderful clipper ships, the Great Republic, the Sovereign of the Seas, the Flying Cloud and the Flying Fish and others which were such a great source of pride to the Americans in the old days, were designed and built by Mr. MacKay and launched from his shipyard in East Boston. Mr. MacKay left his native land in the early fifties and died in Massachusetts in 1880. The ships which he built were noted for their fast passages between New York and San Francisco during the

days when the gold fever was at its height.

Friends of Coun. Pat Graham of Southampton are welcoming him back to the Municipal Council board after an absence of two years. Although a staunch Conservative in politics Coun. Graham has always been a reformer. In his early days at the board he discovered that the business of the council was manipulated by a ring, or family compact on a small scale. He fought the family compact, and got himself in no end of trouble. He was abused by the organ of his own party and ever his loyalty to British institutions was called in question. He pursued the even tenor of his way, however, and kept up the fight until victory perched on his banner. Today he is back on the job and the abuses of which he complained in former times no longer exist.

Halifax Morning Chronicle is a highly creditable production. It is printed in three sections of sixteen pages each and contains a number of special articles reviewing business conditions in the sister province. The list of contributors include such men as President Cutten of Acadia University, Prof. Cumming of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Mr. Thomas F. Anderson, Mr. H. C. Crowell and Dr. J. D. Logan. Nova Scotia has made substantial progress during the year, and the tone of the Chronicle's articles, indicates a very optimistic spirit in regard to the future.

Mr. Arthur McCoig, M. P., a fighting Liberal who has long represented the County of Kent, Ontario in the House of Commons, has been appointed to the Senate. Hon. James Murdock, Minister of Labor will be the government candidate for the seat. The New Year's number of the which has been vacated.

Somebody has estimated the age of the earth at 8,000,000,000 years. Man came along some 7,999,990,000 years later and has taken a good many liberties for a stranger, specially in the way of painting the place red.

Perhaps the most rapid means that could be employed to break up the bootleg business would be to encourage those wood alcohol mixtures.

A California institution announces that earthquakes may be predicted with the same precision as whether forecasts. Not really?

Trotsky declares Russia must still maintain a large army. And yet Russia hasn't a bone to pick with any one.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE
 Toot, toot! Twoty-wo! We're off!

Nowadays Humpty Dumpty merely falls into cold storage.

It is never too late to make good resolutions—nor to keep them.

Life's darkest moment is when the alarm clock rings.

The earth is slowing down, say astronomers. But flappers have, not been informed of the fact.

In looking a gift horse in the mouth it is important not to get the fingers bitten.

This world is changing rapidly. Many a woman received but one guest towel for Christmas.

"After all," says a writer in the Boston Transcript, "it is not so much a solemn thing to be a grandfather." On the contrary it is hilarious!

Holidays is the term used to describe the week between Christmas and New Year's when all the Christmas cards are left on display preparatory to reviving the furnace fire with them.

One difference between men and women is that the former regard a pongee handkerchief with too much respect to use it like an ordinary handkerchief, while the women—God bless them—can use one to wipe their pretty little noses without batting an eye.

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LEGISLATION
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F. C. Smith moved to amend the by-law relating to polling divisions in the Parish of North Lake.

Coun. Cowperthwaite presented the report of the Committee on the Secretary's Treasurer's Accounts which was received and adopted.

Municipal Home Matters.

Coun. Inch brought up the question of retaining the services of the overseers of the poor as well as having Municipal Home Commissioners. He was of the opinion that the duties overlapped.

Discussion ensued and after a time, on the motion of Coun. Pond, the matter was allowed to rest until the report of the Municipal Home Commissioners should be presented.

On the motion of Coun. Graham the Audit Committee on Municipal Home accounts was permitted to retire to take up its duties.

Road Damages.

On the motion of Coun. Brewer seconded by Coun. Seymour two hundred dollars for damages and seven dollars for expenses was voted for opening a road in the Parish of Douglas.

On the motion of Coun. Seymour, Pound District No. 18, including the village of Napudogan, was created.

Borrowing Powers.

Coun. Brewer spoke to a motion relating to methods of finance for the county. In the past the members of the Finance Committee had been compelled to arrange to borrow from banks on their personal responsibility. That was not fair to the members of the committee and there should be some other method of financing.

Coun. Brewer then moved a resolution to the effect that the County Solicitor be instructed to draft a bill for the legislature to authorize the Municipality to arrange with any chartered bank for a loan not to exceed fifty per cent of the total assessment for the year in which such loan may be made.

Coun. Hinchey spoke in support of the motion which was carried unanimously.

The council adjourned at noon until 3.30 p. m. the early part of the afternoon to be spent inspecting Victoria Hospital.

Case Resumed Today

The case against Louise Budovitch for misusing tags for game hides was resumed in the police court this afternoon.

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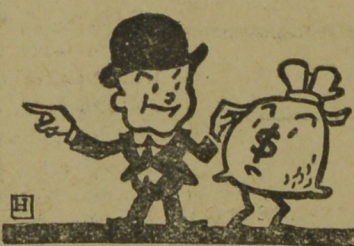
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