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THE DYING YEAR

Tomorrow will see the close of the year 1911 and Monday will usher in its successor, 1912.

The old year is passing, with all its successes and disappointments, its joys and its sorrows, and now we are on the threshold of the new year with all its hopes and anticipations.

The year 1911 has been a notable year, notable in events that will occupy the pages of history for all time. The coronation of our beloved sovereign, King George, and his estimable consort, Queen Mary, at Westminster Abbey in June is still fresh in the minds of their millions of loyal subjects. Notables from all over His Majesty's vast domain, as well as representatives of foreign nations, attended the ceremony, which was one of the most brilliant and imposing of the kind in the world's history. Only a few weeks ago their Majesties journeyed to far-off India and attended the imperial Durbar, where they were proclaimed emperor and empress of India.

An important political event in Great Britain was the resignation of the Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour as leader of the Unionist party, and the appointment of Mr. A. Bonar Law, a former New Brunswick, as his successor. Mr. Law enjoys the distinction of being the first colonial to be called to the leadership of one of the great political parties in England.

The close of the year finds two great nations, Turkey and Italy, engaged in war, and the mighty Chinese empire in the throes of a revolution. The indications are that the war between Turkey and Italy will be of short duration, while the overthrow of the monarchy and the establishment of a republic in China will probably bring about a solution of many of the problems which have obstructed the progress of the flowery kingdom for many years.

A successful revolution was carried out in Mexico during the year, and President Diaz, who has ruled that country for many years, was driven into exile. The leader of the revolution was Francisco Madero, Jr., who has since been elected to the presidency. Whether or not his regime will be more successful than that of Diaz remains to be seen.

In Canada the most notable event was the defeat of the Liberal government, led by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, which had been in power since 1896. The government went down to defeat not on its administrative record, but on the question of reciprocity with the United States. An agreement for reciprocal trade was negotiated in January last by Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Paterson on behalf of Canada and by President Taft and Secretary Knox, acting for the American republic. It was admitted even by Conservatives that a splendid bargain had been made on behalf of Canada, and it is evident that the big trusts of the United States thought so, too, as they fought the agreement tooth and nail. After a protracted session the agreement was ratified by the United States Congress and Senate without amendment. A determined but unsuccessful effort was made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Mr. Fielding to have the measure ratified by the Parliament of Canada. The Conservative minority backed up by the manufacturers and monetary interests of the country, obstructed the passage of the measure and were able to force a dissolution. The appeal to the people which followed, resulted in the overthrow of the best government Canada has ever known.

The defeat of the Laurier ministry was followed a few days later by the

departure of Earl Grey, who had for six years filled the post of governor general. He was succeeded in the high office by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, the first member of the royal family to occupy the post of governor general. His Royal Highness has already won the esteem of all classes with whom he has come in contact and gives promise of being one of the most popular rulers that Canada has had since confederation.

The close of the year finds Canada in the enjoyment of wonderful prosperity. Our foreign trade is steadily expanding, bank clearings are steadily increasing, there is activity in all lines of trade, and immigrants are pouring into the country from Europe and the United States. As Sir Wilfrid Laurier well said in the course of a great speech delivered a few years ago, "the 19th century was the century of the United States; the 20th century belongs to Canada."

Fredericton has shared to some extent in the general prosperity of the country, and our people will enter upon the coming year with a feeling of greater hope and confidence. The early construction of the St. John Valley Railway, for which a contract has been signed, and the construction of the Gibson & Minto Railway will mean much for this community and fully justifies the feeling of optimism which prevails on every side.

To all its subscribers and patrons The Mail extends its very best wishes for A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Windsor Record: Both Grits and Tories can afford to drop this British born business. It is as much of a race cry as the Bourassa appeal to rabid Nationalists in the Province of Quebec. One is as bad as the other. Are we to build up by unification of the races or are we to destroy by vicious class kow-towing when an election comes? It is to be hoped that Canadian people have more sense than to let politicians on either side engender dangerous racial dissensions to further their own ends.

Canadian Endeavor World: What is needed is that every worker, head worker, hand worker, employer, employee, money man, brain man, muscle man, shall be fused into a single union, the Christian commonwealth.

SELF-SACRIFICE OF IRISH STATESMEN

Speaking at York, the Master of Ellibank, Chief Liberal Whip, said that he was glad to appear on the same platform as that distinguished Irish statesman, Mr. T. P. O'Connor. He thought the English public did not sufficiently appreciate the self-sacrifice of the Irish leaders. Ireland had sent forth a constant stream of statesmen and administrators to fill the highest positions in the United States, in our self-governing Commonwealths, in our great Indian dependency, and in the Crown Colonies. And yet at home there were the Irish leaders, returned to Parliament repeatedly by an overwhelming number of their countrymen, denying themselves offices and the fruit of legitimate ambition in public life so long as this country thought fit to maintain in its midst the shame and peril of a discontented Ireland. It was well known amongst Parliamentarians that men of ability inferior to that of the Irish leaders often reached the Treasury Bench under Tory and Liberal Administrations, while the Irish leaders had the added poignancy of feeling that, in spite of the best intentions, and the finest political theories, their country had been wretchedly misgoverned in the past by Englishmen, who, with all their great attributes for ruling subject races, had no instinctive knowledge of the handling and governing of small white nationalities. The only secret of good government was the magic of responsibility which sprang from self-government, as successfully applied to the French in Canada, the Dutch in Africa, and the British elements generally in our great Colonies. At any rate, so far as the Irish leaders were concerned, looking to their long voluntary exclusion from public office, it could not be said that politics for them was a self-seeking game. The Irish had now behind them the growing force of Nationalism in Scotland and Wales, and, happily, also a lessening prejudice in England. The day of their political emancipation was now close at hand. Quite apart from the sentimental aspect of the question, the business necessities created by the annually increasing congestion of business at Westminster would force this country to realize the need of decentralization.

PERSONAL

Miss Mary Thompson left last evening for Ottawa where she will take up her residence with her sister Mrs. A. G. Blair.

MONTREAL MAN SUFFERS HEAVY LOSS BY FIRE

Two Factories in Which Ald. James Robinson is Interested Caught Fire at Brief Intervals This Morning

(Canadian Press.)

Montreal, Q., Dec. 20.—To have two factories, one of which he owns and the other in which he has a half interest, catch fire within half an hour of each other, was the strange coincidence which overtook Ald. Jas. Robinson this morning.

The first fire took place about 4.30 in the Robinson Shoe Company's wholesale warehouse, where the damage amounted to about \$20,000.

The other fire took place in the Tetrault Shoe Company's factory. The latter building is really a part of the Brothers of Charity Reformatory School, which is connected with it by a passage. The factory forms one wing of the building and the school the other. In the school are 350 boys and for a time it was feared that they would have to be taken out. The St. Alexis Orphanage is situated on the opposite corner and the small boys and girls, hastily aroused by the nuns, were ready for a quick exit, if further encroachments were made by the flames. But there was no thought of allowing the children to face the bitter cold of the early morning without being properly fortified and while the ice-coated firemen battled to keep the flames back, the children were taken to the basement and through the haze of smoke could be discerned unconcernedly eating their breakfast porridge.

WILL MEET IN SEPTEMBER

Dr. W. S. Carter of this city and Inspector Amos O'Brien representing the executive of the Federation of Canadian Clubs conferred with the executive of the Fredericton Canadian Club last night with regard to the arrangements for the holding of the Federation meeting in this city in 1912. Mr. H. Porter of St. John was to be a representative of the Federation executive was delayed at Fredericton Junction and failed to reach the city in time. September was chosen at the time for holding the meeting and the dates will be announced later. The sessions will continue for three days and between seventy-five and one hundred delegates from all parts of Canada will attend. Dr. Carter and Messrs C. F. Chestnut and A. R. Slipp were appointed a committee to make arrangements.

Mrs. Frank Shute and child of Yarmouth, N.S., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Whitehead.

Mr. C. E. Henderson of St. John, arrived in the city last evening.

Mr. James P. Wetmore of Central Blissettville is at the Barker House.

Mr. Ross T. Tompson of Sydney arrived in the city last night.

Mr. H. A. Porter of St. John is registered at the Barker House.

Ms. W. J. Nagle of St. John is in the city.

MONTREAL HAS ANOTHER MIXED MARRIAGE CASE

Woman Wants Marriage Annulled Because of an Impediment Which is Recognized as Detriment in Canon Law

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Preliminary proceedings in another marriage annulment case were opened yesterday, when in practice court, a petition was presented on behalf of Dame Marie Anne Meunter, who seeks permission to enter suit in Forma Pauperis in order to have her marriage contracted in 1903 annulled by the civil tribunals on the grounds of consanguinity. The petitioner also alleges three grave reasons which she said would be of themselves sufficient to justify a legal separation. The newest separation, differs from the famous Hebert "Ne Temere" case, in that the main point of contention is not the competency of the minister who officiated at the marriage, but simply a case "of the effect of an impediment which is recognized as detriment in canon law, and which it is contended is held to have the same effect in civil law."

It is petitioned that no dispensation was secured to cover the detriment induced by consanguinity, that the marriage was thus null from the beginning in ecclesiastical law.

COL. ROOSEVELT CANNOT ESCAPE

(Canadian Press.)
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 30.—Theodore Roosevelt cannot escape being a candidate for the nomination for president, according to a ruling made yesterday by Secretary of State Knox, who said Mr. Roosevelt's name would remain on the primary election ballots unless John O. Yeister of Omaha who filed the petition withdraws it. Mr. Roosevelt himself, the secretary said, cannot cancel the petition. The ruling is supplementary to one made at the time of the filing and is in anticipation of an expected petition placing W. J. Bryan on the ballot as a presidential candidate. News reached Secretary Knox that such a petition was being prepared.

BRITISH CRUISER IS ORDERED TO EGYPT

(Canadian Press.)
Malta, Dec. 30.—The British cruiser Suffolk has been ordered to proceed from here to Egypt, where she will cruise in Egyptian waters in order to preserve the neutrality of Egypt during the Turco-Italian war.

It is probable that other cruisers will be sent to Egypt for the same purpose.

1813—British burned Black Rock and Buffalo.

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WELLAND CANAL MADE RECORD FOR YEAR

(Canadian Press.)
Port Colborne, Ont. Dec. 30.—Twenty five hundred and seventy four vessels of all kinds this year passed through the Welland Canal up and down breaking the record for any previous year in the history of the canal.

The lockages total nearly four hundred more than last season. Perhaps fifty million bushels of wheat were brought down through the canal, during the season. The fastest trip from one end to the other was made by the city of Montreal, which took just 9 hours and 20 minutes to go through.

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CHICAGO TO HAVE QUIET TIME

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The fact that this year will probably have the effect of putting a slight damper upon the celebration of the closing night of this year. Owing to the recent shake-ups in the police department and the strong sentiment among the better classes against the scenes of rowdism which in former years constituted so disgraceful a feature in the popular observance of New Year's eve, Chief of Police McWeeny has announced his determination to suppress as much as possible all excesses of boisterousness that would have a tendency to disturb the Sabbath peace. The celebrations in the hotels and big cafes a prompt stop to any exuberance of will also be carefully watched to put spirit displayed by the midnight revelers awaiting the advent of the New Year.

A Connecticut Dutchman having been elected president of the Waterbury Lodge of Ancient Order of Hibernians, the rest of them will keep a Waterbury watch on him through the year.

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