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THE BANNER YEAR

The Times yesterday asked a number of St. John merchants in the wholesale trade what their views were with regard to business prospects for next year. They were unanimously of the opinion that 1910 will be the banner year in Canada, and that the eastern provinces will share in the general advance. There has been a large volume of general business during the present year, despite the dullness in the lumber market, and while payments have been a little slow in spots, yet collections on the whole have been well up to the average.

There is a general feeling that more attention should be paid to the matter of increasing the farming population in New Brunswick, and that this is really the greatest need of the province. An enumeration of the advantages of farm life here, when the farmer pursues the proper methods and gets the most out of his farm and its belongings, shows that he has a great advantage over the settler on the prairie sections of the west. The hope is generally expressed that public interest will be aroused and systematic effort made to settle the vacant farms, and form settlements along the new railways, and so improve the conditions in already settled districts that the tendency to quit the farm may be checked.

One of the merchants interviewed remarked that the lower provinces are really progressing more rapidly under present conditions than many of our own people realize. He resented the suggestion that they are backward as some pessimistic persons represent.

It is clear enough that the opportunities for advancement are here. The advantages of soil, climate, geographical position with respect to markets, possession of most varied and valuable raw materials, and many others point to the fact that any failure to advance is not due to these, but to the people themselves.

The year 1910 will be the banner year in Canada. What it may bring to New Brunswick and to this city will be in part due to circumstances and location, but in larger part to the spirit and the efforts of the people.

PRaise for Mr. Fielding

The budget speech of Mr. Fielding has won praise from Conservative as well as Liberal sources. The Ottawa Citizen is a Conservative Journal, and a vigorous supporter of Mr. Borden. "The Citizen says that 'No one could read the budget speech of Finance Minister Fielding without a feeling of increasing pride and confidence in the future of Canada.'"

Noting the fact that Mr. Fielding's former budget speeches were "characteristically cautious," the Citizen refers to the money stringency and world-wide depression of 1907-08, and adds:—

"For the time being there was a halting, rather than a recession of prosperity, but as soon as normal conditions are restored we experience such a vigorous resumption of prosperity that the current fiscal year will break all previous records, and possibly carry our revenue to the hundred million dollar mark. The finance minister's reference to the crest of the wave, while properly conservative, is no longer apt. The progress of this country is like a rising tide, which momentarily may seem to recede, only that the next wave may carry still higher."

Admitting the tendency of all nations "to temper prosperity with extravagance," the Citizen makes these just observations regarding the public expenditure and the duty of the opposition:—

"At the same time a country expanding as Canada is, making provision for the development of its resources and for the reception and settlement of an annually increasing tide of immigration, must be prepared to spend money freely. The business of the opposition is to endeavor to assure that this expenditure shall be in the nature of a productive investment, and be kept as free as possible from waste and extravagance."

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was more interest in Canadian affairs throughout the world than there is today, or a greater willingness on the part of capitalists to invest in Canada. This is Canada's growing time. We have had growth in population, growth in wealth, growth in national unity, growth in national status in the eyes of the world, growth in our sense of responsibility as citizens of a great empire. In all this growth we have reason to rejoice. But, what is better than all, we feel that this is but the beginning of greater things to come. To us as trustees of the Canadian people, has been given the duty of moulding the destinies of the Canadian Dominion at a time when it is of a formative character. Let us see to it, in the midst of our party strife, that at all times there rises above us the dominant note of a firm desire to do whatever is possible to promote the progress, prosperity and happiness of the Canadian people."

BANANA AND HICKORY

It is announced that General Bonilla of Honduras has developed a lively interest in banana-culture since Uncle Sam decided to look into the affairs of the little republics of which Honduras is one. The banana is a useful and wealth producing fruit. It is better to raise bananas than to raise the standard of revolution. This appears to be the matured judgment of General Bonilla, who lately was represented as the head of a revolutionary party in Honduras. There is room for doubt, however, whether he would have discovered the health and wealth producing qualities of the banana but for happenings to the north. Uncle Sam, who has large hickory plantations, has lately been giving much attention to the growth of a Big Stick. Bonilla heard about it, and decided not to compete in that line, but to go back to his bananas. This is better for business, and also better for Bonilla. If President Zelaya had discovered the merits of plantation life and devoted less attention to the cultivation of enemies, he might still have been president of Nicaragua.

This is a bad time of year for leaks in the water main. But better now than when there is more frost and heavy snow-dribs.

The new king of Belgium is described as a Socialist and a friend of the working man, and great results from his reign are predicted. The Congo will afford a fine field for the activities of a friend of the working man.

It is very satisfactory to learn that the Intercolonial Railway grain elevator is doing a record business this winter, and that the railway will get a large amount of general business in connection with the winter port steamers.

The bitter attack of Chancellor Lloyd-George on the established church and his impassioned appeal to the Non-Conformists introduces a new fighting issue in the British campaign that will raise public feeling in an unusual degree throughout England.

The question of a board of control is under discussion in Victoria, B. C. The Colonist says:—"There can be no doubt at all that officers responsible to the whole city and charged with the supervision of work over the whole city, will be less likely to be influenced by local and personal considerations than any alderman representing a ward only."

The Montreal Witness and Star are very severe on the aldermen charged by Judge Cannon with corrupt acts. The Witness says:—"The colossal shamelessness and impudence which enables the Montreal aldermen found guilty of wrongdoing in Judge Cannon's report, to continue to take their seats in the city council and remain among the active, working—working the city—aldermen, would be hard to parallel, even in the most notoriously corrupt of United States 'grafting cities.' It is a contempt for universal public opinion, so callous and cynical that it accentuates the necessity for the punishment of the guilty. Such an example against honesty and decency must not be allowed to be set with practical public acquiescence. Nothing could do more to lower the ideals of civic co-operation and public spirit among our young men, or do more to make our municipality a by-word among cities."

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Stores open till 11 o'clock tonight. St. John, Dec. 18, 1909

Useful Christmas Gifts in Clothing and Furnishings

It is becoming the custom more and more each year to give useful Christmas gifts such as will give comfort and service long after the holiday season is over. It is just such gifts as these that we are showing in large variety, a visit to these stores will help you decide on what is best to give. Read the partial list over:

Men's Overcoats . . . \$3.85 to \$22.50
Men's Suits . . . \$4.95 to \$20.00
Men's Pants . . . \$1.00 to \$4.50
House Coats . . . \$3.50 to \$5.00
Bath Robes . . . \$5.00 to \$7.00
Boys' Overcoats . . . \$2.98 to \$12.00
Boys' Suits . . . \$2.00 to \$12.00
Boys' Pants . . . 50c. to \$1.75
Cardigans . . . \$1.25 to \$2.50
Fancy Vests . . . \$1.50 to \$4.00

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For good, solid comfort get him a pair of Slippers for Christmas. He'll remember you long after the Christmas season has past, and bless your thoughtfulness.

We are showing very attractive lines this season, and we'll take pleasure in showing them to you at any time. Opera Slippers in Kid, Calf and Alligator in a variety of colors.

\$1.00, \$1.25 or \$1.75.

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List to Santa Claus' Advice!

Santa Claus says:—"Don't worry or run all over town trying to get the best in Perfume and Candy. Just go to Robb's where the latest, prettiest and most suitable are to be found! That's if you want to save money."

"RELIABLE" ROBB, The Prescription Druggist, 137 Charlotte Street.

Suitable Gifts For Xmas Presents.

Fur Collars \$2.50 and \$3.00 each.
Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas from 75 cents up.
Kid Gloves, Lined Gloves, Wool Gloves.
Golf Coats, Clouds, Toques, Mitts, etc.

Wetmore, Garden Street Dolls Toys and Fancy Goods.

AN OLD CHRISTMAS CHAROL

O, wake ye, little children,
And be of goodlie cheer,
Your sun so high along the sky
Hath shone two thousand year,
And once it saw a little Child
In manger lying undefiled,
And all about the cattle mild
Did lovingly draw near,
So, wake ye, little children,
And be of goodlie cheer.

O, wake ye, little children,
And let each heart be gay,
Good-will to men they caroled then,
How should ye delay?
Awake, awake, and rise and sing,
And greet ye every living thing,
For man and beast did greet your King.
On that first Christmas Day!
Then wake ye, little children,
For this is Christmas Day.

—From "A Child's Christmas Tree," in the December Everybody's.

A CHRISTMAS BELL

(By Clinton Scollard.)

Had I the power
To cast a bell that should from some grand
tower,
At the Christmas hour,
Outring
And fling
A jubilate message wide,
The forged metals should be thus allied—
No iron pride,
But soft humility and rich-veined hope
Clift from some steep slope,
And there should be
White charity,
And silvery love that knows no doubt nor
fear,
To make the peal more clear;
And then, to finally fix the fine alloy,
There should be joy.

IN BETHLEHEM TOMB

(By Eugene Field.)

As I was going to Bethlehem town,
Upon the earth I cast me down
All underneath a little tree,
That whispered in this voice to me:
"Oh, I shall stand on Calvary,
And bear what burthen saveth thee."

As up I fared to Bethlehem town,
I met a shepherd coming down,
And thus he quoth: "A wondrous sight
Hath spread before mine eyes this night
An angel host, most fair to see,
That sunn full sweetly of a tree
That shall uplift on Calvary
What burthen saveth you and me!"

And as I got to Bethlehem town,
I saw men come that bore a crown,
"Is there," cried I, "in Bethlehem
A King shall wear this diadem?"
"Good sooth!" they quoth, "and it is He
That shall be lifted on the tree,
And freely shed on Calvary
What blood redeemeth us and thee!"

IN LIGHTER VEIN

HAIL TO THE CHIEFS.

An egotist, friend,
Is a man loud and trim,
Who thinks when it hails
It is bailing for him.

—Buffalo News.

FEW OF THEM.

The Woman-Hater—"Can you explain why it is that a woman hardly ever thanks a man for giving her his seat in the car?"
The Man-Hater—"Easily, sir! It's because she hardly ever gets the chance."

DOUBTFUL.

No doubt a lot more women would marry for home if they could do it without encumbering themselves with husbands.—Chicago News.

OPPORTUNITY.

He—"When I get interested in a subject, I don't stop till I have embraced it thoroughly."
She—"How perfectly delightful! Do you consider that I am an interesting subject?"

GETTING RICH.

"I guess so. He thinks the Government is wrong in trying to curb the trusts."

SAD.

She's mournful. Life is full of woe,
No longer is she seen to smile;
She bought a rat two weeks ago
And now the thing is out of style.

EASY TASK.

New Bride—"Mamma says she does not think we will ever quarrel as she and Papa do."
Groom—"Never, dearie."

New Bride—"No," she says you will be much easier to manage than Papa was."

A DULL NIGHT.

"Did you enjoy Mabel's party last night?"
"Not at all. Nobody coaxed me to sing."

THE PERFORMER.

She was just a shopping lady, and she was signalling the car in the orthodox fashion of her sex; but it rolled on, and did not come to a halt until eight people had shouted. Then she glared at the conductor, boiling over with indignation.

"Why didn't you stop the car for me?"

"How was I to know you wanted to get on?"

"Didn't you see me swinging my arms, and jumping up and down and waving my umbrella?"

"Of course. Could anyone help seeing you?" The whole street was looking at you."

"Then why didn't you stop when you saw me?"

"I thought you were dancing to an organ!"

THE PRICE TAG ON FRIENDS.

And now once more we list our friends.
On each a value place;
We write them down and by each name
A certain price we trace.
A few there are we hold most dear,
Two dollars each we'll spend
On Christmas gifts for them this year.
This makes "the two-spot friend."

Now then, a few we like real well,
We oft seek their advice,
We must not mean appear to them,
A dollar is their price.
This list too large must never grow,
Or ruin will attend.

And thus it is we come to know
The Christmas "case note friend!"

Now comes a list, the longest list
Of all, and note it well,
For it contains more honest friends
Than I have space to tell.

In gifts that we shall send to them
No thought of favor enters;
A necktie or a handkerchief
Must do for "fifty-centers."

And yet when summing up the list,
The "two-spot gift" we show,
The "dollar present" goes to pay
A friendship debt we owe.

But most of love and sentiment
I'm certain always enters
Into the simple little gifts
We send to "fifty-centers."

—Detroit Free Press.

A Merry Christmas

The Safest Investment one
Can Make is a

Diamond

If Bought At Our Prices

Get a Howard or Longines

Watch

and You Have the Best

Signet and Shirt Waist Ring

are all the rage this Christ-

mas. We have them

Here's a Snap

One Diamond Ring (perfect stone), weight 1, 1.2, 1.32, 1.64 at \$300.00. Who will have it.

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76 KING STREET

OBITUARY

Mrs. Odher K. Black

Richibucto, Dec. 16.—The death of Mary A. Black, wife of Odher K. Black occurred very suddenly last evening at her home in town at the age of forty-one years. She leaves a sorrowing husband and four little children, the youngest of whom is only a few days old. She also leaves to mourn her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Graham, of Main River; her brother, Frank Graham, and sister, Miss Margaret Graham, who was about two months ago called home from Providence (R. I.), where she had been teaching, to the bedside of her mother, who was not expected to recover, who later rallied but is again very ill and to whom the unexpected death of her daughter will come as a great shock. The sympathy of a large circle of friends, indeed of the whole community, will go out to the bereaved in their great loss.

Her funeral, which was held this afternoon on the arrival of the train, was very largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. A. D. Archibald, assisted by Rev. J. B. Young. Interment was made in the Richibucto cemetery.

Mrs. Mary McKeown

The death of Mrs. Mary McKeown took place yesterday at noon at her home, 430 Douglas avenue, after a week's illness. Besides her husband, Michael McKeown, the deceased leaves two sons and three daughters. The sons are Bernard and Michael, at home; Mrs. James Owens, Mrs. John Keenan and Miss Lea McKeown, of this city. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

John Kenneally

John Kenneally, a well known "long shoreman," died last night at his boarding house, 310 Prince William street, after a lingering illness. Born in Ireland, Mr. Kenneally came to this country early in life. He was especially well known in South End. He was unmarried and leaves no relatives.

Ray Douglass Irving

Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 17.—(Special)—The death of Ray Douglass Irving, youngest son of Deputy-Sheriff William Irving, occurred last night after four weeks' illness, from brain trouble, following a previous attack of typhoid fever. He was eleven years old, and a bright scholar. He leaves his parents, three sisters and one brother. The funeral will be at St. James' church Sunday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock.

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Is the kind you should buy. We are showing some very handsome and artistic jewelry at the present time, and it will well repay you to call and examine our stock. You will be convinced that such high qualities were never before wedded to such low prices.

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19 KING STREET

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Eggs 25c. a dozen
Lard 15c. a lb.
Xmas Boxes from 10c. up