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THE PASSING YEAR

The close of the year 1908 finds the world at peace. There are here and there some minor disturbances, but the great nations are not involved in any strife; nor, despite alarmist rumors from some quarters, does there appear to be any danger on the immediate horizon. The latest word from Europe, whence had come predictions of coming strife between Britain and Germany, is that those nations are developing more friendly relations. A leading French statesman has declared this week that the outlook in Europe is peaceful. On this continent the only disturbance is in Nicaragua, where it seems to have been much needed. The signs all point to a year of peace in 1910, and if during that year something may be accomplished in the interests of permanent peace, and in the direction of general disarmament rather than a feverish preparation for possible war, the world will be the better for it.

During 1909 there has been a notable recovery from industrial and commercial depression following the financial panic of a couple of years ago, and all countries are in a better position, from the material standpoint, than at the beginning of the year. There has been a notable recovery in the United States, where also a new president has taken office and made an excellent record as the head of the executive government. On the other side of the Atlantic, Britain is in the throes of a general election. Belgium has a new king. France is still disturbed by the quarrel between church and state. There has been a beneficent revolution in Turkey, whose people have borne the shock of change with much greater equanimity than was generally expected. In Russia the effort of the people to secure a larger share of representative government has had some success, although in Finland the very reverse has been the case. In the far east China is making great progress, and Japan is tightening her grip upon Korea. In India some progress is being made toward representative government. One of the most significant facts in world history for the year has been the movement in the United Kingdom and the oversea states of the British empire toward a system of mutual defence. It marks an epoch in imperial history. The world learns that the empire is one and indivisible.

The year in Canada has been marked by splendid crops, great activity in railway construction, rapid development in the western country, and a general recovery from the slight commercial depression of the previous year. It is estimated that $28,000,000 has been spent in railway construction in Canada during 1909, and that almost as much more was spent in the purchase of material supplies. A still larger amount will be spent in 1910. Not only are railways built, but they find business awaiting them, as a result of the rapid growth of the country, more especially in the west. The country needs railways and the people demand them. An illustration of this was given in the British Columbia elections, when the McBride government, which had adopted a very ambitious railway policy, was returned with a large majority. In every sphere of activity there has been progress in Canada during 1909. Even in navigating the air, in which such wonderful success has been achieved in Europe and the United States, Canada also has won her triumphs. Never before did the people of this country look forward to a new year with so much confidence or such eager anticipations of the successful development of natural resources.

PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

Premier Hazen consumed some two columns of space in the Globe last evening in an effort to break the force of opposition criticism of the auditor general's report, which shows that he is at the head of the most extravagant government the province has yet known. The Standard this morning copied the interview from the Globe, and added a couple of columns or more on its own account. Evidently the need of defence is keenly felt, and if columns of talk would suffice the defence would be complete. But there is the auditor general's statement to speak for itself, and to show that this government, with a much larger revenue than its predecessors, has rolled up the expenditure at an amazing rate, while at the same time the debt of the province is increasing. Mr. Hazen professes to sing to fear from the discussions in the house, and the Standard evidently believes that if it will but continue its abusive attacks upon Hon. Dr. Pugsley it will be of great service to the Hazen government. Dr. Pugsley is not in provincial politics, but by some peculiar process of reasoning the Conservatives seem to have convinced themselves that an attack upon him will help Mr. Hazen.

A curious and entertaining feature of the political situation is the latest straddle-act of the Sun, which praises Dr. Pugsley, praises Mr. Hazen, objects to federal party lines in provincial politics, and assumes with much gravity the lofty attitude of adviser-in-chief to all parties.

BRITISH CAMPAIGN

Today's cables from London to the Times show that extraordinary statements are being made by some of the campaign speakers. The picturesque and irresponsible Major McBride, who expresses the hope that Germans landing in Ireland would find men with rifles and cannon ready to assist them in the invasion of England, is not more diverting than is Earl Cawdor, who asserts that home rule would make Belfast a German naval base. All this is sensational clap-trap of which they appear to have a larger stock in the old country than we ever have at election time in Canada. Mr. Chamberlain is making a great effort to bring tariff reform to the front as the paramount issue, and to frighten free-trade Unionists into line with the home rule bogey. Mr. Balfour took the stump again yesterday, and also denounced the home rule policy in severe terms. He, too, vigorously advocated fiscal reform. The Liberals, on the other hand, invite these leaders of the Unionists to define tariff reform, and give the particulars. At the same time they continue to denounce the Lords, and assert that the budget places the burden where it belongs.

An interesting item in today's cables is the report of the address of Editor Willison of the Toronto News. His remarks appear to have been of a robust imperial type. The announcement is also made that Lord Milner favors a tariff preference for the oversea states.

THE WHITE PLAGUE

The year 1909 has witnessed a very general and vigorous effort to check the ravages of tuberculosis. An exchange, dealing with this question, gives the following interesting statement:—

"The fight against tuberculosis is being carried on in something of a wholesale way in many parts of North America. There has been lately issued a list of sanitoria, hospitals, dispensaries, classes and associations, from which it appears that in Canada there are 22 organizations or institutions for combating the plauge, in New Jersey 42, in New York 110, and in Pennsylvania 150. Perhaps Pennsylvania is in the lead, almost every county in the state appearing to have at least a dispensary with a physician in charge, where sufferers can get advice, which, if it is followed, will usually help the victim more than medicine. Indeed, drugs play little part in the programme, the doctor, sunlight, outdoor air, good food, and rest being the factors set out as what the victims of the disease must rely on. This, however, is an aside. The main fact brought out is that so wide interest has been excited in the work of combating the disease that soon no one need suffer from want of a place for counsel and advice, or, in more extreme cases, for protection."

Of the new prison farm in Ontario the Toronto News says:—"Mr. Hanna's dream of prison reorganization is to be realized. The Central Prison is to be transferred to the country, and become a reformatory. The redemptive side of prison treatment is to emphasized. The authorities may go some distance in the direction of adopting the system in use at the Mansfield Institution in Ohio, where successful experiments in the re-building of character have been made with the younger inmates. The indeterminate sentence is a prime factor in this recreative work. When a prisoner's own behavior is to fix the length of his incarceration he is likely to improve his conduct. Moreover, the centre of a city is no place for a jail. Out of door work in the fields and the quarries at Guelph will make directly for physical, mental and moral rehabilitation." a

UNCLE SAM'S BRICK YARD

During the year 1908, $108,062,207 worth of bricks was manufactured in the United States. This was a decrease of 16 per cent. from the year previous. Every state and territory in the Union contributed to the total. Ohio led all the others, with products in bricks and tiles valued at $15,951,703 for the year. The common brick leads in the total value. It required 7,811,046,000 the common bricks to foot the total. For their brick, too, the price at the kiln slumped from $6 in 1907 to $5,83 in 1908. Of the common bricks, Illinois produced the largest number, shown to be 1,119,224,000, at $4.32 a thousand at the kilns.

BOUND FOR DUDLEY STREET.

A man entered a lunch cart in the Back Bay at midnight recently after a jolly night. He staggered up the steps and into the cart and threw a nickel on the bar, mumbling "put me off at Dudley street," and sank on to a stool asleep. When a general laugh had passed around and the man's mistake appreciated efforts were made fot get him out, but he would not wake. Finally one of the inmates roared in the sleeping man's ear, "Dudley street. Dudley, all change; end of the route," and similar announcements. The man at once staggered to his feet, and the announcer gently assisted him from the "car." The man was satisfied he had reached the end of his journey.—Boston Post.

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Proud and humble, good and bad,
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Like a class let out of school.

Helter-skelter, one and all,
Heedless when our brothers fall;
Self for self and each for each,
Grabbing all within his reach;
Climbing high, and tumbling low,
On the road of life we go.

Rushing blindly here and there,
Where, we neither know or care;
Chasing rainbows to their end,
Making now and then a friend,
Journeying mile after mile,
Resting for a little while.

Here we are upon the road,
Each one carrying his load;
Each one travelling along,
Some with groan and some with song;
Some with laughter, some with sighs,
Each one looking for the prize.

Do your best, go where you can,
Make your distance like a man;
Rich or poor, still forge ahead,
Just as far as you can tread;
In the end, if you have tried,
You will find God satisfied.

—Edgar Guest.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

THE PHILOSOPHER OF FOLLY.

"There's nothing in a name," says the Philosopher of Folly. "They told me Smith was an 'easy-going' man, but he stayed in my office an hour today when I wanted to work."—Cleveland Leader.

ANOTHER CHANGE.

The juicy watermelon's fled,
The summer vegetable has sped;
In their place the sausage looms,
And the dyspeptic mince pie booms.

—Chicago News.

BRAINY.

Some fellows act as though they were afraid to sneeze for fear of blowing their brains out.—Philadelphia Ledger.

CORRECT.

"What is the plural of man, Johnny?" asked the teacher of a small pupil.

"Men," answered Johnny.

"Correct," said the teacher. "And what is the plural of child?"

"Twins!" was the logical, but unexpected reply.

A REASON.

Friend—"Great Heavens, man! Do I find you reduced to playing a cornet at the street-corner to make a living?"

Bloggs—"I ain't doing this to make a living. My wife won't let me practise in the house."

DECISION.

"When you goes lookin' foh some one to help you decide sumpfin'," said Uncle Eben, "remember dat it takes most as much smathness to pick out reliable advice as it would to make up your own mind."—Washington Star.

PLACING IT RIGHT.

After waiting for several weeks without hearing from her story, the amateur author wrote the magazine editor, requesting an early decision, saying that she had "other irons in the fire."

Promptly came the editor's response.

Dear Madam—I have read your story, and, after giving it careful consideration, I should advise you to put it with the other irons.—Success Magazine.

JUST THE SAME.

Just the same old Christmas jolly;
Just the same Kris Kringle gag;
Just the same old Christmas candies
And mosquito netting bag.
Just the same old Christmas spirit;
Just the same old Christmas toys;
Just the same old Christmas presents
For good little girls and boys.

—Cincinnati Times-Star.

THE PHILOSOPHER OF FOLLY.

"A man who never bores you with his other troubles," says the Philosopher of Folly, "can always be relied on to tell you all about his insomnia." — Cleveland Leader.

WINDSOR SUFFERS BY DISASTROUS FIRE

Windsor, N. S., Dec. 30—W. H. Roach & Co's large dry goods store was badly damaged by fire today. The loss on the building amounts to $2,000 and on the stock $12,000.

The building is insured in the following companies: Building, $6,000 in three companies, viz., Quebec, Acadia and North British Mercantile. On stock, $27,000, in Phoenix, $8,000; Caledonia, $3,000; Ottawa, $2,000; Occidental, $3,000; Dominion, $3,000; Northern, $2,000; Royal, $2,000; Quebec, $4,000.

The estimated damage to the stock is fully 50 per cent and to the building $2,000.

NEEDS ATTENTION

To the Editor of the Times:—

Sir,—I should like you to report a large hole in the road at City Line, W. E., just where the car stops, which is very dangerous to people going that way.

On Wednesday night at 10 o'clock my wife and I got off the car and she fell in the hole and sprained her ankle and had to be assisted to the house, where she is in bed and expects to be there for the next month or more. For the last two nights she has not slept and suffers very much. I think it a nice state of affairs when a man paying $600 or $700 taxes cannot go from his own gate to a car, about 100 yards, without making a cripple of himself.

J. S. WILCOX.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 31.

THE EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN

At a meeting of the evangelistic campaign committee last night, February 8 was set for the opening of the simultaneous campaign. The report of the nominating committee showed that the services of Revs. Dr. Gray, Boston; Mr. Sykes and Mr. Cameron, of Ontario, had been definitely secured. The following clergymen were appointed to act on the music committee: Rev. Messrs. McLean, Anderson, Townsend, Marr and Saunders. Judge Forbes, D. Smith, and W. C. Cross were appointed an entertainment committee.

It was decided to accept the offer of W. H. Golding for the use of the Nickel theatre for mid-day services.

Thee week of prayer services in each of the city groups will commence on Monday night.

C. E. Stewart, of the department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, left last night on the government steamer Lansdowne on a tour of inspection of the buoys along the coast of the Bay of Fundy.

DISTINCTION FOR BYRON C. TAPLEY

St. John Composer Produces First Sonata in The Colonies

The distinction of producing the first sonata, which has appeared in the colonies, is attributed to a Canadian composer, Mr. Byron C. Tapley, of St. John, N. B. The work in question is entitled "The Royal Sonata," and is published in England by Charles Sheard & Co., High Holborn, London, and in Canada by The Anglo-Canadian Music Publishing Association of Toronto. This musical production possesses marked merit, and will elevate the music standard in Canada in no small degree. It contains twelve pages of music, embracing four movements, viz.: "Allegro non troppo," "Andante con moto," "Tempo di Menuetto," and "Finale." The work abounds in melodic themes, founded on solid substantial harmonic treatment.



BYRON C. TAPLEY,
Composer of "The Royal Sonata."

Byron C. Tapley was born in St. John, N. B., May 18th, 1866, and is a son of John Tapley, Esq., who for many years was a member of the firm of Tapley Bros., lumber dealers and tugboat owners. He began the study of music at the early age of eight years, and later pursued his studies at Mt. Allison. It was here that the German professor strongly advised a further course of study in the United States, and at the age of fourteen he was sent to Boston and New York for that purpose. At Boston he entered upon the course in the conservatory, from which institution he graduated, with diploma at the age of eighteen. While in the States he met the Chevalier De Kontski, who became much attached to the boy, afterwards writing him many letters, and presenting his autograph photo, displaying his marvellous collection of world wide decorations. De Kontski once embraced his pupil, after hearing him perform a composition he was working on at the time, heartily congratulated him and said "The world will know you some day." The Chevalier wrote expressly for him a "Grand Tarantelle," which he dedicated thus: "To my friend and pupil, Byron C. Tapley." The work is published in Philadelphia. Also while in the States the young student met and studied with many distinguished musicians, who were not connected with the school among them being the elder Chelius, who was a pupil of Mendelssohn, and his son, Hermann, who was a pupil of St. Saens, of Paris, and with one of Rossini's pupils. He studied with a co-worker of Meyerbeer, an associate of Chopin, and with the pianists of the courts of Germany, Austria, Prussia and Turkey. Since his graduation Mr. Tapley has lived principally in St. John and has devoted himself to the practice of his profession, during which period he has from time to time issued many compositions, and his name is extensively and favorably known as a composer of merit, but "The Royal Sonata" bids fair to be the crowning work of his career, and all Canadians should feel a just sense of pride in the success achieved by one of their citizens.

OBITUARY

John Fawcett

Sackville, Dec. 30—At Upper Sackville this morning one of Westmorland's most highly respected citizens passed away in the person of John Fawcett. Death came suddenly, though Mr. Fawcett had been in failing health for some time. He was taken ill about 5 o'clock and passed away an hour later. Deceased was eighty-four years old, son of the late William Fawcett, a native of Upper Sackville, he has always made his home there. Many years ago he was appointed a magistrate and in this capacity attended the old sessions held at Dorchester. Mrs. Fawcett predeceased him nearly thirty years, but he is survived by seven children. The sons are G. H. Fawcett, of the Canadian customs service in Mexico; John L. Fawcett, mayor of McLeod, Alberta; George A. Fawcett and W. W. Fawcett, jr., of Upper Sackville. The daugthers are Mrs. A. D. McCully, of Bathurst; Mrs. Joseph McKay, of Moncton, and Mrs. John Humphrey, of Sussex. For about fifty years past Mr. Fawcett had been superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school at Upper Sackville. The funeral will take place on Saturday.

Cory Steadman

At River Glade a few days ago Corey Steadman, brother of C. G. Steadman, of Sackville, passed away. Death was the result of an attack of pneumonia. Deceased was forty-five years of age and was unmarried. He is survived by his mother, three brothers and four sisters.

C. Garfield Giffin

Halifax, Dec. 30—(Special)—C. Garfield Giffin, son of W. H. Giffin, of Goldboro, and a former well known commercial traveler, died at his home tonight of consumption. For some time he was employed by J. W. Ingraham, of Norfth Sydney.

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