

THE MORNING GUARDIAN

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THE CLOSING YEAR.

As the first year of the twentieth century draws to its close our minds naturally endeavor to recall a few of its salient features and principal events. And among loyal British subjects many will first bring back to memory the death of Queen Victoria which occurred on 22d January last. She had been for some time indisposed and on the 19th was stricken with paralysis, which proved fatal. Never was sorrow more profound and general throughout the British Empire and the world than that which followed the good Queen's death. Her long reign of nearly sixty-four years had exceeded in length that of any previous British ruler, while her wisdom and virtue had wonderfully endeared her to all ranks and classes of her subjects. The succession of King Edward followed and he was publicly proclaimed on 24th January.

In September last the people of the United States were called to suffer a more shocking bereavement in the death by assassination of their beloved President William McKinley. As all will remember he was shot by the Polish Anarchist Czolgosz while giving a public reception at the Temple of Music in connection with the Pan-American Exhibition at Buffalo on 6th September. For eight days he lingered, while the hopes for his recovery were fostered in the public mind by bulletins issued by the attending physicians, and then passed away. The trial and conviction of the assassin followed nine days later and 29th September he was executed in the electric chair. Vice-President Roosevelt was promptly sworn in as President of the Republic, and at once invited all the members of the late President's Cabinet to retain their official positions, which they did until recently. Thus within the year the two great English-speaking nations were unexpectedly deprived of their rulers, amid most profound sorrow and mourning, but such is the excellence of their free institutions that the new order of things and the new rulers were accepted without any semblance of friction or of discontent.

Other of the larger events affecting the British Empire were the visit of the Heir Apparent and his Royal Consort to the British dominions beyond the seas and the establishment of the new Commonwealth of Australia. The latter event was happily timed to date from the first day of the twentieth century when Lord Hopetoun was sworn in as Governor-General. In March last the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall sailed on their memorable tour, reaching Ceylon on 12th April, opening the first federal Parliament of Australia May 9th, and after visiting the various colonies at the antipodes, set out on their return by way of Mauritius, arriving at Durban, Natal on 13th and at Cape Town on 18th August. On the 23rd they sailed for Canada, arriving at Quebec on September 16. On October 1st, after travelling nearly 50,000 miles, they reached Victoria, B. C., and after a triumphal progress through the Dominion, sailed for England from Halifax on October 22nd. Since their return the Duke has been elevated to the dignity of Prince of Wales in recognition of the great success of his imperial mission.

The wars in South Africa and the Philippine Islands have gone forward during the year, in both cases having degenerated to the guerilla stage, but in neither case has the opposition been overcome. In South Africa the prolonged and stubborn opposition of the Boers has surpassed all expectation, but their forces are being steadily reduced, and an increasingly large territory has been in fair measure pacified. During the past summer the most conspicuous feature of the enemy's tactics was the succession of raids into Cape Colony where recruits, horses and arms appear to have been obtained, with the result of enabling them to prolong the struggle. Early in the year the Queen conferred an Earldom on Lord Roberts, previous to which Lord Kitchener had been entrusted with the command

of the force in South Africa. An unpleasant episode during the year was the revelation that after the battle of Tugela, General Buller had intimidated by heliograph to Sir George White the propriety of evacuating Ladysmith. This was followed by an indiseerret utterance of Gen. Buller which led the Government to retire him from the command of the First Army Corps to which he had shortly before been appointed.

The trouble in China has been brought to a close, the terms of the indemnity which China shall pay to the allied powers have been settled and the forces of the powers withdrawn. Other international troubles have arisen, but the threatening war clouds passed away. One of the most serious of these was the trouble between France and Turkey, growing out of the unsettled claims for works executed by French contractors for the Sultan, who only came to terms after a French fleet had occupied the Turkish port of Mitylene. As the year closes there is growing interest over the rivalries of Russia, Britain, Turkey and Germany in regard to the control of Kowelt on the Persian Gulf. There is no present reason, however, to anticipate more than a diplomatic struggle over the matter. Coincident with this we have a German fleet sent to Venezuela to compel the settlement of claims by Germany against that state. There is also quite a gathering of British and American warships in the same waters, with the object of guarding any British or American interests that may be involved. The usual crop of interstate troubles in South America has also been in evidence during the year, but among the great powers, except as above referred to, the year has seen one of peace.

The past year has further been noticeable as the census year in the British Isles, India, Canada and Australia. The population of the British Isles was found to be 41,605,230; of India about 294,000,000 and of Canada something under five and a half millions. The result of the Canadian census proved to be disappointing, the gain being little over half a million in ten years. Very regrettably Prince Edward Island showed an actual decrease in the number of her people, while all other provinces showed an increase, which was largest in the western part of the Dominion. The general result involves a redistribution of representation in which that of Ontario and the three Maritime Provinces will be more or less reduced.

Generally speaking the year has been one of prosperity and expansion of trade, throughout the British Empire and the world. An exception may be made in the case of Germany whose industries have come under a considerable cloud of depression. But in Canada the foreign trade has never been so large as during the past year. Never before was the national treasury so full or the revenue so great. All the industries of the country have been fairly busy while vast new industries in iron and steel are rapidly taking shape at Sydney and Sault Ste Marie. There has been unusual activity in mining operations resulting in a larger output than ever before. In the meantime throughout the Dominion generally, the la-

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Other events of some considerable Canadian importance were the return of the Royal Canadian Regiment and of Strathcona's Horse from South Africa; the despatch of the South African Constabulary in March last, and the preparations now forward for the departure of the Canadian Mounted Rifles for the same destination; the general election in October last in Nova Scotia, resulting in the return of 36 supporters and only two opponents of the Murray Government; the coming into force of the Prohibition Act in Charlottetown in June last and the subsequent decision of the Privy Council affirming the validity of the Manitoba Liquor Act. And in Island affairs we have also the resignation of Premier Farquharson with the appointment of Hon. A. Peters to succeed him in the leadership of the Government.


Generally speaking it may be said that the first year of the century closes well for Canada and the world, there being good prospects of peace and prosperity, with an advance in those agencies that tend to the uplifting and betterment of the race. While many have died, including not a few who are sadly missed, more have been born; there have been sad casualties by sea and land, but these have not exceeded those of former years. Invention and discovery have made good progress, and in this field must be mentioned the epoch-marking event of electric signals being passed without wires across the Atlantic from England to Newfoundland. Only less important is the marked success that has attended Santos Dumont in aerial navigation.

There will be no paper issued from THE GUARDIAN office to-morrow, New Year's Day. THE GUARDIAN extends to each and all best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.

Hon. D. Farquharson has addressed a manifesto to the electors of West Queens through the columns of the Patriot. It is a document of considerable length and to which very little objection can be taken, being highly conciliatory in tone. The reference to Mr. Horace Hazard is quite a gem in its way. He is graciously described as "a worthy and respectable merchant of this city, and a gentleman justly enjoying the confidence of his fellow-citizens." We have a recollection of having read other and very different descriptions of Mr. Hazard in the same columns within a few months past, but in this season of peace and good will they will perhaps be better forgotten and we will not recall them here.

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