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PROGRESS

The work of reforming the world is proceeding slowly, more slowly than many would desire. Indeed, many of the impatient ones, who fail to see all their suggestions adopted, are convinced that there is no progress at all. We forget that this old world measures its time by ages, by aeons, by periods to which our little span of time is but the wink of an eye.

If we wish to measure the world's progress we must measure it by centuries. Thus measured we shall find progress and reform and advancement written large on the pages of history. The world has always been advancing, growing upward, checked occasionally but always recovering itself and renewing its progress with greater speed than ever. And in these days in which we live progress is more rapid and more marked than in any age of the world's history.

And there has been similar progress

WANING MANNERS.

The manners of American as compared with British born children is a favorite subject of comment. We are frequently told of the courteous behavior of the latter; the precocity and rudeness of the former and possibly there is some foundation for the charge.

There are in our own province those who stoutly maintain that the boys and even the girls of the present generation are less cultured, less courteous to their elders than the boys and girls of the past generation. It may be remarked in passing that the witnesses are possibly prejudiced they themselves being the good little children referred to.

Making every allowance for natural prejudices and for the glorifying mist that hangs between us and the past, there are noteworthy differences, regrettable differences between the present and the not too remote past.

These differences are more noticeable in our schools than elsewhere. Respect for elders and superiors was an essential part of the former discipline. He does not require to be a centenarian who can recall the picturesque "lining up" of the country school children by the side of the road when each dropped a bow or a curtsy to the passing stranger.

Some attribute the change, real or imaginary, to the substitution of the female for the male teacher. If tradi-

tion is to be relied upon, the male teacher of a generation ago commanded respect and instilled the rudiments of knowledge into the youth of his flock with the same instrument, a well seasoned stick. The tide that has carried away the male teacher has carried away the stick also and the child of today and the rod have become separated. And there is an ancient proverb to the effect that such a separation presupposes injury to the child.

The schools of the older days were called brutal and modern discoveries, medical, physiological and scientific, have interfered to remove the brutality. It has been removed, fortunately, but in the removal it is possible that other ingredients have been removed also and that the growing child may have been deprived of some of the necessities of healthy mental and physical growth.

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in other departments, there are departments that were not dreamed of a few hundred years ago. In our own province, the progress of which is doubted by some skeptical ones, we have still with us many who saw the smiling homesteads scattered over our land hewn out of the primeval forest, who saw the weekly stage-coach substituted by the tri-daily train, the telegraph and the telephonic message take the place of the weekly or monthly letter, the self-binder take the place of the reaping-hook, schools, churches, factories stand where the trees of the forest stood not so long ago.

We are progressing at a tremendous rate and the speed is increasing, as every step forward marks the starting place for the next. The man, who will calmly look backward over the history of this province during the past fifty years will see progress such as is scarcely exceeded anywhere else. We have acquired the unfortunate habit of gauging our speed by the noise made by other speeders. The real test is in the distance covered, in the territory conquered, in the things actually accomplished. By this test we can hold our own with the fastest ones and carry with us the assurance that what we have accomplished is not only a fitting tribute to those who laid the foundations but that we too are laying foundations upon which those who follow can build even "greater than has been".

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"Never worry about a man. Many ladies profess to find it difficult to select holiday gifts for men, but it need not be difficult at all. A man is the easiest creature in the world to suit. If he is a smoker, he would be entirely satisfied if every one of his gifts were good cigars. We have the cigars he likes and smokes every day. J. G. Jamieson, Druggist. 12-13 Mt. St.

people, if they use their influence to restore it.

NOTES.

It has been said that if winter should not set in before the following summer it would find some people unprepared for its coming. Winter has set in, temporarily at least. Are we prepared for it? Should the Steam Navigation Company's boats be called off one of these days are the winter steamers ready to take up the work without a break? The aggregate loss to the province of one day's hold up would be a heavy one. Summerside is reported closing. Is the Minto ready to take up the work immediately the Empress is withdrawn? Both the Grey and the Minto are liable to be called upon at any moment and it is hoped there shall be no hitch.

The old year is drawing to a close and the season of new resolutions is at hand. Might we suggest that the old resolutions are good enough and only require to be brushed up and re-set. Some of them have already been re-set and re-resolved, but this is no reason why they should not work next time. Dig out the old resolutions, some of them are good ones, some may need altering a little, some may have to be discarded as unworthy, but in all probability the list will include, in some shape or another, all we can handle for the coming year.

PEACE DELEGATES ADJOURN.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The formal work of the peace delegates, representing the Ottoman Empire and the allied Balkan nations, begins on Monday next, when the delegates will open discussion, which, if successful, will have the effect of recharting the map of the Near East. When the plenipotentiaries gather with their group of forty or fifty all told, in the historic St. James Palace, they will find themselves amid surroundings most conducive to peace. The Picture Gallery which has been selected as the conference room is the most secluded apartment in the Palace. It overlooks a century old grass grown quadrangle entirely shut off from the turmoil of the London streets. On its walls are hung portraits of all the English sovereigns from Henry VIII to that of "Edward the Peacemaker" in a prominent position.

King George, Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, and Premier Asquith will entertain the peace delegates, but today had not settled on any definite dates.

The first call made by the visitors was to the British Foreign Office, where Sir Edward Grey warmly welcomed them.

Subsequently they left cards at Buckingham Palace and at the private residence of Premier Asquith. The slump which started on the continental Bourses on vague rumors that Austria-Hungary, Germany and Russia were likely to withdraw their consent from the ambassadorial meeting, reached London this afternoon. Prices fell noticeably. Continental favorites suffering to a great extent. From Berlin, Paris and Vienna, reports have been received of weak market, but no confirmation has come to hand of the rumors which caused the trouble.

"Call in and look over our high grade showing of chocolates and candies including Moirs, Lowmy's, Ganong's Cadbury's and Rockwood, Colara & Bowser's Old English Butter-scotch, also English and Scotch candies in bulk and patented tin candies. The Two Macs, 149 Great Geo. St. MET.



FORCING A CLEAN SWEEP

To our Friends out of Town We address this word particularly to people out of town, in an effort to present our broad Christmas stocks of furniture, rugs, draperies, etc. In recent years gifts have been running more and more to the practical, and never before have we had such fine assortments ready at such an early date. We beg to advise you to make early selections, and when this is done we will pack the article carefully. Don't let the pleasure of the coming holidays be marred by a single oversight. Look at your table linens, your furniture, etc., then come to our Big Christmas Stock for your Selections.

- 3 DRAWERED BUREAU with large Mirror \$6.50 for \$5.75
3 DRAWERED BUREAU with large Mirror, in Surface Oak \$7.00 for \$6.50.
3 DRAWERED BUREAU with Beveled Mirror \$8.00 for \$7.50.
BUREAUS from \$5.75 to \$50.00 each ALL AT DISCOUNT PRICES.
COMMODORES to match \$2.75. to \$3.00. \$4.50. and \$6.50.
IRON BEDS not the very cheap "no good" kind but strong and serviceable from \$2.75 to \$3.50. \$3.75. \$5.50. \$6.00. \$7.00. \$8.00. \$9.00. up to \$15.00. each.
A VERY CLOSELY WOVEN DOUBLE WIRED SPRING, with a nice clean varnished frame, any size, for \$2.50
Better Qualities for \$3.75. \$4.50. \$5.00. \$5.50. each.
The \$5.50. quality has tubular iron side rails, very strong and serviceable.
BRASS BEDS, THE DEMARD FINISH, not like the old kind that would look shabby in a very short time. A bed that will last. The finish is only used by one of the largest Manufacturers in Montreal and we were lucky enough to get the control of them for Ch' Town. If interested in a brass bed, come in and our furniture man will give you good reasons why Demard Lacquer is far superior to any other finish.

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- RATTAN CHAIRS in best quality of Cane 3 Colors, Green, Brown and Cream at \$2.95 each Better Qualities from \$3.25 to \$10.00. each.
SOLID OAK ROCKERS, highly polished with large roll seat, very comfortable from \$4.00 to \$9.50 each (All new designs.)
QUARTERED OAK PEDESTAL EXTENSION TABLES extend from 42 in to 96 in long, highly polished from \$15.50. to \$32.00 each.
Now that snow is here and the baby must get fresh air, we have not forgotten them. Our stock of sleighs is up to the mark. If you need one come in and our Furniture man will show them to you at lowest prices.

Some Useful Christmas Presents

Mirrors, Pictures, Morris chairs, Parlor tables, Dining room tables, Dining room chairs, Buffets, Side boards, Work baskets, Cuchies, Den chairs, Music cabinets, Writing desks and hundreds of useful Christmas presents in our Furniture and Carpet Department.

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We are headquarters for the above Guns, Rifles, Hockey Skates, Hockey Sticks, Hockey Pucks. Full line on hand For Sale by S. W. CRABBE,

A. Pipe In his dull hours or when worried the smoker finds the greatest solace in his pipe. You can't select a better gift. For Your Smoker Friend Our assortment is complete, and we have them in a range of prices from 25c to \$4.00 with or without cases. Fine assortment of Meerschaums—the King of Pipes—up to \$10.00 each. Calabash pipes are great favorites for home use. J. G. Jamieson DRUGGIST

We Have a complete and well assorted stock of the famous Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen For Christmas PRICES— No 12 ..... \$2.50 " 12 gold bands ..... 3.50 " 13 ..... 3.50 " 13 gold bands ..... 4.50 " 14 ..... 4.00 " 14 gold bands ..... 5.00 — Clips 25c extra— G.H. Taylor Jeweler & Engraver

NEW KING GEORGE HOTEL Wm. MONBOURQUETTE, Mgr. Private Baths, Running Water and Long Distance Telephones in all rooms. Large Bright Sample Rooms. CUISINE UNRIVALLED SYDNEY, N. S.

No. 5 P. L. Smallwood for your Xmas Groceries and Fruits READ And while the Xmas Cheer is in your heart just say a kind word for Cameron's Home-Made Bread and take a loaf home as an evidence of your good will. Ewen Cameron (Baker)

For him—for any man—no gift could be more pleasing, practical, useful and appropriate than a Gillette. We are showing a splendid line of these razors ranging from the ordinary German silver sets including holder and 12 blades in plush lined leather case at \$5 to traveling outfits. See our line for good gift suggestions. Fennell & Chandler Victoria Row.

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Among Holiday Gifts for your family, at this season of the year, none is more suitable than a policy in the Great-West Life Assurance Company. It will stand as an evidence of your love and foresight for the dear to you when other more transient gifts shall be forgotten. Head Office—Winnipeg. Branch Office—Charlottetown Hyndman & Co., Limited. Managers, P. E. I. T. E. MacNutt Leslie Auld J. K. Lahey S. M. Hicks J. S. DeRoche F. G. D. Jordan Special Agents.

1913 Art Calendars During the last few years it has been a pleasure for me at this time to present an Art Calendar to the lady policyholders of the Canada Life and also to many who were eligible to become policyholders thereby in a small way showing my appreciation of their patronage. For 1913 I have purchased five different subjects and as I wish a record of how these are placed I propose to distribute them as follows: either personally or by mail to my lady policyholders until the supply is exhausted. The first subject to be distributed is "PEACEFUL BROOK" and these will be delivered or mailed as applications are received. W. K. Rogers, Manager of the P. E. I. Canada Life Branch

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