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1894.

Today we pass another milestone in our history. It seems but yesterday that 1894 came to us, brimful of hope, bringing its glorious possibilities to lay them at our feet, and now the record is well-nigh closed, and the year is vanishing into that mysterious eternity...

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Before passing from this subject it is not out of place to congratulate our Island on the fact that she is now represented in the Dominion Cabinet by one of her own farmers, and Hon. Donald Ferguson on his selection for a position which he is so well qualified to fill.

In the narrower horizon of our own Island, taxation has been the chief topic of interest, and as it has been a personal matter with almost everyone, there is little need to refer to it here. If we may judge by bank returns the age of overdrafts has not ceased and the state of public accounts cannot be satisfactory.

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is probably entrenched for another term on the Treasury Bench. In Nova Scotia, Premier Fielding won his third victory at the polls, and rumor hath it that he is now looking forward to entering the Dominion Parliament, and possibly to a portfolio, when, in the distant future, the three Ps of the Liberal Party, Policy, Patriotism, and Parity, shall have been forgiven and forgotten by the electorate of the Dominion.

In Newfoundland, chaos, political and commercial, has prevailed. The White Government, after carrying the elections by a large majority, were unseated and disqualified, man by man, for improper practices. The Opposition assumed the reins of power; but, after some successes the tide turned, and the Whiteites carried a large majority of the by-elections. Just at this crisis a wave of commercial disaster swept over the Island carrying with it banks and business houses, great and small, and completely paralyzing trade and commerce.

The Government resigned, and the White party have again assumed power. Pending investigations now going on, it is impossible to predict the issue. But the credit and trade of "ye ancient colony" have received a blow from which they will take years to recover. Among the disasters of the year we note the inundations in British Columbia, the appalling forest fires in the Western States, the unfortunate termination of two Arctic expeditions those of Dr. Cook and Wellman, serious fires in Boston and St. John, the losses of life and property in the fall storms, and the fire at Mount Stewart.

Among the harvest reaped by the scythe of the dread power we notice in the early days of 1894 the names of Waddington, ex-Premier of France; Childs, the philanthropic proprietor of the Philadelphia Ledger; Billroth, the renowned surgeon, and Ballantyne, beloved of our boys for his stirring tales of flood and field. In March the veteran Kossovit, better known to our fathers than to the present generation as the Liberator of Hungary, laid down his well-worn armor.

The two African explorers, Baker, of Albert Nyanza fame, and Cameron, of Tanganyika, who escaped the perils of the Dark Continent to die of an accident in the hunting field; Sir Gerald Portal, the administrator of Uganda; Bishop Smythies, who added another name to the long list of Africa's martyrs; Prof. Roman, young in years, but a master of the lore of science, and Delesseps, who outlived the splendid renown of the Suez Canal to sully his white locks in the unfortunate scheme of Panama; Curtis the American statesman; Hannen the jurist; Robertson Smith, the gifted seeker after truth; Brown-Squand, the physician, whose Elixir of life failed to render his discoverer immortal, and David Dudley Field, once famous as the counsel of Fiske and Gould in the Erie Railway squabbles, but later known as the leader of the New York bar, one by one joined the great majority. Then followed Edmund Yates the well-known novelist; Mulay Hassan the Sultan of Morocco, and Lord Chief Justice Coleridge; while the knife of Casario the assassin added the illustrious Carnot to the long procession. Phelps, once American Minister at the Court of Berlin; Layard, the British statesman, but better known as the explorer of buried Nineveh; The Comte de Paris, once the hope of the French Bourbons; Froide the brilliant historian; Oliver Wendell Holmes, the genial humorist, the keen observer, the playful, yet wise, author, and ex-President McCosh, the theologian of Princeton, swell the list. In November the civilized world gathered around the bedside in Livadia, where the Czar Alexander was fighting a losing battle with death, and when the struggle ceased, those who had known the dearest of all best, and who were most competent to estimate the difficulties of his position, felt that a great man had passed away. A few days ago the news reached us that the remains of Stevenson, one of the masters of modern fiction had been laid to rest among the palm groves of Samoa, and as we go to press, the tide of life ebbs low in the veins of the brilliant, but erratic, Lord Randolph Churchill, once looked upon as the coming man among British Conservatives.

As we glance over our own land we cannot fail to mark that the stroke of death has fallen heavily upon our Dominion and has been specially felt in our Island. Senator Botsford of New Brunswick; Dr. McKnight, of Halifax, the eminent Presbyterian Divine; Dr. Douglass, one of the leaders of the Methodist Church; Duncan McIntyre, the financier; Sir Matthew Begbie, to whose firm administration of justice British Columbia owed so much in her early mining days; Archbishop Tache of St. Boniface, whose name is enshrined in the history of our Great North West; Sir Narcisse Belleau, ex-governor of Quebec; Hon. Mr. Geoffrion, Minister of Public Works, in the Mackenzie Cabinet; Count Mercier, ex-premier of Quebec; Mr. T. M., of the Finance department; Hon. C. Fraser, of Ontario; Prof. Campbell, "Old Probabilities," and Senator Tasse are found among the list of the departed.

Amid the lengthening shadows of the dying year a blow fell upon our Dominion which has draped it from Atlantic to Pacific in the sombre trappings of woe. Across the ocean the bells of Westminster Abbey toll the knell, and the echo is wafted to our own shores, as the remains of our dear Premier are borne nearer and nearer to their last resting place. In the full flush of manhood, in the prime of his intellectual powers, at the zenith of his honors, the veil was lifted, and he passed from our view. "Where is he who has mounted fame's ladder so high? From the round at the top he has stepped to the sky."

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Charlottetown, December 26, 1894—dy



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