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We are determined to round up the old year with a good lively bargain giving spurt. Below is a list of our favorites, and they are sure to win.

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PAUSING for a moment in retrospect ere "The new sun rises, bringing the New Year," we look back upon 1897 with all its chequered vistas of light and shade. The year opened with war clouds lying low upon the horizon, and as it passes from us the sky is still dark with ominous forebodings.

In our own Island we note, with gratitude, a good harvest, for which, on the whole, fair prices were realized. The dairy industry has been extended with most gratifying results,—our products in this line reaching the handsome figure of \$300,000. Year by year it is becoming more evident that the future of our province is bound up with this new departure, and that the judicious assistance given by the late Conservative Government of the Dominion is destined to bear lasting fruit. The enterprise of Messrs. Rattenbury, shown in their large and splendidly equipped premises, promises to develop our pork trade to an extent that will render it a leading branch of industry, and we trust that their venture will yield them satisfactory returns. On the whole, trade has been good, and the indications are that we have turned the corner, and may look forward to steady improvement in business.

Politically we have passed through some rather curious experiences. Fortified by the backing of the Dominion Government, Premier Peters appealed to the people, holding out the prospect of a large windfall from Ottawa as the result of a possible arbitration upon Island claims. The people, believing that there was no hope of a Liberal Government at Ottawa doing anything for anyone but Liberals, sustained the Government,—though with such small majorities as to give a significant hint that they were not blind to the actual condition of Provincial affairs. So many election petitions are before the courts that it is hardly possible to speak definitely of the personnel of the new House. Meantime, the new wing of the Asylum seems to be still "a castle in the air," and the new Prince of Wales College is still without "a local habitation and a name."

In October it was announced that the Premier had formed a partnership with Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and would remove to British Columbia, which offered a wider and more promising field for the practice of his profession. His resignation was followed by an amusing squabble among the "happy family" over the discarded mantle of the del leader. To the surprise of many who did not understand the influence of the "power behind the throne," the veteran, Mr. Farquharson, though backed by the older members of the party and strongly supported by The Guardian, had to give way to the young Liberals, headed by Mr. Warburton. The weather prophets predicted squally days for the new administration,—but again the same potent influence brought all into line, and until the House meets the Government is safe. The new administration succeeds to a financial outlook that is by no means bright, and unless the promised golden shower from Ottawa materializes, the taxpayers will have no special reason to congratulate themselves on the result of the election. Meantime Mr. Peters retains his seat for Fort Augustus and is expected to act as confidential adviser to the Government during the coming session.

Their Excellencies Lord and Lady Aberdeen paid us a flying visit during the late autumn,—evidently a sort of farewell to P. E. Island. In Charlottetown we note the opening of the Park Roadway on Jubilee Day, the completion of Messrs. Rattenbury's mammoth pork factory (already referred to), the opening for worship of the magnificent new Roman Catholic Cathedral, and last, but by no means least, the enlargement and improvement of THE DAILY EXAMINER. The Scott Act election resulted in the defeat of that measure by the largest majority polled against it since it first came into force. The introduction of the curfew law in January has been practically fruitless.

Turning to the other provinces, we note that in Nova Scotia the Liberals, under

the leadership of Hon. G. H. Murray, Mr. Fielding's successor, swept the province at the election in April. The year closes darkly over a portion of Cape Breton, the Dominion Coal Company having decided, on the plea of economy, to close the mines at Victoria and Cow Bay. This involves the destruction of both places, coal mining being their only means of support. We deeply sympathize with the hundreds of our fellow-colonists thus practically driven from their homes; but we cannot help feeling that much blame is due to Mr. Fielding's Government, which, when it had the power, failed to safeguard the interests of the people which had been entrusted to their care. With the experience of United States coal corporations in their own country, it was deplorable blindness not to guard against possible oppression on the part of this corporation in Nova Scotia.

In New Brunswick the only change in politics was occasioned by the resignation of Premier Mitchell from ill health. He was succeeded by Hon. H. R. Emmerson, a close friend of Hon. Mr. Blair. The Government is still a coalition; but there seems to be a growing determination on the part of Conservatives to contest the next election on party lines.

In Quebec, the Liberal tide sets strongly. In the local election, in May, Premier Flynn and his Government went down with a crash; and the affairs of the Province are now in the hands of Hon. Mr. Marchand, who commands a sweeping majority in the House. The usual cries of Reform and Economy were raised. But there can be no question that the race-feeeling—the same power which carried Mr. Laurier to victory in that Province—played the most important part in the result.

In Ontario it is stated that the surplus, so long the provincial boast, has disappeared, that the liquor legislation of the Government is unpopular, and that generally the Liberals miss the crafty leadership of Sir Oliver. The present House is sitting for its last session, and the prospects of the coming election are doubtful.

In Manitoba, Hugh John Macdonald has assumed the leadership of the Conservatives and has drawn first blood from Premier Greenway in a bye election. The Northwest Territories have become autonomous, and their first really responsible Government is led by Mr. Haultain, who stoutly refuses the prefix "Honorable." The Government is composite. In British Columbia the political situation remains unchanged.

In the wider field of the Dominion, 1897 was on the whole a prosperous year. The wheat crops of Ontario and the Northwest were good and prices ruled higher than for some years past. Dairy products increased to about sixteen millions of dollars. British Columbia has been steadily developing her valuable mineral deposits, while the new Eldorado of the Klondike has attracted the attention of the civilized world. The very prominent part assigned to Canada and the Canadians at the Queen's Jubilee has opened the eyes of the Homeland with regard to the Dominion, and Canadian affairs will be better understood across the water than before.

Meanwhile the Government of all the talents has been demonstrating, what is not unusual in a combination of such diversified abilities: a singular lack of practical common sense. It has had remarkable success as a dealer in stamps; and as a travelling show throughout Canada, in Britain, Washington, Paris, and Rome, it cannot easily be beaten. But the Franchise and Plebiscite bills were ignominiously withdrawn, and the session of 1897 was singularly deficient in measures of value. It has become a dealer in railways to a considerable extent, forgetful that the tax-payers may yet discover that there are properties of which the more a man owns the poorer he is. The peculiar abilities of the Minister of Railways have been shown in the Drummond County Railway deal; while the finger of Mr. Tarte has been ubiquitous. Meanwhile, preferential trade with England is a laughing stock, reduced postage with the old land has been quietly squelched by the Imperial Government, the ocean mail service has been bungled, and the fast line has not emerged from its nebulous stage. In our own island the year began with the "Petrel" fizzle at the Capes and ends with the Stanley fizzle at Charlottetown. True, the curve at Wiltshire has been straightened,