

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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The old year is swiftly sliding into eternity. Its very hours are numbered. A new and eventful year looms on the horizon and The Mercury greets it with the heartfelt wish that it proves indeed a "Happy New Year" for everyone.

As the new year approaches many new resolutions are being made hither, thither and yon, and possibly even some reviewing of the past. It is this stocktaking of what is past that absorbs our interest at the moment. During this dying year we have talked progress, claimed expansion for Renfrew and the area around, and have eyed the future with approbation.

Let's look over the situation as we see it before asking ourselves where do we go from here. For instance we have had a national census-taking this year which tells us that Renfrew is among the five most progressive Ontario towns as regards increases in population over the decade, over two thousand more people now calling Renfrew home.

It is true that new industries have come to Renfrew even during the year, with others stepping out of the picture. Cockshutt Aircraft is in the process of replacing Renfrew Machinery, Stewart Hartshorn company has replaced the Canadian Hardwoods, etc., so that some are coming as others are going. But careful check reveals that the trend is still expansion. Cockshutt for instance claims a payroll of well over a million dollars annually will be disbursed locally when the project is well under way. Inauguration of the company also calls for a housing development. Stewart Hartshorn has enlarged the old Canadian Hardwood plant with still further expansion in view for the near future.

Take a look at established local Lumber company with its rapid firms like the James W. Baskin

ion, for as we see it, Renfrew will flourish—and here is the New Year and other New Years coming to prove it.

With this steadfast confidence in Renfrew and its future The Mercury again holds out all the promise inspired, with still another "Happy New Year To All!"

growth, more homes for employees and its greater facilities than ever. The solidly entrenched contractors M. J. Sulpher & Sons Limited. Modernization with resultant increased facilities and turnover of such business establishments as Armatage and Barker Motors, a new bank coming into the town, the Imperial, to complete for handling the growing business transactions.

Renfrew has its new and efficient Filtration Plant in operation almost a year. Hydro is revamping its facilities to give increased power output. Bell Telephone and Loblaws have indicated their desires to obtain sites locally.

Not only Renfrew itself but the environments are also feeling the surge of expansion. Renprior Mines have big plans for the zinc and lead development at Hurd's Lake. Iron mine interests have huge developments planned in the district with Calabogie as a centre.

It would indeed be difficult not to feel the pulse of progress enveloping Renfrew willy-nilly. Not only the old year is dying but old traditions, old methods are dying with it. In a way it is sad to see the new but that is the inexorable law old order changing, giving way to that permits nothing to stagnate the march is either forwards or backwards, and we believe, as far as Renfrew is concerned, all would choose the way of real progress.

Renfrew, we firmly believe, can and will yet become the most important centre in the county and so with this in view we mark the old year's demise and look on to the new firm in the thought that the New Year will bring with it

great opportunities and the possibility of a tremendous lot of happiness.

Renfrew's slogan has been for a great number of years "Renfrew—Let It Flourish!" and those who gave us that slogan surely had vis-

## NORTH HORTON

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On Saturday, October 13th, the marriage was solemnized of Miss Effie Burton youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Burton and Mr. James Robertson only son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Robertson of Goshen in Ottawa by the Dr. D. N. Coburn. The attendants were Miss

Nellie Burton and Mr. A. Acres.

All join in wishing them a happy married life. They will reside in Goshen.

## Fire Under Control In Renfrew Bush Land

Survivor 27-1152  
RENFREW, April 28.—(Special)—Fire covering an area of approximately 5 acres of bush land in Horton township was brought under control Sunday afternoon by about 40 volunteers from the district who were on the job four or five hours. The fire is believed to have been started by three Renfrew boys trying to smoke out a ground-hog.

It was spotted first by Lawrence Kasaboski of RR 15, Renfrew, and within a short time men from the surrounding area were on the scene.

The same district was burned over about 10 years ago and the trees were comparatively new growth.

Minor injuries were suffered by Ernie Burton, one of the firefighters when he was hit by a falling tree. He was given first aid on the scene by OPP Constable G. A. Combe, of Renfrew.

Scene of the fire was about 8 1-2 miles northwest of Renfrew, on land owned by Arthur Burger and Leonard Vincent.