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### Goodbye 1948-Welcome 1949

This is a time of the year when it is pleasant to look back and also to look ahead to new opportunities and new heights to be reached.

But one would indeed be remiss and particularly the editor of a weekly newspaper if in recalling the past year he did not dwell a moment special greetings. on the year just ending and said a sincere thanks to all who are associated with him in presenting from week to week the mirror of the community. Always down through the years as we pause at each year and it astounds us how many and how long we have enjoyed these friendships. One correspondent for instance has sent in his weekly letter for twenty-four years and rarely has, an issue been missed. Some of the staff have been associated with us well over twenty years. And so we might go on recalling helpfulness and faithfulness and the more we dwell on these recollections, the more appreciative we become of these loyalties and A friendships that have been developed in our years in weekly newspaper work. As the years are, added on our "thank you" becomes more numerous and all inclusive...

Yes the year just closed was another milestone in which we found new friendships, cementing of old friendships and enjoyment in community advancement together.

For the coming year one is never sure of what is in store. We wish, of course, that it health and happiness. That the town and individuals may grow and prosper, collectively and separately. One may say these are trying, judges of the Supreme Court of Canada and times but looking back all years have been testing periods and stepping-stones to growth and success. May 1949 find us all ready to ac- provision in their cases that on retirement they cept the responsibilities and opportunities which it will present, and ready to play our part nor-General for His Majesty's permission to rein making this corner of the old world a better tain the title of 'Honorable'."

# A Record Christmas Buying

Canadians went on another record Christmas shopping spree this year in most areas, according to a survey made last week by the Financial

Mast other retailers canvassed by The Post agreed that when the total take was counted it certainly would be up on that of last Christmas; by about 20 (in dollar sales) was the general estimate reveept in Vancouver where business: has reported only "slightly above" 1947).

All agreed too. Christmas shopping had got off to a slow start, the mild weather was to blame. But there had been a remarkable spurt of buying in the last 10 days.

As its bangains it was considered that the stores had much more variety in lower-priced merchand se too ther than last year and this seems to have been borne out by the record Par "2

# A Year End Summary

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trial output, measured in physical terms, has probably been about three per cent."

Noting the appearance of "important new frontiers of expansion" during the year, the B of M cites spectacular discoveries and production in Prairie oil fields, progress in exploring and developing valuable deposits of titanium and uranium bearing ore, and the proving up of high-grade iron ore bodies on the Quebec-Lab. rador border.

### Something We Can Afford

A Model T House is what Canada needs, declares the Vancouver Province. "There seems to be no reason why intelligent use of the lowestpriced materials in an assembly-line technique can't produce a small, attractive and livable home without mortgaging its owner until his last living day. It is the kind of technical problem that the late celebrated Henry Ford solved in the motor car field. Mr. Ford decided most of us couldn't afford a hiph-priced, custombuilt automobile and proceeded to design his famous Model T, the poor man's car that, incidentally, made Mr. Ford a very rich man."

### Greetings-Individual and Otherwise

Every year as we review the many beautiful greeting cards that come to our desk and home. we make another resolution that next year we will arrange and produce a card of our own which if not beautiful will be individual. Once Park Dills, Mr. Hector Johnson, having made the resolution it has been entirely forgotten until a few weeks prior to Christmas when such a task is impossible when one is often working out other folks individual tastes ia

As we review this week many of the beautiful greetings received we find ourselves making the same yearly resolution. Whether it will be any more productive in results only will be known in the Christmas a year hence. But the week following Christmas has its delights in reviewing the greetings and the thought that went into so many of the cards reviewed. We like that quiet week with time for review of greetings-time to study the thought back of them; time to realize the friendships that have been made and endured the years.

### Speaking of Titles

"Some of the newspapers have been wondering" says the Bowmanville Statesman, "whether in his new post George Drew should be called "Honorable" or simply "Mr." The latter designation is correct.

"All this sort of thing is laid down in official orders that are summarized in the Parliamentry Guide. Lieutenant-Governors are entitled to the designation "Honorable" for life, and so are all privy councillors of Canada, which means may hold for one and all a bountiful measure of all who are or have been members of the federal

> "Speakers of the Commons and Senate and of provincial supreme and appeal courts are FILAOTT-FLOWERS. At Norcalled "Honorable" while in office, with the can be "personally recommended by the Gover-

"That provision does not apply to senators. or to the speakers of the legislatures, or to provincial premiers and cabinet ministers, all of whom are called "Honorable" while in office but who do not carry the title with them into retirement. Thus George Drew is plain Mr. Drew since he resigned as Premier of Ontario, and John Bracken is Mr. Bracken, despite a score of years as Premier of Manitoba and other years as leader of His Majesty's Opposition in Parliament. Opposition leaders as such have no mention in this tablé of titles."

George is a good name, we might add, but will only turn up 5 out of 10 times not one Mr. Drew would like to be familiarly

# EDITORIAL NOTES

May Happiness be yours throughout the

Time to practice writing it 1949 and the new :

calendars can be put in place this week. We have seen that nations either voluntarily

While since teresting and tendencies appeared throse teamwork, or involuntarily are forced

M. st everyone had a delightful Christmas I havind is ea in this hise aged containly the weather did its part in make t

> I have task a heavy toll of life during the "I's a a S. S. . I istmus season but fortunately the highway:

He ple who take pains never to do any more man they get paid for, never let paid for any to at the more than they do. Fibert Hubbard

Motorists will pay another 50c on the license as the first that the visually full employment these for this year. Most of us have been puzall many with materials and plant capacity, aled to know where the gasoline tax taken by have been smaller than last year," the statement "the Provincial government has been spent. Ceremphasizes, and the over-all increase in indus- ; tainly not on the highways in these parts.

# Recollections of Acton

The hockey rink was well par | ronled on Monday. During the morning an exciting game was played between the two teams of the Club. In the afternoon the fee was given up to skaters generally

by acclamation. J. B. Pearson, Reeve and James Clark, Isaac Francis, John Clarke, J. A. Murray George Hynds, Robt, Holmes, Robt Wallace, H. Swackhamer, A. J. Secord, Wm. R. Kenney.

mas morning to visit friends.

of the Acton colonies at Gloversville and Johnstown, N.Y., are them are: Mr. and Mrs. Ronald

Mrs. Jonnie B. Cameron returned home last week from Toronto where she has been visiting for

Mrs Wm. Hemstreet returned last week from Milton after visiting with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Bews, who has been very III.

MacPHERSON At the home of her - sister-in-law, Mrs Janet MacPherson, Bower Ave. Acton, on Christmas morning, Peter

### **BACK IN 1928**

From the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, December 27, 1928

Now for New Year's resolutions. At the meeting yesterday, of the ratepayers of SS. No. 12 Esquesing Messrs, John Allan, Fred Denny and L. O Johnston were elected

In the guessing contest conductcandy cane the honors went to lbs. 416 ounces.

Kaiser of Guelph supplied the mus-

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# BACK IN 1898.

Taken from the Issue of The Free Pres of December 19th, 1898

and a jolly old time spent. Last year's council was returned are Councillors. Trustees were

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Warren and children, Mr. and Mrs J. C Nelson and children and the Misses Nelson went to Guelph on Christ-

Quite a number of the members spending holidays in Acton. Among Johnson, Miss Lizzle Martin, Mr. Mr. Warren Pollard, Mr. Albert

several weeks.

MacPherson, Sr., aged 64 years.

Trustees for the section.

ed by Harold Wiles on a huge Willie Hodgns, He guessed 12 lbs 5 ozs and the correct weight was 12

A splendid program was given by the High School pupils at the annual "At Home" last Friday evening. Following the program refreshments were served and then a program of dances and promenade were given, for which Mr. M.

MARRIED.

folk Street United Church Pacsonage, Guelph, on Monday, Doe mber 24, 1928, by Rev. W. A. Graham, D.D., George Elliott to

Esquesing, on Monday, December 24, 1928, George A. Hender-MANN At his home- lot 4, con-

cession 2. Er'n Township, on Tuesday, D. cember 25, 1928, 24. first line, Esquesing, on Friday, December 21, 1928, Alexander Waldie in his 92nd year.

Next time you toss for something remember: if you are the one who calls the "heads" or "talls"-the chances are 3 to 2 against you. 7 out of 10 will call heads - heads So let your opponent call and your

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