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New Year's Thoughts

TO MOST PEOPLE, the final day of 1948 is important only because it is the springboard into the New Year, the Year of Promise and Opportunity, the year when things will be fulfilled. That feeling is just as normal as is all human pre-occupation with the future as the fulfilment of the present.

Division of Time into arbitrary cycles, while both useful and necessary to the conduct of human affairs, seems, however, to create a condition of mind in which people tend to adjust themselves on a short term basis—a 365-day tenure.

They are inclined to forget the important fact that the chronicle of mankind is one of constant, large movement, not a tight, little 365-day circle as the calendar and the seasons closely indicate.

History, art and religion are all long. They have a steady movement—some might question whether or not it could be called progress—which has been continuous since the beginning of Man himself. This movement began before the invention of the calendar or the awareness of beauty or even the conception of Divinity.

It will continue. Its building blocks are the lifetimes of men, and the cells which compose the blocks are the actions of men. That gets us back to immediate things, such as New Years.

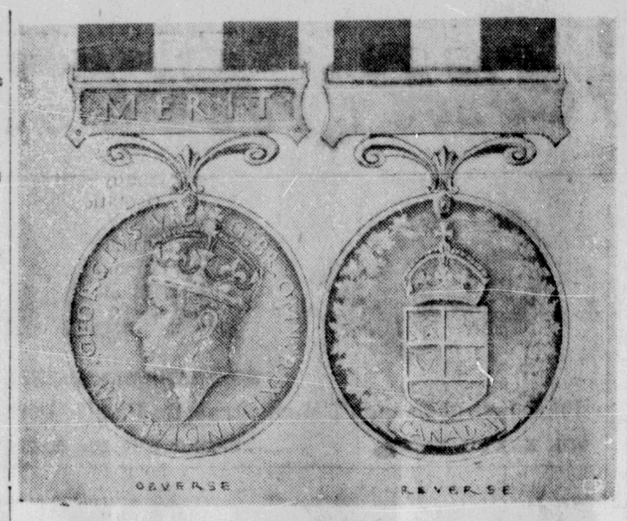
The advent of 1949 in Prince Rupert is one which bears a strong promise of prosperity and growth. But while these indications manifest themselves most clearly in 1948, they did not begin then, nor in 1947 nor the year before that. They are the products of more than a generation of men"s pioneer actions.

Nor is it to be presumed that 1949 will be the high point of the city's progress. Let us hope that the year will deliver the best that current conditions allow so that in turn, even better ones may follow. Prince Rupert has had a short past, but it will have a long future.

In the meantime, despite these weighty ponderings, the Daily News extends to its readers its best wishes for a 365-day cycle of prosperity and more immediately, a joyous New Year's holiday.

THIS AND THAT

"Mr. Blenbridge certainly is a good listener!"



CANADA MEDAL—Created in 1943, this silver medal may be awarded to civilians or servicemen, Canadians or foreigners, "for meritorious service above and beyond the faithful performance of duties." As yet the distinctly Canadian medal has not been awarded but rumors say its first recipient may be William Lyon Mackenzie King, former prime minister. The ribbon has a white stripe on a red back ground.

Reminiscences and Reflections
By W.J.

There's one comforting feature about New Year's Eve. Another full five months will have to pass before there will be any necessity to start an argument over the wisdom or folly of Daylight Saving.

Inclusion of the island of Newfoundland as Canadian territory will increase greatly the dominion's annual total of deep sea product. There's another island, this time out west that's doing pretty fair in the same line. The location is near Alaska.

The wonders of faith! Each day is becoming longer. Notice it?

For the reality of life, we learn too late, is in the living tissue of it from day to day, not in the expectation of better, nor in the fear of worse. Those two things, to be always looking ahead and to worry over things that havent yet happened and very likely wont happen—these take the very essence out of life. If only one could live each moment to the full, in a present intense with its own absorption.—Leacock.

The drive for more recruits in Canada, next year will emphasize better pay, improved radio, superior food ,smarter uniforms and more comfortable housing for married warriors. If this keeps up, the hard-boiled non-com who comes along at mess-time to bark "any complaints,' will lose his job.

IGNOMINIOUS DEATH

Barbarossa, first Holy Roman Emperor, lost his life crossing a river on his way to join the Crusaders.

AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver—Miss A. Peterson, H. P. Halsey, D. G. Bailey, M Cote, F. Smith

TO WARM ARABS — Baled blankets taken from surplus British Army stocks are loaded aboard the U.S. destroyer tender Hamul at Greenwich, Eng., to be rushed to Syria for needy Arab refugees. Cold weather in Syria brought a rush call for the blankets and the Hamul was pressed into service for the task.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

Prince Rupert

M. Cote, Vancouver; F. H. Irvine, Digby Island; R. M. Watt, Edmonton; H. Ludwigsen, Ketchikan; Joe Lewis, Ketchikan; Duane Vincent, Ketchikan; Harold Markensen, Ketchikan; L. Erickson, Ketchikan; N. Olsen, Ketchikan; Eleanor Crowther, Ketchikan; D. Crowther, Ketchikan; C. T. Scheer, Terrace; Miss B. Hopkins, Vancouver; D. W. Harwill, Vancouver; S. Sass, Kwinitsa.

Services in the Church

SATURDAY SERMON

REV. PAUL A. BARBER

A RESOLUTION FOR 1949

Dr. Alexander Maclaren wrote that he was not half so much afraid that intellectual doubts and the formulated, conscious disbelief of this generation would affect people, as he was afraid of the unconscious drift sweeping them away before they know. And this thought is borne out in Hebrews 2:1, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip." This conveys a vivid picture of a man holding some treasure with limp fingers and allowing it to drop from his grasp.

The Revised Version renders this phrase—"lest at any time we should let them slip"—in this manner: "Lest haply we drift away from them." Drifting is the thing to be afraid of. Just as some boat—not made fast to the bank glides downstream so quietly and with so little friction that her passengers do not know that they are mvoing until they come up on deck and see new fields around them; so we shall drift away from the great central truths of the Gospel which we have heard and to which we ought to be moored, if we do not continually renew our familiarity with God's word and the Gospel to which we trust.

There are a number of things which cause us to unconsciously drift. For one thing there is the current of years. Time changes all of us and there is many a professing Christian who keeps up appearances but who all unconsciously has slid away from his first love for Christ and has become cold in his soul or perhaps even worldly in his living. Then there is the current of familiarity with the Truth whereby the deep abiding fundamentals of our faith in Christ become commonplace and we lose interest in the things of God and our service for the Lord.

Then too there is the continual pressure of our daily cares and the busy lives we lead. This perhaps above all else tends to carry us away from the real business of earnest Christian living. We get so busy with temporal things of life that God is crowded out and even when we do attend church, our bodies are too tired and our minds too active with outside thoughts to give the proper participation and worship that we ought to give. It is tragically possible and in fact it is very easy to take the path of least resistance and lose out in our spiritual life.

You may remember the account of the man in the Old Testament who had a prisoner put in his charge to guard carefully but he escaped and his excuse was, "As thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone." He had so many other things to do, that he could not always keep his eyes on his prisoner, and he slipped away without the servant's knowing it. That, my friend, is the history of the decline of many professing Christian's Christianity. They are so busy here and there, doing legitimate things of life that the more important things of eternity have slipped away and they do not realize it. In regard to the fact that the eternal things are the more important, Job said, "I have esteemed the words fo His mouth more than my necessary food."

The end of a year gives us an excellent opportunity to take stock of ourselves. How is our devotion to God? Perhaps for most of my readers, a start has yet to be made. By that I mean you have yet to surrender your life to Christ and take Him as your Saviour. Without that personal experience of the New Birth there can be no relationship with God because we are all sinners and come short of the glory of God.

Knowing these things let us "give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard." "For how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Let the Lord throw the searchlight of His Word upon our hearts, and as the Psalmist of old, say: "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

How wonderful it would be and what a change would take place in our city if every one of us would make that our first resolution for 1949.

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7:30—"No Other Foundation"

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Sunday School, 3 p.m.
Salvation Meeting, 7
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WEEK OF PRAYER

Program of Services in which the Churches of the city will participate

MONDAY, JAN. 3—Service at the Anglican Cathedral with Major Yurgensen the speaker.

TUESDAY, Jan. 4—Service at Presbyterian Church with Archdeacon Hodson the speaker.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 5—Service at First Baptist Church with Rev. G. Sendall the speaker.

THURSDAY, JAN. 6—Service at Salvation Army Citadel with Rev. R. Wilson the speaker.

FRIDAY, JAN. 7—Service at United Church with Rev. Basil S. Prockter the speaker.

MEETINGS BEGIN AT 8 P.M. EACH EVENING
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