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The State Railroad Commissioners report that in the way of accidents 5 persons were killed and 33 injured on the Atlantic Coast Line system; 29 and 180 respectively on the Southern; 19 and 118 on the Seaboard Air Line and 6 and 8 on miscellaneous roads, making a total of 59 killed during the year. The North Carolina division of the Southern led with 15 killed and 83 injured.

The New Year issue of the Norfolk *Virginian* was a mammoth edition of twenty-four pages and contained a review of the business of Norfolk for the year 1894 and a comparison with the trade of 1884. The showing is a wonderful exhibit of growth and development. In 1884 the trade of Norfolk was estimated at \$48,007,500; the business for last year reached \$91,198,348, nearly double. Norfolk's population in 1884 was about 25,000; it is now 50,000. Its area was embraced in 880 acres; it now occupies 2,470 acres. Its postal receipts were \$43,260.27; they are now \$83,309.48. The number of buildings erected in eight years was 2,253, at a value of nearly \$5,000,000. Last year 443 buildings were erected at a cost of \$951,838. The combined population of Norfolk, with that of Portsmouth, Berkley, and other towns, amounts to 100,000. The *Virginian* proposes a consolidation of the cities and towns under one municipality "the Greater Norfolk" and this issue is dedicated to the promotion of this result. It reflects much credit on the *Virginian* and will be of vast benefit to Norfolk.

THREE JUSTICES RETIRE.

Chief Justice Shepherd and Associate Justice Burwell and MacRae Leave the Supreme Court Bench.

When the autumn term of the Supreme court ended Friday it ceased to exist as a Democratic body. The Chief Justice and two Associate Justices retire from the bench to-morrow and will be succeeded by the three gentleman elected by the fusionists last month. Of the retiring Justices the *Raleigh News and Observer* of Saturday says:

Chief Justice Shepherd was appointed by Governor Holt in 1892 to succeed the late Chief Justice Augustus S. Merrimon.

Associate Justice MacRae was appointed in September, 1892 to succeed the late Justice Joseph Davis. He was elected to fill the unexpired term in the election of November in the same year.

Associate Justice Burwell was appointed by Governor Holt in the autumn of 1892, to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Justice Sheppard to the Chief Justiceship.

These gentlemen retired with the high esteem of their fellow-citizens. They have adorned the bench, and go back to private life with the ermine unstained.

All will return to the practice of the law.

The plans of Chief Justice Sheppard are not yet made known.

Justice MacRae will enter into partnership with his son, Mr. S. H. MacRae, at Fayetteville. He will also form law copartnership with Capt. W. H. Day, the offices to be in Raleigh, where he will spend a portion of each week.

Justice Burwell will resume the practice of law in Charlotte, with the firm of Walker and Cansler, the name of the new firm to be Burwell, Walker and Cansler.

Mr. C. W. Toms, of Durham, has been elected president, and Mr. Logan D. Howell, of Goldsboro, secretary, of the Association of City School Superintendents.

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