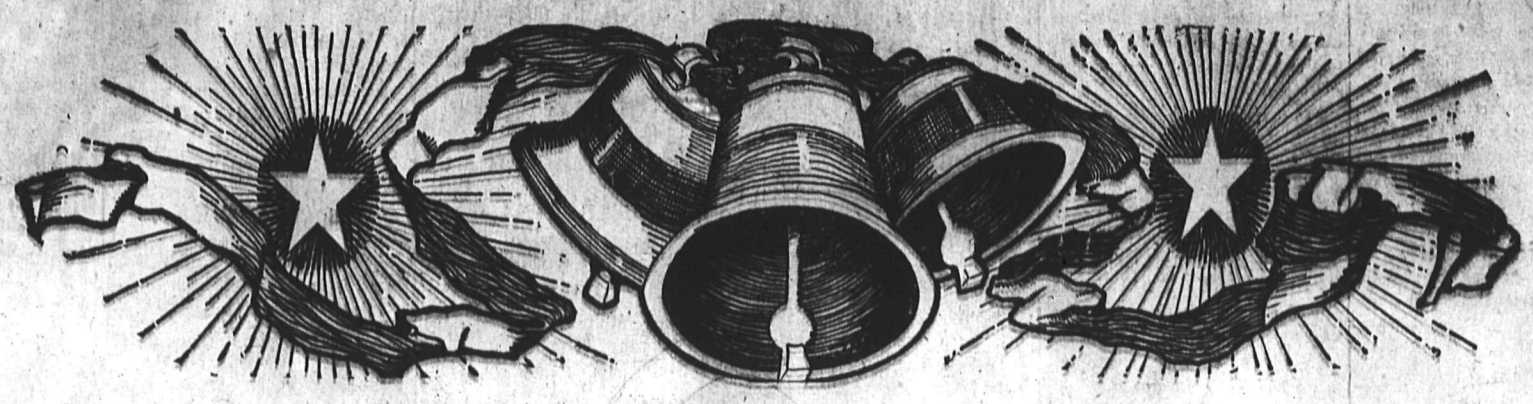

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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The Spirit of Christmas

Long years ago Shakespeare put some fascinating words into the mouth of Hamlet, words full of old legend and tradition, as when he refers to the "cock crowing for Christmas," as it used to be called. The prince of Denmark says:

Some say that ever 'gainst that season comes
Wherein our Saviour's birth is celebrated
The bird of dawning singeth all night long,
And then, they say, no spirit can walk abroad
The nights are wholesome, then no planets strike,
No fairy takes nor witch hath power to charm,
So hallowed and so gracious is that time.

Everyone feels in that subconscious region of himself commonly known as the heart that the time is really a hallowed and a gracious one, but his mind may tell him that to many the time is not so gracious as it might be. Only to the few perhaps has Christmas ever been gracious, but there are newly arisen classes who have not even attained unto the merriment which has a conspicuous feature of past Christmasses. These have never had it, and even those born in more ample circumstances who could be expected to understand these things appear to have lost somewhat of the art of Christmastide if not altogether its essentital spiritt.

"Good will towards men" is even now not of universal application, so that there is still ample room for the exercise of hope. Christmas is the one day in the year when the whole world seems to feel a simultaneous longing for what might be. One who understands the meaning of modern thought has written, "All this world is heavy with the promise of greater things, and a day will come—one day in the unending succession of days—when beings who are now latent in our thoughts and hidden in our loins will stand upon this earth as one stands upon a footstool annd laugh and reach out their hands among the stars." This longing for a distant ideal is the same feeling which surges over one in the presence of a splendid sea view with wide, unknown horizons. It is a feeling which will not be repressed at the dawn of a beautiful summer's day. This spirit of hope plays a great if not always fully recognized part in a successful Christmas. The spirit of Christmas is largely composed of hope. Hope is, in fact, one of those fundamental motive forces in man which help to make Christmas possible to him, and a proper use of this force will do wonders with Christmas. A conscious effort to see the sparkle of the candles rather than the pink grease upon the floor is another wonder worker, and the taking of deliberate thought for the morrow on the part of those who play Santa Claus to the young, fails in this case to bring any penalties in its train. Many have wished after a visit to the toy fairylands of Christmas:

Backward, turn backward,
O Time, in your flight!
Make me a child again
Just for to-night.

Christmas Hymn

Tell me what is this innumerable throng
Singing in the heavens a loud angelic song?
These are they who come with swift and shining feet
From round about the throne of God the Lord of Light to greet.

Oh, who are these that hasten beneath the starry sky,
As if with joyful tidings that through the world shall fly?
The faithful shepherds these, who greatly were afeared
When, as they watched their flocks by night, the heavenly host appeared.

Who are these that follow across the hills at night
A star that westward hurries along the fields of light?
Three wise men from the east who myrrh and treasure bring
To lay them at the feet of Him their Lord and Christ and King.

What babe new-born is this that in a manger cries?
Near on her bed of pain his happy mother lies.
Oh, see! the air is shaken with white and heavenly wings—
This is the Lord of all the earth, this is the King of kings.

Tell me, how may I join in this holy feast
With all the kneeling world, and I of all the least?
Fear not, O faithful heart, but bring what most is meet:
Bring love alone, true love alone, and lay it at His feet.

The Christmas Tree

Where the Old Country Gets Its Great Supply of Christmas Trees Every Year.

To tell you the truth, we do not trouble very much about the matter. Father bought it somewhere, and while we were asleep—or pretended to be—loving hands covered it with candles, and bag of sweets and toys and dolls and little flags, and made it shine and sparkle like the King's crown. But when we stand before it and clap our hands and cry "O-o-oh!" we do not as a rule, stop to bother as to how it is there comes to be such a thing as a Christmas tree at all.

As a matter of fact, a good many older people have tried to find out where the Christmas tree came from, but nobody seems to be quite certain yet as to how many years ago the good custom was started.

Some learned men have told us that it came from ancient Egypt. They say that at certain winter festivities the Egyptians used a slip of a palm tree with twelve shoots on it, this, of course, representing the year with its twelve months. I do not think, however, that our Christmas tree has anything to do with that twelve-shooted slip of palm. It is more probable that it is to be traced back through the old customs of the country which gave it to us—Germany.

Far away back in the ages—"once upon a time," as the fairy tales say—the people called Teutons believed all kinds of things about a mystic ash tree with the curious name Yggdrasil. This, with its roots and branches, they thought, united the world of the living and the world of the dead. The tree is very popular indeed in Germany, but you may be surprised to know that it is only about seventy years since it was taken to England. When Victoria the Good married Prince Albert in 1840, many new German customs were introduced into the old country, and the Christmas tree was one of them. At Windsor Castle in 1846 there was a huge tree forty feet high, which was laden with presents said to be worth no less than $45,000! That was something like a tree wasn't it?—but I do not suppose it gave a bit more pleasure than the little tree you see in a poor man's cottage window.

Since then the Christmas tree has been a prominent feature of the Christmas festivities of the Royal Family. Queen Victoria encouraged the custom.

In Germany, at Christmas time, every house has its tree, and the trade in fir trees in every German town is enormous. In London, something like 70,000 trees of various sizes are sold at Covent Garden.

The Comfort of Peace

Some must be sad on even Christmas day,
Some sufferings and sorrow cannot cease,
To some we cannot "Merry Christmas!" say
But heaven comfort them and give them peace.

THE SEVEN AGES OF THE CHRISTMAS TURKEY

All the world's a platter,
And all the men and women merely eaters.
They have with them always their appetites,
And one turk in his time plays many parts,
His acts being seven ages: At first the roast,
Reposing grandly on the groaning board,
Flanked by rich dressing and cranberry sauce,
A dainty dish to set before a king;
Then the warmed over bird, served up next day
Lest we forget the Yuletide's merry meal;
Then the cold cuts, at luncheon and at tea,
Still succulent, if you do like cold cuts;
Next comes the stew, yclept a fricassee,
With dumplings made to fatten up the dish
And which, forsooth, do cause us many groans
And pangs of indigestion; then croquettes
Garnished with parsley cunningly and mixed
With what suspiciously doth taste like veal,
And so they play their part. The sixth age shifts
Into the lean and languid turkey hash,
Reposing on a slab of soggy toast,
A bitter aftermath of glories past,
For toothless age. Last scene of all
That ends this strange, eventful history:
A skeleton, a rack of clean picked bones
That finds its dismal way into the soup
Of second childishness and mere oblivion,
Sans breast, sans legs, sans wings, sans everything.

—*Sam S. Stinson.*

Happy, happy Christmas that can win us back to the delusions of our childish days; that can recall to the old man pleasures of his youth; that can transport the sailor and the traveler, thousands of miles away, back to his own fireside and his quiet home.

—*Chas. Dickens.*

And numerous indeed are the hearts to which Christmas brings a brief season of happiness and enjoyment . . . . How many old recollections and how many dormant sympathies does Christmas time awaken?

—*Chas. Dickens.*

CONCLAVE OF CITY FATHERS

Another Gas Plant Proposition—Council Discusses Tents on the Waterfront.

A brisk and businesslike air characterized city council activities last night. The mayor, from his dais, presided over a full quantum of aldermen and ratepayers were more lavishly represented than usual in the auditorium.

At the outset various items of correspondence were read and dispensed with, the majority embodying requests for sidewalks and petty complaints. One communication emanated from those responsible for the new Pythian Hall on Chesterfield avenue, asking the council for water connection and for a sidewalk in front of the hall which is to be opened on January 2nd. These requests were referred to the water committee and board of works respectively.

The city engineer recommended that a 12-foot sidewalk be constructed on the south side of the Esplanade from Lonsdale 200 feet westward. The estimated cost was $130.

Ald. Henderson pointed out that this had already been promised by the council at a time when the stores there were ready to be opened. Mr. Hanes was accordingly instucted to carry out the work immediately.

Mr. Alexander Philip wrote on behalf of his clients, Messrs. Shotton and Mayne, relating to district lot 1016 which they had previously offered to sell to the city for $40,000. They had since been arranging for the subdivision of the property into lots and had had overtures made to them for the right to take gravel out of the bed and adjacent to the creek at a price which would yield a large return. This would, however, seriously menace the city water supply, so, while not taking advantage of the city's necessity, they renewed their previous offer, expressing willingness to take city bonds at 4½ per cent.

Ald. Henderson moved that the matter should be referred to the waterworks committee, but Ald. Dick contended that the topic had already been discussed in council and the decision had been arrived at that the city was not in a financial position to purchase this property.

Ald. Kittson further pointed out that if any person seriously impaired the quality of the city water, the council could immediately take action.

Ald. Smith urged that, since the property included the city's intake, they might get the ratepayers' vote on it.

Eventually the letter was ordered to be filed.

Ald. Dick alluded to the damages recently claimed by Capt. Stephens for injury to his property on 3rd street by blasting. The captain had written several times about the matter, but had heard nothing further.

Ald. Henderson explained that the matter had been referred to Ald. Smith and himself, and they had decided that the best course was to ask the engineer to address a letter to the contractor making an appointment with him. So far no appointment had been made.

Mr. Hanes stated that he had written to Mr. Tucker, the contractor, but had received no reply.

The clerk was instructed to write to both parties arranging for them to meet the committee and settle this dispute.

The mayor then intimated that he had received a request from a gentleman who wished to address the council. The person in question, upon being invited to speak, said that he represented a company which sought the privilege of putting down pipes in the city for supplying gas to North Vancouver.

The mayor drew the speaker's attention to the amount of work which lay before the council. "How long do you wish to speak?" inquired His Worship.

"From fifteen to twenty minutes," was the prompt answer.

The aldermen looked horrified. Ald. Smith referred to previous applications they had considered for this same project, and said they were "pretty well sick of them."

The mayor, however, suggested that each member of the council should be supplied with a copy of the franchise and Ald. Dick proposed that the advocate should confine his attention to points not set forth in printed form.

The company's representative explained, therefore, that the proposition was drafted in the form of a bylaw and was to instal, with the consent of the council, a gas plant to supply the city with gas in every way. They asked no privileges, no exemptions from taxation, no bonus. The company would agree to commence construction within six months, and would put up a bond of $5,000 to carry the work through. The speaker pointed out that gas had become a very important ingredient in household affairs, particularly in apartment houses, where, he learnt, pipes were laid ready. In Vancouver one million cubic feet of gas per day was consumed, this averaging ten cubic feet a day for every man, woman and child. The company felt that the council would make every effort to provide the city with what it actually required and needed. There were only two courses to adopt, either the city would instal a gas plant itself, or else gas would be supplied by a private corporation. He knew the city had already considerable obligations without undertaking more. There was the ferry boats, the—

At this point the mayor intervened. He courteously reminded the speaker that he was wandering from the point at issue.

"The company," resumed its advocate, "would agree to sell to the city twenty years hence all their appliances at a cost of 25 per cent. over and above what it had cost them. By this course the company were assuming all initial risks. The rate would be limited to 2¼ per thousand feet, but the speaker pointed out that his clients were not wedded to the details of the franchise but would welcome suggestions from the council or its committees.

Ald. Kittson recalled that some time ago a gas proposition was put up, but the council considered that the time was not then opportune. The alderman compared that scheme with this on two points. The first one read that the company was to instal the plant and the council was to have the right to purchase it at stated intervals, the first being four years. This proposition stated two years.

Also under the old scheme the city would be allowed to purchase at 10 per cent. above the cost. This company stated 25 per cent. The alderman declared, in Kittsonian metaphor, that the previous proposition was eminently more acceptable.

The mayor announced that an answer to the problem would be given at the council's next session.

Ald. Smith then moved that a bylaw should be prepared to deal with the tents on the waterfront and Esplanade. They were becoming a menace and a nuisance. There were no fewer than 28 between Forbes and St. David's, and in one block there were 46. The water pipes in their vicinity were all burst and the water was running all over the place. They were unhealthy. The police, moreover, were complaining that undesirable characters were known to be located in these tents. Ald. Smith considered that all owners of unoccupied tents should receive 90 days' notice to get them removed and that all occupants of tents should be given six months' notice to quit.

Ald. Biss disfavored the idea. He did not see why North Vancouver should be deprived of this fraction of its population. It would be putting hardships on these people, and Ald. Biss considered that to drive them out would be detrimental to the city's interests.

Ald. Dick went further. He thought it would be illegal. They could, however, take up the question of sanitation. On the population point, Ald. Dick reminded the council that 208 tents would represent from 500 to 600 people.

Ald. Smith: "Who are paying no taxes and are becoming a nuisance."

Ald. Dick was certainly not in favor of driving them out of North Vancouver.

He thought that in respectability they averaged up with any other citizen in the city.

Ald. Henderson considered that the matter did not seem to turn on population. It was more a question of health that was involved. The medical officer of health had already spoken unfavorably of this "canvas town on the waterfront." He did not wish to say one word about the respectability of these people. He thought the city solicitors' advice should be asked.

Ald. Kittson candidly admitted that he didn't like the tents. Wet canvas was not nearly so healthy as a shingle roof. There was also the fire danger. Once a fire started in a bunch of tents it might sweep through the lot of them. He pointed out, however, that there were tent cities of from 10,000 to 20,000 population in climates far hotter and more likely to breed disease than this was.

Eventually the council decided to seek advice from the city solicitor.

The ferry subway bylaw then came briefly under discussion. The mayor thought notice should be given to Vancouver that North Vancouver was putting up this bylaw. The terms were that North Vancouver should construct the subway and that Vancouver should contribute its share.

Ald. Dick asked what would happen supposing the ratepayers of Vancouver turned the bylaw down?

Ald. Kittson ridiculed the idea. The railway commissioners were the brainiest of men and would never have made this arrangement if they could not enforce it.

It was considered that a bylay of $15,000 would meet the case. Instructions were given that such should be prepared.

In connection with the clearing and grading of Fell avenue and Hamilton Avenue, the contracts were awarded to Higgins and Fisher, whose tenders amounted to $11,900 and $5,250 respectively.

J. W. Elston, Walter Fisk and Adolph Anderson were each fined at the city hall this morning for imbibing to excess.

H. H. STEVENS, M. P. HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Purchase of Post Office Site --- North Vancouver as a Port of Entry --- Foreshore Leases and Other Matters.

Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P., returned on Saturday last from Ottawa for the Christmas holidays, and in an interview granted a representative of the Express gave a most interesting statement with reference to federal matters on the North Shore. The matter of the purchase of a post office site for the city of North Vancouver is now in its final stages, Mr. Stevens having been requested by the department to name a valuator to appraise the city hall property preparatory to its purchase by the government. Mr. Ross, superintendent of post office matters, will arrive in Vancouver shortly after Christmas and among other items, will complete arrangements for a house to house mail delivery in this city.

In the course of a few days, an official from the department of Customs will arrive on the ground, and it is the desire of Mr. Stevens that a committee of representatives of the councils, the Board of Trade and of representative citizens shall meet and confer with the representative of the department for the purpose of discussing the advisability of making this city a port of entry. Mr. Stevens qualifies the situation in this regard by stating explicitly that this meeting is simply for the purpose of laying the whole case before the department. Whether favorable action will result at once will depend upon the case which the local committee is able to make.

With references to leases of foreshore in front of the Mission, Mr. Stevens states positively that these have been cancelled. It was ascertained that certain leases had been granted by the department of Indian affairs but Mr. Stevens has the direct and positive assurance of Hon. Robt. Rogers that all such have been cancelled absolutely. With reference to this and to other foreshore lying in front of Indian reservations upon the North Shore, the plan which Mr. Stevens now has in mind is to make these the basis of operation for a harbor commission. Mr. Stevens hopes that the departmental engineer, Mr. Swan, will reach Vancouver before the time arrives at which he must return to Ottawa for the reopening of the session and it is his intention to go into this matter exhaustively with Mr. Swan. Mr. Stevens states further that he had an important interview at Montreal with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy with reference to the attitude of the C. P. R. toward a Board of Harbor Commissioners and ascertained that while the railway company would not be prepared to part with any of its waterfrontage on the south shore, yet their general attitude toward the harbor scheme is sympathetic.

In discussing Second Narrows bridge Mr. Stevens stated that he feared that the representatives of Burrard Inlet Tunnel and Bridge Company which recently interviewed the government, had taken a somewhat too sanguine view of the position of the department with reference to the reduction of the length of the span. The departmental engineer is of opinion that in view of the strength of the tide at that point and the probability of slow freighters with long tows finding it necessary to pass through, it would not be advisable to make the span shorter than 250 feet. With reference to the Dominion subsidy, the government had confirmed that already existing for $200,000 but were of opinion that the request for an increased subsidy should be held in abeyance until time had been allowed to ascertain what action the respecfive municipalities would take, in the matter of assisting to meet the increased cost of the bridge.

HALF HOUR FERRY SERVICE ON XMAS DAY

Directors Consider Advertising Proposition.

At the weekly meeting of the ferry directorate which took place on Friday afternoon, the advertising representative of the Architects' Club waited upon the directors and besought them to utilize advertising space in an elaborate album shortly to be published embodying about 160 photographs of Vancouver and its environs. The volume which will appear on the first of the year, will be mailed to all who are interested in architecture with the purpose of acquainting them with the possibilities of the west. This book will also be sold on all the incoming boats and trains, and for this reason alone the agent considered the ferry company would act wisely in advertising within its covers.

Mr. P. Larson favored the propostition. He announced himself to be a believer in copious advertising in the right quarters and this book promised to be one which would bring their ferries under the notice of the proper people. Newcomers entering Vancouver, argued Mr. Larson, would be able to study the ferry time table and make straight for the wharf on reaching the city.

Mr. Williams thought it was an ill time to consider the question. It had not hitherto been the custom of the directors to expend money in any advertising other than that in purely local papers.

Captain Kickham, while disagreeing with this particular reason of Mr. Williams', did not on the whole consider the proposal an acceptable one.

Mr. Paine supported Mr. Williams' contention that the proposition came at the wrong time. It was a matter that should be taken up in the first of the year.

Mayor McNeish, while applauding the contemplation of a publication of the kind described and promised to support it, explained to the representatiev that the directors did not see their way clear to make use of the album for advertising.

Certain Christmas arrangements then arose for discussion and settlement and Mr. Larson very neatly made sarcastic use of Mr. Paine's words, "Let us wait till the first of the year."

Mr. A. G. Perry appeared to ascertain what arrangements the directors were making as to the running of the ferries on Christmas day. The directorate were of the opinion that the only feasible and possible plan would be to use the ordinary Sunday schedule. Mr. Perry intimated that the B. C. Electric would run their street cars accordingly. The suggestion was made that the ferries might be run half-hourly, but Manager Heard and others pointed out that this course would be of no practical advantage to the men whatever. The Sunday schedule was therefore adopted.

Mayor McNeish, however as president, called a special meeting yesterday afternoon for further consideration of the Yuletide problem so far as it effects the ferry service.

His Worship explained that when the question came up at their last meeting about running the boats on Christmas Day, and when Mr. Perry, manager of the B. C. Electric came in, he did not himself realize what the consequences of running a twenty-minute service would be. Practically every man employed would have to put in his ordinary quantum of work. It was not a day on which the people did a great deal of travelling. If they ran a half-hour service they would only have to work half the number of men and the people would not be inconvenienced in any way.

It appeared that men employed in the street cars, which must of necessity meet every boat, had approached His Worship on this point.

Mr. Paine suggested running a 40-minute service. They could then work four crews at different times and run one boat and the men would be given a chance of spending part of Christmas day at home.

Mr. Larson reminded the body that last Christmas Day they ran a half hour service. He considered it would be a mistake to run a less frequent service this year when the city had grown so. They would have lots of people "kicking" and men, women and children would be waiting on the wharf forty minutes.

The mayor queried whether it was a day on which people travelled, but Mr. Larson alluded to the numbers who would cross the Inlet to see friends on the North Shore and share their Christmas dinner and vice versa.

His Worship then asked Mr. Heard what he thought about it.

The manager thought that a forty-minute service would accommodate all the people who travelled on Christmas day. Very few of them would expect the same service and the majority would take the precaution of finding out beforehand.

After further argument, however, the directors decided to run a half hour service on Dec. 25th commencing at 7.30 a.m.

SEYMOUR LUMBER COMPANY

Mr. A. B. Diplock Resigns Managership—Mr. Geo. Smith Appointed His Successor.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of Seymour Lumber Co. Ltd. Mr. A. B. Diplock resigned the position of managing director, which he has held since the formation of the company, of which he was the originator, and Mr. Geo. Smith, the well known local building contractor, was appointed to the position. Mr. Smith has a thorough knowledge of the business, not only from the standpoint of the operation of saw mills and planing mills, etc., but likewise from the viewpoint of the practical builder and his appointment will doubtless prove fortunate to both the company and the purchasing public. Mr. Diplock retains the presidency of the company of which the other officers are as follows: Secretary, F. L. B. Diplock, Assistant Secretary, T. B. Diplock, directors, Geo. Smith, A. Philip, T. S. Nye and A. D. Taylor.

BOARD OF TRADE

The regular general monthly meeting of the Board of Trade will be held at the city hall on Wednesday evening, at eight o'clock. The secretary, Mr. J. Wylie Donaldson has received information from Mr. H. H. Stevens, M.P., with reference to public issues of local importance, which should make the meeting one of exceptional interest.

QUEENSBURY AVENUE HOUSE ENTERED

Thieves Get Away With $159 Worth of Jewelry

The residence of Mr. G. Whiteside on the corner of Queensbury Avenue and Keith road was on Saturday night burglarized and ransacked. Mr. Whiteside was absent from home at the time but on returning about 5 o'clock found that the robbers had gained entrance to the house by way of the front window. He subsequently missed jewelry valued at over $159. Mr. Whiteside is of the opinion that the intruders were surprised and made a hurried departure as everything was left in a state of chaos and a number of valuable articles had been overlooked. The police were duly notified but so far no clue has been obtained as to the identity and whereabouts of the housebreakers.

WINDOW DRESSINGS IGNITED AT SALE'S STORE

$500 Worth of Damage

At about three o'clock on Saturday afternoon a small outbreak of fire occurred at the Leonard Sale Co's. stationery store at the corner of First street and Lonsdale. The cause must be counted among life's little mysteries. It can only be assumed that a stray spark, perhaps from the pipe of a passerby, must have wandered in through the open door or window and playfully ignited the Yuletide trappings with which the latter had been carefully adorned. Had not prompt action been instituted, the consequences of the outbreak might have been extremely grave. Mr. Sale and his colleagues, however, smothered and drenched the fire into subservience, with the satisfactory result that a card, announcing business to be carried on as usual was placed in the devastated window. The fire brigade were very briskly on the scene but their help was happily not needed. Mr. Sale estimates the damage done by the outbreak at about $500.

Mrs. W. J. Irwin will not receive again until after the holidays.

Mrs. J. H. Keller, 10th street and St. Andrew's, will not receive on Friday, Dec. 22nd.

Mrs. A. Campbell Hope will not be at home on the 22nd of this month, but will be home on the 22nd of January as usual.

Couches, Easy Chairs, Sea Grass Chairs, Parlor Tables, Children's Rockers, etc. at the N. V. Home Furnishers.

The Truth students class will meet every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Gallagher, Keith road, near Ridgeway. Students desiring higher spiritual unfoldment are cordially invited to attend. 4f

Express Classified Ads.

WANTED

WANTED—To excavators! Earth. Apply Wallace Shipyards Ltd. t.f.

WANTED—Good gasoline tins, 7½ cents each, 235—5th street east. 22-12

We have money for the purchase of Agreements of Sale. Canadian Financiers Ltd., Bank of Hamilton Building. t.f.

Lady wishes post as useful help. Thoroughly domesticated. Apply Express Office, Box A18. 19-12

WANTED—All the discriminating people of North Vancouver to leave their orders for Xmas Cakes now at "The Scotch Bakery" Quality tells. 19-12

TENDERS WANTED

WANTED—Tenders wanted for excavating corner of King and Lonsdale, 44x60. Approximately 800 yards. Box 1967, North Vancouver. t.f.

Ladies' Secretaries and Desks at the N. V. Home Furnishers.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—First growth dry wood for $4.75 per cord, 4 ft. O. McDade, Phone 91. General teaming. t.f.

FOR SALE—Fir wood $4.50 per cord. Apply John Campbell, 227—5th street west, or phone 361. 19-1

FOR SALE—Two Angora Goats, cheap. Mrs. A. Hodgson, cor. 12th and St. George's. 26-12

FOR SALE—Wood, 16-inch fir, $3.25, cedar blocks, $3.25, cord wood, $4.50. Leave orders at barn, 7th and Ridgeway or P. O. Box 2014. 16-1

FOR SALE—New laid eggs, Buff Orpington Cockerels and Pekin Drakes. Mrs. F. Brimacombe, 1st street east. 22-12

FOR SALE—Xmas Cakes in great variety at "The Scotch Bakery," 135 Lonsdale Avenue. Leave your orders now: 19-12

FOR SALE—Three 50-foot lots on Queen street, five minutes' walk from Lonsdale avenue, $350 each, one-third cash, 6, 12 and 18 months. Apply K., "Express" Office.

FOR SALE—Light delivery horse, weight 1,000 lbs. Good all round vanner. John Alexander & Co., 121 Lonsdale Avenue, N. Vancouver. t.f.

FOR SALE—Keith road close to Boulevard, 6 room house, strictly modern, never been occupied, well built for owners own use, furnace, or will rent subject to sale. For price and terms apply Cottrell Investment Co., 313 Homer street or phone Seymour 606, or E. N. Maltby, phone 234, North Vancouver. 22-12

FOR RENT

ROOMS FOR RENT—Housekeeping. 216 2nd Street east.

FOR RENT—One suite, Colonial Apartments. Telephone and heat included. t.f.

TO LET—Furnished California bungalow, six rooms on Ninth street east between St. Andrew's and Ridgeway. 12-12

FOR RENT—Lonsdale Avenue modern 6-room house. Immediate possession. Apply Irwin, Billings & Co., Limited. t.f

FOR SALE—Lots 8, 9, 19, block 53, D. L. 550. Price $2850 or separate. 1-3 cash, 6 and 12 months. Apply Box A16 Express Office. 19-1

TO RENT—Choice modern suites on 3rd street. Apply Alex. Smith & Co., North Vancouver. t.f.

FOR RENT—Furnished, superior modern residence, choice location, close in; six rooms, and two sleeping porches; rents moderate to right parties. Apply in first instance by letter to Box A17, Express Office. 22-12

TO RENT—House, 19th street East, block from Lonsdale, 5 rooms, bath, etc., cement basement piped for furnace, lot 33x150, fenced and cultivated. Rent. $22.50 or for sale. Apply the Wood-Paige Shoe Co. t.f.

The halls of the N. V. Pythian Castle Hall Co. will be ready for occupancy and engagements on January 1st, 1912, also store room in basement 20x80. For terms apply to J. R. Badger, Sec.-Treas., N. V. Pythian Castle Hall Co. 19-12

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—Friday, 8th, large brown and white pup (Dane). Apply Travis, P. O. Box 1909, North Vancouver. 22-12

MISCELLANEOUS

Get it at Lonsdale Pharmacy Phone 29

Mrs. Adams, maternity nurse, near Hotel, Lynn Valley Road. 16-1

Agreements for Sale discounted. Money waiting. Lonsdale Realty Co., 535 Lonsdale Avenue. Phone 317. t.f.

B. C. Livery and Board stables—Light rigs and ladies' saddle horses for hire. Stabling for horses. General delivery and heavy teaming. H. Dumas, 4th street west. Phone 347 t.f.

For plumbing, pipe fitting and connecting see F. B. Hermon, Frederick Road, Lynn Valley, or Phone 184. t.f.

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His Christmas Caller

By Anna S. Richardson

THE store fairly radiated the Christmas spirit. Crimson bells swung from every chandelier. Ropes of evergreen draped all the shelving. The counters were strewn with Christmas cards, booklets and favors.

The man who had dropped in to buy lead points for his pocket pencil remained to pore over a stack of gift books bound in rare leather. Then he heard the voice. After that only his gaze was on the books. His interest was concentrated on the possessor of the voice.

"But you said such things were in great demand around the holidays, and

"I SHOULD LIKE TO TAKE A LOOK AT THOSE CARDS."

I have taken infinite pains with these. Please, please tell me what is wrong with them."

There was a note of tragedy in the rich contralto tones which, together with a beseeching glance from wonderful violet eyes, put to rout the rules and regulations of the astute buyer of Christmas novelties. His was a smart shop, and he had never vouchsafed explanation to struggling young artists whose work he declined to sell on commission, but now he picked up the little packets of plate and score cards, gay with holly, Santa Claus heads, etc.

"Let me explain," he said. "These are not novelties. They are the same style of cards used in the past twenty years, with the same decorations. Women who can afford to pay the prices demanded for hand painted novelties want something new. See this poinsettia blossom—not painted on a card, but cut in the shape of the blossom itself—and this funny, bulging stocking, overflowing with faces of pretty girls, for a bachelor. They are catchy, the sort of things my customers want. Your work is neat, but not novel."

"Thank you," the girl said bravely "I understand now, and it is too late for me to try my hand at novelties But perhaps you will keep my cards, and I—well, your novelties might not go around, and then perhaps some late customer might buy mine after all."

"Certainly. I will be glad to keep them in reserve. Your name and address—oh, yes, I remember—Miss Sylvia Leigh, the Grant studios. I will do my best for you."

Nevertheless as the girl slipped through the door he opened a deep drawer under the counter and dropped the cards out of sight. It would never do to display those old fashioned bits of pasteboard among the novelties which appealed to his fashionable trade. And then very suddenly the man who had been engrossed in leather bound gift books stepped up to the counter.

"One minute, please. I should like to take a look at those cards you just bought from the young lady."

The astonished manager of the store glanced from the well groomed man with fine brown eyes and iron gray hair to the more expensive novelties in the showcase.

"The ones you just bought from the young lady," repeated the customer serenely.

"Certainly," responded the manager hastily, and he spread forth the despised bits of pasteboard. The work was dainty, but utterly commonplace.

"Just what my sister would like—conservative sort of woman my sister is—don't go in for newfangled ideas. I'll take those—three dozen. Not enough! Do you suppose the girl could do two dozen more by the day before Christmas? If she can, send 'em to me, James Macy, at Marquette. I'll take these with me."

And almost before he could realize what had happened the manager was actually gaping, open mouthed, after this eccentric customer whose sister was to give a dinner party of sixty covers on Christmas day and intrusted the buying of such important articles as dinner favors to an obviously inexperienced bachelor brother.

Christmas eve was frosty and starlit. James Macy, coming home from his office, smiled somewhat grimly at the holiday preparations made.

Holly and evergreens there were in plenty, great wreaths with massive bows of satin ribbon, a bowl filled with scarlet poinsettia blooms, and on one table an orderly stack of parcels evidently sent by express, mail and messenger to the popular but elusive bachelor, for elusive he was dubbed by matchmaking mothers.

"A young lady to see you, sir," he marked his man impassively.

James Macy took the card.

"Miss Sylvia Leigh," ran its legend.

She came to him, looking taller than the day in the shop, for her head was held high.

"You will pardon my coming here on Christmas eve and unchaperoned. I could not leave town without seeing you." The violet eyes had turned almost black; the contralto voice was a bit too even in its tones.

"I am honored," replied James Macy gravely, and he offered her a chair, which she declined with a wave of her gloved hand.

"It was hard enough to know that the man who bought my foolish little paintings did it through a sense of pity, but to learn that he was also the man who wrecked my mother's life—that—that was too much. I have come to return your money and ask the return of my cards if you have not already destroyed them."

"My dear girl," expostulated the man, who had turned strangely white.

"Please do not interrupt me," continued the girl passionately. "My mother's brother—perhaps you remember him—Henry Johnson, is here. He went to the shop and found out where my cards had gone and— Oh, it is such a miserable little farce to you, a successful man! I thought I could be an artist. They told me so at home. Against uncle's wishes I came here to make my little fight and failed. When you bought those things I thought perhaps—but uncle, who wanted me to go home, sifted the story to the bottom and found—you. I am going home with him tonight."

"Miss Leigh, I want to beg a favor of you. This is Christmas eve, and I am a lonely, desolate man. If ever the Christmas message of peace and good will means anything it is tonight, and I want your good will. Those little Christmas cards you painted are the only touch of real Christmas that has come into my life—and I want to keep them—and tell you why I want to keep them. Will you be seated?

"You say I wrecked your mother's life. Well, then, know that hers was not long. My season of regret and penitence has lasted longer than you have lived. I loved your mother, but I did not understand her I went out into the world to make a fortune, not for myself, but for her, and I thought that the fortune must come first and love's dream afterward With women it is different. The dream must come first—the fortune is a secondary consideration. Your mother (God bless her memory) thought I had forgotten—that I did not care—and so she passed out of my life and into your father's.

"But she had you. I had nothing, nothing but money and the memory of one happy summer of her life. I never expected to know what peace and happiness meant again until that day in the store, when your eyes, your voice—I thought it was the other Sylvia, my Sylvia, come to life And I bought those cards because you painted them.

"And now you come to me in anger and take from me my one Christmas

"I AM HONORED," REPLIED JAMES MACY

happiness—the work of your hands. Sylvia, Sylvia, haven't I paid my debt of repentance? Can you not extend forgiveness—Christmas forgiveness—to your mother's name?"

Sylvia turned toward the door.

"I must go now. We are leaving on the 9 o'clock train. Uncle is waiting for me downstairs in a cab. We are going home."

"Home!" The man echoed the word mechanically, dully.

The girl hesitated, then held out her hand.

"Yes, back to dear old Hestonville. Why don't you come too? Why don't you run out tomorrow—for dinner?"

"Sylvia, child, do you mean it? Do you understand that if I come it will be—to see you?"

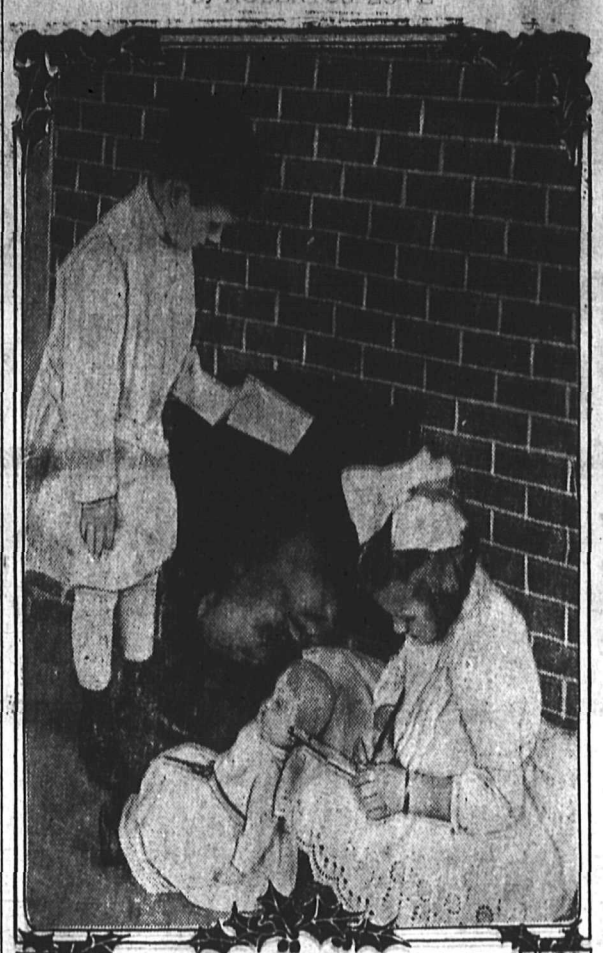
Bravely the violet eyes were raised to meet the searching look in the brown ones.

"Is it peace and good will for me, Sylvia?"

"Yes—and merry Christmas if you come tomorrow."

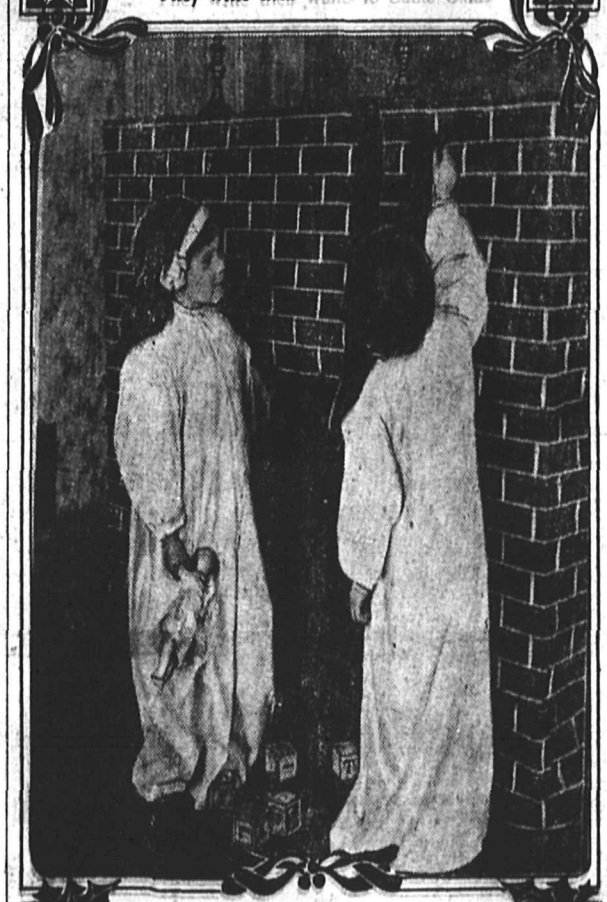
The Three Ages of Xmas

By ROBERTUS LOVE



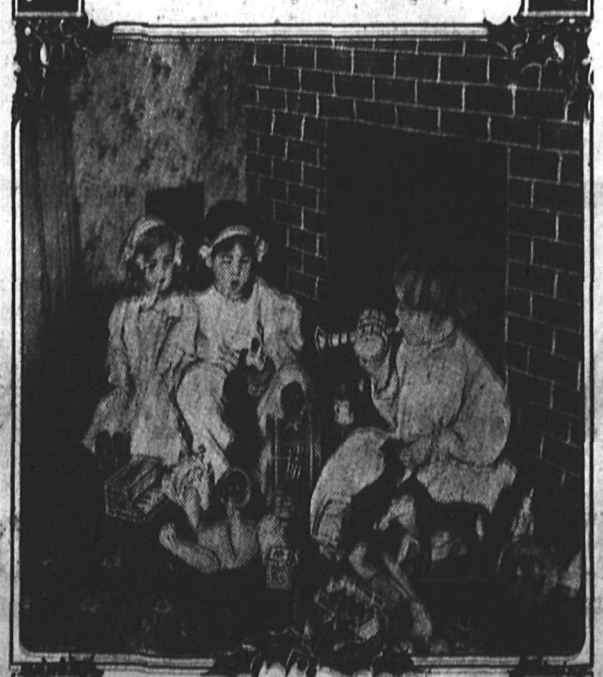
WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

With Dolly sweetly sleeping
Before the blazing grate
The little ones are keeping
Their vigil very late.
With many chirographic flaws
They write their wants to Santa Claus.



CHRISTMAS EVE.

Now long abed is Dolly,
Because 'tis Christmas eve,
But little Paul and Polly
Are wide awake, believe!
They cannot sleep nor dine nor sup
Before they hang their stockings up.



CHRISTMAS MORNING.

'Tis Christmas morning early,
Yet these expectant tots
(Now, don't you love them dearly?)
Have risen from their cots,
And even Dolly's eyes are wide
To see the toys of Christmastide.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

At the city hall yesterday morning Mayor McNeish fined A. Watson $5 and costs for being drunk and incapable. According to Constable Graves, he was singing lustily.

Reading Lamps, $7.50 up to $15.00 at the N. V. Home Furnishers.

"Night birds" of North Vancouver will do well to thoroughly acquaint themselves with the fact that the police are authorized to take into custody any persoin wandering about the streets at unnatural hours without a reasonable purpose for so doing. It may be added, on behalf of the police, that it is a difficult business to identify a man on a dark night, so that citizens with clear consciences will have no occasion to feel insulted and outraged if a constable in the performance of his duty, accosts him at three in the morning.

Householders are further warned that there are certain undesirables in our midst who are specializing in petty thefts. These individuals saunter around begging food, but more particularly "seeing how the land lies." The public can obviously assist the police in plucking this transparent flower of deception before it blooms into a nuisance.

ST. ANDREW'S AND CALEDONIAN SOCIETY'S EXECUTIVE

The St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society held a meeting in the Club rooms on Friday evening and elected officers for the ensuing year. These were as follows: President, Mayor McNeish; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. N. Tullis and J. Stephen; treasurer, Mr. W. T. Grahame; secretary, Mr. A. Maclagan; chaplain, Rev. B. Macleod; Bard, Prof. R. E. Macnaughton; musical director, Mr. John Alexander; trustees, Messrs. George Shepherd, R. Simpson and J. Swanson; standard bearer, Mr. J. Swanson; warden, Mr. J. Clark; chairmen of committees: Finance, Mr. J. R. J. Murray; amusement, Mr. A. D. Fleming; pipe band, Mr. W. Dunnet; club room, Mr. W. Dunnet. The society membership now numbers 70 and the treasurer's report announces a good financial balance. The three new members enrolled will be sworn in at the Hogmanay Dance on the evening of December 29th as customary.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Cummer desire to tender their heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends who so generously helped them during their serious loss by fire which destroyed their home and contents. Signed, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Cummer, 17th street, North Vancouver.

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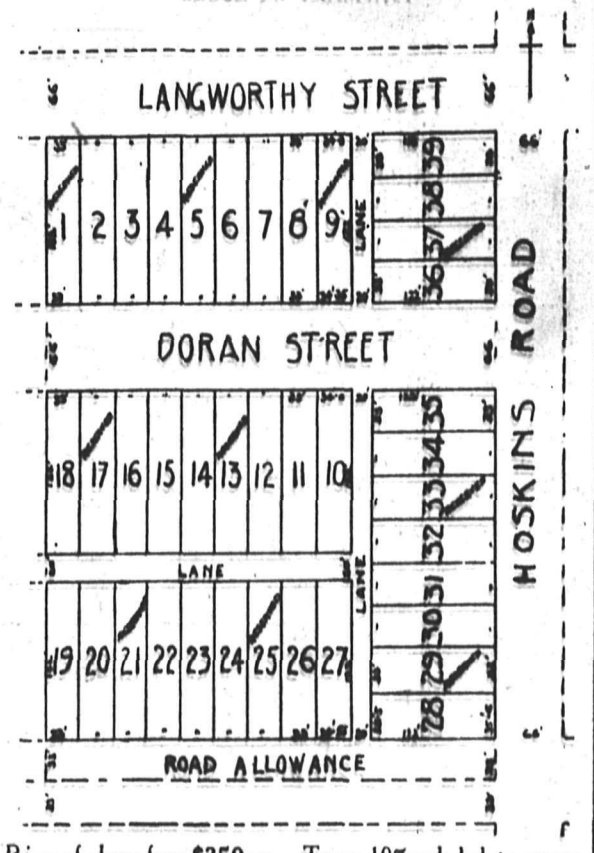

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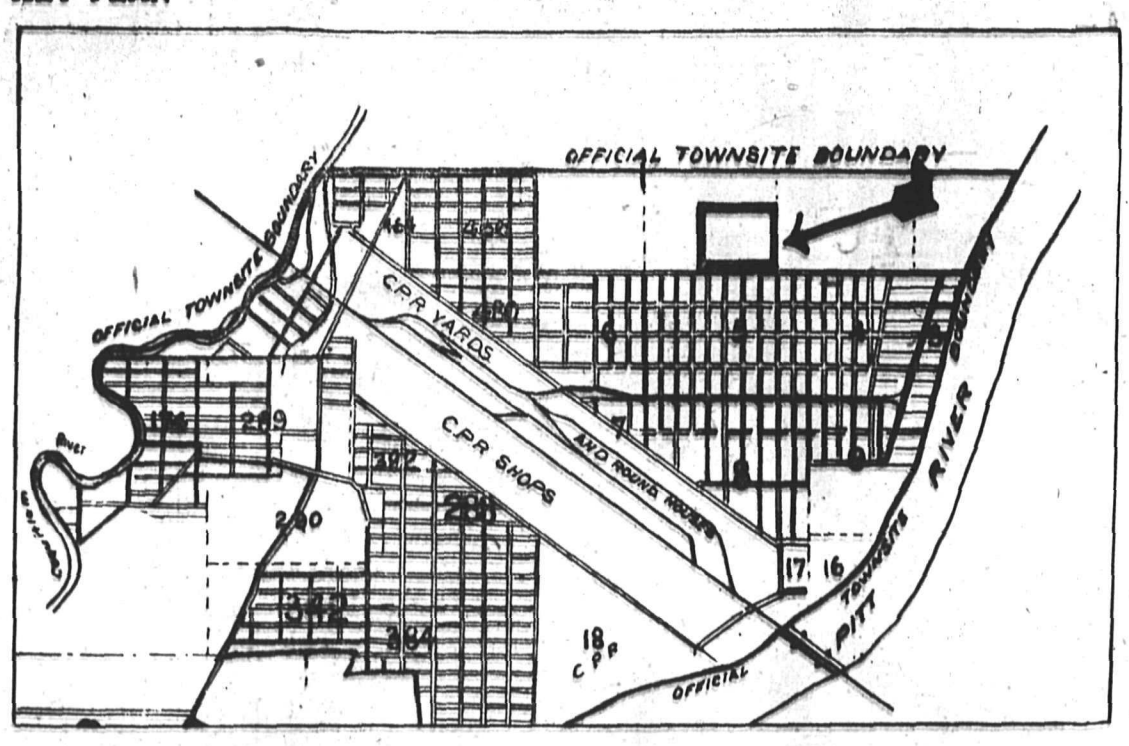

By reference to the above Key Plan, you will note our favorable position, which is: (1) Close to C. P. R. (2) Close to Pitt River. (3) Close to the industrial district, with its many spur tracks, as shown on Key Plan, and already granted by Railroad Commission. (4) Close to the main artery of the district (Prairie Road), and lying between the C. P. R. development and any other Corporation property that may be acquired in the North.

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These same birds, however, are likely to introduce the disease into your flock if purchased. The very fact that black head kills so many of the young may be used as a means of determining what flocks to buy matured breeding fowl from. If the losses in the young in a certain flock for two successive seasons, have been small it is quite likely that black head has not obtained a start on that farm, and it is quite safe to purchase breeding stock of the owner.

As a rule health and vigor are apparent, and are found in the bird of good size, good shape and vigorous action, If these points are kept in mind a wise selection of breeding stock may be made and it is not likely that the stock will deteriorate from the addition of such specimens.

SENDING TEACHERS TO THE OLD LAND

Canadian Teachers Should be Sent There Every Year on Holiday and Promote Immigration.

To make western teachers' excursions a permanent feature, to cause them to serve an objective as well as a subjective purpose, and to place their general arrangements under the Dominion department of interior immigration is the idea of Rev. Dr. Eber Crummy of Winnipeg, who has conferred on the matter with the Hon. Robert Rogers.

Hitherto, these excursions to the old land have been conducted personally by private persons who have given their time and sometimes their money towards ensuring the success of a worthy undertaking. The excursions have asually been regarded as imparting an education of widening influence to school teachers of the west. But Dr. Crummy claims that they have done and should do more than that.

He claims that they should be a great help in encouraging immigration to the west in advertising the Dominion and in assimilating new comers after they arrive. They should in short be considered an important branch of immigration, and each teacher should be looked upon in the best sense as an immigration agent, not only interested in bringing desirable settlers to the west, but also to become Canadian citizens as early as possible.

BENEFACTIONS OF ANDREW CARNEGIE

It is the custom of newspaper paragraphers, says the Victoria Colonist when thay have nothing better to do to tilt at Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the gentleman who said it would be a disgrace to die rich. Mr. Carnegie will have to die soon if he is to escape this disgrace, for his income seems unabated but he has made a record in gifts which, so far as history tells, is unsurpassed by anything except the public donations of the Emperor Augustus. Here is an authentic list of the benefactions of the great ironmaster:

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Carnegie Institute, Pittsburg	16,000,000
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Pensions for College Professors	21,500,000
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Dumferline Hero Fund	1,250,000
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Danish Hero Fund	100,000
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Dumferline Endowments	6,250,000
Hague Peace Temple	1,750,000
Peace Fund	10,000,000
Allied Engineers' Societies	1,500,000
Bureau of American Republics	850,000
Gifts to the United States small colleges	20,000,000
Miscellaneous Gifts in the United States	20,000,000
Miscellaneous Gifts in Europe	2,500,000
Approximate total	$205,450,000

However we may be disposed to question the desirability of an economic system, which makes possible the accumulation of such enormous wealth in the hands of one individual, and however much there may be differences of opinion as to the judgment shown in some of the gifts, it must be conceded that the man who has more than two hundred millions to his credit in donations of a public character has won a place for himself in the esteem and in the memory of his fellows.

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Scandinavia—Kristine.
Bohemia—Jericek.
Denmark—Julenissen.
Ireland—Niamb Nicklause.

ANCIENT DOLLS' HOUSES.

Those of Earlier Centuries Marvels of Completeness.

The history of dolls is particularly interesting at this season. Very beautiful wax dolls were made in France in that period of reckless extravagance, the seventeenth century. No price was too high to pay then for anything that a little great lady might be pleased to own.

A few of the fine old dolls' houses built and furnished in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries still exist and reflect thorough attention to the smallest detail.

All are furnished and equipped with the same completeness, whether it is the linen cupboard, with its piles of napery; the drawing room, with pretty carpets and tiny china ornaments and pictures, or the nursery, where there is a high fender guard before the fire and a rocking horse for the baby to ride on.

Such details give a human interest to old toys, emphasized by the doll inhabitants which are to be seen in the old houses. The mistress of the house, with stiffly set out brocaded skirts, sits in the salon, her workbasket at her side, in which we find wee reels of cotton and rolls of tape. In the nursery the baby, with lace edged cap, is in the nurse's arms. The cook is suitably dressed in short cotton skirts and white coif.

CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS COMMENT.

Don't leave it all to Santa Claus.

Don't keep your Christmas spirit bottled.

Girls are bound to drift under the influence of the mistletoe.

The little Christmas green isn't a seaweed, but it sees lots of smacks.

This is the time of year when husbands and wives may properly hide much from one another.

Blessed is the person who doesn't keep track of the number of presents she receives.

DOING UP THE PACKAGES.

Vastly Important Detail to Assure Unstinted Appreciation.

To send a package that isn't "Christmasy looking" is bound to detract from the gift. There are stickers of all sizes and shapes, with Santa Claus, holly sprays, red and gold seals, "Merry Christmas" and gayly bedecked trees upon them. These stickers not only make a parcel more attractive, but they are a great help in tying up, especially a bulky parcel like a sofa pillow, which requires several sheets of tissue paper.

Red, bright green or holly baby ribbon is used for doing up most parcels that are not to go through the mail. The adhesive red and green paper ribbon is often substituted for the other kinds, or sometimes the outer wrapping has the pasted ribbon, while the inner tissue paper is tied.

Inside, instead of using a regular calling card, the name of the sender is written on one of the bright Christmas cards that come in packages.

RURAL YULETIDE SPIRIT.

The Mail Carrier Finds a Present at Almost Every Door.

The rural postmen are not less generously remembered at Christmas time than are their city brethren. There is scarcely a farmhouse on his route where the mail carrier does not receive a token. Most of the presents are practical.

Knitted scarfs or mufflers, mittens and slippers are favorites with feminine donors, whereas the gifts of the farmers usually take the form of pumpkins, bushel baskets of potatoes, barrels of apples and turkeys. Many a rural mail carrier receives on Christmas morning enough eatables to stock his larder for weeks to come.

The Christmas Dance.

When grandma danced the minuet
Some sixty years ago
The stately couples often met
Beneath the mistletoe.

To waltzes now the customs veer,
But Mabel's foxy beau
That damsel doth contrive to steer
Beneath the mistletoe.

The dances change, but not the game,
As close observers know,
For mortals act about the same
Beneath the mistletoe.
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

SOME SENTIMENTS OF CHRISTMAS TIME.

A MERRY Christmas to us all, my dears, God bless us. God bless us every one, said Tiny Tim the last of all.—Charles Dickens.

MEN cannot live isolated. We are all bound together. No higher man can separate himself from the lowest.—Carlyle.

REALIZE that doing good is the only certainly happy action of a man's life.—Sir Philip Sidney.

CHRISTMAS time I have always thought of as a good time—a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time.—Charles Dickens.

HEAP on more wood. The wind is chill; but, let it whistle as it will, we'll keep our Christmas merry still!—Sir Walter Scott.

THEN arose a joyous clamor from the wild fowl on the mere, and a voice within cried: "Listen! Christmas carols even here!"—Charles Kingsley.

AGAIN at Christmas did we weave the holly round the Christmas hearth. The silent snow possessed the earth and calmly fell on Christmas eve.—Tennyson.

OLD CHRISTMAS SUPERSTITION

Recalling Time When a Peculiar Popular Prejudice Existed.

A well known fifteenth century carol begins:

Holly and ivy, box and bay
Put in the church on Christmas day.

But the customs of those times were rigid regarding the removal of all decorations from churches and dwellings before Candlemas day, Feb. 2, for people had superstitions about their remaining longer. Herrick alludes to this popular prejudice in the lines:

Down with the rosemary, and so
Down with the bales and the mistletoe,
Down with the holly, ivie, all
Wherewith ye drest the Christmas hall,
That so the superstitious find
No one least branch there left behind.
For look how many leaves there be
Neglected there. Maids, trust to me,
So many goblins you will see.

Perhaps the superstition was a pretext of the particular old housewives who knew that by Candlemas day the crisped green things, dried by Yule logs and many torchlights for illumination, would be nuisances of falling leaves and berries to tread underfoot. However this may be, the belief obtained.

FOR EMERGENCY GIFTS.

Advice to Avoid Last Minute Despair Over "Another Name."

For the last moment gifts one should always have at hand some boxes of candy and perhaps a few very fine flowers. One, for instance, might rather have a single orchid than all the carnations in the shops, while a gardenia is the most admired of all blossoms by the average young girl. Either of these exotic gifts may be tied up in a little box and decorated with a spray of fern or holly, so that it will look attractive.

For the big hearted woman who always at the last moment adds another name or two to her Christmas list what could be better than silk stockings? These she may buy and have on hand in assorted sizes, and when a name pops into her memory all she needs to do is to tie up the silken affairs in a pretty box and they are ready to send on their way. Having a few such auxiliary gifts in the house saves the busy woman much disappointment.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

It has been said that a sealskin coat usually makes a devout Christmas churchgoer.

It's a foolish girl who gives her beau the mitten before Christmas. Few do.

Better a paid pork chop than a fat turkey on tick.

Don't forget to kiss your wife just once under the mistletoe.

"FIRST LADY" WAS CHEF.

Wife of John Adams Cooked White House Christmas Dinner.

The first Christmas dinner at the White House was in 1800, when the wife of President John Adams, who prided herself on being a model New England housekeeper, served in the capacity of chef.

Under her directions old colored "mammies," clad in bright calico frocks, long white aprons and bright colored kerchiefs on their heads, flitted hither and thither before the roaring blazes on the hearths as they prepared the food for President Adams and his Yuletide guests.

The mansion was but dimly lighted compared with the present illuminations by numerous candles and lamps. Instead of steam radiators, heat was furnished by great wood fires on the broad hearths, which roared and crackled and sent showers of sparks up the ample chimneys.

The Mistletoe.

Here in her father's library
On Christmas eve I wait sedately
Till Mistress Nancy comes to me,
That damsel most serene and stately.

And dangling from the chandelier
A berried spray (long since I knew it)
Seems to proclaim: "She hung me here.
I dare you—dare you—do it, do it."

Well, Christmas comes but once a year.
Less often such a chance I fancy,
So ere you cross the room I fear
That something may surprise you, Nancy.
—Theodosia Garrison in New England Magazine.

NOTICE is hereby given that the first sitting of the Annual Court of Revision of the Municipality of the City of North Vancouver will be held in the City Hall, North Vancouver, B. C., on Thursday, the 4th day of January, 1912, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of hearing complaints against the Assessments as made by the Assessor and for revising and correcting the Assessment Roll.

Any person making complaint against the assessment must give notice in writing to the Assessor of the ground of his or her complaint at least ten days before the date of the first annual sitting of the Court of Revision.

Dated at North Vancouver, B. C., November 23rd, 1911.

THOMAS SHEPHERD,
City Clerk.

Portiers, Rugs, Mats, for Christmas gifts at the N. V. Home Furnishers.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

Sewer Connections

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that all owners of real property fronting or abutting upon a street or lane in which or under which a main or common sewer is laid is hereby required to connect any building or premises upon such property with such main or common sewer.

Permits may be obtained from the Plumbing Inspector at his office at the City Hall between the hours of 9 a. m. and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

The following regulations govern the construction of house or building connections with sewers:

No house sewer pipe shall have a less fall than 1 to 40, unless special permission is granted in writing by the Council. Said pipes between the iron pipe, to the connection of the public sewer to be of the best quality standard salt-glazed vitrified clay sewer pipe, and shall have a diameter of not less than 4 inches. All pipes shall be sound and well burned throughout their thickness, impervious to moisture, with a clear ring, smooth and well glazed on interior and exterior surfaces, free from flaws, cracks, blisters, fire checks or other imperfections.

The pipes must be so laid in the trench that after the sewer is completed, the interior surface thereof, shall be to a true and even grade.

In making the joints, a gasket of oakum or hemp, freshly dipped in cement grout, must first be used and packed into place. The joints shall afterwards be tightly packed full and bevelled off with mortar, composed of one part by volume of approved Portland cement to one part by volume of approved sand.

All joints shall be made water tight, so that they will stand a head of 10 feet of water, when tested by the Plumbing Inspector at the owner's, plumber's or contractor's expense.

By order of the Council:

THOMAS SHEPHERD,
City Clerk. tf

Christmas Gifts galore at the N. V. Home Furnishers.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session for an Act to authorize the Lieutenant-Governor in Council (without requiring observance of the provisions of the Municipalities' Incorporation Act) by letters patent under the public seal to divide the corporation of the District of North Vancouver by incorporating into a District Municipality under the name of the "Corporation of the District of West Vancouver" all that portion of the Corporation of the District of North Vancouver, described as follows:

Commencing at the point where the east boundary of D. L. 875 intersects the north boundary of the said Corporation; thence west along said north boundary to a point in Howe Sound on the line of the said north boundary produced; distant 1,000 feet west from the easterly shore of said Howe Sound; thence southerly, parellel to, and following the meanderings of the said shore to a point of intersection with the line 1,000 feet distant south from the north shore of Burrard Inlet; thence easterly parellel to, and following the meanderings of the said North Shore of Burrard Inelt to a point of intersection 1,000 feet distant south from the south-west corner of D. L. 264; and in line with the west boundary of said District Lot 264 produced; thence north-easterly and northerly along the west boundary of said D. L. 264 to the north-west corner thereof; thence continuing northerly along the west boundary of D. L. 825 to the north-west corner thereof, said corner being on the south boundary of D. L. 764; thence westerly along the said boundary D. L. 764 to the south-west corner D. L. 764; thence north along the west boundary of said D. L. 764 to the north-west corner thereof; thence easterly along the north boundary D. L. 764 to the south-east corner D. L. 763; thence north along the east boundaries of D. L. 763, 761, 603 and 605 to the north-east corner of D. L. 605; thence west along the north boundary of said D. L. 605 to the south-east corner of D. L. 875; thence north along the east boundary of said D. L. 875 to point of commencement, including all rights and areas of said Howe Sound and English Bay, riparian or otherwise, now a part of said corporation of the District of North Vancouver and by reducing the limits of the said Corporation of the District of North Vancouver accordingly; each of said Corporations to remain subject to the debts and liabilities of the present Corporation of the District of North Vancouver, but as between the Corporations the assets, debts and liabilities of the present Corporation of the District of North Vancover to be divided and assumed upon an equitable basis.

DATED this 11th day of December, A.D., 1911.

HARRIS, BULL, & MASON,
Solicitor for the Applicants.

NAVAJO BLANKETS

Some Facts About the Indians Who Make Them

Everybody knows the Navajo blankets or rugs, but not so many know who make them, and where the makers live. As a matter of fact the Navajo Indian reservation lies in northwest New Mexico and northeast Arizona. In area it is very large, consisting of about 20,000 square miles of mountains sand stretches and deserts for the most part. It has been said that no part of this reservation is less than 5,000 feet in height; that there are few streams of any size in the reservation and very few springs of good water. Sometimes there are rains, and snow in winter, but the rule is drought, extending often over long periods of time. Even the vegetation of this country adapts itself to the climatic conditions, and plants are found there that are able to live and thrive with very little water. Even the corn of the country thrives where other strains would die for lack of moisture.

The Navajo Indians are a hardy race and belong to a hardy stock, the Athapascan. They have always been fierce fighters, and made relentless war on their neighbors, and were the terror of all the people around them. The Hopis, whose reservation joins them on the south and west, were special objects of their attack, and were much afraid of them. After years of warfare the Hopis sued for peace, which was granted upon condition that the Hopis teach them the art of weaving for they have not been weavers for a very long time.

The Navajos are among the most progressive Indians in some respects, but the most backward in others. They have been reached by schools less than other tribes, and until recent years, comparatively few of the children had any school advantages whatever. Many of them live far back of the canyons and come to the settlement only when they have business to attend to. There are women and children in these isolated places who have never seen a white man. On the other hand, they are entirely self-supporting. They raise some corn, own a few ponies and cattle and many sheep and goats. Some families may have only a few sheep while others own hundreds.

Indeed, these sheep and goats constitute the larger part of their property. They furnish their clothing and food, and what ready money they may have. We think of shepherds going before their flocks and leading them where they will, but this is not the method of the Navajo. At night the sheep are enclosed in a rude corral of some kind, mainly of brush, and the shepherd sleeps on the outside to protect the flocks from prowling coyotes. The shepherds, who are usually women and girls, are up early in the morning and off with their charges. The sheep do not walk leisurely, but are kept on the gallop most of the time, stopping only long enough to nibble at grass or weeds or leaves on the way. In this way many miles are often traversed in a day. However, the sheep are of a small, hardy kind, and are, like their owners, able to thrive where others would starve. They rarely yield more than a pound and a half of wool at a time, and that generally of an inferior grade.

The methods of preparing the wool for weaving are most primitive, as are the looms and the weavinig. As the wool is very dirty it must be cleaned before using, for some of the grease and dirt must be removed, but no modern methods are employed. For vessels in which to scour the yarn, an old five gallon kerosene oil can is generally used, and for soap, weed, or amole, is used. A few but a very few, have the proper vessels and soaps for this work, but as a rule the methods above mentioned are employed. Very seldom are the yarns carefully washed, more often the work is slighted, and the yarns as a result are still dirty and greasy. At one or two trading points more improved methods of cleaning and scouring have been introduced by the white traders. After the scouring is finished, the yarn is carded into bats with old fashioned hand cards, and these bats twisted or spun into yarns by hand. Spinning wheels have been introduced, but these are very few, so the method generally employed is to use a slender stick, or spindle about 15 inches long, with a disk on the lower end to which is attached the yarn to be spun. This stick is given a rotary motion by rubbing it against the left thigh with the left hand and the disk gives it momentum. The yarn is pinched out with the fingers of the right hand to the desired size and the work is carried on with surprising dexterity.

The dyeing is done in the same primitive way. Originally vegetable dyes were used entirely, but recently the traders have introduced analine dyes which are not nearly so good or durable. As a rule the Indians know nothing of the use of a mordant or fixing agent, so many of the reds will crock or bleed when moistened. As there are many black and a few brown sheep they have some natural black and grown wools, and varying shades of grey are made by carding black and white wools together, the quality of the grade being determined by the thoroughness with which the colors are mixed. Judging by the above, the grays and blacks are of the most satisfactotry colors to buy, though there are reds which are both fast and beautiful.

After a sufficient quantity of yarn has been prepared, both warp and woof of the colors necessary for the blanket, the weaver, who is a woman among the Navajos and a man among the Hopis, is ready for the last part of the work. Two poles are set upright in the ground at the proper distance apart, or two small trees may be used if convenient. Two horizontal poles are tied to these, one at the ground and the other at the desired distance above. To these are attached the warp in various ways, and the actual work of weaving is begun. This is a very slow and laborius process, as all the work is done by hand and often takes months for one blanket.

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JOHN R. COSGROVE,
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District Municipal Hall,
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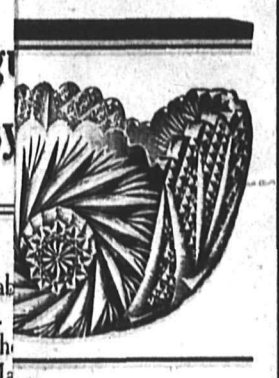

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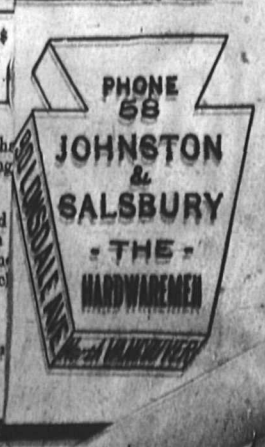

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TYPHOID AS PREVENTABLE AS SMALLPOX

Two men eminent in the Medical corps of the United States recently declared that typhoid fever, one of the greatest enemies of humanity, has been conquered.

The means of ridding mankind of this death dealing scourge is found in what is known technically as "vaccine prophylaxis against typhoid." It is an extension of the method employed against smallpox. With the case of vaccination against typhoid, however, a hypodermic syringe is used instead of a lancet.

The existence and development of a typhoid vaccine has been known experimentally for some time, but it never had a fair test until the San Antonio encampment of the United States army last summer.

Test Made in Army Camp

There a thorough and exhaustive test was made. Three thousand five hundred men were injected with the vaccine It is the report of the test that Dr. Kent Nelson, major in the Medical Corps of the army, and W. E. Hall, of the Medical Reserve Corps, recently made known.

During the encampment two cases of typhoid developed. One patient was a teamster who had not been inoculated with the virus, and a second was a private who had received only two of the three injections of the vaccine that is considered necessary for full immunity from the disease.

The private was ill only a few days. The usual course of the disease is about 24 days. His symptoms were so slight that they probably would have passed unnoticed had not the camp been so carefully watched for evidence of typhoid.

On the other hand it is known that typhoid germs existed in the camp, and the conditions generally were such that under ordinary circumstances an epidemic was practically inevitable.

LADIES' AND CHILDR
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B. C. GAZETTE

His honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to make the following appointments:

To be clerks in the department of lands: S. Phipps, J. R. Lewin, A. F. Langton and H. K. Prior.

To be stenographers in the department of lands: Miss M. S. McDonald and Miss L. Lipsky.

To be Junior clerks in the department of lands—R. E. Burns and R. A. Waterson.

To be Notaries Public—

Alfred Edward Pilling of Quatsino.

Reginald Radcliffe Perry of the city of Vernon, barrister and solicitor, and Allan Kennington, of Cowichan Station.

W. Richardson to be a medical health officer in and for the province of British Columbia.

Henry P. Cox, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., to be resident physician at Quatsino Sound.

Ald. John A. Kirkpatrick, of the city of Prince Rupert, to be a member of the board of licensing commissioners for the city of Prince Rupert in the place of Vernor W. Smith, resigned.

Elmore Casey, of the city of Victoria to be junior clerk in the department of agriculture from the 1st day of December, 1911, in the place of Herbert Sutherland Flett, transferred.

Percival E. French, of Salmon Arm, to be an assistant horticulturist from the 1st day of June, 1911.

Thomas Graham of the city of Nanaimo, to be an inspector of coal mines and an inspector of metalliferous mines from the 1st day of January, 1912.

The following are licensed as extra-provincial companies:

Copp Stove Co. Ltd., Dymond-Colonial Co. Ltd., Regal Shoe Co. Ltd, Mt. Vernon Milling Co., Yakima Sheep Co.

Certificates of incorporation have been granted to the following:

Antler Gold Fields and Development Co., Tshwoto Power Co. Ltd., Belmont Buildings Co. Ltd., Boothby and Foreshaw Motor Car Co. Ltd., British Columbia Gas Machine Co. Ltd., Commonwealth Investment and Collection Co. Ltd., Diamond Crown Cigar Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Industrial Lands Ltd., Star Scenic Studio Ltd., Parish of St. Mark's Vancouver, Tisdall's, Ltd., Trust Co. of Victoria Ltd.

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Rev. T. H. Rowe, Principal

TERMS

Girls under 8 years old, $5 per month
Girls over 8 yrs. old, $6 per month

Special terms when two or more are sent from the same family.

Arrangements are being made to erect a building by the spring to accommodate 30 or 40 boarders besides day scholars. t.f.

Imperial Car, Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co. Shares

A few wise ones of North Vancouver have quietly secured about $150,000 stock in above company in fully paid up $100 shares, non-assessable. These shares in May next will be worth par value as dry dock will be put together here, townsite will be ready, mines being developed, smelter and car shops started. Owner secured very large block for cash, but must sell part. Will take $10 per share. Offer stands for short time only. P. O. Box 1815, City. t.f.

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2. The matron of a public or private Hospital, the keeper of every Boarding or Lodging-House, every Inn-keeper or Hotel-Keeper, shall, within six hours, report in writing to the Medical Health Officer, or any person being at one of the aforesaid houses or hotels and attacked with or suspected of having any contagious or infectious disease mentioned in the By-law;" under the penalties provided for by such bylaw.

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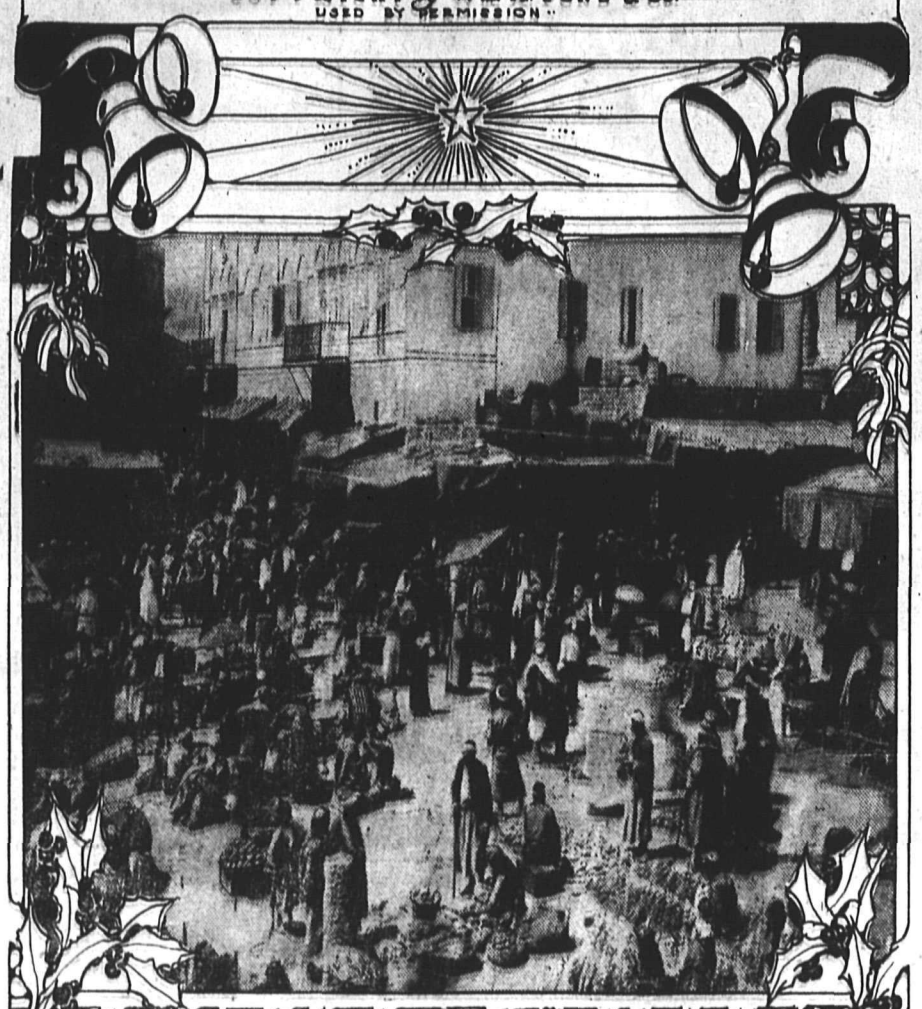

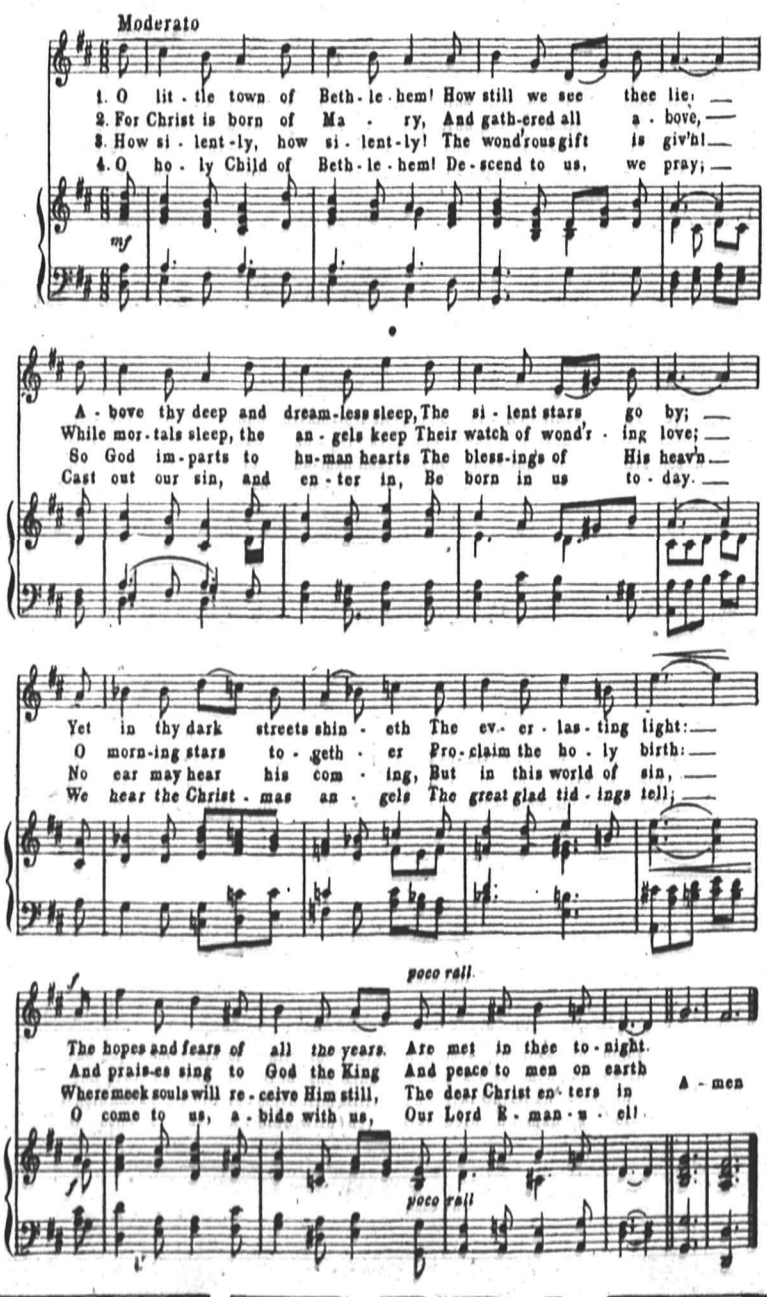

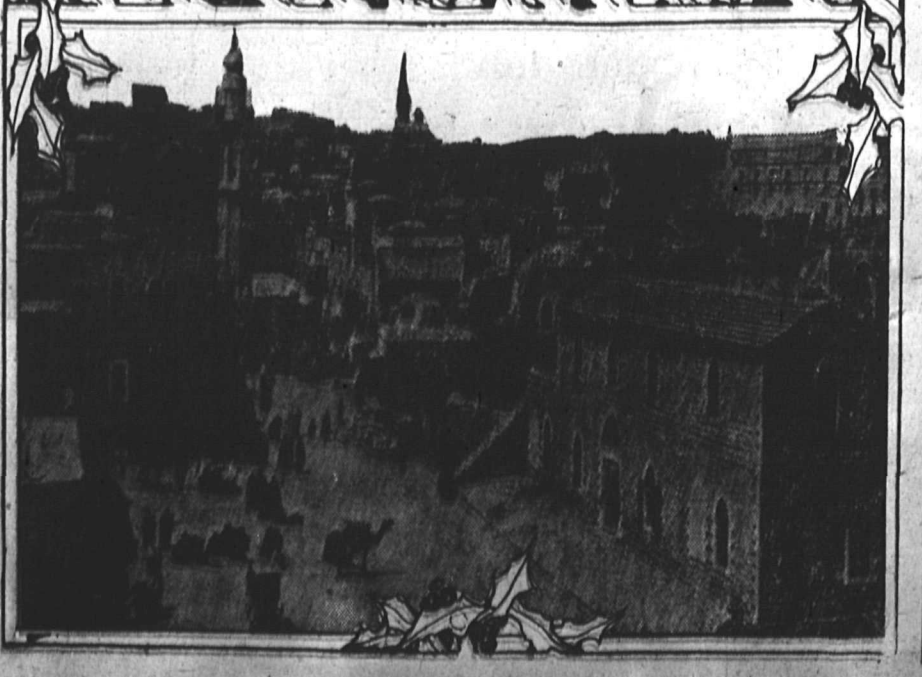

We Wish you a Merry Christmas

and in order to help you make it so, and to assist you in your shopping, we give below a partial list of the many suitable presents to be found in our stock

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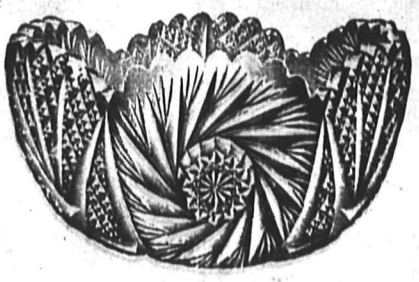

Forms one of the most acceptable gifts found anywhere and if the quality is right will always retain its brilliancy and will last a life time.

We have the very best at prices from $1.00 to $20.00.

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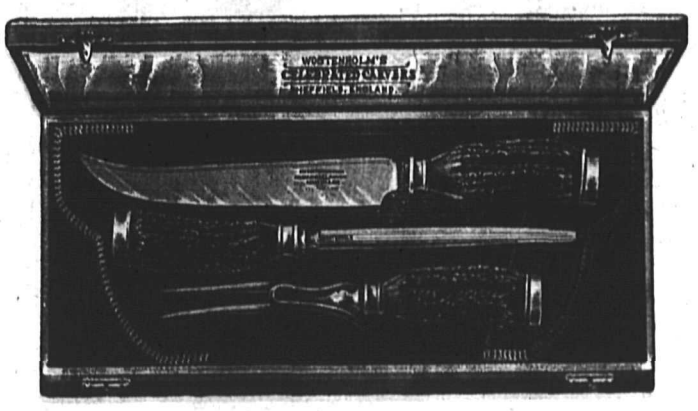

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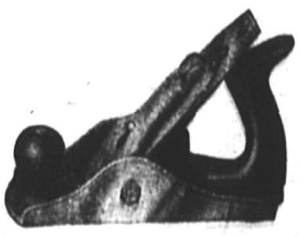

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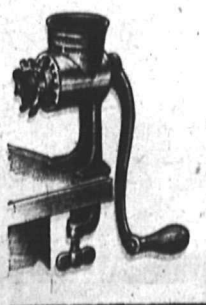

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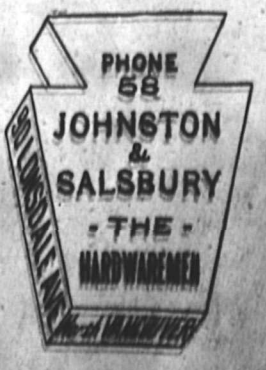

Greetings this Yuletide

The Wood-Paige Shoe Co. in thanking the residents of North Vancouver for their kind patronage during the past year, wish them, one and all A MERRY XMAS and a PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

LAST CALL FOR XMAS

When this advertisement will be read, hundreds of handsome Fur-trimmed Felt Slippers will be passing from our store into the possession of as many delighted recipients **but there will be** hundreds of pairs to select from, and at prices that will defy competition

¶ Messrs. Wood & Son purchased early in the season, especially for the Xmas trade. Last year's sale of Slippers encouraged them to go still better this year, and the Wood-Paige Shoe Co. succeeding, now place them on the market at greatly reduced prices owing to their removing shortly into larger premises in the MOUNT CROWN BLOCK.

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Library for the Blind

Worthy Object for Christmas Giving

Last spring a brief article on the Canadian Free Library for the Blind appeared in these columns. In that article it was stated that the library then at Markham, Ont., was to be removed to Toronto. The removal has since taken place and the C. F. L. B. now occupies quarters at 105 Annette Street, Toronto, Ont.

The Canadian Free Library for the Blind is attempting to reach and benefit all the blind of Canada, but it is encountering serious obstacles in the realization of this hope from the difficulty in securing names and addresses of those without sight from the necessity of canvassing for funds to defray the expenses of maintenance. The board of management therefore, requests all readers of this journal who are acquainted with blind persons not now enjoying the benefits of the library to send in such names and addresses to the secretary, S. C. Swift, M.A. 8 Washington Ave., Toronto, Ont. It also makes a direct appeal to the generous Canadian people to contribute at this joyous season some small portion of the wealth with which it has been blessed during the past year. All contributions should be sent to the treasurer, E. W. Hermon, Esq., 37 Balmute St., Toronto, Ont.

It is the desire of the C. F. L. B. to establish a printing department for the purpose of printing Canadian texts in embossed type for the use of the Canadian blind. There is at present no such establishment in Canada, with the result that Canadian literature is practically unavailable to our sightless citizens. Thirty thousand dollars are required to secure a sufficient income to make the plan feasible Less than a thousand of this amount is at present in the treasury of the C. F. L. B. The library asks the Canadian people this Christmas to help it to realize this plan so worthy of assistance.

Christmas Receipes

YULETIDE PUNCH.

Suggestions For Palatable Holiday Beverages.

Instead of brewing Christmas mead or ale, the majority of us restrict ourselves to temperance beverages, some of which may be made according to the following formulas:

Yule punch, for instance ,is mixed thus: To one pint of strawberry or currant syrup add the juice of five oranges, five lemons and one can grated pineapple. Sweeten to taste, adding cold water to make the mixture the proper consistency and strength. Turn into a punch bowl, add a lump of ice and garnish with maraschino cherries. Serve in punch glasses with a sprig of holly tied to the handle of each.

For a special occasion this punch can be served in an ice bowl. To make such a receptacle cut a square of clear ice and smooth surface with a hot iron; then in one side make a cavity with a hot iron large enough to hold the punch. Cover a round tray with a thick mat of absorbent cotton, place the ice bowl on this and surround with a wreath of holly or other Christmas greens.

For cider cup, cut half an orange into thin slices and cut half a lemon in the same way. Put into a jug with a large tablespoonful of sugar, a few slices of cucumber, if they are to be had, and a little grated nutmeg. Add a quart of sparkling cider, cover an hour. Strain the cider into a jug in which it is to be served. Pour in a wineglassful of sherry and two bottles of cold ginger ale and the cup will be ready for use.

Grape sorbetto is a novel drink and may be thus mixed. Take one pint of grape juice with a quart of sweet cider, and if not sour enough add the juice of a lemon. Freeze as for water ice and serve in cups or glasses with a small bunch of grapes which have been dipped in white of egg and then in granulated sugar on the plate beside the ice.

Paraphrase of Twenty-Third Psalm.

The Lord is my Shepherd; in nocht am I wantin',
In the haughs o' green girse does He mak me to lie doon,
Whil mony puir straiglers are bleatin' and pantin'
By saft-flowrie burnies He leads me to at noon.

When aince I had strayed far awa in the bracken,
And daidled till gloamin' cam' ower a' the hills,
Nae dribble o' water my sair drouth tae slacken,
And dark grow'd the nicht wi' its haar and its chill.

Awa frae the fauld, strayin fitsore and weary,
I thocht I had naething to do but to die,
He soche me and found me in mountain hicht dreary,
He gangs by fell paths which He kens best for me.

Ano noo "for His name's sake" I'm dune wi' a' fearin',
Though cloods may aft gaither, and soughin winds blaw,
"Hoo this?" or "Hoo that?" O prevent me from speerin',
His wull is aye best; and I daurna say na.

The Valley o' Death winna fleg me to thread it,
Though awfu' the darkness, I weel can forsee,
Wi' His rod and His staff He will help me to tread it,
And then will its shadows, sae gruesome a' flee.

Forfechen in praisance o' foes that surround me,
My Shepherd a table wi' dainties has spread,
The thyme and the myrtle blaw fragrant around me,
He brims a fu' cup and poors oil on my head.

Surely goodness and mercy, despite a' my roamin'
Will gang wi' me doon to the brink o' the river,
Ayont it—nae mair o' the eerie and gloamin'
I will bide in the name o' my Father forever.

J. R. MACDUFF,
Author of "Morning and Night Watches."

NOTICE

TO HOLDERS OF NON-REGISTERED AGREEMENTS FOR SALE

Contrary to the usual practice the Assessment Notices for 1912 have been sent to the registered owners of property according to the Land Registry records.

Up to the present, purchasers have been in the habit of notifying the city authorities that the property had changed hands so that notices of assessment and taxation should not go astray. This form of registration of owners has heretofore been deemed sufficient for city purposes, but owing to a recent decision the city council is advised by its solicitors to recognise these owners only who appear on the records of the Land Registry Office. Unfortunately a great many never register their deeds or agreements.

The North Vancouver Land and Improvement Company has received numerous assessment notices for 1912 for property which it has sold and which has since changed hands two or three times.

The Company, therefore, desires to notify persons who have purchased from it that they should take steps to ensure notices of assessment and taxation being sent to them so that they may become aware of the value at which they are being assessed and pay taxes as they fall due.

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Christmas Receipes

Good "Eats" for Yuletide Feasts.

Candies.

It's easy to make fancy candies if one only learns first the art of making fondant, the foundation of all cream candies. To make fondant put two cupfuls of granulated sugar and a pinch of cream tartar into a kettle which cooks evenly all over the bottom and then pour over this a half cupful of water. This syrup must boil without being stirred until it will form a soft ball when dropped into ice water.

When it has reached this point turn it out on a large platter or, better still, a marble slab which has been lightly greased. Watch carefully and when it is cold enough to bear your fingers stir it rapidly with a wooden spoon until a thick creamy mass is formed; then dust the bread board lightly with pulverized sugar, turn the fondant on to this and knead the mass as you would bread until it is soft and smooth. It is best to let the fontant stand in covered glass bowl for three or four hours before beginning to make your fancy candies—your chocolate creams, nut and cocoanut rolls.

Candied fruit added to the fondant makes delicious confections. Melt one cupful of fondant slightly over hot water and add to it a teaspoonful of candied cherries and half a teaspoonful of vanilla. Put this into a pan and add a weight to press it into shape. Let it stand twenty-four hours and cut into squares.

Cocoanut balls are made by rubing into the fondant as much shredded cocoanut as it will hold. If desired it may be dipped into melted chocolate. It's best to use the bitter chocolate, and when dipping fondant balls or ovals, as you may have shaped them, use a knitting needle inserted into one end, as they will then be dipped evenly. The best chocolate drops are made by rolling an almond nut in a small ball of the fondantt and dipping into the chocolate.

Children's Toy Sets, $2.50 at the N. V. Home Furnishers.

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CHRISTMAS SALADS.

Those of Fruit Make an Especially Nice Appearance.

The hostess who would like to have a salad on her Christmas menu, if at a distance from the markets where fresh vegetables can be bought, sometimes has difficulty in deciding how to make this dish. Celery can generally be obtained, and a celery salad is usually appreciated. Potato salad is, of course, always possible; so, too, is a beet salad. Apples, oranges and these make novel and delicious salads.

To make a mixed fruit salad take one can pineapple, sliced, one-half pound Malaga grapes, one stalk small celery, one-quarter pound blanched almonds. Cut pineapple into small cubes, celery into small pieces; skin grapes and cut into halves. Put pine apple and grapes into juice of two oranges and one lemon and put on ice twelve hours. Drain in colander. Put almonds and celery into water. Drain in colander. Cut celery with silver knife. For the dressing take one-quarter cupful cream, whipped; two tablespoonfuls lemon juice, one tablespoonful sugar, paprika. Serve on lettuce hearts.

For an apple salad take three medium sized apples, cut fine; four stalks of celery, cut fine; two bananas, sliced; one cupful English walnuts, chopped fine; a pinch of salt and one teaspoonful of sugar. Serve with mayonnaise dressing.

An orange salad is prepared as follows: Use sour oranges or strain over sweet oranges a little lemon juice. Cut in slices, take out the seeds, arrange in rows and turn over them a French dressing. This is a delicious salad to serve with game or poultry.

ABOUT BEDS

During the middle ages beds were made of coarse canvas and filled with straw or leaves. These could be opened and the litter remade daily, as is the custom today with the mattresses in the old fashioned inns of France and Italy. In the times of Chaucer we are told that, as a general thing the young men of the house and the guests slept on tables and benches in the great hall where woollen coverlets and blankets were provided for warmth." Later on, in the time of the Tudors, the "forpost" bedstead, an immense piece of furniture having a canopy supported at each corner by the posts, became the fashionable sleeping couch.

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of Section 7, Chapter 115, Revised Statutes, Canada, Thomas J. Kickham, master mariner, and Harry A. Jones, broker, have deposited a plan of a proposed wharf and warehouse and a description of the proposed site with the Honourable the Minister of Publi Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate thereof in the Land Registry Office at the City of Vancouver.

The proposed site is situate in North Vancouver and is 33 1-10 feet east of Mahon Avenue produced and is 100 feet in width.

Notice is also given that at the expiration of one month from date application will be made to the Governor-in-Council for approval thereof.

Dated at Vancouver the 5th day of December, A.D. 1911.

THOMAS J. KICKHAM.
HARRY A. JONES.
By their solicitor, T. G. Townley.

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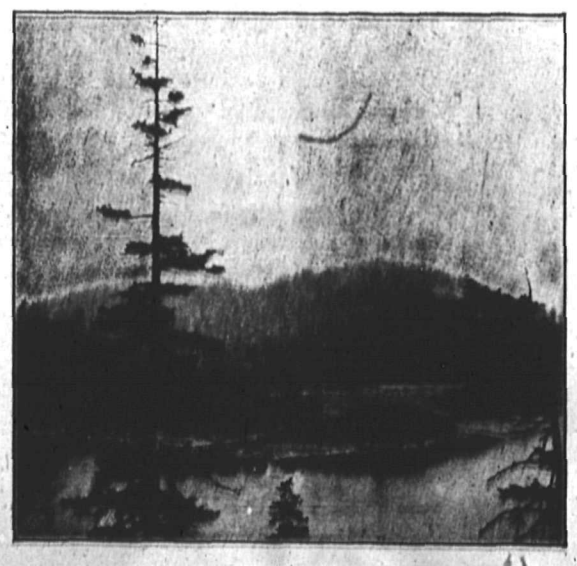

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Plum Pudding, Hard Sauce.
Vanilla Ice Cream in Glasses.
White Mountain Cake. Bonbons.
Crackers. Cheese.
Coffee.

A' CHRISTMAS IN WAR.

"Fighting Bob" Evans' Story of the "Presents" to Fort Fisher.

"On Christmas morning," said Rear Admiral Evans, U. S. N., retired, "I thank God that he made three times as much water as land. No true sailor would exchange Christmas at sea for one on shore.

"Of all the Christmases spent at sea the one that rises before me most vividly is that of 1865, when the Federal army and the gunboat fleet were trying to capture Fort Fisher. The only presents we received, and they came fast and furious, were solid shot and shell from the guns of the enemy. But this didn't destroy our sense of humor. The boys would write on each solid shot or shell before placing it in the gun, 'Presented by,' and add the name of the vessel from which it happened to be fired. Mighty few hurled at the fort that day lacked this Christmas greeting. All the gunners caught the spirit of the grim jest, for the fighting line is no place for serious faces.

"Despite the excitement of the fierce combat we managed to have the masthead of all the ships trimmed with Christmas greens, even though the sailors had to risk their lives in going ashore to get them, and you may be assured the sentiment of the day was not wasted."

No nation provides more plentifully for the Christmas cheer of its sailors than does Uncle Sam. Each of the battleship crews has a dinner of roast turkey, plum pudding, pumpkin pie and all the trimmings that go with it. The men are served in messes of twenty at 12 o'clock, and each man is allowed one snifter of grog as an appetizer in celebration of the occasion.

The officers dine at 6 o'clock and, as is the custom when spending the holiday at sea, are guests of the commanding officer.

TO SEND WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Calendars.

May all the days
Throughout this year
"Red letters" be
To you, my dear.

May all the jeweled beads
Upon Time's rosary
Be gold without alloy.
This is my prayer for thee.

Handkerchiefs.

Twelve bits of white fluff to my lady's boudoir—
As many as months in the year.
Here's hoping that never a month nor mouchoir
Will hold for that lady a tear.

A Box of Cigars.

Many a film of fairy fancy
Goes up in smoke each year;
But, being a woman, of course I can't see
What dream chrysalides are here.
—Delineator.

THE HAYESES' CHRISTMAS.

The President's Wife Herself Put Up Delicacies For the Sick.

Christmas at the White House with Mrs. Hayes as its mistress was a succession of Christian charities and joyful gatherings.

"William, I want you to buy forty turkeys, besides our own, and vegetables, pickles and fruit to go with them," she said to the steward one Christmastide.

The steward has told with pride how for four years he got the forty turkeys and how the madam came to the storeroom, rolled up her sleeves and filled bags with cranberries, lemons, crackers and small delicacies for the sick.

The Hayeses gave the home Christmas presents in an original way. All the gifts were taken to the family room, assorted for each person and laid on tables. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes distributed them. At the tap of a bell some one was called, and, walking in, he received all his gifts. Each in turn came the same way.

The Tallest Holly Trees.

The American holly appears to attain its greatest size and perfection in southern Arkansas and Texas, where it is to be seen at times from forty to fifty feet in height. In much smaller form it grows naturally, however, along the south shore of Massachusetts among tupelos, black oaks, red maples, cedars, etc., but not much northward of Hingham and Quincy.

The Little Boy Who Moved.

The fairies missed him when they came
To play their evening game.
They searched the old red farmhouse through,
They called aloud his name,
They even looked inside the barn,
But vain their questing proved,
So they made up their elfin minds
The little boy had moved.
Kriss Kringle missed him when he came
Upon his reindeer ride.
He hunted for him high and low,
But not a trace he spied.
But still he keeps a lookout sharp
To find him if he can—
The little boy who went one day
To live inside a man.
—McLandburgh Wilson in Judge.

CHRISTMAS WOOING OF CUPID.

Mystic Love Spells With Apples in Foreign Lands.

Apples enter into many Christmas spells. In Austria on Christmas eve the apple must be cut in halves in the dark and without being touched by the hand. The left hand half is then placed in the bosom of the diviner and the right hand half behind the door of the bedchamber. Then at midnight, should the spell have been fully carried out, the spirit or "astral" of the beloved one appears, standing beside the half which was laid behind the door.

Another charm is to cut an apple in two and count the seeds in each half. If the numbers are even marriage will be soon. If a seed is cut in two there will be trouble in the course of love, and should two seeds be cut there will be early widowhood.

A Sicilian maiden throws the fruit from her window into the street and watches. Should it lie long without being picked up she will be widowed soon after marriage. Should it be picked up by a woman marriage will not be within the coming year, but should it be picked up by a man then she will be wedded before the next year is ended.

Christmas Day.

How will it dawn, the coming Christmas day,
A northern Christmas such as painters love,
And kinsfolk, shaking hands but once a year,
And dames who tell old legends by the fire?
Red sun, blue sky, white snow and pearled ice,
Keen, ringing air, which sets the blood on fire
And makes the old man merry with the young,
Through the short sunshine, through the longer night?
In whatsoever garb or gay or sad,
Come fair, come foul, 'twill still be Christmas day.
—Charles Kingsley.

MEMORABLE YULETIDES.

Odd Coincidence of Queen Victoria's Sorrows at Christmas Time.

One of the most extraordinary Christmas days London ever had was that of 1891. The shops had been, as usual, specially prepared and decorated with the object of attracting the buyers when suddenly, on Dec. 22, a thick fog came on. Not until the evening of Dec. 26 did it lift. This particular fog held the record for being the heaviest London had known. Thirty lives were lost and over 200 accidents recorded.

Christmas, 1860, was the coldest England and Scotland had ever experienced. Just three years later Christmas day was marred by news that William Makepeace Thackeray, the great novelist, was dead.

The late Queen Victoria's most memorable Christmases were the most pathetic. It was in less than a fortnight from Dec. 25, 1861, that her husband, the prince consort, passed away. So affected was her majesty that she allowed fifteen years to pass before she celebrated Christmas day in the traditional fashion. Then on Christmas day in 1872 the Prince of Wales, who became King Edward VII., was so ill that his life was despaired of. But he made a remarkable recovery.

USE MOST CHRISTMAS CANDY.

Several Million Dollars' Worth Sold to New Yorkers.

Three million dollars' worth of Christmas candies is New York city's annual holiday bill.

The amount of money spent by New Yorkers during the holidays for candy alone is so great that it seems out of proportion to the amount donated for charity until it is remembered that perhaps one-third or more of all the candy bought during the last half of December is given away by secular and religious societies, by Sunday schools and churches, and that consequently a large part of the sum belongs in the charity account.

Three or four New York manufacturers get the bulk of this class of orders, and they agree that, even taking the population of the city into account, New York's consumption of candy excels that of any other city.

CHRISTMAS IN NORWAY.

Richly Cooked Rice a Popular Dish. Brownies Used to Share It.

The day before Christmas the holidays really begin. It is customary to have richly cooked rice served with milk or fruit juice for dinner. In the tureen is a blanched almond, and he who gets this receives a present. The practice used to be prevalent among the peasants to set out a dish of this Christmas rice in the barn for the gnomes or brownies, whom they thought would do some good turn for them in payment.

Flowers always make a home look festive, and the custom in Norway is to send these as messengers of love at Christmas.

The Masqueraders.

Yes, I believe in Santa Claus,
In elves and fairies, too—
I've never seen them, but because
Of lovely things they do.

Their names are Joy and Tenderness
And Good Will Here on Earth.
Their mission is to ease distress
With happiness and mirth.

And when they dress as fairy folk,
In furs and gauze arrayed,
They think 'tis just a pleasant joke
To come in masquerade.
—John Kendrick Bangs.

FOR AN ELABORATE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Oysters on Half Shell.
Celery. Olives.
Radishes.
Cream of Chicken Soup With Croutons.
Boiled Salmon, Hollandaise Sauce.
Parisienne Potatoes.
Roast Turkey, Chestnut Stuffing.
Cranberry Sauce.
Mashed Potatoes. Mashed Turnips.
Boiled Sweet Potatoes.
Cauliflower, Cream Sauce.
English Plum Pudding, Hard and Brandy Sauce.
Mince Pie. Pumpkin Pie.
Mixed Cakes. Assorted Fruit.
Assorted Nuts. Layer Raisins.
Neapolitan Ice Cream.
Toasted Crackers.
Cheese. Coffee.

THE INDIANS' CHRISTMAS.

Little Redskins Not Slow to Get Acquainted With Santa.

From the time that Uncle Sam began to encourage the idea of schools for Indian children the teachers made much of Christmas, and the little redskins were quick to show interest in the Christmas tree.

The Christmas of the Brule Sioux Indians shows business management. In each village a committee of prominent braves is appointed, perhaps several weeks in advance of the momentous day, to make a canvass of the tribesmen and gather a fund to be expended in the purchase of a "heap big feast." The committee makes out a prospective menu as soon as the cash is in hand, and then, with true Yankee shrewdness, the specifications as to eatables are submitted to the various traders in the vicinity for bids, the contract for this odd undertaking in Christmas catering being awarded, of course, to the lowest bidder.

The Sioux Indians generally have a Kriss Kringle, a member of the tribe, who disguises himself for the occasion and makes speeches and gives presents.

A representative illustration of the Indian Christmas celebration in the southwest can be seen any year in Pueblo or San Filipe, N. M. The holiday celebration is a curious mixture of Christian and pagan customs. The redskins there attend the mission church in the morning, feast at noon and later inaugurate a fantastic and ceremonial dance that continues for half a week.

AN APPETIZING MENU.

Oysters.
Mock Turtle Soup.
Celery. Radishes.
Boiled Whitefish.
Sauce Hollandaise.
Boiled Potatoes.
Roast Turkey, Chestnut Stuffing.
Boiled Onions.
Stuffed Tomatoes.
Sweet Potatoes, Southern Style.
Mixed Salad.
Plum Pudding, Hard and Brandy Sauce.
Camembert Cheese.
Coffee.

PRESENTS FOR ROYALTY.

Quantity So Great That Housing Them Is Serious Problem.

Were a royal personage to accept all the Christmas offerings of subjects and admirers, known and unknown, standing room in royal residences would soon be at a discount. Presents arrive at the British court from all parts of the world. A registered package from Vermont one Christmas was found to inclose a prize potato weighing five pounds. Another present was a nugget of pure gold found in the Klondike and valued at £200. It was subscribed for and sent by the inhabitants of Dawson City.

Not all gifts to royalty are returned. Where special permission is asked and obtained beforehand a present is accepted in the spirit in which it is offered.

The present most coveted by Roman Catholic royal ladies of Europe is the papal golden rose. The jewel, the first of which was presented by Pope Urban VI. to Joanna of Sicily, is a mimic plant of pure gold standing in a golden pot. The leaves are set with diamonds in imitation of dewdrops, and a palm leaf blessed by the pope accompanies the gift.—Chambers' Journal.

Only a Trifle More.

Hubby (putting wallet in his pocket) —I sincerely hope, Helen, this finishes up the Christmas buying job.

Wifey—Yes; that's all, Henry. I shall not need any—but hold on! I'll need about $3 more. I want to get something nice for you, you know.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Christmas in the Country Places.

Christmas in the country places—
There you see the rosy faces.
There the joy, the world entrancin',
Joy that sets the world a-dancin'!
Fine an' free the lifeblood races—
Christmas in the country places!

Glad enough to hear it hummin',
Waited long to see it comin',
Knows the place where we're a-stayin'
Fine to spend a holiday in.
There is where amazin' grace is—
Christmas in the country places!

City has the good time, too,
Yet the country calls to you.
There it is you want to roam
In the frosty fields of "home."
Hearty handshake, friendly faces—
Christmas in the country places!

Pile the ample oak logs higher,
Room for one more at the fire.
Same old tales of long ago—
Tell 'em, for we love 'em so.
All the life's trouble joy effaces—
Christmas in the country places!
—Atlanta Constitution.

Something to Wear for Christmas? Yes, by all Means

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SUSPENDERS	25c to $1.25	CUFF LINKS	25c to $2.50

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MEN'S SUITS	$15.00 to $24.75	Bath Robes from	$9.00 to $17.50
BOYS' SUITS	$3.00 to $10.00	Combination Sets for Gifts.	
Overcoats, Men's	$10.00 to $20.00	Silk Ties, Handkerchiefs and Socks to match	$1.00 and $1.50
Overcoats, Boys'	$3.00 to $6.50		
HATS	$1.50 to $4.75	Suspenders, Arm Bands, Garters, to match	50c to $1.25
House Coats	$5.00 to $7.50		

Permit us to hint that you make your selections early, while the "picking" is best. Goods will be laid aside upon payment of a small deposit and kept until you want them. Exchanges gladly made after Christmas.

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The Late Eugene Field

As I was going to Bethlehem town
Upon the earth I cast me down
All underneath a little tree
That whispered in this wise to me:
"Oh, I shall stand on Calvary
And bear what burthen saveth thee!"

As up I fared to Bethlehem town
I met a shepherd coming down,
And thus he quoth: "A wondrous sight
Hath spread before mine eyes this night,
An angel host most fair to see,
That sung full sweetly of a tree
That shall uplift on Calvary
What burthen saveth you and me."

And as I gat to Bethlehem town,
Lo, wise men came that bore a crown.
"Is there," cried I, "in Bethlehem
A King shall wear this diadem?"
"Good sooth," they quoth, "and it is he
That shall be lifted on the tree
And freely shed on Calvary
What blood redeemeth us and thee."

Unto a Child in Bethlehem town
The wise men came and brought the crown,
And, while the infant smiling slept,
Upon their knees they fell and wept,
But with her babe upon her knee,
Naught recked that Mother of the tree
That should uplift on Calvary
What burthen saveth all and me.

Again I walk in Bethlehem town
And think on him that wears the crown.
I may not kiss his feet again
Nor worship him as I did then.
My King hath died upon the tree
And hath outpoured on Calvary
What blood redeemeth you and me.

COLD.

By Theodore Roberts.

[Theodore Roberts, a brother of C. G. D. Roberts was born in 1877 in Fredericton, N.B. He was war correspondent for The New York Independent in the Spanish-American War, and has written occasional verse.]

"Cold," cried the wind on the hill,
"Cold," sang the tree;
Your eyes were blue-grey and still
And cold as the sea.

Cold lay the snow on the land;
Cold stood the pine;
But neither as cold as your hand
Lying in mine.

Ah, Love, has the fire died so soon—
Just smoldered and gone;
A kiss by the light of the moon,
A parting by dawn.

CHURCH NOTICES

NORTH VANCOUVER.

Methodist Church—Corner of 6th and St. George. Sunday Services, 11.00 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Sunday School and Bible Class, 2.30 p.m. Senior League, Monday, 8 p.m. Prayer and Praise Service, Wednesday, 8 p.m. Junior League, Thursday afternoon at 3.30. Pastor, W. C. Schlitcher.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Keith Road—Services: Morning 11.00; evening, 7.30. Adult Bible Class, 12.30. Sunday School, 2.30. Y.P.S.C.E., Tuesday, at 8 p. m. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, at 8 p. m. Choir Practise, Friday, at 8 p.m. Rev. Ronald Macelod, Minister.

St. Agnes—Boulevard and 12th.—Evensong, 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion, 11.00 a.m., second Sunday of every month.

Salvation Army.—Lonsdale Avenue. Sunday services, 11.00 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. Tuesday, 8 p.m.; Thursday, 8 p.m. Children's Service, Wednesday, 4 p.m.

Baptist Church. — Fifth and St. George. Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Sunday School and Bible Class at 12.15 p.m. Prayer and Praise service, Wednesday at 8 p.m. Pastor, Rev. A. J. Prosser, 12th and St. George.

St. John the Evangelist, 8th and 13th. Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Morning Prayer, 11 a.m. Evening Prayer, 7.30 p.m. On the first Sunday in the month there will be a second celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 a.m. Rector, Rev. Hugh Hooper.

St. Edmund's Catholic Church, Mahon Avenue. Sundays—Mass, 9 a.m. Sunday School, 2.30 p.m. Rosary Benediction and Sermon, 7.30 p.m.

Indian Catholic Church of St. Paul's. Mass, 7.30 a.m., Sundays. Pastor, Rev. E. Peytavin, O.M.I

NORTH LONSDALE.

St. Thomas.—8 a.m. every Sunday except first Sunday in month. 8.30 a.m. first Sunday in month. 11 a.m., Matins, Litany and sermon, second and fourth Sunday. Holy Communion and sermon, first and third Sundays. Vicar, Rev. T. E. Rowe.

Presbyterian Church.—Worship, Sundays, 7.30 p.m. Sunday School and Bible Class 2.30 p.m. Teachers' Training Class, Wednesday 7.30. Prayer meeting, Wednesday 8 p.m. Boys' Club Thursday 7.30 p.m. Choir practice, Friday, 8 p.m. R. Van Munster, M.A., pastor.

LYNN VALLEY.

St. Clement's, Anglican—Morning at 11 a.m. Evening at 7.00 p.m. A. E. Bruce, Incumbent.

Methodist Church. — Services every Sunday evening in the new church, at 7 o'clock.

Presbyterian Church.—Worship, Sundays, 11 a.m. Union Sunday School, 2.30 p.m. Prayer meeting, Tuesday 8 p.m. Teachers' Training Class Friday 7.30 p.m. R. Van Munster, M.A., pastor.

CHRISTMAS GROCERIES AND CONFECTIONERY

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Lynn Valley News

Mr. J. Gilligan is building an addition to his house on Hoskins Road.

Mr. Frank Jennings of Vancouver was visiting his brother on Fromme Road, Lynn Valley, on Sunday.

Mr. A. W. Le Huquet returned home on Sunday after an extended business trip through the Okanagan and Kootenay districts.

Preparatory service will be held in Knox church on the evening of the 29th inst., Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be dispensed the Sunday morning following, 31st inst.

Mr. A. Anderson has been confined to the house for weeks with a blood-poisoned leg which is gradually improving under the care of Dr. Martin.

Preparations are almost complete for the Christmas tree and entertainment under the auspices of the Union Sunday School to be held on the 26th inst. in Knox church.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Frederick Road, entertained a number of children last Wednesday in celebrating the birthday of their granddaughter, Florence. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Members of St. Clement's mission choir will repeat their annual effort of rendering Christmas carols at as many of their friends' residences possible to reach on Thursday and Saturday evenings. East of the Valley, Thursday; west, Saturday.

On Sunday evening a small blaze was discovered in the Sanitary Grocery corner of Lynn Valley and Centre Roads. The cause is unknown but it is thought to be through a cigar end being thrown on the floor. The damage was slight and business was resumed on Monday morning.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

The Right Rev. A. U. de Pencier, D.D., bishop of the diocese of New Westminster, will preach in St. John's church on Sunday morning next.

The last meeting connected with the dedication of the First Baptist church here will be held tonight. The Baptist ministers of Vancouver and vicinity will provide an interesting program and the public are invited.

The civic bylaws which will shortly be submitted to the ratepayers of North Vancouver, were not considered as was expected at last night's session of the council. They will in all probability come up for first reading on Monday next.

Mayor McNeish, Ald. Dick, the city engineer and the city clerk leave today for Victoria to attend the final hearing there of the Rice Lake lands proposition. The mayor, with Mr. Hanes, will seize the opportunity of inspecting the city improvements lately carried on in Victoria.

On Saturday the little 8-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton of St. Andrew's and Esplanade, while playing swallowed a 2¼ inch nail. The mother, who is the wife of a train baggage man working in Vancouver, rushed with the child who was almost choking, to the offices of Drs. Newcombe and Martin, who hurried the infant over the Inlet. At the general hospital in Vancouver X-rays were applied and the child was relieved without injury.

Mr. W. Morden, who has been in the city for a few days, left for Los Angeles, where he now lives, on Saturday.

Pictures—all prices at the N. V. Home Furnishers.

Hardware Xmas Gifts

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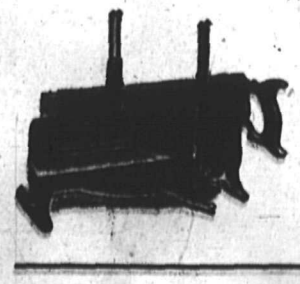

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ESPLANADE, West, Our new stand across the street from old stand

HOCKEY

North Vancouver continued their winning career on Saturday when they defeated a strong Victoria team at Victoria by three goals to one in the B. C. League series.

North Vancouver had all the best of the first half and scored two goals through Ward and Cardinall. McNaughten adding a third shortly after half time. Victoria scored their goal just before time.

North Vancouver gave a much better display than on the previous Saturday the forwards being much improved. They now have a good lead in the league, having won all their matches.

The report in the News-Advertiser on Sunday that Victoria commenced play several men short was incorrect, as North Vancouver were kept waiting out on the ground for thirty-five minutes until the full home eleven arrived.

CORRESPONDENCE

Editor Express:

Dear Sir,—As secretary of the Lynn Valley Ratepayers' Association, I am instructed to endeavor to procure through the medium of your valued columns publicity of certain facts brought up in an Association meeting held Wednesday, 13th inst, so that every ratepayer having a vote in the municipality of North Vancouver may have the privilege of knowing prior to the coming election.

The facts reflect on the placing of a contract for the construction of the marine drive west to the value of thirty thousand dollars with a firm who have sprung into existence for the sole purpose of handling this work, inasmuch as this work being their first undertaking and of which two members of the municipal engineering staff are also members of the firm in question.

The progress of the preliminary work of locating this driveway defining grades, taking levels, from which the quantities or the body of material necessary to be moved was estimated, in fact all work known as "field work" this one member of the firm has entire charge since the inception of the scheme extending over a period of a year at least. This fact was admitted at a council meeting held in committee, a public meeting being refused on technical grounds, by a firm of contractors who protested this award.

This firm pointed out to the council (which was complete with the exception of two members) the unfair advantage any member of the engineering staff would have over any other competitor apart from a legal aspect, anent which this association has written to the Attorney-General for his opinion The only response offered by the council was that any extra information this member of the engineering staff might have had use of was more than over balanced by his lack of experience against his more experienced competitors.

Further, that though members of the council knew that their assistant engineer was a competitor, it was not deemed necessary that he should resign until after the award, as a matter of fact he is still in receipt of salary from the ratepayers.

The council, upon being confronted with these facts by the protesting parties, though admitting the veracity of these statements, passed a resolution endorsing the award and concluding the resolution with:

"The council sees no reason for altering its decision to award the contract to .....who, if deprived of the contract have just cause for complaint."

What effect will this have upon the cost of such undertakings in the future? If the contracting firms of whom there were twenty-seven in this particular case, learn that public works are reserved for employees only, they will speedily awake to the fact that public competition is merely a farce and will retire from the field. The ratepayer will then be faced with the problem of placing his works out to public competition without being able to secure any competitors.

Between fifty and sixty members of the Lynn Valley Ratepayers Association unanimously endorsed the passing of a resolution condemning the council as follows:

"That this meeting expresses its unqualified condemnation of the action of the district municipal council in letting the contract for the marine drive to R. H. McPherson & Co. well knowing that municipal employee assistant Engineer H. McPherson was a member of that firm."

and also passed another resolution that the facts of this most unprincipled condition of things should be made as public as possible so that other ratepayers of the municipality may be conversant of how public affairs, public money and public works are handled by their representatives in council.

Apologising for encroaching on your valued space to this extent, and thanking you in advance for your courtesy. I am, sir,

Yours faithfully,
D. G. HATTIE,
Hon. Secretary Lynn Valley Ratepayers' Association.

OBSERVING CHRISTMAS.

How One Family Made the Holiday Pleasant and Profitable.

IN many childless homes in this country no preparations are being made to observe Christmas with its old fashioned customs and traditions. But in Germany, the historic home of the Christmas tree and the source of many current Christmas customs and devices, in no home, from palace to hovel, however old or poor, are the members without their Christmas tree at Yuletide. Where there are no children it is a beautiful sight to see gray haired old men and women, with perhaps their married sons and daughters and grandchildren, standing around, greeting with undisguised delight their well laden fir tree. It is an essential part of their Christmas and would not be Christmas without it.

In a refined American home in a small city a few years ago much enjoyment was derived from a Christmas celebrated in childish style by a family of adults. During the preceding year a son-in-law and a daughter-in-law had been added to the family group, and the other members were a father, a mother, a dear old maiden aunt, the two married children, two unmarried grownup sons and their one sister. A real Christmas tree was purchased, and the women folk trimmed it with popcorn, tinsel, candles and all the rest of the paraphernalia required for a genuine old fashioned Christmas tree.

On Christmas morning the household assembled, and, catching the infection of the occasion, all sat on the floor around the tree to receive their presents from a bona fide Santa Claus. Among the first packages distributed were some made to recall funny happenings of the year just passed, which had been selected in order to create merriment. Screams of laughter greeted the opening of a package labeled with the bride's name, which was found to contain a large leather medal inscribed with the following: "For patience in making apple jelly." As a novice in the culinary department she had struggled time and again with the task of making this delectable dish. To her husband went a small slide trombone, because in his boyhood days he had aspirations toward learning to play that instrument, practicing on a large one of the ear spitting type.

To the maiden aunt, an enthusiastic admirer of Shakespeare and a member of several clubs devoted to "readings," a plaster of Paris bust of Willie was awarded. One of the boys had taken a pleasure trip south a few months before, accompanied by a valuable camera. He had left it on the steam boat dock when he embarked and never recovered it. To him was given a photograph of a beautiful camera cut from an advertisement page of a popular magazine. To the father, a minister of the gospel and high up in ecclesiastical circles, a toy watch—just a gentle reminder of the length of his sermons. The mother's early days had been spent on a farm. Occasionally she had been known to grow homesick for a familiar sight of something resembling farm life, and she had recently purchased a few chickens, which she housed in the extreme end of the back yard, much to the disgust of the daughter of the house. To her was given a toy rooster with a real "crow." The son-in-law received a dime bank, to indicate that his responsibilities had increased, and the other and younger brother rose colored glasses, to remind him of his visionary ideas. To the single sister who had been "out" several seasons a ring with a solitaire stone of real glass was given. After these had been distributed the handsome and real gifts of the day were exchanged, and it was a jolly, happy crowd which filed into the dining room to enjoy the feast which had been in course of preparation.

During the following year the father departed this life, followed within a short space of time by the married son. The surviving members have the memory of that delightful Christmas when they were all together.

On Christmas Morn.

They fared across the lonely plains,
They dared the desert way
Above them moved the starry trains
That rest not night or day.
One star from out the splendor shone,
A rift of heaven's own light.
In fearless faith they followed on,
Their eager faces bright.

Three kings were they of great renown,
And from the east afar
Until it stood o'er Bethlehem town
They journeyed by the star
It stood above a cattle shed,
And there its light grew dim.
To heaven's own Child the star had led.
Its glory paled for him.

Immanuel! A little Child
That very day newborn.
They knelt before the undefiled
That earliest Christmas morn.
Each head was bent to give him praise.
Their incense, gold and myrrh
They offered him in glad amaze
Each humble worshiper.

What gifts have we for Christ today?
We, too, have seen the star,
And we have found the happy way
To Bethlehem afar.
Our gold, our myrrh, our incense sweet
Shall we not hither bring?
Ah, let us haste to kiss his feet,
The little Christ, our King!
—Margaret E. Sangster.

Salutation.

O night, O star, O land afar,
In sweet surprise of glory
Let shepherd train and angel strain
Sing new your Christmas story!

O dawn, O gift, O heaven rift,
O Mary, mystic mother
Of newborn Christ, keep ye my tryst
With every human brother!

O door flung wide, O full floodtide
Of light and kindness meeting,
Unto my friend this day outsend
A joyous Christmas greeting!
—J. P. E. in Lippincott's.

WHO IS SANTA CLAUS?

A Query Prompting One of the Pretty Legends of St. Nicholas.

History says St. Nicholas, the patron saint of Christmas, was bishop of Myra, in Lycia, and that he died about 326.

Tradition fills in the meager details with a number of legends. Among his flock—so runs one—was a nobleman with three daughters. From being rich he became so poor there remained no way of obtaining food for the maidens, who, having no bread to eat, wept continually, while their father grew more and more desperate. St. Nicholas heard of the family's plight, and, taking a handful of gold, he repaired to the nobleman's house one night while the maidens slept and the father sat alone weeping.

A cloud showed St. Nicholas an open window in the nobleman's home. So he threw in the gold, and it fell at the feet of the nobleman, who, when he found it, returned thanks and presented it to his eldest daughter as her wedding portion.

PAPA'S PART.

Mother is in desperation,
And so is sister Sue,
For Christmas celebration
Buying the presents due:
Ann is a frazzled maiden
Exhausted by shopping frays;
Tom, with his arms o'erladen,
Hangs to the strap and sways.
Lurching—his bundles (bother!)
Around the car he spills.
Everybody works but father.
He simply pays the bills!
—Lester Lestaire.

GET RICH MAKING TOYS.

Demand For Novelties Affords Good Workmen Profitable Employment.

New designs in toys are as eagerly looked for by toymakers as the new designs of a Paris dressmaker. Some of the best artists make small fortunes by designing new toys. A notable case of this kind is that of Caran d'Ache, the eminent French black and white artist. His physicians had ordered him to take a rest. Partly to amuse himself and partly to entertain some children he began to whittle some little toys out of wood. Out of these grew his famous toys showing King Edward bagging pheasants, Emperor William on a boar hunt, Carlos killing mountain sheep and President Roosevelt drawing a bead on a grizzly.

Paris is the only city that regularly holds toy expositions, and at these one may see every sort of toy made in the world. The United States keeps a permanent exhibition of the toys of all nations and times in the ethnological space in the national museum. From India, China, Africa, Alaska, Australia, from the remotest past down to the living present, these toys have been gathered.

THE SEASON FOR TACT.

Thoughtlessness In Yuletide Gifts Often Shatters Friendships.

Many a pleasant friendship has been broken by ignorance of good form in gift making. Many a social career has been nipped in the bud by a present ill chosen or wrongly sent.

If you are rich and have some friend who has lost her money be careful that your gift does not reflect your knowledge of her financial straits. Remember that somehow she will manage to buy the obviously necessary thing, while her heart still hungers for the dainty, the luxurious touches of life.

Again, there is the wealthy friend of your family to whom you brought letters of introduction when you came to town. She has not taken you into the bosom of her family, but occasionally at her large and general functions she has entertained you. Choose no gorgeous gift in such a case. Rather send her a beautiful flower on Christmas morning with a well worded greeting or the newest book about which her world is surely talking.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, BABY.

Merry Christmas, baby, with life just begun!
Years of rosy footsteps, blithely may they run.
Childhood yet beyond thee proffers fun and play.
Farther on the shadows lie—oh, so far away!

Sunlight shimmers o'er thee from the morning skies.
Heaven smiles before thee in thy mother's eyes.
Laughing in her arms, baby, in that light divine
Love, the sweetest life can give, is this moment thine.
—Helen Holt in Leslie's Weekly.

THEY ALL WORK FOR SANTA.

Fathers, Mothers, Grandparents and Children Who Make Toys.

Though Santa Claus begins getting ready for the next Christmas the minute he unharnesses his reindeer, yet he never could make enough toys to go around if he did not have a lot of people to help him.

In Germany there are several villages where everybody works at toymaking, not only the mothers, fathers and children, but even grandmothers and grandfathers. For generations these families have made toys—dolls, tin soldiers, doll furniture, little wooden wagons and wooden animals of all kinds. In many homes the children begin helping in this work when they are so small they can hardly sit at the common working table. Often a whole family will earn only 60 cents a day.

Reminiscences of Early Days in British Columbia

STORIES OF THE NATIVE INDIANS

"It was in those good old days," said one of the men who had been among those who rushed into the Omineca country 40 years ago, when referring to something that was a pleasant recollection. This old timer then went on to relate some of the experiences of that great gold rush into an unknown country and which first brought to the attention of the world the Hazelton district, for while this is 180 miles from the gold, nearly all the prospectors went in or came out this way, and hundreds of them spent the winters on the flats now the town of Hazelton. The hero of this story went in the first time by way of Quesnel and over Bald mountain. He was accompanied by an Irishman on that trip, and as they were going over the mountain they got off the trail, which was only blazed, and they got lost in the snow, which was twelve feet deep and soft so that they sank every step they took. They were for two days without food or water. They had some tea left but nothing to make it with and they had to drag their blankets on a rope behind them. The Irishman wanted to quit several times but they kept on and finally landed over the mountain and near the headwaters of the Manson creek where so much excitement had been created. It was a bright and happy prospect for them the first cabin they saw, and it was not long until they reached the town, which at that time contained several large buildings, a saloon and a restaurant.

During the year 1872, there were from 1000 to 1500 men on Manson creek alone and they were all digging to their utmost. Men were in great demand and wages were pretty nearly what the employee asked. It was only a few minutes, therefore, until the new comers were provided with a job at $9.00 per day. After working a week one of the partners in the claim where this man was working sold out and he took over the interest and stayed with the job all summer, cleaning up a nice little stake.

The next season Manson creek did not last long. New diggings were struck and like a flock of sheep everybody hit the trail again and the town was deserted, and never since has there been anyone operating on Manson creek, except a few of the more faithful.

It was in the winter seasons that as the miners from the gold countries came down here to winter and to get supplies and grub for the next season. During those winters in the Good Old Days there were many stirring events. The Indians were natural savages and were constantly threatening to kill every white man. Very frequently the natives gathered around the miners' tents, which were located where R. Cunningham's store now stands, and fire off their guns and make all kinds of noises, which in the stillness of those arscic nights were hideous in the extreme. The whites never paid any attention to them and the Indians' warlike intentions ended in threatenings.

In those Good Old Days the natives indulged in many horrible practices which were finally stopped by the Indian Agent. On one occasion this old timer witnessed the ceremony of an Indian qualifying as a doctor, or medicine man. He noticed a great stir on the street and went around to see what was going on. The would be doctor had captured a Siawash dog and in the presence of the whole tribe, bound its mouth and proceeded to devour it alive. He picked it up in his hands and tore a big piece off its shoulder, eating hair, skin and all. This gastly sight was cheered by the onlookers and when the one-man dog feast was over the savage was a full fledged doctor, capable of curing the worst diseases of the natives.

On another occasion the chief of the tribe gave a dannce to the Indians, and his squaw, a young and beautiful girl was there. She danced and danced until about nine o'clock in the evening when a blood vessel in her head broke and she fell to the floor dead. There was a great commotion. The Indians all fired off their guns and raised an awful row. The whites were particularly scared until they finally learned the cause. A meeting of the band was held and it was decided to bury the girl the same as the whites did. Three men went up to dig the grave, but the ground was frozen and the work was hard, so they came back and another meeting was held and they decided to burn the body as was the custom. A great bonfire was built up and the body put on top and fire set to the wood. Then the Indians gathered around and watched the fire. When a man was burned, the women all gathered around the head and made all sorts of noises and the men stood back. That is another practice that has been stopped.

In those days the Indians all lived on the flat now called the Point, and there were none in the upper part of the town until the whites began to come in. There were a great many totum poles then, but they have all disappeared. One of the customs, when a man put a totum pole, all his near relatives made a great bon-fire and burned everything they possessed; clothes, furniture, canoes, guns, furs, blankets and everything else. It all went on the fire to help to do honor to the great man. Such things are not allowed now. These, with many other little pass-times made life exciting enough for the white prospectors who were wintering here. There was always something doing, and there was no time for a man to worry over his misfortunes.

Are Those Christmas Decorations Safe?

Warnings and Suggestions That Are Worth Heeding

The superintendent of insurance for the province has issued an official warning to all those who are prone to run risks at Christmastime for the sake of decorations.

Fire due to carelessness in connection with the decoration of stores, churches, schools and homes for the Christmas season are, he says, more numerous than is generally imagined. Complete statistics are not available, but information collected shows that such fires are numerous, costly from a money standpoint, and attended with much suffering and deplorable loss of life. It is estimated that last year there were 500 such fires in the United States.

As instances of carelessness, he quotes the following :

To tamper with electric wiring to produce or facilitate displays;

To use cotton-batting in a show-window or under a Christmas tree to represent snow;

To allow the inexperienced and thoughtless to do the decorating;

To hang inflammable material where it touches or may be pushed or blown against stove-pipes, steam-pipes, lamps, gas or electric lights:

To use celluloid ornaments in decorating;

To allow children to light candles on a tree;

To leave matches where children can get them for the purpose;

To allow children to touch an illuminated tree;

To leave an unilluminated tree unwatched;

To allow paper and rubbish to accumulate in the premises and about the furnace, owing to pressure of business;

The superintendent enumerates some of the outbreaks which occurred last Christmas through carelessness. Briefly they were as follows:

Boy's costume, trimmed with cotton batting caught fire from candle. Boy and a visitor slightly burned.

A scholar was fatally burned, due to her clothes catching fire from candle on school Christmas tree. Another scholar fatally burned from same cause at another schol.

Fire was caused by a toy motion picture machine. The film, while being exhibited, flopped over on to top of lamp and ignited.

Children ignited cotton decorations used to represent snow around Christmas-tree. Fire spread throughout first floor. Members of family seriously burned.

Children in lighting candles on Christmas tree set fire to decorations.

Cat upset Christmas tree. Damage $100.

Gas-jet set fire to Christmas decorations.

Mercantile—A lighted candle ignited decorations in show windows of hardware store.

Mercantile—Fire spread rapidly, due to holly, mistletoe and smilax decorations.

Mercantile—Store profusely decorated with evergreen boughs and festoons ignited from defective electric wiring. Fire spread rapidly and burnt fiercely. Loss $212,154.

For the prevention of such catastrophes as these, the superintendent suggests that smoking should not be allowed where there are inflammable decorations. Also he contends that asbestos fibre will represent snow and that metallic tinsel is better than paper. "Let there be no Christmas horrore in British Columbia," he concludes.

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