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## CHRISTMAS

For more than fifteen hundred years Christmas has been celebrated, for more than fifteen hundred years it has been promoting the peace and happiness of the world. We in this twentieth century cannot doubt how much Christmas has done for us. What are we doing for Christmas?

How many of us would like to give an honest answer to that question? That day when Joseph, the poor carpenter, went up with Mary to Bethlehem to be taxed; that day when Mary gave birth to the Child in a stall and cradled Him in a manger, "because there was no room for them in the inn"; that day with the simple and imperishable history that is the loftiest lesson in humility that the world has ever received—how do we now observe its anniversary?

We think perhaps a little more about our food than usual. If the weather is bad, we grumble, and wish that Christmas came at some more pleasant season of the year. If the weather is good, we are perhaps so busy with our sports and games and newly acquired gifts that we do not find time to refresh our consciousness of the debt we owe to Christmas and of its poignant lesson in humility. We may ever have got so far away from that lesson that we have made gifts under a sense of obligation, with a wish not to be thought niggardly, rather than from the pure motive of generous affection. Our preparations for the day have been characterized by hurry and worry. Our celebration of the day is likely to be accompanied by some complacent contemplation of the pomps and vanities within our sphere. Between such an observance of Christmas and Mary's quiet acceptance of its harsh conditions there is certainly a strange contrast.

But if no one who thinks about Christmas can escape some self-chastisement at the thought, there are nevertheless redeeming facts on which it is reassuring to dwell. The beautiful thing about Christmas is that whatever it does and has done for us, we cannot help, insensibly and by the very nature of the day, doing something for it. A man cannot live in a Christian community without feeling that on Christmas there is a kindly spirit abroad and without sharing in that kindly spirit himself. The Christmas season is one when the relations of men and of nations are touched with human friendliness, when concessions come easier, when pleasant words and pleasant smiles cheer the whole Christian world. With all our forgetfulness, with all our insincerities, we cannot help doing some things in the spirit of Christmas, simply because of the wonderful vitality of that spirit.

## THE STATESMAN'S CAUSE

The naval policy which Sir Wilfrid submitted to the Canadian parliament and the Canadian people is a policy that will appeal to all that is best in Canadianism and true Imperialism. He proposes that, instead of putting money into "hiring" naval defence, Canada should at once establish and maintain two fleet units, one on the Atlantic and one on the Pacific. From the mere money point of view this would cost much more than the Borden proposal, but the vessels when built would be Canada's and the Dominion would not then be subject to criticism for giving Britain three battleships that would have to be manned and maintained by the British taxpayer, as Mr. Borden's Dreadnoughts must be. A fleet unit, in the recognized sense, includes one battle cruiser, three protected cruisers, six destroyers, and three submarines. Sir Wilfrid Laurier therefore, proposes, and the Liberals in the House support unanimously the proposal, to build at once two battle-cruisers such as that under construction for Australia, which carries eight twelve-

inch guns and is classed as a Dreadnought; six cruisers of the Bristol or some other recent type, twelve torpedo-destroyers, and six submarines. A Canadian fleet of the strength indicated would be a far more effective addition to the naval strength of the Empire than Mr. Borden's gift of three Dreadnoughts. Mr. Borden proposes to provide \$35,000,000 and wash his hands of the entire question of naval defence for a period of years. Sir Wilfrid revolts at this cold-blooded way of viewing the question of defence. With scorn in the finest passage of his stirring speech, turning to Mr. Borden and his followers, he said in words that will become historic:—

"You give England three Dreadnoughts to be paid for by Canada, but to be equipped, manned, and maintained by England. Oh, did I say manned by England? I must qualify that statement. In justice to my Right Hon. friend I must qualify it, because he told us he had secured from the Imperial authorities the privilege of having Canadian officers for those ships. Oh, ye Tory jingoes! Is that the amount of the sacrifice you are prepared to make? You are ready to furnish Admirals, Rear-Admirals, Commodores, Captains, officers of all grades, plumes, feathers, and gold lace, but you leave it to England—to old England—to supply the bone and sinew. You say that these ships shall bear Canadian names. That will be the only thing Canadian about them. You hire somebody to do your work. In other words, you are ready to do anything except the fighting."

There the Liberal leader represents the national sentiment of the Canadian people. They are willing to make the real efforts and the persistent sacrifices involved in laying the foundations for the defence of Canadian waters and Canadian ports, and for the evolution of a naval force that in the Imperial first line of defence will represent Canadian manhood as well as Canada's money bags. The issue placed before the Dominion by Sir Wilfrid is a great issue, and we shall not be surprised to find the electors insisting that they shall determine between the Borden proposal to grant money, alone, and the Laurier proposal to put men behind the guns and pay for the cost of both. Liberalism stands for a Canadian navy owned, man-

ned, maintained, and controlled by Canada, yet as freely at the service of the motherland in any time of emergency as the Borden Dreadnoughts.

## SMITH, FOWLER, AND THE FARMER

"Understand that Mr. Carvell made statement in the House yesterday that potatoes were 45 cents per barrel higher in Maine than in New Brunswick. If correctly reported same is gross misrepresentation. Have just communicated with largest shippers at Bridgewater, Maine. Their price today on potatoes just 10 cents per barrel higher than at Florenceville, N. B., which points form a fair comparison. Prices generally for the past month have ruled about even between Maine and New Brunswick. To-day market reported easier on American side. Our market firm."

The above is given out as a telegram from Mr. B. Frank Smith to Geo. W. Fowler, M. P. This production from a gentleman who on several occasions has overestimated his value to the public, does not improve his standing when he indulges in such buncombe as this. When Mr. Carvell made the statement that potatoes were 45 cents a barrel higher in Maine than in New Brunswick the statement was absolutely correct, and no one knows it better than Mr. B. F. Smith. From all parts of the County there are reports of heavy crops of potatoes and the farmers, who sell, ARE GETTING \$1.10 A BARREL WHILE THE MAINE FARMER, ONLY A FEW MILES AWAY, IS PAID FROM \$1.45 TO \$1.75 A BARREL.

It is true that the farmer on one or two occasions received \$1.20 a barrel, but even this price is not a price that "rules about even."

The farmers, who ought to be fairly good judges of what is best for themselves, know and feel the difference in prices, and understand Mr. Smith in his exaggerated role when he talks "gross misrepresentation."

## DR. PUGSLEY VINDICATED

When the Liberal government was defeated the opponents of Hon. Dr. Pugsley went about boasting that

now they would show how corruptly his department had been administered. Startling revelations were to be made, and all that had been alleged against him was to be proved to the hilt. But now, after a year of investigation, a report is submitted which is a complete vindication of the ex-minister of public works. There is not a suggestion of official wrong-doing by Dr. Pugsley, and the St. John Times points with just pride to the fact that his political enemies are confounded.

## REFLECTS CREDIT ON THE TOWN.

(Telegraph)

The Carleton Sentinel published at Woodstock (N. B.), issued a special paper yesterday. There were sixteen pages with a generous display of advertising. The paper reflects great credit on the town as the mechanical part is well arranged and the articles are of special interest.

In the course of a debate in the Saskatchewan legislature this week Hon. Mr. Motherwell said the farmers of Saskatchewan had this year lost six million dollars through not having access to the American market for their flax, wheat, oats, etc., while the duty and excess cost of their implements cost them another eight millions. Those Conservatives who say that reciprocity is a dead issue will find their answer in the remarks of Mr. Motherwell.

"Canada," says the Toronto Globe, "is to provide the ships and the guns. Britain is to provide the men behind the guns and the powder and shell, and the coal, and the hardware, and all the other things needed to maintain the men and the ships. And yet they are to be our ships and subject to recall. No wonder John Bull begins to scratch his head and assume a puzzled look."

The Old Chief—the greatest of them all—is not dealing in "canned speeches." He was dealing with a subject on which he could talk with the assurance of a life long constituency and broad Canadian and Imperial statesmanship, as opposed to the political expediency of the government proposals.

## GIFT Suggestions!

Nothing else does quite so well as a Gift to a Man as something he can wear, and the fact that He'll wear it is the best test of appreciation

Our Store is Filled with Useful, Serviceable Things!

Even outside of the Holiday stock, there isn't an article or garment in the store that would not be a most acceptable Gift.

A Merry Christmas for "Him"!

Suits	House Coats	Mufflers
Overcoats	Neckwear	Handkerchiefs
Trousers	Suspenders	Fancy Vests
Gloves	Hat	Sweaters
Umbrellas	Hosiery	Bath Robes
Rain Coats	Night Robes	Etc. Etc.
Pajamas	Shirts	

Come to a Man's Store for a Man's Gift!

The John McLauchlan Co. Ltd.  
Woodstock and Hartland.

Headquarters for Better Clothes.

PUMPKIN PIE WITHOUT EGGS. Let the pumpkin be of the pie variety, small, close-grained and sweet. Steam it until tender, then press through a colander. To a pint of pumpkin add one quart of rich milk, two level tablespoonfuls of ginger and a pinch of salt. This is sufficient for two pies. Fill the crust, sift on a little sugar and a dust of nutmeg, and bake. If the pumpkin is not up to the standard one egg may be added.

## HOLIDAY SUGGESTIONS

## Do You Appreciate These Facts:

That owing to Our Connection with the Wholesale Trade we are able to buy fully 50 p.c. Cheaper than our Competitors

Now  
For Our  
Proposition

That we are giving you the benefit of this discount on every article you buy  
That we are showing a line of Goods that cannot be beaten in the large cities  
That on PARISIAN IVORY GOODS our Prices are over 40 Per Cent. Lower than Montreal's Big Mail Order House  
Our immense line is now on inspection and we invite a comparison of prices

BUY GOOD XMAS GIFTS WHERE YOU GET HAAPING MONEY'S WORTH

To Every Person Buying \$10.00 Worth of Goods between December 5th and 25th we will give Absolutely FREE, A WATCH, a reliable timekeeper, and will last a lifetime. These are now on exhibit. Save your Checks, whether for Drug Store Goods or Xmas Articles, and get this Watch, which will make a beautiful Xmas Gift

Prescription  
Druggist

EDGAR. W. MAIR

Woodstock  
N.B.