

USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

On account of the war in which our Empire is now engaged, and the great sacrifices we are all making, we have marked our Christmas goods at a small advance of cost. People have begun to realize that it is best to give sensible gifts. The recipient gets the most good out of a gift which has a practical value; and therefore, prizes it most. The time has passed when people felt justified in squandering their money on tawdry and useless articles; now they demand value for what they spend. No better value can be secured than is offered below. Gifts that are attractive and useful as well as offered for every member of the family. Look over our list carefully

Go Over Our List at Once

Start to make your selections now and save yourself the bother of last minute shopping. You will get better service and have a much better chance for careful selection. If desired, we will store goods purchased now and deliver on December 22nd and 23rd.

FOR MEN

No Gift would be more suitable for a man engaged in mercantile work or with a hobby, than a SET OF TOOLS. We have on hand a complete range of Tools, and can suit you both as to quality and price. Here is a chance for you to show originality in your choice of a gift for him.

SHAVING ACCESSORIES—Man is hard to select a gift for. His wants are few. But all men need Shaving Materials, as Celebrated Gillette Auto Strop Safety Razors, as well as others in regular Style. All kind of Brushes set in Rubber, and we are offering a wide selection for your consideration. What would a man appreciate more than a good KNIFE or a good READING LAMP. We have them all styles and prices.

LAMPS—Our stock of Lamps is most complete this season. We have a full line of Reading and Desk Electric Lamps and Hanging Lamps in great variety. We invite everyone to visit our store and look our Christmas Stock of Goods over. It will be money well invested to buy your presents from us

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FOR WOMEN

What will please a woman more than a ELECTRIC IRON, ELECTRIC PERCOLATOR, ELECTRIC EGG BOILER, or ELECTRIC TOASTER (all labor saving articles), or a Tea and Coffee Pots, Kitchen Granite and Aluminum Ware, Bissell Carpet Sweepers, or an up-to-date Monarch Steel Range and the New Perfection High Oven Range, the stove with two ovens as shown in our show Window.

We have a special lot of Artistic **Brass Goods** which we are offering at unusually low terms. Some of our most attractive lines are as follows: Brass Jardiniers, Brass Spirit Lamps and Kettles, Brass Umbrella Stands, Brass Fern Pots. These goods were bought before the high advance and are selling at very low prices as it is a line we are closing out.

BOYS AND GIRLS

For a healthy boy no gift has more appeal than a pair of Snowshoes, Electric Flash Light or a pair of Skates. We have them all sizes, styles and prices. Every boy that has a pair of skates needs a Hockey Stick, Sled and Jack Knife. We have several styles to make your selections from.

We have Manicure Sets, Scissors in Sets, Pen Knives and other goods very suitable for presents.

WOODSTOCK PUPILS MAKE GOOD SHOWING IN NOVEMBER

BROADWAY SCHOOL.	
GRADE I.	
Pupils enrolled 38, percentage 88.14, perfect attendance 17.	
Ronald Miller, Donald Kaye, Allan Dykeman, Billy Chandler, Edwin Saunders, James Knox, Edwin McKinley, Roy Nason, Byron McClements, Ella Smullin, Wilfred Nevers, Russell Barnett, Margaret Keizer, Ralph Driscoll, Alma Foreman, Hugh Foster, Lucille Dunphy.	
GRADE II.	
Pupils enrolled 44, percentage 93.15, perfect attendance 21.	
Fred Rudge, Arthur McNabb, Athalia Barnett, Jack Flewelling, William Flewelling, Bernice Cummings, Merritt Winchester, Margaret Plummer, Anna Britton, Mary Heyes, Grace Lockwood, Clare Dunphy, Charlotte Hynes, Bernard Lavoie, Lenora McKinley, Charlie Tompkins, Robert Delong, Lloyd Brewer, Mar-	

jory Drysdale, Wilbur Corey, MRS. SLIPP, Teacher. GRADES III and IV. Pupils enrolled 51, percentage 86.97, perfect attendance 15. Dorothea Saunders, Ellen McClements, Donald Sutherland, Willie Hayes, Emma Niles, Goldie Hynes, Louise Britton, Jean Currie, Marguerite Knox, Perry Potter, Penton Mooers, Mary McGibbon, Colby Brewer, Winifred Connell, Stella Knox.

ALICE F. POLLY, Teacher. GRADES IV and V. No pupils 48, percentage 85.02, perfect attendance 9. Leonora McNab, Bertha Clarke, Clarence Stewart, Theo Kennedy, Doris Corey, Ray Delong, Dorothy Driscoll, George Foster, Lily McKinley.

MARY MILMORE, Teacher. GRADES V and VI. Pupils enrolled 40, present during

day 35.83, percentage 89.58, perfect attendance 14. Hazel Foreman, Freda Britton, Flora Parsons, Mary Currie, Donald Craig, Byron Carr, Herbert Knox, Douglas Hall, Edwin Hayes, Kathleen Sutherland, Dolie Robinson, Marjorie Watson, James Brewster, Helen Jones.

HELENA MULHERRIN, Teacher. GRADES VII and VIII. Enrollment 42, percentage 89.88, perfect attendance 20. Eugene Griffiths, Georgie Britton, Lottie Mooers, Agnes McCaffrey, Grace Smith, Jeanne Sharpe, Kathleen Bowlin, Reid McMillan, Helen Craig, Rita McKinley, Cecil Smullin, Harold Merrithew, Nellie DeWitt, Fred Estabrooks, George Johnson, Horace Kennedy, Clifton Glew, Howard McKibbin, Helen McKinley, Donald Hall.

W. S. DALEY, Principal. FISHER MEMORIAL SCHOOL. GRADE I. No pupils enrolled 36, percentage 85.28, perfect attendance 56. Jennie Wort, John Pickell, Doris Grant, Donald McLean, Josie Harris, Wilmet Turner, Inez Dymond, George Armour, Gertrude Pickell, Walter Buck, Doris Carter, Howard Stevens, Edwin Wilson, Ernest Sanderson, Franklin Creighton, Frankie Johnston.

H. MABEL LISTER, Teacher. GRADE II. No enrolled 36, percentage 81.66, perfect attendance 9. Madeline Sharpe, Elizabeth Baird, Hattie Pringle, Greta Armour, Allison Creighton, Roland Hull, Vernon Morris, Burpee Dow, Fred Peters.

CLARA M. CARSON, Teacher. GRADE III. Enrollment 38, percentage 90.33, perfect attendance 17. Rowena McIntyre, Florence Smith, Pauline Clark, Elsie Wheary, Madeline Wilcox, Amy McIntyre, Ruth Dow, Helen McLean, Allen Wort, Basil Marsten, Winston Clarke, Douglas Stevens, Walter Gilliland, Donald Smith, Mike Hannigan, Bartlett Colpitts, George Dunbar.

S. ISABEL LEWIS, Teacher. GRADE IV. No enrolled 32, percentage 77.8, perfect attendance 8. Ross Smith, Edward Orewer, Edgar Taylor, John Sparrow, Isabel Strait, Winifred MacLean, Rachum McCunn, Isabel Mair.

PAYE M. PLUMMER, Teacher. GRADE V. Enrollment 49, percentage 85.81, perfect attendance 13. Ruth Fleming, Donald Baird, Cleo Arnold, Elva Gillespie, Ena Hall, Erdine Marsten, Harold Manzer, Thelma Smith, Doris Hearn, Donald Wilcox, Murray Foster, Hilda Furlong, Gladys Norris.

FRANCIS B. MILMORE, Teacher. GRADE VIII. Pupils enrolled 32, percentage 82.06, perfect attendance 10. Edward Clark, Alice Jones, Allan Atherton, Hamilton Baird, Turney Whitehead, Willie Hoyt, Walter VanWart, Harold Kennedy, Pauline Westall, Dorothy Pringle.

AGNES S. CRICKARD, Teacher. GRADES VI and VIII. Average 38.94, percentage 86.53, perfect attendance 35. Creighton Balmain, Muriel Newham, Thelma Burden, Jack Whitehead, Robert Brown, Helen Troy, Walter Hayden, Charles Hayden, Randolph Jones, Francis Mavor, Wendell Watson, Dorothy Loane, Dorothy Jones, Marguerite Taylor, Alice Hearn.

J. MAY L. CARTER, Teacher. GRADE IX. Pupils enrolled 34, percentage 89.62, perfect attendance 7. Hildred Whitehead, Bessie Gunter, Hazel McConchie, Beatrice Fields, Harris Stairs, R. K. Jones, Ross Mavor.

JENNIE F. KING, Teacher. GRADE X. Enrollment 33, percentage 85.71, perfect attendance 4. Annie Slipp, Florence Strong, Deborah Slipp, Storey Balmain. JULIA NEALES, Teacher. GRADE XI. Enrollment 24, percentage 86.11, perfect attendance 3. Winifred McCunn, Marjorie Wright, Helen Pringle.

G. J. MARR, Teacher.

HOME DEFENCE OFFICERS AT HALIFAX

Sussex Paper Draws Attention to "Shameful Abuse of Power"

(Sussex Record)

Halifax is waking up in regard to the standing scandal in that city, arising from the retention of soft garrison jobs for two years by men who have not gone to the front, or who do not seem willing to do so. Fathers of men at the front are calling for a change and demanding that if there are soft jobs to be held by Halifax home defence artists that these jobs be given to men who have been fighting at the front for months and months. Only recently at a reception to the new Governor General, dozens of these worthies, whose delight seems to be to fight within the shadow of their places of business, were honored with invitations, while men who stand for something

in the life of Nova Scotia were place on earth for a medically fit man with years of military experience. This feature of the reception to wear khaki with honor and tion and condemned it right roundly, as well they might. A man with years of military training, who persists in holding out to a home defence job, thus keeping real men out of it, should be ostracised in this country. That is the plain English of it. If the military authorities will not act in the matter, then the public should make it plain that they will not stand for such conduct.

The Record is informed that scores of men enlisted from all over the country are being used by officers of the Halifax garrison to mow private lawns, to drive cars, to attend furnaces, to shovel snow, etc., Is this what Canada is paying these men for? Is this why men are being taken from farms? In the name of all that is just and decent, how long will this country stand it?

There are many men in this province, big business men, who have done more solid work in the last two years for their King and Country than dozens of these home defence artists will ever do, and these New Brunswick men have not accepted a single cent for their services. Not only that, but the New Brunswickers have paid out much good money for personal expenses and have contributed, many of them hundreds of dollars in hard cash, for many organizations arising out of the war. Why the difference in the attitude of the men of the two provinces? The whole show in Halifax smells to high heaven. Before much more recruiting is done the public should be assured that the snags at Halifax go to men from the front and the system of funkiness which prevails in Halifax cease. There must be a change. Any officer on garrison duty in Halifax who has not already offered for overseas service should be fired so that his clothes will be out of style when he returns.

The Record is informed that there is one firm in Halifax carrying on its business as usual, with three representatives in the pay of the military. This is only one instance of a scandal which must be ventilated in justice to the real soldiers of Canada. Let returned men take the place of these parasites. When it is necessary to repel an enemy attack on Halifax, coming as it must after the defeat of the British Fleet, Canada will indeed have a broken reed to lean upon, if it must depend on men who, having years of military experience refuse to really enlist for actual warfare. There is one place for military genius to assert itself—France. There is one

place on earth for a medically fit man with years of military experience to wear khaki with honor and that place too is France. Let us have an end of the outrage.

Cooking Hints

POTATO CAKE.—Take two cups of sugar, one cupful of butter, one cupful of boiled mashed potatoes, one-half cupful of grated chocolate, one-half cupful of milk, four eggs, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one cupful of pecans of hickory nut meats and a teaspoonful each of cloves and cinnamon. Bake slowly one hour.

Four Ancient Christmas Carols

THE ancient Christmas carol "Holy Night" is German in its origin and is considered by many persons to be the most beautiful of all Christmas carols. It has sometimes been ascribed to Martin Luther, but the consensus of expert opinion is that it is much older than his time and is one of the oldest of German folk songs.

The carol "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen," is English in its origin and dates back to about the beginning of the seventeenth century, although the author of the words and the composer of the music are unknown. The fine old melody sung to this poem possesses all the best qualifications of a sterling hymn tune and will probably last as long as the verses with which it is always associated.

Originally the old carol was sung in polyphonic harmony with the melody placed in the tenor, as was the inviolable custom of the seventeenth century. Modern transcriptions of it, however, have placed the melody in the upper voice part instead of the third voice part, as formerly. This carol, too, is one of the most popular and most beautiful in the entire range of Christmas music.

The carol "Draw Nigh, Immanuel," is one of the oldest pieces of coherent music in existence, and both the words and music far antedate any of the others. The music is an old French melody, dated from the thirteenth century, although, of course, it has been harmonized to conform with more modern standards.

There is a most curious but beautiful musical effect at the close of this carol. The words of "Draw Nigh, Immanuel," are about 100 years older than the music, being taken from the Mozarabic breviary of the twelfth century, and it is generally believed that they were taken from the liturgy of

the early Christians at Toledo, Spain, where the Mozarabic breviary was formulated.

Another carol, "The First Noel," has a traditional French melody and probably originated in Breton, although the exact origin of this fine old song is somewhat in doubt.

CHRISTMAS PLAYS IN THE HOME THEATER.

The dramatic instinct is strong in most children and should be encouraged, says Mrs. Blanche Cole Rosedale in the New York Evening Sun. To the young child its exercise serves to while away many rainy hours; to the older child it can be made a source of inspiration to noble deeds and a means of gratifying the longing for romance and the desire for adventure.

Where there are two or more young children Santa Claus plays of all sorts will occupy the pre-Christmas days.

The most popular and simplest one is that in which one child represents the beneficent saint and the rest of the family go to bed after hanging the stockings. The saint fills the stockings and makes what other preparations his imagination can compass, then usually becomes a child again and goes to bed himself, not wishing to be left out of the Christmas morning fun so soon to follow.

All Christmas stories may be dramatized. The story of Gretchen, who saw her shoe by the chimney and found a poor sparrow in the toe, will be acted out with as many embellishments as the story teller has been able to add.

There is a story of two children who awoke to find Santa Claus in their room. They accompany him to toyland and back with many adventures on the way. This lends itself well to play also. Relieving the distress of a poor family on Christmas morning is a pretty play. The generous Samaritans go laden with toys to the unhappy ones, and play ends in a joyous dance.

While the dramatizing spirit is on the children will not stop with Christmas tales, but will play Cinderella, Goldilocks, Squire Nutkin and any other simple story which is familiar to them.

Where Bayberry Candles Come From.

It was the women of Hingham, that quaint old Massachusetts town, that first brought down from their attics their grandmothers' old candle molds and began making the sweet smelling green bayberry candles for a few appreciative people who wanted them to burn in homes furnished in antiques. The women of charming old Deerfield, in the same state, shortly followed suit, and then the housewives of Cape Cod saw their opportunity, all of them using the molds that had been in the towns for generations.

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