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CHRISTMAS

The glorious season of Christmas is again at hand and all over the Christian world the people who own the Babe born in the lowly manger in Bethlehem as their God and Redeemer unite in joyous celebration of the greatest anniversary in history.

There is nothing new in Christmas. For nineteen hundred years the world has had the same reason to rejoice, yet with every recurring season men proclaim with increasing fervor the glad news that went forth from the Bethlehem manger when Christ was born to save His people.

"Unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" was the message of the Angel of the Lord which brought joy to the hearts of all mankind and on Monday it will be repeated with as fervent affections as it was by the shepherds in the eventful morning centuries ago. In all ages men have revered Christ, have pretended to doubt His divinity and sneered at the work he accomplished but His power and His sovereignty have extended to the ends of the earth until all nations have heard the glad tidings of His birth, the cruel story of His death on the cross and the glorious news of His resurrection and while all have not believed, His dominion is ever increasing and His heaven born mission is accepted as it was announced at His birth.

Let all unite in the glad acclaim which greets Christ as the Saviour of men. Glory and honor and praise to His precious name which has been the comfort of men, has made life easier to live, has comforted the sick and afflicted and given souls a haven of rest in the great eternity.

Christ preached "Peace on earth good will toward men," and His ministrations have not failed. The lesson which He taught in His sermon on the Mount has ever been a source of inspiration to those who have followed in His footsteps. The spirit which pervades this festive season is the direct result of His teaching. Men or women who perhaps are careless of His lessons the rest of the year, remember in the Christmas time that the Saviour proclaimed the brotherhood of man as well as the fatherhood of God, and acts of Christian charity of every kind disposition abound on every side. The merry Christmas dinner, the happy family gatherings and the deeds of philanthropy are not mere human promptings but the outflow of the Christ-like spirit implanted in the hearts of men by his contemplation of the sacrifice on Calvary.

Christmas is the season of kindly acts the season of giving the season when the hearts of all mankind beat with a common generous impulse. It was so nineteen hundred years ago, when the wise men of the east laid their offerings of gold at Jesus' feet; it is so today and will be until the end of time.

"Led by a star the wise men
Went to that manger old,
Offering gifts and treasures,
Frankincense, myrrh and gold;
Shepherds, wise men, monarchs,
Kneel ye today at His Shrine,
For now in the stable lowly,
Reigneth the Child Divine."

This is the true joy of Christmas. To know for ourselves that there is into the world for us and all men, a Saviour who is Christ the Lord, and in the joy of that assurance to promote in all the world the three-fold blessings of the gospel; praise to God for the unspeakable gift of rethierly love as the glorious sign and demption, peace on earth and bro- seal of that redemption

Some of the numerous claimants for forward the claims of Fredericton for the Valley Railway shops, have apparently overlooked one thing—that the road is to be equipped and operated by the I.C.R. Now, the government railway already has extensive shops at Moncton, which serve the entire system and they are scarcely likely to be duplicated anywhere in New Brunswick. Nevertheless, divisional points will be established for the Valley Railway and there will be repair shops in some central locality. Just where these shops will be located is a matter that rests with the federal government and it is up to Mr. O. S. Crockett, M.P., to see that the claims of Fredericton are not overlooked. Mr. Crockett has had an easy time of it at Ottawa for the past seven years, but the people now expect him to take hold and do something for the constituency.

Dr. W. J. Weaver, surgeon at the military school, has been dismissed to make room for a doctor of the Tory faith. Dr. Weaver was appointed to this position a year ago because he was the senior medical practitioner in the local militia and possessed the necessary qualifications. It was for this same reason that Dr. J. W. Bridges, a Conservative, received the appointment from the late government on the death of surgeon Lieutenant Colonel McLaren. The Liberals allowed Dr. Bridges to continue in office; in fact promoted him to the permanent army medical staff. Dr. Weaver is turned out for no other reason except that he happens to be a Liberal in politics and his job is needed by a Tory partizan. Mr. O. S. Crockett pretends to be great for precedents; He did not follow one in this case.

The report which comes from Ottawa to the effect that it is the intention of the government to extend the Transcontinental Railway from Napudogan to Fredericton is no doubt authentic. The Transcontinental must have an entrance to St. John and it can best be obtained by a connection with the Valley Railway at Fredericton. This matter is one of the greatest importance not only to Fredericton, but to the people of Stanley and the Nashwaak. It is pretty well understood that the late government had it in mind when it consented, on the recommendation of Hon. Dr. Fuglesley, to lease and operate the Valley Railway and assist in the construction of heavy bridges over the St. John and Kennebecasis Rivers.

Owing to the shortage of the crop in the United States, potatoes are being imported from Scotland and Ireland. According to The Montreal Star, Maine potatoes are selling in New York at \$3 per sack wholesale, which is double the price of a year ago. The flag-bearers who told the farmers of York during the recent election that under reciprocity our markets would be swamped with Maine potatoes were simply playing the game for the Tory party. They were out to fool the farmers and we regret to say succeeded in many cases.

The promotion of Dr. Wainwright to the position of surgeon to the military depot is another victory for Col. McLeod. Mr. Pinder's nominee for the job was distanced in the first heat.

To all its subscribers and patrons The Mail extends the usual Christmas greetings.

WHITESTONE PRECEPTORY R.B.K.I. ELECTS OFFICERS

Whitestone Preceptory, No. 308, Royal Black Knights of Ireland, held its annual meeting last night and elected officers. Past Grand Master A. D. Thomas presided. The installation will take place on January 31st. The officers are as follows:

R. W. Gregory, W.P.
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J. Cowie, Chaplain.
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S. Phillips, 1st Committeeman.
W. Sturgeon, 2nd Committeeman.
B. Allen, 3rd Committeeman.
N. Jones, 4th Committeeman.
H. Rogers, 5th Committeeman.

1889—Henry W. Gray, famous orator, died in Atlanta. Born in Athol, Ga., May 24, 1850.

HOW THEY WORK IT

In an angry article, Le Canada, a Liberal French-Canadian daily, criticizes Hon. Col. Sam Hughes for an extravagant speech which he is said to have delivered against priest and Pope some twenty-two years ago. It would be a fine thing if all Col. Hughes' follies had acquired so respectable an age.

The holding up of Hon. Col. Hughes as a man who, having prospered on the violence of his opinions, until he earned a portfolio from Mr. Borden, now talks peace between Orangemen and Roman Catholics, as if the purpose of any strife they ever had was gone now that the quarrel had landed him in office—this suggests to us that we should remind Le Canada that Mr. Borden, in creating his Cabinet, had no other course but to include Col. Sam Hughes in it. The Colonel had to be given a portfolio for the very reason that he made that speech twenty-two years ago and many another since.

When Mr. Borden found himself compelled to tie up to the Nationalists, led by Mr. Bourassa, because there was no other party in Quebec that he could tie up to, he was required to hand portfolios to Messrs. Monk, Nantel and Pelletier, and pre-terment to men like Messrs. Blondin and Sevigny who had made violent appeals to the prejudices of Quebec. Having done that, Mr. Borden had no choice but to balance matters, if he could, by making Col. Hughes Minister of Militia and Dr. Sproule, Speaker of the House. They describe this as a fine sense of color scheme.

The idea is to bring into one Cabinet the "good fellows" who can handle rival factions, no matter how violent their antagonisms may be—men who can go out their various

ways from the common centre of a Cabinet, each to drill and train a ferocious prejudice while seeing that it is tied and muzzled so that for the present it cannot get loose and hurt anybody. In the Dominion Cabinet the Conservatives have Nationalists and Imperialists feasting together in armed word, the leaders of each have sent word to their followers that they have captured the castle and that the others are prisoners.

In the Ontario Cabinet, one can imagine with what jocund affability Hon. J. J. Foy, representing the Irish Catholics, Hon. Dr. Reaume, representing the French-speaking electors, and Hon. R. A. Pyne, representing the Orangemen will meet together today to congratulate each other on the way they delivered the goods to each other on election day. The question of bilingualism may be a very serious one, but nothing of this kind is serious if you possess political sagacity—and can find your Foy and your Bourassa, your Pelletier and your Hughes.

In so far as they suspend hostilities, it is well; but they make no effort to end them, because on them they thrive. Under Sir Wilfrid Laurier the Liberal party sought common ground for the equitable settlement of racial and religious differences. The desire was to disarm and disband factions. The present idea is to reward the leaders, subsidize factions, humor them, build them up so that each will be invincible in its own area. Then nothing will be necessary but to "handle" them well and keep them apart. It is a plan which may keep certain men in power, but it does not lead the country anywhere.—Toronto Star.

CHURCH SERVICES

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Minister, Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith.
11 a.m., Subject, The Church as a Peace Society.
7 p.m., Subject, Unique Tributes to the Incarnation.
2.30 p.m., Sunday School and Bible Classes.
All welcomed.

CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL.

Sunday:
Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a.m.
Evening prayer and sermon at 7 p.m.
Christmas Day:
Holy Communion, 7 and 8 a.m.
Morning prayer and Holy Communion, 11 a.m.
The Bishop will preach on Sunday morning and Christmas morning and the Dean on Sunday evening.

SALVATION ARMY

Bright Christmas services at the Salvation Army.
11 A. M. Subject: The day spring from on high hath visited us.
3 P. M. Christmas music and song service.
8 P. M. A message of good news. Bright singing and music. All heartily invited.

1732—Sir Richard Arkwright, inventor of the spinning-frame, born. Died Aug. 8, 1792.

A FEW THOUGHTS ON THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Mr. Editor—I congratulate you on the character of your family paper. There is nothing in it to offend the most fastidious. It has no liquor advertisements. A party paper, it does not strike below the belt, there being the absence of low personalities.

But has not the time arrived for holiness to be written on the bells of the horses, the common things of life, the recreations being dominated by religion. We are told on good authority that the chief end of man is to glorify God here and to enjoy Him forever. He who does not do this gratis, his is the saddest of all failures. Young Clifford, at Bisley, last summer, hit the mark and won for himself fame and wealth. The latter work for some means to miss the mark. Every one who neglects the great salvation that the blessed Christ, of Bethlehem, of Calvary, has purchased for us is missing the mark and the consequences who can tell? He from Whose decisions there is no appeal has said "These shall go into everlasting punishment but the righteous into life eternal."

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1851—An earthquake destroyed the Japanese cities of Amasca and Simoda.

1871—A Liberal ministry was organized in Canada, with Alexander McKenzie as premier.

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CHRISTMAS AT SANDRINGHAM

London, Dec. 23—Owing to the absence from home of King George and Queen Mary, this year's celebration of the royal family will be rather quiet and devoid of many of the features traditional with the Christmas observances of the British Court. The royal children it has been arranged will have their Yule Tide celebration with Queen Mother Alexandra at Sandringham, the scene of many happy family gatherings in former years. As customary there will be a big Christmas tree for the younger members of the royal family and an exchange of gifts among the older. For the members of the household at Sandringham and the villagers separate celebration will be held at the Castle.

PERSONAL

Mrs. R. C. Macredie is confined to her home, King Street, by severe illness.

CHRISTMAS AT MADRID

Madrid, Dec 23—Although the public or State observance of Christmas at the Spanish court is principally a religious function regulated by strict rules and precedents, concessions to German and English traditions have been made in the royal family ever since Queen Christine set up the first Christmas tree in her palace. This year there will be a special tree for the youngest member, recently born, of the royal house, although the little princess is still too young to fully appreciate the meaning of it.

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