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Mrs. Berger jumped at the chance. And just as certainly the chance jumped at her. She was leaving a neighbor's with her two rosy cheeked children when the woman accosted her and almost before she had time to think she had promised to take two children to board. The woman thanked her, almost with tears.

"I've heard tell o' you from the girl that works at Laswell's, where I do," she said, "an' she told me how kind you was, an' how well you kept your children. I was jest about to come to your house when I met you. I was desperate. Miz Laswell's been kind as kin be, lettin' me keep 'em there. Of course, it's to come out o' my wages. But she's been after me to find a place for 'em. The lambs ain't no trouble, but—well, anyway, she wanted me to find a place for 'em. An' I thank God I done it. About money, Miz Bergen, could you wait till the 20th? My month's up then. That's eleven dollars."

"The 20th will do," said Mrs. Bergen. "Then I'll bring the young ones to-night, an' thank you again, ma'am." Mrs. Bergen was not unthankful herself. The \$20 would solve some problems for her. She hated to break the news to Mr. Bergen. When a man has been ill for three months with inflammatory rheumatism, chafing at the enforced idleness, wincing at the noise of his own children, it is a little awkward to announce the arrival of two more. But at last she told him, presenting the case as diplomatically as possible.

"It's a godsend to her and to us both," she said. "She's come all the way from Misuree to meet her husband an' lost his trail someways. She's a frail creature, an' she's gone to service at Laswell's. She's got a place there, that's one thing. She was so relieved I'd take 'em. Kitty Mullen spoke about me. She remembered me takin' the Trench young ones four years ago, when their mother died."

She paused, but Mr. Bergen did not speak. "But glad as I am for her, Cyrus, I'm a heap gladder for us. Little Cy's that keen on a velocipede you wouldn't believe! He can't talk nothing else. He wants one like the Jones boy—rubber tired, spring seat an' all. They're \$5. I priced 'em, though I hand't no hopes o' getting one. An' Myrtle—bless her!—her doll an' dishes'll eat up another five. That leaves ten to pay the grocer, an' everything else can wait. Thank God, we'll have a merry Christmas, after all."

Mr. Bergen did not take it as she had feared. He seemed as thankful as she. "It'll tide us over till I'm better," he said. "I've lain here a-thinkin' o' Christmas till I thought I should go mad. They've always had such a lot o' things that they wouldn't 'a' known what to make o' Santa Claus cuttin' 'em down."

That night the strangers came, a boy and girl, another little "pigeon pair," as Mr. Bergen said. They were shy at first; but soon became at home. They were good children. Mrs. Bergen's busy hands were not much busier than before. And the thought of the big \$20, coming just five days before Christmas, would

have made her willing to "work her fingers to the bone," as she expressed it.

The days fairly flew as the days before the holidays have a habit of doing. The 20th came around and promptly in the evening the little mother appeared. Tightly clasped in her hand was the tallsman which had opened a stranger's doors. She passed it over.

"I was that skeared o' losin' it," she said, "that I couldn't bear it out o' my hand."

Mrs. Bergen smiled. "I expect that's how I'll feel about it," she said. And she did. She changed its hiding place again and again that night, thinking at every sound a robber had scented her secreted wealth.

The next night as they sat around the fire, she had the children tell once more their wishes for Santa Claus. She oblivious to the fact that two more eager-eyed listeners heard the Christmas tales and wishes, till a small voice piped up. "Us won't get nothin' from Santa Claus this year, mother says, cause she forgot to tell him where we lives."

"Nothing?" Mrs. Bergen echoed. The small boy squared his shoulders and came forward into the light. "Me and Daisy don't care. Mother'll tell him next Christmas."

And thus was a little drop of bitterness thrust into Mrs. Bergen's cup of joy. It hurt. The brave little voice, with its hint of restrained tears, came to her again and again. It rang in her ears in the day and in the night. Yet it never dawned that other and dearer voice, "Tell him, ma, a velocipede, like Billy Jones"—jest like it, with rubber tires."

She made list after list. The money would go only so far. The grocer's payment could not be curtailed. The Christmas supplies, even the turkey, were to come from him. Ten for the grocer; five for the velocipede. That left five. Two and a half more were for Myrtle's doll and dishes. And the rest—she hugged the thought to her heart—was to buy the books which would lighten Mr. Bergen's weary hours. There was nothing she could do. She felt it the day before Christmas eve, when she bade the children good-by and left a neighbor's girl in charge. No, there was nothing she could do. They expected nothing; they would not be disappointed. "Us won't hang up no socks," the little boy had explained.

She tried to shake the thought off as she walked along, but it clung to her. Even when she found herself in the toy shop, with all its wealth of toys, the insistent little voice whispered pathetically in her ear. "Us won't get nothin' from Santa Claus this year."

But, all of a sudden, with a rush of joy, it came to her that they would; that four little full stockings would hang by the fireplace Christmas eve; that, share and share alike, even as if they were her own, the money should be spent. And the care and worry fell from her like a garment that is old. The ghost of the sad little voice was laid. In its place she seemed to hear many voices singing, the old, old song that the shepherds heard. "Peace on earth, good will to men."

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COLD COMFORT

(From the Toronto Globe)

The Whitney Government has "aided" the cause of temperance by requiring a three-fifths vote to secure local option where a majority was formerly sufficient. Perhaps Mr. Hanna thinks that the requirement of a four-fifths majority would be a still further step in advance.

TAG DAY IN QUEBEC YIELDED BIG RETURNS

Quebec, Mar. 1.—Quebec was given over yesterday to a joyous celebration before the advent of Lent. The day was observed as "Tag Day" in aid of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association Dispersary, the amount realized being over \$5000.

In the evening Mardi Gras celebrations took place, there being along and interesting cavalcade of cars and masqueraders in the line. The parade was witnessed by an immense crowd of people. There were fully a hundred cars in the procession. The demonstrations showed the possibilities of what can be done in Quebec in regard to the Mardi Gras celebration on the lines of the New Orleans Event and which will likely be taken up next year.

MONIS HAVING TROUBLE IN FRAMING CABINET

Paris, March 1.—Antonia Monis is experiencing some difficulty in forming a ministry, but it is expected that he will announce his definite acceptance of the Premiership to President Fallieres during the day, and it is possible that he will make known his associates tonight.

Former Premier Ribot has declined the proffer of the ministry of foreign affairs and Senator Raymond Poincare, to whom this portfolio was next offered, has said that he will give his decision later.

Kingston, Ont. Mar. 1.—The inter-mediate intercollegiate hockey game here tonight between Toronto Varsity and McGill was won by Toronto Varsity by six to four.

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ize itself with the system of dairy inspection carried on in Ontario, and ask that the government appoint an inspector for each county in New Brunswick and that they be paid by the government.

Mr. Hubbard pointed out that in Ontario the municipalities paid a portion of the cost. He would like to know if the delegates would favor a proposition of that kind in New Brunswick.

One of the delegates wanted to know what the duties of the dairy superintendent are.

The president replied that he did not know. He thought Mr. McDougall could explain.

Mr. McDougall said that his work was confined principally to factories. On motion of Mr. Riley, further consideration of the matter was deferred until tomorrow morning.

Mr. Porter suggested that the reports of the societies be published better than they were last year. Many of them were erroneous.

Mr. Hubbard said that the government wanted a discussion on the regulations of agricultural societies. These had not been amended for twenty years and some changes might be necessary. As the hour was late he would not ask that the matter be taken up tonight.

FARMERS NOT REPRESENTED.

Mr. F. A. Dickson of Westmorland, moved a resolution calling attention to the fact that the farmers were practically without representation in the Legislature, and asking for the appointment of a committee to draft resolutions on the matter to be taken up on Wednesday evening. He said that in the Legislature at present there are thirteen merchants, twelve lumbermen, ten lawyers, five medical men, three or four whose occupations were unknown and one solitary farmer. He thought that this was a question the Association ought to face. It was a state of affairs all must be proud of. If they were not, they should suggest a remedy. The farmer is usually under foot, but he pays the bills just the same. Some appear to think that the principal qualification of an M.P.P. is that he can talk. Let us listen for the next few days and hear what they talk about. The Opposition will spend weary hours telling us that the roads are bad and the government has been extravagant, while the government will spend weary hours telling us that the roads are the best ever and that the greatest economy has been exercised. The farmer, of course, will pay the bills. The farmer and fishermen are the food producing classes of the country and ought to be entitled to some consideration.

Mr. Dickson's resolution was in substance as follows: "Whereas, it is apparent that the farmers of New Brunswick are not represented in the Provincial Legislature or Parliament of Canada by men of their own occupation; "Therefore, Resolved that a committee be appointed to draw up a resolution declaring with respect to the attitude of the farmers on the question of representation in the Provincial and Dominion Parliament."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Reilly and adopted.

A nominating committee was appointed as follows:

York—Walter Limerick. Sunbury—Ashley Harrison. St. John—D. J. Barrett. Victoria—Donald Innes. Kings—A. R. Gorham. Kent—M. J. Poirier. Gloucester—J. Dunphy. Westmorland—George Trueman.

On motion, the meeting adjourned until Thursday morning.

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HARVEY STATION

Feb. 27.—Henry F. Craig of Winnipeg Man. accompanied by Mrs. Craig and two children left last Thursday morning for their home there. They have been visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity for the past two months. Mr. and Mrs. Craig are natives of Harvey and went to Manitoba about twenty-two years ago and engaged in farming on the prairie. It is understood that he and his brother Stewart Craig have been benefited largely by recent increases in the value of lands in that vicinity. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Craig are very much pleased to have met them again and have enjoyed their visit very much.

Yesterday morning Rev. M. J. MacPherson preached an able sermon from the text "The memory of the Just is blessed." In the course of his sermon he referred to the life and work of the late Rev. Dr. Mowatt of Montreal and his connection with Harvey. He read Dr. Scrymgeour's tribute to the deceased from the Montreal "Star" and also read the closing paragraphs of Dr. Mowatt's sermon on the "Last Sunrise." The last sermon he ever prepared. Mr. MacPherson pointed out the nobility and blessedness of such a life as Dr. Mowatt had spent, and urged the congregation to send some recruits for the gospel ministry.

James Swan and sons have imported and manufactured at their grist mill at Two Mile nearly sixty tons of corn this season most of which has been disposed of to the farmers and dairymen in this parish. Considerable quantities of bran and other foodstuffs are also being used with profit in dairying and pork raising.

Thomas Cessford of the Rear Settlement last year sold 2020 pounds of butter from nine cows besides keeping enough for household use. Yields of butter similar to this has been had at Coburn and other places in the parish.

Thos. Robinson, M.P.P. was taken after a long and severe illness from his pulpwood operations at Acton. He was very sick yesterday but is somewhat better today.

John Donovan died at his home near Cork Station Saturday night after a long and severe illness from paralysis. He was a son of the late Daniel Donovan of Cork and was 66

GERMANY PURCHASES ANOTHER AIRSHIP

Berlin, Mar. 1.—After long and wearisome negotiations the military authorities have at last signed a contract for the purchase of another Zeppelin Airship. The new vessel will be the second of its class in the possession of the German Army, its sister ship being Zeppelin IV.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER IN 1847.

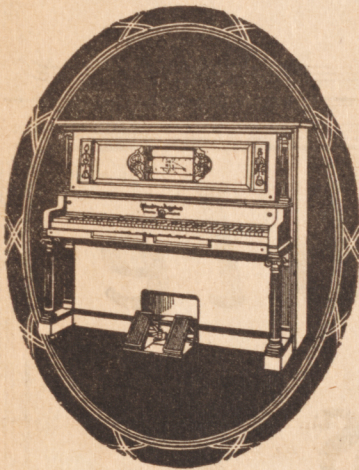
"The result is that this (Fielding) tariff goes into operation and the honorable gentleman knows that the industries of this country are already paralyzed in consequence, while honorable members gloat over the destruction of Canadian industries. I was reading the wail, the sorrowful wail, of these industries, in The Montreal Gazette, where one manufacturer after another declared that their industries were ruined; that their mills must close, and that they saw staring them in the face a return to the deplorable state of things that existed when the honorable gentleman who last addressed the house was in charge of the fiscal affairs of this country. I say that a deeper wrong was never inflicted upon Canada. I feel that, so far from rejoicing at it from a party standpoint, I deplore from the bottom of my heart the ruin that is going to be inflicted upon the best interests of Canada and upon its great industries."

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years of age. He was one of the most progressive farmers in the place and was a man of the highest character and integrity and very highly respected by all who knew him. He leaves wife, two sons and one daughter. His sons are Daniel and John Donovan. Miss Christine Donovan of Cork is his daughter.

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- 1—36 Dark Grey Over Coat, regular price, \$22.50 to clear \$18.00
- 1—39 Brown Tweed Over Coat, regular price, \$15.00 to clear \$12.00
- 1—38 Black Melton Over Coat, regular price, \$15.00 to clear \$12.00
- 1—27 College Collar Ulster, regular price, \$25.00 to clear \$20.00
- 1—40 Black Beaver Over Coat, regular price, \$25.00 to clear \$20.00
- 1—38 Black Beaver Over Coat, regular price, \$20.00 to clear \$17.00
- 1—35 Tweed Over Coat, regular price, \$20.00 to clear \$16.00
- 1—34 College Collar Ulster, regular price, \$20.00 to clear \$16.00
- 1—36 Tweed Over Coat, regular price, \$15.00 to clear \$12.00
- 1—37 College Collar Ulster, regular price, \$20.00 to clear \$16.00
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