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FRIDAY	11,890
SATURDAY	15,181
TOTAL	69,478
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A Merry Christmas To All

CHRISTMAS

Mankind is less concerned than of old regarding what may be termed the theological aspect of Christmas, but more conscious of its ethical significance. Time and the influence of the life and character of Him whose birth is commemorated have softened hearts and given rise to new conceptions. The world is coming to a belief in a God who is at least as good as Santa Claus. A stern and vengeful Deity gives place to a God of love. There is still in our Christmas observances something of insincerity, something of selfishness; but the tendency is ever toward the ideal, best exemplified in that brief but pregnant life of service and sacrifice in ancient Galilee.

Throughout this city tomorrow, as elsewhere in the Christian world, the higher motives will rule in most hearts, and make their influence felt in others. Even though some be thankless, some may scoff and some may be neglected, the true spirit of the season will prevail in larger measure than ever in the past.

It is so easy to be selfish; to enjoy and not share; to see and hear, and yet not take heed of the suffering of others; to regard life as a kind of warfare, where he gets most who can, and keeps it for himself. But slowly with the passing centuries comes the kindlier day, when he who does not share is not justified in his own mind, nor content in his own life, but who realizes in the deeper sense the truth of that saying: It is more blessed to give than to receive.

The number of accidents that have occurred, causing injury to workmen, at Sand Point since the season opened, shows that the work of the 'longshoreman is a dangerous as well as an arduous one. Their fellows will doubtless remember tomorrow those who have been laid aside through accident.

The mild weather has to some extent affected the Christmas trade in country produce, but, on the whole, dealers in all branches have enjoyed a good holiday business, and with their customers are in a mood to enjoy the festivities of the season.

There is promise of a whirlwind campaign in Nicolet, where a straight party fight will be waged between Mr. Charles R. Devlin, a brilliant speaker who has returned from Ireland to take a hand again in Canadian politics, and Mr. George Ball, a clever conservative politician.

The flood in Truro will make Christmas a time of hardship and loss to many people. To them, as to all who are in trouble through any cause, their more fortunate fellows, in the midst of their own enjoyment will give a thought of kindly sympathy.

St. John will be without a daily paper tomorrow. The morning papers have decided to follow the example of their evening contemporaries and give their employes an opportunity to enjoy the holiday.

The colored boy and his mother who were turned away from a rink in Toronto although they had purchased tickets, may be thankful that they are decidedly superior to some white people whom they meet.

The Manitoba telephone bill has been declared against by a majority of the municipalities. As before observed, this verdict will doubtless induce the government to change its attitude.

Peace has been declared between the militia department and the Marathons. Mayor Sears must now effect a truce with the weather man, in order that the fruits of victory may be enjoyed.

The man who is seen on the streets this evening without one or more parcels in sight or concealed about his person should be shadowed by the police, as a suspicious character.

Mr. L. B. Hicks, who was entombed for fifteen days in a tunnel at Bakersfield, Cal., will enjoy his Christmas pleasures with quite an unusual zest.

A Toronto grand jury has advised that grand juries be abolished. This Toronto twelve is wiser than the average grand jury.

Despite the presence of Mr. E. Tennyson Smith in town one of the rinks has the hardihood to offer children a "free skate" tomorrow morning.

The "natural port" for Atlantic mails is that which gives the quickest service. Why is not St. John given a fair trial? Who is afraid?

Mr. B. F. Pearson has been successful in politics as in business. He is now the Hon. B. F. Pearson, member without portfolio in the Nova Scotia government.

La Presse states that one of the new senators from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia will be an Acadian. Either province could offer a good candidate.

The Toronto bakers who have been selling light-weight loaves of bread are not on good terms with Santa Claus.

This is the day when a man thinks of his family first and himself afterward—if at all.

The Times will not be issued tomorrow, Christmas Day.

MAYORS WILL GATHER HERE

Meeting to Form Union of Provincial Municipalities will be Held Here in January.

In accordance with a recent resolution of the common council, the mayor last week issued a request to the mayors of cities and towns in New Brunswick and the wardens of counties to appoint representatives to meet in St. John to form a union of provincial municipalities. No date has yet been fixed for the convention, but it is likely to be held towards the end of January.

The cities and towns which have been invited to send a representative are: St. Andrews, St. Stephen, St. George and Milltown, in Charlotte county; Sussex, in Kings county; Edmundston, in Madawaska county; Newcastle and Chatham, in Northumberland county; Campbellton, in Restigouche county; Grand Falls, in Victoria county; Woodstock, in Carleton county; Moncton, Sackville and Shediac, in Westmorland county; Fredericton and Marysville, in York county. The wardens of those counties and Albert, Gloucester, Kent, Queens and Sunbury have also been invited.

The mayor, as first vice-president, and J. S. Magee, civic clerk of Moncton, as second vice-president for New Brunswick of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, are taking considerable interest in the movement, the object of which is to further civic and municipal interests and strengthen efforts in the direction of municipal legislation at Fredericton. It is thought that eventually a maritime union, embracing Nova Scotia, P. E. Island and New Brunswick, may be formed to look after maritime legislation at Ottawa.

It is expected that the convention will be largely attended, but until replies from the cities and counties have been received no decision as to the place of meeting will be come to. It is probable, however, that the council chamber will be utilized.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Mary Burns

A sudden death occurred early Sunday morning when Mrs. Mary Burns, widow of John Burns, passed away at the home of Mrs. Mary Donahue, 33 Johnston street. Mrs. Burns was out Saturday, and late that evening complained of not feeling well. She retired, and about 4 o'clock in the morning a friend entered her room to give her some medicine. She apparently was not seriously ill, but an hour later she had passed away.

Mrs. Burns was born in County Kerry (Ire.), about seventy-five years ago, and had been in this country for forty years. She leaves two sons—George, of Sand Cove, and Joseph, of Boston. The latter's address is not known, and as a result he cannot be notified of his mother's death.

Mrs. Matilda McCarthy

The death of Mrs. Matilda McCarthy, widow of William McCarthy, occurred last evening at the residence of her son, Frederick, at 9 Simonds street. Mrs. McCarthy was of an advanced age, and is survived by four children. Her sons are Frederick and John, of this city, and William, of San Francisco. Mrs. Thomas McGowan, of 66 Harrison street, is a daughter.

Thomas Lawson

Thomas Lawson ex-M.P.P., of Andover, Victoria county, died suddenly on Friday. He had been from his work only one day, and was not considered seriously ill, but his wife, on entering his room to enquire as to his condition found him unconscious. Dr. Welling was summoned but before he arrived, Mr. Lawson had expired.

He was forty-three years of age and was a native of Glasgow, and while young came to Fredericton with his parents. In 1883 he married Miss Lucy Ward, who with four children, survives him. Mr. Lawson moved to Victoria county, some years ago and during his residence there, had become very popular.. As the candidate against Hon. John Costigan in 1892 for Victoria-Madawaska he was defeated and as a candidate for the local assembly in 1892, he also suffered defeat, but in 1899 he was elected to the local legislature and proved a very efficient member.

Miss Emily S. Crisp, who is taking the arts course at Mount Allison, has returned home for the Christmas holidays.

Misses Gladys and Audry Bullock, daughters of Ald. T. H. Bullock, are home from Toronto for the Christmas vacation.

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Christmas where snow-peaks stand solemn and white,
Christmas where cornfields lie sunny and bright.

For the Christ-child who comes is the Master of all;
No palace too great and no cottage too small.
The angels who welcome Him sing from the height,
In the "City of David," a king in His might.
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight.

Then let every heart keep its Christmas within,
Christ's pity for sorrow, Christ's hatred of sin,
Christ's care for the weakest, Christ's courage for right,
Christ's dread of the darkness, Christ's love of the light;
Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight.
—Phillips Brooks.

(By Charles Stewart Humbert).

Do the Masters hear? Do they see?
Yes! When all the World are deaf and blind!
Who can hear that Mozart hears?
Who can see that Angels see?
Or dream again great Dante's dream?
All truth must correspond.
Impossible a life should pass
Filled with the radiance of Eternity,—
Yet refitting prelude or close.
Doubtless the Angels sang,
The Lost Chord was heard again,
Never to be silenced by the din of Earth
Hearts purified with Jesus' blood
Know the Virgin bore a child,
They know His arms upon the cross
Measure the open love of God,
His tomb is empty,
He has gone to prepare a place.
"Blessed are the pure in heart."

IN LIGHTER VEIN

THOROUGH BUT NOT PEDANTIC

(Overheard at the Louvre.) 'American, Tourist (suspiciously)—Say, guide, haven't we seen this room before?

Guide—Oh, no, Monsieur.

Tourist—Well, see here. We want to see everything, but we don't want to see anything twice.

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FROM THE LONDON TELEGRAPH.

Certain phases of the recent religious discussion in this country recall the story of the ritualistic rector who was reprimanded by Bishop Magee for certain extravagances in conducting the service of his church.

"My Lord" said the rector, "I will obey you on any point within the four corners of the Prayer Book."

"Humph," replied the bishop, "I suppose you mean you will not obey me on anything that is binding."

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GETTING HIS DUE.

"Doctor," said a shrewd-looking man, "how many feet of gas does it take to kill a man?"

"That's rather a queer question," replied the doctor. "Why do you wish to know?"

"One of the guests at my hotel used enough of it to kill himself, and I want to send in a proper bill to his executors."

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A TRIPLE APPETITE.

The composer Rossini was a great eater. He went one day into a restaurant and ordered a dinner for three. After a while the waiter said: "The dinner is on the fire sir; when the people come, it is ready."

"Very well," said Rossini, "Serve it, I am the people."

AUSTRIANS AND DOUKHOBORS

WINNIPEG, Dec. 22—J. Wesley Speers colonization agent of the department of the interior, was in the city yesterday, for a few hours, after making a visit to the Austrian and other colonies established in the west.

"I visited two of the most interesting colonies in the west," he said. "The colonies referred to are close to the Saskatchewan river, and are made up, in the one colony wholly of Austrians, and the other wholly of Doukhobors. The large Austrian colony was established in the year 1898. In that year we put a thousand people on the lands situated on the east side of the South Saskatchewan, about fifty miles to the south of Prince Albert. The people were very poor in the beginning, and were glad to obtain work on the railway lines and among the farmers in surrounding districts. man of them were employed on the Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railway and in gravel pits. I have seen four or five hundred men turning out of this settlement for work on the railway lines of the west. The number of the settlers was added to very largely in the years immediately following the year 1898, hundreds of settlers going in every year until the year 1903. In these years there were added to the settlements about two thousand five hundred people, and there have been a few additions from immigration each year since that time. In the beginning the people lived in A-shaped mud and sod houses and all of their domestic utensils were of the rude class which they had brought with them from Europe. They were not able to do much in the way of cultivation of the soil for the first year or two. Now they have added to their farming implements until they have a full equipment of everything needed, and they have grown wealthy. They no longer are compelled to leave their farms in search of employment. They remain at home and cultivate their land. They are raising immense quantities of grain, are large producers and also large consumers. They are building better houses, and farm buildings, and are gathering around them large numbers of stock. The Austrian girls, who, in the beginning, went out to domestic service at a wage of $8 or $9 per month, are now receiving from $18 to $20 per month. They are to be found in almost all the hotels of the district, and are the best help available. They have, like their fathers and brothers, become rapidly Canadianized, dress as the Canadians do, and speak the English language. Many of the men have bought additional land in the last few years, and are preparing to carry on operations on a large scale in the years to come.

West of the Austrian settlement, on the west side of the North Saskatchewan, is the western settlement of the Doukhobors. About one-half of the Doukhobors in this colony are communistic, and one-half are individualistic.'

A. R. Wetmore, government engineer, of Fredericton, was at the Dufferin Saturday.

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DIED AT HALIFAX

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