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**CHRISTMAS**

Once more the Christmas season comes round, which brings to our memory the most joyful news that was heralded to the world—the announcement of the birth of the Redeemer of mankind.

Never at any time should friend and foe, with unfeigned earnestness, join hands in mutual friendship as at this special of all special times, when the petty differences of our past life should be forgotten, and when we should have in our hearts a firmer desire to follow more closely in the footsteps of our Divine Creator.

How easy it would be for those of us who are enjoying the good health that God is giving us, and who are having our share of the prosperity of the world, to do this; and yet how hard we find it, and how careless and indifferent we are about the good resolutions we would like to make.

Should not our thoughts go out to those who are less fortunate than we, those who are in suffering and in want and to those poor unfortunates who will spend their Christmas hours behind the cold bars of justice.

Thankful we should be to the Omnipotent for the blessings we have in this life, although we may not have the many things we so desire. Thankful we truly should be, for we know not the day nor the hour when we may lose our earthly possessions, small though they may be.

Let us strive to give up our selfishness, and work for the interest of our neighbor. Let us be a cheerful and a generous giver in all things, for the Lord truly loveth a cheerful giver.

**THE CHELMSFORD RAILWAY**

Some prominence has been given by several provincial journals of Grit persuasion, to a paragraph which appeared a few days ago in the "Chatham World" with reference to the abandonment of the section of Canada Eastern Railway between Blackville and Chatham Junction, the rails of which are now being taken up. This action by the Railway Department will, declares The World, mean 400 or 500 additional votes for the Liberal candidate at the next election. This statement on the face of it, should be some what disquieting to the Conservative party; but the reading public has learned by this time, that it does not always do to take The World too seriously.

The abandonment of a railway service is, in itself, a retrograde step and can only be justified by particular circumstances. In the case of the section of railway referred to, these particular circumstances exist. Two branches of the Intercolonial Railway run parallel for twenty miles on either side of the river, both starting from Blackville, and ending within two miles of each other at the other end. From a railway standpoint there is absolutely no justification for maintaining two services, when there is barely traffic enough for one; and from a business point of view, the question of loss or gain in votes for any particular party, cannot be permitted to be a factor in the matter at all.

It is stated by the railway authorities that the loss in maintaining a service along the Chelmsford side of the river, has been in round figures, \$15,000 annually, with no prospect whatever in any improvement in conditions. On the other hand, the line on the other side of the river runs through a district in which new industries are developing, with a consequent outlook in favor of considerable increase in business. Under such circumstances, it is scarcely to be wondered at that the Railway Department should decide to discontinue the service on the road that is causing a heavy annual loss.

But in order that no inconvenience may be caused to the people on the Chelmsford side by the discontinuance of a railway service—poor and inadequate enough at the best—the Railway Department will erect a

tants of the former in touch with better railway facilities, than they have ever enjoyed before. There will be then three highway bridges and one railway bridge connecting the two sides of the river, in a distance of twenty miles, providing conveniences to an extent not paralleled in a country district in any other part of Canada. Should the Railway Department decide to turn the old railway bridge at Blackville into a highway bridge also, there will be five bridges instead of four.

In seeking, as it does, to lay the blame for the discontinuance of the service on the Chelmsford side, at Mr. Hazen's door, The World does itself no credit. Mr. Hazen is not in charge of the Railway Department and in no sense is answerable for what that department may do in regard to its own affairs. Even if he were, he is not the class of man on whom a gain or loss of votes would have any influence on what he felt to be his duty in the interests of the country generally, but as nearly every resident of Chelmsford and adjacent districts have petitioned the Minister of Railways for the Chelmsford-Derby bridge we fail to see where the loss of votes to the Conservative Parties predicted by "The World" will come in. On the contrary from what we can gather the erection of this bridge will materially strengthen the Party not only in Chelmsford district but throughout the whole county.

**THE ROYAL BANK**

The report of the Royal Bank of Canada for the year ending 29th November last will be found elsewhere in this issue, and will probably be regarded by those interested in the Bank's affairs, as very satisfactory. It shows the Bank to be in an unusually strong position, with the earnings for the year equivalent to rather more than 18½ per cent. on the capital stock, a new high level. The year's business has been characterized by a steady growth in all departments, with every indication that a continued increase may reasonably be expected. The total assets of the Bank exceed \$180,000,000, of which no less a sum than \$21,000,000 odd is in reserve, while the amount on deposit with the Bank reaches the large figure of \$138,000,000. The liquid assets of the Bank are equivalent to almost 47 per cent. of the total liabilities, and the proportion of actual cash reserves reached a high water mark of 13.83 per cent. The Bank's state rent should be of the greatest benefit to the Canadian situation in London, as it will afford English interests a striking proof of the strong position in which our leading financial institutions are holding themselves.

**A WISE DECISION**

We are not opposed at all to the enjoyment and outdoor exercise derived by our younger generation in coasting and such sport as is healthy and invigorating, but we do decidedly endorse the Council's decision in not granting the privilege of coasting on Prince William street to Call's corner. Who would be responsible in the case of a runaway horse going in either direction, and what child would have the presence of mind to steer out of the way?

**CHATHAM HEAD CLOSING EXERCISES**

Following are the names of the pupils in the Chatham Head School making the highest marks in the December examinations:  
Grade V—Arthamise Muzerall 1, Mabel DeRoche 2.  
Grade IV—Flossie Ullock, Lottie Ullock 2, Nettie Walsh 3.  
Grade III—Lena LaRocque 1, Margaret Robins 2, John Walsh 3.  
Grade II (b)—May Coughlan 1, May Robins 2, Carl Phee 3.  
Grade II (a)—Benson Ullock 1, Henry Ullock 2, Celina Muzerall 3.  
Grade I—James Walsh 1, Ellis Thompson 2, Lawrence Currie 3.  
The half yearly public examination was held on Thursday, Dec. 18th. The pupils were examined in the several subjects of the prescribed course, after which an interesting programme consisting of songs, dialogues and recitations was effectively carried out by the children. A number of visitors were present. Prizes were awarded to those pupils having the highest general standing during the term just closed. Mabel DeRoche and Norman Trivers 1st, Nettie Walsh and Benson Ullock 2nd. After a few words by the visitors and the teacher on the school and the progress of the scholars the examination was brought to a close by singing "God Save the King."

**CHRISTMAS 1913.**

(By Rev. Wm. Harrison, D. D.)

The Christmas Celebration once more signals its approach and into December's dreary drift of shortening days, we welcome this fair message of brighter and happier hours. For many years increasing throngs have paused amid the walks and works of life, to mark the memorable date and share the common joy which somehow or other springs from that event which has in royal and heroic form, flung its impress and unflinching charm across the world.

Explain it as we may, it is a fad which has compelled an indisputable and universal acknowledgment that something transpired in the East some twenty centuries ago, and from that time to this has fixed with imperious authoritative hand the calendar of civilized nations and the registers and chronicles of the world.

Every book from the printing press, every morning newspaper, every letter of affection, every bequest from the dying and every contract of the living bears silent witness to the Christmas story.

In the year 750, according to the way the Roman Empire reckoned the years, there came into this world, a man, the Lord Jesus, who by His marvellous and matchless life re-arranged all history, and caused people to forget all their old dates, so that everything that happened before He came should be counted from the year of His birth, and everything that has happened since and everything that is likely to happen in the heavens or earth shall be reckoned from that same date. That the sublime personality of the Redeemer occupies a unique and untouched pre-eminence in the chronicles of the world admits of no dispute. The most blatant infidel and the most pronounced and influential agnostic cannot and do not deny this much.

"Why does not the world of today reckon its time from the nativity of Confucius, or Socrates, or Homer, or any other of its distinguished sons or memorable events, rather than from the once lowly and despised Nazarene?" The reply may be found in the fact that there is but one name that endures and fills all the spaces of the world with a lustre that eclipses all others. There is but one event that can prove the pivot of time upon which all others may be safely balanced without any danger of their tumbling into chronological confusion—that is the advent of Jesus.

In a manner the most unexampled and Sovereign, "Christ aways the world's great pendulum and regulates the horologe of history."

It may be said that every man who reads or hears December 25th, 1913, consciously or unconsciously, recognizes the great fact upon which the whole stupendous structure of christianity and christendom so firmly and securely rests. It is not a matter of surprise that men are asking with an ever deepening interest and wonder what mighty and over-mastering impulse it is that has travelled and triumphed over the vanished institutions and empires of 2000 years and still proves itself sufficient to touch and move the world's big brain and heart and inspire them with loftier and sunnier moods than all other events combined can do.

What august transaction is it that has unarched across the earthly horizon and left its imperishable track upon all the subsequent years and wins a wider recognition and commemoration as the generations come and go? Surely any event that can lay its hands of power upon the swiftest, busiest of all ages and arrest with more than imperial decree its vast and infinitely varied machinery, that can draw out the richest harmonies of joy and praise and command the intellectual and religious homage of the most enlightened peoples of the globe and can do all this on an ever extending scale some nineteen hundred years after its occurrence, for ever refuses to be classed among the things that are common place or to be pushed aside without

some fair and reasonable explanation. It is the veriest nonsense to assert that this great Christian's anniversary is the creation of some ancient outburst of sentimentalism, some brilliant hallucination or some lawless and immortal dream. Such solutions are met by a fierce intellectual protest and rebellion and cannot for one moment sustain the immense pressure which the historic situation and facts have placed upon them. No bewitching wizardry of remote ecclesiastics and no charm of the sorcerer's art can hush the poorer elements in the race's tumultuous life and ring to their merriest peal the joy bells of this most tropical age the world has ever seen. It is only when we cast the lead of our inquiry into deeper waters that we reach the answer that satisfies the severest demands.

In the Christian teaching of the incarnation we find the fact which challenges our highest attention and which crowns and glorifies the sacred pages from first to last. In this fact we find the dynamo which has sent its light through the long coil of centuries and which is still shining at our end to-day. In God manifest in the flesh far off promises are realized the unconscious wallings of the heathen ages are met with the divinest response, and in the Christ of the New Testament humanity, in all its sorrows, mysteries, aspirations and needs finds a broad central column of relief against which to lean amid all the convulsions and almost tragic experiences of a changing and passing world.

The long years did wait the coming of the Redeemer, and when He came the "one great hour of time was fixed and fixed forever."

The Christmas rejoicings in their truest and happiest interpretations commemorate the occasion where the Infinite and Unconditioned projected Himself into His own Creation and thus became known as never before to finite intelligence. From that day of glorious revolution of the Unseen, time's deeply furrowed brow began to brighten with the dawn of calmer and sunnier days. A new epoch was ushered in. Silence, old as creation were broken and visions transcendent of God and of God's boundless love flashed forth to gladden the pilgrimage of millions through all the succeeding years.

The advent of Jesus aroused a slumbering world started revolution rather than reformations, turned the stream of history into new channels, made a new period from which to regulate and date the affairs of the world and lifted signals of blessing and of unwasting hope for a struggling and famishing race.

As we greet again the great Christian festival with the nations and tribes speaking at least five hundred tongues and languages, we can with an ever deepening joy unite in singing:

"Hail Prince of Life, for ever hail Redeemer, Brother, Friend! Tho' earth and time and life should fall, Thy praise shall never end."

Keep the cans of cream in a tank of cold water until time of delivery.

**TAKES OFF DANDRUFF, HAIR STOPS FALLING**  
Save your Hair! Get a 25 cent bottle of Danderrine right now—Also stops itching scalp.

Thin, brittle, colorless and scraggy hair is mute evidence of a neglected scalp; of dandruff—that awful scurf. There is nothing so destructive to the hair as dandruff. It robs the hair of its lustre, its strength and its very life; eventually producing a feverishness and itching of the scalp, which if not remedied causes the hair roots to shrink, loosen and die—then the hair falls out fast. A little Danderrine tonight—now—any time—will surely save your hair.

Get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderrine from any drug store. You surely can have beautiful hair and lots of it if you will just try a little Danderrine. Save your hair! Try it!

**CHRISTMAS 1913**

We have just opened up a large and well selected shipment of Choice Confectionery in Fancy Boxes, Be sure you see this line before purchasing elsewhere.  
A Fresh consignment of Moirs Cakes just arrived including Plain Pound, Sultana, Citron, Currant, Fruit Pound, Victoria, Plum Loaves, Nut Bread and Almond Macaroons. Just what you want for the Holiday Season, and thereby saving you a lot of time for other things.  
Our Stock of Raisins, Currants, Figs, Dates, Peels, Nuts, Fruits, Staple and Fancy Groceries, is complete, and we invite your inspection.  
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**In the Probate Court of Northumberland County.**

To the Sheriff of the County of Northumberland or any Constable within the said County, Greeting:

WHEREAS, Thomas Christie Miller and Allan A. Davidson, Executors of the last Will and Testament of the Late William D. Ferguson late of the Parish of Derby, in the said County of Northumberland, have rendered an account of their administration of the said Estate to the Judge of this Court, and by their Petition dated the twelfth day of December instant presented with the said account to this Court and now filed with the Registrar of this Court have prayed that Citation may issue for the passing of the said account and that such further order may be made as may be necessary for passing the said account and closing the said Estate;

You are therefore required to cite the next of kin, creditors, devisees and legatees of the said William D. Ferguson deceased and all others whom it may concern to appear before me at a Court of Probate to be held in and for the said County of Northumberland at the Town Hall in the Town of Chatham in the said County of Northumberland on Monday the nineteenth day of January now next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon to attend and take such part as they may see fit in the passing of the said account and on the making of such further order as will be necessary therein and for closing the said Estate.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said Court this thirteenth day of December, A. D. 1913.

R. A. LAWLOR,  
Judge of Probate.

(L. S.) G. B. FRASER,  
Registrar of Probate.

**SUNNY CORNER.**

All Sunny Corner's most popular young men have returned from the lumber woods to take in the Xmas sports.

Mrs. Heक्टर McLean, Bridge'own, spent Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. Arch McLean of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Matchett are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a baby boy.

Miss Katie Powers, Redbank, was the guest of her friend, Miss Della Hyland, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Matchett, Redbank, were calling on relatives here one evening last week.

Miss Addie Johnston is spending a few weeks with her sister.

Miss Francis Nowlan has returned from Redbank.

Miss Reberta Johnston spent Sunday with the Misses Tozer.

Mrs. Wm. McAllister was in Boom Road last week.

Misses Nelly Hyland and Edyth Tozer spent Thursday evening, the guest of Miss Rose Tozer.

Do not mix warm new cream with cold cream until it has been cool d.

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A large line of Confectionery from 10c to 40c per pound. Canned Goods—Peas, Corn and Tomatoes 10c per tin. Apples—Baldwins, Pippins, Sweet Apples and Spies. Nuts—Walnuts, Filberts, Hutternuts and Peanuts.

Hard wheat Flour in bags, "Royal Household" "Regal" "National" and "Quaker."

Oranges, Lemons, Dates, Figs, Grapes, Rasins, Currants, Butter, Lard, Eggs and a full line of staple groceries.

Preserves in 30 pound pails. Strawberry, Raspberry, Crab Apple, Pine Apple Jelly, also in 25c jars, Red Currant, Black Currant and Orange Marmalade.

This is a cheap sale for this month, and we will give 10% discount; that is to say if you buy \$1.00 worth of goods you will get it for 90 cents.

**BRIGHTMAN'S BAKERY**

**MILLERTON**

Mr. Wendall Weeks arrived home Saturday from Calgary, to spend the winter with his parents, Mr and Mrs. R. N. Weeks.

Mr. Leslie Flett is home from Amherst to spend Xmas.

Miss Saunders left Monday for Guelph, Ont., to spend a few weeks with her niece, Miss Jane Saunders.

Among those who are spending their Xmas holidays at home are: Misses Lettie and Olive Clarke, Louise Crocker, Bess Parker, Mary Saunders, and Ruth Thurber.

Mrs. E. J. Parker, Mr. Lester Parker and Mr. Weldon Robinson, were in Chatham Saturday, attending the funeral of Mr. Andrew Morrison.

Miss Wilson went to Stanley last week, where she will be the guest of friends for some time.

Mr. Jas. McInosh, principal of the Bathurst School, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Jas. Crocker, on his way to his home in Nova Scotia.

Wash the separator thoroughly after each separation.

**HAPPY HOUR**  
Wishes you a  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

It is gratifying to us to find that the effort we have made to give good service to the public has met with such satisfactory response. We have at all times tried to show no picture but what is clean, uplifting and instructive, making the Happy Hour a place of learning as well as amusement for yourself and family to visit.

Nothing will ever be shown that will offend the most refined.

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