Happenings of the Week

It is nineteen hundred years since the first Christmas festival—since the glad song ascended of "Peace on Earth Good Will to Men." All over the world the Christmas spirit seems to pervade everything. Never before was there so much Christmas giving. Merchants have ransacked the earth to find articles to sell, and people have bought lavishly for loved ones—and after all Christmas means Love. The different charitable societies and a few private citizens have already given and are preparing to give holiday cheer to our less fortunate brothers and sisters, and it is to be earnestly honed that our people in general will respond to the worthy call and make Wednesday next the sweetest, heavenliest of all the days of the year.

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The hearts of 32 little children of the Protestant Orphan Home were gladdened on Friday of last week when Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Raymond entertained them at six o'clock dinner at their residence, Germain St. The handsomely appointed table had everything arranged for the delight of the children. Symbols of Christmas were everywhere in evidence. Assisting the host and hostess were Chief Clark and Mrs. Clark, Miss Frost, Mr. James Holly, Mr. Lawrence Scovil, Mr. Atwood Bridges and Mr. Douglas White. After the little ones had enjoyed the bounteous repast, games were indulged in until eyes grew heavy with sleep. Each child on its departure was presented with a Christmas favor and through the courtesy of Mr. Hopper of the Street Railway, a special car conveyed them to the Home in St. James street.

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Mrs. T. Escott Ryder entertained the Saturday Night Auction Bridge Club at her residence, Carmarthen street, last week, when a most enjoyable evening was spent. The fortunate prize winner was Mrs. Walter A. Harrison. A few extra ladies were invited in by the hostess, those present being Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley, Mrs. Walter Harrison, Mrs. J. Royden Thomson, Mrs. J. Lee Day, Mrs. Frank S. White, Mrs. William Vassie, Jr., Mrs. Gordon Sancton, Mrs. Ward Hazen, Mrs. Wm. Angus, Miss Edith Skinner, Miss Clara Schofield and Miss Bertie Hegan. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. J. Royden Thomson's, Germain street, December the twenty-eighth.

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Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kimball, Coburg street, leave on Monday night for Montreal to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Dodd.

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St. Andrew's Curling Club opened their season last Friday evening with a delightful smoker and bridge. The first prize, a handsome brass ash tray, was won by Mr. Fred W. Coombs, and much merriment was caused when Mr. Frank C. Smith was presented with the booby prize, which when opened proved to be a live goose. A large and representative gathering of the club members were present and the hope was expressed that 'ere long the ice would be in fit condition for the winter sport.

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Miss Gertrude deBury, who has been visiting in Montreal and New York, for some time, returned home on Monday and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Daniel Mullin.

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Mr. Kenneth Chestnut, C. E., arrived in Fredericton last week to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother Mrs. Henry Chestnut. On January 8th Mr. Chestnut will be married to Miss Hazel Edgecombe, daughter of Mrs. A. W. Edgecombe of that city.

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Mrs. Albert J. Webster, of Sackville, was the guest of Mrs. Fred C. McNeill, this week.

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Mrs. Frank Black, Sackville, spent a few days in the city this week.

Mr. E. A. Smith returned home from Toronto on Monday.

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Mrs. Christian Robertson leaves today for New York where she will spend Christmas with her son, Mr. Mortimer Robertson.

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Major and Mrs. Kinnear, of Sussex, spent a few days in the city this week.

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Mr. Roy Mackay arrived home from McGill, Montreal, and will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Mackay.

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Mrs. Verner McLellan went to Sussex on Friday to attend the large bridge given by Mrs. Herbert Dryden, last evening.

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Miss Katherine Best was hostess at a most enjoyable bridge, on Wednesday evening. The house was most artistically decorated with Christmas symbols. In the dining room, the supper table had for its centre a miniature Christmas tree illuminated with colored candles which was most attractive. The fortunate prize winners were Miss Clements, Miss Vera McLauchlan and Mr. Stanley McDonald. Other guests were, Mr. and Mrs. Eber Turnbull, Miss Marjorie Lee, Miss Beatrice Frink, Miss Alcock, Miss Gwen McDonald, Miss Eileen Starr, Miss Jean Leavitt, Miss Lorne Kay, Miss Wetmore, Miss Milligan, Mr. Pennington Johnston, Mr. Otty Crookshanks, Mr. Harold Crookshank and Mr. Ewing, Mr. McLean, Mr Percy Coulhurst, the Messrs Teed, and others.

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The Countess of Aberdeen, wife of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and former Governor General of Canada, will join Miss Asquith, daughter of the British Premier, at Queenstown. The two ladies will proceed to Washington where they will be guests of Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce.

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On Wednesday afternoon Miss Clara Schofield, Sewell street, gave a small thimble party, this mode of entertaining having proven to be most profitable and pleasant at this season of the year. Those present were Mrs. P. B. Schofield, Mrs. J. Lupton McAvity, Mrs. T. E. Ryder, Mrs. Frank Fairweather, Mrs. Frederick Crosby, Mrs. William Vassie, Jr., Miss Jones, Miss Eileen Gillis, Miss Laura Hazen, Miss Bertie Hegan, Miss Portia McKenzie and Miss Jack.

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Mrs. John McMillan was hostess at the tea hour on Wednesday in honor of Mrs. W. F. Harrison. Presiding at the handsomely appointed tea table, which had for its centre a beautiful vase of pink carnations, was Mrs. Malcolm Mackay. Assisting with the refreshments were Mrs. Percy W. Thomson and Miss Bayard. Among the guests were Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Thomas Walker, Mrs. James F. Robertson, Mrs. George F. Smith, Mrs. C. E. L. Jarvis, Mrs. P. R. Inches, Mrs. Leigh Harrison, Mrs. H. H. McLean, Mrs. W. O. Raymond, Mrs. John Burpee, Mrs. G. F. Palmer, Mrs. Skelton, Mrs. Jas. Harding, Mrs. John H. Thomson, Mrs. Silas Alward, Mrs. H. B. Schofield, Mrs. William Hazen, Mrs. Vassie, Mrs. W. S. Fisher, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Stetson, Mrs. Fred Barker, Mrs. Tuck, and others.

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Mrs. Powell gave a most enjoyable ladies' bridge on Wednesday evening. Mrs. Powell received her guests in a very becoming black and white silk costume with princess lace trimmings. The fortunate prize winners were Mrs. William Lockhart and Miss Ethel Jarvis. The other guests were Mrs. C. B. Allen, Mrs. Vessey, Mrs. Clock, Mrs. Mullin, Mrs. Rive, Mrs. C. E. Jarvis, Mrs. Percy Hall, Mrs. George Ellis, Mrs. Murray and Miss Grace Fisher.

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Many friends of Mrs. James Dever will deeply sympathize with her in the death of her daughter, Mrs. Frederick A. Roberts, of Falmer, Bucks, England. As Miss Ada Dever, Mrs. Roberts had hosts of friends who will hear of her sudden death with much regret.

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Miss Grace Estey was hostess last week at a most enjoyable 5 o'clock tea. Mrs. Estey, gowned in black and white silk, received with her daughter, who wore a becoming heliotrope voile with touches of lace. The dainty tea table was decorated with red California smilax, and was presided over by Mrs. Percy Clark, gowned in black and white mellaline over silk, black velvet hat with white plume. Mrs. Clarence Steeves in a most becoming costume of brown satin with touches of mauve, large black velvet hat with white feather served the ices. Assisting with the refreshments were Miss Edna Godfrey, Miss Grace Hayward, Miss Miriam Coulthard and the Misses Doris and Edith Barnes. Among the guests were Mrs. Gilbert C. Jordan, Mrs. Grey Merritt, Mrs. Clarence Nixon, Mrs. Roland Skinner, Miss Lillian Anderson, Mrs. Hopper, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Roly, Mrs. Jack, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. A. Pierce Crocket and others.

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Mrs. James S. Harding entertained the Eclectic Club on Thursday evening at her residence, Germain street.

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Judge Barry, who has been attending court in this city for the last two weeks, was joined by Mrs. Barry on Thursday and they will leave for their home in Fredericton tonight.

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Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Page on the arrival of a little son at their home on Thursday.

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The following young ladies have returned to their homes for the Christmas holidays from Mount Allison Ladies' College:—Miss May Goodwin, Miss Alice F. Lockhart, Miss Audrey Ross, Miss Nita Carritte, Miss Nellie Williams, Miss Mollie Lingley and Miss Zela Lamareau.

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Judge Armstrong, Wellington Row, entertained about twenty of his gentlemen friends at bridge on Tuesday evening.

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The ladies committee of the Seamen's Institute have prepared a Christmas treat for the sailors on Monday evening next. Appropriate gifts, such as comfort bags, candies and fruits will be presented to the sailors who happen to be within our gates and absent from dear ones on distant shores.

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A genuine birthday surprise was given Miss Audrey Bullock on Wednesday of last week at the residence of her parents in Germain street. Among the guests were Mrs. William Foster, Mrs. Clarence Steeves, Mrs. Frederick Crosby, Mrs. Frank Likely, Mrs. Roy Church, Miss Grace Fisher, Miss Marion Magee, Miss Vivian Barnes, Miss Jean White and others.

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The Boston Globe contains an account of a wedding of much social interest to friends of the groom in St. John. Miss Leslie Bradley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stow Bradley, and Roger Wilson Cutler, son of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Cutler, of Brookline, and a well known Harvard oarsman were married at noon Saturday at the home of the bride's parents, 411 Commonwealth avenue. Rev. Paul Revere Frothingham, minister of the Arlington street church officiated. The bride, who is a member of the Vincent Club and the Chilton Club, was attended by her sister, Miss Rosamond Bradley as maid of honor, and by Misses Evelyn Thayer, Edith Fritz, Dorothy Ball, Elizabeth Sears, Miss Eleanor Roelker of New York, and Miss Frances Bradley, a younger sister of the bride, as bridesmaids. John W. Cutler, brother of the groom, was best man, and the ushers were Elliot C. Cutler, George C. Cutler, Jr., and Robert Cutler, brothers of the groom, and Frederick M. Burnham, Robert S. Potter, James G. Blaine, Jr., Richard Whitney, Reginald C. Foster, Chester G. Bulden, Bayard Tuckerman, Jr., John Shillito and McKim Hollins. Only the relatives and intimate friends of the couple witnessed the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore white satin with court train, with waist of venetian rose point lace. Her veil of Brussels point was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms, and she carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley. The maid of honor wore a gown of old French blue tulle over satin with a sash of coral pink, and her hat of French blue tulle was faced with taupe velvet and adorned with a large pink rose. The bridesmaids all wore coral pink tulle over pink satin with sashes of old French blue. Their hats were of pink tulle in coral shade and were trimmed with pale pink laces. The bride's attendants carried bouquets of pale pink roses. A number of invited guests in addition to those who witnessed the ceremony attended the reception and wedding breakfast. Upon their return Mr. and Mrs. Cutler will live at Charles River Village.

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Mrs. Harris and Miss Zaidie Harris, of Halifax, who have been visiting in New York, spent a few days in the city the guests of Mrs. Leonard, King street east.

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Mrs. Carson Flood and Miss Flood have taken rooms at Wentworth Hall for the winter. In their absence their residence on Hazen street will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Flood.

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It is rumored that a leap year dance will be given at the Golf Club by a number of ladies prominent in society circles.

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Rev. George Wood and Mrs. Wood, of Chatham, will have for their guests at the manse for the Christmas season, Mrs. A. I. Trueman of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Wood and Sutherland Wood of Halifax, and Mrs. Edwin Crockett, of Toronto.

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The large reception given by Mrs. Borden and the wives of the cabinet ministers at Ottawa, in the reception rooms of the House of Commons, on Thursday evening of last week, was a very brilliant affair. The floral decorations were on a magnificent scale. The gowns worn by the ladies were very handsome. Mrs. Borden was gowned in blue brocade, Mrs. J. D. Hazen, a costume of white and gold brocade, Mrs. Sam. Hughes, silver brocade with overdress of pink dew drop net, Mrs. Crothers, tangerine satin, Mrs. George E. Foster amethyst velvet, Mrs. W. T. White, gold embroidered net over blue with sable trimmings, Madame L. P. Pelletier was in black satin with trimmings of lace and rhinestone, Mrs. Frank Cochrane white satin with overdress of silver brocade, Mrs. Martin Burrill in blue satin, Mrs. W. J. Roche, draped gown of grey satin, Madame Louis Codere in a handsome blue satin with overdress of beaded chiffon.

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Mrs. Daniel Mullin entertained at the tea hour on Friday in honor of her sister Miss deBury.

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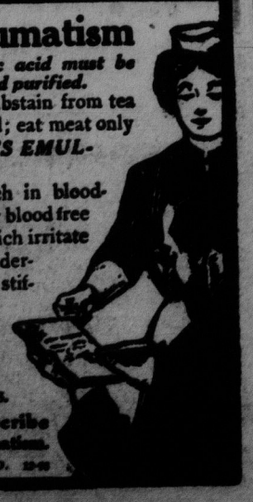

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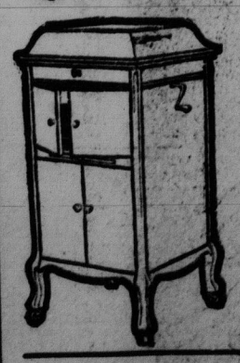

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