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EDITORIAL

A SUGGESTION FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

At this season of giving in commemoration of the Great Giver, it is appropriate that those who are in a position to do so should remember in a material way the institutions which the year round exemplify the charity which Christ enjoined upon all His followers. Conspicuous among these institutions are the hospitals which minister to the physical sufferings of humanity the country over.

In Newcastle the people of the town and district have a public hospital whose first purpose is to serve the afflicted of the community. To such patients as are unable to pay for the treatment they sorely need, the door of the Miramichi Hospital opens as wide and as freely as they do to patients whose circumstances enable them to pay. To each according to his needs, and from each according to his means, is the principle upon which the hospital is conducted.

Already within its short period of operation, several charity patients have been treated at the Miramichi and the facilities of the institution are constantly at the service of those who can not pay. Built and equipped through the generosity of one man, the Miramichi Hospital, although a public institution in the sense that it is open to the public, receives comparatively small financial support from the town and county, and is, therefore, almost wholly dependent upon private subscriptions and donations for any income besides that received from paying patients.

Voluntary gifts of money and materials from generous friends of the hospital have made it unnecessary to appeal to the public at large for any assistance, but there are many articles still needed for the hospital's proper maintenance, and these can be supplied by many persons who can easily afford the donations which would prove acceptable, and who in helping to fill the requirements of the hospital would have the satisfying knowledge that they were helping the institution to more effectively minister to needy and deserving patients.

THE PEER FROM NEWCASTLE

Sir Max Aitken's attainment of a British peerage provides another opportunity for the disparagers of this remarkable New Brunswicker to allege the absence of personal progress which he has made. A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and no man is a hero to his valet. Max Aitken to many who knew him as a boy in Newcastle, and as a young man in Canada, probably appears to them as clay as common as themselves. Sir Max himself would probably lay no claim to superiority. And yet it is obvious that no man without possessing superior qualities of some sort could have reached the heights that have been reached by this son of a New Brunswick clergyman.

For Sir Max's critics to aver that he is devoid of merit because no merit is apparent to them, is equivalent to saying that they are better judges of men than are the King of Great Britain and his advisors, or else that the high men in British affairs are, in a word, dishonest. The reasonable view of Sir Max's meritorious rise would seem to be that his deserts have put him where he is today, and that his detractors are not so acute as they have thought themselves to be. Any one who is a fair-minded person in general is proud of the distinction which comes to the town as the birthplace of the new peer goes without saying. As plain Max Aitken, and as Sir Max, the newly created lord has always shown a sympathetic interest in the town's welfare. And this interest has been shown in very tangible ways. Harkins Academy benefits from his generosity to the extent of \$1000 a year; a substantial contribution from him made possible the construction of St. James Sunday School building; another contribution helped materially in the construction of the skating rink; the Baptist church was given a new bell, and last but not least he is contributing liberally towards the support of the Miramichi Hospital.

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KIDDIES ENJOY MERRY YULETIDE



Heigh ho for Kris Kringle and the merry Yuletide. Wars may come and go, high cost of living may have its inning, but to the kiddies Christmas is just a period in their young lives that must be observed with all the merriment pent up in a youngster's heart.

Attention to Sir Max that he has been very thoughtful and attentive towards his native town, and that the citizens of the town appreciate the interest in the town demonstrated by him and congratulate him upon the attainment of his latest honors.

REVENUE FROM LAND TAXATION

By a tax of one per cent. of Canadian land values, it is proposed by the Canadian League for Taxation of Land Values, to raise an additional revenue of \$80,000,000 a year. It is doubtful if the federal government will be prepared to accept the League's proposal, but it is obvious that additional revenues will have to be obtained in order to defray the enormous cost of Canada's participation in the world war, and it can do no harm at least to give most earnest and most thorough consideration to the suggestion that a part of the required revenue be raised by land taxation.

The fact that the suggestion comes from a body of "Single Taxers" need not cause alarm. The unlikeliest truth is that Canada's war costs must be paid by the people of Canada in some form of taxation—either direct or indirect. By paying taxes in the form of duties on imports consumers of imported articles may be able to forget the fact that they are paying taxes, but their forgetfulness will not lessen their taxes. A direct tax upon land values would of course, bring home to every land holder the fact that he is paying taxes, but it would not—at least, it should not—mean that he is paying more than he would pay through customs duties alone. While every body is not a land holder, everybody is a land user necessarily, and a land tax would therefore ultimately be distributed among all the people in the country, although it would be paid to the government by the land holder, who would in various ways collect it in portions from all who use the land or its products. In the last analysis, a land tax would be paid by the user or consumer of land products, just the same as the consumer in the end pays all the duty on imports.

Other Opinions

NEW BRUNSWICK REJOICES OVER ELEVATION OF SIR MAX (St. John Globe)
New Brunswick rejoices once again over honors conferred on a distinguished son. The elevation of Sir Maxwell Aitken to the peerage is a further noteworthy mark of royal favor to a former citizen of St. John who on two previous occasions was the object of kindly favor. Although there has never been an explanation of such honors the fact that they are always the reward of conspicuous services carries its own proof that the unheralded acts of Sir Max were noteworthy enough to merit distinction granted that Sir Sam Hughes would have conferred on New Brunswick's favored son.

THE DISGRACE OF LEISURE

(Toronto Globe)
For any able-bodied Canadian whether man or woman, a life of leisure, at such a time as this, is a life disgraced. It is not enough that those in high authority, in the State and in the Church, sound the true note and give the strong lead. No citizen is exempt. To every man there is a task to be done, and which is deemed most urgently needed to be done. And the question of sex and of social rank are not first questions. The slogan is: "Can you do the job? and is it the best you can do?" Disappointment is the only result of a partial loss of energy.

Obituary

WELDON McTAVISH

The death of Weldon McTavish occurred on Sunday at the home of his brother, William McTavish, at Silliker, where he had been ill since his return last summer from South Brewer, Maine, where he had lived for two years. Deceased was 28 years of age. He leaves a widow, formerly Miss Janet Sherrard of Whitneyville, and two children—Thelma and Burton, also one brother, Wm. of Silliker and two sisters (Addie) Mrs. John Russell of South Brewer, Me.; and (Effie) Mrs. Alexander MacDonald of Black River in this county. Deceased was a beloved member of the Presbyterian church. The funeral was held on Monday, interment in St. Stephen's cemetery. Robkank Services were conducted at the house and grave by Revs H E Alkby and J F McCurdy. There was a large attendance. The pallbearers were Walter Murphy, Ray Somers, Miles McAllister and LeRoy White.

BRITAIN STANDS FIRM

London, Dec. 19.—Britain and her allies do not propose to enter into peace negotiations without knowledge of the enemy's proposals; Britain endorses every word of Russia's and France's answers, announced Premier Lloyd-George in the House of Commons this afternoon. "Without reparation, peace is impossible," he declared. "All the outrages on land and sea cannot be liquidated by a few phrases about 'humanity.'" He continued: "The Premier compared Germany's peace proposals to a noose, wherein England and the Allies were asked to put their heads, while Germany held the loose end of the rope. He announced that it had been decided to officially recognize the new government of Premier Venizelos in the Greek islands and Macedonia. The Premier said it was proposed to appoint a director of national service, and that all industries and services would be scheduled as essential or non-essential to the war. He said he was convinced the Irish question was a misunderstanding, and that he hoped this misunderstanding would be removed. Settlement of the Irish question, the Premier added, would be a great war measure. A food controller had been appointed because of bad harvests all over the world.

THANKS FROM PTE. ABE FURY

Millerton, N. B., Dec. 21, 1916
Editor Advocate:
Will you permit me through the columns of your paper to publicly thank the people of Millerton, the Wireless Band, Rev. Alex. Rennie, Rev. H. T. Montgomery, Rev. Ernest Rowlands, Dr. Wilson, Councillor J. W. Vanderbeck, and Mr. John W. McKay for the very kind reception tendered me upon my recent return from the front? In this expression of thanks I desire also to include Major Crocker, commandant of the Newcastle Wireless Garrison, by whose kind permission the wireless band were enabled to take part in the reception tendered me. The attention shown me upon my return is naturally highly gratifying to me, and in very great measure compensates me for the experiences through which I passed during my eleven months in the trenches facing the Hun. (Signed) ABE FURY, 26th Batt.

DOAKTOWN

Storm Hit Doaktown, Hard
On Saturday last we had as we might say, one of the wildest storms that raged for years. The storm started on Friday night, and up till about five o'clock on Saturday afternoon, it had not abated its fury, over a foot of snow having fallen in that time. This storm was accompanied by north-east gales blowing nearly 40 miles an hour, and as a result, the roads are almost impassable in our town, and the surrounding districts. Conditions are undoubtedly the worst that have been experienced for years. Even our streets had been drifted, as a result of the tremendous gale.

MCNAMEE

This community was visited by a heavy wind and snow storm on Saturday last, and the roads are in a very bad condition. Our school was visited by the inspector one day last week. Mrs. W. B. Price of Priceville, is very low. She has been a great sufferer of cancer of the stomach. Mr. Daniel McLeod, of Boiestown, is not expected to live with Bright's disease. Mr. McLeod has made his home for the last few years with his sister, Mrs. O'Neil Lyons, of this place. The children of this place are eagerly looking forward for Santa Claus to come. Mr. David Stewart, sr., and old resident of this place, had the misfortune to fall and cut his hand very badly one day last week. Mrs. Lizzie McKel of Chelmsford, is staying the winter with her aunt, Mrs. John Wilson, of this place. Mrs. G P Vye of Chatham, spent Tuesday with Newcastle friends.

BOARDERS WANTED

Wanted three or four gentlemen boarders. MRS. MacMICHAEL 524.

LAST CALL TO XMAS SHOPPERS

The big rush for the past few days has made tremendous inroads in our large stock—but still a fine assortment awaits you. Useful Gifts for everybody can be bought here—Prices are extremely low and we advise everybody to visit this Big Xmas Store Now. Wishing Everybody a Very Merry Christmas



WHERE THE GOOD GOODS COME FROM

NEW JERSEY

The weather for the past few weeks, returned home on Monday evening. Great preparations are being made for the concert to be held on Tuesday after Xmas in the Orange Hall by the Girls Auxiliary of the Church of England. Be sure and come. Don't forget the date, Dec. 26th.

Fishermen Suffered
The recent storm proved very bad for the smelt fishermen, as the ice ran out and took quite a number of pets with it.

Ptes Wilbur and Frank McKnight of the 62nd detachment, who have been spending a few days with their parents here, returned to West St. John on Monday.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. Robert Cassidy is much improved in health. Mr. Martin Fox of Big Bartibogue, spent Friday night with old friends here.

Mrs. A. E. Ashford of Newcastle, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Loggie. Mr. George S. McKnight spent Monday in town.

Mr. Samuel Wasson drove from his camp in Bartibogue Saturday night, with his new driver. He is certainly a fine looking horse.

Quite a number of the young people spent Saturday evening at Mr. John Simpson's.

Mr. Clifford McKnight spent Monday night at Mr. Peter Loggie's.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McKnight spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Murray.

Mr. Joseph McKnight spent Sunday at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Cassidy and children spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Loggie.

Mr. Joseph McKnight spent Saturday night with her cousin, Miss Lillie Wasson.

The Misses Lillie Wasson and Gladys Loggie, and Ptes. Wilbur and Frank McKnight, spent Friday evening with Miss Maggie Loggie.

Mrs. Bruce Morrison and children of Burt Church, spent part of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Loggie.

Mr. Robert J. Loggie spent Sunday evening in Burt Church, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Morrison.

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Mrs. J. C. Wilson and son Everett who have been visiting friends and relatives for the past two months, arrived in town on Friday evening, and are registered at the Aberdeen Hotel.

Mrs. James O'Donnell and daughter, Miss Muriel of Carroll's Crossing, were guests of Mrs. O'Donnell's sister, Mrs. Bradford Ogilvie on Friday last.

Mr. William Lyons who has spent the last few months in Newcastle, returned home on Saturday evening by the Whooper.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Sutherland of Blissfield drove to town on Thursday.

Mrs. Alex. McRae was also in town on Thursday. (see Miss Sadie Robinson) and little son, arrived in town one day last week from Houlton, Me. Mrs. Taylor was met in Fredericton by her sister, Mrs. Jessie Robinson.

Mrs. Arthur Ballard and two children, Lyman and Thelma, of Blissfield, were in town on Monday. They returned home by the 9:15 Express.

Mr. Geo. H. Read of Moncton, was in town for a few days last week.

Mrs. Charles B. Betts who has been visiting friends and relatives in Newcastle and Bathurst, has returned home.

Miss Cassie Connors of Blissfield, was in town on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Storey and daughter, Mrs. Arab. McDonald, returned home after a pleasant trip. Miss Annie Savage who has been

Holiday Hints

We would remind you in as few words as possible that we are carrying by far the Biggest and Best Line of Christmas Goods we have ever shown.

We mention a few of the more prominent articles There are:

BOOKS galore, an elegant assortment of Calendars, Fancy Paeteries, Rich and Rare Boxes of Chocolates, Numerous Fancy Articles, Purses, Pearl-Handled Knives, Toys of all sorts, Dolls in endless variety and a thousand and one things space forbids mention of

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Something more than the merely pretty for a Christmas gift. Can you think of anything they would like better than

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REMEMBER

We give a Pair of Socks Free with every pair of Ladies' Boots at \$3.50 or more and a pair of Men's Woolen Socks with every pair of Men's Boots. Also 10% discount on all Boys', Girls' and Childrens Boots.

WALTER AMY THE FOOT FITTER