

ST. JOHN HAD THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AND OBSERVED GREAT DAY IN CHARACTERISTIC MANNER

Turkey Dinner for Soldier Boys at Armory, Hospitals and Discharge Depot—Special Exercises in City Churches—Inmates of Local Institutions Well Remembered by Their Friends—The Day Aboard the Big Liners in Port—Large Number of Presentations.

Lead Christmas.—St. John folk observed Christmas in a characteristic manner. It is a day of merriment for the people of this city in common with the many millions of inhabitants of the world. The various local attractions being generously patronized in the home the Christmas tree was very popular as usual. Santa Claus, or "Sandy" as the young people love to call him, did not fail to remember the many homes of St. John.

The popular visitor was also kind to the many inmates of the various local institutions. He provided a sumptuous Christmas dinner of turkey and handed out suitable remembrances to the large numbers whose lot brings them into these various institutions. In fact the Christmas spirit was evident on all sides. Hundreds came from outside centres to enjoy the great day at their local homes.

In the Churches.

Christmas services were held in many of the city churches yesterday, large congregations being present in most cases. Appropriate sermons were delivered and special music was the general rule. In Trinity there was Holy Communion in the morning at 6, 7 and 8 o'clock, and at 11 o'clock matins and sermon by Rev. L. Ralph Sherman.

An impressive musical programme was provided under the supervision of the organist, James S. Ford. In St. John's (Stone) church, the services were conducted by Rev. A. L. Fleming, the special music being in charge of Dr. Arnold Fox. In St. Paul's Rev. J. W. Willidge officiated, there being a large number of worshippers, as was the case, also, in St. Mary's church, Waterloo street, Rev. R. Taylor McKim being in charge, both at Holy Communion and at the later service at 11 a. m. Similar services were conducted in St. Luke's church where the rector, Rev. R. P. McKim officiated.

Large congregations attended the four services at the Mission church of St. John Baptist, Paradise Row. The church was beautifully decorated, the high altar being adorned with flowers and abaze with lights at the solemn high celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 11 a. m. The celebrant of this service was the priest in charge, Rev. Father John V. Young. It was preceded by a solemn procession of chorists, acolytes and priest alone at the church. There was no sermon. There were early celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at 6, 7, and 8 o'clock in the morning.

At the Cathedral yesterday morning the priest in charge, Rev. Father John V. Young, presided at the high altar, assisted by the Rev. Father Howland, deacon, and the Rev. Father Coughlan as sub-deacon. Rev. Father Walker was the master of ceremonies. A sermon appropriate to the feast was preached by the Rev. Father Walker who made a profound impression on the large congregation. At midday high mass was sung by Rev. Father Howland. The number from the congregation receiving Holy Communion at the midday mass was the largest in the history of the Cathedral. In Holy Trinity church there was high mass at 10 a. m. with Rev. Father Walsh officiating.

The Presbyterian churches united in services at St. John's Presbyterian church, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, Rev. W. M. Thompson and Rev. W. W. Malcolm taking part, the latter giving an impressive sermon on the theme "Goodwill Among Men." At the close the Presbyterian Ministers' Association met in the vestry and presented Mr. Malcolm with a volume set of Alfred Noyes' poems. He has been a member of the association for three years and leaves in a day or so to be inducted to the church in St. Stephen.

In Centenary church at 11 a. m. Rev. W. H. Barnack took charge of the services, Rev. Gilbert Earle preaching the sermon and taking for his subject, "Xmas and Christmas." He pointed out the true meaning of Christmas as distinguished between the celebration of the feast without reference to its truly religious character and its observance as a time when the thoughts of all earnest Christians should be directed to the Prince of

Peace. Rev. Dr. Hutchinson closed the service with prayer.

In the 62nd Barracks.

The members of the 62nd Battalion partook of an excellent Christmas dinner yesterday in their quarters on the West Side. The officers' wives furnished each man with a Christmas package, about 140 being distributed.

In the County Jail.

There were imprisoned in the county jail yesterday forty-two prisoners, five of whom are women there serving sentence and spending their Christmas day behind the bars. In the cells at police headquarters were fourteen other prisoners to spend Christmas in a similar manner. The total arrests for Saturday were twenty-three, and one on Sunday. Ten of the number were liberated on Saturday night, so the total number on King street east yesterday was fifty-six. Some persons no doubt wonder how these unfortunate individuals spend the holiday. It was certainly a quiet day for all of them, but they were given the usual Christmas dinner. This did not mean that they were fed turkey, but the fare provided was even more substantial, for every prisoner received a red hot dinner of the best roast beef that could be supplied, and along with the beef were plenty of turnips and potatoes. During the afternoon kind-hearted Salvation Army officers visited the jail and every prisoner was presented with a Christmas bag containing fruit and candy.

Surprise for Commissioner Wigmore.—Commissioner Wigmore received a very pleasant surprise on Saturday afternoon when the permanent employees of his department invaded the office on Carmarthen street and presented him a handsome fitted travelling bag and electric lamp, as an expression of their good wishes and good will for himself and Mrs. Wigmore.

The presentation was made by Engineer McNamee in a neat little speech, and the commissioner, who was taken completely by surprise, expressed his appreciation of the gift and of the spirit which prompted it.

Good Wishes from Toronto.

Mayor Hayes received from Mayor Church, of Toronto, the greetings of that city and their good wishes for the prosperity of St. John in the coming year. The mayor replied in kind on behalf of St. John.

Sailors Entertained.

The Seamen's Institute on Prince William street entertained almost 200 sailors with a fine musical programme, most of which was contributed by the men themselves. Each man was presented with a little gift leaving on Sunday night a Christmas service was held at the mission, with Rev. J. A. MacKellan as the chief speaker. The male quartette of St. David's church rendered two numbers that were much appreciated. President R. M. Smith of the mission gave a short address of welcome. Tomorrow night 400 more men will be entertained at the mission through the generosity of the citizens who have supported this work.

At the Parks Home.

Christmas was a gala day at the Parks Convalescent Home and every thing from the dinner to the games and songs later were heartily enjoyed by the returned heroes. The regular Christmas dinner was served by several V. A. D. girls who kindly volunteered their services. After dinner the soldiers adjourned to the recreation room where they were treated to some interesting singing by local talent. They also passed the afternoon with games and other pastimes.

Last night the majority of the soldiers were invited out to various homes in the city, where they were made welcome. The soldiers who preferred to stay at home were entertained with choral music.

J. S. MacLaren entertained a number of the returned heroes at his home on Coburg street with a turkey supper. The color scheme used on the table was MacLaren tartan in the form of a St. Andrew's cross. Those that assisted Mr. and Mrs. MacLaren in entertaining the soldiers were Miss Mary MacLaren, W. Ashlow and Mr. K. K. Inches.

At Soldiers' Club.

Yesterday afternoon and evening

the Soldiers' Club on Sydney street kept open house for the soldiers. A large Christmas tree was set up in the main hall and on it were displayed candy, cigarettes and other gifts, which were given to the soldiers in the evening. Tea was served to about forty men in the afternoon and at night a luncheon was served to over a hundred. Besides an informal programme being given, music and games were much enjoyed. Several songs sung by Miss Gallivan were much enjoyed, the soldiers joining in the chorus.

Mrs. J. B. Knight and Mrs. J. H. Duddy acted as convenors, assisted by several young ladies. The convenors feel very grateful to those who contributed supplies and helped make the soldiers feel at home.

Presentation in Pulp Mill.—The mill of the Nashuaak Pulp Co., Fairville, was the scene of a pleasant event the latter part of last week. Superintendent H. M. Craft was presented by the men with a case of gold mounted meerschaum pipes, while the foremen of departments Nos. 1 and 2 received respectively a silver cornet and nickel plated hammer. The recipients expressed their appreciation in suitable terms. The occasion was one of joviality, and a general good time was had.

165th at Dinner.

The members of the 165th Battalion enjoyed a fine Christmas dinner yesterday, about \$150 being expended on it in addition to the regular appropriation. Major Legere and Captain Duquette presided.

In the Military Hospitals.—Yesterday was an eventful day at the various military hospitals in the city. A turkey dinner was served to those who were able to eat it, and cigars were passed around. A small Christmas tree was erected in each room by the nurses aided by members of the V. A. D. Each patient was the recipient of a Christmas parcel containing tobacco, candy and fruit.

Ladies during the afternoon distributed presents with a cheerful word to the patients.

Presented With Umbrella.—Miss Ward, stenographer in the inland revenue office in the customs house, was given a genuine surprise on Saturday when she was called in to the office of J. McDonald, Jr., district inspector, and that official in the presence of the staff presented Miss Ward with a silver-headed silk umbrella and a bouquet of flowers. Miss Ward made a brief yet fitting reply of thanks for the gift.

Presentation at Lansdowne House.—As a token of appreciation, Mrs. Dickinson and Mrs. King of the Lansdowne House, were handed a beautiful electric table lamp and a small set of cut glass dishes, on Saturday evening in the presence of a number of guests and friends. The presentation was made by Miss A. G. Rising on behalf of a number of the residents of the house. The recipients although somewhat taken by surprise, made suitable reply to the address cleverly written in poetic form by one of the party.

PRESENTATION TO FATHER WALKER.

Rev. Francis Walker, priest in charge of the altar boys of the Cathedral, was pleasantly surprised yesterday afternoon when he was invited to the vestry about five o'clock. Here the altar boys were assembled and Charles Mulhail presented Father Walker on behalf of the boys with a purse of gold. Father Walker made an appropriate reply. The address was as follows:

To Rev. Francis Walker: Dear Father and Dear Father—Today we celebrate the beautiful feast of Christmas, the birthday of Christ, and once again our minds wander back over the centuries, and we picture to ourselves the Judean hills and the cold, lonely stable, the poor humble shepherds, and the silent, wondering animals; and once again we see Mary, the tender mother, and the adoring Joseph, and then we fix our gaze on the Babe of Bethlehem, the Son of God, the Saviour. And what soul can look upon that Divine Child without feeling at least in some degree that joy and peace which He came on earth to bestow on men?

It is with such feelings of joy that we have assembled this evening to express to you, reverend father, our best wishes at this holy season and our appreciation of all that you have done for us during the past months. Coming to us as your first charge in the sacred ministry to which the good God has been pleased to raise you, in the few months you have been with us you have shown yourself a zealous and loving father, a kind instructor and an humble priest, and have proved yourself indeed a worthy disciple of the Divine Master. We know and understand how much time and labor you have spent in order to fit us for the performance of our duties as altar boys. Too few of us, alas, realize and appreciate the beauty and sublimity of our office in assisting in the offering of the most holy sacrifice of the Mass, the perpetual sacrifice of the Son of God to His Eternal Father, atonement for the sins of the world.

If at times, reverend father, by our disobedience we have displeased you or by our ingratitude we have grieved your heart, we desire to take this occasion of asking your forgiveness. We wish then, reverend father, to extend to you our heartiest good wishes at this joyous season and to ask you to accept the accompanying gift as a slight token of our love and esteem.

For many of us this is the first Christmas we have celebrated as altar

boys, and for others it is the last we shall celebrate while claiming that happy name. But whether it be the new altar boy who looks forward with eagerness to the blessed years in store for him or the old altar boy who looks back with happy memories upon the time of special graces he has spent in the sanctuary, each alike will carry with him through life a veneration, a love, a gratitude for the kind bishop and holy priests who have made his youth a most happy one and not least among the names that shall be inscribed upon our hearts shall be that of Father Walker.

THE CATHEDRAL ALTAR BOYS.—Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, St. John, N. B. Christmas Day, 1916.

For Auld Lang Syne.—The Standard was in receipt of two neatly worded Christmas cards yesterday from gentlemen in the United States who are well known to St. John citizens. One of the cards is from Captain John H. Pratt, of the U. S. transport Kilpatrick, and the message the well known skipper sends is as follows:

To wish you all that wish can hold. Or greeting true convey. In four brief words it all is told—A Happy Christmas Day. The other card is from none other than W. S. Harkins, a theatrical man who is well known throughout the Maritime Provinces. The message that "Bill" sends follows:

Never a Christmas morning. Never the Old Year ends. But somebody thinks of somebody. Old days, old times, old friends.

Mrs. Leslie White.—The death occurred yesterday at Moncton of a former St. John lady, Mrs. Leslie White. She had gone to the hospital to undergo an operation but failed to rally and passed away yesterday. She is survived by her husband, mother, three brothers, Col. A. A. Massie, somewhere in France; Stephen and George Massey, three sisters, Mrs. E. C. Dyer of Portland, Me., Mrs. W. C. Clarke and Mrs. F. W. Wry of St. John. Mr. Wry just returned from St. Stephen, where he buried his father on Saturday, and is now called on to mourn the loss of his sister-in-law. The body will be brought to St. John for burial.

OBITUARY.

Arthur Rodgers.—One of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of the North End passed away yesterday in the person of Arthur Rodgers, of Somerset street. He was for years employed on the I. C. R. but was superannuated some ten years ago. He had reached the advanced age of 80 years but was as active as most men 20 years younger. He is survived by two sons, Edward C. of this city and James of Cambridge, Mass., two daughters, Mrs. Peter McCarthy and Mrs. Barrett, both of this city; two brothers, Patrick of this city and Francis of Liverpool, England; four sisters, Mrs. Rose Allen of this city, Mrs. Bessie Cunningham of Chatham, Mrs. Bridget Mullin and Mrs. Edward Quill of Cambridge, Mass.

One particularly sad feature is that Mrs. Cunningham lost her husband about one hour before the news reached her of the death of her brother. The funeral will be held Wednesday morning at 8.30 to Holy Trinity church for high mass of requiem. Friends are invited to attend.

Mrs. Ella R. Balloch.—The death took place suddenly at the residence of her son-in-law, G. L. Balloch, of M. L. A. Centreville, of Ella R. widow of the late William Balloch, some time high sheriff of Carleton. The deceased lady, who has always been a moving spirit in all good works and charitable enterprises, was greatly beloved. Her death cast a profound gloom over the community, in all the activities of which her gracious and willing leadership and help will be keenly missed. Among the many beautiful floral tributes from her family and friends, testifying to the esteem in which she was held, were exquisite crosses from St. James' parish church, and the Red Cross. The service for the dead was taken in the presence of an overflowing congregation by the priest in charge, assisted by the choir of St. James' church. Interment was made in the church yard. The deceased leaves to mourn her loss one daughter, Mrs. G. L. White of Centreville.

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SMITH—To Mrs. Smeaton Smith, 198 Queen street, West Side, a daughter.

DIED.

WHITE—On the 25th instant, in the Moncton hospital, Minnie, wife of Leslie White leaving her husband and two sons to mourn. (Frederickton and Sydney papers please copy).

RODGERS—In this city, on the 25th inst., Arthur Rodgers leaving two sons, two daughters, two brothers and four sisters to mourn.

Funeral Wednesday morning at 8.30 o'clock from his late residence, 75 Somerset street, to Holy Trinity church for requiem high mass. Friends invited to attend.

BARLOW—On December 25th, at the residence of E. R. W. Ingraham, 41 Rodney street, West St. John, Edwin William Barlow, aged 79, leaving two children to mourn the loss of a kind and loving father, also two sisters.

Funeral from 41 Rodney street, West St. John, on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

WANTED for the Florenceville Consolidated School, a first class teacher for the Intermediate Department. Apply stating salary to the secretary, E. M. Pliske.

THE CHRISTMAS CROP IN POLICE CIRCLES

Saturday and Sunday Were Debidedly Busy Days But the Holiday Proved "A Day One."

The local police had a busy time of it on Saturday as no less than twenty-four men and women were arrested that afternoon and night, and one drunk was gathered in Sunday. The holiday was quiet in police circles as no arrests were made.

George A. Henderson who is acting magistrate in the absence of Judge Ritchie held a session of the court on Saturday night, and about half the number arrested were fined or obtained their liberty by leaving deposits for their appearance in court this morning.

Saturday afternoon James Muirhead was given in charge of the police by Captain Randall of the steamship Shelburne, lying at the I.C.R. pier. He is charged with assaulting and beating David Forsythe, the chief engineer of the ship. At the night session of the court Captain Randall agreed to pay the man off and he was discharged.

At 3.45 o'clock Saturday afternoon John McFarlane was arrested on the charge of being drunk on Charlotte street, also with carrying a loaded revolver.

Saturday night about 8.30 o'clock Sergeant Scott with Detectives Barrett and Duncan, and Constable Donohue, made a raid on a Sheffield street house kept by Agnes and Alice McDonald, and this couple were arrested on the charge of being the keepers of a disorderly house and keeping liquor without a license. Mary Whalen, Kate Lambert and Charles Benson, who were there at the time were arrested on the charge of being inmates.

Saturday night Detectives Barrett and Duncan made a raid on the house at 237 Brunswick street and arrested the proprietor, F. Davis, an Italian, who is charged with keeping liquor for sale without a license. Davis was allowed out on leaving a deposit of \$150 for his appearance in court this morning.

Seventeen men were arrested on the charge of being drunk.

The police also report having been called into two places in the city to quell disturbances being created by inmates.

MUSICAL TREAT AT SAINT JAMES CHURCH

Sacred Concert Enjoyed by Large Audience Sunday Night.

At St. James' church after the regular service on Sunday night there was given a sacred concert which afforded a rare treat to those who were privileged to hear it. The programme which was arranged and carried out under the direction of the organist and choir director of the church, D. S. Robillard, was as follows: Christmas carols, the choir; quartette, Holy Night, Mrs. Thomas Kee, Miss Dorothy Kee, Arnold Kee, Fred Bamford; solo, The Lord is My Light, Robert C. Holder; duet, Love Divine, Miss Ethel Parlee, Thomas Kingsmill; solo, Ninety and Nine, H. E. Collins; duet, Tarry With Thee, Miss Penton, A. J. Mason; solo, Consider the Lily, Mrs. Blake Ferris; solo, Hosanna, Dr. Percy Bonnell; solo, Unto You is Born a

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DAVIS' PANATELAS

Cost the retailers more than most 10c Cigars.

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Saviour, A. J. Mason; trio, violin, 'cello and organ, Prelude Kunthild, Messrs. S. and W. Casson, D. S. Robillard; solo, One Fleeting Hour, Mrs. Blake Ferris, violin and 'cello obligato; anthem, Behold I Bring You Good Tidings, choir; hallelulah chorus, organist; God Save the King.

"THE OLD HOMESTEAD"

AT THE IMPERIAL.

In the flood of thrilling romances, vulgar comedies and sex dramas, it is a relief to find a good old-fashioned play like Denman Thompson's rural classic, "The Old Homestead," being adapted for the motion picture screen. This beloved old comedy-drama, which for over thirty years has held the laughter and tears of the public under its magic spell, has been adapted by the Famous Players Film Company and is the Paramount picture at Imperial Theatre this first part of the week.

"The Old Homestead," like "Uncle Tom's Cabin," has proven its popularity and its undying interest to generation after generation of theatre-goers, and it is estimated by Frank Thompson, son and heir of the celebrated author-actor, from whom the rights of the adaptation were obtained, that in the three decades during which the play was being presented on the stage, it was seen by over twenty million people in the United States and Canada. Though it might seem that such an estimate was too high, it must be remembered that during the entire period that Denman Thompson was presenting the play and appearing as the beloved Josh Whitcomb in person, there was at least one other company touring the country in the same play.

It is a sweet compelling fiction of New England country life, with plenty of sentimental use for a man's size handkerchief and enough of thrills, hearty laughs and old-fashioned love-making to make everybody happy. Creighton Hale ("Laughing Mask" hero) was a great favorite as the wronged prodigal. Especially did the kiddies accord him a warm greeting every time he appeared on the screen. "The Old Homestead" will be shown at the Keith house again this afternoon and evening. Yesterday's rush was tremendous.

The Imperial inaugurated its Tour of the World yesterday and we visited the Assuan Dam on the Nile, the great French fishing port of New Rochelle, also some Galician towns in the war zones. These are going to be extremely interesting weekly jaunts.

The first of the monkey comedies was quite a novelty. Napoleon The Great and his noted Sally put on a great one-reel comedy and it was really wonderful how the animals acted.

In Hospital in England.

Friends of Lieutenant Willard G. McGinley, of the 14th St. John Tiggers, and who was recently reported as having had a very close call in the trenches in France were delighted yesterday to receive the following cable from him: "Merry Christmas. All Well." At the time of writing Lieutenant McGinley was in the Royal Free Hospital in London, but whether from wounds or illness was not stated.

Intense cold accompanied which made the situation of the streets all too cold.

Rev. J. M. Smith, pastor of the Baptist church, has been accepted a call to Port Ont. This is the charge he is to come here.

RECRUITING CAMPAIGN FOR 65TH O.S. BATTALION

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