

CHEAPER POWER BEST XMAS GIFT

Brantford Labor Men Support Beck Scheme as Step in Direction of Public Ownership of Utilities.

"Public ownership, either thru government ownership or municipal ownership as I view it, is the best thing for the public."
"I support the present Hydro-Electric proposal as a step in this direction."
"It is not so good as if the government owned and generated, its own power, but it is a beginning."
So says J. C. Coles, president of the Trades and Labor Council of Brantford, where the labor men are a unit on the power question.
A very notable fact observed by a World man in visiting some of the manufacturing centres of Ontario is the growing solidarity of the labor interests. The labor men are at last becoming independent. They are freeing themselves of party ties, and will support the government that considers their interests and passes the legislation that will benefit them.
There is not the least hostility for any party in the labor men's attitude, but there is a determination to advance the working man's interest and cheap Niagara power and light is regarded by labor men everywhere as the greatest gift in Santa Claus' present stocking.

Christmas Day.

But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel.—Micah, 500 years before the birth of Christ.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.
And by the angels came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. But the angels said unto them, "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be for all people.
"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:
"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, Peace, Good Will to Men."
And it came to pass as the angels were gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another: "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."
And lo, a star which they saw in the east went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.
And when they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, they fell down and worshipped Him; and presented unto Him gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.
—From the Gospels of St. Matthew and Luke.

NEW YORK MAYOR STOPS PICTURE SHOWS

Takes Ground That Many Are Firetraps and Detrimental to Public Morals—Test Case to be Made.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Moved by the protests of ministers of every denomination, who complained to him that the great majority of the 350 moving picture shows and most of the theatres before them were exhibiting pictures detrimental to the morals of the youth of the city, Mayor McCallan issued a drastic order today revoking every picture show license.
The order has caused consternation among the moving picture show people and preparations are being made by them to contest its validity in the courts.
The mayor also had a report from Chief Higgins, of the fire department, showing that almost without exception the halls where such shows are given are only partially equipped with fireguards against fire.
In making public his order Mayor McCallan declares that his action is taken "with the firm conviction that I am averring a public calamity."
The re-issuance of licenses will only be made to those show men who agree in writing to comply with all fire and Sunday closing regulations, and to omit from their programs all pictures detrimental to public morals.
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A FRAUD.



They promised me a Senate Reform dolly; an it's only the old rag dolly with a hood dress an' another head on her.

IMMIGRATION FALLS OFF FORTY-SIX PER CENT.

Decrease of 125,243 for the Year, The Flow From U. S. Keeps Up.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—The total immigration to Canada for the eleven months ending Nov. 30th, 1908, was 457,742, as compared with 583,227 during the corresponding months of 1907, a decrease of 125,485 or 46 per cent.
Immigration via ocean ports for the same period was 38,485, as compared with 214,728 for the corresponding period last year, a decrease of 176,243 or 88 per cent.
Immigration from the United States was 54,271 as against 53,611 last year, an increase of 660.
During the month of November, 1908, 7035 immigrants arrived in Canada as compared with 14,285 for November, 1907, a decrease of 7250 or 51 per cent.
Of the arrivals in November, 1908, three thousand ports and 4983 from the United States.

COL. STEWART RESIGNS FROM LIGHT DRAGOONS

General Manager Sovereign Bank Wrote Department Before He Flew.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—(Special).—The name of the general manager of the Sovereign Bank has been brought before the public to-day by the announcement that Mr. Stewart's resignation as lieutenant-colonel of the 13th Scottish Light Dragoons had been accepted at Ottawa; in fact, it appears that Lieut.-Col. Stewart recently wrote to a friend in Montreal, in which he stated that he hoped some day to be able to visit his old friends in Montreal again.
"I am glad to say," said this gentleman, "that the department of militia at Ottawa received the resignation of Mr. Stewart's own handwriting previous to his departure from Montreal—cutting out, of course, his by-night visit to see the members of his Bible class, which resulted in the issue of the warrant for his arrest."
"Do you think Mr. Stewart's movements were known to his legal counsel?" the gentleman was asked.
"I hardly think so, in view of the fact that not two men, one myself, knew of his whereabouts. I might add that there was no reason to believe that Mr. Stewart was in the place from which the letter was dated."
"His resignation was sent to the department before he left Montreal, and the letter to which I refer was more of a personal character and had nothing to do with the resignation as announced from Ottawa."
The Star says that Duncan M. Stewart, of the Sovereign Bank, was located in South America. On Dec. 8 he was in Mexico.

TWO GATES SWING OPEN NOW INTO NORWEGIAN

Sudbury Will Become Centre of Activity and Supply Entrepot for New Gowganda Silver Fields.

Sudbury is about to become the second gateway which opens its portals to the silver fields of northern Ontario. The silver belt has extended, steadily, but surely, from the shores of Lake Temiskaming on the east to Gowganda, Hamiltongton, Oshkosh, Spawing, West Branch and Elk Horn on the west. The crow to-day may fly in a lone 100 miles from east to west over the known silver fields of this province, and still the prospector presses westward.
A second gateway has opened from the east via the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, has now its own vast territory to serve.
A second gateway has opened for the western silver mining division and Sudbury takes on added importance as a supply centre for the new belt. With characteristic snap the citizens of Sudbury, men of action and purpose, were quick to recognize their advantage and for several weeks they have left no stone unturned to establish their position. Deputations from the board of directors, headed by the citizens, who met in formal assembly, came to the city to see the government and the executive heads of the Canadian Northern Railway. They succeeded in their mission and the Canadian Northern silver road will soon penetrate the silver fields.
The discoveries north of Sudbury will electrify the mercantile life of that town. What Cobalt and its auxiliary camps have been to the country served by Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, Gowganda and its sister camps will become to the territory served by the Canadian Northern Railway.
Prospectors whose interests now lie west of Lake Wigwam will find Sudbury their natural gateway, so convenient is it from all the industrial centres of Ontario and of Toronto, the wholesale capital of the province.
Work for Thousands.
Few people realize the immense sums of money which will be expended in this silver belt. Thousands of men will find employment in trenching and prospecting. Machinery will be built and transported. Extensive building operations will accompany this development, and a large, well paid population will grow up around the mines which must be supplied with necessities and luxuries of life just as Haliburton, Cobalt, New Leno and the towns at the east end of the silver belt are being provided for to-day.
Sudbury has been in close touch with mining affairs for years and her citizens know how well their efforts were justified in establishing their position early in relation to the new silver fields.
D. D. Mann's Statement.
D. D. Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern Railway, yesterday made to The World the first definite statement of policy with respect to the Gowganda silver field.
"The extension of the Canadian Northern from Sudbury to Selkirk (about 20 miles) is complete, and in operation," he said. "Northwest of the road is under construction to Burwash, 20 miles farther on the work being in the hands of the Sinclair Construction Co. This forty miles will form the first section of the main line of the Canadian Northern, and eventually swing westerly from Sudbury around the north shore of Lake Superior to Port Arthur. The line which we will build to Gowganda, as development justly, will branch north-easterly to Gowganda, probably from either Selkirk or Burwash, as the engineers may recommend.
"It is singular," said Mr. Mann, "that our road would probably have reached Lake Gowganda at the recent discoveries of silver not been made at all. Two years ago our extension was ranging over a great distance, ignorant of course of the mineral deposits there. Two miles south of Gowganda we struck out a group of iron claims. This deposit is not so extensive as that at Huron, but the lead is about 15 feet wide and of high grade. The development of this mine has been part of our plan in the working out of our interests north and west of Sudbury and an extension of the lines had been in mind in consequence.
"In the meantime the sleigh road from Selkirk, the present end of steel, will be completed to Gowganda in about two weeks and will have an important bearing on the traffic facilities of the new silver district.
"Mr. Mann made it clear that the Canadian Northern did not propose to encroach upon the field of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. "We will not build from Gowganda to Charlton," he said, positively.
Building the Sleigh Road.
The deputy minister of public works, Mr. Campbell, states that the government sleigh road to Gowganda will be completed to Selkirk in about two weeks and will be in operation from end to end by January 1st.
The government engineer has returned and he states that 18 miles of the

BARBARA HECK MONUMENT ON BANK OF ST. LAWRENCE

Granite Shaft to Be Erected to Memory of Founder of Methodism.

ODDENSEBURG, Dec. 24.—Contracts for the erection of a monument to the memory of Barbara Heck, the founder of Methodism in America, were awarded to local contractors here to-day.
The monument, the cost of which has been defrayed by popular subscription by Methodists both in the United States and Canada, is to be erected on the Canadian bank of the St. Lawrence River, close to the spot where the body of the founder is buried.
The specifications call for a shaft of bar granite 17 feet high with a bronze medallion on one side and a simple inscription on the other. The monument is to be ready for unveiling next August.

RHINOCEROSSES, BEWARE!

President Roosevelt Determined to Shoot Two in Africa.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—President Roosevelt will make a special effort in his African hunting trip to shoot two white rhinoceroses, about the scarcest animal in all Africa.
The National Museum in Washington is especially anxious for one of these and if the president gets another specimen he will give it to the British National Museum.
The president too will not end his journey until he has got two elephants. He has decided to take his elephant to determine to go as far into the interior of Africa as necessary to get elephants.

MANITOBA GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE PHONE RATES

Public Ownership Has Proven a Success, With Profit of \$225,000

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—(Special).—The Tribune says announcement will soon be made by the government of a reduction in the present telephone rates.
Under government ownership the telephone business has been a financial success, and it is expected that the profits for the first year will amount to approximately \$225,000.
This has been brought about by a careful saving of expenses by the Manitoba Government Telephone Company, and also by a judicious raising of rates in certain classes, which had hitherto been too low.
As far as can be learned, although nothing has yet been definitely decided, the fact will show a small saving of \$20 after the first of the year, and business phones will cost in the neighborhood of \$30 or \$35, against \$40 now charged. Through the province, similar reductions will be made, wherever possible, but in every case the rates will be considerably lower than those now charged. Careful estimates show that under the proposed rates the telephone system will be self-supporting, and will show a small surplus every year, while the new lines to be constructed will also be supported by their own revenue.

SIXTEEN YEAR OLD BOY KILLS FATHER WITH RIFLE

Old Man, Armed With Whip, Chased Youth, Who Opened Fire on Stair.

AMHERSTBURG, Dec. 24.—William Thompson, 18 years old, son of Elisha Thompson, a colored man, who has been for many years a familiar figure in this section of Essex County, this morning shot his father, who died at 2 p.m.
Thompson is the father of ten children, of whom William is the oldest one at home. Thompson was displeased with the way in which the boy and two younger brothers had done some work he had assigned them, and fogged the two other boys.
Then armed with a whip he started to look up William, whom he blamed more particularly for the failure to do the work set out for the three boys. William saw him coming and ran up the stairs to escape him. He found a Winchester rifle in the room and stood at the head of the stairs and fired at the father as the latter started up. The bullet passed through Thompson's liver and intestines, tearing a gaping wound in his body.
Neighbors guarded the boy until Constable Laporte drove out to the Thompson home, five miles from here, and placed him under arrest. He was this afternoon remanded for one week by Magistrate McGee. The boy is in a half dazed condition and insists that he did not intend to even hurt his father in any way.

COUGH MEDICINE KILLS

Four-Year-Old Takes Dose Thirty Times Too Large.

PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 24.—(Special).—Antonio Lotko, aged 4, got hold of a bottle of cough medicine this morning and took a dose thirty times too large and died soon after.

MASS MEETING OF "ANTIS."

Demonstration of Reductionists Will Be Followed by Opponents' Rally.

Citizens of Toronto should not be ill-informed regarding the license reduction bylaw when they go to the polls next Friday.
On Tuesday night the reductionists will hold a mass meeting in Massey Hall for the purpose of "driving the last rivets" of the campaign, and on Wednesday the citizens' committee, which was so effective last spring in opposing the city council's drastic measure, will hold a meeting to present arguments why forty licenses less in Toronto would not be in the best interests of the city.
The admission was by ticket and the church was crowded to the doors.

SOVEREIGNS WORTH \$25.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—(Special).—The English sovereigns which have been made at the Royal Mint of Larder Lake gold are being sold by the directors of the Dr. Reddick Company for \$25 each. There are fewer than a hundred of the new coins in existence.

GOLD WATCH FROM POPE.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Archbishop Wm. O'Connell received a gold timepiece as a Christmas gift from Pope Pius X. The watch, which was made in Rome and was enclosed in a case magnificently carved. Both watch and case bear the papal coat of arms.

PERSECUTION OF JEWS.

Many Families Driven From Homes in Finland.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The American Jewish committee to-day announced the receipt of a cablegram from the German Jewish committee of Berlin, saying there have been persecutions of Jews in Russia, Finland, this winter on a large scale.
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James Dunlop Tells Ayrshire Graugers What Canada Has.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)
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TRENT CANAL CONTRACT.

Rice Lake to Healey's Falls Section to Cost \$450,000.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—(Special).—The contract has been awarded for section No. 7 of the Trent Canal. This section extends from Rice Lake to Healey's Falls, and is about 19 miles long. The work consists of a lock and dam at Healey's and dredging through the section, as well as the straightening of the river.
The contractors are the Randolph Macdonald Company of Toronto and the amount of the contract is \$450,000.

THE BALTIC BANQUET.

The Baltic Banquet this afternoon in Massey Hall will have as honored guests Sir James P. Whitney and Lady Whitney, Mayor and Mrs. Oliver, and Rev. Canon Welch.

The children will gather at 3 p.m., and the premier and guests will arrive at 7 and address "words of cheer" to the 2000 guests. The program will include a performance by the Massey Music Hall, which is beautifully decorated. Two master Christmas trees, a brilliant star, and the maple leaf, will be lit up with electricity. A first-class dinner will be presented for two hours, when Santa Claus will arrive and distribute presents, some of them costing as high as \$5. Four boys will be selected from the audience, and will later appear in first-class suits. The balconies are open to the public. A great time is expected.
Mr. Wilkinson wishes to announce that the Toronto Railway Company will honor the wearers of the badges, and no fare the collection. Then when the entertainment is over at night two private cars—an Aberdeen street car and a Davenport car—will be in waiting at the corner of Victoria and Queen streets to take the children and their parents home.

NO MORE POLICIES.

Insurance Company Reaches Limit Placed by New Law.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—In order that the limitations of new business prescribed by the new insurance laws of this state, the New York Life Insurance Company announced to-day that it would write no more policies, the insurance under which can be consummated in the present year.

MORE ARRESTS COMING.

At Least \$175,000 Paid to Pittsburg Boodle Aldermen.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—That at least \$175,000 was paid to the aldermen for the selection of certain banks as depositories for the city's funds has been almost positively established by evidence submitted and statements furnished by the voters' league, and the Seaton, Pa., detectives employed by the league to give this city a municipal house-cleaning.
That other arrests are to be made is practically admitted by all concerned in the case, but the present intention is to let the matter rest until after Christmas.

THE WORLD

Wishes its

50,000 Readers

of To-day

A Very Merry Christmas

SATISFACTION EXPRESSED.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

LONDON, Dec. 24.—General satisfaction is felt at Bristol at the information received from Montreal to the effect that the C.P.R. is considering an offer for a new steamship service between Avonmouth and Montreal.

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STAMP SLOT MACHINES.

Popular Feature Proposed by U. S. Postoffice Department.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—If one man can drop a penny in a vending machine and obtain a piece of chewing gum or a handful of peanuts, why not be able to drop a coin and get a postage stamp?
That is just what the United States Postoffice Department want to make a popular feature of its service, and an order issued to-day announcing its intention that the department is now preparing to issue limited quantities of postage stamps in rolls of 50 to 100 for use in stamp vending and stamp affixing machines.

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BEST CHRISTMAS WISHES.
The W. & D. Dinsen Co., Limited, desire to extend to you the heartiest good wishes at this joyous Yuletide and the hope that each succeeding year may bring to all of us more and more of the happiness and prosperity which to-day is so characteristic of Canada.