

MOTHER IS THE ONLY ONE.

Ab, mother's gettin' old and gray;
Some day, why she'll be laid away
Down in the field by the old mill stream,
Where all the roses love to dream,
And when that happens, it's no
The old farm'll just 'bout go to pot;
We'll lose all hope, man was gone,
For she most runs the farm alone.
Up with the sparrows every morn,
Over the chickens she'll caw;
She cooks a meal I wouldn't trade
For the finest farm house ever made;
She cleans the house and sets the bed,
An' she feeds the cow, an' then she goes
Into the house, an' sews, an' sews,
An' bakes a cake, an' runs the churn,
An' gathers in the wood 'til dark,
An' of you say, "Ma, rest awhile!"
"Child, I ain't tired a bit. Are you?"
We can't rest when there's work to do."
An', supper o'er, the chores all done,
She hears our voices, one by one,
An' then she sees the cat is fed,
An' puts the children all to bed,
An' when the family tucks away,
Then she, alone, kneels down to pray.
Yes, after all is said and done,
Your mother is the only one.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

How the Holiday was Spent in the City.

Large Congregations at the Churches—Rinks and Theatres Crowded Afternoon and Evening.

(From Tuesday's Daily Sun.)

As many of St. John's citizens as had fully recovered from the celebrations of the night before turned out yesterday in holiday attire to fittingly commemorate the opening day of the 20th century.

To those who wished to begin it aright church bells all over the city sent their melodious invitations, and the number who responded was legion, for every church where services were held was well patronized.

A joint communion service of the Presbyterian congregations of St. John and Fairville was held in St. David's church. Service began at 10.30. Rev. Dr. Morrison, pastor of the church, presided. A large crowd assembled, and the seating capacity of the church being taxed to the utmost. A splendid programme of music was provided and a powerful sermon from Romans viii, 23, was preached by Rev. A. D. Fraser. Communion services were held at which Rev. T. E. Fotheringham, Rev. D. J. Fraser and Rev. W. W. Rainnie assisted.

The Methodist churches and their pastors united in a communion service at Centenary church at 10.30 a. m. There was a large congregation. The programme of service was the following:

Hymn, 890—"Sing to the great Jehovah's praise."
Prayer by Rev. Job Shenton.
Scripture reading, Matthew xxv, 17-30, by Rev. T. D. St. John.
Hymn, 395—"Come all who truly bear the name."
Address by Rev. George Steel.
Communion service, Rev. Dr. Read.
Hymn, 702—"The promise of my Father's love."
Administration of the sacrament.
Hymn, 704—"Now in parting, Father, bless us."
Rev. George Steel preached upon the subject of the centenary of the Lord's Supper. The offering was devoted to the home mission fund of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island conference.

Service was held in the Anglican churches in observance of the feast of the Circumcision.

At the cathedral his lordship Bishop Sweeney delivered an address.

At the service in the Douglas avenue Christian church special reference was made to the late Robert Roberts, and words of appreciation were spoken concerning him. At night a united service was held of the Christian churches with the north end body.

The annual gathering of the Odd-fellows of St. John was held in the morning in their hall. Grand Master C. B. Allan presided and welcomed the members, and extended to all the good wishes of the order. He spoke of the pleasure it gave him to see the members of the Rebekah order at the annual gathering, and then spoke of the growth of Oddfellowship, which is a child of the nineteenth century. The growth has been astounding, marvelous, so that today the two branches of the order form the greatest social society in existence. For nearly two hours the time was fully occupied in speech and song. Those who took part were W. F. Hathaway, Nelson Withers, D. M. Brown, John W. Long, John Bennett, I. E. Smith, Miss McMaisters, Mrs. E. W. Graham, Miss H. Smith, Messrs. H. E. Codner and C. N. Skinner. The singing of Auld Lang Syne and the national anthem brought one of the most pleasing moments of New Year's gatherings to a close.

Hon. J. V. Hills, grand master of the Knights Templars, received the following greetings:

CALGARY, N. W. T., Dec. 31, 1900.
Fratres of Cyprus Presency and best wishes for continued prosperity and happiness.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 31, 1900.
The members of Richard Coeur de Lion, in special session assembled midnight, greet you in the new century with hearty and knightly good-will, and fervently hope the new year will prove one of progress to our beloved order. Life and prosperity to our grand master, and may God preserve him in his outgoing and incoming during sixteen hundred and one.

W. T. STERNBERG,
Registral.

The annual At Home of the Young Men's Society of St. Joseph, held yesterday afternoon, was a most enjoyable affair. Refreshments were served by a committee consisting of M. D. Sweeney, P. S. Condon and F. Fuller, and the following programme was carried out: Address by president; quartette, H. Doody, W. Fyne, W. Kearney, Wm. McNeill; photograph selections, Arthur O'Rourke; solo, Walter Fyne; harmonica solo, P. McDevitt; address and presentation to spiritual director, Rev. F. J. McMurray; by president; piano solo, J. Murray; recitation, Arthur O'Rourke; banjo solo, Walter Fyne; solo, Frank Dorian; harmonica solo, S. Hennessy; clog dance, Walter Harris; solo, Walter

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Town and County Will Heartily Welcome the Soldier Boys.

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Mayor Murphy presided at the meeting, having considerably recovered from his illness.

A thorough discussion of the details the reception shall be made up of, took place. Councillors Forrest, Tompkins and Phillips of the county council were added to the general committee. The committee on a suitable memento for the boys was authorized to go ahead and decide upon the mementoes and purchase them, the understanding being that the sum already guaranteed on behalf of the town would go to pay for this. It is probable that a banquet will be tendered a few days after the boys' arrival, providing the county council, which meets next Tuesday, approves of the same. As far as the memento goes, the majority of those present favored the gift of a watch, with a suitable inscription, to each of the boys, but the decision on that

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CHATHAM.

Entered in the New Century With Exceeding Great Joy.

CHATHAM, Jan. 1.—Chatham ushered in the New Year and the new century (precocious twins, by the way), in a manner calculated to impress the minds of young and old with the importance of the event. All through the evening a spirit of festivity pervaded the citizens, arising largely from the fact that the Board of Health had prohibited any public gatherings, and so the usual religious observances had to be dispensed with in our churches. However, not exactly in accordance with the proclamation of the mayor, whose notice declared "Tuesday" night to be the date of this ever-memorable event, the restless citizens gravitated toward the Town hall, where the New Year and the new century were celebrated on a table "ginging in" ceremony. About a quarter to twelve St. Michael's band paraded and marched from their hall down King street to Water, and up to Haymarket square, discoursing excellent music all along the route, while the Citizens' band formed up in front of the Town hall and played that old familiar air, Auld Lang Syne. At the very moment of midnight the bell was struck, and twelve solemn strokes reverberated through the still night, and immediately the band struck up a lively air to welcome the new year of 1901. Mayor Loggie, in company with our ex-mayors, appeared on the balcony, and thanked the townsfolk for turning out at his request to signalize the advent of a new century. He was followed by ex-Mayor Benson, ex-Mayor Winslow and Hon. Mr. Tweedie, each of whom spoke in the same strain. Meanwhile the bells of the different churches of the town had contributed to the general din of sound; the bands played; the people, now numbering about a thousand, sang God Save the Queen, cheered and proclaimed the new century well and truly born, pronounced him a fine lusty infant and full of promise, and shook hands over the sentiment, upon which all appeared to be quite agreed.

BEST OF FRIENDS MUST PART.

NEW YORK PRESS CLUB.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Compliments of the new century were extended to Sir Thomas Lipton by the New York Press Club today. In reply, Sir Thomas reciprocated the good fellowship shown. The cablegram sent to the New York Press Club by Sir Thomas read:

"Lipton—We toast you today, wish you every success that will not bring us sorrow."
"NEW YORK PRESS CLUB."
(Signed.)
The reply from London was as follows:
"New York Press Club—Thanks for your very kind greeting. Your sorrow will be smoothed by many trips to the old country. It (referring to the America's cup) is bound to go this time; the best of friends must part."

Robert Roach of Newfoundland is at present in Chatham on a business trip. His first visit to this town for a period of seventeen years. His talks are largely reminiscent, and his remarks are largely reminiscent, and his remarks are largely reminiscent.

tentive memory recalls incidents by flood, field, prairie and camp. Mrs. Roach and family accompany him. Our old genial friend, Archie Aloor, has been making a holiday visit from his home at Blackville. The world appears to wag well with him, but Archie deserves all the "wag" there is in it.

AT BAYSWATER.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Souther held their annual party at their residence on Christmas day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gibbons and family, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Souther and family, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Barlow and Everett Barlow, Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Currie and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harvie A. Currie and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blackman. Dinner was served at 8 o'clock, when all sat down to a table bountifully supplied with all the good things which mark this festive season of the year. The evening was very pleasantly spent in singing and recitations. During the evening refreshments were served by the hostess, who in her genial way did everything to make the occasion an enjoyable one. Mr. Souther addressed the company in an appropriate manner, which was replied to by the guests, with three cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Souther, together with good wishes for their continued good health. The good time was brought to a close at eleven o'clock by singing the national anthem, and all returned home feeling satisfied with having spent a "Merry Christmas."

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MORE HOME KNITTERS WANTED.

We want a few more workers in this locality, at once, and in order to secure your co-operation without the delay of correspondence, we herewith explain our full plan in this advertisement. The work is simple and the Machine is easily operated, and with the Guide requires no teacher. If you wish to join our staff of Workers let us hear from you promptly with the Application Form for Stock and Machine filled out and remittance, and we will allot you Stock and send you machine outfit to begin work at once.

Knits a Pair in 20 Minutes

THE PEOPLE'S KNITTING SYNDICATE LIMITED.

Incorporated by Provincial Charter under the Ontario Companies Act.

Authorized Capital Stock, \$180,000

HEAD OFFICE, - TORONTO, CANADA

The Syndicate is offering a limited amount of Stock at \$1.00 per share in lots of twenty shares. The Syndicate and to share in the net profits of all goods made.

The Syndicate was formed for the purpose of manufacturing knitted goods cheaper than any existing company, to keep down prices, and to oppose the large knitting Companies and Companies which have joined hands to raise prices. To do this successfully it is necessary to get yarn at first cost and to manufacture goods with the least possible expense. Therefore—

1. The Syndicate supplies its own yarn and machines.
2. The Syndicate has all goods made by shareholders knitting at their own homes.
3. The Syndicate pays for all properly made goods at once upon receipt of same, and besides paying for the work when sent in will semi-annually divide with the working shareholders the net profits from the sale of all goods made by its shareholders.
4. The Syndicate sells all goods made by its working shareholders.

To become a shareholder, a worker, the owner of one of the machines, to be paid for the work you do, and also to participate in the equal division of the net profits you have only to become a member of the Syndicate and take twenty \$1.00 shares which will cost you twenty dollars. It is to supply its own yarn and knitting machines to its shareholders, FREE. By this plan it can readily be seen that the Syndicate not only benefits its shareholders by way of dividends, but it is the source of a regular employment and income at their homes. The Syndicate is fully prepared to keep its shareholders supplied with yarn for doing the various kinds of work required, and it is also in a position to dispose of all goods knitted from these yarns through large jobbers and to the general trade as fast as it can be sent in by its shareholders.

It will be seen that to manufacture goods on so large a scale it would be necessary to have a number of knitting factories, which would mean the investment of thousands of dollars, besides taxes, insurance and interest on same. We can, therefore, not only manufacture goods cheaper and in larger quantities, but pay our shareholders dividends semi-annually.

The Syndicate furnishes a high speed family knitting machine, and will last a lifetime with ordinary usage. It is made of Canadian wood yarn the same as hand work, but eighty times faster. In fact a pair of socks or bicycle hose in twenty minutes. With each machine a full outfit is sent together with a supply of yarn to commence at once. The guide accompanying the machines is so plain and operation so simple that anyone of ordinary intelligence can make any of the knitted goods required by the Syndicate, such as Gents' Socks, Ladies' Stockings, Golf and Bicycle Hose, Knickerbockers, Leggings, and Trousers for Children.

THE MACHINES The Syndicate pays for knitting these goods are—Socks, \$5.00 per 100 pairs; Ladies' Stockings, \$10.00 per 100 pairs; Gents' Socks, \$10.00 per 100 pairs; Golf and Bicycle Hose, \$10.00 per 100 pairs; Leggings and Footies, \$10.00 per 100 pairs; Linen Trousers, \$10.00 per 100 pairs. These goods are quickly made on the machines and at these prices any person willing to work can make good pay, much more than clerking in store, working in shop or laboring on farm. Shareholders can devote all or part of their time knitting, but at all times they are expected to work for the interests of the Syndicate.

Persons willing to accept and honestly knit the yarn entrusted to them, and to return made goods promptly to the Syndicate, will be glad to work for the Syndicate, receiving pay as fast as the work is sent in—must cut out the following APPLICATION FORM, sign their name to it, fill in address and reference, and enclose it with Express or Post Office Money Order to the Syndicate.

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Name your nearest Express Office: _____
Your name: _____
Post Office: _____
Name Reference, Mr. _____

ST. JOHN SEMI-WEEKLY SUN.

(Please state how much time you can devote to the work and how you wish to be paid—weekly, monthly or as you send in the work.)

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Interesting Budget
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(From our own columns.)

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—The new century is apparently in the state of a year is not even Boston people propose just as if they were a new century in Massachusetts is one which does not oblige day. As far as can be seen of the old century, the new century will be a solemn midnight, and some churches will celebrate it at the same hour distinctly to the old century. Most popular appeal Christmas Day in and warm. There was skating, and in fact suggested a day in the parks and squares in green Christmas, or way.

Paul Werner, of the firm of Lewis, Levy touring New Brunswick his house, which is shipped direct to of through New York mission houses. He is ing agencies through Nova Scotia. He has been dangerously wounded in the Baldwin, pippin.

President Tuttle, of Maine railroad, in it speaks highly of cold in firing engines on runs out of the mill is the product of Cap long runs, however, says the road is old as clinkers from cold the flues and gradual. The article is of a cheaper and does away five smoke from cold.

Paul Bernard and I, halled from Prince passed through here to Cape Breton. He is engaged in gold mining has been in Nova fall went home for a

The railroad men of the Grand Trunk are responsible for the long hours they work, and it is said been on the point of times. They thought would wait until they took hold of another piece, but an in export traffic at heavy, and it is claimed greater than last sea traffic and the haste the freight to the sky by responsible for the G. T. R. men are we say the pay is not enough roads pay for extra help is needed.

Sergt. Percy F. H. British army in Scotland a unique portrait of Martin, of Providence bears the portrait of and the British flag. The authorities are looking for Venton's boro, N. S., who employed in a Bath erts suddenly disappeared December 20th, and some clothing from the scene, where Robert's Mrs. Fanny S. Bre-ed the superior court for a divorce from man, Aylesford, N. E. Dec. 21, Job Stanl section and other bill, which comes up first Monday in Fe

Another petition for marital difficulty at Portland recently William who ask from James B. W. neglected to provide maintenance. The married at Halifax, Ralph Brecken. The following de- vidualists are ann N. H., Dec. 26, Mrs. ow of Harry B. Lee, uly of St. John. Dec. 23, Rev. W. 32 years, native of ter, Dec. 21, Amelia- ter of Charles Lo- formerly of Amherst Dec. 21, Job Stanl- formerly of St. Jo Dec. 24, Mrs. Ma- 2 months, S. J. Florenceville, Carl (Mrs. Cullen was of Maine, and was a first white child in River, north of W- leston, Dec. 21, Jo- band of the Ca- formerly of Sydne The following vi- time provinces we- er, J. C. Mullen, er, J. A. McAvity, S. Patterson, C. F. James Robinson, M. Robinson, Mrs. W. Shelburne, N. S.; fax; F. B. Meech, Hazel Bunker, a- led from St. Joh- E. H. this week al- mother, Mrs. Har- Woman's Aid Hom- at the Manchester- man failed to do- to stay at the poll- Next day he from- William Fender John Henderson, C. R. station age attendant at a se- same at Stamford- session he was at-