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GREETINGS.
The Graphic extends greetings to all its readers and expresses the wish that they will enjoy a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

RECRUITING
It cannot fail to strike one when looking over the various enlistment returns how much this county is doing and has done for the various contingents raised for overseas service. For the last two weeks Restigouche has been the banner county both in numbers enlisted and in percentage of population. It is only now that we are getting our place for a part altogether from the quick raising of the 132nd battalion, we all along have led the provinces in the number of recruits in comparison with our population. We do not wish to boast of this, but rather to hold our record up before all the towns of the province and tell them to go and do like-wise. Long may the good work continue.

PROHIBITION
The temperance people are asking the local government for a referendum, not earlier than the middle of February and not later than the middle of March, on the question of prohibition. They ask that a prohibitory law be prepared and submitted to the people and then, if a majority of all the votes cast is in favor of the legislation submitted, that the government shall at once enact the law. There is this advantage in a referendum, that it presents to the people the actual legislation for or against which they are asked to vote. It now remains to be seen what form of bill will be agreed upon between the temperance body and the government of the day.

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CHIEF OFFENDER

The Boston Transcript fails to see why President Wilson did not ask for the recall of the German ambassador when he informed Germany that its naval and military attaches were no longer acceptable to the United States government. Count Bernstorff, says the Transcript, is the chief offender. And this is not the first time that proof has been presented at Washington of his wrong-doing. Boy-Ed and Von Papen have violated the laws of the United States, but no more than Bernstorff under whose orders they were acting.

MR. CHANDLER'S REPORT.

Publication of Mr. W. B. Chandler's report on his investigation of charges into alleged fraudulent transactions in connection with the administration of provincial affairs, made public to-day, should be followed by the immediate resignation of Mr. A. J. H. Stewart, one of the members of the Legislature for Gloucester county. When evidence was given before Mr. Chandler of Mr. Stewart's connection with some bridge repair work in his county and with the purchase and resale of a farm, the Globe ventured the opinion that he should resign. Mr. Chandler's report not only makes his resignation desirable, but makes it imperative that Premier Clarke force it if Mr. Stewart fails to act promptly. So far as he is concerned, it appears to be established that in the sale of a property to the Farm Settlement Board he secured a rake-off of some three hundred dollars and there are indications that he received personal profit out of bridge work carried on in the county under his authority as a representative of the people, and that friends were permitted to receive financial benefit, although they had done nothing entitling them to receive public money. Altogether, the report shows Mr. Stewart to have been a party to several transactions so small and petty as to be beneath contempt. Graft carried on as it appears to have been carried on in Gloucester, is not ever deserving of the name, and the men who were a party to the various transactions Mr. Chandler's investigation uncovered are shown up in a light that places them outside the pale. Miserable, petty pilfering and juggling with accounts for the sake of a few dollars is what the investigation disclosed. The actual loss to the province by all the transactions was not great, but the story discloses the meanest, smallest, most contemptible kind of grafting. Only one transaction, that in connection with a crown land matter carried out by W. H. Betry when Hon. J. K. Flemming was premier, is reported by Commissioner Chandler as reflecting on the department officials, and it does not appear that in this case there was any financial loss to the province, although the methods pursued were loose and irregular. The report, while it does not reflect in any way on the government, makes apparent the need for the introduction in both the Crown Land department and the Public Works department of improved business methods. It is but fair to the Commissioner of Public Works to say that protection against such things as were done in Gloucester with the knowledge, consent and assistance of a public representative is not easy. Possibly similar things have been done in times past and under other government. If so, it is all the more imperative that ways and means be found to better safeguard the public interests. The government did right in giving Mr. Chandler a free hand in his investigation, and if publication of his report is followed by prompt action with reference to Mr. Stewart and with the inauguration of protective business methods, the most caustic critics will be forced to say well done, while a whole province will find cause for satisfaction that Mr. Chandler's searching investigations failed to point the finger of suspicion against the government or any member of it.—Globe.

LETTER FROM THE FRONT

The editor has received a letter from one of our Campbellton boys now in the trenches and at his special request we publish it.

Somewhere in France,
December 8th, 1915.

To my friends in Campbellton:
Dear Friends,
Just a few lines to let you know that I am at the front doing my little bit. I am at present in the trenches and have not much time to write to Santa Claus, so if you see him tell him that Seely is in the trenches and he'll do the rest. Be sure and tell him to paint his buttons because the German snipers might get him if he doesn't. They are not very good shots, but they will pick his buttons off all right. The boys are all O. K. Those with me are all Montreal boys. I will be in the trenches all Christmas day so I hope Santa Claus will call on me. I will now close my little letter with my best regards to all.
Yours
Seely P. Johnson.

Please drop me a line. This is my address
No. 110277 A. Squadron,
5th Canadian Mounted Rifles,
2nd Brigade, France.

THE CHILDREN'S DAY.

Christmas, with its memories of joy and sorrow, is very near. No matter what you think or feel, remember that the child has a right to the pure joys of this time. The Christmas stories and myths are his by right. Some one in the busy household should take time to tell them over and over again. The "miniature sleigh" drawn by "eight tiny reindeer" flying through the air and setting upon the roof, "Santa" entering any room through any chimney are not too wonderful. Things quite beyond the "grown up" comprehension are happening in the child's world every day and need no explanation.

It is a fortunate child who has a grown companion who has not lost the memory of a happy childhood and through his honest sympathy can enter their enchanted world.

At this time comes the puzzling questions, "Is there a Santa Claus?" "What shall we tell about him?"

Of course there is a Santa Claus! He is the spirit of love and good-will and whoever does anything for the joy of another at this time is a real Santa Claus. Tell the story of Santa Claus and his wonderful sleigh, as you would any fairy tale. The child will take what his mind can assimilate from it and when older children shake his faith, give him the deeper and fuller meaning. Very little children love to play being "Santa Claus." They love to have the work-table where Christmas gifts are being made, called a Santa Claus work shop.

We are not telling them an untruth if we ourselves have the right idea of Santa Claus and tell the story of his coming as simply as we would any other fairy story. Let us be careful about threatening the children with this Good old Saint for the threats generally come to nothing.

The Santa Claus story is really a sun myth and come from far-away North Land where in this month of December the days grow shorter and shorter until night reigns supreme. Then the time comes when they begin to lengthen, and then it was that a festival of joy was held in honor of this returning sun. From house to house the people would go, singing songs of rejoicing and waving evergreen branches.

Little children asking the meaning of this celebration would be told that someone was coming to bring them gifts, as indeed the sun would.

Gradually this someone would be personified. His eyes would be blue (the sky), his face, ruddy and bright, long hair would grow on face and head (the sun's rays). He would be merry. He would come quietly and drawn as all travellers in that land were, by swift reindeer. He would travel, as much traveling was done in those far northern countries, over the roofs of the houses, for we must remember the houses were low and the ice and snow frequently almost covered them, and he would enter, as frequently visitors did, not by the door, for often that was frozen up, but through the hole in the roof, the chimney.

It is easy to see how the story grew and took form, for people would add more and more to it. By degrees it crept down as myths do creep, into the far south, into Italy, where the good St. Nicholas was the patron Saint of the boys and girls, and the person bringing gifts and gladness became "St. Nicholas" and from that "Santa Claus". Then in Germany this myth meant that of the wandering Christ Child bearing gifts for good children and rods for the naughty ones, and so we have it in its present form. It is needless to say that all of this should not be told to the child, but it is good for us to trace its beauty and meaning. Can we not at this time help Santa Claus to distribute his gifts more widely?

The great discrepancy between Christmas as it is and as it should be is sadly apparent. Simple gifts are all any child needs. Let us divide up better and share the joyful task of bringing real joy to many little children.

If we would try to catch the real Christmas Spirit. If we could drop the hurry and worry and rush which seems sometimes to threaten to take out the joy of this best of days, and bring back to it the simplicity and interest and deep meaning of all of its customs, Christmas should be to us and to our little ones a blessing indeed and not a burden, a light which should shine over many days, making them all brighter. We do not need money to make our Christmas beautiful. With very little money we could do so much, but we do need riches of spirit, and this we may all have.

Every child should have great secrets at this time. The gift he is working at for father—the something to be made for mother—the wonderful lesson of Christmas is giving—not receiving. The child who is brought up in such a manner that Christmas means "a big dinner" and "what I will get" is entering upon a dreary future. Every child, no matter how young, can appreciate to some extent the joy of giving. It is well to remember that little children are only inexperienced, not as a rule, weak-minded. The good mother gives the children enough of her time to know how really capable they are, and is ready and willing to give them the help they may need in the handwork necessary to make a gift.

Let the children have the gifts that will bring real enjoyment through the days to come. Let them be suitable to their age.

All little children love to help, and though many times they hinder more than they help, unless this desire is gratified, after children reach the age when they could be so very helpful, the desire is gone. Have you not heard fathers and mothers say, "It is strange, when John was small and in the way, he wished to help all the time, now when he could be useful, it is hard to make him help at all." Thank the child always for proffered assistance, let him do what he can, though it takes longer; perhaps you can give him something to do by himself, and convince him that he has been a very great help, because he has not bothered you while you were so busy.

Allow the children to help make candy. Let them also help to make odd shaped bags of coarse muslin, sewing the edges over and over with bright colored worsted or silk, to put candy in to hang on the tree. Stockings and mittens can be also made by the little ones and filled with candy and nuts to surprise father or some grown up friend. Silver and gold stars may be cut out and pasted on heavy paper by little fingers, and these will make suitable decorations for a tree. Other tree decorations the little ones can make; are pretty chains as follows:

Cranberries and popcorn chains—First a cranberry, then a kernel of popcorn and so on, strung on twine with a coarse needle.
Raisins and nut chains—First a raisin, then a peanut, then a raisin, next an almond, then a raisin, next a walnut, etc.

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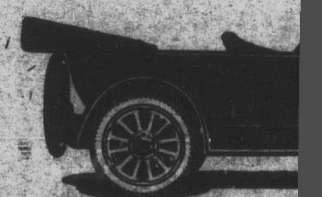
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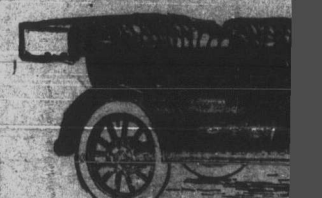
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