



## The Same Old Problem of What Shall I Give "Him" For Christmas

is due to loom up again about now! It is the same difficult question that presents itself at every recurrence of the Christmas Season!

We're in Holiday attire and have the sort of things a Man buys for himself and appreciates most. We can, also, fill the Boy's Stocking as satisfactorily as the Man's.

### A FEW SUGGESTIONS

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| Overcoat       | Hosiery         |
| Rain Coat      | Underwear       |
| Suit           | Suspenders      |
| Smoking Jacket | Umbrella        |
| Shirts         | Collars         |
| Bath Robe      | Caps            |
| Neckwear       | Shirt Protector |
| Gloves         | Footwear        |

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## A GREAT DRAMATIST DEAD

Written for The Ontario by Chas. M. Bice, Lawyer, Denver, Colorado.

The author of "Cyrano de Bergerac" died this week. His eyes had seen the glory of the coming of the world. He was grateful to have lived so long. The suffering of his native country, France, had worn down a delicate constitution and it was the will to live until France had been freed that sustained him for months. There are so few men left of his remarkable genius that his loss is a universal loss. The war called heavily from the Allied nations for their best and bravest men.

It was in 1898, a score of years ago, that the English-speaking world discovered that a new poet-dramatist had arisen, when "Cyrano" was published and produced simultaneously on the stage—and the play is one of the few works that can be enjoyed as a stage production, or in the seclusion of the library. France had claimed Edmond Rostand, the author, some years earlier on the production of "Les Romanesques", a drama of rare beauty, but the outer world waited until his masterpiece appeared before they placed him in a niche all by himself as the outstanding dramatist of the century. "Cyrano de Bergerac" sent us back to the golden years of French literature. It gave relief from the problem play and the merciful productions that were foisted upon us as typical of the French stage. It covered an immense canvas; it gave us a romantic hero worthy of Dumas. The play was popular; the book was treasured as a work of art, destined to live for all time. Again the world had to make its obeisance to French art.

M. Rostand was not limited to a single book. His genius was all-embracing. "Cyrano" marked his great success at home and abroad due to its wonderful dramatic construction and its beautiful lines. The play dealt with the post-Napoleonic period and was in a measure political, but the merit of the drama gave it popularity where French politics and intrigues were unknown. It is not so long ago—but that all can remember, first the delay of production from month to month, due to illness, the guesses regarding the composition and intent of the promised Rostand play and then the appearance of "Chanticleer", and the furor and literary antagonisms it created over the modern application of its satire. That wonderful piece of writing recalled the Greek dramatist in its elusive irony. Its production in this country was of great moment. It was such a play as might have been a flat failure, going over the head of an audience, or a pronounced success, and it was the latter. The box-office returns for months were fabulous; but more to the point, it assured its author an unquestioned place among the immortals.

Was "Chanticleer" prophetic? He was the self-constituted autocrat of the barnyard. He made the sun to shine; without his crow there would be no sun. He convinced his little world of "heaven" that this was so, until something happened, and there was an awakening in the feathered kingdom.

There is now a plucked "Chanticleer" brooding in an internment camp in Holland. He, too, imagined that he brought out the sun every morning by rattling his sword. He, too, knows better now.

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## COUNTY AND DISTRICT

### KINGSTON WINS ONE IMPERIAL SHIELD

#### Port Hope The Factory Goes to Ingersoll

New Industry for Peterboro  
Representatives of a large financial concern are in the city trying to locate suitable buildings or ground on which to manufacture the Bascok & Wilcox type of water-tube boilers. Mr. A. D. McLeish, of this city, who is thoroughly conversant with the manufacturing of this type of boiler and its several parts, has been appointed on the staff.—Peterboro Review.

#### Winning Cadet Team

Kingston, Dec. 10.—In the Imperial challenge shield competition which was open to the British Empire and which was contested by 888 teams of cadet corps, resulted in Kingston Collegiate Institute taking one of the three prizes which came to Canada, Regina Collegiate taking the other two. The local team was captained by Harold Searle, who was also commander of the Cadet Corps, while the others on the team were George Fleming, Hugh Stephen, Charles Daykin, George Marks, Gratton Wilkinson, Jack Emery and Christopher Yokes.

#### \$200 for Poultry Show

Cobourg Council has voted \$200 to the Poultry Show to be held in the Eastern town.

#### Peterboro County Behind the Times

Peterboro County Council memorialized Victoria Council requesting that this county pass a strong resolution and present the same to the Government, asking that all fees from automobile licenses now sent to the counties to help build good roads. The communication was read at Thursday's meeting of the County Council. Councillor Robertson: "File that communication. Let Peterboro link up with the Good Roads System. It is one of the few counties refusing to adopt this system." It was pointed out that Victoria County's entrance into the Good Roads System had been entirely successful and satisfactory.—Warder.

#### Woman Accused of Theft

The Kingston police were notified on Thursday that a woman known as Pauline Gussell was under arrest at Montreal. It will be remembered that the Gussell woman was wanted in Kingston last August on a charge of stealing \$500 from Michael Paraselva, of Hamilton. Paraselva claimed that a couple of days after the wedding she suddenly disappeared, and at the same time he missed \$500. The Kingston police have notified Paraselva in order to see if he wants to prosecute in the case.

#### Caretaker Appointed

Pte. Ben, Whitehead, one of Cobourg's worthy returned soldiers, has been appointed caretaker of the Cobourg post office. There were a number of applicants for the position, among whom were good men, but preference was given to the returned veteran.—Cobourg World.

#### Kingston Tug Driven Ashore

Rochester, N.Y., Dec. 10.—The tug Laura Grace, of Kingston, with a crew of nine men and with one woman aboard, was driven ashore at Grand View Beach, off the port of Rochester, on Friday morning last. Eight men, the captain and the woman reached shore safely in a small boat. One man remained on the tug and the United States coast guard was making strenuous efforts to rescue him. He was believed to be in no immediate danger. The captain of the tug was in a state of physical exhaustion. The tug was en route to Port Dalhousie to tow a bisected craft to Montreal.

#### Port Hope Pile Factory to Leave

Ingersoll, Dec. 10.—Ingersoll Town Council will submit by-laws to the ratepayers providing assistance for two industries which plan to locate here. They are the Port Hope Pile Company, an established concern, and the Ingersoll Rolling Mill Company. The Pile Company ask a loan of \$10,000 for ten years without interest and exemption from taxation. The rolling mill wants a loan of \$50,000 free of interest and also exemption from taxation and the privilege of repaying the loan, beginning the sixth year, at the rate of \$10,000 per year. A special meet-

ing of the shareholders of the Port Hope Pile Company has been called for next Tuesday evening.

#### Beat Up Stranger Who Demanded Money

Kingston, Dec. 10.—To be held up on the road for money was the experience of William Chadband, porter at The Whig office, about 8 o'clock on Thursday evening. Mr. Chadband was near the outer station and while walking along the roadway was accosted by a stranger, who demanded that he give him fifty cents, declaring at the same time that if the money was not forthcoming he would "trim" Mr. Chadband. However, Mr. Chadband was not out for a trimming, and is well able to take care of himself, and his reply to the fellow was a punch under the jaw that felled him. The stranger pulled himself together and attempted an attack, but was again knocked down, and when he came up a third time Mr. Chadband gave him some more of the same medicine and Mr. Stranger was quite willing to call "quits".

#### Petty Thieving

Considerable noise is being caused to residents of Colborne by the frequent loss of hens and chickens. In one instance some young boys were seen in a chicken yard in the middle of the afternoon, about the time the owner is usually away attending to business; but this afternoon happened to be at home minding the "flu." Some parents would be wise to look after their sons as prosecutions will soon be in order.—Colborne Express.

#### Want Guns As Trophies

Mayor Hughes of Kingston has made application to the Militia Department for two German guns that were captured at Valenciennes by the 16th Saskatchewan Battalion, which is commanded by Lt.-Col. H. J. Dawson, formerly O.C. of the 59th Battalion here. Lt.-Col. Dawson wrote Kingston requesting that the mayor make application for the guns to be retained in Kingston, Col. Dawson's home.

#### To Lead Corps Home

Kingston, Dec. 10.—The fighting men in France are now likely to come back to Canada in units, as is their wish. A letter from Lt.-Col. H. E. Pense said he hoped to lead the 21st Battalion into Kingston "within the next few months".

#### War Prices Again

Owing to the heavy cost of coal and oil, and all operating expenses, the Barrie Gas Company finds it impossible to make ends meet, and the town is asked to take over the plant.

## 25 Kitchens Sent Overseas

To aid in providing hot plum pudding for every American soldier in France on Christmas Day, 25 more rolling field kitchens were shipped abroad from New York Saturday by the Knights of Columbus. On their arrival the kitchens will go at once to the front under their own power, followed by trucks loaded with puddings.

## Carrying of Registration Cards no Longer Necessary

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The Canada Registration Act has been suspended though the registration board will remain while it winds up business. It will no longer be necessary to carry registration cards, nor will young men have to register on coming of age. With the war over, the act has accomplished its purpose.

#### THE LATE WM. KEARNS.

On Saturday, Nov. 30th, the death occurred of Mr. Wm. Kearns after a long illness.

Mr. Kearns was born and educated in Cobourg, and some twenty-eight years ago went to Chicago, where he resided up until three years ago; then owing to failure in health returned to Cobourg but was able to be around till one year ago and since then has been gradually sinking till the end came. Mr. Kearns was a man with a very kind and generous disposition and was much respected by all who knew him.

Two sisters, Mrs. Rouhan of Belleville, and Mrs. Cunningham of Ontario Street, are the only members of the family left to mourn the loss of a loving brother.—Cobourg World.

## Annual Meeting of the O. H. A.

### Amendments to Rules — Officers Elected.

Mr. E. A. Thomas, of this city, attended the annual meeting of the O. H. A. on Saturday in Toronto. Delegates in common with the officers of the organization, expressed their keen pleasure and satisfaction at having carried on during the war, and more especially during the season of 1917-18, when many other sporting bodies found it either necessary or advisable in their estimation to suspend the O.H.A., has been amply justified in the course it chose to pursue. It has now been nearly three decades in the work of encouraging clean, manly sport among the young men and boys of Ontario, and upbuilding and improving the great winter pastime.

In the course of the meeting several of the officers, ex-officers and delegates dwelt at some length on the seeming indifference of men in public life, leaders of opinion, and those who might naturally be expected to do so, to recognize the worth of sport in general as a means of character-building and physical and moral development. It is the intention to bring pressure to bear in the proper channels to have sport included to an adequate degree in the plans of reconstruction following the war and to secure for sport proper respect and consideration.

The amendments provide for the use of two substitutes. It was also decided to number players and penalize habitual opposite loafing as if the offender had committed a foul.

Junior players will be permitted to play in the nearest town to his residence in the event of his own town having no team. Soldiers discharged on or after November 18, 1918, will be allowed the same residence privileges as soldiers returned from overseas.

The new officers for 1918-19 are: Past President, Sheriff J. F. Paxton, Whitby; President, R. M. Glover, Peterboro; First Vice-President, A. E. Copeland, Midland; Second Vice-President, Frank Hyde, Woodstock; A.A.U. of C. Governor, Frank Nelson, Toronto; Treasurer, Sheriff J. F. Paxton, Whitby; Secretary, W. A. Hewitt, Toronto; Executive, Richard Butler, Lindsay; William Eason, Stratford; W. A. Fry, Dunnville and Robert Parker, Hamilton.

## May be an Appeal

Efforts May be Made to Free Archbishop From Liability.

"The defence view the judgment as a two-thirds win," said one of the lawyers interested in the Sister Basil judgment, given out at Osage Hall by the First Appellate Court, "by reason of the fact no judgment can be collected now from the corporations of the Diocese of Kingston and the Sisters of Charity."

"It is quite likely that there will be an appeal to the Supreme Court. There are two grounds still to go on, which are regarded as sufficient to warrant an appeal. One is that there was not sufficient evidence to show the Archbishop was implicated in the proceedings for the removal of Sister Basil, and the other that, if the defence is wrong in this construction, a new trial should be granted, in view of the fact that the questions put to the jury related entirely to the assault, and that, that was the issue on which they based their damages. Therefore, all the evidence with reference to ill treatment at Belleville and elsewhere should not have been admitted, as there was no issue whatever, and no one can tell to what extent this evidence influenced the jury's mind in the question of damages."

As the result of the judgment, the individuals are the only parties from whom the judgment can be collected. These parties are Archbishop Spratt, Sister Mary Francis Regis and Dr. Phelan, of Kingston. In this connection, it is being said by some lawyers that neither the Archbishop nor Sister Mary, by virtue of their positions in the church, have personal financial resources to satisfy the award of \$20,000 damages.

#### COUNTY COURT

Carswell vs Fitzgerald. This was an action to recover damages for trespass to land and for cutting wood of lot 9, west side of Hastings Road in the Township of McClure. The defendants claim the cutting was done after the boundary of

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the land had been marked out by the plaintiff and that whatever they cut was cut with the leave and license of the plaintiff, and defendants' counter claim for the amount of two promissory notes. The trial was directed to stand to a date to be fixed by the judge. E. Guss Porter, K.C. for the plaintiff; W. C. Mikel, K.C. for defendant.