

Committee to the applicants, have resulted in their obtaining some permanent employment.

The Committee have rigidly declined to afford giving continued relief to the same applicants, or encouraging in any way would-be pensioners on their bounty.

The annual distribution of Christmas Cheer took place on Saturday, the 23rd ult., at the store of Mr. T. D. Harris, in King Street East, which was very kindly lent by him to the Society for the occasion. The Society is also indebted to Mr. Hiram Piper for the use of a stove and pipes, and for the labour of putting them up, and to Mr. J. H. Richey, for Platform Scales.

Collectors of Special Subscriptions for the Distribution Fund had been previously appointed, and had canvassed the city in each ward. The result was the receipt of \$1,030.07 in cash, and of a large amount of meat, tea, sugar, bread, and vegetables, in kind. As the collections were made from persons of all nations, so was the distribution of the Christmas Cheer given to all parties seeking relief and properly recommended, without regard to country or creed. The number of families relieved was 868, comprising on their own representations, 3,812 persons, averaging upwards of 4 in each family.

These 868 families consisted of—

312 English,	
432 Irish,	
30 Scotch,	
41 Canadians,	
18 Americans,	
16 Colored,	
3 Germans,	
16 other nations and unknown.	

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The quantity of provisions distributed was

Beef, 11,864 lbs.	Potatoes, 310 bush.
Mutton, 350 "	Tea, 50 lbs.
Bread, 1115 loaves.	Sugar, 24 lbs.

The distribution commenced at 10 o'clock, A.M., and continued without intermission until late in the evening.

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