



Santa Claus Is Coming Here To-Morrow

Toy Towns Are To Be
Officially Opened

Heaps of Good Things
For Boys and Girls



Santa Claus Reception and Parade To Be the Biggest Event of Kind Ever Witnessed By London Citizens

R. C. R. Band, Fire Department, Boy Scouts, Score of Clowns, Dozen Wooden Soldiers, Cinderella, Nursery Rhyme Presentations, Clowns, Comedy Heads, Motor Cars To Be In Spectacular Event

The greatest parade Santa Claus has ever had in London is to be held to-morrow. It is to be carried out on a scale that is really magnificent, the whole presenting a feature that will not only thrill the hearts of all London's children, but

bring complete joy to St. Nicholas. Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive at the downtown C. N. R. station at 9.57 o'clock to-morrow morning. As time permits he will be greeted by Mayor George A. Wenige, who will welcome him to the city on behalf of the citizenry. Following this the special traveler will take part in a parade of magnitude through some of the principal streets, ending in front of The London Free Press office, on Richmond street, where he will officially open The London Free Press Santa Claus Fund.

GUEST OF FREE PRESS. * You will remember that Santa is coming to London to-morrow as the

particular guest of The London Free Press. It is therefore fitting that he should have a reception that is second to none. Those who have had charge of the parade, for instance, have left no stone unturned to make this event the biggest and best yet. There are to be grand marshals, heralds, Cinderella, Prince Charming, wooden soldiers, nearly a score of funny clowns, a big living banana, Old King Cole, Mother Goose rhymes, bird and animal costumes, a special float for Santa Claus, hosts of the newest in motor car transportation. These are some of the things. But, chief of all, is the fact that

the R. C. R. Band and the London Fire Department are taking most important parts. A MILE LONG.

A general idea of the size of the parade, which, it is estimated, will be more than a mile long, may be had from the outline of the order of the pageant, which is to form on Clarence and York streets to-morrow morning and be ready to leave shortly after Santa Claus arrives. First and foremost will come the motor cycle police, who will effectively keep the thoroughfares clear. The grand marshal will be in next position and following him two heralds will be in evidence. Then the Boy Scout flag bearers

will be seen. The Boy Scouts are acting as special guards for Santa Claus, too.

Now, the next in order in the parade, and really a vital part of the whole, is the R. C. R. Band, under the leadership of Lieut. Lawrence K. Harrison. This band, declared to be the finest military band in Canada, will play lively march tunes throughout the parade.

A GREAT PARADE. Motor cars and a fire truck, two clowns, more motor cars and a fire truck, and clowns and again motor cars and fire trucks will be seen. Then there will be clowns and Cinderella in her coach, the Nursery Rhyme group, motor cars and a fire truck, clowns and comedy heads, 14 wooden soldiers and Santa Claus in his gay float. Behind the good St. Nick will be more funny people.

The parade, it is expected, will be leaving the C. N. R. station between 10.15 and 10.25 o'clock. It will proceed north on Clarence street to King, west on King street to Ridout street, north on Ridout street to Dundas street, east on Dundas street to Colborne street,

north on Colborne street to Queen's avenue, west on Queen's avenue to Clarence street, north on Clarence street to Central avenue, south on Richmond street to The London Free Press office, where Santa Claus will open The London Free Press Santa Claus Fund.

WHO WANTS PEACHES? Fun ran riot at the Christmas party and when the lights were lowered for an old fashioned game Bittkins thought he would edge closer to the girl who during the evening favored him with

not a few glances of seasonable good will. After the scramble the lights went up and there also rose a howl from one of the junior guests.

"What's the matter, Willie," inquired the hostess, "Didn't you get any snapdragons?" "Boo-oo," sobbed the little boy, "I didn't get a chance. As soon as the lights went out Mr. Timkins got hold of my hands and kept on squeezing them and saying something about 'little peach.' Who wants peaches at Christmas time?"

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"I Invite All the Kiddies and Their Friends To Be at the Canadian National Depot To-Morrow Morning At 9.57. ---Santa Claus