

## TORONTO GRATEFUL ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Sunday Services Were Largely Attended—Crowds Leave City and Arrive—Delightful Weather Favors Ushering In of Last Public Holiday Until Christmas—Thousands Out Walking and Driving.

This is Thanksgiving Day, when the people of this highly-favored land are expected to be, and undoubtedly are, mindful of being vouchsafed an abundant harvest, to be grateful for other privileges enjoyed, and, incidentally, to make all the innocent pleasure they can out of this, the last public holiday before Christmas. The latter festival, by the way, is only about nine weeks away, and, moreover, it falls on a Saturday.

The beautiful autumn foliage, seen nowhere better than in Canada, also reminds the people that the year is "falling," but the delightful weather with which the holiday has been ushered in certainly does not favor very strongly of the cold spells which must sooner or later tell of the advent of winter.

Yesterday, opening rather dull, turned out a regular peach, making outdoor life a genuine pleasure. There were thousands out walking and driving, thus making the most of the delightful spell. The churches were well attended, and there was a note of thanksgiving in all the services. The various outgoing trains were well patronized, while the arrivals were also on the extensive scenic. Given the weather today, there will be ample opportunity for enjoying Thanksgiving. Football matches will no doubt attract large crowds, the boats should be well patronized, and, then, of course, despite the farmers' cry of "turkeys being scarce," there will be many happy family and other reunions around the festive board.

**High Rates No Dampers.**  
In the face of increased railway fare, thousands of persons passed thru the union station Saturday to catch weekend trains. From the time of the regular 1 o'clock Saturday closing until the late trains pulled out, the station presented an animated appearance.

The height of the crush was at about 4 o'clock, many travelers scheduling their holiday trip to arrive home for the evening meal. Station masters declared, tho, that the early afternoon

trains were very popular and more than crowded, hardly a car leaving the station that was capable even of an S.R.O. sign.

Taxis, street cars and automobiles landed passengers continually at the Front street entrance, which seemed to be the principal rendezvous, altho one heard on all sides phrases to the effect that "he said he'd meet me under the clock."

Ticket offices were continually surrounded with clamorous buyers, and red caps found plenty of jobs. Magazine and cigar stands did a record business, and newsboys could not hand out the evening and Sunday papers quickly enough to suit the public or themselves.

**Streams of Passengers.**  
Around the gates the throng was densest. Two men were on duty, directing him to get the public properly ticketed and on the right platform. In the course of a ten-minute waiting, a continual stream of passengers usually loaded with parcels, asked only for such places as Orillia, London, Hamilton, Stouffville, and so on. A grim humor kept everybody in good spirits during the rush for the train.

The platforms were crowded and it seemed as tho, as soon as one train was filled and pulled out another was filled and pulled out another. The prevalence of showers of colored confetti, near the tracks, showed that bridal parties had passed that way. In fact, "I've got two couples in my car," remarked one conductor, as he mopped a hot brow. The crowd individually, was, as always, interesting in its holiday make-up. There were engaged couples, groups of girls, families headed by a worried paterfamilias and many young men, probably going home to see mothers and sisters.

Clothes, for the most part, were dark, and raincoats and umbrellas much in evidence. A real holiday crowd, it was said, and the thought of the old-fashioned "eat" of the "morrow," in the setting of the old Union Station, would be a treat for the cynic who says the community spirit is dying out. Who said turkey?

## CORLEY TO DIRECT NEW LIQUOR SQUAD

"The Man Higher Up" to Be Hit Hard—Experienced Men Named.

(From The Sunday World.)  
The reported formation of a special liquor hunting squad, which will act independently of the Toronto police, but separately in the department, created a sensation in police circles on Saturday afternoon. Attorney-General Raney is said to be the man behind the scheme.

Crown Attorney Corley, it was learned, had been given a lengthy leave of absence from his court duties, and it is understood that he will give up his duties as crown prosecutor in the police court and devote his time exclusively to advising the new squad. Detective Bill Ward, who is in charge of the squad, is understood to will himself select a special squad of men who will be handled by him, with the assistance of Patrol Sergeant Charlie Scott, of Court street station, and Plainclothesman Robert Greenley, also of Court street station. These three were, on Saturday afternoon, given leave of one month by Acting Chief Dickson, and after tomorrow they will not be on the strength of the police force.

The squad will commence work tomorrow, but whether their activities will be confined only to Toronto, is not yet known. It is also understood that it is the man higher up that is going to be hit, and hit hard. In selecting Detective Ward and P.S. Scott, the authorities reunited two officers who, when they were plainclothesmen in West Dundas street station, were the terror of the liquor peddlers, dope peddlers and others in the ward. Greenley is recognized as a man who has done splendid work in Court street station.

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## MOTOR STRUCK BOY AND BROKE HIS LEG

Struck by an auto driven by P. W. Gardner, 80 Glenholme avenue, on Saturday afternoon opposite 118 Yonge street, Herbert Reid, aged 9, of 28 Frichot street, had his left leg broken. He was removed to the hospital for Sick Children in the police ambulance. Gardner reported to the police and was not detained.

Gardner, the police say, was driving north on Yonge street when, opposite No. 118, he had darted out from the sidewalk into the path of his auto. In an effort to avert the accident, Gardner swerved to the left, the rear end of the auto striking the boy's slanting blow, which threw him to the street, causing the injury.

## ANGLICAN CLERGY ARE POORLY PAID

Canon Plumptre Appeals for Widows and Orphans—Ask Help for Europe.

"The salaries of most of our clergy in the country districts are such that it is impossible for them to insure their lives on an ordinary business basis," remarked Canon Plumptre at St. James' Cathedral yesterday morning in making an appeal on behalf of the widows' and orphans' fund of the Church of England in Canada.

"If a clergyman dies," added Canon Plumptre, "and leaves a widow and children, they are frequently placed in poverty which almost amounts to starvation. In order to do justice to them, the widows' and orphans' fund is raised by the church."

Canon Plumptre went on to say that each church district in Canada given a certain amount to raise at special collections, which would be made on Sunday next. The sum needed for St. James' Cathedral was \$400, and he had confidence in appealing to the congregation to do what was required.

Canon Plumptre also put in a good word for the starving people of southeastern Europe. "Few if any people in the world today have greater cause for thankfulness than those of Canada," he said. "We know nothing about the appalling suffering in some of the large districts of Europe, and I do not suppose that anyone in this congregation, despite the high cost of living, today realizes what it is to want for the necessities of life. The people in southeastern Europe are starving, hospitals, nursing, medicine and everything almost that makes life tolerable."

Canon Plumptre said the people of St. James' would be afforded opportunities thru the Red Cross Society of helping these unfortunate people, and he urged that all at what the response would be.

The cathedral was tastefully adorned with flowers, and there were special Thanksgiving psalms, prayers and music. Canon Plumptre continued his series of Sunday sermons on the life and work of St. Paul, remarking that strong men today were needed in religious, political and social work.

## GOOD ROADS WORK IS FAR ADVANCED

Highways of Province Are Being Greatly Improved by Government.

Work on provincial highways is expected to cease on Dec. 10, by which time most of the contracts now under way will have been completed. All the heavy work between Highland Creek and the Ottawa-Prescott highway, a distance of about 20 miles in all, will be done before the end of the year, also about 95 per cent. of the culverts and bridges on these roads.

"The policy of the department in dealing with the new provincial highways is first to put them in a reasonable state of repair, ready for immediate use," said W. H. McLean, deputy minister. "For the most part the highways consisted of old gravel and stone roads, formerly constructed as toll roads or county roads. The first repair is followed by the building of culverts and the widening of culvert approaches. This is necessary in order to grade the hills and the opening of ditches for drainage. While the earth work and other construction is in progress, it is the effort of the department to keep the road in a reasonable state of repair."

"The effect of this policy is to produce a system of highways of standard cross sections having a width of from 28 to 30 feet between the shoulders, and a surface of gravel or macadam 20 feet wide. It is the policy of the department to secure, in the first place, a well-drained, well settled foundation before any permanent surface is put on."

## LEGAL OFFICES IN NEED OF REFORM

Civil Service Commission Unearth Some Strange Doings.

The Ontario Civil Service Commission, after a tour thru western Ontario, have returned and report that they were greatly struck with the efficient organization of the Detroit police court, which is known as the municipal court, and has five judges, appointed for six-year terms, with an annual salary of \$11,500. These judges have full jurisdiction in all cases, such as appear before our police court, and, in addition, those which are appealed to the county judge. The probate court and the land titles offices were also inspected.

**Reduce Division Courts.**  
Most of the judges who appeared before the commission expressed their opinion that the number of division courts should be largely reduced. There was also a general expression of opinion that no one should be appointed to a county office hereafter unless personally qualified to perform the work of the office.

An exception to this was taken by T. H. Furdum, of London, who held that offices should be maintained for the furnishing of rewards for those who had rendered political service. At one place it was found that the individual holding the office of clerk of the county court and registrar of the surrogate court, and who had no training for the office, had as his deputy a lawyer to whom he paid \$17 a week, while he himself retained \$60 a week.

In another instance, the sheriff, who was a physician who still carried on his profession, visited his office once a day. He paid his deputy \$7 a week, while he himself, after paying this amount, had an annual income of \$1,800.

**Nice Little Nest Egg.**  
A registrar of the surrogate court who carried on his private business visited his office once a day to sign papers, paid his deputy \$800 a year, while he retained \$3,500 for himself.

In another case the registrar of deeds received \$1,700 a year and paid his deputy \$5 a week. This woman was a general exception taken to the paying of police magistrates and constables by fees. Police magistrates, it was held, should be properly qualified men receiving an annual salary, who could devote the whole of their time to the duties of office. There should also be a well-trained high constable, receiving a salary, appointed by the county or the provincial government.

It was generally favored that a place should be prepared in each community where lunatics could be confined during the time between their commitment and their removal to the asylum. At present, in nearly every case, they are kept in the county jail, which is totally unsuitable. An unalloyed expression of opinion was hereafter confined to the clerks of municipalities.

**Peddled Marriage Licenses.**  
In one instance it was stated that the issuer of marriage licenses, prior to a trip to England, signed a number of blank forms which were to be handed out during his absence. In another case signed forms had been handed to a person who peddled them to foreigners, receiving as his commission 50 cents each, while the remaining fee went to the issuer.

One police magistrate said he thought the police magistrate should have the right to perform the marriage ceremony, as a number of persons objected to being married by a minister, and were living together unmarried, with the result that the number of illegitimate children was increasing.

The justice of the peace came in for a good deal of criticism, and it was recommended frequently that no J.P.'s be appointed unless their fitness were certified by the county judge, the sheriff and the crown attorney. It was recommended that J.P.'s should try no cases, except those for a breach of municipal by-laws, and as few of those as possible.

**LONDON STREET CAR MEN EMPOWER STRIKE ACTION**

London, Ont., Oct. 17.—At a mass meeting of the London Street Railway employees held last evening, the executive was empowered to call a strike at any time it was deemed necessary to enforce a demand for 52 cents an hour pay. No strike is looked for till the end of the week at the earliest.

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## When The Sea Gives Up Its Dead

A Talk On Thanksgiving

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What does Thanksgiving mean to you? Has it any spiritual significance, or is it merely an occasion for feasting?

It is not our purpose to preach, but it is our purpose to bring home to you some things for which, as a Canadian, you should give thanks.

Consider your welfare in contrast to the hopelessness of many Europeans, remembering that but for the spiritual and personal sacrifice of hundreds of thousands of our Soldiers and Seamen, Canada might be suffering as Europe is to-day.

Then consider those who still bear the loss of husbands and fathers and sons and who must continue to suffer this loss until the sea gives up its dead.

There are, in this country, wives and mothers and children whose husbands and sons and fathers just as surely laid down their lives for Canada's welfare and protection as did soldiers and sailors who died in battle.

Canada's Merchant Sailors—the unsung dead—the plain men of undaunted courage and spirit, who won for their grave the boundless deep. Cypress nor Yew shall weave for them their shade. Their memory is graven in the lonely hearts of waiting women and uncomprehending childhood.

During the war the people of Canada undertook to provide for such as these. They are the people's charge. The Navy League is merely their trustee—you are their hope and their refuge.

## Special Note.—

After this year, the League expects to cease asking for funds for the relief of the Canadian dependents of Merchant Sailors who were killed on Active Service. With the Trust Funds now in hand, together with the sum set aside in the Budget, to be raised by public subscription this week, it should be possible to establish an endowment, the income from which will be sufficient to provide for these dependents until the need no longer exists.

But as many of these dependents are young children, the endowment must continue for a number of years, until they become self-supporting.

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