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**BIRDS AND ANIMALS SHARE CHRISTMAS**

Christmas is not merely a festival celebrated by and for man alone. Among the folk here of other countries are several quaint stories in which animals and birds give evidence of their adoration. A well-known Bosnian legend offers a version of world adoration—they claim that on the holy day "the sun in the east bowed down, the stars stood still; the mountains and forests shook and touched the earth with their summits, and the green pine trees bent; the grass was bedewed in innocence sweet as myrrh pervaded upland and forest; birds sang on the mountain tops and all gave thanks to the great God."

In Bosnia on Christmas day a sheaf of rye is put into birds' nests and birdhouses for the birds' Christmas. A stranger, stranded in a Michigan town was once startled to see a sheaf of rye in a bird box. He knew immediately that one of his kind lived there and was keeping Christmas in the old way.

An old Indian legend tells us that on Christmas night all the deer in the forest kneel in adoration before the Great Spirit. Woe to him, however, who tries to spy on them. He is punished with perpetual stiffening of the knees.

Many people of the old world claim that on Christmas night animals are gifted with speech, but none must trespass or evesdrop.

**TO SWEATEN MUSTY TEAPOT.**

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**HEROIC ACTION OF LORNEVILLE LAD**

Allison Galbraith Rescues from Drowning a Seven-year-old Girl.

St. John, Dec. 5.—A story of heroism and rescue, in which a fifteen-year-old lad rescued his little school mate from drowning recently, comes from Lorneville. While little Roberta Galbraith, seven years old, on her way to school was crossing the Lorneville bridge, in some manner she fell from the bridge into about ten feet of water. A strong current flowing at the time carried her underneath the structure and she was in imminent danger of drowning.

Allison Galbraith, who was accompanying her to school, realizing her danger, threw aside his school bag and plunged into the icy water. He caught the youngster just as she was rising to the surface and held her head above water until a boat was secured by W. J. Galbraith and the two children brought safely to the shore.

Although both suffered slightly from the shock of the cold dip, it is not expected that any serious consequences will result. The residents of Lorneville warmly praised the heroic action of the young lad who bravely risked his own life to save that of his little school-mate.

**WILL PLAY TEST GAMES**

Scottish Curlers Will Meet Provincial Rinks at St. John, Jan. 8th.

(Moncton Transcript). At the annual meeting of the New Brunswick branch of the Royal Caledonia Curling Club held in city hall last evening, matters pertaining to the proposed visit of the Scottish curlers next month were discussed, as was the 1923 competition for the Blair trophy, now held by the Fredericton club.

It was pointed out that the Scottish curlers have honored the province of New Brunswick in their decision to play a test match in St. John on Jan. 8th, at which representatives of each provincial club will select skips to compete. Such a match is considered a real test in that it should give some idea as to which is the leading provincial club. The Scottish curlers will

Canadian tour and their decision to play one in New Brunswick has caused favorable comment.

Respecting the selection of N. B. skips to compete in this test match as now proposed, it was decided to appoint skips in the following manner: Two from the North Shore (comprising the clubs of Chatham, Dalhousie, Bathurst and Campbellton); two from the South Shore (including the clubs of Carleton, St. Andrews and Thistles of St. John, together with the Hamp-

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ton club); one skip from the St. Stephen and Fredericton club and one from the Moncton and Sackville clubs. The meeting also decided that during the visit of the Scotchmen at St. John that the Blair trophy would be competed for by the several provincial rinks, this being feasible on account of there being sufficient curling rinks in St. John where there are eleven sheets of ice.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Hon. Pres.—John White, St. John.

Pres.—J. A. Sinclair, St. John (re-elected).  
1st Vice-Pres.—A. D. Ganong, St. Stephen (re-elected).  
2nd Vice-Pres.—R. A. Snowball, Chatham (re-elected).  
Secy.—Treas.—C. O. Morris, Carleton Club, St. John (re-elected).

The following delegates were present: F. W. Coombe, H. C. Simmes, St. Andrew's Club, St. John; J. E. Chesley, Thistles Club, St. John; R. E. Vagidine, Judge Limerick, Fredericton; R. A. Snowball, Chatham; D. J. O'Reilly, Bathurst; R. W. Simpson, C. C. Club, St. John (re-elected); Tries, R. P. Dickens, Moncton; J. Mowat Campbellton; C. O. Morris, J. Ingraham, Carleton Club West, St. Stephen (re-elected).  
Executive Com.—Judge Limerick, Fredericton; F. W. Coombe, St. Andrew's Club, St. John; C. B. Trises Garving of St. Stephen, occupied the chair.

**THINK ABOUT YOUR JOB.**

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**FESTIVITIES OF THE OLD TIMES**

Lord of Misrule Was Important Functionary at Yuletide Celebrations.

The Lord of Misrule was an important functionary at the Christmas festivities of these long-gone times. On account of this important personage has been preserved by the historian all antiquary. John Stow, who lived during the reign of Queen Elizabeth and during the first year of the reign of King Charles I, and was, therefore a contemporary of Shakespeare.

**IN THE FEAST OF CHRISTMAS**

"In the feast of Christmas," writes Stow, "there was in the king's house, whether you are in the office or out, whether you are at home or in the school room or on the field. Thinking means improvement. Improvement means progress. Progress means betterment. Betterment means happiness. Happiness means life. Being somebody in life. Being somebody. Isn't that what we all want? Are you Thinking about your job?"

**AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY**

The Lord of Misrule was a master of art, elected to superintend the representation of Latin plays by the students, besides taking charge of their games and diversions during the Christmas season. A similar Master of Revels was chosen at Oxford.

In the Inns of Courts in London, where the barristers had their offices and, belonging to a Lord of Misrule reigned with great splendor, "being surrounded with all the parade and ceremony of royalty his guard of honor and even his two chaplains who preached before him in the Temple church."

On the Twelfth day he abdicated his sovereignty, and we are informed that in the year 1635 this mock-representation of royalty expended in the exercise of his office about two thousand pounds from his own purse, and at the conclusion of his reign was knighted by King Charles I at Whitehall.

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