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Don't put off your shopping until Saturday night.

The Conservative press is becoming angry because it suspects a treaty may be made at Washington after all.

There is certainly not a great deal in a name. Lloyd's, the great British shipping journal, last week reported the following casualty: Portmadoc—The Twelve Apostles went ashore at Hell's Mouth, and became a total wreck. Crew saved.

"Once you have an intelligent public spirit diffused through this country, you have struck the knell of public corruption," said Hon. G. E. Foster in a recent speech. This is the first time Mr. Foster has openly admitted the cause of the late Government's defeat.

An American consul tells his Government that despite the tariff preference, British manufacturers cannot compete with Americans in Canada. If British manufacturers cannot compete here it is their own fault, and not the fault of Canada, the trade returns show that they are doing well, except in iron and steel. In these lines the Americans can undersell them.

Police Magistrate Parke is sometimes at a loss to define the stage at which a man becomes so drunk that the police are warranted in gathering him in. A solicitor in the London County Court, the other day, gave a definition that may or may not help him out. He maintained that "as long as a man is able to call for more he is not drunk."

A bill providing for the uniform inspection of foreign meats entering Germany will be laid before the Bundestag. In this case "inspection" is an euphemism for "rejection." The bill is aimed chiefly at American products. German agriculturists object to their importation, and in order to kill the sale try to make the people believe American meats are diseased. It is high protection in another form.

The export of grain from Montreal this year increased by 11,750,000 bushels compared with 1897. The new Ottawa and Parry Sound Railway carried over 9,000,000 bushels from Parry Sound to Montreal—a phenomenal first year's business. It is remarkable that while nearly all the Canadian grain this year has reached the seaboard via Buffalo, American grain has been shipped in largely increased quantities over Canadian routes. Flags and boundary lines cut no figure when trade is unrestricted.

The Free Press waxes wroth because the Advertiser entered a protest against the action of the City Council in contemptuously throwing out a petition signed by over 300 farmers who attend the London market. The Advertiser made no attack on the market clerk. That official cannot be condemned on mere hearsay evidence. The petitioners must prove their charges, and that is what they profess they can do, but the City Council has denied them the opportunity. The Free Press is entirely mistaken in its view that the city should be indifferent to the country. It is the wish of the citizens to foster the good-will of the farming community, upon whom much of London's prosperity depends. Our contemporary says it would suit the retail merchants very well if the market place were abolished. The statement is absurd.

The Workmen's Compensation Act.

That the effects of the passing of the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act by the Imperial Parliament are not as favorable to the workers as many people hoped they would be, is shown by the incident chronicled as having taken place at a meeting of the Select Vestry in Liverpool recently. Mr. Lover remarked that he and his colleagues on the relief quorum had been strongly impressed by the appearance of many comparatively young men among the applicants for assistance. One of these men informed the committee that notice had been posted in some of the warehouses of the city stating that no man over 50 years of age would be employed. This was attributed to the working of the new act governing the relations of employers and employees. Another feature brought under the notice of the meeting was that the street cleaning was now being done by young men. Formerly, it was stated, old men were regularly employed at this work, but the pay offered by the Liverpool corporation was so good that young men were glad to take it, to the injury of the old men. English employers, it turns out, are showing a disposition to choose single men in preference to those with wives and children, taking the ground that should a man with a wife and family be killed there would be so much greater an amount to pay under the new act, which makes the employer of labor pay damages when a man in his employ is hurt or killed, even when the accident happens through no fault of the employer. These are results of the Workmen's Compensation for Injuries Act, which its promoters do not seem to have anticipated.

SCHOOL CHILDREN MAKE MERRY

Annual Christmas Closing Exercises and Festivities.

Excellent Programmes Rendered and Beautiful Decorations—Those Who Contributed to the Entertainment.

Christmas closing exercises were also held in the following schools, which were not in time for yesterday's issue. The same happy time was participated in and excellent programmes given:

Simcoe Street School.

The pupils of Simcoe street school held their closing exercises yesterday afternoon in the various class rooms, and a very enjoyable and pleasant time was spent in each department of the school. Refreshments, candies, nuts and all seasonable good things were plentifully distributed and participated in by all present. It was a real Christmas closing, and rooms, programmes and gay and happy children betokened the same. Rev. Mr. Edge presented Master Fred Chapman with the Boyle memorial medal. He congratulated Fred on his success, to the pupils of the eighth division.

MISS CANNELL'S ROOM.

The pupils of the sixth division had their class room very beautifully decorated, and gave a lengthy and interesting programme, prepared entirely by themselves. At the close a treat of fruit and candy was served, to the evident enjoyment of all. Programme: Chairman's address, Gordon Cottrell; song by class, "Twilight is Stealing"; recitation, Minnie Nevitt; dialogue, "A Valuable Diamond," by two girls; recitation, Katie Parquhar; song, "Wake My Spirit," by two girls; dialogue, "The Turkey Legend," by six girls; reading, Gordon Cottrell; recitation, Hattie Garside; dialogue, "Girls Laid," by five girls; club swinging, Mabel Hill; recitation, Maud Mitchell; dialogue, "At Home," by four girls; recitation, Edwin Jeffries; reading, "The Musical Box," by Lizzie Ross; mandolin selection, Lizzie Curme; recitation, Ada Terry; read song, "Old Folks at Home," by three girls; reading, Gordon Cottrell; recitation, Jessie Reid; dialogue, "Over Monday," by three girls; recitation, Beulah Winder; dialogue, "Four Celebrated Characters," eight girls; recitation, Mabel Hill; dialogue, "How the Quarrel Began," by two girls; recitation, Maud Wheatcroft; recitation, Miss Cannell (selected); recitation, Leona Graves.

MISS SKELTON'S ROOM.

A group of happy children of the junior fourth grade gathered in Miss Skelton's room to enjoy a programme of songs, recitations and dialogues, by the pupils. A treat of nuts, candies, etc., was afterwards partaken of. The room was gaily decorated with flags and flowers, and the blackboards with artistic drawings, appropriate to the season, drawn by the pupils, which showed considerable skill.

MISS McDONALD'S ROOM.

Chorus, "Oh, Christmas Bells," class; reading, "Keeping a Secret," Walter Nixon; recitation, "Merry Christmas," Gertrude Hastings; recitation, "Winter," Louie Baillie; dialogue, "You and I," Josie Watson; song, "You Never Miss the Water Till the Well Runs Dry," eight girls; recitation, "Christmas Holidays," Jessie Michael; recitation, "Our Minister's Sermon," Merle Parrell; violin solo, selected, M. McDonald; recitation, "The Little Boy Who Ran Away," Vera Weeks; recitation, "My Best Friend," Lizzie Chatto; club swinging, Fannie Partidge; dialogue, "Betty's New Place," Ethel Hare and Vera Weeks; recitation, "Little Orphan Annie," Maud Reid; recitation, "The Mariner's Hymn," Nellie Taylor; song, "With Grateful Hearts," Ethel Hare; recitation, "A Model Little Girl," Mamie Reed; dialogue, "Tom's Practical Joke," Lizzie Chatto, Vera Weeks and Walter Nixon; recitation, "Cat Tails," Nellie Mould; recitation, "Drifting to Sea," Josie Watson; chorus, "Boys Wanted," the boys; reading, "Jack Frost," Luella Tripp; chorus, "We Praise Thee," class.

MISS LUKE'S ROOM.

Song, "Winter," by class; recitation, "Little Tom Thumb," Ethel Gordon; recitation, "Grandpa's Glasses," Geo. Wheatcroft; song, "Merry Christmas Bells," six girls; recitation, "The Little

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Dolls," Meda Gould; dialogue, "Broken," Millie Cornstien and Blanche Hill; recitation, "Playing House," Hannah Pickard; recitation, "Ten Little Niggers," Ada Marshall; song, "Chick-a-Dee," class; recitation, "Christmas Eve," Millie Cornstien; recitation, "Dolly Dear," Beatrice Hutchinson; song, "Santa Claus," Clarence Swabbe; recitation, "Christmas Tree," Millie Cornstien; club swinging, Blanche Hill; recitation, "My Dearest Friend," Flossie Chatter; song, "I Am But a Little Child," Edna Pack; recitation, "The Little Doctor," Blanche Hill; dialogue, "The Bells of Christmas," Ada Marshall, Nellie Warren; song, "Sleep, Baby, Sleep," Clarence Swabbe; recitation, "The Schoolboy's Letter," John Eldridge; recitation, "Sing, Fan," Hannah Pickard; song, with harmonica accompaniment, Ada and Willie Marshall; recitation, "Grasshopper and Cricket," Clarence Swabbe; recitation, "Getting Ready for School," James Windlade; song, "David's Royal City," recitation, "An Easy Job," George Wheatcroft; recitation, "Poppy Land Express," Ethel Moore; recitation, "Meddlesome Maitty," four girls; song, "My Native Canada," school.

MR. BEAL'S CLASS.

Opening address, by Chairman Walter Brice; instrumental solo, Miss T. Graham; Chorus, three girls; recitation, Floyd Van Buskirk; violin duet, Mr. and Mrs. Graham; piano duet, Miss Weaver and Ollie Tune; solo, Miss Winnie Hornsby; instrumental solo, Floyd Van Buskirk; solo, Miss T. Graham; solo, Frankie Chis; presenting a memento to Fred Chapman by Dr. Teasdale; dialogue, R. Westman and E. W. Whiteball; instrumental solo, Miss Agnes Snow; a few words by Mr. Graham; instrumental solo, Miss Agnes; "God Save the Queen," by the class.

MISS L. WALTON'S ROOM.

The usual merry time marked the closing in room 9. Drawings of the Jolly Saint, chimneys, Christmas bells, holly, mistletoe, etc., presented a different sight to the everyday work on the blackboards, while dainty-colored chains and scarfs, the work of the children, decorated the walls and pictures. This, together with the bright faces, Sunday frocks and suits of the girls and boys, made quite a pretty sight. The following was the programme: Chairman's address, H. Thom; chorus, "Upon the Housetop," by class; recitation, "The Birds' Christmas," M. Bugg; recitation, "Guess What's in My Pocket," A. Pearce; recitation, "Wish You a Merry Christmas," W. Woodworth; recitation, "The Nature of Animals," song, "St. Nicholas," M. Bugg; recitation, "The Lost Lamb," C. Raelnotz; recitation, "Poor Baby," C. Jones; song, "Holly and Mistletoe," by six girls; song, "The Moon Song," B. Schwab; song, "Daddy Fox," C. Jones and R. McLeod; dialogue, "The Sick Doll," recitation, "The Little Postman," M. Morphy; recitation, "The Dead Mother," L. Swazie; recitation, "Poor Joe," E. Jones; recitation, "Fun-ny Dream," reading, "Papa's Railroad Boy," R. McLeod; recitation, "What I Do Every Day," L. Lyons; "God Save the Queen." Distribution of Christmas cheer.

MISS M. E. FLEMING'S ROOM.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent by the children in room 4, the occasion being the annual Christmas treat and entertainment. The following programme was rendered, after which can-

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About Catarrh.

It is caused by a cold or succession of colds combined with impure blood. Its symptoms are pain in the head, discharge from the nose, ringing noises in the ears. It is a disease which purifies and enriches the blood, soothes and rebuilds the tissues and relieves all the disagreeable sensations.

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