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e Times Extends To All A Hearty Christmas Greeting

IGHT OR SUBMARINE

Washington Unlikely to Bar It at Present.

ear That Reduction of Armaments Will Mean Only a Battleship Naval Holiday—Sir Robert Borden to Speak for Canada on Subject.

(Canadian Press.)

Washington, Dec. 24. — The debate on the abolition of the submarine will ntinue today. Until it is concluded provision can be made for limiting or ulating these monsters of the deep. nce, Italy and Japan are opposed to ir abolition, France vehemently so, t she will oppose any serious limita- upon their number or tonnage. If e be no restriction upon submarine truction there can be no limitation the construction of anti-submarine , which would include almost every of vessel except the battleship; e the fear in many quarters that the ction of naval armaments may nt to nothing more than a restric- upon the construction of battle- during the naval holiday.

e British Empire delegation does xpect to carry its point at this con- ce, but Lord Lee said today that he confident that world public opinion l sooner or later force all the na- of the world to come to the British

order to challenge the attention of world the debate which has been icted in secret will be continued in at a plenary session, which may bly be held as early as next Tues-

Robert Borden said last night that ould take occasion of the plenary n to register the views of Canada nation upon the submarine question s some fairly satisfactory agree- t respecting the limitation of sub- ines was reached in committee. Sir ert, in addition to his services on the l reduction committee is hard at k on the Chinese fiscal problem. His lpful colleague in this work is Sen- r Underwood of the U. S. delegation.

AD MAN" SHOT BY N. Y. POLICE

ush Store Where Robbers are at Work.

econd Desperado to Meet Disaster in Gotham This Week—Aged Woman Successfully Fights off Thieves Seeking Her Money.

New York, Dec. 24—Two men are d, two seriously injured and several ers are suffering from bruises as a ult of a series of robberies and hold- here last night. One of the dead was a bandit who was engaged companion, in robbing a store in nx, while the two wounded men olicemen who were shot when they ed into the store where the crim- s were at work. A few hours before owner of a cafe not far from the e of this battle was shot down and d by thugs who were bent on rob- him.

he dead bandit was found to be Nol- Levy, said to be a notorious hold- man and burglar. He was the sec- l desperate character to meet death the last two days. The other was nes Breen, who was killed while flee- from the scene of a robbery in West d street, Thursday.

New York, Dec. 24.—Carl Mollar, a ux jeweler, was slain and his wife, uline, badly wounded by a bandit ay.

Windsor, Ont. Dec. 24—The police of troit and Windsor are looking for a n with teeth marks on his hand and scratched face, the results of an en- nter last night with a woman, 80 rs of age, whom he and another man mpted to rob.

e Brown, aged 80, has lived with sister, Mrs. Mary Brady, 85 years ge, for fifty years in a little frame se. Mrs. Brady was ill on Thurs- night but when the back door was en open and two men entered Miss wn's bedroom in the darkness, de- ding $3,000, Miss Brown flew at the most of the intruders with finger , fists and teeth.

he was struck down and a mattress n her bed was thrown over her, but wriggled from under and returned to attack. She buried her teeth in the d of the robber until he released self. Then the two men fled. Miss wn was severely battered in the en- ter.

he aged woman had recently sold r home and it is thought the robbers ected to find the money in the house

WILL PROVIDE A HOME.

resident of Garnett Settlement has led the mayor that he is willing to a home to a woman and child for the er season. He intends going away a while and the house will be at the man's disposal, and she may remain l the spring if she so desires.

FROM NEWSBOY TO NOTED VIOLINIST

Ben Loban was in St. John This Week on His Way to the Old Country.

One of the passengers who sailed on the S. S. Melita on Thursday evening was Ben Loban of Winipeg, who, from an unknown newsboy became a violinist of unusual promise. He was recently awarded the silver medal offered annually by the Associated Board of the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music for gaining the second highest number of marks in the Dominion in examinations. The story of this talented violinist follows:

Five years ago a ragged little newsboy went to Prof. John Waterhouse, of the Columbia Conservatory of Music and begged to be allowed to "learn to play the fiddle." The youngster seemed so keen about the "fiddle" that Prof. Waterhouse finally agreed to help him. From that time the musical education of Ben Loban progressed rapidly, and the conservatory presented to him a free scholarship in view of his remarkable talent and devotion to study. Later he joined the Juvenile Entertainers, and at the time of competing for the Royal Academy medal he was playing the violin in a motion picture theatre every afternoon and evening. He practised all morning and studied advanced music late at night, besides appearing in concerts and recitals whenever possible. His perseverance and ambition has finally brought success.

IMPROVEMENT IN WEST SIDE SERVICE

Commissioner Jones Speaks of Further Work Necessary to Get Full Advantage of New Spruce Lake Line.

On Monday the water was turned on in the new thirty-six inch concrete pipe from Spruce Lake and, unless something unforseen happens, the residents of the west side should have an uninterrupted service during the present winter. This has not always been possible for the reason that the supply mains—one 12 inch and one 24 inch—were not of sufficient capacity to meet the demands of the consumers, especially those who built their homes on the higher levels.

It is believed that this new service will increase the pressure between three and four pounds equivalent to a height of eight to ten feet. In general terms the pressure from the new pipe line is practically the pressure that might be expected if the level of Spruce Lake were raised from eight to nine feet.

Much yet remains to be done, said Commissioner Jones, before it will be possible to get the full benefits from the expenditure already incurred in this venture. As originally planned the new main to be extended from the reservoir to Barnhill's Corner, instead, however, a twenty-four inch cast-iron main was laid from Barnhill's Corner to Manchester's Farm. It is from this last named point the new 36 inch main has been laid to Spruce Lake, a distance of about four miles. It will be necessary in order that the west side inhabitants may benefit to the fullest extent from the increased supply of water from the new main to lay another twenty-four inch pipe from Barnhill's Corner eastwardly to the Reservoir, a distance of about 3,700 feet, at an estimated cost of $43,810. An additional sum of $17,590 will be necessary to carry the new pipe from the reservoir to Champlain street, 1,500 feet making a total expenditure of $61,400. Commissioner Jones said he was assured by the city engineer that regardless of whether or not this additional work is undertaken the increased supply from the new main will have the effect of greatly improving conditions on the higher levels in Lancaster, which district for years has been without an adequate supply of water. Were it not for the fact that we are considering means to provide labor for the unemployed in the immediate future he would not at the present time bring forward this proposal.

"If we should conclude," he said, "to undertake to enlarge our plans at the present time I would impress upon the members the importance of having our own people do all the work it is possible for them to do rather than have the money go out of the city, as it would be the case if we purchased cast iron pipe. The concrete pipe is made by our own workmen under the supervision and direction of the contractors; while at the same time all the materials that go into the manufacture of the pipe are to be had in our midst. It is obvious then the great advantage it would be to the city if in the awarding of a new contract provision were made that the pipe be manufactured within the limits of the city."

THE STEAMSHIPS.

The Canadian Pacific Steamship Ltd. Liner Sicilian arrived in port during the night from Havana having completed her first round trip on this new service. She had only a small passenger list and a light cargo. The Scandinavian is due to sail this afternoon for Antwerp, via Southampton and Havre with approximately seventy cabin and 175 steerage passengers in addition to general cargo and mails.

The Donaldson Line S. S. Gracia is due to leave Glasgow on December 30 for St. John, and is expected to arrive on January 10 or 11 with a general cargo. The Gracia, which was built this year, is 6,000 tons weight, with a length of 414 feet, a beam of fifty-four feet, a thirty-foot depth of hold and has oil-burning engines.

SANTA CLAUS AT INSTITUTIONS

St. John Organization Plans for Great Day.

Special Dinners, Christmas Trees and Gifts for Those Whom Dec. 25 Finds in Hospital or in Charitable Home.

Santa Claus is no respecter of persons, Tomorrow the narrow flue which leads to the most humble dwelling in the land will receive his portly form just as readily as will the chimney rising from the most stately mansion in the land. Besides the homes his calling list includes the several institutions in the city which look after the orphans, the homeless, the aged and the infirm, and tomorrow each of these organizations will endeavor to bring into the hearts of those in their care the joys which surround the celebration of the birth of the Child of Bethelem.

The genial benefactor of young and old alike paid a flying visit to the city today to see that all was in order. He dropped into the Times office after he had made his survey, just to wish the staff all the best that the season offered, and one of the reporters managed to obtain from him the following details of plans which were already under way:

Mr. O'Connell's Gifts.

To each of some 700 orphans in the city will be distributed tomorrow a new twenty-five script and five new pennies, the gift of J. D. O'Connell, the orphans' friend. The amounts were distributed from city hall yesterday.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society and St. Elizabeth's Society will follow out their usual custom of distributing hampers containing groceries and foodstuffs to the poor families in the Cathedral and St. Peter's parishes respectively.

St. John Infirmary.

There will be a special Christmas dinner at the St. John Infirmary and at the Infants' Home there will be a small present to gladden the heart of each littel one.

Boys' Industrial Home.

At the Boys' Industrial Home a bounteous Christmas dinner will be served, including roast chicken, plum pudding and mince pie, etc. On Monday a large tree will be trimmed with gifts for every boy. Candy, oranges and fruit will also be distributed.

Wiggin's Orphan Institution.

At Wiggin's Male Orphan Institution the usual Christmas dinner will be served and during the day candy, fruit and nuts will be distributed to all. The usual celebration will be held this year on December 30 when gifts will be given to the boys.

Old Ladies' Home.

At the Old Ladies' Home a turkey dinner will be served in addition to dainties during the day. The home has been artistically decorated for the festive season and presents an attractive and appropriate appearance.

Municipal Home.

At the Municipal Home a turkey dinner will be served in addition to plum pudding, etc., also fruit, candy and nuts. A special celebration will be held on Tuesday when all will receive gifts off the Christmas tree. There are at present 180 in the institution and all will be remembered on this occasion.

The Salvation Army.

As in former years, the Salvation Army has undertaken to supply many of the poor families of the city with a hamper of food that will provide them with a Christmas dinner. The familiar pot on a red tripod has been in evidence for the last week on the street corners with the request to "keep it boiling." Services in keeping with the day will be carried out at all the barracks, and many other activities of a philanthropic nature will be undertaken by the officers of the local crops.

The Mayor's Guests.

Anybody who has not been provided for for a meal on Christmas Day, need not go without for the mayor has arranged to serve some "real old Irish stew" coffee, doughnuts and mince pie at the Y. W. C. A. recreational centre, King street east, not the King street cafeteria on Monday evening between 5 and 6.30 o'clock. He will be in his office between 3 and 5 o'clock on that day and will issue an order for a meal to anyone applying there for it.

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HAIG'S CALL TO SOLDIERS WHO FOUGHT WITH HIM

London, Dec. 24. — (Canadian Press Cable.) — Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, who is devoting himself wholeheartedly to the cause of ex-service men, has issued a Christmas message to the men of all ranks who served under him in France, appealing to all to join the "300th Remembrance League." A calendar accompanies the message, with Sundays and holidays deleted, leaving 300 working days. He asks all who enjoy the simple comforts of life to devote the equivalent of one day's service, or one-three-hundredth of their annual income, to the new league, which aims at providing a definite annual income for ex-service men and their widows and children.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I was thinking today about the road to the Settlement — the old road—the home road—the road to Arcady."

"This is a good time o' year to think about it," said Hiram. "Lots o' poor fellers is a long ways from home—an' they'd give a good 'eal to be there tomorrow. An' that reminds me—Hanner says you mustn't let nothin' stop you from comin' out with me tonight. She's got the bed aired an' the room tidied up, an' a noo pair o' bedroom slippers all ready. She's hed me pickin' out the best wood fer the fireplace in the settin' room an' doin' chores like a boy while she was gittin' things fixed up. She says she's gonto make you eat one Christmas dinner tomorrow, and another on Monday—so's you'll be strong enough to bear up under them New Year's resolutions you're alwus makin' right after Christmas."

"Hiram," said the reporter, "one resolution I make after each Christmas Day is inviolable. It is that the next Christmas shall find me once more in the Settlement. Mrs. Hornbeam's Christmas welcome is a joy forever."

"Come right along," said Hiram. "We'll start this minit."

THE IMO LOST ON ANNIVERSARY OF EXPLOSION

Steamship Which Helped to Cause Halifax Disaster Destroyed Off Falkland Isles.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 24—Despatches reaching Halifax tell of the destruction of the former Belgian relief steamer Imo, off the East Falkland Islands on Dec. 6, the fourth anniversary of the day on which she collided in Halifax harbor with the French munition ship, Mont Blanc, and caused, with that steamer, an explosion whose toll of lives was 2,000, and property damage of $30,000,000.

LAST NIGHT'S TRAGEDY.

The detective department is seeking information about David Mack, who committed suicide in the Victoria Hotel last night. The only clues this morning were some addresses written in a small handbook, and a song book found on him. The addresses given are: David A. Mack, 153½ Middle street, Lewiston, Maine; David Mack, Oquossoc, Maine; and Mrs. Lydia Mack, 25 Paul street, Detroit, Michigan. The detectives have wired to the chiefs of police of Lewiston and Detroit. The man is supposed to be a Bulgarian.

WEATHER REPORT

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Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A trough of low pressure extends from the Gulf of Mexico to Newfoundland, while pressure is high over the central portion of the continent. Temperatures are moderating from the west, and are becoming decidedly lower in eastern Canada.

Colder.

Forecasts, Maritime—Moderate to fresh variable winds, cloudy and mild today. Increasing north and northwest winds. Occasional snow but partly fair and becoming colder tonight and Sunday.

Gulf and North Shore—Fresh to strong westerly winds, mostly fair and decidedly cold today and Sunday.

Snow or rain tonight and probably Sunday morning; much colder, fresh to strong shifting winds, becoming north and northwest.

Toronto, Dec. 24—Temperatures:

Stations.	8 a. m.	Highest during yesterday	Lowest night
Prince Rupert	..	26	..
Victoria	32	40	30
Kamloops	2	6	*1
Calgary	8	10	*10
Edmonton	*4	2	*4
Prince Albert	*6	*14	*8
Winnipeg	*12	*16	*18
White River	*46	..	*46
Sault Ste Marie	*	26	*8
Toronto	23	34	23
Kingston	18	34	18
Ottawa	10	12	10
Montreal	18	14	14
Quebec	16	12	12
St. John N B	26	34	24
Halifax	34	34	32
St. Johns, Nfld.	32	26	24
Detroit	24	34	24
New York	36	40	32

*Below zero.

OPEN BUREAU IN A FEW DAYS

Board of Trade Council to Take it Up.

Further Progress in Meeting the Unemployment Situation in St. John—Some of the City Work That is to be Done.

According to the present indications it is expected that the board of trade council will take up and handle the matter of a central employment bureau in connection with the plans now under way for the solution of the unemployment question here. The unemployment committee met last night and decided to recommend that the board do anything possible to co-operate with the city council and other organizations in dealing with the matter. A report to this effect will be presented to meeting of the board of trade council on Tuesday.

So soon as this new office is under way it is expected that the employment bureau which has been operated for more than a year by J. A. Brooke, the mayor's clerk, will be closed and his records handed over to the new office. More than a dozen men called at the mayor's office this morning with tax bills or receipts, according to the conditions laid down by the city in hiring men for the emergency work which will be undertaken immediately. They were to return the first of the week, when registration will likely commence.

Commissioner Bullock said this morning that the work on the Nelson wharf, West St. John, which will be done by the city, and on the East Side ferry approach, which will be done under contract by the Stephen Construction Co. would commence so soon as the timber and piling required for the work were available.

In the meantime, the feeling in the city today is that at last a well defined plan has been arranged for the settlement, at least partially, of the unemployment situation, and that when the projected work is got under way, the suffering on this account should be greatly relieved.

HOCKEY PROBE HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Await Action of Attorney General of N. S.

Dalhousie Team Reorganized for Trip to Boston—What some Prominent Men in St. John Have to Say About Situation.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 24.—The inquiry into the status of thirteen Nova Scotia athletes suspended by the M. B. of the A. A. U. of C., which was scheduled to be held on Wednesday of next week, will be delayed, according to Jas. A. Holmes, chairman of the N. S. section of the maritime branch. He says that the investigation will be withheld until the attorney-general of Nova Scotia announces his decision re President Covey's request that he name an independent investigator.

RE-MAKING THE DALHOUSIE TEAM.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 24.—With their captain and goal-tender, "Duke" McIsaac, Arthur Lilly, centre of last year's team, and Leon Flack and Jack I. MacNeil, defence pair, all on the suspended list of the maritime branch of the Canadian A. U. Dalhousie University hockey team has completed arrangements to play Boston Tech and Harvard University in Boston on Jan. 13 and 14, respectively, leaving Halifax on Jan. 10.

Also the uliversity team will go into action three times next week at New Glasgow, and Manager MacDonald says he will send a winning team. There is said to be abundance of material at Dalhousie despite the havoc created by President Covey's bombshell.

Parker Hickey, former goalie of St. Mary's College, Halifax, and considered second only to the invincible "Duke" by collegians, is slated for the net. "Fabie" Bates, with St. F. X. last year; G. K. Smith of Dalhousie's 1921 team, and Dunlop, with King's last season, are available for defence. For the forward line there are Roc McKenna, former St. F. X. star; Mont Haslam, with Dalhousie in 1921; "Bricky" Dunn of Sydney; Beaton, from Acadia, and Horseler of Sussex, N. B.

Dalhousie's New Glasgow games will be against Antigonish, Tuesday; All-Pictou county, Thursday, and Thorburn, Saturday.

Regarding the action taken by the Maritime Branch of the A. A. U. of C. to clean up sport in the Maritime Provinces and draw a sharp line between amateurs and professionals, F. W. Coombs, president of the Athletic Association of the St. John Commercial Club said to the Times this morning: "I believe a sharp line should be drawn between professionals and amateurs. Sport must be kept clean and that is the only way it can be done."

Captain Bowie, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., said "The Y. M. C. A. with their large membership and athletes have not found any difficulty in adhering to the rules of the A. A. U of C. and I can see no reason why other clubs cannot work the same way.'

H. Cleary, chairman of St. Peter's Y. M. A. Sporting Committee, said: "I believe sport should be kept clean. However, I think the laws of the A. A. U. of C. work a hardship on athletes in the maritime provinces and the letter of the law is adhered to more than the spirit of the law."

THE CHRISTMAS WEATHER FOR FRIENDS AWAY

What it is Like in Various Parts of Canada Today.

The Canadian Press has gathered the following Christmas weather reports, indicating the dominion's great variety between coast and coast:—

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 24—Overcast, milder, some snow, but not enough for good sleighing. Moderate temperature.

Moncton—Moderate temperature, overcast, sleighing.

Sydney, C. B.—Thirty-six above zero, sleighing.

Glace Bay, N. S.—Overcast, with slight showers; good sleighing, promise of cold tonight.

Halifax—Mild, overcast, slushy and slippery, no sleighing.

Amherst — Moderature temperature, overcast, sleighing and skating good.

New Glasgow—Mild and cloudy, sleighing.

North Sydney, N. S., Dec. 24—Excellent sleighing, mild, rain threatening.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 24—Mild, dry, but cloudy.

Montreal—Mild, overcast. Prospect of more snow. Sleighing good.

Sherbrooke, Que.—Mild, snow flurries, sleighing fair.

Three Rivers—Clearing, mild, good sleighing.

Quebec—Overcast, mild, sleighing good.

Kingston—Snow, but drifty. Sleighing bad, skating good.

Toronto—A white Christmas, sleighing in some districts, moderately cold.

Hamilton—Cloudy, mild and light snow.

London—Mild and cloudy.

Windsor—Cold and snowy.

Soo—Very cold, good sleighing.

White River—Fair, cold.

Regina—Mild, with prospect colder, and more snow.

Port Arthur—Clear, cold, good sleighing.

Winnipeg—Clear, cold, sleighing.

Prince Albert—Clear, cold, sleighing.

Moose Jaw—Clear, cold, fair sleighing.

Edmonton—Clear, cold, sleighing.

Saskatoon—Clear, cold, good sleighing.

Calgary—Clear, cold, no snow.

Nelson—Clear, cold, sleighing.

Lethbridge—Clear, cold, fair sleighing.

Kamloops—Cold, clear, some snow.

Vancouver—Mild, green Christmas.

Victoria—Mild, unsettled, green Christmas.

Prince Rupert—Mild, clear.

Penticton—Clear, cold, some snow.

Ottawa—Sleighing good.

MOB ATTACKS IN CAIRO SUBURB

Government Office Assailed and British Troops are Rushed to the Scene.

Cairo, Dec. 24—A mob is attacking the government office in Gizeh, a suburb of Cairo. British troops are being rushed to the scene. Cairo itself is quiet.

An associated Press despatch from Malta yesterday said two British warships there had received orders to proceed to Egypt. This followed receipt of Cairo despatches reporting disturbances in connection with the forcible removal to Suez of Sail Zagloul Pascha, a Nationalist leader, by the British authorities after his refusal to obey orders that he and his followers cease political activity and leave Cairo.

Two demonstrators were killed during the disturbances, which the authorities declared were relatively unimportant.

BIG QUINTETTE FOR BIG TASK

Five Prominent Englishmen to France on Plan for Economic Construction of Europe.

London, Dec. 24—(Canadian Press)—Sir Alan Smith, chairman of the managing committee of the Engineering Employers Federation; Sir Robert Kindersley, a director of the Bank of England, and several industrial concerns; Lord Inverforth, prominent in shipping concerns; W. L. Hichens, formerly of the Egyptian ministry of finance, and F. D. Docker, a director of London financial institutions, are the five British experts who will proceed to Paris next week to work out with their French conferees a scheme acceptable to the supreme council at Cannes for the economic reconstruction of Europe.

The men, whose position in commercial life is indisputable, have already consulted Premier Lloyd George and Downing street, and have received the British and the French government's broad ideas on the question of generally policy.

BELIEVE CRERAR WILL BE MINISTER

Invitation to Progressives on High National Grounds.

West Asked to Share in Government—May be Cabinet Announcements Today — Progressive Leader Now in Ottawa.

(Special to Times.)

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 4—Entrance of Hon. T. A. Crerar and western ministers, whom Progressives will favor into the King cabinet is regarded here as practically a certainty. The invitation to Hon. Mr. Crerar and Premier Drury was made on high national grounds, Hon. Mr. King pointing out the absolute necessity in this crisis of the nation's affairs of having national unity. Premier Drury could not come because of provincial necessities, but it was an invitation to put country before party and the Progressives are responding to it in the same spirit in which the offer was made.

An isolated west in the federal government, it was pointed out, would be as great a national calamity as was the isolated Quebec produced as a result of the late government policy. If things turn out as expected, the new government will take over the reins today. If not, and none here expects that Hon. Mr. Crerar will make difficulties, it may be sworn in today or early next week with a few blanks left for western portfolios, which would in that event be filled later.

At the eve of the announcement of the new cabinet your correspondent is informed from official sources that conservative propaganda as to Liberal divisions and unseemly striving for portfolios is made out of whole cloth. It is said authoritatively that the utmost consideration for the necessities of national problems has been shown, and that Quebec, Ontario and maritime provinces Liberals have all agreed that it is the best statesmanship to invite the west to take a full part in government.

Crerar Silent.

(Canadian Press)

Toronto, Dec. 24—On Hon. T. A. Crerar's visit to Toronto yesterday the Globe says this morning in its news columns:

"Unlike most Canadian public men Hon. T. A. Crerar knows how to keep silent. He arrived in Toronto yesterday and left last night for Ottawa. During the hours he was here, and in fact, during the many days since the election, he has said not a word publicly as to his attitude toward cabinet making at Ottawa. However, he now knows the opinions of his western and Ontario followers. He has gone to Ottawa to give his decision.

"Last night the complete Ontario coterie of Progressive members elect met at the Methodist Book Rooms for their first secret session. Mr. Crerar, prior to the meeting, opened not his mouth to any man, and when he left to catch his train for Ottawa at 11.50 o'clock, he was communicative in exactly the same degree. His smiling remark to the waiting newspapermen was momentous, 'good evening, gentlemen' and he passed into the night.

"But not those with whom for some three hours he had been in close communion. Their work was not done. For another hour the Ontario Progressives wrestled mightily with their problems. Their leader had gone to Ottawa, but they remained to do their duty, under the guidance of the only 'outsider' present, J. C. Ross, editor of the Farmers' Sun.'

Bennett Accepts.

Calgary, Dec. 24—Late last night it was said unofficially that Hon. R. B. Bennett does not intend to take any steps to upset the election in West Calgary. Returning Officer Crandall issued the certificates last night declaring Mr. Shaw elected.

USE PATROL FOR DISTRIBUTING THE GOOD CHEER

Santa Claus has been reported as using reindeer, automobiles and aeroplanes but this morning was about the first time on record when he distributed parcels from the Police Patrol wagon. The usual order of things, where the wagon arrives and someone leaves in it, was reversed when the Rotary Club's Christmas baskets were dropped off at the doors of some thirty poor families. Each box contained food and clothing and weighed at least 100 pounds, so that Santa had to have two able-bodied helpers to help him unload his bundles of cheer. Besides the patrol wagon, one of the ladder trucks was used for this work.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Edward S. Trecartin took place this afternoon from his late residence, 249 Millidge avenue, following burial services conducted by Rev. R. P. McKim. Interment took place in Cedar Hill. Floral tributes included: A wreath from the employes of the City Wet Wash, a wreath from the staff of the Western Union, a spray from Mr. and Mrs. R. Carson, a spray from Mr. and Mrs. J. Sewell, a wreath from his sisters, a crescent from his brothers, a wreath from members of the family, a spray from Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Smith, a spray from Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reinhart, and a spray from Mr. and Mrs. S. Cunningham.

Australian Bank Merger.

London, Dec. 24—A Reuter cable from Melbourne says it is announced that the National Bank of Australasia has purchased the business of the Bank of Queensland for £520,000.