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# Editoria

"Peace on Earth Good Will to Men"

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"Beate on Earth Good Weight to Alter."

On THIS day of the year when the rush and strict of the world are laid aside and man in eachbor to mun the whole would of or we take this means to wish every one of our readers, our sincere greetings of the season, we hope the joy of Christras will provide the province of the traditional day of peace may be carried out to the full.

May these who are away from home find jovial hospitality and their brudens lightened.

May grifts be plentiful, and may the significance of Christmas day prevail.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

ONCE more the year rolls around to Christmas Day—the search of "peace on earth, good will to men." To the expectate and an antitipating child it seems an age since the stocking was last human the compact of the peace of t

FLOCKING TO FLORIDA

WHILE it is not the desire of the writer to say anything that may detract or keep people away from Florida who wish to go there and invest, still we feel that we owe it to our subscribers and readers to impress upon them the importance of approaching real estate transactions with their eyes open. Realizing that there is a boom in Florida and that the wealth of the land is flocking there, every crook real estate agent in the country who has been driven out of his home town will go there in the hope that he can ply his swindling game unhampered. It is going to be a pretty hard matter for the average individual to decide what is real value in Florida land with these crooksters on the job. It is but natural that Florida will attempt to weed them out, but a new condition confronts that one of the bright red thing outside the house for "just one little vide".

Christmas was the time for humoring kiddies, and Junior's request was a granted. The last of winter's twilight was fading from the snowy sky as a little boy "belly-whopped" joyously up and down the street. His small body living flat, his head nestled down to avoid the fluttering flakes, he was quite unaware of the approaching footsteps of a stranger. Indeed he bumped right into the man. There was a great scrambling and scattering as the boy picked himself up and gazed into the face of a man whose eyes were curiously like his own. state, a boom that came without preparation, and as a result many will be made victims, even with Florida attempting in its limited way to protect the investor.

Not only will we find the crooked real estate dealer on the job in Florida, but the pickpocket and the professional gambler, a combination that is hard to beat.

When one reads of the results of the investigation made first into the finances of the city of Halifax and now with regards the departments presided over by the late government the natural conclusion cannot be other than that some Maritime Provinces people, at least, have been looking after their rights during past years.

Press despatches report that Sir Henry Thornton has returned from England and is most optomistic over the future of the Canadian Naticnal Railway system. Who with a salary of \$65,000 per could be other than optimistic?

COL. HERB LENNOX



#### JUNIOR'S FIFTH CHRISTMAS

(By Florence McIntyre)
Grayson tucked the eideranket about her young son, and
across the carpeted chamber

wn. The man chided the boy good hum-

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last touches of tinsel to a Christmas tree.

At first he did not hear the voice of the small boy beside him, but a firm tug at his coat compelled attention.

"That's my Christmas tree," the baby voice was saying. Santa's just left our house and brought me this sled and lots and lots of things. Won't you come in and see our Christmas tree? Has he been to your house yet?

The muscles of the big man's throat contracted convulsively and only a mighty effort at control kept him from smothering the boy in a hungry grasp. He could not tear himself away. He took the little gloved hand in his big palm.

alm.

In the midst of this strange scene, the In the midst of this strange scene, the door of Junior's house opened, and his mother's soft voice called to him to come in. But with the quickness of a child, Junior was lustily calling back:

"Mother, can't this man see my Christmas tree? I told him you would not mind."

Helen stepped beyond the door intent upon some polite remark which

not mind."

Helen stepped beyond the door intent upon some polite remark which would dispel the embarrasing situation. At sight of the man the smile froze on her face. She did not know how she ever managed to descend the steps, but she found herself clinging wildly, desperately, to the big form of her husband. Junior was bewildered by the sobs of the strange man and his mother, who continued to sob and cling long after they had entered the house.

When Thornley had himself slightly under control, he drew from his pocket a long white envelope and asked the woman to read. Helen removed the document with its official red seal, and there read the confession of the true thief, and her husband's complete vindication by a man on his death bed. "Junior," delared his mother, "this is the best Christmas we've ever had, Santa Claus has brought us our Daddy. He's been way up North, you know, helping Saint Nick make pretty toys for good children."

The little lad climbed all over his rewly found father and felt of him curiously as he would a toy.

"Gee," said the boy, "Merry Christmas, Daddy."

Junior, weary from the day's excitement, soon fell off to sleep. The bril-

mias, Daddy."

Junior, weary from the day's excitement, soon fell off to sleep. The brilgiant coals in the grate had turned to ashy white long before Thornley and Helen finished talking. How short were the night hours tonight. Helen cried and Thornley sobbed, but never was grief more delicious.

Through the still night came the chimes from the old cathedral. The storm had cleared and fleecy snow clouds rolled against the blue-gray sky. Clasped in each other's arms Helen and Thornley gazed out through the night, and up, up, up into infinite space, too happy to express the big prayer that was in their hearts.

#### CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The carol is essentially folk-music. We all think much of it at this season of the year, because the people delight to sing and play for themselves without an audience or applause. The carol is the product of the home.

It owes its existence to the ordinary man who has little musical knowledge rather than to the expert musician. There is nothing in the whole realm of music that appeals with such strong force as the Christmas carol, not only because of its association with the greatest event in Christendom, but because of its universal appeal to the emotions associated with that great event, the birth of Christ.

It is curious to notice the remarkable parallel of the carol to that of the ballad. Both names originally implied dancing, but now both are applied to a form of song. The old French carole was a round dance, and the term gradually came to be applied almost exclusively to vocal music.

Caroling was not always associated ex-

did be applied almost exclusively to vocal be applied almost exclusively to vocal caroling was not always associated exclusively with Christmas. There are still Easter carols, and in Wales they have summer and winter carols, but these are of more importance, and are fast becoming obsolete.

In some places the carol is still used and regarded as an expression of mirth, but in most places it is sung in commemoration of Christ's nativity.

In Northern Europe, the solemnities of the celebration of Christ's birth were grafted upon a great national holiday-time, which had a religious significance even in the days of paganism.

The old heathen Yuletide has left-its influence in the traditional and purely festive character of the event, and many carolis represent more the feelings of the apolle than the great occasion they are stensibly intended to recall. It seems more than probable that the direct source of Christmas carols is to be found in similar compositions which were introduced between the scenes of mystery or miracle-plays, which were the chief and most popular entertainments of the Middle Ages.

Christmas carols have been influenced, also, by hymns of the church on one side, and by purely secular somes on the other. The words of a large number have been preserved and may be had in collections by various compilers, the period of time extending from the 15th

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#### CHRISTMAS DON'TS

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