

## Editorial

"3eace on Earth Good ralll to ftlen" $\mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{N}}$ THIS day of the year when the erush and strife of the wor dide and man is neighbor to man the whole world oie we take this means to wish every one of our readers.,our sincere greet-
ings of the season In every home, we hope the joy of Christras will prevail-tha
about the full feast-laden table families and friends will gather in
pleasant association pleasant association, and that observives and friends will gather in
peace may be carried out to the full. May those who are away from home find jovial hospitality,
and may hose who ere ol or in distress find their sickness overcome
and their burdens lightened. May girdens he plentififul, and may the significance of Christma
day prevail.
ONCE more the year rolls around to Christmas
 anticipating child it seems an age sisce the stocking was last hung
up for sant Claus to come and finc while to the midde-aged and
to the old it seems but yesterday since the yuletide season was with us, and the feemstiv boura sesteray s.ance the yultedide season was with
redeck it again for the nexed before it is time to Have you ever had a a vision of what the world would be had
there never been a Chrismas We dover been a Christmas time, and never a reason for one?
world had the the thrink of that the conditions would be in this old How many things there are in life which we allow to pass quite
unappreciated until through some unappreciated unti. through some wrench of fortune they are snatch-
ed away from us. Lovely things, beautiful things, things which we
could scarcely
 the magnitude of our loss.
Now we have our Christmas treasure. It has been ours all our lives-so long indeed that it seme the most natural thing in our
experience We accept hat and all that commes with it as a matter of
course and it means little to us. We give, we get; and we do not stop to rason why. in this year of our has lhe shelf so long that the dust is deep on nits coovers,
which has and read once more the story of that first Yuletide, the brightsest
and the best day that ever came to this old world, and linger over
it until Mithtir our souls beat warm once more and our hearts fill once again
Whate neve what on that day manifest toward all the world.
What day that would be in the live of It may be so. The stone which has lain too long at the door
of our hearts may be rolled away, so that the glory of the Chris spirit may flood our rives a and make mat that one glory of of the Christmas
with all a childe children,
ness of What a wonderful spir
Sin where the years pass each other meets us down on the mar we may go out and seminate all our impurses, sody that on theme this doy the the poor and the needy. Let us
open our undersal open our understanding to hear aright the message of the Author
of Christma . Inasmuth ase have done it unto one of the least
of these, my brethern, cye have done it unto Me".

## THE agitation to improve conditions in ATTENTION


Leading newspapers have commented moevt section of Canada.
case as presented and have been by no means backwardy upon the
 former Woirvilie boy who has made goor in the west, with an edi-
torial from the Caligry Herald, which states the matter most fairly.
Appearances indicicate that the present is $a$ most time in the history of "these provinces by the sea", and if wisaly
dealt with by those who have undertaken the conduct of our cause IIt would be the greatest folly, however, to expect that such goor
fortune could come except through the united and bet of the people of the provinces, who in the final summing up mus accept the responsibility in very large measure for their own future
The tide which now semm to betting this way, however, may be
a great help if properly taken advantage of.
WHILE it is not the desing of the FLORIDA
may detract or heep pesire of the writer to say anything tha go there and invest, or till we peep that away from Florida who wish to
readers to impress upon them the importance of subscribers and estate transactions with their eyes ompontance of approaching rea
boom in Fhorida and that the wealth of the land is flocking there
every every crook real estate agent in the country who has been driven
out out his home town will go there in the hope that he can pry his
swindis gane unhmper. It is going to be a pretty hard matter
for the average indiverel Ior the average individual to decide what is real value in Florider
land with these crooksters on the job. It is but natural that Florida
will state, a boom that came without preparationdition confronts that will be made vict came evithout preparation, and as a result many
way to protect the investor with Florida attempting in its limited Not only will we find the crooked real estate dealer on the job in
Fioria, but the pickpockeet and the professional gambler, a com
bination that is hard to beat When one reads of the results of the investigation made first
to the finances of the city of Halifax and now with regards the departments presided over by the late government tere natural
conclusion cannot beother than that some Maritime Provinces pee ple, at least, have been looking after their rights during past years

Press despatches report that Sir Henry Thornton has returned
England and is most optomistic over the future of the Natic nal Railway ystsem. Who with a salary or $\$ 65,000$ per could
he other than optimistic?

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JUNIOR'S FIFTH CHRISTMAS
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