

Here and There

Fifty cars of fish were shipped this season from Lesser Slave Lake to various points in Canada and the United States, the majority going to cities in the Eastern States. These shipments were practically all whitefish, the coarser varieties being disposed of in the local markets.

Showing a record increase over the figures of last year, grain loadings in the Western Provinces since the commencement of the crop year, September 1st, aggregate 88,519 cars, representing 136,938,448 bushels, as against 80,528 cars loaded, or 130,287,194 bushels, from September 1st to October 14th, 1922.

That the future prosperity of the Maritime Provinces, as well as the whole of Canada, depended on the routing of Canadian trade over Canadian railways and through Canadian ports, was the view expressed by Dr. Murray MacLaren, M.P. for St. John, speaking recently in his constituency.

Tens of thousands of caribou are breaking southwards through Yukon Territory for the winter. Bands of them have passed through the outskirts of Dawson City. For a hundred miles down, bands of caribou can be seen swimming the Yukon river and sometimes surrounding canoes and steamboats as they pass.

Part of the 15,000 feet of moving pictures taken for the Dominion archives by the Arctic expedition in charge of Captain Eberhard, which has just returned from the northern regions, are to be shown in Quebec City shortly. They contain interesting incidents of the life of the Eskimo and typical scenes of the Northern land.

Up to the end of June, 1923, according to E. W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Company had disposed of 18,194,737 acres of agricultural lands, for which an average price of \$7.37 per acre was received. During this period the Company had, by direct effect of its own, secured the settlement of over 100,000 farmers in Western Canada.

A splendid hunting year with a late open fall is reported from British Columbia. A world's record Osborn caribou was killed by D. W. Bell, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The length of the head was 35 1/2 inches, spread 55 inches and thirty-eight points. A party of three, of whom Bell was one, bagged nearly 300 pieces.

A total of 40 round voyages to the port of St. John, New Brunswick, constituting an increase of six over last winter's figures, is announced by the Canadian Pacific in a newly issued schedule of operations for the winter port. The S.S. Montclare will be the first liner to leave St. John after the close of St. Lawrence navigation, sailing for Liverpool on December 7th.

Captain S. Robinson, R.N.R., the hero of the Japanese disaster, who commanded the Empress of Australia when that ship was in Yokohama harbor at the time of the earthquake, has been fittingly honored by the Canadian Pacific Railway. He is to command the company's steamship, the Empress of Canada, when the ship leaves New York, January 30th, on a world cruise.

The most spectacular nugget brought to town in many years grived in Cobalt, Ont., recently, and the camp's oldtimers gathered round, admiring the huge mass. The nugget weighs approximately 3,200 pounds, is estimated to run fully 75 per cent silver and is worth over \$20,000, according to the estimate of the owner, Angel Clemens, a New Liskeard carpenter.

The Royal Canadian Naval Reserve, of 500 officers and men, is now being organized, and it is expected that selection of officers will be completed early in November. Headquarters will be established at Charlottetown, Halifax, Lunenburg, St. John, Quebec, Vancouver, Prince Rupert and Victoria. Naval training at the naval bases of Esquimaux or Halifax will be given to R.C.N.V.R. ratings during the winter months.

A hypocrite is a man who claims to be as good as he knows he ought to be.

The most insignificant people will sometimes cause a person the most trouble.

CHRISTMAS SWEETS FOR WEE FOLK

Even the busiest mother will gladly devote a little time to pleasing her children at holiday times, by making extra little dainties for them. The following little cakes and confections are simple, easily made, and will delight the little ones immensely.

**Christmas Candle Cakes**  
Bake any preferred cake mixture in cupcake tins. Frost each cake with white icing and around the edge put a circle of tiny round red candies, pressing them in while the frosting is soft. Place a round marshmallow in the center, form a hole in the middle of it, and stand a tiny red candle upright in the marshmallow.

**Cocoanut Prunes**  
Remove stones from large, soft prunes and stuff each one with a salted almond. Press together, dip in slightly beaten egg white, and roll in shredded cocoanut. Put on plates to dry.

**Sea Foam Popcorn**  
Pop two quarts of corn and put aside to keep warm. Boil one-half cup of granulated sugar and one-eighth cup of water until it forms a soft ball in cold water. Remove from the fire and add one-quarter teaspoon of vanilla. Pour in a fine stream over the corn, stirring briskly and adding powdered sugar until the grains separate. Turn out on waxed paper.

**Candied Apple Slices**  
Make a syrup of one-half cup of corn syrup and one-half cup of water, cooking about ten minutes. Drop into this syrup one large apple which has been peeled, quartered, cored, and cut into slices. Simmer gently until the apple is transparent; drain, and set on plates to dry. Some of the slices may be rolled in shredded cocoanut, if desired.

**Orange Marguerites**  
1/2 c. butter 1/2 c. milk  
2 eggs 2 tsp. baking powder  
2 c. flour  
1 c. sugar

Cream butter and sugar, add the eggs well beaten, the milk and the flour and baking powder sifted together carefully. Flavor with the grated rind and juice of half an orange. Roll out thin, and cut in small rounds. Ice with orange icing made by beating to a cream the yolk of one egg, the grated rind of one-half orange and enough powdered sugar to make it the proper consistency to spread. Decorate the top of each round with a daisy made with six halves of almonds, and a center of a tiny piece of candied orange peel or a small yellow candy.

**Marshmallow Frosting**  
1 egg white 3 tbsp. water  
7/8 c. sugar 12 marshmallows

Put the egg white, sugar and water in the upper part of a double boiler and set it in rapidly boiling water. Begin beating immediately with a Dover egg beater and beat constantly while it cooks seven minutes. Remove and add the marshmallows, cut up, and beat until cooled and of the proper consistency to spread.

**Peanut Goo**  
2 c. roasted peanuts 1 c. sugar  
Whites of 2 eggs  
1 tsp. flour

Skin and chop the peanuts, add them to the sugar, flour and the whites of two eggs, beaten stiff. Drop by spoonfuls on greased paper and bake to a light brown in a quick oven.

**Cry Babies**  
1 1/2 c. molasses 1 c. shortening  
1/2 c. sugar 1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. ginger 4 tsp. soda  
1 tbsp. vinegar 1 egg  
1 c. buttermilk Flour to roll

Mix together the dry ingredients with the exception of the flour, then add molasses, vinegar and the egg well beaten. Stir well and add the buttermilk (hot water may be substituted for this) and sufficient flour to roll soft. Roll thick and cut into rounds. Make features upon them by pressing in raisins, for eyes, nose, and mouth, or the cookies may be baked first and the features marked in when cool, with melted chocolate.

**Chocolate Gum Drops**  
Purchase the desired number of soft gum drops. To each ounce of bitter chocolate melted add two tablespoons of milk, two tablespoons of sugar, and one-

quarter teaspoon of butter. Stir over the fire until smooth, and into this dip the gum drops one by one, using a fork or wire. Place on oiled plates to harden.

**Animal Cookies**  
The animal cookies are a delight to children and they make clever table decorations too. Purchase the well known little animal crackers and make a small sized cookie from your favorite recipe. Put the two together with marshmallow frosting. It is more effective not to frost the whole cookie, but to put on an irregular patch, which makes it look like the animal is standing in snow.

**Rose Cakes**  
3 eggs 1/2 c. sugar  
1/2 c. melted butter 1/4 c. milk  
2 tsp. baking powder 1/2 tsp. rose extract  
flour

Beat eggs and sugar together, add melted butter, milk, baking powder, extract and flour to make a soft, thin dough. Roll out the dough and spread with melted butter; sprinkle over this one-half cupful finely chopped walnuts, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, and two tablespoonfuls of sugar. Roll up the dough like a jelly roll and cut in inch slices. Press one side together slightly

with your fingers, and bake. When baked, these cookies resemble roses.

ABOUT BOOKS

(By THE ACADIAN'S REVIEWER)  
"Ralph Connor's" new novel, "The Gaspards of Pine Croft" (McClelland and Stewart), is more romantic and episodic than the rest of his fiction, and the change will probably impress some of his readers as being, not an improvement. The unifying element, the character of Paul Gaspard rather than the plot, is not effectively handled throughout, for after Paul leaves his childhood home with his widowed Indian stepmother the story seems, paradoxical as it may sound, both sketchy and padded. Though some readers will naturally prefer "Connor's" older romance of realism to the new departure, nevertheless they will follow the narrative with keen interest to the end and will be rewarded by the enjoyment of romantic adventures and several strong dramatic situations as well as by the skillfully-drawn character of a lovable hero. Among the books that aim to include a wholesome patriotism in the minds and hearts of Canadian youth, an important one is Leslie Horner's "Famous Canadian Stories Re-told for Children" (McClelland and Stewart). In a style well suited to the purpose of the book, the author retells the story of the early discoverers and of people of outstanding character or experience or both, such as Marguerite de Roberval, Madeleine Vercheres, Daulac, Pontiac, Tec-

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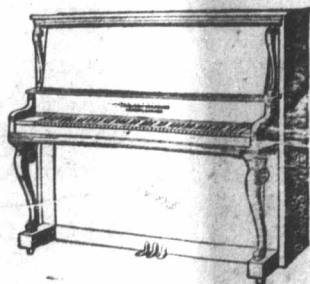
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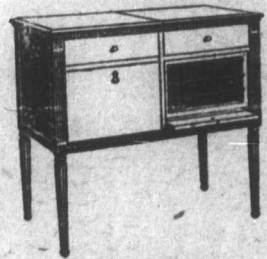
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