

We sincerely wish our many friends in the city and all over this vast Dominion the brightest and merriest Christmas they have ever enjoyed.

Oak Hall, Clothiers, Corner Yonge and Adelaide Sts. J. C. Coombs, Mgr.

CHRISTMAS DAY ARRIVES AT LAST AND CHILDREN ALL ARE HAPPY

Grown-Ups Too, Are Having the Greatest Day of the Year Today—Parcels Piled in Automobiles Are on the Go.

Christmas Day is surrounded with so many personal associations that it is difficult to escape from their all-pervasive influence. It comes to the Christian people fraught with love, kindness, peace and good will—its spirit is that of forgiveness, of friendship, of charity. These are good for this workaday world, in that they take men out of themselves and their immediate surroundings into a larger place; kindle in them a deeper and more expansive sympathy. Christmas comes to call us back from our little routine round to the vaster field beyond, where alone can be found the inspiration that can make even drudgery sublime.

Children of tender age, especially, is Christmas a day of wonder and joy, for on that day they receive a visit from their greatest friend, Santa Claus, a person so wonderful and so awe-inspiring to the young, that for months before his regular visit they exert every effort to curb their natural propensities to meddle in places where they have no right, and they try hard to be very good, so that they will be worthy to receive Santa's choicest gifts. The belief in Santa Claus has not died out in this advanced age, and so for the past month tiny little fingers have clasped newly-sharpened pencils or newly-tipped pens, while their little mouths have puckered up doubtfully and little minds have been twisted and ransacked for what to say to the mysterious, omnipotent, good-hearted, joy-bringing Santa.

Arrives at Last. After what seems to the children an eternity, Christmas Eve arrives, and on that day there are less sins, omission and commission registered on the book of life against them than on any other day of the entire year. They are taking any chance of offending Santa at the eleventh hour. Almost immediately after supper there is a great deal of activity among the young members of the family as they hurry about, in search of the largest stockings that they can find. All due course, they decide upon a spot on the fireplace where it will be impossible for the joy-dispensing, mystic messenger of the night to overlook all of the things they have thrown their letters, in the composing of which they have spent many hours, into the fireplace, the

parents find very little difficulty in inducing them to go to bed, because they are anxious to get to sleep as soon as possible, in order that it will not seem so long until morning. The above is the usual procedure on the night before Christmas, and it was adhered to last night.

Long before daylight this morning hundreds of children were astir. Slipping quietly out of bed and dressed only in their "nighties," they crept downstairs to the fireplace, and there they found toys, candies, oranges and nuts galore—the gifts that Santa had given them, and there was joy in the heart of young Toronto.

Owing to the disposition of the weather man the small boy, and in fact, the entire youth of Toronto, is not quite satisfied with this Christmas Day, as a green Christmas is not nearly so desirable as one which comes accompanied by snow and ice. The weather during the past month has been so mild that indulgence in many of the usual winter sports, such as skating, sleighing, tobogganing, etc., will be impossible. Nevertheless, Christmas is Christmas and a day of rejoicing.

Peer Not Forgotten. It is pleasing to know that in the festivities and rejoicings of the Christmas season those poor unfortunates confined in institutions and others to whom circumstances have been unkind, have not been forgotten. The poor of the city are also being better cared for than ever before. The various charitable institutions have been taking an active interest in the welfare of such people, and all last night of the meeting of the various ladies with gifts have been calling at the various hospitals and other public institutions, in the Toronto jail, the Mercer reformatory, etc., have also been well attended to.

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Chicago Enjoyed A Civic Festival. Chicago's first municipal Christmas festival was held at Grant Park tonight, when thousands of children and citizens generally viewed the seventy-five foot Christmas tree, listened to stars of grand opera, who sang classics thru megaphones, to the full chorus of the Chicago Grand Opera Co., and to speeches by Mayor Harrison and others.

Mrs. R. B. Hamilton thanks the many contributors towards the Christmas tree treat for patients and nurses Hospital.

Cornwall Killed on G.T.R. Track

Brantford May Practically Be Without Supply for Six Months.

COMPANY'S HANDS TIED Consumers Will Have to Expend Large Sum on Other Heating Appliances.

(Special to The Toronto World.) BRANTFORD, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The gas situation may prove serious. The company is forced to turn off its supply of Tilbury gas, as it has only a limited supply of pure gas to offer. In fact, while Brantford consumes on an average 26,000,000 feet per month, the company can give only about 500,000 feet of pure gas daily. This is the result of a contract with Hamilton manufacturers.

WELLAND, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Among the items in the accounts paid by the council of the Township of Bertie at the last session is one to C. C. Hawkins for \$4 for feeding tramps.

GRANT FOR COUNTY HOSPITAL. WELLAND, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the town council held last night, a grant of \$1200 was made to the county hospital. From present appearances Mayor Goodwin will be returned by acclamation, but there is likely to be a contest for the reevehip, deputy reevehip and aldermanic seats.

PEARL IN AN OYSTER. MIDLAND, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Charles Crombie, proprietor of the new St. Charles' restaurant, made a very lucky find this morning. While having a lunch he found in masticating an oyster a pearl as large as a bean, shaped like a pyramid. Mr. Crombie thinks this is his reward from Santa Claus.

TRIPLET CALVES AT WELLAND. WELLAND, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—A cow owned by Frank Furry, who resides on a farm about three miles west of here, gave birth yesterday to triplet calves, one calf weighing about fifty pounds.

MUNICIPAL FIGHT IN SARNIA. SARNIA, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—One of the hottest municipal campaigns in the town has witnessed its new being waged. J. B. Dagan, Conservative, is running against Dr. Coulter, Liberal, for Mayor. It is common rumor that Malcolm Mackenzie will be run in as the dark horse, or compromise candidate.

OLD NEW YORK IN GLAD SOME MOOD City Has Millions to Spend and Lacks Only Beautiful Snow.

TURKEYS FOR NEEDY Bulls and Bears Forget Their Troubles in Rollicking Celebration.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(Am. Press.)—Lacking only a blanket of snow to give the traditional Christmas atmosphere to the scene, New York today celebrated its Christmas celebration which promised to be one of the most joyous in years. Gettysburg's millions here generously this season and the less fortunate were well provided for by the charitable. The result that many thousands of the city's poor will eat substantial turkey dinners tomorrow in addition to being satisfied otherwise.

Thanks to the existence of the Christmas fund reserve, held over from year to year when collections were more generously responded to than this year, the 427 employees of the New York Stock Exchange were able today to divide \$12,666 among themselves. Because business during the year had been indifferent, members of the exchange subscribed to the fund \$1,500. Formerly subscriptions were all this, a reserve fund was established, a precaution which served in good stead this season.

Wall Street Happy. Members of the stock exchange celebrated Christmas in a noisy manner today. At 3 o'clock two street organs were brought to the floor, and festive change. For twenty minutes two brass bands played around discordant melodies from them, accompanied by the wild shouts of the full-throated brokers.

The Salvation Army has made arrangements to provide Christmas dinner for 2500 persons at 12 o'clock tomorrow. It is estimated that more than 100,000 of the city's poor will eat turkey dinners tomorrow in addition to being satisfied otherwise.

Among the larger benevolent institutions this season is the distribution of food to the homeless of the Toronto and Hamilton House. The members distributed as usual, the food to the homeless of the Toronto and Hamilton House. The members distributed as usual, the food to the homeless of the Toronto and Hamilton House.

INSPECTOR DEAD. Word has been officially received at the department of education of the death of Inspector John McLaughlin of Manulife. Death followed an operation in the London Hospital and was pronounced due to brain affection.

Brantford Tense Situation Over Gas Supply

WALKING ON TRACKS OVERTAKEN BY TRAIN

Silas Winter of Lunenburg, Ont., Meets Instant Death—Body Found in Culvert.

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CHRISTMAS CRUSH REACHED ITS APEX Last Night in the Stores Was Busiest of the Year.

BUSTLED AND BUMPED Parcel-Laden Crowsds Filled Streets and Street Cars Till Midnight.

One grand riotous rally, a last effort to attain the unattainable, to accomplish the impossible and to see that no one was forgotten. The final day of Christmas shopping was one great swishing rush that began with the opening of the shop doors and continued until well on to the midnight hour when the bells rang out that whether prepared or not they had performed to be considered so.

NEW "STUNT" BY THE VICTROLA. An interesting Christmas event at the City Dairy brings out a Novel Use of the Victrola.

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Brockville Fatal Result Of Collision

LAD MEET DEATH RIDING ON PILOT

Fatal Result of Pitch-In at Brockville When Fog Obstructed View.

ENGINE HITS SHUNTER Victim's Companion Saves His Life Only by the Merest Hairbreadth.

(Special to The Toronto World.) BROCKVILLE, Dec. 24.—While a Great West freight train was stalled in the local yards this morning a light engine following overtook and crashed into the shunter at the tallend, instantly killing Daniel Cahill, who was riding on the pilot of the colliding engine. Cahill did not observe the danger until it was too late to jump, his view being obstructed by a raised umbrella which he was carrying.

Two Receive Wounds FROM NEGRO'S SHOTGUN Brantford Supplied With Some Excitement When Bill Murray Goes on Rampage.

(Special to The Toronto World.) BRANTFORD, Dec. 24.—William Murray, a colored man, create da lot of excitement this morning. He had a shotgun and a supply of buckshot which he proceeded to pour into Emma Jones, also colored, whose hand he partially shot off.

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