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THE TRUE SIGNIFICANCE OF CHRISTMAS

(By Rev. Wm. Harrison, D.D.)

The bright and blessed burden which the Christmas celebration un-

Man has seen God in Christ as man never saw God before. The one word which declares God is Christ.

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PEACE TALK

However seriously the members of Mr. Ford's peace mission may take themselves and their object, no one else takes them for anything else than a joke.

So, across the blood-stained battlefields of Europe the never-ending Christmas story will pour its gracious influence like some heavenly

Christmas tokens will find their way to the wounded and unwounded men and these tender reminders of home

THE SILVER BULLET

The enormous expenditure of money which the war is causing is leading many thoughtful men to ask themselves how long the belligerent nations can stand the financial pressure.

A glance over the outstanding features of the war expenditure is enough to make any one wonder how it was possible to amass such fabulous sums.

Statisticians calculate that Britain can carry on the war for six and a half years yet at the same cost as in the first year, and in that time she will not be called upon to expend more of her financial resources than America did in the four years of civil war.

The following table of statistics of the national wealth of each of the belligerent powers has recently been published:

To each Englishman, \$1,777; to each Frenchman, \$1,625; to each German, \$923; to each Italian, \$588; to each Austrian, \$500; to each Russian, \$250.

This table is highly significant, not only in times of peace, but also during war. England's national wealth is as large as Germany's and Austria's combined.

The Allies have won a greater victory on the sea than Germany has won upon the land. They are stronger numerically and economically than their enemy, and their unprecedented reorganization of the whole industrial world is rapidly securing for them an equipment in all that war demands greater than their enemy can hope to obtain.

The influence of the peace discussion upon the public mind of the enemy countries will be one of the great psychological forces helping the Allies to victory.

COUNCIL VOTES \$100 RECRUITING FUND

Sweeping Tax Reform Resolutions to be Introduced at Next Meeting by Ald. Stuart

Newcastle Town Council met on the 16th instant, Mayor Stothart presiding. Aldermen present: Doyle, Hayward, Mackay, McGrath, Ritchie, Stables, Stuart and Creghan.

Minutes of all meetings since last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Mayor said he understood there was a delegation present from the Recruiting Committee, and he invited the chairman to address the Council.

Mr. E. A. McCurdy, who was accompanied by Mr. D. J. Buckley, spoke, in part, as follows: At a large meeting of the Recruiting Committee recently held, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Buckley and himself had been appointed to approach the Town and County Councils re funds to defray expenses of recruiting.

The Mayor said that it was unnecessary for him to add anything. The request would commend itself to everyone.

Ald. Hayward said that the Recruiting Committee must be supplied with funds. The Country should pay the whole. But in the meantime it was the town's duty to make an advance.

Ald. McGrath wanted to know if the Recruiting officer had to be paid by the Recruiting Committee.

Mr. McCurdy replied that officer's salary, if any, would come from the Dominion Government.

Ald. Ritchie said that the Recruiting officer had just received his appointment and would be paid by the Government.

Ald. McGrath—Are we to understand, then, that the money we have voted will assist the Recruiting officer to do his work in advertising for and getting recruits?

Mr. McCurdy—Yes. Mr. Doyle said that the case was worthy. It was only fair that the town should pay \$100. And he moved to that effect. This was seconded by Ald. Ritchie and carried without any dissent.

The following bills were passed:

Ald. Hayward of the Police Committee reported that W. H. Finley had accepted the position of Police-master and Scott Act Inspector and would enter upon his duties on the 29th instant.

police-master had been received from the following: Capt. Henry Copp, John Duthie, J. J. Gallah, John A. Johnston and Bert Miller. The Committee recommended that a ballot be taken, which, on motion of Ald. Stables and McGrath, was ordered.

The vote resulted as follows: J. J. Gallah, 5; Henry Copp, 2; Spoiled (marked for J. H. Gallah), 1; and J. J. Gallah was declared appointed.

The By-Laws, Licensing and Petitions Committee were granted an extension of time for preparing Building By-Laws.

The Mayor—Has the fire engine been tested?

Ald. Stables replied that it was tested on November 22nd, and was satisfactory. Since then it had been gone over again. It was holding water, and seemed to be in as good condition as ever.

Ald. Hayward asked if there were not a motion on the books requesting the Scott Act Inspector to report once a month.

The Town Clerk said he did not know.

Ald. Stuart said that there was such a resolution, passed on his motion several years ago, and up till very lately the Scott Act Inspector had reported monthly.

Ald. Hayward then moved, seconded by Ald. Stuart, that the Scott Act Inspector be requested by the Council to report monthly all Scott Act and Police proceedings.

Ald. McGrath asked if the officer's failure to report monthly would constitute the basis of a charge of non-fulfillment of duty.

Ald. Hayward replied that he was not compelled to report monthly.

Ald. McGrath said he merely wanted to make himself sure, because failure to report had been urged by some as a reason for dismissal.

Ald. Doyle supported the motion. The suggestion was a good one. It was well for both council and public to know monthly what the Inspector was doing.

Motion carried.

Ald. Hayward, seconded by Ald. Stables, moved the following:

Resolved that the Police Magistrate be requested by this Council to report monthly all Police and Scott Act proceedings, and make return of all fines and penalties or punishments awarded, and any other matters that may be from time to time required, and further requested that the Police Magistrate acquaint the council in writing of his compliance or otherwise before 27th Dec. 1915.

Ald. Hayward said that the General Act provides that the Police Magistrate report at the end of each year. Now police matters are reported quarterly. Most towns have special Acts by which Magistrate is required to report often. We should have monthly reports. The P. M. was under no obligation to do so but it would convenience the council if he would. It was too long to wait for Scott Act reports till the end of the year. Some towns have monthly reports, some weekly. He felt sure that our P. M. would be willing to accede to such a request.

The motion was supported by Ald. Stuart, and carried.

Mr. E. A. McCurdy spoke re assessment of the Hospital property which was in his name but which he was merely holding in trust till the formation of a Hospital Board. He understood that all public hospitals were exempt from taxation. The property in question belonged to the said Charles Amos, belonging.

The same having been seized by me under execution issued out of the Northumberland County Court, at the suit of William A. Bamford against the said Charles Amos.

Dated at Newcastle, N. B., this 21st day of December, A. D., 1915.

JOHN O'BRIEN, High Sheriff, 52-10 Northumberland County

Mr. McCurdy congratulated the Council on their having decided to supply an all day electric service. The hospital would take electricity for its elevator, X ray machine, and cooking service. The all day service would be a great boon to the public.

Ald. Stuart gave notice that at the next regular meeting of Council he would move the following resolution:

That this Council hereby authorize such amendment to any Act or Acts relating to the Town of Newcastle as will enable the said town upon a majority vote of its qualified ratepayers voting—such vote to be taken at the time of the next Town Election

after the passing of such Bill aforesaid, and at any subsequent Town Election, when the same shall be demanded in writing by not less than 15 per cent. of the qualified ratepayers at least one month before the date of such election—to

J. Reduce the assessment on buildings and other improvements of Real Estate by 25 per cent. of the full value for 1916 and by an additional 25 per cent. for 1917 and an addi-

CREAGHAN'S LAST CALL TO CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Thousands of Useful Gifts are still left at this store, including practical goods that anybody would be charmed to receive. The last few days will be very busy ones and we strongly advise you to do your shopping now. Every gift is packed in a dainty Xmas Box ready for presentation and include:

- For Ladies: Sewing Sets, Knitting Baskets, Fancy Collars, New Belts, Leather Hand Bags, New Silk Waists, Silk Underskirts, Kid and Wool Gloves, Fancy Aprons, Toilet Articles, Beautiful Scarfs, Stylish New Fans, Wool and Silk Sweaters, Bonnet Caps, Fancy Silk Hosiery, New Winter Coats, Tailored Suits, New Dress Goods, Fancy Silks, Wool and Mercerized, Fancy Handkerchiefs, Silk Umbrellas
- For the Household: Beautiful Linens, Warm Wool Blankets, Linen Sheets, Silk Comfortables, Fine Honeycomb Bedspreads, Beautiful Room Rugs, Oilcloths and Carpets, Fancy Vases and Pots
- For Men: New Winter Hats, Overcoats and Ulsters, Eastern Caps, Fancy Neckties, Silk and Knitted Mittens, Linen and Silk Handkerchiefs, Leather Belts, Silk Hosiery, Sweater Coats, Suit Cases and Trunks, Fancy Brace Sets, Wool and Kid Gloves, Fancy Shirts, Wool and Fancy Vests, Men's Umbrellas, Mackinaw Coats
- For Children: Winter Coats, Boys and Girls Sweaters, Boys and Girls Scarfs, Gloves, Hosiery, Toques, Etc., Etc., Etc.



Additional 25 per cent. for 1918, and an additional 25 per cent. for 1919;

(2) Exempt from taxation all incomes up to \$400;

(3) Abolish income qualification for voting and allow all persons who pay poll tax to vote as well as those who pay any additional form of tax;

(4) Exempt personal property from taxation and substitute therefor, if desired, a Business License;

(5) Abolish the Property Qualification for office of Alderman;

(6) Abolish the Property Qualification for office of Mayor.

Adjourned.

Sheriffs Sale

County of Northumberland. There will be sold at Public Auction in front of the Post Office, Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland, on Thursday the 2nd day of March, 1916, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, all the right, title, interest, claim or demand of Charles Amos at law or in equity of, in, to or out of the lands and premises described as follows:

"All that parcel of land situate in the Parish of Ludlow in the County of Northumberland in the Province of New Brunswick fronting on the south easterly side of the South West Miramichi River and measuring twenty rods along the said River, bounded on the northeasterly side by lands in possession of James Amos, and on the south westerly side by lands in possession of Thomas Amos and extending to the rear of the original grant thereof being the same premises on which the said Charles Amos now resides."

Together with all the buildings and improvements and appurtenances to the said Charles Amos, belonging.

The same having been seized by me under execution issued out of the Northumberland County Court, at the suit of William A. Bamford against the said Charles Amos.

Dated at Nelson, N. B., this 21st day of December, A. D., 1915.

JOHN O'BRIEN, High Sheriff, 52-10 Northumberland County

Happy Hour Greetings

The Management of the Happy Hour extends its most cordial Christmas Greetings to its many friends and patrons, with full appreciation of their hearty support and generous co-operation. May the holiday be rich in the season's blessings.

OUR SPECIAL FEATURES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

THURSDAY: Daniel Frohman Presents David Higgins. In his original role in the Famous Racing Play "His Last Dollar" FIVE ACTS. The most thrilling drama of its type ever produced in America.

FRIDAY: THE WORLDS FILM CO. PRESENTS the great New York success. "The Dollar Mark" IN 5--ACTS--5. This is without doubt one of the finest picture ever brought into this province and a treat in store for all who avail themselves the opportunity of seeing it.

SATURDAY: The world's greatest eccentric comedian BILLIE RITCHIE in the coming success "ROOM AND BOARD DOLLAR AND HALF" "101" BISON SPECIAL "THE TEST OF A MAN" Thrills! Thrills! Thrills! Matinee Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, 5 and 10 cents.

---THE SPIRIT OF--- CHRISTMAS

Is now manifest, and in our endeavor to present a finer display of Fancy Groceries than ever before, we have been eminently successful. Our shelves are abundantly supplied with all those choice delicacies which are sought for at this season, viz.

Orange, Lemon and Citron Peels, Dates, Figs, Seeded and Cluster Raisins, Cleaned Currants, Nuts in all varieties, Extracts, Spices, Cream of Tartar, Baking Powder, Soda, Lime Juice, Grape Juice, Fruit Syrups, Jellies, Soups, Canned Fruits, Vegetables, Meats and Fish, Pickles, Olives, Sauces, Evaporated Apples, Apples, Peaches and Prunes, Oranges, Lemons, Grapes, Grape Fruit, Apples, Peaches Cranberries, Butter, Cheese, Bacon, Ham, Turkeys, Sausages, Haddies, Kippers, and many other lines which space will not permit to enumerate.

Moir's Bread Cakes and Chocolates

This line is unsurpassed. CAKES, in Fruit Pound, Plain Pound, Sultan, Citron and Currant BREAD, in Mothers Bread and Yankee Brown Bread, CHOCOLATES, in Fancy Xmas Boxes, pound and half pound boxes, five and ten cent cartons and in bulk. CANDY, in Trade, Giant Jelly, Daisy and Holiday Mixtures, Kisses, Barley Toys, Turkish Delight, etc. etc.

WM. FERGUSON, Fish B'ldg

PHONE 144 24.

BOIESTOWN NEWS

Dec. 20—Our school closed on Friday afternoon for the Christmas vacation. During the last session of school the pupils presented their teacher with a very valuable present. The Catholic Sewing Circle met at the home of Mrs. Weston Hickey on

Thursday evening. Among those present were Mrs. R. H. Rice, Mrs. Robert Rice, Mrs. Will Ramsay, Mrs. John Clowater, Mrs. Joe Sansom, Miss Ethel Sanson, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Duffy, Mrs. Ryan, Miss Lena Murphy, Miss Jean Norrad and Mrs. James Whalen. Miss Mary McCloskey Miss Vida McCloskey, Miss Blanche Campbell and Miss Winifred MacConnell.