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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 1904

A MERRY XMAS.

We wish all our readers and all
our advertisers, and all those who
are going to be readers and adver-
tisers A Merry Christmas.

There are several things we
thought of writing up this week.
We want to keep the matter of a
drainage system for the town right
in front of the people, we want to
urge the provision of proper pub-
lic buildings, and several other
matters of equal importance, but
we realize that it is Christmas time
and no one will find fault if we
push all these mundane matters
aside and devote our editorial page
to a talk about Christmas. "All
work and no play makes Jack a
dull boy." The present is a season
when good will should prevail;
a season when no discordant notes
should be struck and we, therefore,
push aside the ordinary topics and
just give ourselves up to a con-
templation of Christmas and all
its jollities.

A Merry Christmas and a pros-
perous New Year! How pleasant
is the old phrase to the ear! Let
us pass it on to our neighbour.
Let the world see that we have
still left in us that modicum of
kindly feeling which contributes
so much to a better spirit in all
the relationships of life. Let us
all be optimists. There is need of
optimism in Medicine Hat, there
is need of optimism in Canada,
to-day. Let us not talk of any-
thing which might not have turned
out quite so well as we expected.
Let us look only on the bright side
of life and be thankful for all the
blessings which we enjoy. It is a
terrible mistake to be looking on
the black side of things. Let us
look at the "silver lining" which
the darkest cloud has ever around

it, let us look beyond its dreary
darkness and believe that the sun
is still shining as it has ever done
since the creation, right under the
blackest cloud, and let us believe
that the cloud will pass and the
glorious sunshine be revealed to us
again in all its fullness. Christ-
mas is a time for gladness and re-
joicing and no quarter of the earth
has so much reason for giving of
its best in thankfulness and praise
as this Canada of ours.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The good old Saxon word

"merry" has by the custom of

years, become indissolubly associ-
ated with the Christmas spirit.

In their origin the celebrations
which began on December 25th
were due to rejoicing that the time
of the shortening days was passed
and the sun had again begun its
northward course. We can per-
haps hardly imagine with what
anxiety primitive men in Northern
latitudes regarded the decreasing
power of the light and the growing
power of darkness and cold. To
their minds, unfamiliar with the
abstractions called laws, these
changes in the relative duration
and power of the day time were
conceived as struggles between two
beings for mastery. Upon the
success of the power of light and
heat depended another harvest and
the whole future of the race. It
was no wonder then that the logs
of the forest were fired to increase
the volume of light and heat and
help in the tissue of the struggle.

When after the weeks of gradually
shortening daylight the process,
about the 21st, of the month was
arrested and the sun stood still
the critical period was reached.

Then with the 25th the sun began to
move northward and the days gradu-
ally to lengthen, and all the fear
and anxiety of the past was turned
at once into unbounded rejoicing.

Light had won; the promise of a
new spring time and a new harvest
was already present. From the
earliest times men and women
gave gifts to each other on this oc-
casion, but always was most at-
tention given to the children.

There was an appropriateness in
singling out for special regard the
children who represented the new
life of the race, at the time when
they celebrated the new life of the
year. The incorporation in later
years of the celebration of the
birth of Christ into the ancient
pagan festival, and the transforma-
tion of that festival from a purely
natural into a largely religious
event, yet left with the day, in a
still deeper and wider sense, its
sacredness to children. The nat-
ural light as the material source of
life on this planet, the new life of
the race in the children and the
new moral and spiritual light and
life that came into the world with
Christ, all these ideas unite to
make Christmas the time of unique
rejoicing.

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of the weekly "Farmer's Advocate and
Home Magazine," Winnipeg. Like
the West itself, it grows better, and it grows
better fast. The progressive and the
practical of so able an ally in his
work and enterprise. To have produced
so magnificent a number as a regular
weekly issue, is a splendid tribute to the
capabilities of the editors and business
manager. Lovers of the horse and
children will be sure to like the fasci-
nating and readable articles discussing the
great problems of practical interest to
Western farmers and homemakers, as
well as those of a more entertaining
character, are both able and graphic,
and the illustrations are superb. To
properly appreciate the number it must
be seen and read, and like the regular
issues, must go a long way to making
the farmer's home happy and his busi-
ness prosperous.

HOCKEY.

A meeting was held on Friday evening
December 16th, at the residence of Mr.
D. Smith, for the purpose of organizing
a hockey association and to form a
league of Medicine Hat.

The following are the teams and rep-
resentatives present:

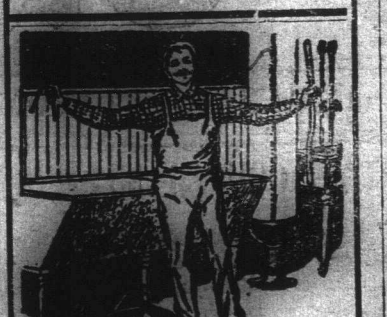
Assiniboia.....La O'Reilly,
Cosmopolitan.....E. Charbonneau & D. D. Banks,
Bankers.....E. Porter & G. G. Porter,
Fire Brigade.....A. Kearns & T. Adit,
C.P.R.....R. Armstrong,
O.P.R.....R. Armstrong,
The following officers were elected:

Hon. Pres.....W. T. Finlay, M. L. A.
Pres.....E. Porter
Vice Pres.....D. O'Reilly
E. Porter
T. Adit
A. Kearns
E. Charbonneau
R. Armstrong

Committee

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Assiniboia, Cosmopolitan, Bankers,
Fire Brigade and C.P.R.
There will be two games each week
and the following schedule was drawn
out. Games to be played between the
dates given:

January 2nd and 4th.....Cosmopolitan v. C.P.R.

" 5th " 7th.....Fire Brigade v. Bankers

" 9th " 11th.....Assiniboia v. C.P.R.

" 12th " 14th.....Cosmopolitan v. Bankers

" 16th " 18th.....Fire Brigade v. Assiniboia

" 19th " 21st.....Bankers v. C.P.R.

" 23rd " 25th.....Fire Brigade v. Cosmopolitan

" 26th " 28th.....Bankers v. Assiniboia

" 30th " 1st Feb.....C.P.R. v. Fire Brigade

Feb. 2nd " 4th.....Assiniboia v. Cosmopolitan

The committee will wait on the rink man-
agement at a meeting in the Assiniboia
Hotel on Thursday eve, Dec. 22nd, to
get definite dates.

A hearty vote of thanks was rendered
to Mrs. Smith, and the meeting adjourned.

The boys are taking a great interest
in hockey and it will be a fight to a
finish, as each team is practicing hard and
sound to win.

At a meeting on Thursday evening,
December 16th, the Assiniboia Hockey
Club elected the following officers:

Hon. Pres.....A. J. D. Day,
Pres.....J. P. Laird
Vice Pres.....A. Wilson
Sec. Treas.....R. H. H. H. H.

Committee.....H. W. Campbell,
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Captain.....Glen Turnbull

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Secretary-Treasurer.....T. C. Blatchford

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