

CHRISTMAS IN SYDNEY.

How the Holidays were Spent in Australia.

From our own Correspondent.

The keeping of Christmas, though primarily the celebration of a great event, means in practice very much besides. It is only when we enter upon these other considerations that the vast differences between a Canadian and an Australian Christmas force themselves into view.

While Australia points not with pride to the dilapidated castles, time-honored cathedrals and mouldering monasteries, she can boast a brilliant sunshine, gorgeous flowering shrubs and plants, vast wooded ranges, and verdant green forests, though the ground may at times be scorched and sunburnt.

AGREABLY DISAPPOINTED. The present summer season in Sydney, and in the greater part of New South Wales, is looked upon as one of the most moderate for a number of years.

LANGUID, SLEEPY, INDOLENCE that cannot be easily shaken off. The thermometer at different times this season has registered as high as 116° in the shade, and we have just read the report from an inland town where the minimum for the last week has been 104° in the shade.

FICTIONS, PLEASURE PARTIES, rowing and yachting regattas, cricket, horse-racing and like pastimes take the place of skating, curling, sleighing and the many other healthful and invigorating pleasures of the Canadian holiday season.

A SAIL AROUND THE HARBOR is a favorite relief sought by the citizens from the worry and turmoil of business, and which, if the excursionists were disposed to coast around every indentation in Port Jackson, would necessitate a trip of over one hundred miles.

IN THE GARDENS we realize what it is to be grouped together the flora of a tropical and semi-tropical land. Groups of plants are considered the prince of grasses, and interesting because of the many uses they serve in the east; the sacred figs of India always looked upon as an emblem of the deity by the Hindus, because, they say, Vishnu was born under one; majestic Norfolk Island pines, very symmetrical in form, a hot house plant in northern America and Europe, but here flourish

ing in all its stateliness, and styled the "curled darling" of the Australian landscape, for in its youth not a branch or leaflet appears out of place; the Eucalyptus in all its varieties; gums from the sands of Arabia growing side by side with those of the gullies and ravines of Ceylon; the wild date palm from the Cape side by side with the fan-like foliage and hairy stem of those from China; in endless variety and gigantic proportions; aquatic plants fringing the creeks and filling the ponds; and hundreds of rare flowers, plants and trees exotic to America and requiring a warm climate, are here seen flourishing in perfection.

THREE SEASONS IN ONE, almost impervious to the hottest beams of an Australian sunning, we see on the lawn hopping about, a number of Kangaroos, Wallabys, and other members of that family. We cannot enumerate the various birds and quadrupeds peculiar to Australia seen here, but they are an interesting collection. The Kangaroo probably differs more than any of the others. These animals have the general appearance of a giant rat, sometimes measuring eight or nine feet from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail.

THE ABOMINABLE POUCH for the protection of her young. At the least alarm the young kangaroo jumps into the pouch, and the mother tries to get out of harm's way, the tail acting as a spring, at every leap enabling her to clear from ten to fourteen feet, the young ones meantime peeping out of their retreat to take in the situation. But should the chase get too hot for the mother, we were told by an old kangaroo hunter, she plucks one of her young from its sanctuary and throws it to one side, whether done with the instinct of saving it or giving herself more freedom and opportunity to escape, a question for naturalists. Another peculiar little animal is

THE AUSTRALIAN BEAR, a small grey animal, not any larger than a fat pup. He lives principally on the leaves of the eucalyptus tree; sleeps all day and prowls around at night, and is very harmless. We were informed by a companion that if we held this bear up by the tail that his eyes would drop out. We put our friend to the test, and to our infinite joy, and were about to "move on," when, on closer inspection of his bearship we understood the mystery. He had as much caudal appendage as the great naturalist, Darwin, ascribes, to the higher order of animal life. We wonder if Darwin would account for the

LACK OF A PREENHENSILE TAIL in the little bear, in the same way as he accounts for his want in the human family. Next come the bird-cages, laughing-jackasses, more-porks, magpies, cockatoos, parrots, native companions, lyre-birds, wild turkeys, and emus are among the varieties indigenous to Australia. The emu is the largest biped found on the continent, and with the wild turkey is now almost confined to the inland plains. Snakes are far too plentiful outside the gardens to necessitate their being kept on exhibition. There are five different families in New South Wales.

BEING CONSIDERED BY FAR THE MOST DANGEROUS, their bite frequently proving fatal inside a half an hour. As we stroll along, we soon find at our feet a little land-locked nod of the sea where we can prostrate ourselves on the grass and for a time give up the tiresome task of interesting ourselves with three or four long latin words giving the names of the shrubs and plants, and the locality whence they have been brought. It may be said that of all drawbacks to public parks, the distance from the mass of the population is the greatest. But the gardens of Sydney are within easy reach of every street of Sydney and the populous town of Woolloomooloo. But many of the citizens spend their holidays out of the city; a favorite resort being found in the summer hotels among

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS, a distance of about eighty miles west of Sydney. To reach these mountain fastnesses, a barrier almost like a Chinese wall presented itself to the pioneers of the country when constructing their first railway. But by means of a "zig-zag" going from side to side in short distances on the face of the mountain, the ascent was rendered comparatively easy. Here most of the land is still "the forest primeval," and some fine mountain scenery presents itself. Among the principal attractions are the "Weatherboard" district, spoken very highly of by Darwin in his "Naturalist's Voyage," Mount Victoria district, "Govett's Leap" and "The Fish River Caves." The Hawkesbury river also affords some of the grandest specimens of Australian scenery, to be met with in New South Wales. Such are some of the attractions in and around Sydney which help so well to put in the holiday season and relieve the monotony of the busy city life among the steady-going, matter-of-fact New South Welshmen.

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THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL PARTY.

From the Ottawa Free Press.

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Under the policy of centralization pursued by Sir John Macdonald discontent has been engendered, uneasiness has become chronic, the future has become dark. A wild spirit of revenge has taken possession of those whose conservative instincts should otherwise have made them the saving class in the State.

Does not the fact that Sir Charles Tupper declines to vote on the Pacific Railway Loan Bill prove him a partner in the company? How many more are there like him sitting in parliament? With an outrage like this staring the public in the face is it any wonder that the cry of "Halt!" should be heard, or that the representatives of the provinces should put their heads together to devise means whereby an end may be put to so monstrous a state of affairs?

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KITTY C.

Of the cost of such time and trouble to do nothing. He only then have one, and put a dime pocket for the evening half an hour. I tell Kitty of the honor flushed a little as she the old black silk would again, as a new one, as his mind, was far beyond. "When is it?" she asked again a little twing enced when Mrs. Steele day as the most cup setting 'all the family them, together.

"Sunday, at six o'clock adding, when she saw look on John's face: dark now at six, and th at sundown; besides, t have some sacred musi to be prepared, please." John would rather the on some other day, but the Guilan and Steeles d and he had not a th would object. But she decidedly.

"God never meant th be remembered by giv things," she said. "That w holy, and she coul Steele's, much as she in this decision she when John met Mr. St the office, he told him Steele that he regretted but he must decline her to dinner.

"The fact is," he said brought up in New E things they were more at things than the people o she thinks so." John hesitated as if he Kitty's reason would a like a reproach, but Mr. S him and said, "She do Sunday dinner parties; mean. Well, well, I' when I did not, but that me ages and ages ago. in New York first we l things which once we l done for the world, and one of them. I'll will be terribly disapp wanted you badly, but I is right. I'm sure she i Sabbath—I've most fo goes, though I used to a any of them, when I was and folding his hands b Steele walked up and thinking of the summer he sat in the old-fashion little church at the foot and saw the sunshine cross behind the chancel his cheek the air sw grace of the hay cut meadow by the woods, a chism to the white-hai home was now in heaven.

"That time seemed lon was long ago, before millionaire and husbe ing, self-willed Lettie, leaning to believe just practised a far different titles of noise, and i she brought, but she weightier matters, and flashed angrily for a m heard Kitty's reason Sunday dinner.

"As if she were so anybody else," she said going on to say mo out her short with, "I s not feel like going s altar to a dinner party. nion next Sunday in yo Yes, it was, but Lot that, and her face flush thus reminded her of not seem to be wholly she stayed home next a strange feeling of dis more of Kitty Craig, a look with that expres face when she turns alter than she did of which was being prep by those of her guest for the fourth cou ed to her a failure. I everything was wrong the grave to the flowe er's hair, and the fit o and when all was ove gone, and she was thoughts and the Bibl and, which by some at the words, "Remo day to keep it holy." "I don't believe I'll another dinner party

She went to see Ki chided her for her her a little Methodist asked how she came and ended with: "E right after all, only l ple do differently an in time."