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Greens and Garlands

During the Christmas season, the houses, churches, and thoroughfares were decorated with greens. Holly, ivy, laurel, bay, cypress, in fact whatever greens the locality afforded, were used.

Holly, ivy, nay, it shall not be ivy (certainly). Holly have the mastery as the manner is.

Holly stands in the hall fair to behold; Ivy stands without the door, she is full sore a-cold.

Holly and his merry men they dance and they sing; Ivy and her maidens, they weep and they wring.

Ivy hath a kibe; she caught it with the cold; So mighty they all have that which Ivy hold.

Holly hath berries as red as any rose; The forester, the hunter, keep them from the does.

Ivy hath berries as black as any sloes; There come the owl and eat them as she goes.

Holly hath birdies, a full, fair flock; The nightingale, the poppingay, the gentle lavercock.

Good Ivy! what birdies hast thou? None but the owl that cries How!

The custom of erecting Christmas trees has been introduced into this country by the Germans, who brought it from the fatherland. In Old England something similar may be recognized in the wessel-bob or wassail-bob. This consisted of evergreen branches tied to a pole and borne aloft by the merry makers. It was trimmed with oranges and apples and decorated with tinsel, and the sound of a horn and song was borne about. Both the yule-log fire and Christmas tree are probably the counterpart of the Midsummer fire and Midsummer tree, which latter, although still in use in Scandinavia, was early changed to the May-pole in England. Thus the open air festivities of summer were reflected by the indoor rejoicings of winter. Although both are of pre-Christian origin, they were nevertheless treasured by Christianity as precious and not meaningless heirlooms.

Twelve Days. Alfred the Great had declared the Twelve Days of Christmas-tide legal holidays. All toil and labor ceased. The king and yeoman, rich and poor, merrily and lay, all rejoiced and made merry. Yule was the cry from one end of the land to the other. Whether in hall or hut, the children abounded with a glee and happiness calculated to make the name of Christmas never after a word of supreme enchantment. In the baronial hall songs of Yule resounded to the tune of the minstrel's harp. The Lord of the manor and his merry men jested and performed their prescribed roles and made no end of merriment. It is related of Blessed Thomas More, when yet young, he was received into the house of Cardinal Morton, and would sometimes without warning step in among the players at Christmas-tide, and make a part of this own, never studying the matter, to the great delight of the lookers-on and players besides. "In whose wit and towardness the Cardinal much delighting, would often say of him to the nobles that divers times sitting at the table, whosoever shall give to see it, will prove a marvelous man." The hospitality of the season was well nigh unbounded. It was equalled only by the generosity with which the rich celebrated the holidays. Christmas pies, plum-cakes, mince pies, yule-doughs, were much in evidence. A writer of the times remarks: "Every family capable of Christmas makes a famous pie which they call Christmas-pie. It is a great nostrum, the composition of this pastry; it is a most learned mixture of neat's (ox) tongues, chickens, eggs, sugar, raisins, lemon and orange peel and various kinds of

spicery." The Christmas pie was oftentimes several feet in diameter and contained a veritable hill of fare. There is mention made of one which measured nine feet from rim to rim. The spices of the mince pies were held to be typical of the offerings made by the Wise Men of the East. The Yule-doughs or Baby-cake were shaped in the image of the Virgin and Child. The "chief service," however, of a Christmas dinner was the hoar's head. On a large platter, it was borne into the hall, preceded by trumpeter and herald.

The wassail-bowl supplied the guests with drink. The old English were wont to say: Waes hael, that is "be whole" (health). A carmen potatorium (drinking song) begins thus: A bone, God wot! Sticks in my throat, Without I have a draught Of corny ale, Nappy and stale, My life lies in great waste. Some ale or beer,

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Are respectfully requested for the Election of JOHN F. LOUDON AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL FOR 1904 Election January 1st. Polls Close at 5 P.M.

WARD NO. 3

Your Vote and Influence

Are Respectfully Asked for G. R. GEARY As Alderman For 1904

City of Toronto Municipal Elections

Your Vote and Influence are Respectfully Solicited for the Re-Election of

F. H. RICHARDSON as Controller for 1904. Election Day, Jan. 1st, 1904.

Gentle butler, Some liquor thou show, Such as you masth Our throats to wash The best were that you brew.

The joyousness of the season was widespread. No house, however humble, but shared in the universal gladness. The very poor found abundance at the door of the wealthy. Hence the old proverb: "It is well to cry Yule on another man's stool." Even the birds of the air, cold and hungry as they were, did not go uncared for during the holy season. Sheaves of unthreshed wheat were fastened to the gable lofts of barns and houses. Then the little minstrels gathered and celebrated Christmas in their own way, chirping and fluttering about and picking out the grain—the Dolphin.

Conversion in Japan It is gratifying to learn that the untiring efforts of Christian missionaries in Japan are now being crowned with a full measure of success. Not alone are the tenets of Christianity becoming accepted by an ever-increasing number of the Japanese, but the converts include many persons of high distinction. It is stated that quite a large number of the native members of Parliament, occupants of the Bench, and prominent journalists, are Christians, while in the army and navy the Christian element is an increasing one. The Labor question is one which awaits settlement in Japan, and we agree with the "Tablet" that much should be expected of the Christian party in the way of obtaining improved relations between capital and labor, and better and juster conditions for the workers.—Monitor.

A person who does not benefit the world by his life, usually benefits it by interior life; he dwells habitually in the presence of God, of nature and of his own soul; he swims in a current of ideas; looks out upon a world of truth and beauty; he would rather gain some new vision of the eternal reality than to have a mountain of gold on the suffrage of a whole people.

IN THE MATTER of the estate of Michael Murray, late of the City of Toronto, in the County of York, engine-driver, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1897, Chapter 129, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said Michael Murray, who died on or about the 29th day of October, 1903, are required on or before the 2nd day of January, 1904, to send by post, prepaid, or deliver to Messrs. Hearn & Slattery, 47 Canada Life Building, Toronto, Ontario, solicitors for Catherine Moonen, the executrix of the last will and testament of the said deceased, their names and addresses, descriptions and full particulars of their claims and accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date, the said executrix shall proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only for the claims of which she shall then have notice and that the said executrix shall not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by her at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Toronto this 27th day of June, 1903. HEARN & SLATTERY, Solicitors for Executrix.

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THE MARKET REPORTS.

Wheat is Lower—Live Stock Trade Dull—The Latest Quotations. Tuesday evening, Dec. 22. Toronto St. Lawrence Market.

St. Lawrence Market is taking on a decidedly Christmas appearance. The butcher stalls are hung with gaily-decked carcasses of fine show beef, and altogether the display is one not equaled in any other part of the city. The trade this morning was fairly brisk. On the street the grain receipts amounted to 2,000 bushels. Wheat—Two hundred bushels of white and 100 of red sold steady to firm at 70c per bushel, 100 spring sold higher at 72c, and two of goose sold at 70c to 72c. Barley—Eight hundred bushels of barley sold at 40c to 42c per bushel. Oats—Six hundred bushels sold about steady at 30c to 31c per bushel. Dressed Hogs—The market is quoted unchanged at 27.5c per cwt. for choice lightweights and 26.5c for heavies. Butcher—Receipts were light. Quotations are unchanged at 14c to 15c per lb. Eggs—The good ones are still scarce, and quotations are steady at 35c to 40c per dozen. Poultry—The offerings continue light, while the demand is fairly good. Few good turkeys are offered, and they are quoted higher at 18c to 20c per lb. Other kinds are unchanged. Hay—About 20 loads were on the market. No. 1 timothy sold firm at \$10 to \$10.50 per ton, and mixed or clover was easier at \$9 to \$9.50. Straw—Four loads sold easier at \$9 to \$10 per ton.

Toronto Live Stock. Trade at the Western Cattle Market today was light. The run of stock offering was not large, and the demand for cattle is quiet. The inquiry for fancy butcher cattle is now over. Hog prices are quoted 25c per cwt. higher. The run of stock amounted to 70 cars, and included 717 cattle, 699 sheep and lambs, 1,000 hogs and 16 calves.

Export Cattle—There were practically none on the market, and quotations are unchanged at \$4.50 to \$4.75 for extra choice, \$4.25 to \$4.50 for choice, \$3.75 to \$4.00 for others and \$3.25 to \$3.50 for culls. Butcher Cattle—The trade for fancy Christmas beef is over, and the demand now is almost entirely for fair to medium cattle, with which the butchers can fill up. For this kind the market was fairly good, and prices were steady. There were no fancy quality stock offerings. Butchers have now all the show cattle they desire, and will not pay more than the dressed meat value for even the best cattle. Picked lots are quoted easier on this account at \$1.25 to \$1.50 per cwt., good at \$3.75 to \$4.00, fair to good at \$3.25 to \$3.75, rough to common at \$1.50 to \$2, and culls at \$1.25 to \$1.50. Stockers and Feeders—Trade is quiet, although there is still a slight demand for cattle of these classes. Stockers are quoted unchanged at \$1.75 to \$1.85 per cwt., and feeders at \$2 to \$4. Milch Cows—There were few in to-day, and trade was slow. The quality of the stock was poor. Quotations are about steady at \$25 to \$30 each. Calves—The run was light, all were sold and quotations are unchanged at 45c to 55c per lb. and \$2 to \$10 each. Sheep and Lambs—Trade was steady and all were sold. Prices are quoted unchanged at \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt. for exporters, \$2 to \$3.50 for culls, and \$1.25 to \$1.50 for lambs. Hogs—Quotations are advanced 25c per cwt. all round. Selects are quoted at \$5.25 per cwt. and lights and fats at \$5.

Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, Dec. 22.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000; steady; good to prime steers, \$4.50 to \$5.75; poor to medium, \$2.25 to \$4.80; stockers and feeders, \$1.75 to \$4; cows and heifers, \$1.00 to \$4.75; canners, \$1.50 to \$2.50; bulls, \$2 to \$4; calves and heifers, \$1.50 to \$4.75; canners, \$1.50 to \$2.40; bulls, \$2 to \$4; calves, \$2 to \$5.30. Hogs—Receipts, 25,000; mixed, \$5.00; light hogs slow; others 5c to 10c higher; rough heavy, \$4.30 to \$4.50; light, \$4.15 to \$5.40; bulk of sales, \$2.75 to \$5.25. Sheep—Receipts, 14,000; steady to strong; lambs steady; good to choice wethers, \$3.50 to \$4; fair to choice mixed, \$2.75 to \$3.50; native lambs, \$4 to \$5.75.

Leading Wheat Markets. Closing previous day. To-day. Dec. May. Dec. May. Chicago 80 82 82 82 New York 82 82 82 82 Toledo 80 80 80 80 St. Louis 91 91 91 91 Detroit 81 81 81 81 Milwaukee 81 81 81 81 Minneapolis 80 80 80 80 Duluth 82 80 79 81 1/2

British Markets. Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Opening—Wheat, spot No. 2 red winter, 6s 1/2d to 6s 3/4d; No. 1 northern Manitoba, 6s 1/2d to 6s 3/4d; futures quiet, December nominal, March 6s 3/4d value, May 6s 3/4d nominal. Corn—Spot quiet; mixed American, old per cental, 4s 1/2d to 4s 3/4d; futures dull, January 4s 1/2d nominal, March 4s 1/2d nominal, May 4s 1/2d nominal. Corn—Spot quiet; mixed American, per cental, old, 4s 1/2d to 4s 3/4d; futures quiet, January 4s 1/2d value, March 4s 1/2d value, May 4s 1/2d value. Flour—Minneapolis, 2s 5d to 2s 6d. London, Dec. 22.—Opening—Wheat on passage nominally unchanged; wheat, cargoes, Australian terms, January and February, 2s 5d; wheat, cargo, Victoria, January, 2s 6d; February and March, 2s 6d; wheat, cargo New South Wales, January, 2s 6d; wheat, cargo on passage firm, but not active. Weather in England, milder; forecast showery. English country wheat markets of yesterday, quiet but steady. Corn—Spot quotations, American mixed, 30s 7d. Flour—Spot quotations, Minneapolis patent, 2s 3d. Wheat on passage, quiet but steady. Corn on passage firm, but not active; cargoes Odesa, f.o.t., steam loading, 19s 8d; parcel, mixed American, December and January, 19s 2d.

Answered Dec. 22.—Close—Wheat, spot steady; No. 2 red winter, 11 1/2c. Corn—Spot American mixed, 7 1/2c. Flour—Spot Minneapolis patent, 2 3/4c. Paris, Dec. 22.—Opening—Wheat, tone steady; December, 21c; March and June, 21 1/2c. Flour—Tone quiet; December, 2 3/4c; March and June, 2 3/4c. French country markets quiet. Paris—Close—Wheat, tone quiet; December, 21 1/2c; March and June, 21 1/2c. Flour—Tone quiet; December, 2 3/4c; March and June, 2 3/4c. Weather in France, north and south, cloudy; forecast, north and south, foggy.

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RE-ELECT

Ald. Stephen W. Burns

POLLING DAY

JAN. 1st, 1904

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Re-election of

Ald. RAMSDEN

POLLING DAY JAN'Y 1st

YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE

Respectfully solicited

For the Election of

JOSEPH OLIVER

AS CONTROLLER.

ELECTION JAN. 1ST, 1904

THE CANADIAN NORTHWEST

HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

Any even numbered section of Dominion lands in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories, excepting 8 and 26, which has not been homesteaded or reserved to provide wood lots for settlers, or for other purposes, may be homesteaded upon by any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, to the extent of one-quarter section of 160 acres, more or less.

ENTRY

Entry may be made personally at the local land office for the district in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the local agent for the district in which the land is situated, receive authority for some one to make entry for him. A fee of \$10 is charged for a homestead entry.

HOMESTEAD DUTIES

Under the present law homestead duties must be performed in one of the following ways, namely:

- (1) By at least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years, or— (2) If the father (or the mother, if the father is deceased) of any person who is eligible to make a homestead entry resides upon a farm in the vicinity of the land entered for by such person as a homestead, the requirements of the law as to residence prior to obtaining patent may be satisfied by such person residing with the father or mother, or— (3) If the settler has his permanent residence upon farming land owned by himself in the vicinity of his homestead the requirements of the law as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT

Should be made at the end of the three years before the Local Agent, Sub-Agent or the Homestead Inspector. Before making application for patent the settler must give six months' notice in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands at Ottawa of his intention to do so.

INFORMATION

Newly arrived immigrants will receive at the Immigration Office in Winnipeg, or at the Dominion Lands Office in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories, information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them. Full information respecting the land, timber, coal and mineral laws, as well as respecting Dominion lands in the railway belt in British Columbia, may be obtained upon application to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa; the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, Manitoba, or to any of the Dominion Lands Agents in Manitoba or the Northwest Territories.

JAMES A. SMART, Deputy-Minister of the Interior.

N.B.—In addition to Free Grant Lands, to which the Regulations above stated refer, thousands of acres of most desirable lands are available for lease or purchase from Railroad and other Corporations and private firms in Western Canada.

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