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**CHRISTMAS DAY.**

Christmas, 1915, finds Canada, in common with the rest of the Empire, still participating in the greatest war of all history. It seems an anomaly that an event which celebrates the advent of One whose message was peace and good-will between and towards all men, should occur when millions of the world's people are face to face in deadly and terrible conflict; and yet, on the one side, at any rate, the struggle is for those very principles which are at the very foundation of Christianity—the God-given right of individual and national liberty and the overthrow of oppression, by whomsoever attempted. If there ever was a righteous conflict, it is that in which the Allies are now so strenuously engaged. If there ever was an enterprise born of the Devil, it is that upon which the Huns embarked, to the ravishment of Belgium, Serbia and Northern France, and to the crushing of the entire civilized world, if they had not been checked by the strong arm of God-fearing peoples. "Thrice is he armed that hath his quarrel just," wrote Shakespeare, and the cause of John Bull and his associates in this business have justice on their side if any combination of nations ever had.

Speaking generally, this Christmas finds Canada in much better condition than at the same period last year—morally, spiritually and commercially.

Morally, in that we can hold our heads high as a nation within an Empire, by whom the call of duty and self-sacrifice has been most nobly met.

Spiritually, in the sense that more than ever men's thoughts have been turned to the solace and comfort of Christian truths. There is with this a feeling of common fellowship, which has served to obliterate much of division and mistaken caste. The common brotherhood of man has never been more nearly felt.

Commercially, because the spectre of want has been almost altogether laid and the pulse of business (aided materially by bountiful crops, under Almighty beneficence) is beating more steadily than for a very long time.

There will be many saddened homes in the Dominion tomorrow when broken families think of dear ones lying so silently away yonder in the last long sleep, but to them there will come the blessed and the soothing consolation that they gave their lives for country and for Empire and all that true men hold most dear.

It is only by a geographical incident that this fair land is not to-day a shambles like other unfortunate countries which have stood in the way of Germany's giant machine, and as we think of this our hearts should be lifted in thankfulness and our resolve become more determined to help to the uttermost cent and with the uttermost service those who are so heroically fighting for us at the front.

To its many friends and readers the Courier most fervently wishes the heartiest compliments of the season.

**The Situation.**

There is still the talk of a German attack upon Egypt, but nothing of a definite nature. That they would make such an attempt if they deemed the course feasible does not admit of any doubt, for they would like nothing better than to jeopardize the safety of that British artery, the Suez Canal, not to mention the effect upon India of any success in this regard. There is more than one indication that the British authorities are fully alive to the possible danger and are preparing for it.

The indications with regard to Saloniki are that there will soon be severe fighting there. In all likelihood the Kaiserites, during these last few days, have been actively getting ready for such a step. Meanwhile an Austro-German invasion of Greece would seem to be quite among the possibilities.

There is talk of trouble between Lord Kitchener and Lloyd-George. Both are men accustomed to have their own way, and the recent speech of the Munitions Minister, in which he reiterated the phrase "Too late" with regard to war measures, was certainly not very complimentary to K. of K. If a ruction does come, it will be a case of the survival of the fittest among the men in control of war matters as well as on the field.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS**

They call it Xmas because of the ten spots it costs.

Some of the married men have been busy at night darning theirs in order to hang 'em up.

The Kaiser has Turkey this Christmas, but it is to be hoped that he will form part of the minced pie next.

Warden Cooke has made good in that job, and he deserved all the complimentary things said of him at the banquet.

It is said that Henry Ford, owing to ill-health, has left his peace party. Something gone wrong with his carburetor?

Speaking of Kitchener, don't forget that at a few hours' notice he had to undertake a task against a foe preparing for forty years.

It is announced that ladies' skirts next season are to be even shorter. Better use them as a band around the neck and let it go at that.

Don't make the "compliments" of the season the "complaints" of the season next day by over-estimating the capacity of your "underneath."

A man once said, "Christmas is the time when you go into debt for a lot of things you can't afford in order to exchange them for a lot of things you don't want." But, then, he was a darned old pessimist.

They have passed an ordinance in a town in the States to stop kissing, in order to prevent the spread of an infectious complaint. When a young man there asks a girl for a kiss she'll probably reply, "You know I can't bacilli."

**Orillia Brewery Turned Into Stores, Says Editor**

Mr. C. H. Hale, editor of The Packet gives some remarkable evidences of the changes brought about by Local Option. Within the compass of one block, the former liquor store was now occupied by the G. N. W. Telegraph. The American Hotel has been transformed into a mammoth hardware store. The Simcoe House became a stationery store. The Simcoe House sheds had given way for a fine block of new stores. And lastly, the brewery, which had been dying a lingering death and which finally passed away about a year ago, was being fitted up for an up-to-date grocery.

**Young Men Wanted to Travel**

The Brant Battalion leave shortly for Berlin, Germany, and will reserve, for a limited period, room for a few hundred good, live men. Get your application in Sunday night at 8.30 at the Brant Theatre.

**Employees Never Drunk Now**

Mr. D. F. Robertson of Campbellford, a manufacturer, who employs a good many men, says: "I cannot remember, a single instance of when there has been intoxication among our employees. There is no question about Local Option having reduced the evils of intemperance in Campbellford. Hotel accommodation is very much better than it was before."

Miss Alice Satterfield was shot accidentally by a young man at a social gathering near Federalsburg, Md.

**CASTORIA**

For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Littlejohn*

**FINE SONG**

Officers of the 125th Brant King or Kaiser, which is better, For Canadians brave and free, Would we change our cherished birth-right And our vaunted liberty, To be governed by a despot, Slaves, forever slaves to be, Bound by system, creed and culture Made for us in Germany.

Love of Country, peace and honor, Pride of all we value true, Won by blood of British heroes Shed in ages past for you, Would we lose these rights, my boys, To the possible danger and are preparing for it.

Would we have our children say, All unheeding, our great Empire Fell before the Vandal's sway, Come, Canadians, neath the glory Of the flag that needs you so, Side by side and altogether March to meet our common foe. Show the grit that glows within you Prove to all, who're they be, What it means to rouse the Lion And her cubs across the sea. Refrain.

Hark the Empire's call to arms, Calling to you and me, Pleading to all, the great and the small, To help win the victory, Keep it a-going, make such a showing, So that all may see, That Britishers ever, will stand fast together, And die for true liberty.

—W. H. W. Note—The above is being set to music by Mr. Clifford Higgin.

**Turkish Official**

By Special Wire to the Courier. Turkish official by special wire to the Courier. Constantinople, Dec. 24.—Via London—The Turkish office last night gave the following statement concerning the progress of hostilities: "The situation on the Irak front (in Mesopotamia) is unchanged. "On the Caucasian front, Russian detachments which attempted to approach us in the Milo sector, were repulsed. "On the Dardanelles front, five torpedo boats and one cruiser were compelled to retire, the cruiser having been hit. At Seddul Bahr there was a violent artillery action on the right wing. A hostile air craft was shot down at Birsheba."

**Interesting Experiences in German Prison Camp**

Pte. Gibbons, first returned Canadian from Gussen prison camp, Germany, will tell an interesting story on Sunday night at 8.30 in the Brant Theatre. Admission free.

**Terrace Hill**

**XMAS TREE AT ST. JAMES**  
The annual Xmas Tree of this Sunday School held Wednesday evening was of a most pleasing and happy character. The children sang the beautiful Xmas Carols very heartily and as they appeared on the stage dressed in white and in the old-fashioned costumes, the effect was most pleasing. The little tots sang a pretty motion song "Snowflakes". Father Christmas and Mother Goose, with Christmas among the children of all nations, was given in costume by some 30 scholars. The Holly Drill by a dozen young girls was skillfully executed and various other recitations and songs, the whole concluding with a distribution of gifts to every scholar from the Sunday School, and special gifts to Lt.-Col. Muir and Mr. H. Fielden.

A pleasant feature of the evening was a presentation to the Rector and his wife, accompanied with an appreciative address, the latter being given a handsome wicker "cruise" and the former a beautiful Bible. Mr. Sotley replied in feeling terms, thanking the kind donors for this evidence of their esteem. A successful gathering was concluded at 10.30 p.m.

We are sorry to report many cases of pneumonia on the Hill at present, which will cast a cloud over the Christmas of different families. Terrace Hill is glad to notice the bright prospects for an electric line before long, to serve the large community up here.

Christmas Day services will be held in St. James' Church at 10.30 a.m. with the Holy Communion. On Sunday a special service for the parents, adults and scholars of the Sunday School at 11 a.m.

**To the Man**

who is looking for style, distinctive, smartness, beauty in fabric and pattern and WHO CARES at all times the sense of enjoyment he is actually feeling himself.

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**Chris. Sutherland**  
154 COLBORNE ST.

**Illegal Versus the Legal Sale**

Appealing to your common sense, which is the greater evil of the two; legalized hotels, with restricted hours and unadulterated liquor, or local option with "Herb, home-made whiskey," "blind pigs," and "bootleggers?" Which would cause the police the most trouble? If you have any scruples, you cannot vote for the by-law.—Adv't.

Baltimore horses are to have a Christmas tree trimmed with apples, loaf sugar, carrots, beets, ears of corn and other edibles, a treat from wealthy women.

**Hundreds on Small Incomes**  
are saving and will make their families independent.

**WHY NOT YOU?**

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**The Royal Loan & Savings Company**  
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**Wishing You All A Very Merry Christmas**

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We Wish You One and All  
**A Merry and Joyous Christmas**  
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**LOCAL**

Mr. and Mrs. G. Cecil Am... expected in the city to-day from wedding trip to Buffalo and New York. They will spend Christmas with Mrs. George H. Wilkesham Street.

Mr. Arthur Dunstan has resigned from the staff of the Bank of Commerce and will assume his new position as private secretary to Mr. Lloyd Danks shortly after Christmas.

**MILITARY FUNERAL**  
The military funeral of the late Pte. Danksin will proceed at 2 o'clock this afternoon to Greenwood cemetery.

**THE MAYORALTY.**  
Ex-Mayor Hartman told a man this morning with regard to the Mayoralty: "I haven't made my mind yet. Will let you know."

**FROM THE FRONT.**  
Mr. Ludlow of the Assessment Department received a Christmas card this morning from Bert J. who is now in France. He states he has purchased some real estate there.

**RETURNED FROM GERMANY.**  
Pte. Gibbons, who will spend the night at the recruiting men's Brant Theatre, is the first to come back from a German prison camp. He was a soldier in the 3rd Battalion. He will give his experience while in the German camp of Geissen.

**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.**  
The Canada Glue Company is the list of Brantford industries which certifies that remembers its employees Christmas. Yesterday each man working for the company presented with a turkey and a single man with a box of cigars, and the heartiest of greetings.

**AT REST.**  
The funeral of the infant son of D. T. and Mrs. McClintock place from the residence, De Street to Mt. Hope cemetery, was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Gordon officiating. The bereaved parents in sympathy of a large circle of friends in connection with their great loss.

**To All My Friends and Patrons I Wish**  
**A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

**Chas. A. Jarvis**  
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