

## THE POSTMEN'S CHRISTMAS

And still the Postmaster-General has given no sign of his intentions. It used to be said in connection with the tardiness of certain individuals "Christmas is coming." So it is for the postmen, whose Christmas-rejoicings with, to all appearances, have to be made up in a very small amount of money. But that does not worry Sir Adolphe in his warm and comfortable office and mansion, or as he rolls along in his carriage encased in the most expensive furs, his stomach with fat capon lined and all the elaborate and costly accessories. He appears—or rather those who belong to his staff—to have forgotten the duties that are owing to the public. What do they care so long as the school keeps for themselves how much the Victoria postmen may suffer or the public may be inconvenienced?

Meantime, though it is no new proposition, we endorse the suggestion of a correspondent of one of the papers that householders benefitted by the letter delivery make a little present about Christmas to the postmen on their route—we don't say for equal division among the staff, for that is none of our business, and, besides, a man's Christmas gift is not, as a rule, for those he does not know; but for those with whom he is acquainted. Let the postmen have a Christmas box from all who are willing to contribute, and, in addition for the needy cases which there are, let a subscription be taken up and handed for distribution to someone who knows the merits of each man.—*Commercial Journal.*

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