

A Blue-Eyed Santa Claus

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Table of market prices for various goods including flour, sugar, and other commodities.

SON CITY. There will surely be this winter. Dec. 17, via Seattle, John Lindsay who has just arrived...

A keen wind swept the falling snow in slanting lines against the window through which a little boy in a patchwork jacket looked out upon the village street. It was the morning before Christmas. The boy's eyes, dark and wistful, saw nothing in particular...

And went behind the counter. "I've got a new customer this morning," he said laughing to the group of men. "This little woman has turned Santa Claus."

Dear Sir (From "Dumb Animals,") And shiver, the sounds of the Christmas in the land of the ivied towers. In the western world of our times...

quitted the office together on Tuesday evening at six p. m., and that at that time the strong box was locked and in order. The night watch came on duty at seven p. m., and affirmed...

view of the matter. He reasoned in this way: "If the district accountant stole the money from the strong box, the only person in the secret is his wife. It would need a great deal of provocation to get the proof from her."

After that you will be able to judge for yourself how you stand. "Good night." "But may I not send to my wife to say—" "My orders are that you are to communicate with no one."

CURIOUS CHRISTMAS BOX

(London Telegraph.) "Yes, my dear sir, it's the hardest I've ever had to crack, and the proof is that although three years have elapsed since I've never yet got to the kernel, and have no hopes that I ever shall."

MANITOBA SCHOOLS.

The Pope's Encyclical on the Subject Issued. ROME, Dec. 24.—The Pope's encyclical on the Manitoba schools is published here this evening. After recalling the religious history of Canada and endorsing its scholastic institutions, His Holiness expresses regret at the decisions taken seven years ago in Manitoba relative to the Catholic schools, and points out the rights of Catholics according to the federal agreement. Continuing, the Pope condemns a school system based on religious neutrality, unless the Pope himself have displayed on the question, and that the Catholics are not equally united, owing to the political passions, and admits that authorities have done something to diminish the inconveniences of Manitoba school legislation, but His Holiness declares this to be inadequate, and exhorts Catholics to persevere in claiming all their rights, though they must not refuse any partial reparations obtainable with the view to reduce the pests of the education of youth.

HALIFAX AND WESTERN FREIGHT

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 24.—J. H. Eugill of the Purves line is back from Montreal. He says the merchants on the west are cordially disposed towards the I. C. R. route from Montreal, and he adds there appeared to be a general feeling that it would be an equal footing as regards the inland transportation of freight. Mr. Eugill thinks that there is every indication that a large quantity of western freight will be shipped this way after the middle of January.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky! There's a mother's deep prayer, And the star rains its fire while the beautiful King.

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