# CHURCHES OF LONDON HOLD CHRISTMAS SERVICES

## **CHURCH SERMONS EMPHASIZE CHEER**

Large Congregations Attend Special Services Throughout City.

MESSAGES ENCOURAGING Choirs Excel in Rendition of Hymns Suited To Yuletide.

London's churches were thronged yesterday, despite the inclement weather of the morning and the cooler temperature of the evening, Christmas services being the magnet that drew the large congregations.

In practically every church in the city, with the exception of the Anglican and Catholic Churches, services commemorating the birth of Christ were held, and many were the stirring messages delivered, particularly encouraging and revivifying in these years of strife and unsettled peace

Peace on earth, good will to men. was once more emphasized as the message of the season. In the music, the, prayers and the sermons this phrase was outstanding. The hope that peace, a real peace, would once more descend on the world was notice descend on the world was noticeable in more than one address, and although this hope could be felt, if not expressed, there was also that undercurrent of jubilation and triumph as the world once more celebrates the greatest day known to

Christmas Day.

The music in the churches, specially could not have been excelled, the anthems, solos and hymns being sung wholeheartedly. The choirs, up to full strength, were heard to advantage, and the many "Halle-lujah" choruses fairly seemed to lift the roofs off the buildings.

Pastors stated that in spite of the weather, which was not conducive to large congregations, they were well satisfied with the numbers that at-tended, particularly in the evening. ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN.

Despite the inclemency of the weather, Christmas services in St. weather, Christmas services in St. Andrew's Church were well attended. Rev. D. C. MacGregor preached two Christmas messages, his morning subject being "The Unspeakable Clery".

Gift."
"Nineteen hundred years ago religion was practically dead," declared Mr. MacGregor. "The philosophy of the people was 'Eat, drink, and be the people was these types are merry, and I fancy these types are not dead yet. The people had en-tered a world of burned-out hopes, tered a world of burned-out hopes, and man's extremity was God's opportunity. The world needed a Saviour, and that is what it needs portunity.

Jesus said, 'I come that they might have life, and more abundantly."
"What this world needs today is just this Jesus. We must find a way by which hate, jealousy and envy will be taken out of the hearts of 'The brotherhood of men is inevit-

ably bound up with the fellowship of God. Jesus came to give us hope. That is the message of the day. "Christmas day is a challenge to us to thank God for Jesus Christ. The deadliest of all sins is ingratitude.

"In our individual and church life, da let us exalt Jesus and hold Him up. for for in doing this we shall best express to God our thanks for His unspeak-

The Christmas music, under the direction of C. E. Wheeler, F.C.C.O., was exceptionally good. Solos and anthems at both services were splen. did, and in keeping with the excellent reputation enjoyed by St. Andrew's

### ASKIN STREET METHODIST.

At Askin Street Methodist Church, ev. T. Coshy Morris preached at oth services. In the morning his address was built around the subject "A Christmas Offering," while in the evening his topic was "The Great White Gift." In both cases was the subject the birth of Christ. At the Sunday school service the children held their White Gift anniversary commemorating by gifts, for chari-table purposes, the gift that God made to mankind 1923 years ago. Special music by the choir was rendered. At the morning service two Christmas anthems, "Christians Awake, Salute the Happy Morn." and "There Were Shepherds." In the "There Were Shepherds." In the evening selections from Handel's "Messiah" were given, these being tenor, basso, soprano and organ solos, with full choruses.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Good congregations marked the ervices at the First Presbyterian thurch, where Rev. William Beattie, D.D., C.M.G., pastor, officiated. The feature was the rendering of the Christmas cantata, "The Message of the Star," in its entirety in the even-ing. In the morning Miss Donna ing. In the morning Mass Bollia Schram sang "O Night Divine" as a solo, while the choir rendered the Hallelujah chorus from the "Messiah"

### KING STREET PRESBYTERIAN.

The story of the shepherds of Bethlehem was told by Rev. W. R. McIntosh, pastor of King Street Presbyterian Church, in the morning while "Angels of the Night" was the topic in the evening. Splendid congregations were in attendance both morning and evening. In the morning and evening. rning and evening. In the morning a service of praise was conducted

the children's choir.

Miss Elsie Forsyth sang "Sweet, Thy Peace" and Miss Grace McIntosh sang "Sleep, Little Son," while dur-ing the offertory Miss Ruth Kings-mill rendered, "O, Thou That Tellest." The famous carol, "Holy Night," was sung as a duet by the Misses Edna and Winnifred Merrilees. In the evening the church choir rendered the music, the feature being the singing of "Holy Night" by Mrs. Smith, Miss Bradley and Messrs. Christie and Smith. Mr. Christie also sang "Night The singing in the morn. nder the direction of Miss J. Smith and in the evening Miss



REV. D. C. McGREGOR. Andrew's Church, who preac to large congregations yesterday at the Christmas services conducted

sion at both services, while the music rendered by the choir was in keeping with the season. In the evening the choir sang the Christmas section of Handel's "Messiah," during the offertory, Mrs. Innes Carling and Miss Marion Beck taking the solo parts, the latter singing the difficult "Re-

joice Greatly."

Very Rev. Dean Tucker preached in the morning, and Rev. Principal Waller in the evening. At the latter service the text taken was "There standeth one among ye whom ye know not." Dr. Waller stated that if John the Baptist were to walk on earth today, he would state the same thing as he did centuries ago to the Pharisees. The world knew about Him, Jesus Christ, but did not know

ST. JAMES' ANGLICAN CHURCH. Rev. Leslie Armitage, rector of St. James' Church, preached in the morning on the second coming of Christ and the practical Christian life, while in the evening he spoke on "Jesus' Interpretation of This Age," the sermon being the fourth of a series. The music at both ser-vices was wholly of a Christmas nature, solos, choruses and anthem eaturing the performance of the

Mrs. Barrows, Mrs. Drake and Mr. O. H. A. Clarke sang individual solos, while Mrs. Raynor, Mrs. Stephens, Messrs. Green and Wood took sole parts in a cantata. In the evening the 'Song of the Magi" was given trio by Mrs. Raynor, Mrs. Stephens and Mr. Green. Good congregations attended both services

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

more than to see that people on whom He has lavished love, are not thankful.

anniversary of Jesus Christ is imminent, Rev. Fr. F. Powell, C.S.B., speaking at St. Mary's Church Sun-Reminding his hearers that the day morning, urged all to prepare for the great event by offering special prayers and devotions to Chris the Saviour.

Expounding on the gospel which dealt with the political situation in Palestine at the time of the birth of Christ, Fr. Powell told of how hundreds of years before prophets had foretold the coming of the Re-deemer, and even the events that would mark the beginning of his life

on earth.

"The prophecy of Isaias not only told of the coming of Our Lord, but also gave all the circumstances surrounding his life, passion and death," the speaker asserted.
"Many non-believers claim that the book of Isias was written years after Christ came into the world,

but this contention is proven false by the prophecies of Daniel, which confirm those of Isias. "Daniel said that the Lord would come in the fourth dynasty. 'At the time of Daniel's prophecy the Babylonians held absolute control of the

East and had led into captivity the Jews themselves. They were ousted by the Grecians under Philip of Macedon, and then came the Romans. As predicted by Daniel, the Romans were in power at the time of our Lord, and by then had so subjected all the nations in their power that the world was said to be at peace. Fr. Powell went on to say that ail the Eastern provinces were ruled by a Roman governor, Pontius Pilate being governor or Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee and Philip, his brother, tetrarch of Etruria and Trachonitis.

Trachonitis.

"To make sure that the people would understand what the coming the Son of God meant to the of the Son of God meant to the prophen to appear. He was John the Baptist, and he went about preaching the baptism of penance for the remission of sins and warning people that the time of Christ to enter the

### world was nigh.'

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN. "The Wisdom of the Wise Men" was the subject chosen by Rev. T. A. Symington, M.A., for the Christmas service yesterday morning at Knox Presbyterian Church. In the evening he spoke on "The Gift of Gifts," this being God's gift to the world in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ. Large congregations distened attentively to both sermons, and the music was of a Christmas nature. Christmas carols were sung by the congregation as a whole, the hearty singing featuring the services.

NEW ST. JAMES' PRESBYTERIAN. Rev. James MacKay, paster of New St. James' Church, chose for his

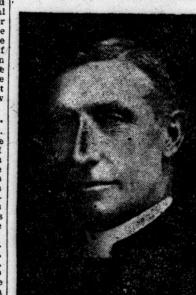
and Miss E. Kuntz, while the other music was also of a Christmas nature. HAMILTON RD. PRESBYTERIAN. A special sermon for children was given in the morning at Hamilton Road Church by the pastor, Rev. Fraser Cree, B.A., followed by one to the adults, also of a Christmas naevening Mr. Cree's subject was ture, on "No Room in the Inn." In the "Christmas Tribute to Jesus." The gregation and choir was heartily congregation and choir, was heartily car-music at both services, by the con-ried out, and emphasized the spirit

COLBORNE STREET METHODIST. Rev. Herbert J. Uren preached at both services at Colborne Street Church, his evening sermon being particularly eective, the subject, "It Christ Had Not Come?" being one that showed itself full of possibilities in the morning Mr. Uren took his text from St. Luke, "Let Us Go and See Ih These Things Be So," the words spoken by the shepherdswhen they were told of the birth of Christ. In the afternoon the children partic pated the afternoon the children partic'pated in a special White Gift service in the Sunday school. The music, beautifully rendered by a full choir, was full of spirit of Christmas and peace, work of the soloists being as perfect as possible. Violin solos by Miss Armstrong at both services were a feature, her rendering of "Holy Night" in the evening being remarkably

#### FIRST METHODIST.

Rev. Bruce Hunter, speaking on "God's Christmas Gift" at the morning service of the First Methodist Church, said that God had been manifest only through the birth of His Son. Today, he stated, no one thinks of Christ as being of a despised race, but His life is regarded as an epic whose message has lasted for 19 centuries.

"The world has been completely changed since his coming," Mr. Hun-ter said. "This is signified in the fact that men who have gone towards greatness have also gone towards reverence and love for the Christmas story. Among these are St. Augustine, the leaders of the renaissance; Sir Isaac Newton, Coleridge, Charles Lamb, Robert Browning and Ben-jamin Franklin. Lamb said that if Shakespeare came into the room he would stand up in respect, but if Jesus came into the room he would bow to his knees! Through long centuries many evils



DEAN TUCKER, Very Rev. Dean Tucker, St. Paul's Cathedray, who, with Bishop David Wililams, will conduct the Christmas services at St. Paul's tomororw morn-

ing at 7, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

have been eliminated by Christianity, Mr. Hunter added. Slavery, human sacrifices, dominance of man ove toms are now gone through the effect of Jesus' teachings. "God's Christmas gift has been threefold," the speaker said. "He has given to us a new conception childhood, a new conception of king-ship and a new conception of God himself. There are artificial and natural kings. The prevailing idea of a king is a man born to that position by the accident of birth, but the true kingship is that held in the hearts of men, by such great personalities as John Ruskin, Leo Tolstoi and Garibaldi. These are kings who have gone to their thrones.

Special music was rendered at both services, the Messiah being sung in the evening. Mr. Hunter's evening sermon was called "No Room

TALBOT STREET BAPTIST. Rev. Bowley Green, speaking at the

night, summed up the "Kingdom of God' as God's righteousness, God's peace and God's joy. He pointed out that because all the kingdoms of this world have failed, the Kingdom of God, which cannot fail, is an imperative necessity. He said:
"All civilization have been transient. However splendid, elaborate or complex they were, they could not forces of disintegration and the pro-cesses of their decay. The govern-ments of this world have signally

failed in the achievement of that for which governments exist. "And yet this very succession of civilizations and these experimental though inadequate forms of govern ment attest to a universal and abiding hope in the human breast that somehow there must be a kingdom and a government in which no subject shall transgress and no citizen shall suffer.

"Pagan pholosiphies have dramed dreams, and Hobrers prophets have

dreams, and Hebrew prophets seen visions of a government that shall succeed all governments and abide forever. And this kingdom shall come in all its majesty and glory. The human heart has long for it. And God has promised it. It shall be called the Kingdom of Heaven. A kingdom for which all other kingdoms have waited and to which all other kingdoms. kingdoms shall bow

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. M. Kelly, pastor of First Concongregations, both morning and evening, Christmas being the subject of the day. In the morning Mr. Kelly New St. James' Church, chose for his morning service the subject, "The Wise Men and the Star." In the evening, Christmas being the subject Wise Men and the Star." In the evening took for his subject the episode of the title of the sermon being "Unto Us a Son Is Born."

"Praise Ye," from "Atilla" was renumbered on "World Peace or Human Extermination." a subject particularly appro-ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

Although the regular Christmas services at St. Paul's Cathedral will not be held until Christmas Day, special mention was made of the occa. Hold Night" was sung by Mrs. Wilkey



REV. BRUCE HUNTER pastor, of First Methodist Church who yesterday preached special Christmas sermons to two large con-

ing by the male quartet of "Glory to God in the Highest." Miss E. Wrighton sang "Joyously Peal, Ye Christ mas Bells," in the morning.

CRONYN MEMORIAL CHURCH. Yesterday was gift Sunday at ronyn Memorial Church, where Rev. Ridley Parson preached in the morn-ing and Rev. Quintin Warner in the evening. In common with other Anglican churches, the regular holi-day services will not be held until was made of the day and season. tain conditions, some of which were. Christmas music was rendered by the choir and large congregations were in attendance at both services.

Rev. G. T. Watts, pastor of Wel-Street Church, spoke to congregations at both morning and evening services. In the morning his subject was "Christ and Christmas," while in the evening the cantata, "The World Redeemer" was rendered. At the Sunday school afternoon a white gift service was held by the children. music featured both services.

#### WORTLEY ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH.

Christmas services were the order of the day at Wortley Road Church, where Rev. R. J. Murphy officiated. "The Purpose of the Incarnation" was the sermon subject in the morning and "The Prince of Pance" the topic in the vening. Solos, violin solos and choral music graced the regular progrom of service, and the Christmas music was listened to in bsolute silence by the arge con DUNDAS CENTER METHODIST.

Handel's "Messiah," in its entirety, was the feature of the day at Dundas Center Church, the choir rendering it at the evening service. Rev. John Garbutt, pastor, spoke on Christmas subjects at both services. In the morning his subject was "The Virgin Birth, Immanuel, God With "While in the evening he spoke "The Ministry of Good Women." An open session of the Sunday school at which Dickens' "Christmas Carol" was told, illustrated with lantern pic-tures, was held. The soloists at the evening service were Mrs. Frederick Schofield, soprano; Miss Jessie Sin-

clair, contralto; Lloyd Bullen, bass. ADELAIDE STREET BAPTIST. Rev. S. Everton, M.A. B.D., Wood conducted the services at Adelaide Street Baptist Church yester day, Christmas being the subject both morning and evening. The choir sang choruses from the "Messiah," while congregation and choir rendered several carols. An organ recital of clock, to which many of the con-

gregation listened CENTENNIAL METHODIST. Rev. A. E. M. Thompson chose for

the morning service at Centennia Methodist Church "The Escape of a Babe and the World," as the subject of his sermon, his address being fo At the evening service a full chora service of Christmas music was given by the choir, carols and Christmas selections from the "Messiah" featur ing it. In the morning the junior choir rendered several carols. A white gift service was held in the

RIDOUT STREET METHODIST. "The World's Saviour," the sub-ject of the sermon at Ridout Street Talbot Street Baptist Church last Church, was treated in an excellent manner by Rev. J. A. Agnew, the pastor, a large congregation being present. An impressive serm delivered by Mr. Agnew in the even-ing, when he spoke on "The Message of Christmas." The music at both of Christmas." The music at both services was Christmas, from the first note of the organ until the Soloists were Misses Beulah A they were, they could not Elinor Boyce, Marguerite Fleckset
They bore in themselves the Messrs. E. W. Goethe Quantz. Chas Boyce and George Ellyatt.



## CITY CLERGYMEN **DECLINE TO TALK** ON CANON SKEY

Wish To Keep Out of Controversy Involving Bishop Sweeney.

PRACTICED IN ENGLAND

Neither Bishon Williams, the Bisho of Huron, nor any of his clergy in this diocese had any comment to make this morning for publication as to the action taken by Canon Lawrence Skey, rector of St. Anne's Anchurches to preach in his pulpit, They all intimated that they wished to remain clear of any controversy on the subject, which might possibly ollow the action of the rector and

in the Anglican church toward this Canon Skey, and that the Lambeth conference two years ago had advo-cated the invitation to other Protest. lay services will not be held until ant ministers to preach in pulpits comorrow, although special mention of the Church of England under cerwere in attendance at both services.

WELLINGTON STREET METHODIST CHURCH.

were in favor of church unity, and that they would preach on church unity when in Anglican pul-

> As to the canons of the church he said that they had never been altered in any way, and that they were still in force just as when they were drawn up. As to their translation he was rather reticent, remarking "that is a job for a church lawyer and not for me."

# LITTLE GIRL'S PRAYER

Helen Hamilton of Camden, N. J., Suffered Terribly For Years.

Associated Press Despatch. Camden, N. J., Dec. 24.—The Christ-mas season brought to 13-year-old Helen Hamilton, the gift she most desired, the one for which she had

-death. Racked for months by almost intolerable pain due to a ruptured heart, the heroic little girl died yesterday with her mother's arms about her, secure in the belief that she would find a painless, perfect hap-piness in the world beyond. Clasped tightly to her breast was her favorite doll, which she asked to be buried with her.

The case of Helen attracted attention throughout the United States. Eight years ago some of her play-mates in a spirit of mischief, buried came known that she faced death with such fortitude and poverty, persons throughout the United States came to her aid. She prayed that she might live until her birthday on Nov. 26, and special writers from the newspapers journeyed to her bedside and wrote columns about her

Later Christmas seemed to have an incentive for her to live. Yesterday a Christmas tree was set up in her room. Physicians informed her that her death was but a matsuffering will be over."
She will be buried Wednesday with

her doll, and in a white satin dress and white satin shoes, as she had

# **DENIES COUNTERFEIT**

Bank Manager Declares No Notification Has Been Received From Headquarters.

A report which became current tofake 50c pieces by the teller of London financial institution, gave rise today no other counterfeit pieces had "If there were many such coins in

the city we would probably detect them here," Mr. Sylvester said. "When it is definitely known that counterusually notified by headquarters."

### BUCHANAN WILL SPEAK ON

On Friday, Dec. 28, the Round Table Club of London will hold its second meeting at 6:15 in the Blue Dragon tea rooms on Dundas street. E. V. Buchanan. general manager of the public utilities commission, will speak on "London's Water Supply" from notes made from a report not yet made public. This subject was chosen by the club members for discussion, and Mr. Buchanan, who presided at the first meeting of the "Round Heads." was the logical man to deal with it. Mrs. O'Meara, the renial hostess of the Blue Dragon, has arranged a special Caristmas weeps through them it makes the has arranged a special Christmas sweeps dinner for the occasion.

### Santa Claus Found Visit To London Real Pleasure And Will Be Here Again

Tells Reporter of Funny Experiences While at Winter Gardens.

WONDERFUL CHILDREN

Calls On Little Sick Girl and Will Visit All Tonight.

"So you want an interview with Santa Claus about what he found when he was in London for the chilglican Church in Toronto, in bringing dren's party/at the Winter Gardens. n ministers of other Protestant Well, you're only a reporter, and I have ways and means of knowing many things that you never dreamed of. You know children like me betfollow the action of the rector and of Bishop Sweeney, who forbade him from binging in outside preachers to speak from his pulpit.

A prominent Anglican clergyman in the city said that in England there had been a very decided movement had been a very decided movement of the city said that in England there had been a very decided movement had been a very decided movement of the mean a little lunch on the dingression of the mean a lunch of ter than they do you reporters. Why ing room table in case I am hungry when I get to their home."
"Well, what did you think of Lon-

"Now, don't ask questions like that," replied Santa Claus, getting a little ruffled, "don't you know that I have to call at hundreds of around here, Strathroy, St. Thomas Stratford, St. Marys, Komoka, Ilderton, big places, little places, and ther at the houses away out in the country. / No sir, you are not going to get me to say that London is a better place than any other. I judge places by their chimneys and their roofs and the way the people get along. It in London are in the little houses that

#### Great Children 'My, but there were some children at that party, and then there

was little Irene Roach over in Gar-field. I went over to see her, and I knew her just as soon as I saw her through the window. They had a sign on the house that there was sign on the house that there was sickness there, but pshaw I'm not jail." scared of any of those tickets they stick up. I asked Irene if she wanted a wrist watch or a great big doll that The Advertiser got for me. Say there wasn't room for an argument, not for a minute. Why Irene just looked at that doll and it was all over. She laid it down and picked it up and it said 'Ma-ma.' That settled it right off. And I know that doll is going to have a happy life.
"Well, when we got to the Winter Gardens, my what a lot of little folks were there. Just imagine what's ahead of me in looking after them all." and here Santa Claus doubled over in a big-laugh that shook the building. "I had three lovely little girls with me. The little Tennes Tanner was afraid. She had never been quite so close to Santa Claus, but she was my friend before the day was over, and I bet a big do to a reindeer she'll be on the lookout for me tonight, but she won't see me because I never start in until all the little Children are tucked away bed. That's half the fun of it. Little Ella May Scoyne, say she took to me right off, and so did Clare McCandin a sandpile, and so great was she lived in Strathroy. Of course I knew she lived in Strathroy, and I know her fright that it caused an injury all about how to get into their house to her heart. Recently when it bebecause she told me, so there. My, how I could love those two little girls, it wouldn't have taken much coaxing for them to go away north

He Knew George. "Well, what did you think of Mayor Wenige, Santa Claus?"
"Ha, ha, ha," laughed Santa, "wh; I knew George when he was a little bit of a shaver and I used to have an bit of a shaver and I used to have an awful time getting down the chimney at their house. There was a bend in the pipes, and one cold night they had a big fire on and I thought ter of a few days.
"I'm glad," said Helen. "Then my suffering will be over."

She will be having Medical was but a matter they nad a big life on that bend in the pipe, but I was so cold before I went in that I didn't mind. Yes, I went in that I didn't mind. knew George a great many years ago
—yes, I knew him when he used to sell papers, and I always like boys who get out and work."
"I don't like the looks of the country around here without any snow, so early Sunday morning I got in touch with an old friend of mine

away up north that looks after the snow and I told him to get a move on and do it quick. If what he sent you doesn't stay just you tell me about it and I'll send some more. "Yes, sire-e-e-e, I had a rare good time in London on Saturday morning. One little lad came to me after the Winter Gardens party was over and he had the sweetest little Christmas cake tied up in a nice tissue paper. He handed it to me and say it was good. I looked at the tag and found that it came from Master Jack Seel-hoff of 595 Queen's avenue; of course day that numerous counterfeit 25c hoff of 595 Queen's avenue; of course and 50c coins had been distributed in the city is not borne out by local he told me all about it and also the city is not borne out by local he told me all about it and also the bank managers. The discovery of two easiest way to get into the house Jack wanted an awful lot of candy to the rumor that the city was flood-ed with similar colors but I was flood-that too much candy would spoil his ed with similar coins, but B. N. Syl-vester of the Bank of Montreal, said —land, how I like to hear a child laugh like Jack did. It's the greatest thing in the world is a child's laugh.

Billie Baines.

Then there was little Billie Baines

he came along and from his pudgy little fist handed me a nickel, I feit pieces are in circulation we are think that's what they call them down here. You see we don't have them up north where I come from. They're CHANAN WILL SPEAK ON LONDON'S WATER SUPPLY

up north where I come from. They re so little we'd be sure to drop them and lose 'em in the snow, but I didn't need Billie's nickel and so I told him he could spend it on the way On Friday, Dec. 28, the Round home. I know what Billie wants, he able Club of London will hold its in for a horn that goes toot-toot through them it makes the

### Maniac Runs Amuck On Ship

Associated Press Despatch. San Pedro, Cal., Dec. 24.-Calls for help from a freighter's crew battling to subdue a maniac who had run amuck abroad ship 2,000 miles from here in the South Pacific reached this port last night in radio messages from the British tramp steamer Roman Star, en-route from London to the Orient Dr. R. A. Mangan, police physician, responded with instructions and suggestions, but a message

last night said the Roman Star's crew had not yet succeeded in

subduing the man.

# ADMITTED BEING DRUNK

Youth Expected To Be Brought
The Ruggles truck has a good reputation. Therefore I fall to see why the Up For Disorderly Conduct.

"I've no excuse at all for being drunk," meekly proclaimed a young man in police court today." I haven't been in court for a tme. A ten-dollar fine was imposed on the youth, who thought he was all set for a real merry Christmas, but "He was bailed out, your worship," interposed the accused, stated Chief Birrell, "and on his way

home he used some offensive language to a policeman he met. "I don't remember a thing about it," interposed the accused. "Wasn't he sober when he left here?" asked the court. have been left in jail."
"He wouldn't have been bailed out had he not been sober," replied the chief. "He should have gone to The young man will be with disorderly conduct later on in the week, the chief intimated.

# ILLUMINATED TREE

Heavy Snowfall Adds to Novelty of Scene in Victoria Park.

A glimpse of Fairyland brought to condon is offered to citizens in the large decerated tree in Victoria Park. Following the heavy snowfall of yesterday the tree when it was illuminated in the evening was in truth treat. Against branches, white with the new fallen snow, the colored lights gleamed and shone, each one creating a halo of red, pink, green or blue, which with the white, made a contrast, gorgeous

Hundreds of London's citizens passing through the park on their to and from church stopped to look and went away admiring.

THREE YOUNG MEN EJECTED FROM LOCAL RESTAURANT Three young men who had partaken

of an overdose of Christmas cheer created an act in a local restaurant last night that did not appeal to the customers or the proprietor, and accordingly they were ejected. One boisterious member of the trio insisted that he be allowed to show his prowress as fighter on one London's stalwart policemen, who being of a good nature, informed the young man that he might try conclusions with the chief in the morn-

## ROYAL CANADIAN REGIMENT

A Christmas shower of good things and distribution of gifts from Santa Claus kept 150 youngsters of parents of the Royal Canadian Regiment here in throes of excitement Saturday afternoon. A huge Christmas tree with carnival trimmings delighted the tots and each received a present in addition to all the deliacies associated with the season The R. C. R. celebration for the children was held in the Tecumseh Barracks mess rooms.

listened to. Well, Mr. Reporter, can't talk to you any longer."

And Santa Claus shook hands with he reporter, wished all the Adver-Christmas, put his hand on the side of his nose, and vanished, leaving the eporter to figure out how under the un he managed to do it.

# **MAYOR STRIVING** TO KEEP RUGGLES

Sees No Reason Why Firm Should Be Abandoned-Product Good:

WILL MEET CLAIM

Mayor Wenige insists that the Ruggles Motor Truck Company enterprise should notabe abandoned, and as a shareholder he will exert every effort to keep the

wheels moving at that plant.

No developments have been noted since last week, his worship stated today, other than a claim of \$35,000 from a Toronto party, which can be met a Toronto party, which can be met without difficulty, he assures. It is his contention, however, that every honest effort should be made by the shareeffort should be made by the share-holders and other interested parties to further the venture "in a businesslike

manner. "I see no reason why this company should be abandoned now," the mayor stated. "I am willing to do my share toward any effort to place the business on its feet again. I am also willing to meet any reasonable additional require-

"The Ruggles product is a good one company could not be reorganized and satisfactorily operated again upon good, sound business lines."

The mayor added that he had been giving this question considerable atten-tion, but had not had the time recently he would have liked to devote to it. He is going to interest himself further, he

### POOR FAMILIES AIDED BY LONDON CITIZENS

Brightened Spirits Replace the Gloom in Homes Where Poverty Is Felt.

Brightened spirits replaced a mornng of dejection yesterday when a chicken dinner, with cranberry sauce, plum pudding and all other concomitants of a Christmas feast were served to two poor families which came to the notice of The Advertiser. One family was reported to be in poor circumstances and it was said they spent Friday without any meals at all. When Brigadier McAmmond and Adjutant Spooner of the Salvation Army heard of the case they immediately investigated and found that the father of the family, although lame, had yesterday secured a temporary job. They supplied the family with one of their Christmas

Repeated inquiries have been received by The Advertiser in regard to a mother with eight children who has been dependent upon what little money she can make through scrub-bing floors in downtown offices. The Full of Fun Girls' Club has done much to make the woman's Christmas a cheery one. According to the Children's Aid Society this case is the most deserving of any they know. The mother is, of course, unwilling to part with her children, but in order to supply them with food and clothing she has to slave day and night. Her Christmas, however been made a happy one through the kindness of the Full of Fun Club.

### WOULD LEVY PAVING COSTS ON RATEPAYERS

Engineer Near Points Out the Change in Expense If City Buys Railway.

Should the city ever purchase the street railway, the cost of that porion of the paved track allowance will likely be borne by the ratepay-ENTERTAIN YOUNGSTERS ers on the thoroughlates out, in view of certain questions directed by Askin street residents at their recent

The engineer reminds that the same done in Windsor, under the Hydro-Electric Power Commission arrangement, and the same proposal was in-corporated in the Bunnell survey of the city lines by hydro engineers theory advanced is that should the eople have the street paved, and there was no street railway line, they would have to bear the cost of the center of the road, just the same.

PORT STANLEY NOMINATIONS Owing to an error notices of Port Stanley nominations and elections were posted giving date of nominations as December 24 and polling Jan. 1. These dates should have been nominations Monday, Dec. 31, and polling Monday, Jan. 7, 1924.

WE SURELY DO SAY "THANKS."

To the people of London and vicinity for the wonderful business we have enjoyed this year, and wish one

A HAPPY AND A HEARTY CHRISTMAS

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