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How to Get Pure Cream of Tartar at a Low Cost

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Christmas at the County Humane Institutions.

The festival so eagerly looked forward by all as year succeeds year, but by none more eagerly than by the inmates of our County Home and County Hospital, has come and gone for 1914. It will, however, long be remembered by all who managed to get into the County Institution's Recreation Hall, on Monday evening, for the annual Christmas tree entertainment. In accordance with the new regime inaugurated last year, the bountiful fare considered appropriate to the season was provided for Christmas day and thoroughly enjoyed in both houses, but the much looked for "Tree" was a matter of fact with accompanying entertainment was reserved for Monday evening. An ideal winter day followed by a clear, still moonlight night with the temperature just right for a comfortable walk over good snow covered roads, ensured an attendance of those interested in the patients and otherwise, of a gathering which far exceeded the capacity of the Hall.

The sight within was typical and spoke volumes for the energy and enterprise of Superintendents Hiltz and Myers, their wives and assistants. The program (kindly arranged by the Rev. E. Underwood) was divided into two parts: Part I being made up of vocal and instrumental music contributed by an Orchestra under the direction of Mr. W. E. Brittain; songs by Mrs. H. Ruggles, Miss Burns, Mr. J. S. Lewis, Mr. R. W. Purdy, Mr. F. V. Young; also a reading by the Rev. A. R. Reynolds.

Part II consisted of further music by the orchestra; two anthems by the Methodist Church Choir, under the direction of Mr. F. R. Beckwith; and three carols by the Church of England Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Lewis.

Between the two parts the Rev. Mr. Warren gave a very delightful address in which he happily blended thoughts suggested by the various elements of the season's joy. Later in the evening, on behalf of himself and Mr. Myers, Superintendent Hiltz heartily thanked all who had in any way contributed to the happiness of the inmates of the institutions at this time. He also made the announcement that the Hall is free from debt, but it reminded his hearers that just as it was inaugurated and brought into being by private interest and enterprise, so, in the same way, it has to be maintained and its efficiency and usefulness increased. To this end annual subscriptions and donations are always welcomed.

Taking it all in all we doubt if ever a Christmas season was more enjoyed by those concerned than the one just passed. This year's entertainment and Christmas tree easily ranks with the best, and our County authorities are to be congratulated on the possession of two such efficient men as Mr. Hiltz and Mr. Myers (not forgetting their wives and associates) who not only carry out their own particular work every day with the greatest degree of credit, but who also manage on such occasions as these to rally round them such a host of would be friends to the poor and distressed.

Subjoined is the subscription list for this year.

NAME	AMOUNT
Rev. E. Underwood	\$2.00
Miss Jean B. Glen	2.00
A. D. Brown	2.00
S. N. Wear	3.00
J. Harry Hicks	3.00
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Mrs. A. C. Harding	3.00
Capt. L. W. Hines	3.00
O. P. Covert	.50
Mrs. Engene Troop	1.00
W. G. Clarke	5.00
Weston Crawford	2.00
C. C. Sheffield	1.00
W. H. Roache	5.00
W. E. Reid	1.00
Mrs. R. E. Felton	1.00
Gertie & Willie Hyson	.50
Mrs. O. T. Daniels	2.00
Gilbert Gibson	.50
By Collection	7.25

In regard to this year's subscription list to the Christmas Tree Fund for the County Humane Institutions, I desire to say I have examined the same together with the purchase accounts therefrom. We are glad to say a balance remains which will be used for the further benefit of the inmates some occasion during the ensuing year, the same having been handed to me and deposited on the Recreation Hall account.

ERNEST UNDERWOOD,
TREASURER.

Presentation to the Rev. E. and Mrs. Underwood from the Parishioners

The following letter presented to the Rectory, Bridgetown, tells of one of the genuine surprises of the Christmas season:

Feeling that telephone connection in your cosy home would be a source of pleasure as well as a great convenience to you both (our Parish being somewhat scattered) we take the opportunity of this Christmas season to present you with the accompanying instrument, and ask you kindly to accept the same from us as a slight token of our friendship and deep appreciation of your services in the parish.

We trust that you both may fully enjoy this convenience, and we can assure you that we too, when wanting a friendly chat, or seeking information and good advice about the affairs of the church, will, with pleasure, ring up No. 19—"The Rectory."

Believe us,
Sincerely yours,
YOUR PARISHIONERS,
Christmas, 1914.

Appropos of this letter and presentation, Mr. and Mrs. Underwood desire, through the columns of the Monitor, to heartily thank their parishioners for this further token of their friendship and good will, as well as for many other remembrances at this season. Santa Claus has indeed visited the Rectory in right good earnest this Christmastide. That the telephone will be a source of pleasure as well as a great convenience there can be no manner of doubt, and they fully reciprocate the wish that they may remain on the line with their present parishioners.

24 Below at Ottawa

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—The temperature was officially recorded here this morning at 24 below. It is the coldest day of the winter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—A cold wave held the country from the Mississippi to the Atlantic Coast in its grip to day and broke December temperature records in many places. 33 degrees below zero was the temperature at Northfield, Vermont, while Albany, N. H., reported 16 below zero; Hartford, Conn., 4 degrees below zero; Syracuse, N. Y., 12 degrees below, and Peoria, Ill., 18 degrees below.

THE WEEK'S WAR NEWS

Very Little Change in Battle Lines, -- Russian Reports Say Germans Failed to Capture Warsaw

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The battle line in the East and West have undergone only infinitesimal changes in the past twenty-four hours. The French and German reports agree that the Germans have captured a section of trenches near Hollebeke, south of Ypres. The French assert that the Germans gave up trenches on the first line, to the extent of about 800 or 900 yards in the Lens region, further east, while unsuccessful demonstrations have been made from both sides at various points along the extended lines.

The reports of the numbers of wounded both armies are sending back from the lines in Belgium appear to show that the fighting on Christmas in that country was the fiercest of the past month. Correspondents in the rear say that the Belgians, as a result of five days sapping captured nearly three thousand Germans, with only small losses to themselves.

According to the Russian reports, the German attempts to capture Warsaw have failed, while the Berlin official statement says there is general confidence that the German and Austro-Hungarian forces are making progress along the great front.

The English papers are enthusiastic over the raid by their cruisers and seaplanes on Cuxhaven. They decline to accept without reservation the German statement that ships at Cuxhaven and the gas works were hit by bombs, but that no damage was done, and consider this improbable.

WAR BRIEFS

An eminent traveller remarks that Russian Officers are puzzled because of the necessity in England of meetings to stimulate recruiting. In Russia recruits are offering in great numbers without effort. The Russian soldiers' fighting with Germans is child's play to fighting with Japanese.

For the first time there is a properly organized service of dental surgeons at the front. Any number of our soldiers in the trenches are suffering from toothache.

The German infantryman carries a pack lined with aluminum, which exactly fits his back without rubbing or chafing. It is well filled with everything likely to be needed.

Thus far the British Government has raised £400,000,000 for war purposes. The last call for £250,000,000 was oversubscribed. As invested funds are not easily realized in war times, the sum mentioned must represent a part of what may be called the loose cash of the nation.

Sir John French's report shows that the British troops have been fearfully outnumbered in the trenches. The Generals have been at their wit's ends to make one man do the work of three, four, or even ten men, at times.

It is more than 170 years since a British King was on the Continent with his troops. In 1743 George II commanded his troops at Dettingen. The recent visit of King George V. to France and Belgium has been of great service in inspiring the troops.

King Albert of Belgium, though hard pressed, has never left his own country. Every engagement has been on Belgian soil.

The gold in the Bank of England has increased since war began from £26,000,000 to £85,000,000.

The promotion of Col. Steele, to the rank of Major General has caused great satisfaction in Winnipeg, to the general public as well as to the military circles.

Havildar Gagna Singh is the first Indian recommended for the Victoria Cross. The Havildar and fifteen men of his regiment were attacked in their trench before dawn. He shot the German Officer, and took from him his sword and killed ten more men before he fell with a bullet in his foot. He was left for dead but survived.

Winston Churchill, the Lord of Admiralty reached his fortieth birthday Nov. 30.

Among the trophies taken at Czenstehowa was the Kaiser's carriage with his blue cloak in it.

Mrs. Jones, an English woman has four sons in the war. Three of them are triplets born in 1895.

The tallest man in the British army is six feet nine inches in his stockings. He is now laid aside, having been shot in the shoulder.

The Kaiser has issued an order promising 750 marks, or about \$150, for each machine gun captured from the enemy. The Bourse Gazette estimates the German losses for the month in the East to have been approximately 100,000 men, or one fifth of their strength.

A British submarine entered the Dardanelles, diving under three rows of mines and torpedoed the Turkish ship which was guarding the mine fields. The submarine escaped though pursued after being nine hours under water.

The British soldier gets a ration of about a pound and a quarter of meat a day. The French gets only half a pound, but twice as much bread as the British. The mainstay of the German seems to be potatoes, each man getting three pounds and five ounces a day.

Lieut. Col. Williams, of Ottawa, was in the trenches for three days, shot three Germans, and had his arm broken by a shrapnel splinter. He is now back in Salisbury Plains, and by command of Gen. French is lecturing the Canadian Officers.

Splendid Christmas dinners were provided for all Canadians in training for the war.

Sir Charles Tupper is in a nursing hospital in England, in a very serious condition, though not in immediate danger.

Monitor's Belgian Relief

Have you sent in that contribution yet to the Monitor's Belgian Relief Fund?

You were thinking about it last week as your heart was touched and softened by the influence of the glad Christmastide. But there have been a good many demands upon your purse, and you are delaying your subscription until you feel that you are in a better position to give. In most cases that would be all right; but in this case it means that you are withholding food not only from the hungry, but from the starving. The trouble is that it is hard for the people of Nova Scotia to realize just what the condition of the Belgians is like; hard to grasp how urgent is their need. We with our good homes, our comfortable firesides, our well-filled larder, find it almost impossible to picture to ourselves a people four or five millions of them with none of these things. An English writer who visited Belgium and people wander in foreign lands, both the highest and the lowest, looking for work and bread. They cannot look for homes. Those left behind huddle near the ruins of their shattered villages, or take refuge in towns which cannot feed their own citizens. Many towns and cities have been completely destroyed. Others reduced or shattered struggle in vain to feed their poor and broken populations. Stones and ashes mark the places where small communities lived their peaceful lives before the invasion. The Belgian people live now in the abyss of want and woe. All this would not be so awful if it were Spring, or the beginning of Summer. But here are these people homeless and destitute to face the grim, bleak winter. Let us try to imagine what it would mean to us in this Annapolis Valley to be compelled to flee from our homes, just at this time of year without a moment's notice, taking only such of our possessions, as we could carry in our flight. And yet had not the brave Belgians taken the heroic stand which they did against the Prussian horde at the beginning of the war, some of the ruthless vandals of the Kaiser with fire and sword might have ere this been devastating our land. After all this peace and security which we as Nova Scotians enjoy, is something that in past at least we owe to the brave, suffering people of the land of Belgium. They are not merely the objects of our charity. We owe them a great debt, which money can only in part repay. Let us begin to pay up. Bridgetown and vicinity ought to put the Monitor's Fund well past the \$500 mark by January 1, 1915. Let us get busy and swell the fund.

Previously acknowledged	\$245.90
Mrs. Robt. Longley, Lawrencetown	10.00
Mrs. F. H. Longley, Lawrencetown	1.00
Master Allan Longley, Lawrencetown	1.00
F. H. Longley, Lawrencetown	1.00
W. A. Mitchell, Hampton	1.00
Proceeds of sale by "Sunshine Club" Lawrencetown	4.08
Upper Granville School, Proceeds of Concert	6.80
Christmas Stocking	
R. J. Messenger and family, Lawrencetown	4.92
Mrs. A. P. Ramsey, Clarence	1.00
Mrs. Jas. Ramsey, Clarence	1.00
A. P. Ramsey, Clarence	1.00
G. K. Dodge, Proceeds of Punching Board	4.50
	\$282.30

Call to Special Intercession

We desire to call attention to the fact that our authorities both Civil and Ecclesiastical throughout the whole British Empire have proclaimed and set apart the first Sabbath of the New Year as a day of special humiliation, supplication and intercession. On that day all the people are requested to meet together in their various places of worship and offer special prayer to Almighty God our Heavenly Father for His blessing upon our nation in those days of great stress and anxiety and to seek His aid in this great conflict through which our Empire and her allies are passing.

In accordance with this summons we, the undersigned would call upon all our people to assemble themselves in their respective churches in this universal intercession. Let us make a great effort that no one who can possibly attend be absent during any service of the day while all our Great Empire is thus uniting in supplicating the Divine blessing and assistance at this special time. While giving of our means let us not withhold our prayers.

(Signed)
ERNEST UNDERWOOD,
Rector of the Parish of St. James'
JOHN DUSTAN,
Minister Gordon Memorial Church

Christmas Service in St. James Church

Following the usual custom there was a service in St. James' Church on Christmas morning, but this year probably owing to the severe cold the attendance was not as large as usual. Those who attended, however, were rewarded by a bright and hearty service, two special features being an anthem setting to the "Te Deum" by Caleb Simper, and an Anthem Carol with soprano and violin obligato. We doubt if the choir ever sang better. The rector based his sermon on the Angel's message to the Shepherds—St. Luke II, vs. 8-12—"Humanity's Angel-trimmed Christmas tree."

On Sunday most of the music was repeated and carols were sung at the evening service.

After making a trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific and visiting all the fruit districts of the Dominion, Mr. Donald Johnson, of Ottawa, a fruit expert, has come to the conclusion that it is time to call a halt in orchard planting in Canada. Mr. Johnson directs the attention of apple growers to the production of better fruit and to perfecting their methods of marketing.

Program for the Week of Prayer at Lawrencetown

Sunday, Jan. 3rd, services will be held in the Baptist Church at 11 a. m. and in the Methodist Church at 7.30 p. m. The National Call to Prayer will be presented.

Week-evening services as follows:— Monday, Jan. 4th in the Baptist Church. Subject: "Individual and National Repentance." Speaker, Rev. F. J. Arncliffe.

Tuesday, Jan. 5th, in the Methodist Church. Subject: "Religion and the Home." Speaker, Rev. H. C. Mellick.

Wednesday, Jan. 6th, in the Baptist Church. Subject: "The Religion of Youth." Speaker, Rev. F. J. Arncliffe.

Thursday, Jan. 7th, in the Methodist Church. Subject: "Missions." Speaker, Rev. H. C. Mellick.

Friday, Jan. 8th, in the Baptist Church the annual roll-call, and in the Methodist Church the Epworth League.

It is earnestly requested that Christian people support these services by their presence and prayers.

Belgian Relief Fund

The Treasurer of the Local Committee (Rev. E. Underwood) hands us the following:—

Previously acknowledged	\$244.73
Dr. DeBlois	5.00
Mrs. Archie L. Bent, Belleisle	1.00
For some little Belgian Child	
A Christmas offering from the children of W. E. Bent, Belleisle	1.00
Mrs. David Gilmiatt, Granville Centre	5.00
Mr. Fletcher Darling, West Paradise	2.00
C. M. U.	5.00
	\$263.73

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Surplus	\$11,000,000
Total Resources	\$17,000,000

BRIDGETOWN BRANCH
J. S. Lewis, Manager

Week of Prayer

The Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist Churches will hold union services during the Week of Prayer beginning on Monday evening, Jan. 4th. The services will open promptly at 7.30. The following is a list of the subjects for prayer and the places of meeting:—

Monday, Jan. 4th, in the Methodist Church. Subject: "The Cross of Christ."

Tuesday, Jan. 5th, in the Baptist Church. Subject: "The Missionary Outlook as Affected by the War."

Wednesday, Jan. 6th, in the Presbyterian Church. Subject: "The Church and the War."

Thursday, Jan. 7th, in the Methodist Church. Subject: "Individual and Family Religion."

Friday, Jan. 8th, in the Baptist Church. Subject: "The Social Application of the Gospel."

On Sunday evening, Jan. 10th, the pastors of the above mentioned churches will effect the following pulpit exchanges:—

Presbyterian—Rev. A. R. Reynolds
Methodist Church—Rev. G. C. Warren
Baptist Church—Rev. J. F. Duffan

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Yours,
W. A. HUTCHINSON.

The average man does not know much about bees, but all realize that more are needed in the orchards of this Valley. The N. S. F. Growers will give one session up to Apiculture at their annual meeting, and all bee-keepers are asked to attend.

The Department of Customs has issued instructions that, during the war, personal gifts from members of the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force to relatives or friends in Canada may be shipped free.

The New York Tribune denounces the German raid on the English Coast. It says: "Such ruthlessness will come home to roost."

Saturday morning, at 8 o'clock, the temperature in Montreal, taken at McGill University was 13.4 below zero.