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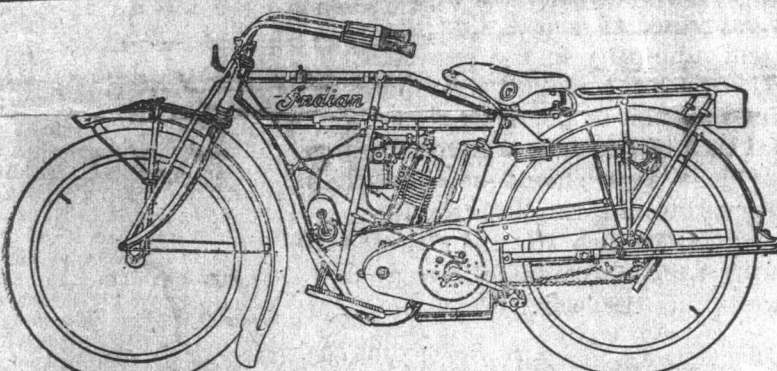
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"Daysprings" which took Second Money in Toronto on Xmas Day.
G. Powell, driver—Parks, owner.

Xmas Giving

Written for The Ontario by a Special Correspondent.

"Xmas Giving" is a term often abused. Sometimes the term is used when "gifts" are exchanged among relations and friends; and needless to say there would be more than a slight disappointment if such exchanges were not made.

Another interpretation of this time-worn expression is furnished by the "faddist" whose philanthropic spirit lasts about as long as the word "giving" is in the air, and whose ideas of discrimination and overlapping are rather lax.

The term "Xmas Giving" when associated with philanthropic organizations often loses its true significance, when organizations are more anxious to "report" so many poor families touched rather than one adequately and discriminately helped.

Now the true interpretation of Xmas giving is not an exchange of gifts, nor does it come under the category of the faddist's idea, nor again is it to be interpreted by the too often sought for prominence of philanthropic organizations.

The true interpretation of the term "Xmas Giving" depends upon the spirit of the giver; whose spirit lasts not only during Xmas but throughout the whole year.

We may close with the beautiful words of Yankys: "Are you willing to ignore what the world owes to the world—to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty, in the foreground—to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life—then you can keep Xmas."

And if you keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone.

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A Christmas Message

BY REV. A. M. HUBLY

"No war, nor battle's sound
Was heard the world around;
No hostile chiefs to furious combat
ran;
But peaceful was the night,
Wherein the Prince of Light
His reign of peace on earth began."

Over nineteen hundred years have
told their tale of war, and sin and
shame, but also of peace and right-
eousness, since the first Christmas
message fell upon the ears of men.

The starry dome was rent, and the
midnight silence broken by heavenly
visitant proclaiming the sweetest
message, that a warring, rebellious
world of men could ever receive.

After the announcement of "good
tidings" and "the Saviour's birth,"
there were gathering sounds of a
multitude of voices, culminating in
a sudden burst of song which filled the
air from beyond the mountain peaks
to the pastures where lowly
shepherds watched their flocks. The
shepherds heard the articulations of
the celestial choristers—"Glory to
God in the highest, and on earth
peace, good will toward men."

The poetic beauty of the angels'
song, coupled with its extramundane
fullness of significance, must ever
give inspiration to human faith, hope
and love. What shall we say of the
angels' song of peace and glory on
this Christmas of nineteen hundred
and fourteen?

What message has the follower of
the Prince of Peace for the warring
Christian nations of to-day?—this
—"First righteousness! then
Peace!" The King of Righteousness
bore the cross along the "via Dolorosa,"
to establish His Kingdom of

Peace. The Christian nations, and the
Christian church, to a large degree
have failed to catch the true mean-
ing of the Christian religion, which
is the dedication of self denial and
not the glorification of selfish grati-
fication gained by the debasement and
sordidness of others.

The Kingdom of Peace is still to be
found most readily by "the compa-
nions of the sorrowful way." The way
to rejoice in the Christmas message
is to take Christ as His word, and
to follow the clear pathway of His holy
will. While the sound of battle, will
drown the angels' song of peace for
many this blessed Christmas tide, let
us remember that the Omnipotent and
Omniscient God so rules, and over-
rules in history, that even the worst
of men shall praise Him. We can be
assured, that the Bethlehem Babe,
which foiled the purpose of the
murderous Herod, shall in the ful-
ness of time bless His people with
the blessings of perfect peace.

The blood of the Lamb will, ulti-
mately, purge the Christian nations
of their blood-lust, and the church
of her lust of eye, and pride of life.
That is as worthy that the authorities
from their sins, with garments dyed
red in the winepress, will come a-
gain, in raiment of fine linen, clean
and white, to make perfect His reign
of peace.

"For lo, the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold.
When with the ever circling years
Come in the age of gold."

When peace shall over all the earth
Her ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the
song
Which now the angels sing."

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RIFLE SHOOTING

The members of the Belleville Rifle
Association held a practice shoot in
the armories last night. Some ex-
ceedingly good shooting was done as
will be seen by the following scores.
Conditions 10 shots at 25 yards. High-
est possible score 100.—J. Thompson
100; J. Douch 99; A. J. Stewart 98;
G. B. Smith 97; L. Weese 96; H. Hol-
ton 95; J. Goyer 94; G. Ellis 94; L.
R. McKelvey 92; G. Staworth 92;
R. A. Adams 91; E. V. Brown, 90; C.
Walker 90; R. Cumming 90; W. B.
Vandervoort 88; J. C. Wells 82; D.
Grass 82; M. M. Nicol 80; R. Peppin
80; J. Woodley 74; D. Gratton 70;
M. Wright 67; H. Howie 46.

Died After Operation

Charles Lambert Tracey, the
youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm.
Tracey, of the sixth concession of
Thurloew died today after an opera-
tion for appendicitis. He was twelve
years of age and was in his usual
health up to a week ago. He is sur-
vived by his parents and five
brothers and sisters. He was a member
of St. Michael's Church, Belleville.

LAI'D TO REST.

The funeral of the late Charles
Lambert Tracey, son of Mr. and
Mrs. W. Tracey, took place this
morning from the residence in Thur-
loew to St. Michael's church, where
Rev. Father Killen officiated at a
requiem mass. Rev. Father Corrigan
conducted the service at the grave
in St. James cemetery. The bearers
were four brothers of deceased boy.

TRAMP ART AT POLICE SHELTER

Decorations on Walls of Tramp Room
—Excellent Poetry Sketches—Comic
Paragraphs—Index of Tramp
Life.

Some interesting inscriptions are to
be found on the walls of the tramps
shelter in the Belleville Police Station.
Many of them testify to the tramp
mood and bear witness to many a
tragedy of life.

On winter nights when men of all
ages and laboring occupations have
taken themselves to the police station
for shelter, the impulse to write strikes
many of them. One might add to
Shakespeare's list of "the madman,
the lover and the poet," the "genius
tramp" for the possession of "feeling
brains." The tramp's creative vein in
many cases goes no farther than the
plain record of a name and date.
Comic references to occupation, and
mode of travel appear here and there
in "Faintest Mike." This inscrip-
tion seemed to have given rise to some
thoughts and a train of similar thoughts
in the brain of a pal of the road for
another wrote, "Boxcar Pete," and
"Manifest Bill."

One song to the tune of "My Scotch
Blue Bell" was written in the prison
of a wholesome supper which the poor
poet perhaps had not seen nor tasted,
nor smelt for months.

In pencil lead on the wall of plaster
is a clean-cut figure of a soldier in
khaki, admirably drawn and under-
neath are the words:

Ed. T. _____
(Name)
East _____
(Arrow)
Oct. _____ 1914.

Evidently the author of this had
worn a service outfit or was on his
way to join a military unit on active
service.

The same admirable chap has left a
list of the big cities in Canada and the
United States in which he has been a
sojourner.

An entire character is summed up
in the two words on the west wall of
the shelter—"Rambling Kate."

Many of the tramps after their ar-
rival and explanation and quaint in-
troduction to one another feel exceed-
ingly happy with their lot and burst
out in song. But sometimes a grum-
ble gets in and as usual has to
leave a record of his lack of apprecia-
tion of the shelter provided him from
the snow, the wind and the rain and
for which he pays not a cent. His re-
commendation of Belleville's charity
runs—

"This place is no good, live, hunger,
and cold.
"A Knight of the Road."
"Chippewa, U. S. A."

Of course his allegation is a lie as to
the sanitary conditions—unless he
brought his own unsanitary articles
when he came in. But the falsehood
does not make any difference. He
wants to kick and knock, and he does
it. Perhaps that is the reason why he
is on the road.

The education of some tramps is a
marvel. One that lately slept in Belle-
ville had written a song in Welsh ap-
proach the wall such as would have done
the souls of Owen Glendower, Llewellyn,
or Lloyd Grogan good. Fearless
Gaelic it was. Another, who called
himself other but a son of Erin, left his
mark in a sweet Irish lyric. Once in
a while an obscure verse appears, but
that is as worthy that the authorities
can wash it away with a bit of water
and rag.

Remarkable is one signature in its
excellence of execution in an artistic
and yet manly hand. Many a Front
street merchant would be blessed if
his clerks possessed such a hand. Post
office clerks would not have to worry
their heads over hieroglyphics or
Chinese if this knight should settle
down to take a position in a Belle-
ville office.

Artists often find themselves up
against the world, and some find
themselves in the company of tramps.
One draughtsman undertook to con-
tinue the Union Jack and the Stars and
Stripes and he executed an admirable
drawing. Eagle and arrows are well
outlined and at the juncture of the
stiffs appears to be an aeroplane.

Doubleless many of the signatures
are left as for friends on the beat,
who might happen to drop into
town and some code is used among
the tramps so that the fraters of the
highway may learn of their whereabouts.

These marks are of course the work
of men who can write. Some few may
not be able to chronicle their desires
and emotions.

But what has brought the better
educated class down to Belleville in a
few cases pure love of adventure, the
delight of adventure, roaming, idleness
and desire to shuffle off the bur-
dens of mundane civilian and home
life and to like Autolycus-like to the
hedges, fences, woods, roads, and rail-
way ties. Others perhaps have lost
energy through some calamity—death,
quarrel, illness and allowed them-
selves brokenwilled to swing along
with the current. Most of the tramps
are single men. It is fair to say for
the single men's sake.

The shiftlessness of the tramp,
which is his essence, may be the cause
of these momentary outbursts of en-
ergy in tinkering and decorating walls
of shelters and cells. Perhaps they
may like ordinary mortals feel the im-
pulse to see what they can accomplish
and so pass away the evening under
the spotlight. But this is easy to a
tramp who does not work. It is variety
recreation. And so he takes his
penicil in hand and leaves his mark be-
fore he settles down for his snooze on
the boards, for his blankets and sheets
are his own clothes.

BORN

ALLEN—At Belleville, Ont., Thurs-
day, December 24th, 1914, to Mr.
and Mrs. Lucia E. Allen, a son.

OUR XMAS TOAST

TO OUR ABSENT BOYS.

Very handsome Christmas cards
have been received from Lieut. E.
Frank Lynn, of the Canadian Engineer-
ing at Salisbury Plain, and from Lieut.
R. D. Ponton of the second battalion,
Infantry Brigade. The Engineers' card
is illustrated by a picture of the
departure of their Majesties from the
lines after inspection, the men cheer-
ing with their hats on the points of
their bayonets and swords. Frank
Lynn will be remembered as the
youngest member of the XV Regiment
South African contingent who left
Belleville to participate in the Boer
war. The second battalion card shows
a picture of all the officers with the
regiment with a list of their names,
and as all our infantry from Belleville
and Hastings in the XV and 49th
Regiments are in this Battalion it
may be interesting to give a list of
the names of all the officers on whom
the responsibility for the welfare of
the men largely rests. They are as
follows:

Lieut.-Col. D. Watson, Commanding
Lieut.-Col. C. H. Rogers, Lieut. Col.
P. A. Howard
Major J. Mills, Major W. Reattie,
Major G. W. Bennett, Major S. J.
Thorne, Major H. B. Verret, Major H.
G. Bolster.

Capt. H. Willie O'Connor, Capt. G.
Greer, Capt. A. K. Mercer, Capt. G.
C. Cryster, Capt. L. F. Guttman,
Capt. T. S. H. Abell, Capt. W. H. V.
Hooper.

Lieut.-A. G. Turner, Lieut. R. W. F.
Jones, Lieut. E. C. Curry, Lieut. H. E.
Hodge, Lieut. T. M. Houghton, Lieut.
H. Kidd, Lieut. A. G. McLennan,
Lieut. V. G. Whelan, Lieut. T. H. R.
ardson, Lieut. W. L. L. Gordon, Lieut.
N. H. Klotz, Lieut. J. H. Stewart,
Lieut. W. H. Dossie, Lieut. R. de
Salsberry, Lieut. E. C. Culling, Lieut.
J. E. McLurg, Lieut. A. H. Huggill,
Lieut. G. A. Korman, Lieut. C. F. Scott,
Lieut. R. D. Ferguson, Lieut. R. D.
Ponton, Lieut. R. O. Earle, Lieut. H.
Fraser, Lieut. F. E. Birdsall, Lieut.
F. McK. Garrison, Lieut. J. H. Stra-
way, Lieut. E. D. O'Flynn, Lieut. C.
W. Day, Lieut. E. L. Williams.

Belleville therefore is represented by
three officers, Wallace, O'Flynn, and
Ponton, and by non-commissioned of-
ficers and men, and the Christmas
toast to our absent boys tomorrow
will include also non-commissioned of-
ficers and men of the 34th Battery
and also in addition to the officers and
men above named Major Perry Gold-
smith Capt. Percy Anderson, and
Lieut. Wallace Roth, who while with
other corps still regard Belleville as
their home centre. The little war
periodical published by the boys of
the Second Battalion at Salisbury
Plain shown to us by Colonel Ponton,
closed with this touching paragraph
"On no account permit the enemy to
cut the communications with your
dear old home." The men at Kingston
and the three nursing sisters, Misses
Bridley, Denmark, and Geen will
not be forgotten.

COMING TO BELLEVILLE.

Recently a number of laymen and
citizens, hearing of the great Chris-
tian Citizenship campaigns conducted
by Dr. J. L. Gordon of Winnipeg, in
Berlin, Peterborough, Ottawa, and
Woodstock, came together to consid-
er the purpose of getting Dr. Gor-
don to visit Belleville. Between forty
and fifty prominent citizens were pre-
sent. A nominating committee was ap-
pointed. This committee was author-
ized to appoint a standing committee
and the officers. The committee met
recently at the Y.M.C.A. with Mr.
Mulligan, the private secretary of Dr.
Gordon. It was decided to commence
the special meetings on Dec. 31st with
a great watch-night service at which
Dr. Gordon will speak and the great
colored soloist, Greenlaw, will sing. He
has a magnificent voice. After dis-
cussion it was decided to apply for
the use of Bridge St. Church for the
meetings. Special plans were
formulated for ushering, printing,
music, ventilating, etc. Two repre-
sentatives of the Ministerial Associa-
tion are on the committee.

Chairman—S. Burrows
Treasurer—E. Templeton
Secretary—J. L. Hess

Large display ads will appear daily
in each of the papers announcing
Dr. Gordon's subject for each night.
The following names appear on the
petition signed in order to secure Dr.
Gordon—R. Templeton, W. B. Deacon,
R. J. Graham, J. L. Hess, A. J. Mc-
Laren, P. C. McLaurin, A. W. Dia-
mond, E. N. Baker, E. T. Thompson,
S. Burrows, T. Woodley, A. E.
Bailey, J. O. Herity, G. O. Duprau,
J. McDonald, F. E. O'Flynn, T. G.
Bell, G. E. Deroche, C. M. Reid, Wm.
McIntosh, W. B. Riggs, H. F. Ketch-
eson, C. Whelan, S. S. Lazier, J. El-
liott, W. Alford, E. J. Hurley, F. P.
Thompson, R. B. Morden, E. R. Mc-
Bride, W. C. Mikel, Mayor Wilks, J.
E. Walmsley, E. F. Dickens, B. As-
elstine, F. S. Ducommun, C. H. R.
D. V. Sinclair, C. S. Clapp, J. W.
Barlow, W. B. Smith, P. J. Wims, J.
H. E. Vrooman.

POLICEMAN GETS THREE TURKEYS

Seven members of the Belleville Rif-
le Association journeyed to Cory-
ville to the turkey shoot yesterday.
Only one was strong enough in
"bull's eye" to bring home a
fowl. That one was police officer Geo.
Ellis, who captured three of the
birds. Twelve were up for competi-
tion and the farmers' rifles made
good for many of them. Rural Hag-
lings has some crack shots.

FELL OUT OF SLEIGH

A visitor in town yesterday limbed
too freely of the wine press product
and on his way home fell out of his
sleigh on Mill street. His team was
not captured until they had reached
the vicinity of Lazier's mill.

XMAS MAIL IS HEAVY

"Business up to Last Year," says Post-
master A. Gillen—Xmas Addition
to Staff.

"Christmas business is up to the
mark," said Mr. Alfred Gillen, post-
master at Belleville, this morning.
It does not exceed last year's. Up-
-to-date as good as last year or any
former year. What today, and tomor-
row, will bring we cannot predict.

The postmaster was referring to the
postal service at the local office.
Christmas at Belleville Post office is
generally a strenuous and little-re-
spected event but this year so many
improvements by the good graces of
the P. M. General have been made
that it is not so unpleasant amid all
the deluge of mail on Dec. 23rd to
25th.

The staff today numbers 33 of whom
twelve are extra. Each mail carrier
is supported by an assistant with a
sleigh. This requires nine new hands.
This is the first year of parcel post
by wagon and sleigh. The mail
carriers are relieved of all large par-
cels. Mr. Hineley in charge of this
branch has an assistant.

In the post office itself there is a
do and also a night assistant.
The improvements during the past
season are now becoming patent to
the public. There is a rush to the
stamp counter and thence to the mail
and parcel box. The parcels are re-
ceived by one of the staff and stamp-
ed, thrown into a huge basket, or
wheel which is rolled to the rear for
sorting and distribution. It is after-
wards tied up and sent out. All the
mail for each train is shipped out at
the time.

The changes have increased the ef-
ficiency—no more big mountains of let-
ters strike the eye—no more confu-
sion is noticed.

"The Ontario" had the privilege of
looking into the mail carrier's "box" at
8:30 a.m. and it had been cleared of
all its letters. This was filled this
morning early, but the carriers had
distributed it.

The new parcel receptacles in the
city are being generously utilized by
the public.
Present conditions contrast strongly
with the old days, said one of the
civil servants this morning. Fifteen
or more years ago the staff consisted
of nine civil servants, and the holiday
mail took two or three weeks to han-
dle.

Temporary boxes have been ar-
ranged for small parcels. These are
used by the carriers' assistants.
The farmers' mail is an important
feature of the office work. The dis-
tribution is done in Belleville office,
the old days this was done in the
country village post office center.

The postal staff go about to their
Christmas work good naturedly and
without rush or confusion, distribut-
ing holiday tokens for all.

CHRISTMAS TRADE IS GOOD

Surprising Many Merchants—Few
Complaints Heard in Belleville.

The merchant who has been rather
careful in laying in a stock of Chris-
mas goods perhaps finds he has been
pessimistic. Of course it was to be
expected that there would be less
reckless buying than in previous years
but some people had a vision of a
Christmas without presents. Fortu-
nately for them the merchants were
not so blinded and trusted to their
Christmas spirit in the public.

And they have not been disappoint-
ed as of yore, and presents are bought.
Speaking last night, a merchant said
that he noticed little difference in the
Christmas sales of 1913 and 1914. He
had not definite figures owing to the
extent of his business, but he had the
impression that the difference was
very little. And he is a dealer in ex-
pensive wares.

One remarkable thing is the change
in the kind of purchases. Instead of
some article which is of little benefit
to the recipient, a friend this year
bought something substantial, such as
groceries, flour, boots or clothes.

HELPING THE BELGIANS.

It is pleasing to learn that one of
the last philanthropic acts per-
formed by the late Mrs. London was
to instruct Mr. J. Elliott to forward
her cheque to the Belgian Consulate
Montreal, the amount of which was
to be applied for the relief of the
Belgian people.

We publish herewith the Consul's
acknowledgement
"Consulat De Belgique
A Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 17, 1914.
Manager Standard Bank of Canada,
Belleville, Ont.—

Dear Sir—

I acknowledge receipt of your let-
ter of the 15th inst. enclosing cheque
from Mrs. Mary J. London of Belle-
ville for the Belgian Relief Fund,
and thank you very much for your
kindness in forwarding it, and also
wish to assure you that your kind
words of sympathy for the Belgian
people are much appreciated.

Very faithfully yours,
(Sgd) Clarence I. De Soja,
Belgian Consul.

GOOD THINGS FOR POLICE

The F. & Anderson Coal Company
remembered the Belleville Police
Force with a box of cigars.
Mr. John Elliott of the Standard
Bank as an appreciation of the
work of the police force during the
year has sent a cheque for \$10

Chinaman Knocked Down.

A runaway occurred on Bridge St.
yesterday in which a Chinaman was
knocked down but not hurt. The
horse ran around Market street and
up Front to Bridge again. No damage
was done in the charge.