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GREETINGS FROM OUR CHIEF COMMISSIONER

My Dear Scoutmaster—
I wish you a Happy Christmas and good Scouting during the coming year. When I say "good Scouting," I am thinking chiefly of the spirit of scouting as set forth in the Promise and Law. It is this which counts for most in scouting and does most for the boys. I think of a good scoutmaster as one who holds himself back from doing for the scouts what the patrol leaders and the scouts can do for themselves. The wise scoutmaster is one who systematically guides the patrol leaders and then expects them to help and lead the members of the patrol. Good Scouting gets the boys interested in doing things, from the scout programme, which promote good health, good habits and good character and, so far as we are permitted, gets much of the "doing" out of doors.

Good Scouting makes boys want to "be prepared" for every day life as well as for the emergency adventures. It may cheer you to remember that Canada now has more than 80,000 boys and men who have had from one to ten years experience in scouting.

I wish you much happiness through good Scouting.

Faithfully yours,
JAMES W. ROBERTSON,
Chief Commissioner.

Brother Scouts and Cubs

To those who are not lucky enough to be subscribers to "Canadian Boy" magazine, I want to echo my Christmas greetings in the December number. So to all, from the youngest Cub to the oldest Scoutmaster, and not forgetting our true friends the members of the Local Council and Troop Committees, I extend a sincere wish for an old-time Merry Christmas and for Good Scouting in the New Year.

Just a few words about our district. The coming year is full of promise. All our troops are reporting increases in strength, and I can vouch for increased efficiency; for which we can thank our scoutmasters. Our newly formed local council, drawn largely from troop committees, assures us of splendid support. To cap all, we now have our own headquarters and local office, located at the "Tim," and any scout that doesn't know him had better make a trip to it, right away.

One thing that we must all "watch" and never forget is the daily "good turn." If we neglect it we are not scouts, we are not living the scout law. Remember, there is no such thing as being a scout only on meeting nights or on hikes; a scout is a scout twenty-four hours a day and seven days a week. Learn your scout law, and obey it, on your honor you are promised to, and on your honor you are trusted to be prepared.

GUY L. SHORT,
District Commissioner.

By The Way

We are very sorry not to have received more replies to our letter asking for items of news for our page, but we are sure that next time our page will be full to overflowing.

Really, this has been a splendid year for our district. We have now nineteen troops and twelve packs, with prospects of many more within the next few months. We have experimented with several phases of scouting which had not previously been attempted, and proved their wonderful possibilities. The last and best move this year was the decision of our council to open an office for St. John District.

The success of scouting in the past and future depends and will depend on our scoutmasters and cubmasters successfully applying the spirit of scouting, and the many little things which go to make up this spirit. No troop will be successful unless they use the patrol

system and the court of honor. It sometimes seems as though we lack the real scouting spirit that we hear so much about. How can we acquire it? We hope that the few following suggestions may assist the scoutmaster in this regard. We would recommend the purchase of a copy of "Scouting for Boys," which is, as John A. Stiles puts it, "the daddy of them all," a perusal of the "Headquarters Gazette" every month, a few readings of "Aids to Scoutmaster-ship" by the chief, and "The Patrol System" by the late Roland Phillips.

The principles set forth in these publications, conscientiously applied, the use of the Ben Gonyea Chorus, the Scout yell, the practice of the patrol calls and the unstinted use of the good turn—all these things go to make up that great game of scouting for boys; the great game that has appealed to every race and creed under the sun. Verily it can be compared to "that touch which makes the whole world kin," our League of Nations in the embryo. Echoing the words of our commissioner, I wish you all a Merry Yule-tide.

SEES IMPROVED BUSINESS AHEAD

British Trade Commissioner
Fred Field Completes Tour of Ontario.

That business throughout Ontario is quiet, but slowly improving, and that the worst of the trade depression is over, is the opinion of F. W. Field, British Government Trade Commissioner, who has just completed an extensive trip to most of the industrial centres of the province.

"Here and there an occasional manufacturer, one hundred and fifty manufacturers, department store heads, and wholesale house principals," said Mr. Field, in an interview with a representative of The Globe, upon the conclusion of his Provincial tour yesterday. "There are some occasional manufacturers who are doing a normal volume of business, despite the assistance of Christmas trade. Large manufacturers are buying on a 30-day basis, and wholesale and retail houses are buying also at short intervals.

On Way to Recovery.
I believe it is foolish to harbor a false belief that business is good, when the facts prove otherwise. At the same time, the facts also justify the assertion that we have passed the bottom of the depression and are now on the highway to better times. Within a year we should be enjoying more nearly normal conditions.

BIG GAIN FOR THE CUSTOMS AT VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—With December's collections estimated at \$1,000,000, the total collections at the port of Vancouver for 1921 are \$12,662,772. This represents an increase of more than two millions over 1920 and more than four millions over 1919.

Quebec Women's Vote

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Steps are being taken, it is learned, says a Gazette writer, towards having a bill presented at the next session of the Quebec legislature to grant the women of the province of Quebec the vote, as in federal elections. There is, however, says the writer, little chance of the bill passing.

PRESIDENT VS. VICE-PRESIDENT

Annual Match on Thistle Ice Will be Played Monday.

The annual Thistle Curling Club president and vice-president Christmas match will be played on Monday, starting at 10 a. m., eleven rinks a side, rinks of equal numbers playing against one another.

Rinks 1, 2 and 3 play at 10 a. m.; rinks 4, 5 and 6, play at 11:30 a. m.; rinks 7, 8 and 9 play at 2:30 p. m., and rinks 10 and 11 play at 4 p. m.

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skip.

TURKEY PRICES IN NEW YORK

(New York Times)

Indications last night were that turkeys for the Christmas holidays would cost the consumers 4 to 6 cents a pound less than they did for the Thanksgiving season. The price may go lower.

All other poultry, including geese, ducks, fowls and roasting chickens, are also cheaper by several cents a pound. On the other hand, cranberries are higher than they were at Thanksgiving and about double the price obtaining last Christmas.

The supply of turkeys on this market was said to be larger than was expected two weeks ago. The price last week was 54 to 55 cents a pound wholesale, while on the number of turkeys sold last week there was a drop of 1 to 2 cents a pound. A further drop yesterday brought the wholesale price to 52 cents a pound, the average No. 1 Western turkeys. The Texas turkeys sold at 50 to 51 cents a pound. This is 4 to 5 cents lower than the average No. 1 turkeys sold at Thanksgiving Day on the same grade of turkeys.

The average quality of the turkeys, according to F. & F. Foy, the food expert and editor of Daily Market Reporter, is much better than a month ago. Not in twenty years, Mr. Foy said, have turkeys at this season been of such fine quality.

Mr. Foy said that the finest Western turkeys could be retailed at 56 to 58 cents a pound for those purchased last week at the higher prices, and that dealers who held off the market until yesterday and bought at 50 to 52 cents a pound could retail them at a profit at 54 to 55 cents a pound. Medium turkeys, he said, sold in the chain stores yesterday at 46 to 50 cents a pound retail.

The market is also plentifully supplied with live turkeys and other live poultry for the kosher trade. Charles Werner, of Samuel Werner & Co., Inc., 59 Low street, said that the supply was more than equal to the demand. Turkeys sold at 46 to 50 cents wholesale, he said, compared with 52 cents last year this time. Fowls were 26 to 28 cents yesterday, last year, 29 to 32 cents a pound; roasting chickens yesterday were 23 to 25 cents a pound, last year, 27 cents. Geese yesterday were 28 cents a pound, being 2 cents a pound cheaper than last year, and ducks 28 to 30 cents a pound, also 2 cents cheaper than last year.

Mr. Foy said that the Hebrew housewives should not have to pay more than 56 to 60 cents a pound for turkeys this year, as against 70 to 75 cents last year. Roasting chickens are not more than 30 cents; fowls not more than 28 cents, and geese and ducks at not more than 30 to 32 cents a pound.

Mr. Foy said that game was also plentiful, coming in from South American countries.

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ENGLAND LACKS TEACHERS.

Fewer Reported Entering Than Leaving the Profession.

Teacher shortage in England is still acute, and it is feared that it will be almost impossible to maintain even the existing educational standard. There has been a continuous diminution in the supply of teachers over a period of ten years. In 1905-6 the number of teachers who entered the profession was greater by 2,000 than the number who dropped out. By 1908-9 the number of those entering was about equal to those leaving. Every year after that the number of recruits proved smaller than the number who gave up teaching, the difference between the two figures for 1918-19 of the Bureau of Education, being nearly 4,000. The total deficiency of the supply as compared with depletion has amounted to 34,000.

Delay in the increase of salaries and rarity of promotion are two of the causes of this situation, continues the statement. "A more potent influence is the changed method of selecting and training teachers," it says. "About 1908 the old pupil-teacher system in the elementary schools was replaced by the bursar and student-teacher system. Under the old system the head teachers of elementary schools encouraged the brightest of their pupils to enter upon a four-year apprenticeship. The pupil-teachers would spend the greater part of each week in actual teaching practice, and attendance at a centre for academic instruction would occupy the rest of the time. The centres contained no students except those intending to be teachers, and these young people were thus segregated from others of their own age. This condition persisted throughout the remaining course of preparation, the two years of residence in a training college.

"The newer plan placed all students, whether intending to be teacher or not, in the ordinary secondary schools. This did away with the isolation formerly at-

tributed upon teacher training, and the students began to realize that there were more attractive callings open to them. "This naturally took away many who might have considered teaching and in great measure led to the present situation of teacher shortage.

"No distinction between the general education and professional training required for elementary and that required for secondary schools is one of the points of reform advocated by educators. The National Union of Teachers suggests a proper preparation for teaching graduation form a three-year course of university grade taken in association with students entering for the work of teaching should be given and then one year devoted to the acquisition of teaching craftsmanship.

"Existing training colleges for teachers should be utilized for this purpose alone. They would receive students of special as well as of general subjects. The students' time would be divided between the lecture hall and demonstration schools. Close co-operation should exist between the staff of the college and of the demonstration schools. These professional colleges should be recognised as colleges of a university. Educational research work should be a distinct feature."

He "Helped" The Wrong Way.

A green brakeman was making his first trip up the Sierras. The train was going up a very steep grade, and with unusual difficulty the engineer succeeded in reaching the top. At the station looking out of his cab, the engineer sat with a sigh of relief.

"I tell you what, my lad, we had a hard job to get up there, didn't we?"

"We certainly did," said the brakeman and if I hadn't put on the brakes we'd have slipped back!"—Locomotive Engineer's Journal.

He's Married.

"What's his present salary?"

"He says it's never present long enough to know!"—Wayside Tales.