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Season's Greetings

AS WE THINK OF THE PAST YEAR
AND OUR PLEASANT BUSINESS
RELATIONS WE ARE CONSTRAINED
TO LET OUR THOUGHTS BE CRYSTALLIZED INTO THE SIMPLE AND
SINCERE WORDS - WE THANK YOU.

MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE A JOYFUL ONE AND MAY THE NEW YEAR
BRING YOU HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY.

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SALVATION ARMY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

The young people of the Salvation Army will hold their annual Christmas entertainment in the Army Hall on Monday, December 28th.

Two exceptionally fine Christmas plays entitled "A Christmas Eve Pilgrimage" and "The Coming of Santa Claus" will be presented by the young people under Miss Millie Littley.

The whole programme will be given twice, in the afternoon especially for children and at night for adults. Children's tickets 15 cents and adults 35 cents.

CHRIST CHURCH

Friday, Dec. 25th—Christmas Day.
8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
11 a.m.—Choral Communion.
2.30 p.m.—Divine Service at Coal Creek.

Sunday, Dec. 27th—Sunday after Christmas.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
7.30 p.m.—Even Song.
2.30 p.m.—Sunday school.
Thursday, Dec. 31st, 11.15 p.m.—Watch Night Service.

If you are worried, just think of the money you save this season by strawberries being out of season.

With the Best of
Christmas Wishes and Happiness
throughout the New Year

SUDDABY'S
DRUG AND BOOK STORE

A REAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION

The Great War Veterans' Association is a real service organization. It has ably carried on a great service for Canada, and there is still much to be done. Many handicapped men, mutilated and disabled veterans of the last war, and dependents of Canadian men who fell on the field of battle would have starved—so far as the government authorities are concerned—but for the intelligent work performed by the Dominion command of the G.W.V.A.

It has been possible to perform this real service for the people of Canada because the men at the head of the G.W.V.A., including the Dominion secretary, C. Grant MacNeil, have made themselves thoroughly familiar with the administration of measures that have been placed on the statute books relating to pensions, allowances and other provisions for meeting Canada's obligations. The G.W.V.A. has acted as the soldiers' advocate. It is the only organization in the country that has so maintained a national office in Ottawa, with the necessary qualifications for carrying on this adjustment service.

There is still much work to be done. At the present time the active files of the G.W.V.A. Dominion command in Ottawa contain 7,000 cases relating to former Canadian soldiers and dependents in process of adjustment. But the resignation of the whole staff of this capable organization has been placed in the hands of Sir Richard Turner, Dominion president of the G.W.V.A. They have taken this unselfish step in the interests of national unity. They are willing to efface themselves, if necessary, to help along the movement launched by Earl Haig last summer for the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League.

Surely the public must appreciate the spirit of service which has been consistently displayed by the workers at the head of the G.W.V.A. But the public must also be concerned to see that there is no break in the continuity of that national work, particularly of the adjustment service. Widows, orphans, dependents and disabled men, possibly 35,000 people whose cases are being dealt with by the G.W.V.A., would be left without an advocate. This service must be carried on until the Canadian Legion is ready to take it over.

In the meantime, the general officers associated with that new movement ought to see that adequate arrangements are made for taking over the work of the soldiers' advocate, which has been carried on with such singleness of purpose by the Dominion command of the G.W.V.A.

MOOSEHEART A HEALTHY INSTITUTION

Mooseheart has nothing of the atmosphere of an institution. The only uniform that is used is for the cadet battalion and the bands. Otherwise each child may go to the general store and select his own clothes. No two children are dressed alike and the varied colors of the girls' dresses cause the groups of children to appear like animated flower beds as they move across the green lawns on the way to school.

Each child is supplied a quart of milk a day from the great dairy farm that occupies a place on the more than a thousand acres of land. The hospital is used as a preventive tool to which a child is sent at the first symptom of illness. These things combined with regular hours and good, substantial food, are health builders. Mooseheart babies—Mooseheart children—do not die. They live—strong and rugged. Outside the gates of Mooseheart the child death rate is seventeen in a thousand annually. Within the gates a death in any year is a blot on the records. Mooseheart Governors are proud that the tiny cemetery is so very small. There's love in this world. The Moose make it a daily mission.

XMAS CHEER FOR HOSPITAL

In addition to \$25 acknowledged from the B. C. Miners' Association last week, the following donations have been received:

I.O.D.E. Mt. Fernie Chapter \$10.
Western Canada Wholesale, case of oranges
Thomas Magladery, 5 Christmas trees.
Mrs. Liphardt and daughter, basket of fruit.
Wm. Barraclough, large box of Candy.

Victoria.—The farmers of the Province who may be the victims of pheasants eating their crops, gained a victory in the Legislature on Friday, when an amendment was added to the Game Act which gives them the right to shoot pheasants which they find actually destroying crops. This may be done without securing a license or reporting the shooting to a game warden. The House, however, declined to allow quail and Hungarian partridge to be included in this concession. An amendment which would have given wardens the right to shoot any dog found in bird districts during the summer was struck out.

A bunch of checks arrived this week for Home Bank depositors. Magistrate Henderson has been working hard to get these checks through before Christmas and those who received them are very grateful for his efforts.

OLD COUNCIL STAND AGAIN

From all appearances there will be no municipal election in Fernie this year. We understand that the mayor and all the aldermen have signified their willingness to stand again for 1926, and as the present regime has rendered such splendid service it is hardly likely that there will be any opposition. We also understand that Wm. Gates and Wm. Barraclough, the retiring school trustees, will also again be candidates for re-election.

THE LATEST DISPATCHES

Kansas City.—Released from Leavenworth prison after serving two years for participating in a \$5,000,000 bond theft in New York, Jules Nicky Arnstein declared he is going to devote the remainder of his life to renovating the Leavenworth institution "In the interest of the poor devils confined there."

Boston Mass.—Hard coal has become so scarce that one large firm is offering anthracite to cash and carry buyers at one cent a pound. Buyers must bring their own baskets.

Minneapolis, Dec. 23rd.—Four young bandits held up fourteen persons in the Guarantee State Bank here to-day herded them into a vault and escaped with \$6,000 to \$8,000 in cash.

Vancouver, Dec. 23rd.—Eight additional charges have been laid against Dr. W. T. Noyes, Oakalla Prison Doctor and Surgeon, who is charged with illegally issuing prescriptions for narcotics to drug addicts.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—In the wheat market here to-day gains of from 5 to 6 cents over the previous close were registered. The market opened 3 1-2 cents higher gained another two or three cents during the day and reacted slightly on profit taking.

Huntington, W. Va.—Two mountain girls, blind since birth, walked from a Huntington hospital to-day and marvelled at the wonders they gazed upon. Their sight had been restored, a Christmas gift from their mountain neighbors and a Huntington surgeon.

Lansing, Mich.—The State administrative board has established a permanent "Typhoid Colony" in Michigan, where James Soper, who is believed by medical authorities to have been atyphoid carrier for 25 years will be imprisoned.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—In buying stampede wheat to-day the market jumped as much as 9 1-2 cents a bushel.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—A considerable fall of snow to-night over Western and Central Ontario driven by a heavy westerly wind and prospects for more to-morrow with colder weather, somewhat dissipated fears of a "Green Christmas" over this section.

The Michel and Natal Lodge of the Royal Antedeluvian Order of Buffaloes opened in Natal G.W.V.A. Hall, there being a good attendance. Edmonton Provincial Grand Lodge officers, C. E. Major and H. Green performed the opening ceremony. We give the Fernie and Coal Creek R. A. O. B. Brethern Buffs a hearty invitation.

Communications may be sent to Bro. R. Eckersley, Secy., Michel B.C.

HOCKEY RULES AMENDED

Amendments to the playing rules in hockey this season bring about some drastic changes in the run of play and it would be well for the players about to engage in the City League schedule to know these thoroughly so that any misunderstanding on the ice may be avoided.

The following is an extract from the 1925-26 season rule book:

Goal-keepers pads—Maximum width 12 inches lying flat instead of 14.

Goal-keeper may clear by throwing puck back of the net.

New Defence Area—40 feet from the end of the rink instead of 20 feet from the goal line. In this area the old rule applies, viz., no off-side for the Defending Team. All rinks must be marked with defense lines at each end, 40 feet from the end of the rink.

No body-checking on the forward line. Body-checking only permissible by defense men in their positions back of the 40 foot line, and they must not charge an opponent.

ONE BIG UNION HAS INNINGS IN NOVA SCOTIA INQUIRY

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 22.—The One Big Union, a rival labor organization of the United Mine Workers of America, operating in Pictou county, had its innings today before the royal commission investigating the coal industry of Nova Scotia. The case for the O.B.U. was presented by William Murray, secretary of the union, and concurred in by Robert Foster, Walter Lloyd and Joseph Ryan.

William Murray charged that the U.M.W., which he characterized as a foreign organization, had come into Nova Scotia in 1919, and had undertaken to teach the miners how to conduct their affairs, including the burial of their dead. Under cross-examination of Sir Andrew Duncan, chairman of the commission, the witness detailed the alleged sins of the British Empire Steel corporation and the alleged sins of the U.M.W., who, in his opinion, contributed to the unrest throughout the Nova Scotia coal fields. He gave as his opinion that the wages at present paid the miners represented an increase of about 100 per cent over the wages paid in 1914, while at the same time the cost of living had increased by approximately 145 per cent. Under normal conditions, he testified, in answer to the chairman, the miner should be able to live better than in pre-war days. But, he contended, conditions were abnormal today owing to irregularity of employment.

NEW PICTURE WITH BIG CAST HERE SOON

Some of the screen's most popular players are in the cast of J. K. McDonald's First National Picture, "Frisolous Sal," which comes to the Orpheum Theatre on next Wednesday and Thursday.

Eugene O'Brien, who has been Norma Talmadge's leading man for the past year, was borrowed for the principal male role. Mae Busch was borrowed from the Metro-Goldwyn company. She had to work Saturday night and all one Sunday so she could join the McDonald company that evening when they started on their four weeks' location trip to Mount Rainier, in Washington, and the Idaho mines.

Ben Alexander is under contract to First National, so he was immediately available, but Mildred Harris had to decline several other offers for her part in Frisolous Sal. Mitchell Lewis rushed back to Hollywood from Arizona, where he was working in "The Mine With the Iron Door," and barely made the train with the McDonald company. Tom Santschi also had to hurry through another engagement to enact the role for which he had been cast in the McDonald picture.

The First National producer was insistent on having these particular players, not only because of their popularity with theatregoers, but because each one was ideally suited to the role in which he was to appear. The story is laid in a pioneer mining town of the West some twenty years ago. A girl and a little boy help a man overcome inherent weaknesses in his character and work out his destiny.

The direction was by Victor Schertzinger, one of the most successful directors in pictures.

Wisdom is merely the reaction that follows contemplation of receipted bills.

Victoria.—Dogs, which found friends in the Legislature when it was proposed to give authority to shoot them if caught in bird districts in summer, did not fare so well when amendments to the Sheep Protection Act came to be considered. These require all owners of dogs to take out licenses for them and authorize the killing of the animals if caught off the owner's premises without a tag or not on a leash. No dog shall be at large between sunset and sunrise unless accompanied by the owner or within reasonable call. The provision as to damages for loss inflicted on sheep by dogs is extended so that where it is impossible to recover from the owner because he is unknown, application may be made to the Minister of Finance within six months and the claim paid at the end of the calendar year out of a dog tax fund to be created from the license fees.

SUBSTITUTING FOR HARD COAL

The use of an electric fan with soft-coal fuel is suggested as a substitute for anthracite by Clark Allis, of Medina, New York, who remarks that the blower "blows away the blues," and adds: "I do not sell blowers." The cost of running the blower is said to be insignificant compared to the saving in coal bills. Writes Mr. Allis to The Democrat and Chronicle (Rochester, N. Y.):

"There seems to be no end to electrical appliances for homes, and when once in use, one wonders how we lived without them. One of the valuable electric helps is the fan to keep us cool in summer, but the fan or blower for the heating apparatus is now proving of more value, as it gives needed draft and consumes the coal much better than without the fan.

"We had all gotten into the idea hard coal, with its price going higher and higher every year, and its ever-increasing volume of slate or near slate, was the only fuel we could burn. After we had shoveled this stuff into the furnace, we had nearly as large and heavy a crop of ashes as we had shoveled coal into our heating plant. This ash heap had cost good money to fill our coal-bins and cost good money and hard work to get it out of our cellars, and is an added burden and expense to the cost of garbage collecting, as cities as well as persons have to pay for collecting and hauling ashes.

"Semihard coal or smokeless soft coal is much lower in price, and contains more heat units and burns up much better and does not leave one-quarter as much ashes as does the anthracite coal. Some kinds of semihard coal keep fire better and longer than hard coal.

"After a little experience in firing, one learns to never cover up all the live fire, for this semihard coal does not give off any more smoke than hard coal if there is a chance for the open fire to consume the gases as they arise. The only reason why this soft coal has not proved to be acceptable for the heating of homes is because more draft is required than for hard coal. This is where the electric blower has proved so successful. The cost of electricity per day for a blower is but a few cents, almost nothing, but its use gives draft enough so the cheaper grades of hard coal, like the buckwheat and pea, or mine-run, or lumps of semihard coal can be used. One does not need to poke and shake the fire all the time where a blower is used. This saves much coal and makes a big saving in the bill for heating and reduces the volume of ashes.

"The use of the blower will lead to the use of lower-priced coal. After seeing how much can be saved by using these cheaper grades of coal, every one will wonder why they were so tied up to the expensive hard coal, and will be ready to say 'thank you' to the hard-coal strikers and operators who are causing so much discomfort just now.

"I used mine-run Pocahontas for two winters, and liked it. The semihard coal I am now using has no smoke, and we get about two bushels of ashes per week from our steam plant."

Pete Zeith, wanted by the Natal Provincial Police, was arrested here on Thursday from descriptions given, charged with beating his board bill. Chief Halcrow was the arresting officer.—Cranbrook Herald.

When the man tells her that he loves her wonderful mind, he means that she isn't much for looks.

There are no statues of men who felt sorry for themselves.