SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS CLEARLY SHOWN BY MANY PRESENTATIONS

In Business Houses, Public Works, Hotels, Restaurants, and in Charities, Exchange of Valuable Gifts Tells Story of Peace and Goodwill.

The Yuletide spirit was trongly in evidence in the business houses, the factories and the hotels and public institutions of St. John during the last few days. The passing of Christmas was marked by many presentations and the feeling of goodwill existing between employer and employe was clearly shown by the many presentations. In many cases extra wages were paid, turkeys and money presents were favorite reminders of the reign of peace and goodwill.

In the city hotels Christmas dinners on an elaborate plan were served, and all the hotels presented their guests with handsome souvenir menu cards.

At the Royal Hotel, the members of the staff were remembered with money gifts. Thomas Reynolds, the manager, was presented with a handsome gold mounted fountain pen. W. E. Raymond and Mrs. H. A. Doherty, the proprietors, were suitably remembered by the staff.

The menu cards were ararnged in book form and besides the menu there was space for a diary for the coming year and other useful information concerning St. John and Canada. The books were bound in black leather with Christmas greetings in gold on the cover. On the fly leaf seasonable greetings were printed. These included the quotation: "May the skin of a gooseberry always be large enough for an umbrella to cover all your troubles."

A. L. Philps, proprietor of the Victoria Hotel, was presented with a handsome reading lamp, while flowers were given to Mrs. Philps by the staff. The employees were given money gifts. The menu cards of the hotel were gotten up in particularly attractive style. The cards were arranged in the form of a fire screen and each page was decoratel with holly, mistletoe and greening, with bells, done in raised color work. The covers were finished in brown red and green with pictures of a fire-place with stockings hanging in front, and a representation of the hauling in of the Yule log.

Each member of the staff of the Dufferin Hotel was remembered by the management ,the married men received turkeys and the others sums of money. Messrs. James Doody and Frank Foster, the proprietors, were presented by the staff with flowers and F. C. Gates, the manager of the house, was the recipient of a handsome set, consisting of militar brushes and comb. The presentation was made in the dining room and was accompanied by an address which was read by the head waiter.

The bill of fare at the Dufferin was artistically arranged in booklet form. The cover was heavily embossed in brown and green with the coat of arms and Christmas greetings in gold. Space for memorandum was reserved for each day of the year.

Wanamaker's Ltd. restaurant and Imperial Hotel presented their guests yesterday with handsome souvenir menus. The covers were attractively decorated in white and gold, with a fine reproduction of a shipping scene on the front. The bill of fare was of an elaborate nature and was f strict keeping with the high reputation of this popular house. The lettering on the front cover in raised gold was as follows:—"With heartiest greetings and the best of good wishes for Christmas from Wanamaker's Ltd. restaurant and Imperial Hotel." The married members of the staff were presented with turkeys and the other employees in the hotel and restaurant were given suitable gifts. G.D. Wanamaker was presented with a handsome smoking stand and C. W. Wanamaker was given a silver mounted dressing set by the members of the staff.

Elaborate menu cards were also given by the management of the Clifton House. The cover design was tastefully aranged in delicate blue and gold with green holly leaves and a picture of Santa Claus on a new moon. The cards were tied with green cord. The employees of the house presented the proprietor, H. E. Green and Mrs. Green with a handsome weathered oak morris chair, upholstered in black leather. The guests gave them two fine framed pictures and a potted plant in bloom. The employees were suitably remembered by the management.

Presentations

The members of the North End Salvage Corps presented Driver Hatfield with a substantial check. The permanent members of the fire department, number five engine house, were given a handsome basket of fruit by Miss Bessie Farmer of Main street. The men greatly appreciated the gift.

H. Wetmore, assistant to C. D. Howard, physical instructor at the Y. M. C. A., was surprised on Wednesday,while at work, by members of his physical culture class, which is being conducted in connection with the West End Methodist church. Mr. Wetmore was presented with a purse and an address.

G. S. Mayes of the Beaver Dredging Company, presented each of the married men in his employ with a turkey. The single men were presented each with suspenders, neckties and socks. In all about one hundred presentations were made. Captain Charles Rush of the tug G. S. Mayes, presented Mr. Mayes with a handsome silver-backed set of military brushes on behalf of the officers and men of the tug. An address accompanied the gift, referring to the friendly relations existing between the men and their employer.

The St. John Railway Company, which gives its employes turkeys as Christmas gifts, has given this year 300 turkeys, averaging in weight about 10 pounds each, or 3,000 pounds of turkey in all.

Wednesday morning Bernard Stafford, on behalf of the employes of A. L. Goodwin, presented to William A. Coleman, their shipper, a very pretty shaving set. He was both surprised and pleased and thanked them for their kindness.

Valuable Gifts.

The lodgers in Leinster Hall, Leinster street, presented to the proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dummer, a handsome leather rocker. The recipients thanked their friends for the gift and the good wishes that went with it.

Amland Bros., Waterloo street, presented a plump turkey to each of their employes.

Frank Brear, general foreman of the J. S. Metcalf Company on the new C. P. R. elevator received a meerschaum pipe from his fellow workmen yesterday. Mr. Brear made a brief reply of thanks.

Fred Girouard, who was foreman of the foundation work on the Keith's theatre, Simms' brush factory, and the Suspension bridge at Union Point for the Partington Pulp and Paper Company, was made the recipient of a handsome pipe and tobacco pouch by his employes yesterday.

Sir Frederick Barker, chief justice, has presented $400 to the St. John Law Society and it will be used for books for the law library.

Miss Brittain, matron of the King's Daughters' Guild, was remembered by the girls boarding at the guild. A very appreciative gift was presented.

The members of the choir of Carleton Methodist church presented to Murray Long, their choir master, a handsome Morris chair.

The employes in the woodworking factory of Murray and Gregory presented to M. J. Doney, foreman, a Morris chair. The presentation was made by J. E. Clarkson, general manager, in behalf of the staff.

Harley Knox, of the Knox Electric, Dock street, was presented with a gold headed ebony walking stick by members of his staff. The employes were remembered with cash gifts.

Purse of Gold.

James Connelly, who celebrated his 29th anniversary as a member of the City Cornet Band, on Christmas eve, was presented by his fellow bandsmen with a purse containing $200 in gold.

In Customs House.

Robert Allan, one of the oldest employees in the Customs House, was the the recipient of a Christmas testimonial from his fellow employees. Hon. J. D. Hazen made the presentation anl spoke appreciatively of the work and abilities of Mr. Allan.

Rev. William Duke.

An interesting little incident in the line of presentations took place last evening in the vestry of the Cathedral when Rev. William Duke, rector, was made the recipient of ten dollars in gold and a box of cigars. The highly appreciated tokens of esteem were gifts of the altar boys of the church. Accompanying the gifts was a nicely prepared address to Rev. Father Duke, setting forth the kindly feeling and strong attachment of the boys to the rector. This was read by Henry Cronin. The presentation was made by A. Murphy.

Rev. Father Duke briefly thanked the boys for their consideration and thoughtfulness for him and in a few well chosen words gave a little sound advice to the altar boys.

DIED.

MRS. D. S. ROBERTS—Mary Elizabeth relict of the late D. S. Roberts passed away in the 79th year of her age, at her home 33 Albert street, December 25.
Funeral service at residence, 2.30 p. m., Saturday, 27th inst.

REV. DR. COUSINS ANSWERS QUESTIONS

Newcastle, Dec. 23.—At the close of his Sunday night's sermon Rev. Dr. H. T. Cousins answered the following questions, which had been sent in to him:

Q.—Are there not many who give an intellectual assent to the teachings of Scripture and who yet have no power and no divine life?

A.—Yes; An intellectual assent is not faith. I have never found anyone who really believed God's Word who did not get power in believing it. People may assent to it, but I do not admit that that is believing it. "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.—Rom. X: 9, 10." "If thou shalt confess with they mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead thou shalt be saved."

Q.—Can a person live a faultless life?

A.—No one does live a faultless life and no one can live a faultless life unless he is perfect in knowledge. The sincerest men and women may make mistakes in moral judgment. We are constantly growing in our knowledge of God's will as we study His word. If at any point we fall below God's highest will our life is not faultless. But while we cannot live a faultless life we can live a blameless life; that is, we can live up to our highest understanding of God's will as revealed in His word. We are not to blame for what we do not know except when our lack of knowledge is the result of our own neglect. See Coliss I: 22. Christ presents you holy and without blemish. "If so be that ye continue in the faith grounded and stedfast and not moved away from the hope of the gospel which ye heard." Also read I. Thess.: 2, 10, and 3: 13. "That He may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before God." Also see Chap. 5: 23—"The God of Peace Himself sanctify you wholly."—body, spirit, soul, etc. Every child of God should aim to lead a blameless life, but those that lead the most blameless lives are the most conscious of their deficiencies and know how far their lives are from being absolutely faultless. "Our righteousness is as filthy rags." —but we can only hope to stand complete in the garment of Christ's imputed righteousness. It is that alone which will make us meet to become inheritors of the saints in light and glory.

PHOTOGRAPHS SHOW CAUSE OF COSTITUTIONALISTS' SUCCESS

DRILLING GENERAL CARRANZA'S BODY GUARD

CONSTITUTIONALIST GUN CREW DRILLING WITH "EL MINO" CAPTURED CANNON

The rebel forces are crowding close on Tampico and a new attack may be expected soon. The report, received recently, that the assault had begun was not questioned, but it has developed that the officer who made the report had become confused over a minor engagement at a point some miles from Tampico.

The War Office has utilized the time since the last attack to strengthen the garrison at Tampico, and professes confidence in its ability to resist the rebels.

Forces under General Pantila Natera are slowly advancing on Zacatecas, capital of the State of Zacatecas, and between Saltillo and San Luis Potosi, along the main line of the National Railway, rebels have again appeared in large numbers.

SEVENTY-FOUR LIVES CRUSHED OUT IN PANIC

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K—Seventy Four Lives n eCle ,hxm A boy of about six caught hold of Mr. Ryan's hands and begged to be rescued. The firemen succeeded in pulling the boy partially out, but he was unable to extricate the little fellow's legs. The human mass kept pressing down and it was impossible to save the boy, whose life was soon snuffed out. A girl of eight or nine grasped the hands of Angelo Curto, a fireman, kissed them, and implored him to save her. He made a heroic effort to pull her out, but the crush was so great he was compelled to give up the attempt and she perished.

Mrs. A. Neimela, one of the victims, was suffocated while standing up: John Burrill, a fireman, who witnessed her death, took a six-months' old infant from her arms and carried it to safety. Leonard Wilman, a fireman, pushed his way into the stairway and took out a crying boy of six uninjured Near him his mother and sister lay dead. An eleven year old boy rescued his brother of nine by carrying him down a ladder. There were other similar rescues.

A child hurled from the front of the building was caught by a spectator. Chief Trudel, of the fire department, caught another child thrown out of a window by a frantic father. John Saari killed his boy of five by falling on him, and he too perished. Scores escaped by passing from a small rear balcony of an adjoining house.

Several Trampled to Death.

President Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners received a message from Governor Ferris this afternoon stating he was at his command for rendering all possible assistance to those stricken by the disaster.

Many tales of the fierceness of the crush during the height of the panic were told today. One man was seen to stoop to pick up his little daughter, only to be pushed on and forced to trample her beneath him. A woman who ran to the aid of three small boys was crushed to death with them.

When the rush began a woman went to the piano and began playing. another woman stood in the centre of the stage, on which the Christmas tree had been erected and started to sing. Their efforts to quell the panic were futile, as they were not heard above the tumult.

Matti Kotzjarwi, his wife, and two daughters were all killed. John Herickken and Henry Manley and their children were all killed together. Mrs. Henry Isola, who is believed to be dead, held her little son and daughter by the hand when the panic started. The boy was torn from his mother's hand and escaped, but the little girl was killed.

A large number of families lost children. Most of the dead were about ten years old.

Many Offers of Help.

Local headquarters of the Western Federation of Miners anxiously awaited a reply to telegrams sent last night by President Moyer to President Wilson.

Offers of assistance from union labor sources came in rapidly this morning. William Green, secretary of the Union Mine Workers at Indianapolis, telegraphed $2,000 would be sent to the union relief fund. A message from Butte, Montana, said that Federation members in that city could be called upon for any amount up to $20,000.

President Moyer said he had with difficulty kept in bounds the parents and other relatives of the panic. The report that an enemy of the union had started the panic spread rapidly among the strikers, and there were threats of reprisals.

He pointed out that the absence of any untoward act was an example of the restrain which he had characterized the action of the strikers from the beginning of the trouble five months ago.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Pending a decision on the question of jurisdiction, Secretary Wilson said tonight he would not reply to the Moyer telegram.

"The question of whether the government has the jurisdiction to make the investigation requested by Mr. Moyer," said Secretary Wilson, "has not yet been passed upon. Until it is disposed of, I cannot predict what, if any, action will be taken by the federal authorities."

Secretary of Labor Wilson received the following telegram today from Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, who is directing the cooper strike at Calumet, demanding federal investigation of the Christmas eve tragedy. The telegram was as follows:

"While striking miners with their wives and little ones were arranging for a Christmas tree at a hall at Calumet, Mich., tonight, the door was opened by a person who gave a false alarm of fire. In their effort to get out of the hall seventy-five people lost their lives. Circumstances surrounding this terrible occurrence demand immediate investigation by the government. I have wired the President. Will you see him and urge immediate action?"

Secretary Wilson said he would communicate with the President as soon as possible, but that he did not know whether the government would have jurisdiction in such a case.

HON. H. F. M'LEOD UNANIMOUS CHOICE

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"New Brunswick's claims in the matter of increased dominion subsidies and in payment in lieu of lands, given to the provinces of Ontario and Quebec, in which New Brunswick had a proprietory interest, will be urged by me with all the power I possess.

Will Do Her Duty

"But I am tempted above all to accept because in these days Canada is striving to enter fully into her privileges and her duties as one of the young nations that make up with the motherland that imperial far-famed family that we call a British Empire.

"You all know me for what I am, It is not needed that I tell the men gathered here that I am an imperialist, as you are imperialists.

"Canada has not done her part. It is no fault of the Conservative party that she has not done it, but because of partisanship run mad. A senate dictated to by Sir Wilfrid Laurier—a gentleman whose loyalty has been lip-service—has prevented the loyal sentiments of Canadians having expression in providing our share of the empire's armament.

"The next Canadian election will not be fought on the meaningless phrase of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, 'cheap food.' Why Sir Wilfrid Laurier was in power fifteen years, and never thought of the phrase. Canada raises its own food, and who gets the benefit if the price of food products is high? The Canadian farmer.

"But that is the catch cry of the man who would avoid the real issue. The issue that will overlap all issues will be the imperial issue: 'Does the heart of Canada beat in unison with the throb of empire?' Are the men of Canada willing that out of our buoyant revenues we shall bear our man's share of the burden borne so long alone for our good by the little sea-girt island homeland?'

"I mistake the manhood and heart of this nation if the answer from Atlantic to Pacific does not proclaim in no uncertain sound that Canada will not fail."

Mr. Pinder in proposing Hon. Mr. McLeod's name to the convention expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large gathering of the rank and file of the Liberal Conservative party of York county. It really was a bumper convention.

Previous speakers had told them, he said, of the great work the late representative of York county in the federal parliament, had done, and it was evident that it required a great man to fill his place. It occurred to him (Pinder) that a man who had filled a position in the provincial government since the change took place in 1908 with credit to himself, honor to the country and advantage to the province, was just the man who should be sent to Ottawa. York county could do no better than to send such a man to Ottawa.

Continuing Mr. Pinder said that he might take up a lot of time in telling of the record which the gentleman whose name he would propose to the convention had made for himself in the political field, but that was well known, and the gentleman himself was well qualified to speak. He had no doubt that the choice of the convention would be elected by acclamation, and if that was done it would be satisfactory to the people of the county, and everybody would be satisfied. It was with much pleasure that he moved the nomination be tendered Hon. H. F. McLeod.

Mr. Young said that it afforded him much pleasure to second the nomination of Hon. Mr. McLeod. When the vacancy occurred in the position of York county's representative at Ottaway, the Conservatives of York county seemed to be of one mind as to who would be the next federal member for York, and he found no change in that feeling today. Hon. Mr. McLeod was known in the homes of the people of York county, and in the councils of the province he had acquitted himself with honor. He had energy and ability, and he had been urged to take up work in the new and broader field of the federal arena.

Continuing Mr. Young said that it was not necessary to say that he had been an ardent admirer of the late representative, Mr. Crocket, who had done more for York in the past two years than had been done for this county in all the years that the Liberal government had been in power, and now he felt that when Mr. McLeod was being sent to Ottawa for nomination by this convention the standard of representation of this great constituency would not be lowered.

Appreciation of Hon. Mr. Hazen.

R. B. Hanson, of Fredericton, moving a resolution of confidence in the Borden government declared that there was a feeling of satisfaction on all sides that Hon. J. Douglas Hazen occupied his present high position in the federal cabinet as New Brunswick's representative, and if there should be a vacancy in the premiership Mr. Hazen's chances of succession to that position were of the brightest. He trusted and predicted that many of these prosent would live to see Mr. Hazen occupying the position of prime minister of Canada.

W. S. Tomkins, of Meductic, in seconding the resolution, said the large and representative gathering was of more than ordinary significance, as it showed a fine united and fighting spirit in the Conservative party in York county, and handed the lie back to those newspapers who had sent out the word that there were dissensions and disintegration in the party in this county.

Mr. Tomkins said that he was present to endorse the nomination of the choice of the convention and to defend him against all comers. He condemned the Liberal party for its opposition to the Borden government's efforts to give federal assistance to improving the highways of the country and heartily endorsed the policies of the Borden administration. The fact that Canada's public works had been going on and its commerce had been practically unaffected during a period when fiscal stringency had been almost world wide, was due very largely to the capable administration of Canada's affairs by the Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden.

Men Who Do Things.

After Hon. Mr. McLeod had accepted the nomination ex-Warden Frank R. Brooks, of Southampton, moved a resolution expressing appreciation of Mr. McLeod and in doing so said there were three men who in his opinion stood out above all others as those to whom the thanks of the people of the province should go for securing the St. John Valley Railway; they were Hon. J. D. Hazen, Hon. J. K. Flemming and Hon. H. F. McLeod. They stood shoulder to shoulder throughout the fight and the approaching operation of the Valley Railway would be the complete consummation of their efforts in that behalf If there had not been a change in the government at Ottawa in September, 1911, there never would have been a sod turned for the St. John Valley Railway.

The convention closed with cheers for the King, Premier Borden, the government and Hon. H. F. McLeod. H. W. Woods, M.L.A., for Queens, was here for the convention.

FUNERALS.

Rev. W. W. Brewer.

The funeral of Rev. W. W. Brewer was held from the parsonage at Gagetown on Tuesday afternoon to the Methodist church, where the burial service was held at two o'clock. The ministers present at the funeral were: Rev. G. F. Dawson, president of the Methodist conference; Rev. H. E. Thomas, representing the St. John Ministerial Association; Rev. Neil Mc. Lauchlan of Fredericton; Rev. G. Spicer Gregg, of Welsford, and Rev. T. H. Phelps, of Mount Allison.

The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. McLauchlan, assisted by the other ministers. An address was delivered by Rev. Mr. Thomas. The ministers also were pall-bearers. There were many beautiful floral offerings from friends, including a wreath from the St. John Ministerial Association, a wreath from the Fredericton Methodist church, and one from the Gagetown church.

Interment was in the Methodist burying ground at Gagetown.

STOCK COMPANY IN FINE PLAY

The "Charity Ball" Made Big Hit at Both Performances Yesterday—Rest of Week,

The Thompson-Woods Stock Company played to crowded houses at each performance yesterday. The Charity Ball was the vehicle selected for the holiday presentation, and judging from the expressions of appreciation voiced by the audience during the performance and while leaving the theatre, the show was highly successful.

The story as presented was divided into four acts in which the members of the company showed themselves to be actors of a high order. The pretty costumes and the stage settings were very effective.

Sam A. Meharry as John Van Buren appeared to advantage as a clergyman, and his impersonation of the role was pleasing. Cecil Drummond as Dick Van Buren, and Rueben Weyler as Judge Fox handled these difficult parts in creditable style and won approval from the audience. Edwin Hodge as Alec Robinson helped to keep the audience in good humor.

Miss Francis Brandt, in the pjart of Ann Cruger, received marks of approval from those present. Her work all through the piece showed to advantage.

Miss Elizabeth Delmore, as Phyllis Lee, Miss Marjorie Davis, as Bess Van Buren, Miss Winona Bridges in the part of Mrs. Van Buren and Miss Edith Derby as Mrs. De Peyster, all handled their characters well and were appreciated by the audience.

The whole entertainment was pleasing and formed a fine attraction for the holiday. The Charity Ball will be continued during the rest of the week.

DRY OUT--THEN SOME

Yes, there was one in the city yesterday who would almost relinguish any of his gifts for a good cool, refreshing drink of gin, just one good lubrication of the tonsils, that's all. How does the writer know this? Well, when a man calls at a liquor saloon about nine o'clock Christmas morning and knocks, pulls and wriggles the door for nine successive yet unsuccessful times, it is a sure sign that he is dry, and anyone knows what extremes some men will go to in order to relieve that dryness. The very man who tusseled at that door on the Mill street corner bar, yesterday, would even himself admit his dryness. The only thing that could satisfy him would be the convenient pocket peddler. Perhaps he was satisfied later. It would not be safe to pass word on that point.

Charles Diggs' Christmas.

Charles Diggs, the greatest commercial of them all, met with the spirit of Christmas and is now recovering in a cell at central. Charles was found on North street laying on his back, his hands peacefully folded, and with just enough life to strenuously deny seeing the gin when it was white and flows from an Imperial quart bottle. He was pinched by Sergt. Scott and Officer Shortcliff, two hard hearted guardians of the peace, taken to central and relieved of the quart. During the night he made wild demands for his medicine which he stated was just outside his cell. Guardroom Officer O'Neil says Charles is "nutty," others believe the same thing. Charles will answer in court today. And he said he never took a drop.

Completely New Programme for the Week-End

Imperial's New Show Today!

Mary Fuller The Heroine in
"The Forester's Daughter"
A story of the Canadian woods. Full of life and action. Featuring the popular heroine of the "Mary" Series, Mary Fuller.

Superb Star Cast in Biograph's
"A Tender-Hearted Crook"
Like all Biographs this shows much spirited playing; a pretty little fiction uncovering the fact that oft beneath the culprit's coat lies a good heart.

Kalem's New Travel Pictures
Ulster Day in Belfast
Of especial interest at this time. Showing the men drilling and being reviewed. Also several views in and about the North of Ireland metropolis.

A Hobo With a String of Mishaps
"Fagin's Adventures"
A laughmaker in which John E. Brennan figures large. It is a ludricuous series of upsets to a ragged rambler.

VAUDEVILLE:
That Gingery Duo
TAYLOR AND BROWN
In Merry Musical Skit
"THE TRAVELLING MAN'S FLIRTATION"
3.30, 8 and 9.15

POPULAR SONGS
By Dolar Cailleau
TODAY
"Dear Old New York Town"

HOLIDAY MATINEES | 7-PIECE ORCHESTRA

NEXT: THE SIDONIAS—"The Tramp and the Artist Lady." "HARD CASH"—Charles Reade's Celebrated Novel.

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This Week — The Charity Ball — Seats Selling Rapidly

Next Week — THE TRAVELLING SALESMAN

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All Seats reserved at the New Year's Matinee (Thursday.)