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WE WISH YOU ONE AND ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS

ANNUAL MEETING OF NORTH AND SOUTH SAANICH AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY HELD ON DECEMBER 13

Secretary-Treasurer's Report Showes a Handsome Balance to the Credit of the Society—Officers and Directors Elected for the Year.

The annual meeting of the North and South Saanich Agricultural Society was held in the Saanichon hall on Saturday, December 13th, when thirty four members were present. It was remarked that this was the largest attendance in twenty years.

With the Hon. D. M. Ebberts, patron, Mr. Stratfield was again elected president by acclamation. The election of vice-president resulted in Mr. Samuel Spencer being returned. The votes were: Spencer, 16; David Thompson, 14.

The minutes of the last annual meeting, those of the special general meeting and correspondence were read.

The secretary's statement showed a balance of \$564.91 on the right side. This statement was fully explained by Mr. H. P. Allberry. Mr. Stratfield remarked upon the very satisfactory termination of the year's work and attributed the large balance in hand to the secretary's collections in Victoria.

Mr. P. N. Tester advised the nomination of four directors for North Saanich and five for South Saanich. He thought that North Saanich had not been properly represented and that this had caused dissatisfaction. Mr. Stratfield having pointed out the justice of this request, five directors were nominated for North Saanich and five for South Saanich and elected as follows:

North Saanich—J. T. Harrison, H. A. McKillican, P. N. Tester, T. Scholes, and H. Pruvey.

South Saanich—H. E. Tanner, F. Turgoose, D. Thompson, E. H. Marcott and M. Dean.

Auditors—J. J. White and H. F. Halden. The secretary-treasurer, H. P. Allberry, was appointed delegate to the convention of B. C. Agricultural fairs.

The secretary urged the necessity of providing a sinking fund to liquidate the mortgage on the building. The Rev. Mr. Archbold then advocated the formation of a club for the youths of Saanich. This was supported by Mr. S. Spencer, Mr. Halden, Mr. H. E. Tanner and Mr. P. N. Tester, who promised to help the club in any way possible.

Mr. H. E. Tanner proposed that permission for use of the poultry house be given the club and that the expenditure which had been proposed by Mr. Halden for improvement of grounds should be held back till sufficient data had been submitted to the directors.

Mr. Tester proposed that the president, vice-president and secretary consider the advisability of carrying out the secretary's suggestion for calling a bee for ploughing and leveling a field for

cricket or the sports and several improvements to other parts of the grounds.

FLOWER SHOW

Mr. Tester spoke at some length on the claims of Sidney as the place of the proposed show, which would be supported by the merchants of the town, on the 1st of July. This having been discussed at some length the matter was eventually

on the line a few days ago.

Great hopes were held out for another record show next year. According to the statement read, the donations in cash and goods amounted to \$440.65. There were 87 members as against 65 last year. The gate money was \$272.80. Against this the secretary commented on the fact that the society is under the heavy liability of \$210 annually for interest and said that a sinking fund, no matter how small, should be started for the repayment of the mortgage.

The prize money amounted to \$627.50, a larger amount than usual. Entries were \$130 in excess of last year. It was decided to revise the prize list at an early date and the secretary would be

SEWAGE A LIVE TOPIC AT BOARD OF TRADE MEETING ON TUESDAY

Two New Names Are Added to Membership Roll—Formation of a Fire Brigade in Sidney With Other Important Matters Brought Up For Discussion.

Mr. J. B. Kelly, president of the Board of Trade, presided at the meeting held on Tuesday evening last. A large number of the members were present as it had been announced that important business would come up for discussion.

On the meeting being called to order it was moved by Dr. Cummings and seconded by Mr. Julius Brethour that J. J. White be appointed acting secretary

\$1.00. On the motion of Mr. R. G. R. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Julius Brethour, it was decided to pay the advertising account and also the electric light account, if found to be correct. Some little discussion arose over the latter item as the majority of the members present were of the opinion that this account had already been paid in advance for one year. Mr. F. A. Murray, chairman of the committee who handled the subscriptions, has recently been transferred to Victoria, and was unable to be present, and as Secretary Dixon was also absent, information on the points in dispute could not be obtained. It was therefore left with the acting secretary to get the necessary information and pay the account if it has not already been paid.

NEW MEMBERS

New members are being added to the membership roll at almost every meeting and Tuesday evening was no exception. The council recommended for membership the applications of the new member for the Islands, Mr. W. W. Foster, and A. O. Wheeler, A.C., F.R.G.S. Upon motion of Capt. Byers, seconded by A. E. Moore, the report was adopted and these gentlemen admitted without ballot.

Owing to the absence of the regular secretary it was pointed out by the president that it would be necessary to empower some one to sign the cheques in payment of accounts. On motion of Dr. Cummings and S. Spencer it was decided that the president J. B. Kelly, and acting secretary J. J. White be given this power.

THE SEWAGE QUESTION.

Under the head of miscellaneous business Dr. Cummings in a brief address brought to the attention of the Board the urgent need of immediate action being taken in regard to an adequate sewage system being installed in Sidney. The speaker stated that the subject was not a new one as it had been under discussion several times before, but circumstances had altered during the past few months, and he was of the opinion that not only a majority of the members of the Board of Trade, but also a majority of the property owners were now convinced that a sewage system was a crying necessity. He accordingly moved that the Board take steps to have an adequate sewage system installed in Sidney at the earliest possible date. The motion was seconded by Capt. L. Adamson.

During the course of the discussion that followed and which was taken part in by a number of the members, it was finally decided to instruct the secretary

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THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

"And there was in the same country shepherds abiding in the field keeping watch over their flocks by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shown round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men."

left to the discretion of the directors.

Votes of thanks were accorded to those judges who gave their services free on the day of the fair.

A membership campaign was suggested by the secretary. As the government grant was regulated by the number of annual members, and that there is a far better chance for members and directors who live on the peninsula which he would be unable to reach, and that persons who might be unknown to him would be willing to join if asked to do so.

It was decided to allow the employees of the B. C. E. R. the use of the hall as an act of courtesy in acknowledgement of the company's generous subscription towards the Saanichon show, for the purpose of a dance on the 19th December for the benefit of the widow and children of the employee who was killed

glad for any suggestion to facilitate the work in this line.

Special Services on Christmas Day

Church of the Assumption, south-west Saanich:—Midnight Mass. No Mass at 10 a.m.

Church of St. Elizabeth, Sidney:—Midnight Mass. No Mass at 10 a.m.

Church of St. Paul, Fulford Harbor, Salt Spring Island:—Mass at 10 a.m.

To the Children

You are cordially invited by the members of the I. O. G. T. to a party in the Berquist small hall on Monday, December 29th, at 5 o'clock. Will you please send your names to Mrs. Simister Superintendent of Juvenile Work, not later than Saturday, December 27th?

to take over the duties of Secretary Gordon Dixon until the latter has recovered from his illness. The motion carried.

The minutes of the previous meeting and also the meeting of the council of the board were then read and adopted. As there was no business arising out of the minutes the regular routine work was taken up, and the secretary read a letter from Heaton's Agency asking for information about Sidney. On the motion of Captain Byers, seconded by Mr. J. J. White, the secretary was instructed to answer the enquiry complying with the request.

Accounts were received from the B. C. Electric Co., for installing the lights on Beacon avenue and the two month's meter rent, amounting to \$88.20, and a small account from the Sidney Printing and Publishing Company for advertising,

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SENSE AND NONSENSE

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With Subjects That Are Not
Funny, and Some That Are

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COULDN'T HAVE.—"Huh! I bet you didn't have a good time at your Christmas party yesterday," taunted Billy.

"I bet I did," answered little Eddy.
"Aw, go 'way," whined little Eddy.
"If you ain't you sick to-day, if you did?"

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Her Preference.
Before the fire Christmas eve two old maids were planning for the holiday.

"Sister Molly," said the younger, "would a long stocking hold all you'd want for a Christmas gift?"
"No, Elvira," said the elder, "but a pair of socks would."

Save your money and buy an egg.

The Three of Us.
I want but little here below,
My wife a trifle more—
But our small boy when Christmas comes—
He wants the whole blamed store.

VICE VERSA.—Many a man will tell you that misfortune drove him to drink, when the truth is that drink drove him to misfortune.

A girl was complaining to her chum just before Christmas of the way her "young man" was treating her. "Speaking of Christmas presents, why don't you give him the mitten?" the friend asked. "It isn't a mitten he needs, it's a pair of socks; he's got cold feet."

REACHING THE FOUNTAIN HEAD.—Two little boys were frequently left in care of their grandmother, who spoiled them after the fashion of grandmothers.

One evening before Christmas they were saying their prayers just before retiring, and little Jimmie vociferated his petitions in a voice much louder than usual. He was telling Divine Providence what he wanted for Christmas, and his enthusiasm in the cause got on his older brother's nerves.

"What are you prayin' so loud fer?" interrupted Dick. "The Lore ain't deaf."
"No," parenthesized Jimmie, "but grandma is!"

Tenure of office in the Huerta Cabinet lasts long enough for the Minister to have himself photographed in evening dress and catch a train for Vera Cruz.

We noticed two items in one newspaper the other day. One told of a bull pup being bought for \$1,500. The other mentioned that school teachers in Quebec are paid \$150 per year. That's all.

WHAT OF THE SPUGS?—Last year one heard a deal about the "Spugs," the Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving. This year there isn't a syllable about them. What of the Spugs? Why do they all stay under their boards like the slugs and other types of life they rhyme with?

Here is a reason. The poor Spugs were negative in intention. To prevent useless giving! Why not have had a title that read "to Promote Useful Giving?" The Spugs had then remained alive and, moreover, been held in the public favor.

Poor Spugs, whose predicament last Christmas must have been very painful! For who would consider it "useful giving" to bestow a worthwhile present on a Spug? They are quiet this year. One presumes they are dead. Unwept, unhonored, unsung—the poor old Spugs!—Canadian Courier.

Except ye become as a little child, ye shall in no case enter into the joy of Christmas time.

FALSE ALARM.—"What's this?" asked the dictator, nervously, as the courier handed him a document.

"An ultimatum."
"Another ultimatum? Then it's all right. I thought maybe they were trying to start something."

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Many New Members Being Added
to the Roll—Visitors Come From
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Mr. Lait, secretary of the club, will be obliged if those members who have not

already done so would pay their subscriptions to him before the next meeting which will be December 31st.

Saanich News

Your Saanichton correspondent wishes the staff of the Sidney Review a happy Xmas and the same wish is extended to all your subscribers.

On Christmas day services will be held in the morning and evening and Holy Communion will be administered at St. Mary's. On the Sunday following Xmas a carol service will be held in the evening at 7.30 p.m. Several carols will be sung, the words of which are exceedingly sweet.

The Christmas tree entertainment in the South Saanich Methodist church will be held on Monday evening next, commencing at 7.30 o'clock. There will be a varied programme of recitations and choruses, chiefly by the scholars of the Sunday school. Led by Mrs. Ferguson and Miss Ellis they are making very active preparations for the event.

After the programme refreshments will be served. Admission—Adults 25c.

"For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty founder was a child Himself." —Charles Dickens

SEWAGE A LIVE TOPIC AT BOARD OF TRADE MEETING

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to draft a letter to Mr. W. W. Foster asking that he use his influence in securing a competent engineer from the department of public works to take the necessary levels and prepare plans to be presented at a public meeting to be called for that purpose.

THE FIRE BRIGADE

The organization of a fire brigade in Sidney was then brought up and the commissioners appointed at the public meeting some months ago were asked to make a report. Mr. G. A. Cochran, on behalf of the commissioners, stated that they have made a canvas of the town and had only secured \$250, an amount entirely inadequate to meet the needs of the undertaking and as a result the matter had been allowed to drop for the time being. He stated that it would take another \$250 to purchase 500 feet of hose, a hose reel and other necessities. The commissioners were then asked to prepare a report on what would be in their opinion the best way of raising this amount and present it at the next meeting of the board.

The meeting then adjourned.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE METHODIST CHURCH

Special Music Will Be Rendered by the Choirs in all the Churches on the Circuit on December 21

Next Sunday in all the churches of the Sidney circuit special Christmas services will be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. James Hicks. At the 11 o'clock service in Berquist's small hall an anthem will be rendered by the choir and the subject of the discourse will be specially for the boys and girls. The parents are cordially invited to be present in as large numbers as possible and to bring with them their little ones.

In the afternoon services will be held in the South Saanich church at 8 o'clock. Appropriate Christmas hymns will be sung and Miss Ellis will sing a solo.

A special effort has been put forward to make the services in North Saanich church as appropriate as possible and the choir have devoted considerable time to the preparation of special music and a hearty welcome will be extended to all. Following is the order of the service: Hymn, prayer, anthem, lesson, solo, reading of notices, hymn, sermon, offering, anthem, hymn, benediction.

Lodge Debates Question

A debate on "Alcohol Claims More Victims than War," was held at the regular weekly meeting of the I. O. G. T. on Monday last. Mr. A. McLean, seconded by Mr. Frank Cooper, with many reasonable and almost convincing arguments claimed alcohol as the greater monster, while Mr. Simister and Mr. McDonald with arguments just as near convincing, maintained that war caused the greater amount of devastation. Both sides were apparently equally confident in their own beliefs, and both had figures to show which were almost appalling. Probably had this debate followed one which had settled exactly what was meant by the term "Victim" a more decisive battle might have been fought. As it was, when the ballot was taken it was found that an equal number of votes had been given to each side.

However the debate proved very interesting to the hearers, and a discussion followed, revealing many new ideas on the subject. We hope that in the future meetings of the lodge a debate will be no uncommon occurrence.

Next Monday, the 22nd, each member is asked to come prepared to read or recite a Christmas story. Not too long, because we want to hear them all. Any one who is interested is invited to come to the 'story' part of the meeting, either with or without a story, at 9 p.m.

The meeting is held in the Berquist small hall every Monday, at 8 p.m.

SANTA CLAUS WILL VISIT METHODIST CHURCH DEC. 23

A Christmas Tree and Concert Will Be Given In North Saanich Church By the Children of the Sunday School

The annual concert and Christmas tree of the Sidney and North Saanich Methodist Sunday schools will be held in North Saanich church on the evening of December 23rd. The teachers of the different classes have spared no pains or trouble in the drilling of the scholars in the many drills, recitations and other musical numbers. The programme will be a lengthy one, consisting as it does of four or five choruses by the children, a duet, several recitations and two or three drills, all done by the children.

Then after the musical part of the evening is over, a real live Santa Claus will make his appearance and distribute the presents from off the good old fashioned Christmas tree.

The parents of the little ones are urgently requested to be present with their children, as there will certainly be something on the tree for each and every scholar and everybody will be made welcome.

Admission—Adults, 25 cents.

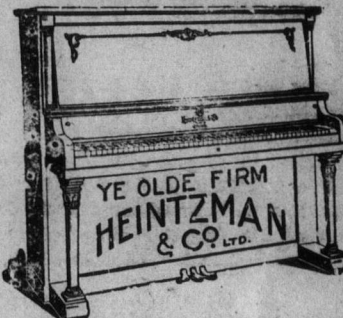
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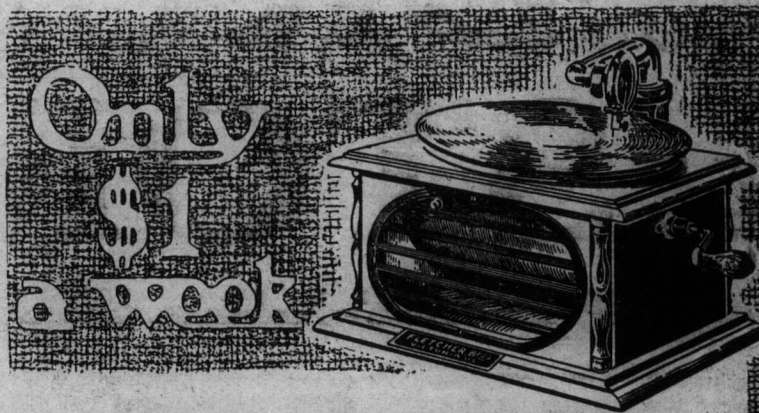
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Her Preference.

Before the fire Christmas eve two old maids were planning for the holiday.

"Sister Molly," said the younger, "would a long stocking hold all you'd want for a Christmas gift?"

"No, Elvira," said the elder, "but a pair of socks would."

Save your money and buy an egg.

The Three of Us.

I want but little here below,
My wife a trifle more—
But our small boy when Christmas comes—

He wants the whole blamed store.

VICE VERSA.—Many a man will tell you that misfortune drove him to drink, when the truth is that drink drove him to misfortune.

A girl was complaining to her chum just before Christmas of the way her "young man" was treating her. "Speaking of Christmas presents, why don't you give him the mitten?" the friend asked. "It isn't a mitten he needs, it's a pair of socks; he's got cold feet."

REACHING THE FOUNTAIN HEAD.—Two little boys were frequently left in care of their grandmother, who spoiled them after the fashion of grandmothers.

One evening before Christmas they were saying their prayers just before retiring, and little Jimmie vociferated his petitions in a voice much louder than usual. He was telling Divine Providence what he wanted for Christmas, and his enthusiasm in the cause got on his older brother's nerves.

"What are you prayin' so loud fer?" interrupted Dick. "The Lore ain't deaf."

"No," parenthesized Jimmie, "but gran'ma is!"

Tenure of office in the Huerta Cabinet lasts long enough for the Minister to have himself photographed in evening dress and catch a train for Vera Cruz.

We noticed two odd items in one newspaper the other day. One told of a bull pup being bought for \$1,500. The other mentioned that school teachers in Quebec are paid \$150 per year. That's all.

WHAT OF THE SPUGS?—Last year one heard a deal about the "Spugs," the Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving. This year there isn't a syllable about them. What of the Spugs? Why do they all stay under their boards like the slugs and other types of life they rhyme with?

Here is a reason. The poor Spugs were negative in intention. To prevent useless giving! Why not have had a title that read "to Promote Useful Giving?" The Spugs had then remained alive and, moreover, been held in the public favor.

Poor Spugs, whose predicament last Christmas must have been very painful! For who would consider it "useful giving" to bestow a worthwhile present on a Spug? They are quiet this year. One presumes they are dead. Unwept, unhonored, unsung—the poor old Spugs!—Canadian Courier.

Except ye become as a little child, ye shall in no case enter into the joy of Christmas time.

FALSE ALARM.—"What's this?" asked the dictator, nervously, as the courier handed him a document.

"An ultimatum."

"Another ultimatum? Then it's all right. I thought maybe they were trying to start something."

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Mr. Lait, secretary of the club, will be obliged if those members who have not

already done so would pay their subscriptions to him before the next meeting which will be December 31st.

Saanich News

Your Saanichton correspondent wishes the staff of the Sidney Review a happy Xmas and the same wish is extended to all your subscribers.

On Christmas day services will be held in the morning and evening and Holy Communion will be administered at St. Mary's. On the Sunday following Xmas a carol service will be held in the evening at 7.30 p.m. Several carols will be sung, the words of which are exceedingly sweet.

The Christmas tree entertainment in the South Saanich Methodist church will be held on Monday evening next, commencing at 7.30 o'clock. There will be a varied programme of recitations and choruses, chiefly by the scholars of the Sunday school. Led by Mrs. Ferguson and Miss Ellis they are making very active preparations for the event.

After the programme refreshments will be served. Admission—Adults 25c.

"For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty founder was a child Himself."

—Charles Dickens

SEWAGE A LIVE TOPIC AT BOARD OF TRADE MEETING

(Continued from page one)

to draft a letter to Mr. W. W. Foster asking that he use his influence in securing a competent engineer from the department of public works to take the necessary levels and prepare plans to be presented at a public meeting to be called for that purpose.

THE FIRE BRIGADE

The organization of a fire brigade in Sidney was then brought up and the commissioners appointed at the public meeting some months ago were asked to make a report. Mr. G. A. Cochran, on behalf of the commissioners, stated that they have made a canvas of the town and had only secured \$250, an amount entirely inadequate to meet the needs of the undertaking and as a result the matter had been allowed to drop for the time being. He stated that it would take another \$250 to purchase 500 feet of hose, a hose reel and other necessities. The commissioners were then asked to prepare a report on what would be in their opinion the best way of raising this amount and present it at the next meeting of the board.

The meeting then adjourned.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE METHODIST CHURCH

Special Music Will Be Rendered by the Choirs in all the Churches on the Circuit on December 21

Next Sunday in all the churches of the Sidney circuit special Christmas services will be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. James Hicks. At the 11 o'clock service in Berquist's small hall an anthem will be rendered by the choir and the subject of the discourse will be specially for the boys and girls. The parents are cordially invited to be present in as large numbers as possible and to bring with them their little ones.

In the afternoon services will be held in the South Saanich church at 8 o'clock. Appropriate Christmas hymns will be sung and Miss Ellis will sing a solo.

A special effort has been put forward to make the services in North Saanich church as appropriate as possible and the choir have devoted considerable time to the preparation of special music and a hearty welcome will be extended to all. Following is the order of the service: Hymn, prayer, anthem, lesson, solo, reading of notices, hymn, sermon, offering, anthem, hymn, benediction.

Lodge Debates Question

A debate on "Alcohol Claims More Victims than War" was held at the regular weekly meeting of the I. O. G. T. on Monday last. Mr. A. McLean, seconded by Mr. Frank Cooper, with many reasonable and almost convincing arguments claimed alcohol as the greater monster, while Mr. Simister and Mr. McDonald with arguments just as near convincing, maintained that war caused the greater amount of devastation. Both sides were apparently equally confident in their own beliefs, and both had figures to show which were almost appalling. Probably had this debate followed one which had settled exactly what was meant by the term "Victim" a more decisive battle might have been fought. As it was, when the ballot was taken it was found that an equal number of votes had been given to each side.

However the debate proved very interesting to the hearers, and a discussion followed, revealing many new ideas on the subject. We hope that in the future meetings of the lodge a debate will be no uncommon occurrence.

Next Monday, the 22nd, each member is asked to come prepared to read or recite a Christmas story. Not too long, because we want to hear them all. Anyone who is interested is invited to come to the 'story' part of the meeting, either with or without a story, at 9 p.m.

The meeting is held in the Berquist small hall every Monday, at 8 p.m.

SANTA CLAUS WILL VISIT METHODIST CHURCH DEC. 23

A Christmas Tree and Concert Will Be Given in North Saanich Church By the Children of the Sunday School

The annual concert and Christmas tree of the Sidney and North Saanich Methodist Sunday schools will be held in North Saanich church on the evening of December 23rd. The teachers of the different classes have spared no pains or trouble in the drilling of the scholars in the many drills, recitations and other musical numbers. The programme will be a lengthy one, consisting as it does of four or five choruses by the children, a duet, several recitations and two or three drills, all done by the children.

Then after the musical part of the evening is over, a real live Santa Claus will make his appearance and distribute the presents from off the good old fashioned Christmas tree.

The parents of the little ones are urgently requested to be present with their children, as there will certainly be something on the tree for each and every scholar and everybody will be made welcome.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA'S FINANCES

Nothing could better illustrate the financial stability of British Columbia than the statements made by Mr. W. J. Bowser at the Lumbermen's banquet in Vancouver on Tuesday evening. The Attorney-General gave as succinct a summary of the province's finances during the past ten years as the most exacting critic could desire, and, from what he said, it is evident that the recent issue of treasury bonds in London is a step that should cause no alarm. Put in the briefest possible form, at the time the McBride administration came into power British Columbia was at its lowest financial ebb. The public debt was \$10,000,000 and as well there was a deficit in the treasury of \$1,000,000. The credit of the Province in the London money market could not very well have been worse and the situation generally was one only a premier of a courageous character could cope with and hope to evolve financial stability out of something in the nature of chaos. The first step taken by the youth-McBride (for he was only thirty-three at the time) was to issue debentures for \$1,000,000. The deficit in the treasury was wiped out but the provincial debt was increased to \$11,000,000. For the third fiscal year of 1903 the revenue of the province was only some \$2,000,000, being far below the demands for necessary expenditure in the different districts. The estimates of that year provided for an expenditure of \$3,000,000 and it devolved upon the wisdom of the administration to devise means whereby the natural resources of British Columbia should net a revenue to meet the growing needs of the community. The history of the past ten years is a history of growing revenues, increasing at a proportion which we believe has not been equalled in any other part of the world. In 1912 the exchequer receipts had risen to \$10,700,000, or a revenue greater than that derived by any other province in the dominion, despite the comparatively small population in British Columbia. It is interesting to recall too that this revenue has been largely built up, not through direct taxation, but by carefully conserving the great natural resources for the benefit of the people. How this was done is a matter of common knowledge and was explained in a lucid manner in the different speeches delivered by Mr. W. R. Ross, the Minister of Lands, during the recent by-election. The growing revenues meant that it became possible for the government to turn its attention in a large way to the needs of the different parts of the province, in providing much-required public works, school facilities and the other essentials which come under the jurisdiction of the provincial administration. As Mr. Bowser showed in his speech the expenditure on public works during the year 1912-1913 reached the great total of \$8,200,000 and the amount appropriated for the current year was greater still.

The recent issue of Treasury notes was, as the very character of the method employed to secure money implies, merely a temporary expedient, very often adopted by governments to anticipate the collections of revenue. The Administration took the stand that, rather than close down a number of works in the Province at a time like the present, it would be far better, in the interest of the community to secure a short term loan which could be utilized to prosecute undertakings in hand pending the session of the legislature and the voting of supply. The issue of the treasury notes was an excellent commentary on the financial standing of the Province in the world's money market. British Columbia got her money at five and a half per cent

where the Canadian Pacific Railway was a short time ago borrowing at seven per cent.

It may be asked why the Province should need this money when at the commencement of the present fiscal year there was a provincial credit in the banks of several millions. The answer is an easy one. Very many valuable assets have recently been acquired by the Province which have involved large expenditures, but which when sold will net substantial profits for the people. The Songhees Reserve in Victoria, the Kitsilano Reserve on the mainland, the Columbia and Western and other railway lands, the site of a new Agent General office in London, are a few that might be mentioned. In addition the amount of public works carried out this year has been very great. The progressive character of the people of the province has demanded that they should be provided with all the facilities possible for the development of trade and the promotion of land settlement. These desires the government has attempted to meet as far as lies in its power and the beneficial results are being reflected on every hand.

The wisdom of the government's course is seen in the amount of capital which has been attracted to British Columbia during the past ten years and the indications that the amount invested here will be very greatly increased in the approaching future. It is further shown in the rapid and indeed almost unprecedented increase in the per capita production of the Province. Yet another indication of the excellent results of a progressive regime is the way settlers are pouring in, not only to the cities, but to the rural districts as well. Manufacturing plants are multiplying, the natural resources are being developed as never in the past, and a strong, virile population is being built up and welded together with common aims and common ideals. With this material growth has also come the passage of wisely conceived legislation, which has been the means of making British Columbia one of the most law-abiding communities on the continent. Development along every line of human endeavour has been the watchword of the past decade and while we do not pretend that all the credit for what has been accomplished belongs to the administration of Sir Richard McBride, it is undoubtedly true that he and his government have been the directing influences in many of those phases of progress upon which we justly pride ourselves.

The announcement recently made by the Hon. Price Ellison, Minister of Agriculture, that the policy of attempting to eradicate bovine tuberculosis by the compulsory slaughter of animals found to be diseased would be discontinued for the present owing to the fact that the government has exhausted the appropriation made for this work has been seized by the enemies of the administration as a declaration that the government has lost faith in the efficacy of the intra-dermal test. That this impression is erroneous is proved by the statement of Live-stock Commissioner McDonald, who last week went on record as saying that the government was more firmly convinced than ever after the past season's experiments of the value of the test and that there was little doubt that the work would continue next season. Mr. F. J. Bishop, of Duncan, president of the B.C. Dairyman's Association, in an interview which appeared in yesterday's Colonist, not only spoke strongly in favor of the continuance of the work but said that during the course of a trip through the Province every dairyman whom he had met was strongly in favor of the efficiency of the test and endorsed the wisdom of the government in attempting to eradicate the plague. It is of course natural that the farmers should endeavour to secure as much compensation for their beasts as they could but in view of the mass of opinion among scientists that bovine tuberculosis is transmissible to human beings and the ravages made by the white plague in our cities it seems almost criminal to make this question a party issue. Even if there was the shadow of a doubt about its efficiency surely the purity of the milk supply of the little ones of this Province is scarcely a suitable subject of debate on the political platform. At any rate the mothers of British Columbia will hardly thank to politicians who are seeking to catch a few votes by such questionable methods.

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SANTA CLAUS GETS LETTERS LIKE THIS

Climbing up on the chair at his father's desk and impartially choosing the first pen which came handy, the Boy grasped it in his chubby hand with terrible earnestness and started to indite an epistle to "Dear Santy." This is as far as he got, however, for, try as he would, the eloquent words that floated through his infantile brain refused to be conveyed to prosaic paper. At length he gave it up in tearful disgust and went to look for daddy.

"Daddy," he said, plaintively, but with the sweetness of infantile childhood, "I want to write a letter to Sandy Claws, and the words won't come, and when they do come I can't read what I wrote and I guess Sandy Claws couldn't either."

"Certainly my darling," said lazy daddy, as he disentangled himself from his easy chair and a covert study of an article on "Christmas presents that cost little but look a lot." What would my pet like to say to Santa Claus, as he took up the pen the Boy had been using he hastily dropped it and exchanged it for one less moist, "Now, what shall it be?"

"My own dear Sandy Claus," began the Boy, with grave, expectant face, "the other day while driving in a sleigh I saw you in the sea. You had on a diver's suit and I felt glad that you were so near my home (The Boy had evidently been drinking in the Christmas exhibition in a departmental store window). If you think that I am a good, tough boy, please send me a bugle, a gun, a soldier's hat." (It is easy to surmise what daddy did in his spare moments).

"I will say a 'soldier's uniform,'" said daddy, pausing, "that will cover everything."

"No, don't do that, daddy, for Sandy might leave out the gun," corrected the Boy with conviction.

"A big drum, he continued, with an air of great thoughtfulness and discrimination, "a fireman's suit, pair of skates (Daddy began to gasp). "That isn't nearly all—snowshoes, new suit of clothes, new flannels, stockings, and a rocking horse."

"Is that all?" queried daddy suspiciously, and in rather a weak voice.

"Oh, no, these are only for me—there's Duddie's and the twins to come yet—a small dolly and a small cradle to put the dolly to sleep in; a doll's house and a doll's carriage for Duddie, and for the twins—" (Here the Boy looked puzzled, but presently brightened) "two of everything else."

The letter was duly signed "Charlie" in daddy's Calabrian chirography, to which the Boy added a few X X X by way of kisses.

"Now you will want a stamp, and, by the way, my darling, where am I to address this letter?" daddy asked in some doubt.

"Oh, address it to my Santy Claws, when passing Park avenue, Montreal—please drop it at number —"

Springing up on daddy's knee, the Boy gave him a resounding kiss and then, grasping the letter firmly, he rushed away with a beating heart to where a stamp lay hidden—a stamp that he had guarded jealously for a week or more past. It was no ordinary kind of stamp either. No head of sovereign appeared on its red and grey surface. It looked at first sight not unlike "a vaster empire than has been" map stamp of a few years ago. But it wasn't. It was simply an advertisement of the St. Louis fair, which the Boy had once pried off daddy's valise. But it looked like a stamp; it had the scalloped edges and all the other characteristics save the value, and a lack of stickiness which was soon remedied by an awful overdose of gum from his daddy's desk. Of having committed the crime of defrauding his Majesty the Boy was blissfully ignorant.

The letter was posted and as it dropped with a thud into the big red box at the corner there was an accompanying thud from the Boy's heart, caused, doubtless, by suppressed excitement. The official through whose hands the letter passed was rather staggered. But he had a Boy

of his own and his heart warmed with loving thoughts of the curly, golden haired little fellow at home. Indeed he was so sympathetic that he actually broke one of the rules of the service and allowed a letter to pass through his Majesty's mails practically without a stamp, and he didn't even mark a great, big black 2 on the envelope.

Next day after dinner mamma quietly handed daddy a letter. He was puzzled as he gazed on the extraordinary looking stamp in the corner, on which St. Louis was depicted as the only place on earth. Suddenly recognizing the address, he threw back his head and laughed boisterously. Then placing the letter safely in an inside pocket—(the wonder is that he didn't forget it)—he kissed mamma and started down town to make sure that there was enough money in the bank to fill that order.

Christmas Greetings

By Walt Mason.

"I wish all kinds of Christmas joys to all the bunch of girls and boys, whatever their age may be; some kids I know are eight or ten, and some are ancient dames and men, and all are good to see. "It is a time," the merchant said, "when every man who isn't dead should wear a cheerful smile; if Christmas doesn't thaw your heart and make all iciness depart, your breast is full of guile. The Christmas trade is always good, but, neighbor, be it understood, the merchant's greatest glee is not in taking in the scads as 'tis in giving girls and lads some chunks of ecstasy. I'd rather sell a five cent doll that puts a happy smile o'er all some little maiden's face, than sell ten dollars' worth of traps to some old grouch who snarls and yaps, and glooms around the place. I like my patrons to believe that I won't break my heart and grieve if they don't spend a pile; I want them all to come around and help me raise a joyful sound, and swap a Christmay smile. Ah, people surely have been stung by nature if they don't feel young when Christmas time arrives, no odds how corpulent their rolls, they have the dry rot in their souls, and in their darkened lives. At Christmas we should romp and play, in festive style the livelong day, like children fresh from school; though we have lived five hundred years we ought to gambol like bay steers, when sound the bells of Yule. We ought to keep a cheerful mind and be as gracious and as kind as we know how to be; the moral profits then will swell the profits from the things we sell and fill our souls with glee."—Walt Mason.

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On Christmas Day the choir of St. Andrew's church will help with the singing at Holy Trinity church at the 11.00 o'clock service.

Miss Katie Kitzel, who has been spending her winter vacation in Sidney with her two sisters, left last Friday for her home in New Westminster.

Mrs. J. F. Simister entertained a few friends at an informal party on the occasion of her daughter Margaret's 15th birthday on Tuesday, December 16th.

As a proof of the mildness of the climate on the North Sannich peninsula a pear tree and a cherry tree are now in bloom in the garden of Mr. J. J. White, on Second street.

The gasoline-electric car is once more in operation between Sidney and Victoria after having been laid up several days for repairs. Like the famous work train of the middle states it is a case of "Off agin—On agin—Away agin—Finnegan."

On Tuesday evening, December 23, a basketball match will take place in the pavilion between a picked team from Keatings and the local boys. A good game is expected as both teams have put in a good deal of practice.

The public school entertainment this evening will, no doubt be a huge success. The big Christmas tree has been put in place and the decoration scheme of the hall has been carried out to perfection by many willing workers. The teachers who have the programme in hand desire to announce through the press that the entertainment is free to everybody who may desire to attend and they earnestly hope that the parents of all children will make a special effort to be present. The programme is a lengthy one and everybody is requested to be on hand a little before eight o'clock if possible.

A children's service will be held in St. Andrew's church at three o'clock on the afternoon of the Sunday after Christmas.

The fire brigade committee of the Board of Trade is contemplating holding a benefit dance for the purpose of raising money to buy equipment. They hope to be able to arrange to hold the dance some time early in January. Due notice will be given and posters distributed.

Mr. W. W. Foster paid several visits to Sidney during the past week. The new member is taking up the duties in connection with his constituency in real earnest and is devoting much time to getting acquainted with the needs of this district before the next session of the house.

The Junior Conservative Association held a regular meeting on Wednesday evening. Over thirty members were present and after the routine business had been disposed of, a short address on the aims and objects of associations was given by Mr. W. W. Foster, the recently elected member for this constituency.

A very enthusiastic meeting was held last evening in the parlor of the Sidney hotel for the purpose of organizing a gun club. A large number of the business men of the town were in attendance. The club was formally launched on its career by the election of officers and executive committee. Owing to the fact that the Review goes to press early Friday morning a full description of the proceedings will appear next week.

The many friends of Mr. Bob Sloan who have listened to his clever whimsicalities on the platform or enjoyed his cheerful optimism in every-day life will be glad to hear that he has decided to land out in business by stocking boots and shoes, in addition to carrying on his present repair business. He has secured Berquist's new store for his new enterprise, and if attention to business, a sound knowledge of the business and a genial manner are assets to success, Bob's new shoe store should prove a winner.

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Carols will be sung at the evening service at St. Andrew's church on the Sunday after Christmas.

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Two Football Games

Sidney is scheduled to play two games this week in the McPhillip's Cup League, playing their home fixture with Ganges here on Friday, December 19th, and taking on Fulford on Saturday, December 20th, also on our local grounds. Our team of locals to uphold Sidney's football honors will be the following:

Goal, Shrimpton; backs, Morris and Scarlett; halves, Jennings, Sewell, Robertson; forwards, Dennis, Appes, Miller, Wilkinson, Cowley. Reserves, Eaton, Norton Lait.

SPECIAL XMAS SERVICES IN THE ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Special Christmas Music Will Be Rendered By the St. Andrew's Choir on Christmas Day at Holy Trinity

Sunday, December 21, being the fourth Sunday in Advent and St. Thomas' day, services in the different Anglican churches in this district will be held at the following places and hours:—St. Andrew's, morning prayer and holy communion at 11.00 a.m.; evening prayer at 7.30 p.m. Holy Trinity, evening prayer at 3.00 p.m. Services will also be held on Christmas Day, December 25, as follows:—St. Andrew's, holy communion at 8.00 a.m. Holy Trinity, morning prayer and holy communion at 11.00 a.m.

On the first Sunday after Christmas, December the 28th, Holy Innocents' day, the following services will be held:—Holy Trinity, morning prayer at 11.00 a.m. St. Andrew's, children's service at 3.00 p.m.; evening prayer at 7.30

—For an after dinner smoke. The Morena cigar.

FOUND

A Crescent Broach was found after the dance last Thursday in Berquist's hall. Owner may have same by applying to W. Lait at the Merchant's Bank of Canada.

LOST

A White Yorkshire sow, very fat, about 300 lbs., from the premises of F. C. Parkes, Shoal Harbor, on November 28. Reward on information leading to recovery.

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Put Yourself Into Your Gift

By Arthur T. Vance
In Pictorial Christmas Review



I know of a little girl who was greatly distressed because she had no Christmas gift for her grandmother, whom she dearly loved. She had only four precious pennies which she had been a long time in saving, but she found that even if she spent these for a present she could not pay the postage on it. So she decided to buy a two-cent stamp and spend the other two cents on paper and an envelope, and this is the letter she wrote; "I have no gift to send, my dear grandmother, but I do want you to know that I love you, love you, love you, and here are a hundred kisses." The grandmother, with tears in her eyes, said that none of her Christmas gifts gave her so much pleasure as this simple love missive.

Most of us strain too much in our Christmas giving. We think too much about the value of the gift itself, and not enough about the spirit of goodwill, the real Christ spirit, that should accompany the gift. Have you ever thought of the wonderful amount of Christmas cheer you can scatter even if you have very little of this world's goods? It is really astonishing how many people we can make happy and how much can we do to help others even when we think we have nothing to give. No one is so poor that he cannot give something to brighten other lives.

We are apt to place too great an emphasis upon what money will do at Christmas. It will not supply the only thing nor the best thing we can give. To give ourselves is often of infinitely more value. Many people set aside a certain amount of money for Christmas gifts and when these are purchased and sent away they consider the Christmas ordeal over. They seem to think that if they send to the needy a little check, some groceries, coal, clothing, or cast off things, they have discharged their Christmas duty. They do not seem to realize that merely giving things does not put you in harmony with the true Christmas spirit—that you must give yourself, your sympathy, your helpful spirit, with your gift.

If you feel that you are too poor to buy Christmas gifts, just sit down and think what you can do to make others happy. Try to think what thought gifts, heart gifts, sympathy gifts, love gifts, encouragement gifts, you can bestow without money. Many a heart has starved amid plenty, surrounded by luxury, because the famished affections were not fed, and there is nothing else for which the human heart so yearns and hungers as sympathy and love—things which money has no power to purchase. In fact, the most precious things that come to a human being are unpurchasable with money. Only that which comes from the heart can feed another's heart hunger; only a heart can feed a heart.

"What can we do for you?" asked a church investigator of a poor old soul whom he found on a pallet of straw in an attic. He thought she would say "Bread, bread, coal, covering," for she lacked all these. "What do you want?" was again asked. "Folks," she murmured. "Send someone to talk to me. I am lonely."

One cold night just before Christmas I saw in front of a big show window in New York a poor, ragged boy looking very longingly at a big doll. I asked him if he wanted anything in the window. "No, no," he said, "but it does make me feel bad 'cause I can't get a doll for my little sister. She never had a doll."

Think of the poor children who never had a Christmas present, the poor little girls who never had a doll. Even if you haven't anything stored away which you could give these poor people without impoverishing yourself, you can at least call on some of them, give them your sympathy, your encouragement.

Few people realize the possibilities of making people happy by writing encouraging Christmas letters. I know of a poor woman who has no money for pres-

ents, but she writes the most beautiful, encouraging, cheer-up letters to many poor and unfortunate people, especially the sick in the hospitals, and other shut-ins. It is the spirit that counts; that is everything; and if it doesn't go with the money you give, it isn't in the check or the groceries you send, you are not giving anything worth while.

No matter how humble our position in life we can always give a kind word and perform little deeds of helpfulness and good cheer in our family and among our friends and acquaintances. A cordial grasp of a discouraged hand with a little sympathy and encouragement will often do more good than a costly gift. You can render no greater service to others than by holding kindly, magnanimous thoughts towards them, giving them cheer, your sympathy, your helpful encouragement. These are an everlasting benediction and a perpetual delight.

Unfortunately, the true meaning of Christmas, the Christ spirit the helpful, charitable spirit, has been largely lost, and we have drifted into the custom of using Christmas for the paying of Christmas debts. With many people Christmas has become such a formidable occasion, so expensive, so strenuous, that instead of suggesting good cheer, happiness, kindness for all, the holiday season brings dread and even terror to many people who are not able to keep up with the pace. It is becoming a serious drain upon both the strength and the pocket-book.

The average person uses less sense and good judgement in the purchase of his Christmas presents than in anything else. Many people seem to have a sort of mania for making the best possible show for their money in their Christmas giving, and in their mad hunt for bargains they buy the most senseless things—articles which are practically useless to others and only cumber the house. It would be interesting to go through the homes of the country and collect or take an inventory of the Christmas gifts that are lying about in attics, cupboards, and closets—useless, foolish articles which people have no real place for and yet which they feel they must keep because they were gifts to them.

Some time I ago heard a prominent woman of society tell another that her home had been so literally overburdened with all sorts of articles of furniture and brick-a-brack and other things which had been given to her that she was really cramped for room. She said that these things had accumulated so that she felt obliged to send several loads to an auction sale. A newspaper reporter recognized some of them and criticized her severely for selling them. The lady then explained through the press that she had been obliged to keep the gifts in storage for years and that they had accumulated so that she thought it foolish to keep them longer.

How many people have Christmas presents which they have been storing up for years—things that are in the way and of no earthly use to them, which they could pass along this Christmas to others to enjoy? Why cling to things simply because they were given to you, when you have no real use for them? Those who gave them should be only too glad to know that they are making somebody happy.

I would like to ask you, my reader, to join me this year in a special effort to make children happy, and especially those who have no money with which to buy presents. Christmas is really children's day. We give too much to adults and expend so little effort in making the young folks happy. It is really their day and it is a splendid opportunity not only to make them happy but to help them to make others happy, and to show them what Christmas really means; that is the Christ spirit, the love spirit, the helpful, unselfish and truly sympathetic spirit.

Two young girls were overheard talking about what they were going to buy

for Christmas. One said: "I have twenty five dollars to spend on my family; how much have you?" The other replied: "I have two dollars and fifty cents to spend, but not on my family. They do not need it. I am going to buy presents for poor children who have no money for Christmas." The latter girl was in comparatively poor circumstances and her two dollars and fifty cents meant much to her, but she had the true Christmas spirit.

No matter what your nationality, your creed, color or condition, this is the way to celebrate Christmas: Do what you think Christ would do if He were on earth and had your means.

All who joy would win
Must share it—Happiness was born a twin.

Open your heart, be generous this Christmas time, and see how many people you can make happy.

There is something about giving to and helping others in need that has a wonderful reaction upon the giver or helper. By some strange alchemy, what we give comes back to us. It becomes our own.

"Scrooge," in Dicken's "Christmas Carol," never knew what joy was until he awoke from his miserly, selfish dream and began to love and think of others. When he went to church and walked the streets and watched the people hurrying too and fro and patted the children on the head and questioned the beggars and looked down into the kitchens and up to the windows of houses, he found that everything could yield him pleasure. He had never dreamed that such common things could give him happiness.

Everyone should regard Christmas as an occasion for clearing his heart of all grudges, for forgiving all offenses and all enemies. It is a good time to forget and to forgive, a good time to forget self and think of others.

Christmas should be a great heart melting, affection quickening, friendship renewing occasion. It ought not to be considered a burden or a bore. It ought to be a season of great joy and happiness, a season of peace and goodwill. Everybody, rich and poor, should look forward to Christmas with anticipations of delight. —Orison Swett Marden.

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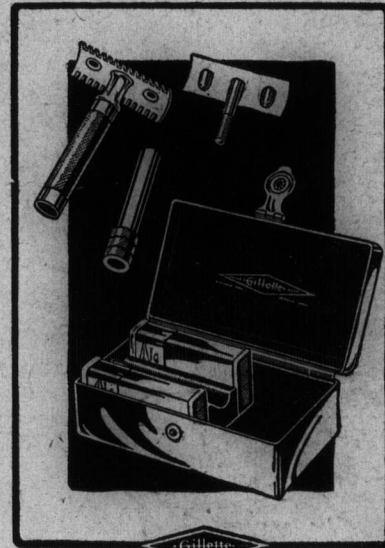
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THE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR DISTRIBUTED

The Large Hall Was Packed
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siastic Crowd—Teachers
of Thanks for

Berquist's large hall was packed from the stage right back to the entrance door on Friday night last when the curtain ran up on the first act of one of the most successful entertainments ever held in Sidney. The occasion was the annual concert and Christmas tree given by the teachers and pupils of the public schools and heartily co-operated in by the parents. The people of Sidney are beginning to look forward to this annual event as the real treat of the year, and as a great many of them have children attending school they take a good deal of pride in doing all they can to make the event a success. Not only do they contribute handsomely to the financial end of the scheme, but a great many of them give willingly many hours of their time in helping to accomplish the enormous amount of work entailed. Yet with all this assistance the lion's share of the work fell to the lot of the three young ladies who have charge of the different rooms of our public school system, Miss A. Logan, principal, and teacher of the high school; Miss F. Hall, teacher of the second division; and Miss Glen, teacher of the third division. The drilling of the large number of children in the different numbers, the decorating of the hall, the buying and preparing of the many presents that were hung up for Santa Claus to give out, the financing of the whole scheme, together with all the other little worries, naturally fell on them, and the optimistic and cheerful manner with which they undertook these duties and carried them through to such a successful finish, reflects credit not only upon them but upon the people of Sidney as well.

No small amount of pains was spared in the decoration scheme of the large hall, and many of the cedar and fir trees in the vicinity of this town were stripped of their evergreen branches in order to gratify the taste of the decorating committee. Huge red Christmas bells and bright colored festoons added their quota to the attractiveness of the scene, and when the brilliant electric lights were turned on in full force it was remarked by nearly everyone present that the old hall never before looked so cheerful and pleasant a place to spend an evening.

Of course the large evergreen tree standing in one corner near the stage, loaded with its wealth of Christmas presents, had a good deal of fascination for the crowd of children that filled the seats in the forward part of the hall and no doubt many of them were speculating of