

THE HOLIDAYS

Christmas passed off very quietly as it always does in Victoria and very pleasantly. The day in this city is essentially one for family reunions. There is usually some sport, and the football game attracted a large attendance, but that only broke into the domestic festivities for a little while. On the whole weather conditions were favorable. Christmas itself was a delightful day, though the weather was a little threatening at times. There was some bright sunshine, however, and at no time was it unpleasantly cold.

All reports are of the effect that business preceding the holidays was very satisfactory. The crowds in the streets, especially on Saturday night, were very great, and also very good-natured, which is another Victoria feature. One of the very excellent things about the people of this city is the way in which they conduct themselves when in crowds. There is an absolute absence of rowdiness. The police had very little to occupy their attention; the street car service was as good as could be expected in view of the difficulty experienced by the company in keeping up with the growing demands upon it, due to the increase of population. Many people are apt to forget that this town is growing very rapidly; it is outgrowing all its public utilities, and while every possible effort is being made to keep up with the demand, there must at times be some little shortage or congestion. The tramway people make every effort to meet the public demand, and we do not think the people of Victoria are in a position to find fault with the accommodation provided.

A notable feature of the crowds on the streets and in the street cars was the number of people who are strangers to those who have lived here for ten years or more. Every one of the latter remarked it. Indeed it seemed almost like a new city in this respect. The newer residents have all fallen into the good old Victoria way of taking things without undue excitement and being merry and good natured under all conditions. No matter how big this city becomes, we ought to endeavor to preserve this very admirable quality, which visitors so much admire in our people.

THE SHEEP INDUSTRY.

Some time ago the Dominion Government appointed a commission to investigate the sheep industry. The commissioners went to the United Kingdom and adjacent conditions there and upon the Continent of Europe. They have returned and are now visiting various parts of Ontario. A letter from the live stock commissioner indicates that the commission will visit British Columbia. Here they will find a field in which inquiries can be pursued with advantage. We suppose that many parts of this province are well adapted to sheep-raising and that some of them can be more profitably used for that purpose than for any other. The commissioner speaks of the market in the United Kingdom and on the Continent for frozen mutton, but it will be a long time before the flockmasters of this province have to look outside of their boundaries for customers for their meat products. They are more interested in the market for wool, which the commissioner thinks will, for many years to come, be in the United Kingdom. Probably at present there is not sufficient wool produced in the province to make the question of a market at a distance worthy of consideration. Australia, the Argentine and New Zealand send their wool to the English market, and presumably British Columbia producers could do the same thing by the way of the blue funnel line or others that make round the world trips; but as yet the output in any individual case is not large enough to warrant such shipments. It might, however, be worth inquiring to find out if it would be possible to make large shipments profitably to the English market in this way. This is a phase of the case, which the commissioner can investigate when they reach this province.

With a large and growing market for mutton and a regular demand for wool at a good price, sheep-raising might become a far more important industry in British Columbia than it now is, although it could never be expected to reach the magnitude that it has attained in Australia and the Argentine, for the nature of the country would hardly permit of such a thing. Nevertheless we are sending away a good deal of money every year for mutton, and if the commissioner can show how this can be kept at home, and make the case so clear that farmers will engage in the

industry more largely than they now do, their visit to British Columbia will prove of much advantage.

RECIPROCIITY

We find the Montreal Gazette taking much the same position with regard to reciprocity with the United States as that occupied by the Colonist. It will be remembered that we have expressed ourselves as favorable to such mutual concessions by the two countries as would remove needless barriers to trade between them, but have objected to the idea of making any agreement in the nature of a treaty, holding that there are serious objections to tying the hands of the country for any fixed period, especially in view of the possibility of something being done in the way of developing inter-imperial trade. We have contended that all the beneficial effects of a treaty can be obtained and its disadvantages can be avoided by independent action by each country, which action might be the outcome of negotiations or not as each country might see fit. This is the view of the Gazette, and we note what it says:

There are two grounds of objection to reciprocity. First, during the continuance of a treaty the hands of the parties to it are tied and neither of both of them may in consequence suffer a loss greater than the good the treaty secures. Then under reciprocity there may grow up interests which would suffer if the agreement were abrogated, and because of this the weaker or smaller of the parties to it may be coerced into consenting to an extension that may not be politically or generally advantageous. Third, there are also to be considered the developed industries of the country and the welfare of the communities that depend upon them. It would, for instance, be awkward for the Government and disastrous to business if, by a reciprocity treaty, say, the cotton trade did after the tariff of 1897 went into effect, and there are other industries that could be destroyed by reciprocal tariff changes just as readily as those which might be advantageously built up by the same means. In spite of tariffs the trade between Canada and the United States has grown year by year, and in spite of tariffs it will continue to grow. The tariffs of the two countries may even be changed with advantage to encourage growth. The satisfactory way of securing the end, however, will be by independent legislation, each country doing that which it thinks best for itself.

CONDITIONS IN SPAIN

The year is drawing to a close with a very serious state of things existing in Spain. The Prime Minister seems determined to carry out his policy of reform at all hazards, and one of the hazards is that of such a rupture with the Church as may precipitate an exceedingly dangerous crisis. In no part of the world has clerical influence been as great as it has hitherto been in Spain, and it is not likely to be abandoned without a struggle. We do not for a moment imagine that the clergy will aim at the overthrow of the monarchy, for the republic element of the population would be very impatient of clerical control; the danger which threatens will arise from the general upsetting of the public mind. A press correspondent telegraphing from Madrid on the 11th inst. said:

"Any hour may bring a revolt in Spain. The slightest event may precipitate it. One governmental precaution too many will start trouble, or one thing, any indiscreet utterance of some monarchist official or the right of international speech by one of the revolutionary leaders will be the signal for a widespread uprising. There was never a dynasty in greater danger than the King Alfonso's at this minute."

He goes on to say that the Portuguese republicans are working hand in glove with the republicans in Spain, and have been doing so for a long time. It was not intended, he says, to bring matters to a head in Portugal so soon; but there seemed to be danger in delay, and consequently Dom Manoel was deposed before a similar demonstration could be made against King Alfonso.

The correspondent adds: "The republican idea both in Spain and Portugal is steadily gaining ground. This is deemed necessary because the population of Spain is split, according to the geographical location, into a number of very distinct races. It is believed they will live together with least friction if they are given some role in public local affairs, with a strong president and congress for the entire group, much after the pattern of the United States Government. The plan seems satisfactory to all the republicans throughout the entire country, and there is no doubt that the Portuguese are willing to join such a union."

It is admitted that Alfonso will make more of a dent for his crown than did his neighbor in Lombardy, and it is no means certain that he would not be able to hold it. In these three nations the undoubted resolution of the King to hold his position, the antagonism which his policy has created among the clergy and the growing strength of the republican movement, are all the elements of a situation which for serious men can hardly be overrated.

THE BANKING ACT

The charters of all the banks expire on July 1st of next year, and they will be renewed by the measure now before Parliament, which contains some new features that will be looked upon as of importance. One provision relates to statements published by the banks, and provides that the parties who sign these shall be taken to have made a personal examination of their contents and to be informed from their own knowledge that they are correct, being liable both civilly and criminally if anything set out in such statements is found to be incorrect. There is also a provision for what is called a shareholders' audit. This means that the shareholders at an annual meeting may demand an audit and call for any information which they may require. At a meeting of one of the leading banks recently a shareholder asked for some information, but it was refused, and in reply to a question, Mr. Wilfrid Laurier, who introduced the Bill, said that such a refusal would not be desirable possible. At other times five per cent of the shareholders may demand an audit from the Canadian Bankers Association. There is no provision for a government inspection of banks, and an intimation has been given out that when the Bill goes into committee there will be a very active effort to include something to that effect in the measure.

There is some talk in Quebec of running provincial elections on the naval question. Why not make it the issue in municipal contests? There would be as much sense in the one as in the other.

The Railway Commission has fallen in with the express companies. Of all the public bodies that start under the microscope to handle public matters, the Railway Commission displays a minimum of fear, favor or affection for transportation people.

Is there an average man's money? asks a contemporary. A prior question to be determined is whether or not there is an average man. That gentleman is an individual of whom we hear often, but none of us has ever seen. He does not exist in point of fact.

It is announced that the ex-king of Portugal is going to attend lectures at Oxford, and will make a tour of Canada and the British Colonies in order to get an understanding of British methods of government. Contrary to what was at one time thought to be the case the ex-king is not rich. He hopes to win his crown again when he is a little better fitted to wear it, and, if not, to be of some service to his country.

The people of the United States are congratulating themselves upon the fact that there have been so far only fifty-seven lynchings in the country this year. This is not quite the lowest record in a quarter of a century, for three years ago there were only fifty-one. An encouraging feature is alleged to be the fact that all of the persons lynched this year, except five, were negroes. Civilization is marching on.

Collier's says that the kind of governor-general Canada wants is one who will think about roasting but his dinners and horses. This is not right. Canada does not want men in Ridesau Hall who will trouble themselves about the affairs of political parties, but it is all the better for such men who, like the present incumbent of the viceregency, are able to discover lines of usefulness that are wholly outside the domain of politics, though within the realm of statesmanship. A governor-general who knows how to stand about, from the things over which politicians squabble, and yet is far-sighted enough to see that above and beyond questions of a temporary nature there are questions which touch the life of the people, questions that are of a permanent nature, questions upon which we can all see alike when, once they are brought to our notice, may do very much indeed for Canada and the British Empire. We have such a man in His Excellency Lord Grey, who found no difficulty in getting into touch with the Canadian people and was able to stimulate the proper development of our own country and the promotion of imperial unification.

Messrs. Leonard and Arthur McBride are spending the holidays at their parents' home in the Delta. Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Saunders, of Vancouver, are spending the holidays with old friends here.

Mr. W. J. Macdonald, M.P. for Dowd, is expected home next week from an extended tour of Great Britain and the Continent.

Miss Nellie Farnon, daughter of Mr. H. G. Farnon, M.P. for Guelph, is spending the holidays at the parental home.

Mrs. McBride has returned to New Westminster, after spending a few days here as the guest of her distinguished son, the Premier, whose two daughters accompanied her back to the Metland for a short visit.

We Have the Articles to Make Your New Year's Dinner Table Attractive

Give us a call before you make up your mind what to put on your New Year's table. We have many good suggestions that we will only be too pleased to give you. It is an important matter to have a nice dinner set, etc., etc., and we have all that can be wished for by any person, in wonderful assortments. Nice White Table Linen is essential, a nice Centrepiece, a nice Vase, etc., etc., all help to make the table look attractive. We want you to have a nice table to start the New Year with, and if you will leave it to our good judgment or our advice, you may rest assured you will have one of the most elegant tables at a most reasonable cost that can be found in the great West.



Beautiful Dinner Sets

For New Year's Dinner Tables

We have a splendid assortment of Dinner Sets for you to choose from, and if you want to select a nice set for your New Year's dinner, and one that will last you for many New Years. Give us a call. Here are a few of our prices, which are very reasonable.

- CARLSBAD CHINA DINNER SETS
98 pieces with handsome floral border... \$14.00
113 pieces with handsome floral border... \$18.00
112 pieces in white and gold... \$20.00
170 pieces in maroon and gold... \$30.00
111 pieces, bridal rose pattern with gilt edge... \$30.00
100 pieces, pink flowers and fern... \$16.00
SEMI-PORCELAIN DINNER SETS
97 pieces, plain white raised border... \$9.00
98 pieces with floral pattern and gilt border... \$12.50
105 pieces, brown, floral design... \$15.00
113 pieces, pink and green border, gilt edge... \$17.00
113 pieces, floral design... \$25.00
129 pieces, Ovan, blue band... \$30.00

- LIMOGES CHINA DINNER SETS
100 pieces, beautiful forget-me-not design, with gold handles, also designs in heliotrope, pink roses, and green floral, at... \$25.00
100 pieces in beautiful pink rose design, with gold edge, at... \$35.00
100 pieces in pink rose and green floral, with gold edge and gold handles... \$37.50
98 pieces beautiful violet-patterns with gold edge, also in a beautiful fern design, at... \$50.00
WEDGWOOD DINNER SET
Here is a Dinner Set that you really ought to see. It is in white and gold, and is most artistic. This set will make a splendid New Year's gift—117 pieces... \$40.00

A Few Glass Suggestions

We have a splendid variety of glass to adorn your New Year's dinner table at very reasonable prices.

- Decanters, quart size, with cut neck and stopper. Each \$1.50... \$1.25
Decanters, quart size, with cut neck and fern design, engraved. Per pair... \$3.75
Also in pint size at, per pair... \$3.00
Decanters in beautiful etched patterns. Quart size. Per pair... \$9.00
Pint size... Per pair... \$7.00
Plain Champagne Glasses. Doz. \$2.50
Etched Claret Glasses. Per dozen, \$2.25 and... \$1.50
Plain Whiskey Jugs. Each... \$1.50
Plain Sherry Glasses, from, per dozen, \$2.00 to... \$7.50
Plain Port Glasses from, per dozen, \$2.00 to... \$1.50
Plain Whiskey Glasses. Doz... \$1.00
Water Glasses, from, per dozen... 60¢
Plain Finger Bowls, Per dozen \$3.00
Etched Champagne Glasses, at, per dozen... \$4.00
Etched Claret Glasses, Per doz \$3.50
Etched Port Glasses, Per doz... \$2.50
Etched Sherry Glasses, Per doz \$2.50
Etched Whiskey Glasses, Doz. \$1.50
Etched Water Tumblers, Doz. \$1.75
Etched Finger Bowls, Doz... \$3.50

Cutlery for the New Year

- Oak Cabinet with 2 drawers containing 2 sets of carvers, 1 dozen dinner knives, 1 dozen dessert knives, 1 dozen dinner forks, 1 dozen dessert forks, 1 dozen table spoons, 1 dozen dessert spoons, 1 dozen teaspoons... \$100.00
CARVING SETS
3-piece Carving Sets, in beautifully lined cases, consisting of knife, fork and steel, from \$12 to \$45.00
5-piece Carving Sets, in \$20.00 to \$75.00
CUTLERY CASES
Oak Cabinet with 1 drawer containing 2 sets of carvers, 1 dozen dinner knives, 1 dozen dessert knives, 1 dozen dinner forks, 1 dozen dessert forks... \$60.00
Ditto... \$40.00
FISH CARVERS AND CASES
Very handsome, per set, \$7.50, \$9.00, \$6.00, \$5.00... \$4.50

Dainty Table Linens

If there is a table napery need to be supplied for New Year's, this is the house to fill such wants. Certainly you will require dainty linens—the "feast" would not be half as good otherwise. So if you are not abundantly supplied, let us show you our offerings in imported linens. We import direct from the best Irish mills, and our superior qualities and unbeatable values have built for us a magnificent business in Table Linens. We guarantee the quality of every piece, and for materials of such quality these prices speak for themselves.

- Unbleached Table Linens, at, per yard, \$1.00 to... 45¢
Bleached Table Linens, at, per yard, \$1.25 to... 95¢
Table Cloth, 2 x 2 1/2, \$4.25 to... \$2.50
Table Cloth, 2 x 2 1/2, from, each... \$3.00
Table Cloths, 2 x 3 yards, from, each... \$3.75
Table Napkins, from, per dozen, \$7.50 to... \$1.00

These Goods at These Prices Nowhere But Here



The March of Progress Finds Us Keeping Time As Usual

WILL ENGAGE IN SHARK FISHERY

Local Company Plans the Carrying Out of Extensive Operations in British Columbia Waters

Preparations on a very large scale are at present being made by the Canada Pacific Fisheries Company, the organization formed as a result of the purchase and absorption of the Pacific Whaling Company by interests identified with Messrs. Mackenzie and Mann to exploit the fisheries of British Columbia. While primary attention in the immediate future will be paid to whaling, the company proposes to embark in a shark and halibut fisheries next summer.

At present work is well advanced on the construction of a new whaling station at Naden Harbor in northern Queen Charlotte and operations will be commenced from the early in the spring. With the opening of the hunting season four whaling stations will be operated, those at Sechart, Kyugot, Rose Harbor and Naden Harbor. These will be all stations established on the Canadian coast. The Naden harbor station, the last to be built, is at present giving employment to eighty men and upon its completion will have cost upwards of \$100,000, as the most up-to-date apparatus is being installed. To further the work at the most northerly of the stations, the steamer Henshawe has been chartered by the fisheries company and she now at Naden Harbor, whither she has carried construction material and machinery.

Ten whaling steamers will be operated by the company next year; they are Orton, St. Lawrence, Germania, St. Bastian, William Grant, Red, White, Black, Green and Yellow. The latter five are now on their way from Christchurch to this coast, and will be commissioned by next spring.

The company is now endeavoring to obtain the construction of a new shark fishing from either Norway or Iceland. Sharks in abundance are found in the waters off Vancouver and Queen Charlotte Islands, numbers of the fish averaging twenty feet in length. The fishing will be pursued from sailing boats, the catch being brought in and treated at the whaling stations.

Halibut Fisheries. The company hopes to be in a position to commence work on the halibut during the coming summer. This branch of the fishing industry the steamer whalers will be used. The halibut fishery is being developed at several whaling stations and the catch will be brought in nightly. Experts in this industry are being employed already all the different information relative to markets is being collected. At the stations being planned will be installed, and the halibut will be shipped as far as the prairie provinces in refrigerated cars.

In the meantime busy preparation are being carried on at the different stations of the company, where the whaling plants are being renovated so as to be in perfect condition when the hunting season opens. A large amount of bone dust, a by-product of the whale, which is being collected and Kyugot will be carried to Sa Pedro early in the New Year by the steamer Petriana, which was recently purchased by the fisheries company. The Petriana is being fitted with air fans on deck. An electric lighting apparatus has been installed as well as passenger accommodation for the use of the company's employees. The Petriana will leave for Vancouver in a few days to coal, and from there she will go to the whaling stations to collect 1,000 tons of bone dust which will be carried southwards to the Californian port.

PROVINCIAL NEWS
Osoyoos coal is now on sale in Nelson. Big game hunters from Ontario have this season been thick in Cariboo. Galtana has been discovered on Milk river, not far from Telkwa. Revelstoke's Y. M. C. A. now has upwards of 450 members.

The C. P. Railway line is now complete as far as Lytton. Mayor Duncan McIntosh has decided to stand for re-election in Greenwood. Vancouver's police force is to be numerically strengthened. Vancouver's horse show dates have been fixed as the 15th to 24th April. Diphtheria is reported to be epidemic at Salmon Arm. Slooan City is forming a Conservative Association which seems certain of long life and usefulness.

More than 100 men are now employed at the Britannia mine Howe Sound. Antonia Kosavitch was instantly killed near Homer last week, by being struck by a falling tree. Ratepayers of East Burnaby are moving in the direction of securing a public park. The Fraternal Order of Eagles will erect a fine entertainment hall at Cumberland. Chaitrack, since the result of the Scott act vote has doubled the price of town liquor licenses. A small fleet of river boats for the upper Fraser will be put on the water next season by a coast syndicate. A Japanese giving the name of Yoshida, was seriously injured by a C. P. R. train at Vancouver Sunday and may die. The Sisters of the Sacred Heart have completed arrangements for the erection of a modern new hospital at Revelstoke. Hog cholera is epidemic at Summit Lake and 175 hogs of the drove owned

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sets with gold handles, and green... \$25.00 with gold edge... \$35.00 with gold edge... \$37.50 with gold edge, also in... \$50.00



sets of carvers, 1 dozen... \$100.00

trimmings, conical handles and... \$20.00 half dozen... \$12.00

Beautiful... \$6.00

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Whaling Steamer: Norwegian Whaling Expert in Seattle to Arrange for Construction of Vessels for New Company... A fleet of five whaling steamers of the same type as those used by the Canadian Northern Pacific Fishery...

Whaling Steamer: Rippe raspberries are still being picked in Chilliwack... Citizens of Nanaimo will vote on the tramway proposals there next Saturday...

Whaling Steamer: A syndicate of Hazelton business men have purchased the Thorpe saw mill and will at once move it to Hazelton... Kate McElroy, the prosecuting witness in the recent slander case at Vancouver, has been prosecuted for perjury...

Whaling Steamer: Ernest Barry, the English champion, will now for the English championship and \$200 a side at the end of April or early in May... The death of Marco Karzevich, who was killed in a tunnel at Ross No. 2 camp on the G. T. P. by accumulated gas, has been found by the State...

Notes of Old Country Sport: The Spencer Arms on Monday, Jan. 1, 1911, with a deposit of \$20 a side... The death has occurred of Melton, the Derby winner of 1911...

Notes of Old Country Sport: The flat racing season of 1916 has been described as featureless—Barry Rows Again in April... The flat racing season of 1916 has been described as featureless and generally uninteresting...

Notes of Old Country Sport: There's a Difference: Vancouver's Wider Powers Give Owners the Say in Works of Local Improvement... Why, in Vancouver, the city council must respect the wishes of owners...

Notes of Old Country Sport: The Local Markets: Bran, per 100 lbs... \$1.10, \$1.15, \$1.20, \$1.25, \$1.30, \$1.35, \$1.40, \$1.45, \$1.50, \$1.55, \$1.60, \$1.65, \$1.70, \$1.75, \$1.80, \$1.85, \$1.90, \$1.95, \$2.00, \$2.05, \$2.10, \$2.15, \$2.20, \$2.25, \$2.30, \$2.35, \$2.40, \$2.45, \$2.50, \$2.55, \$2.60, \$2.65, \$2.70, \$2.75, \$2.80, \$2.85, \$2.90, \$2.95, \$3.00, \$3.05, \$3.10, \$3.15, \$3.20, \$3.25, \$3.30, \$3.35, \$3.40, \$3.45, \$3.50, \$3.55, \$3.60, \$3.65, \$3.70, \$3.75, \$3.80, \$3.85, \$3.90, \$3.95, \$4.00, \$4.05, \$4.10, \$4.15, \$4.20, \$4.25, \$4.30, \$4.35, \$4.40, \$4.45, \$4.50, \$4.55, \$4.60, \$4.65, \$4.70, \$4.75, \$4.80, \$4.85, \$4.90, \$4.95, \$5.00, \$5.05, \$5.10, \$5.15, \$5.20, \$5.25, \$5.30, \$5.35, \$5.40, \$5.45, \$5.50, \$5.55, \$5.60, \$5.65, \$5.70, \$5.75, \$5.80, \$5.85, \$5.90, \$5.95, \$6.00, \$6.05, \$6.10, \$6.15, \$6.20, \$6.25, \$6.30, \$6.35, \$6.40, \$6.45, \$6.50, \$6.55, \$6.60, \$6.65, \$6.70, \$6.75, \$6.80, \$6.85, 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NEW SCIENTIFIC BONESETTING

Dr. Alexander Bryce, in British Medical Journal, Suggests Methods To Be Practised By Profession

At the outset it is necessary to say there is such a thing as "scientific bone-setting." In the popular mind, "bone-setting" is associated with a rough-and-ready knowledge of anatomy which they utilize for the purpose of aiding sufferers, accustomed to robust treatment, in the absence of a doctor.

It is not a modern remedy. It is, however, only during recent years that osteopathic methods have been developed and perfected. Hutton's method, a great reputation. Dr. Hutton Hood, a surgeon of great repute a few years ago, resorted to Hutton for instruction in his osteopathic method.

Now, this writer, Dr. Alexander Bryce, has discovered the value of "scientific bone-setting" in an article contributed to the British Medical Journal of September.

In Charge of Poultry Section A recent appointment to the provincial public service is that of Mr. John B. Terry, for the past five years assistant professor of poultry at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and a gentleman with large practical experience before him.

New Decree of Vatican The Right Rev. Bishop McDonald is in receipt of a document containing a decree recently promulgated by the Vatican, which prohibits priests of the Roman Catholic Church from taking an executive part in charitable and similar organizations.

Dragged for nearly two blocks before he succeeded in bringing the horses to a stop. Constable Cremer yesterday morning performed a daring feat which will doubtless be properly acknowledged by the police commissioners.

What the British Medical Journal admits to be a method worth further investigation. What has been the result hitherto? One of interesting notes

CEREMONIAL WILL BE IMPOSING ONE

Forthcoming Coronation of King George Will Be of Unrivalled Splendor—Empire's Tribute Will Be Striking One

Some day in June, 1911, the attention of the world will be focussed upon the ceremony in Westminster Abbey, which will be the coronation of King George V. by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas.

The Imperial Mantle The king then rises and the Imperial mantle is thrown about his shoulders. It is of cloth-of-gold woven with designs in purple, blue, and red, and is fastened to the shoulders by the chieftains of the Household Knights of the Garter.

The Supreme Moment Now the supreme moment is at hand. All is ready for the actual crowning of the monarch by the laying on of the crown by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Start of Ceremony The Archbishop of Canterbury will turn to the east side of the altar and thus challenge the king to the throne.

Advises have been received by the Attorney General's Department that the accident at Fernie's tonight, in which Fred Waters, Charles Bonford and Constable McCutchen figured, has had a fatal termination.

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and hands them to the primate at their feet, detaching themselves from the throne and kneeling before the throne to make their fealty and homage to the monarch.

Indication of Paternal Feeling At the coronation in 1802 the next primate after the primate to pay his homage was the then Prince of Wales, the present George V. He knelt until King Edward held out his hand, which he grasped as the primate was started to withdraw the king drew him back and put his arms around him and kissed him.

Now the clergy will proceed to the coronation of the queen consort. The king is left enthroned. The queen has been seated on his right hand on her chair at the south side of the altar.

Crowning the Queen The Archbishop of York then takes the crown from the altar and sets it upon the head of the queen, with the words, "Receive the crown of glory, honor and joy." The acceptances are delivered, and during the singing of an anthem the queen, with her escort, leaves her place and proceeds to the throne, where she reposes until she descends together with the king for the office of the communion.

The coronation offering of bread and wine follows; the king presents as his second oblation a purse of gold, and the queen makes a similar offering of an amber and coral prayer; this is concluded after the manner of the Church of England. Their majesties again ascend their thrones; there is a final anthem and final prayer; they descend and pass in state into the chapel of St. Edward's chapel.

Many interesting historical incidents are associated with the various orders of this coronation ceremony, and there is much history attached to the intricate and regal which are used therein. Most impressive of them all, perhaps, is the legend of the coronation stone. It is said to be that on which the patriarch Jacob slept at Bethel. It was conveyed to Egypt, and thence was brought to Spain by Gathelus, the founder of the Scottish race.

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SUDDEN DEATH OF MAINLAND PIONEER

Mr. F. X. Richter, Early Settler in the Similkameen, Dies Christmas Day—Had Amassed Fortune

An hour after eating his Christmas dinner at St. Joseph's Hospital of unexpectedly claimed Mr. F. X. Richter, aged 74, a pioneer of the province, where he had toiled, become a millionaire. Mr. Richter here in 1854, and since that time interests have been chiefly confined to the upper country. There, a fruit grower and a capitalist, he amassed large sums of money. Still with practically no capital he routed at the time of his death have been a millionaire. The life of Mr. Richter was a life of struggle and adversity. He had acquired in the Victoria market, a life of struggle and adversity. He had acquired in the Victoria market, a life of struggle and adversity.

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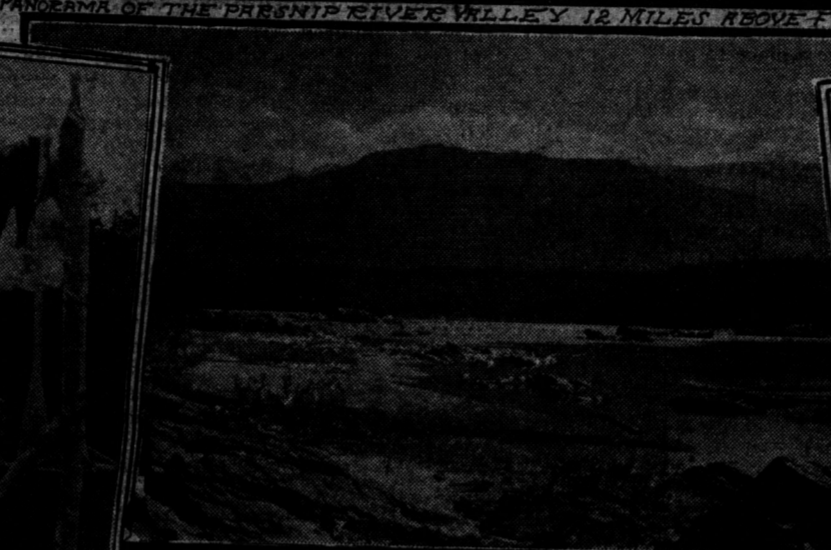
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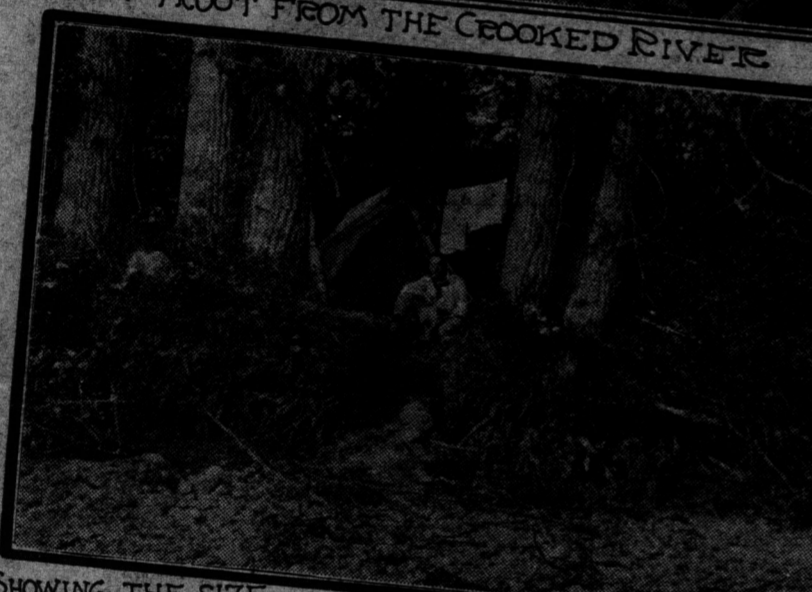
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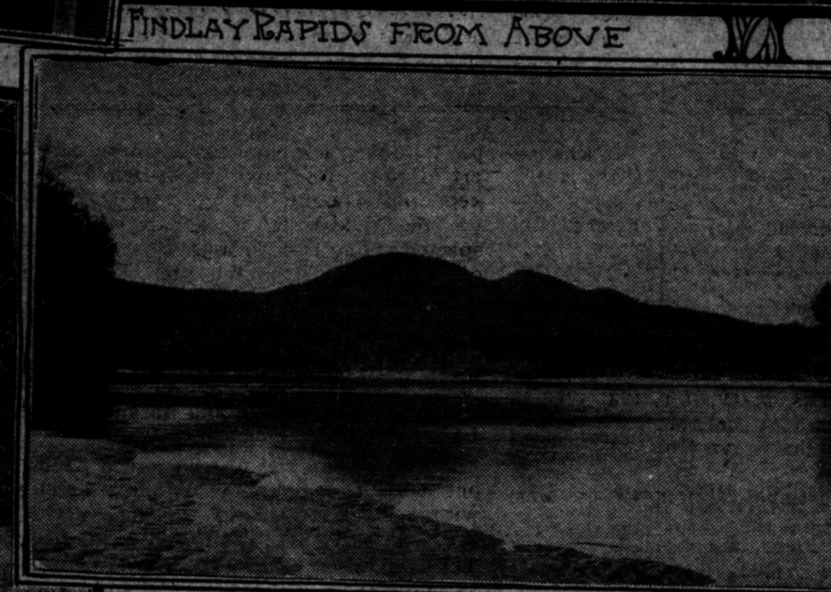
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HERMON AND BURWELL REPORT UPON THEIR SEASON'S EXPLORATIONS AND DISCOVERIES

One of the most complete and interesting reports coming to hand this season from the provincial government's corps of exploratory surveyors in the field is that which has just been presented to Hon. William R. Ross, chief commissioner of crown lands, by Messrs. Hermon & Burwell, B. C. L. S. of Vancouver, who were assigned by Surveyor-General E. B. McKay, on the 15th of May last, to visit, examine and report upon that section of British Columbia lying to the east of the Rocky Mountains, and known generally as the Peace River district—a region in which Government Agent F. C. Campbell spent approximately two years, returning last summer with an interesting report in which prominence was given to the apparently great extent and value of the coal areas of the Pine River Pass locality, and the extent and value of the mineral graine lands.

An especially interesting portion of Messrs. Hermon & Burwell's report is that which chronicles the incidents of a visit to Fort McLeod, at an elevation of 3,300 feet, the oldest Hudson's Bay company fort in British Columbia, having been originally established by the Northwest Trading company and afterwards taken over by the Hudson's Bay company in 1820. There are 86 Indians left of the Slocan nation, who hunt and trade here, but are fast dying off.

"They are meat-eaters," says the report, "and hunt all the year round—consequently the big game is pretty well cleaned out of this vast district; the beaver and other small fur-bearers are also getting scarce for the same reason. The streams and lakes, however, abound with trout and chub, which prevents them from actually starving."

From Fort McLeod a first view of the Rockies is obtained, the great continental range showing on the east side of the Parsnip river. The country generally is spoken of as well adapted to vegetable growing, although there are frequent frosts.

That the G. T. F. railway company is not overlooking the apparently great importance of the coal deposits of the upper Pine River country is indicated in the announcement that "The Grand Trunk Pacific have run a survey line—said levels through the Pine River Pass. It runs around the northern end of Twodia lake and crosses the Park river about three miles farther north. The distance between the Park and the Parsnip rivers by this line is three and a half miles. The Misistichinchee river has its source in the Rockies at what is known as the Pine River Pass, and runs westerly about 20 miles, where it debouches into the Parsnip at 135 miles from its source. This creek averages about 30 feet in width and contained about 25 second feet of water in August.

Some Gold Panned

"We panned some flour gold from this stream," say the exploratory surveyors, "but it is too fine and in too small quantity to be of value. The old Hudson's Bay company's trail, running from Stuart lake to Fort McLeod, thence to Twodia lake and Parsnip river, and through the Pine River Pass on 25 Twodia's Head, crosses the Parsnip one and a quarter miles above the Misistichinchee.

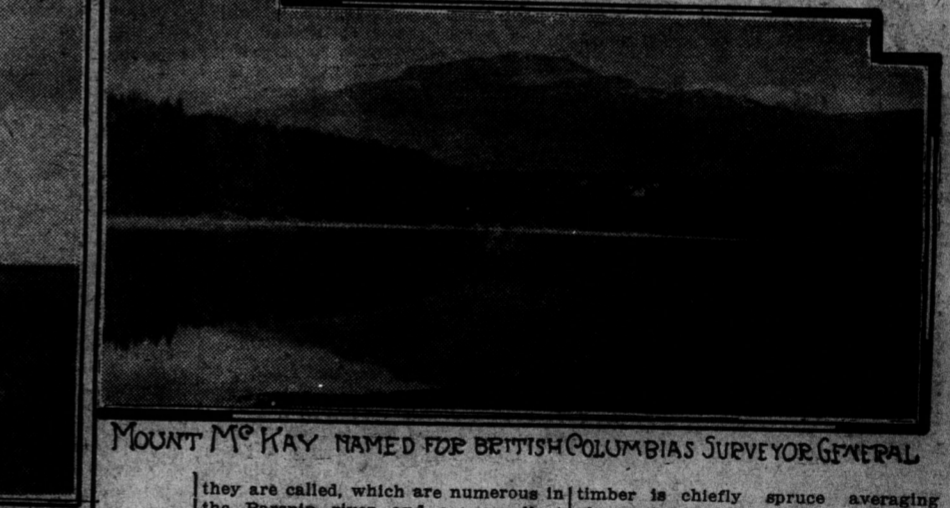
"The Findlay Rapids are practically the headwaters of the Peace river, in Latitude 56.45 at an elevation of 2,900 feet above sea level. They are very swift and deep, with large boulders and rocky outcroppings through them; they are about a quarter of a mile long by 400 feet wide, and have a drop of 12 feet running in a northwesterly direction. The flat country terminates here on the eastern side, as far as the Parsnip and Peace rivers are concerned, the Rocky Mountains forming the banks of the Peace for about 20 miles."

With reference to the climate of the British Columbia portion of the Peace River country, Messrs. Hermon & Burwell say: "The seasons, according to the Hudson's Bay company's records are rather severe around McLeod and the Parsnip Valley, McLeod lake freezing up the 1st of November, and the ice remaining until the beginning of May, the average snowfall during that time being about five feet. Summer frosts occur frequently; this summer the leaves began to change and the tops of the Hudson's Bay company's potatoes being frozen off about the middle of August.

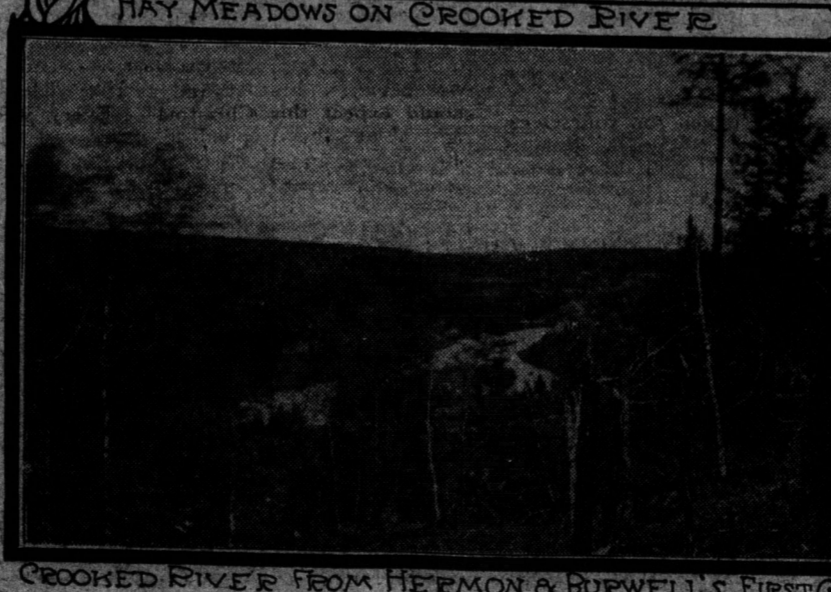
"The summer weather while we were there, was ideal, the nights being cool and the days clear and bright, while the hottest days were in the first week of July, when the thermometer registered up to 82 degrees in the shade for three days. The coldest night was on



HAY MEADOWS ON CROOKED RIVER



MOUNT Mc KAY NAMED FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA'S SURVEYOR GENERAL



CROOKED RIVER FROM HERMON & BURWELL'S FIRST CAMP

the 22nd of August at the Findlay Rapids, when we had ten degrees of frost in the valley, with fresh snow on the mountain tops lasting for two or three days. The average temperature from the 10th June to the 1st of July was 59 at night and 79 in the daytime, including four nights when we had frost, the coldest being five degrees on the night of the 19th June. In July the average nightly temperature was 44, the average daily temperature being 73 and there being three nights

when there was frost, between the 1st and the 8th, four degrees on the 1st of July being the coldest. In August, 40 was the average nightly temperature, with four nights of frost after the 13th, the extreme of cold registered being ten degrees on the 22nd; 35 was the average in September with frost during 12 nights, the coldest night being that of the 11th with ten degrees of frost, and 38 the average temperature in the daytime.

As to the fish and game resources of the country and the indications of mineral, the report says:

"The country, especially along the Crooked river, is a paradise for anglers, the waters teeming with trout which are very game, notably the rainbow trout in the Crooked river, which will rise to a fly as quickly as one can be cast; they are not large, but average about a pound and a half in weight. The Charr grow much larger but are not so gamey, neither are the grayling, or Arctic trout as

timber is chiefly spruce averaging about eight inches in diameter, jack pine averaging about ten inches, balsam about ten inches, white birch, with an occasional fir, while cottonwood, alder, willow and poplar are very thick, especially along the banks of the rivers. The cottonwood grows from 30 to 36 inches and these trees are the ones the Indians use for making their canoes. We would suggest that if you intend completing the exploration of the Peace river country you place a reserve on both sides of the Findlay river as far north as Fort Graham, which could be explored at the same time, and we beg to apply for the exploring of the country on the east side of the same. The total number of acres explored this season was approximately 280,000, and the number of miles traversed approximately two hundred and twenty."

There are one or two gold bearing quartz ledges on the Pine River Pass; also some coal seams, all of which are staked. There are also seams of lignite to be seen throughout the district and plenty of float of the same character, but they are of no value. There is a good quartz ledge reported on Wicket creek about 20 miles down the Peace, but we did not get down to see it. We panned most of the streams and creeks, but got nothing excepting in the Misistichinchee, where the gold was too fine to be of any value.

"In summing up the country explored," observe Messrs. Hermon & Burwell in conclusion, "we may state that the character of the soil is generally of a light sandy description, with a gravel sub soil; along the rivers it is richer, being more of a sandy loam, in some places two feet deep with a gravel sub soil. The average width of the crooked river valley on the east side is seven miles, of the Peace River valley about two and a half miles, and of the Parsnip River valley, about 11 miles. The average elevation of the country explored is 3,300 feet above sea level; the country along the Crooked river is wild, undulating forest land; in the Parsnip valley it is flat benches. The

WHEN CHRIST WAS BORN OF MARY FREE

When Christ was born of Mary free,
In Bethlehem, that fair city,
Angels sang there with mirth and glee,
"In excelsis gloria."

Herdsman beheld these angels bright,
To them appearing with great light,
Who said God's son is born tonight,
"In excelsis gloria."

The King is come to save mankind,
As in scripture truths we find,
Therefore this song we have in mind,
"In excelsis gloria."

Then, dear Lord, for Thy great grace,
Grant us in bliss to see Thy face,
That we may sing to Thy solace,
"In excelsis gloria."

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New Ways to Distribute Christmas Gifts

Miss Briggs' Magic Ball
Miss Briggs, herself, had gone through with fifty Christmas celebrations. She had grown tired of the exertion which had long since had in it no element of enjoyment. Her choice would be to let the day pass as any other day, but she was not free to choose as she would. For fifty years the experience had been repeated: if one might vary the routine for this once, but Thomas and Laura were coming on the morrow. What was an old story to her would bear the charm of novelty to these six and eight-year-olds.

Some such thoughts as these came to her while she rummaged the garret in search of decoration for the Christmas tree. By mistake, she opened the old horsehair trunk wherein reposed a number of balls of carpet rags, which had been sewed a dozen years before.

"They are of no use," she began, and then paused. An inspiration born of the sight of the balls came to her. The novelty of the idea enthused her. Taking up a half-dozen in her apron, she carried them down stairs to the living room, and began her work.

The children awoke early Christmas morning. The Christmas tree was decorated as branches or reposed at its base. In place of these was a letter bearing Santa Claus stamp, addressed to the children, with the injunction that it should not be opened until breakfast had been eaten.

It was placed on the dining table while the

children ate. Then Thomas opened it, and read:

"A clothes-press stands in an upper hall, In its deep recess is a magic ball, Like rags it appears to touch and sight, But its power exceeds a fairy's might. Go, get it now. But he who would test its magic strong, As he unwinds, must sing this song: Magic, Magic, slow unwind, Name to me a girl to find; While I, wind fast, while I wind slow, Name to me a place to go."

Instantly the children were upon the stairs and scampering down the long old-fashioned hall at the end of which a clothes-press stood. There in the deep recess, as the letter said it would be, was an immense ball, tied about with paper and crimson ribbon and decorated with holly.

With a cry of triumph the children bore the ball to the living-room, where Miss Briggs slowly unwound it, while the children sang the words of the magic song, "Magic, magic, slow unwind." Suddenly out popped a card bearing Thomas' name. This bade him look in the drawer of the writing-desk. There he found a pair of skates—just what he had been longing for.

"Hurry, sing some more," cried Laura. Again the song was sung, and again a card popped out. This time it bore Laura's name and bade her climb the attic stairs. Her cry of delight, as she reached the hiding place, was

heard over the house—"It's a doll, a doll. Don't waste any time, Thomas, begin to sing again."

Again and again the song was sung. Each child, in turn, found a card with his or her name, and the little feet pattered over the house from garret to cellar, from hall to kitchen. Sometimes the present was such that it was wrapped close in the ball itself—such as a pair of ribbons and a necktie.

When the very last end of the ball had come, a sigh of satisfied enjoyment was heard from the children. It was Laura, the practical one, who first set her mind to working. "Auntie, didn't you have to pay Santa something extra for the magic ball? I don't suppose he would have time to arrange one for each child in all the world. Wasn't it something special?"

Miss Briggs replied that it was.

Fairies Replace Santa Claus
The year came, in the course of time, when we felt that we must devise some new ways of distributing our Christmas gifts. We felt that we did not want to rob the woods of even one more tree, and when we once began to consider the matter, an excellent plan for a Christmas celebration was evolved and was carried out most successfully.

At the proper time, we assembled in the large sitting-room, which was decorated in the usual way with the exception of the bay window, where, in a bower of green, stood a red throne with three steps leading up to it. Those not in the secret were somewhat mystified until the hall door opened to admit seven little

boys, clad in the usual brownie costume, singing a Christmas carol. They were followed by the Queen of the Fairies, with seven attendants, wearing white dresses, decorated with crown was a band of gold with a single star at the front, and her wand was tipped by a star.

By the time she was seated on the red throne, all had discovered that the audience consisted of "grown-ups," while the children of our united families were the entertainers.

The brownies vanished into the hall again, the fairy attendants taking position before the throne. Soon the brownies returned, each bearing a red basket heaped with bundles wrapped in green. One by one they knelt before the queen, who took the bundles they offered, read the name and quotation on each, and passed it to a fairy to deliver. How the little feet flew on this pleasant task. The seventh fairy and the first brownie to empty his basket took the presents belonging to the entertainers.

The presents were not opened until all were delivered, then the fairies and brownies united in a Christmas song, ending with a glad shout of "Merry Christmas to all!" Then the little queen scrambled from her throne in most undignified haste in order to examine her presents with the rest.

This way of distributing gifts is as good for a public as for a private entertainment. It may be varied to suit ways and means, and is not expensive. The plan might well be adopted by churches which desire to do away with the stereotyped Christmas tree and Santa Claus. I believe the children would be pleased by such a change.

A WAYSIDE CHRISTMAS TREE

(Continued from Page Six)
hospital to rest. You see, father was bringing us to see our grandmother; but she has moved away, and we can't go to see him until the morning.

"Mother? Oh, mother has been away there for two Christmasmas," and she raised her head with a sad and sad gaze.

"If you will come home with me now, to a house where there is both a father and a mother, to-morrow I will see your father," Curtin said gently, as he looked down at the child, whose face was in shadow.

For a minute the girl returned his gaze, and then put her hand in his and led her little sister by the other.

When at last they reached the white gate, John Curtin was quite out of breath with his struggle against the wind and the weight of his bundle. As he dropped it to the porch steps, he noticed in the children one of the first signs of real poverty, though they were not ill-clad, their shoes were pitiful and broken. At the same time, he remembered that to him they were still nameless.

As he stood thus, looking down the porch ramp fell full upon the face of the elder girl.

"What is your name, you have not told me," he said, drawing a sudden sharp breath. "Mine is Mary Barnes, and sister's is Jeanie," she replied. "If she had been a boy, mother would have called her John, after one of her own people, a very good, great man that was her best friend once. But Jeanie was the nearest she could get for a girl's name."

Hearing footsteps, Doctor Sandys opened the door.

"Give this parcel to Mary, tell her to light the tree, and then do you come back as quickly as you can," said Curtin, as he almost pushed his brother-in-law before him into the hall.

The doctor, taking in at one glance the expression on the man's face, as well as the two children behind him, responded promptly.

It seemed only a second before Mary had lighted the tree and was coming toward them, calling, "O brother! what a glorious star you have brought, and fully a bushel of pretty things, I've a great mind to send you out into the highways and waysides, to see if you can't gather in some real children that have been left out. What are you hiding behind you, a surprise? Why, who are these?"

"These are real children of the wayside that I have found for you, our poor Maggie's little daughters, Mary and Jeanie!"

In a moment Mary was kneeling, her outstretched arms gathering the children close to her, rising, she led them to the warmth and light, where the glory of the tree with star and things burst upon them.

"Do you remember what we used to sing around the Christmas tree, long ago?" Mary asked presently, linking her arms through those of her husband and brother.

"Ask them what they were singing by the Wayside Tree," Curtin answered.

"When shepherds watched their flocks by night," piped two clear young voices.

Happy tears filled Mary Sandys' eyes, and in them were reflected many loved faces, old and young. Drawing the two graying heads down to her, she whispered, "Are there not real things that happen beyond what we see or can explain? Don't you know the Christmas Spirit now?"

Tenderly her husband drew her to him, saying gently, "Yes, Mary, it is that lovely, old, half-human half-divine, the tree reaching toward the Star that gave the Christ Child birth."

While John Curtin's eyes lingered on Maggie's children.

THE BROTHER WHO FAILED

(Continued from Page Two.)

and despair. Then her oldest brother came to her and told her he could spare enough money to send her to the conservatory of music in town for a year. He made her take it. She never knew till long afterward that he had sold the beautiful horse which he loved like a human creature to get the money. She went to the conservatory. She won a musical scholarship. She has had a happy and successful life. And she owes it all to her brother Robert.

But Edith could go no farther—her voice failed her and she sat down in tears. Margaret did not try to stand up.

"I was only five when my mother died," she sobbed. "Robert was both father and mother to me. Never had child or girl so wise and loving a guardian as he was to me. I have never forgotten the lessons he taught me. Whatever there is of good in my life or character I owe to him. I was often headstrong and willful, but he never lost patience with me. I owe everything to Robert."

Suddenly the little teacher rose, with wet eyes and crimson cheeks.

"I have something to say, too," she said, resolutely. "You have spoken for yourselves. I speak for the Bythewood people. There is a man in this settlement whom everybody loves. I shall tell you some of the things he has done. Last fall, in a great October storm, the arbor lighthouse flew a flag of distress. Only one man was brave enough to face the danger of sailing to the lighthouse to find out the trouble. That man was Robert Monroe. He found the keeper alone, with a broken leg, and he sailed back and made the doctor go with him to the lighthouse."

"Four years ago old Sarah Cooper was to be taken to the poorhouse. She was broken-hearted. One man took the poor, bedridden, fearful old creature into his home, paid for medical attendance, and waited on her himself when his householders couldn't endure her temper and tantrums. Sarah Cooper died last spring, and her latest breath was a benediction on Robert Monroe."

"Eight years ago Jack Miller wanted a place. Nobody would hire him because his father was in the penitentiary and some peo-

ple thought Jack ought to be there, too. Robert Monroe hired him... and helped him and kept him straight, and got him started right... and Jack Miller is a hard-working, respected young man today, with every prospect of a useful and honorable life. There is hardly a man, woman or child in Bythewood who doesn't owe some debt to Robert Monroe."

As Miss Ashley sat down, Malcolm sprang up and held out his hands.

"Every one of us stand up and sing 'Auld Lang Syne,'" he cried.

Everybody stood up and joined hands, but one did not sing. Robert Monroe stood erect with a great radiance on his face, and in his eyes. He held his head proudly; his reproach had been taken away.

When the singing ceased Malcolm's stern-faced son reached over and shook Robert's hand.

"Uncle Rob," he said, heartily, "I hope when I'm 60 I'll be as successful a man as you."

"I guess," said Aunt Isabelle, wiping away her tears, "there's a kind of failure that's the best success."

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION

I don't want to be charged with being selfish or cold blooded," said the insurance man, "but I cannot help a feeling of relief that the woman we have had as cook for the last year is no more. She got in the way of a street car the other day, and I trust that she died happy."

"Wasn't she a good cook?" was asked.

"Fine, fine."

"Have a bad temper?"

"She was mild as molasses."

"Given to drink?"

"Never touched a drop. The only fault she had was the Christmas mania. She came to us just after Christmas last year, and at once began to hint around as to what she should expect this Christmas. Every week, right along, she dropped a hint to my wife. She started out by saying that a mink muff would do, but later on raised the stakes. About once every fortnight she would speak of quitting her job, and my wife would have to tell her that Christmas would make things even. Two weeks ago the woman came to me and said:

"Mr. Blank, Christmas is not far now."

"No, Mary."

"I was looking at one the other day. It was a 60-horsepower and painted pearl gray, and the price was \$7,500. Don't get anything cheaper. Mr. Blank, I wouldn't be seen around with a cheap auto."

"Great Scotts!" exclaimed his auditor, "she expected you to buy her an auto."

"She did, and perhaps she expected a chauffeur with it. As I said, I don't want to seem heartless, but when I think of cookery being at rest and my having saved \$7,500, I can't help the warm glow of relief that steals over me from time to time."

GOD REST YOU, MERRY GENTLEMEN

God rest you, merry gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay.
Remember Christ, our Saviour,
Was born on Christmas Day.
To save us all from Satan's power,
When we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy!

In Bethlehem, in Jewry,
This blessed Babe was born,
And laid within a manger,
Upon this blessed morn.
That which His Mother Mary
Did nothing take in scorn.
O tidings, etc.

From God our Heavenly Father,
A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the fame;
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name.
O tidings, etc.

"Fear not," then said the angel,
"Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Saviour,
Of a pure Virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's power and might."
O tidings, etc.

The shepherds at those tidings,
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
The Son of God to find.
O tidings, etc.

And when they came to Bethlehem,
Where our dear Saviour lay,
They found Him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay,
His Mother Mary, kneeling down,
Unto the Lord did pray.
O tidings, etc.

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth efface.
O tidings, etc.

UNDER THE EVENING LAMP
"Daddy, where does the summertime go?"
"Go ask your ma."
"What would we have if we didn't have snow?"
"Go ask ma!"
"How do they put all the pits into plums?"
"Santa Claus makes all the dollies and drums."
"Don't he, pa?"
"Why ain't our fingers all thumbs?"

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WAS BORN OF FREE

born of Mary trees, at fair glite, with mirth and glee, gloria."

these angels bright, with great light, is born tonight, gloria."

to save mankind, truths we find, us wa-have in mind, gloria."

for Thy great grace, to see Thy face, to Thy solace, gloria."

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OUR CHOCOLATES ARE FRESH DAILY

Today, we are clearing all Toys, Fancy Goods, Leather Novelties, Fire Screens, Photo Frames, Cushions, Cushion Covers, etc. at prices that have been made ridiculously low, as the space they now occupy is required for other departments

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