The True Christmas Spirit

There would seem to be something about the spirit of telephone service that moves telephone girls to be mindful, especially at Christmas time, of those not so privileged or so fortunate. It is a time-honored custom of the operators at scores of Bell Telephone offices all over Ontario and Quebec to make up Christmas baskets for distribution to the poor in neighboring districts. The picture shows some typical groups engaged in this very commendable Yuletide activity.

MINING FLASHES

Que-On Mines has provided the treasury of Darval-Siscoe Gold Mines with approximately $100,000 since entering into the financing arrangement last Summer. Payments of about $20,000 monthly are being made to finance the large scale programme at the Dorval-Siscoe property adjoining Siscoe Gold Mines. Shaft sinking has commenced on the No. 6 island of the company and it is proposed to carry the shaft down to a depth of 60 feet with the first level to be established at 300 feet and remaining horizons at 125-foot intervals. Complete equipment is on the ground and in operation. Diamond drilling operations are continuing with three drills employed. Que-on Mines, in addition to financing operations at Dorval-Siscoe, is conducting extensive drilling on other ground in Quebec and Ontario, in which a share interest is held.

Bilmac Gold Mines has completed about 60 feet of drifting on the Evelyn vein on the 410-foot level and the work is designed to intercept another vein coming in from the east which might be an offshoot of the Evelyn vein. Drifting on this horizon, south face, has intersected a well-mineralized porphyry section, which has shown free gold in two faces, with the porphyry varying in width from 24 to 56 inches. About 800 feet of drilling has been completed to date with the Saville vein showing 5 feet of vein matter intersected in drilling from the 170-foot level at the north end of the drift. Assays will be made known in the near future. Thirty men are employed at the property.

Dunlop Consolidated Mines has secured another diamond drill to continue drilling on the vein on the Maybrand group of claims, previously traced for approximately 350 feet, extending southerly from the Lapa Cadillac boundary. Drilling is continuing on the Dunlop-Maritime Cadillac border, with bedrock not yet reached, due to heavy overburden.

La Reine Gold Mines first diamond drill hole, spotted 100 feet south of No. 1 vein and designed to cut the vein at a depth of 100 feet, or a drill depth of 150 feet, has already intersected a new vein at a depth of 81 feet, which continued in the core to 84 feet. The new vein shows well mineralized quartz, Joseph McCarrol, mine manager, reports in a wire to local officials. The drill has now reached a depth of 112 feet with approximately 38 feet still to be drilled to encounter No. 1 vein.

Oremond Gold Mines, Jellicoe area of Ontario, has encountered two sulphide stringers in the face of the east drift on the 150-foot level, according to word received from the manager, D. H. Mackay. Cross-cutting north and south is starting immediately, while the drift is being advanced two rounds per day.

George W. Morris, vice-president of Crescent Kirkland Gold Mines, in a wire to local interests, reports that the new east-west vein on the 300-foot level has now been opened for approximately 60 feet and returned values for nearly the entire length. On Dec. 10th the face ran $26 over 2.4 feet, with one 6-inch section, according to Mr. Morris, running $82 per ton. It is also stated that other faces have proven interesting and the diamond drill hole No. 2 cut 8 feet of vein material at a depth of 540 feet. One 6-inch section of the core ran 1 oz. in gold. Hole No. 4, west of the shaft, cut 2 veins, both showing good mineralization, with values as yet not obtained. A complete underground survey has been made and a station has been cut at the 4th level where drifting is now underway.

Cuniptau Mines, Memagami forest reserve area, has completed 6 additional diamond drill holes, with assays of the cores said to have indicated new ore. This data is now being correlated with the former underground work, and the recent geophysical survey made by Hans Lundberg Ltd. The recent drilling consisted of a number of horizontal holes put out from the 100-foot level, and considerable quantities of ore of an average grade of $12 have been indicated to that depth. The underground workings at the Alexo property of Cuniptau are being examined and sampled on the 75 and 100-foot levels. While the present prospecting programme is underway, the mill and smelter have been temporarily closed down. The company reports no difficulty in disposing of its product will be met, as a number of overtures from prospective buyers have already been received.

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Kin of Ex-Kaiser To Wed Commoner

BERLIN.—Announcement has been made here that the step-daughter of ex-Kaiser Wilhelm will marry a commoner.

Princess Hermine of Reuss, who married the former Kaiser in 1922 at Doorn, the Netherlands, and who is called "Kaiserin" by some, announced the engagement of her youngest daughter, Princess Carmo Zu Schoenaich-Carolath, to Hugo Hartung, a merchant.

Princess Carmo (an abbreviation for Caroline) is 26 and her fiance is 28.

Tourists Buy Very Little In U. S. A.

Ottawa Reports Total Only 6 p.c. of Figure Set by Critics

OTTAWA, — Seven months' operation of the exemption privilege has resulted in the free importation of about $3,225,000 worth of goods that would otherwise have paid duty, a little more than 6 per cent of the $50,000,000 estimated inroad upon Canadian business for a year as predicted by critics last session.

Of the total amount exempted imports in the seven months of the current fiscal year, slightly over $2,650,000 were from the United States. For the month of November alone the total from all countries was $407,000, and from the United States about $365,000. The November figures show a drop from the monthly average that indicates that the exemption privilege is primarily enjoyed by automobile tourists.

Clothing continues to lead the list of commodities in the exempted importations, the total for the seven months being $1,617,500 from all the countries, of which $1,331,000 was from the United States. Miscellaneous commodities came next with a total from all countires of about $758,000, including $516,000 from the United States; furniture and household appliances, $410,000, including $387,000 from U. S.; boots and shoes $284,000 and $266,000; automobile accessories, $94,189 and $94,1444; auto tires and tubes $46,154 and $46,120; foodstuffs $13,798 and $10,462. Nearly $200,000 worth of clothing was brought in on the exemption privilege in November.

Outlines Topographical Work of the R.C.A.F.

MONTREAL— More than 700,000 square miles of Canadian territory was photographed for topographical work by Royal Canadian Force officers at the end of 1935, Squadron Leader A. L. Morfee of Ottawa, said in a luncheon address here recently.

He said only 15 per cent. of Canada's area is agricultural land, the remainder is lake-strewn forest districts. Development of the forest areas requires complete mapping and the Royal Canadian Air Force is playing an important part in this undertaking, he declared.

Seaplanes were used for nearly all the aerial photography done in Canada, the squadron leader said. Special mobile detachments comprised of two aircraft and five men, two pilots, two aero-engine fitters and one air-frame rigger, were organized for this purpose.

The work was usually done between six and seven o'clock in the morning. He said the seaplanes carried three electrically operated cameras and photographs from the three placed together formed a wide panorama.

Music Declared A Key to Peace

Gladys Swarthout Believes Opera Stars in Films Beat Pacts

NEW YARK.—Various methods of preventing war, ranging from "economic understandings" to musical pictures, were presented by speakers at the final world peace dinner of the National Council of Women's two-day forum.

Gladys Swarthout, comely American opera star, told representatives of 20 leading national women's organizations that music would do the trick.

Instead of peace pacts, Miss Swarthout listed film performances by Lawrence Tibbett, Grace Moore, Lily Pons and Nino Martini as leading items in "promoting international understanding."

Resolutions adopted at the forum's closing session urged:

Supporting measures establishing equal pay and opportunity for gainfully employed men and women.

Enforcement of state laws impartially, irrespective of sex or race.

President Roosevelt and all governors to name a "fair proportion" of women to appointive posts.

Work by women through political parties of their choice to gain "more equitable representation" in party and official offices.

The Greatest Things

The best day: Today.

The greatest deceiver: One who deceives himself.

The greatest mistake: Giving up.

The most expensive indulgence: Hate.

The cheapest, stupidest, and easiest thing to do: finding fault.

The greatest trouble maker: Talking too much.

The worst bankrupt: The soul that has lost its enthusiasm.

The greatest teacher: One who makes you want to learn.

The best part of anyone's religion: Gentleness and cheerfulness.

The meanest fleeing: Jealousy.

The greatest need: Common sense.

A South Australian Boy Scout "Corroboree" opens at Adelaide, on Dec. 26th, running until Jan. 4th. The event will bring together some 8,000 Scouts from all parts of Australia and New Zealand. Contingents also are expected from South Africa, Japan and the United States. The World Chief Scout, Lord Baden-Powell, will be represented at the gathering by the British Deputy Chief Commissioner, Sir Percy Everett.

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What was described by President Lloyd of the British Columbia Fruit Growing Association as the queerest apple-picking crew he had ever seen reported at his orchard, near Kelowna, to gather apples for a car of fruit to be shipped from the district into the drought-stricken section of Saskatchewan. The apple-picking "crew," all quite small, consisted of two little Japanese boys, 1 Chinese, a Hindu, two white boys and two girls, and was headed by a Boy Scout. The children picked 150 boxes of apples.

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The bronze cast of a footprint of Lord Baden-Powell, Chief Scout of the World, was a gift of the Boy Scouts of Batavia, Java, to the Board of Education of that country. The gift was received on behalf of the board by Dr. De Kat Angelino, Director of Education, and a strong supporter of Scouting in that tropical country. The bronze cast now occupies a place of honor in the meeting room of the Javanese Department of Education. The cast was made from a "spoor," or foot impression, made by the World Chief Scout when he visited Java in 19[illegible].

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This story of the unique way in which Scouting came to Poland was told by a Polish-Canadian Scoutmaster, Frank Zapotoczny of Winnipeg, recently returned from a visit to his native land. "Some 20 years ago Sir Robert Baden-Powell," relates the Polish-Canadian Scouter, "met a Polish judge. Later he sent this learned man a copy of his book 'Scouting for Boys,' in English. The judge one day carried the book into court, by mistake. Among those brought before him that day was a student. Discovering that the young man could speak English, the judge 'sentenced' him to translate the English book into Polish. The student carried out the 'penalty,' and, as a result, not only became greatly interested himself, but convinced a group of prominent men of the value of this new boy movement, at Lwow. The movement spread rapidly, and today there are over 65,000 Boy Scouts in Poland."

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ALL SHARE IN CHRISTMAS

It has been said that Christmas brings blessings to rich and poor alike—the rich that of giving, and the poor that of receiving. . . Christmas is the possessions of all. . . There is no barbed wire fence to keep anyone out; all may share its wealth of good cheer, and join in the singing of the carols or praise. . . From the commonest blessings come the richest delights. . . Health, friendship, love of home, are familiar examples and furnish the very best blessings, and some of these are within the reach of all, and bestow equal pleasure to all who partake.

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CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS.

Dainty little stockings hanging in a row,
Blue and gray and scarlet; in the firelight glow.
Curly-pated sleepers safely tucked in bed;
Dreams of wondrous toy-shops dancing through each head.
Father Christmas creeping, plans with tender care,
How to give each dreamer just an equal share.
Funny little stockings hanging in a row,
Stuffed with sweet surprises, down from top to toe.
Skates and balls, and trumpets, dishes, tops and drums,
Books and dolls and candies, nuts and sugar-plums.
Little sleepers waking; bless me, what a noise!
Wish you Merry Christmas, Happy girls and boys!

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We like to think that the spirit of Christmas is the spirit of every day our effort to please our readers. We put forth a sincere effort to give those who partake of the column of jest a smile, a giggle and an occasional laugh. The material that makes up this column is gleaned from everywhere. It makes no attempt to be all original. We rather prefer to give you the best of much. And, incidentally, much of the contents of this column is contributed. Many items are sent in by interested local contributors. And, at this gladsome season, we take this opportunity of thanking them for their interest, and to express the sincere hope that they continue to "help out" with bits of good humor, squibs, etc.

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Friends . . . another year has rolled around . . . another Christmas season is with us . . . bringing good cheer and happiness . . . May we all lay away . . . if only for an hour . . the cares and responsibilities of our busy lives and remember our friends with a pleasant thought and a kindly greeting . . . We chanced upon a few lines recently . . . penned by an unknown author . . . that to us contain the very essence of a successful life . . . Here they are, and we hope that you enjoy them as much as we do:

"I expect to pass through this world but once.
Any good things, therefore, that I can do,
Or any kindness that I can show a fellow being,
Let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it,
For I shall not pass this way again."

The man who conforms his life to the above code, has gone a long way in solving the riddle of the ages — how to be happy. . . This . . . then . . . is our Christmas greeting to you . . . may you find the secret of happiness . . . and may contentment and prosperity be your portions in life.

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Harry—Oh, Lily, dear, this will be the happiest Christmas I ever spent. Now that we're engaged, I think only of the future.

Lily—Do you? Well, at this time of the year I think only of the present.

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They met under the mistletoe, but they didn't kiss, for they were just a couple of men.

No Fun in Camps

Writes the Sault Ste. Marie Star: "There is no fun in the camps today at all," Adelard Chautrand told the Star in lamenting the gradual disappearance from the Algoma woods of the old-time French-Canadian lumberjack.

The Finns and Russians in the lumber camps, he said, are good workers, none better, but they "get through their day's work and go to bed to awaken to another day's work."

So, declares this observer, much of the color that used to characterize the lumber woods has gone. It is perhaps, just another evidence that modern business technique is taking the place of the adventurous spirit that used to permeate operations in the bush.

Those familiar with the entertainments put on by the Sault's Lamp Post Troubadours will hear of this change with regret. This group of French-Canadian bushmen in their programs give the old bush songs, the chansons that have been handed down from the days of the voyageur, the dances with which the lumbermen gave snap to the evenings in camp, the violin tunes that have become memorable.

Some Humorous Touches In Old-Time Elections

One of the yarns that an old-timer was fond of telling beside the stove of his village store concerned a certain municipal election of his young days. This is it:

Two were after a vacant seat on the council. One was the local blacksmith, and the other a convivial cattleman of some standing in the community. Both enlisted the aid of the pen, believing it mightier than the sword, to say nothing of fisticuffs, and some choice of campaigning literature circulated. One of the blacksmith's handwritten bills read thus:

"I'm not a man as ever brags,
But I tires your wagons and shoes your nags;
I sharps your harrows and mends your plow.
And I satifies all, 'cause I know how.

"I also reckons I knows how to do a good job as councillor; so strike while the iron's hot, like I does, and vote for me, boys!"

Copies of this were tacked in prominent places through the village and up and down the side roads, and the worthy smith's effort was judged "a real smart bit o' writing, by golly!"

Not to be outdone, the forthright cattleman also chewed his pen, and caused the following to be sent abroad:

"I am not a blacksmith, thank heaven! But a man of herds of cattle, like Moses, the great lawmaker of old. Being in the same line of business, I believe I should make a good law-maker, too. You have been told to strike while the iron is hot, but them as meddles with hot iron are apt to get their fingers burnt; so I says vote for me, and, like a real cattleman, I'll lead ye into green pastures where the picking is good."

This lucubration was acclaimed as a perfect masterpiece, especially the last part of it, that promised so much in such elegant language. Needless to say this tooting of the cattleman's own horn completely downed the clanking of the smithy orchestra and gained for this second Moses the coveted office "amid the plaudits of admiring crowds. — By Ernest H. A. Home in the London Free Press.

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