

Christmas Greetings

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Markdale Ontario

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

With all sincerity we extend hearty wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year

Markdale Farmers' Co-Operative Limited
E. B. Stewart, Manager

Good Will and Prosperity to All

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Big Crowd in Town for Santa Claus Day

There was a big crowd in town on Wednesday afternoon of last week, the special attraction being the Santa Claus Day program. The weather was all that could be desired and all enjoyed the full program provided by the committee in charge.

At two o'clock the procession of school children headed by a decorated sleigh on which rode Santa Claus left the school grounds and paraded the principal streets before halting at the office of the Department of Agriculture. Here Santa Claus handed out over seven hundred bags of candies and nuts to the children.

While this was going on Mr. Jack Thyne of Brussels, appearing as "The Kansas Farmer," entertained the crowd with old-time songs, accompanied by violin music. He is a splendid entertainer and his numbers were greatly appreciated.

Several races for the boys and girls were pulled off and cash prizes awarded. The winners of the special prizes offered by the businessmen were:—
John Aitkens of Holland who brought 24 people 10 miles and won Haslam & Johnston's 10-lb. roast of beef.

Mrs. Geo. Thompson of Euphrasia with family of seven under 21 years of age won 100 lbs of flour given by Markdale Co-Operative store.

Mr. and Mrs. John Aitkens brought the largest family and won 100 lbs of flour donated by F. T. Hill & Co., Limited.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thompson won H. Lever's 10-lb roast for a family of six or more coming the longest distance.

H. Freeman got Jas. Kelley's box of cigars for the best decorated team.

Mabel Wyville, 135 lbs., was the heaviest girl under 12 years and received J. J. White's 24 lbs. of pastry flour.

Betty Carefoot was the tallest girl under 12 years of age and got a box of chocolates from J. E. Walker.

Nellie Benson was declared the best looking girl under 20 years and was awarded H. M. Irwin's box of chocolates. Betty Scott was the best dressed girl—in costume—under 12 years of age and received J. E. England's special prize.

Carl Teeter had the best costume for school boys and got W. S. Perkins & Son's handseigh.

Boh Kilpatrick had the best girl's comic costume and won H. G. Nesbitt's groceries to the value of \$1.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fraser had the best looking family of three or more and won the 10-lb roast of beef offered by D. Murdoch and T. Teeter of the C.P.R.

Fred Scott won the committee prize of \$1.00 for the boy's comic costume.

Raymond McPadden was the best dressed young man in costume and got Mr. J. Thompson's special—a pair of hose.

Orville McNally was the tallest school boy and will get his hair cut free of charge for the next six months at H. H. Dennison's shop.

Irene Teeter was the best looking girl up to 14 years of age and won the silk scarf presented by Mercer Bros.

Harvey Hill had the fastest sleigh dog and gets the sleigh donated by Oliver's Furniture Store.

Harold McInnis, the jeweller, won the prize for best decorated window.

Mavis Thompson was the best girl singer and won the special given by H. McInnis as did also Carl Teeter in the boy's class.

Mr. Alex. Aneson, Reeve of Holland Township, was the "Mysterious Shopper" representing The Markdale Standard and came through the afternoon without being suspected.

The event was the best of its kind held here yet and to Messrs. A. W. Sprout, T. L. Mercer, and A. Griffith must go the greater part of the credit.

Harkaway

Here's to the Editor and staff and readers

Where Christmas carols fill the air and the Jule log flame is bright.

May all be merry in your house and every heart be light.

On Thursday evening, December 11th, a large number of people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Kidd and presented the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Madill with a miscellaneous shower. A very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lyons and Miss Jennie Torrie were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hawken and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McLaughlin.

Mr. Wesley Johnston of St. Catharines spent the week-end with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McLaughlin and children were Sunday evening visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Patton have moved into the house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. William Walker.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker have moved to Markdale to reside.

Miss K. Morrison is spending the holiday with her parents at Dorchester.

Miss I. Brown is spending the holiday at her home at Flesherton.

Traverston

A most joyous Christmas to the Standard editors, staff and many readers and to all peace-loving folk. The ill-natured folk wouldn't enjoy one.

If it hadn't been for the moo-oo-ing of the hungry kine many farmers wouldn't have gotten out of bed till noon on Sunday the days are so short.

There's a different atmosphere around both the burg's grist mill and the local blacksmith's shop since each purchased one of Zion's discarded stoves. The miller goes about whistling hymn tunes and no cranky-bronch ever causes the smithy to utter a cuss word or wallop the clinging hammer over his spare ribs.

Mrs. Mike Burke has returned to her home on the 4th after a lengthy stay with kindred in Paris.

Messrs. Leo Burke and Lloyd Banks are cross-cutting the season's wood for Mrs. Wm. Firth.

Mr. Angus Dunbar is home from Detroit for a holiday season.

Mr. John Timmins has been quite unwell of late suffering from the effects of a prolonged cold and his brother Will is confined to bed with heart trouble. Longer days and more sunshine will soon restore them.

School work in day time, concert practice at night and divers other diversions make a strenuous time for most rural teachers, so all of 'em are glad when Christmas holidays come.

Miss Molly Kyle of Townsend Lake Academy is holidaying at the parental home at Chesley; Miss M. E. Lyons is enjoying the home atmosphere at Harkaway. Her pupils were a happy bunch after the teacher's big treat was distributed on Friday.

Mr. Rob. Webber, his son Elmer of Durham suburbs and Mr. Hiram Dean of the town were guests of the Davis homestead the first of the week.

Miss Gertrude Holmes of Durham is holidaying at grandma Firth's.

Messrs. Charles and Cameron Robson motored to Orangeville on Saturday. Miss Nina Edwards accompanying them as far as Shelburne, spending a few hours at her brother Ivan's home and bringing back a big chunk of their 10th anniversary wedding cake.

Mr. George Binnie, one of Glenora's most popular and prominent pioneer sons passed away early on Friday morning, after a week's illness from paralytic strokes. He was born at Gadsfield's, Scotland, Feb. 14th, 1850 and came to Canada in 1861, the family settling on the 2nd con. N.D.R. In 1883 he was happily wedded to Miss Sarah Snell of Egremont and of the union were born one son and four daughters, namely: Thomas H., the proprietor of the Trader and Canadian Jeweller, Toronto; Mrs. J. P. McGillivray near the homestead; Mrs. Herbert Beer of Mitchell; Mrs. John Stevenson of Holstein and Miss Wilena, who has been the guardian of the home for some years. Of the original Binnie family of nine, only four survive: Rev. James Binnie of Toronto, Thomas of New Westminster; Mrs. Thomas McGillivray and Mrs. John Bell of Durham.

Mr. Binnie from early manhood was active in public life, serving as assessor, councillor, deputy-reeve and reeve of his township. Was elected warden of Grey in 1895; later was the Liberal candidate for the Legislature, being defeated by the Hon. Dr. D. Jamieson. He was a director of the Sydenham Mutual Fire Insurance Company and Owen Sound for many years; secretary of South Grey Agricultural Society; secretary of the Farmers Institute; and filled many local offices as well.

He was a splendid neighbour and citizen, a staunch Liberal, a life-long member of the Presbyterian church till Union. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon, service being conducted in the home by his pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith of Knox United Church, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Priest of the Baptist Church.

Zion's Christmas concert on Friday evening was a huge success. The two trees were all aglitter and the branches hung pendant with the many gifts. The church was filled with a most attentive and appreciative audience. Miss M. E. Lyons had carefully trained the school children and they acquitted themselves most creditably. Perhaps the sweetest music ever heard in the church was the mouth organ selection, "Silent Night" by Stephan Heighes. It was masterly and held the crowd in silence intense. The young folk excelled in the various dialogues. The pantomime, "Abide with Me" was a specially fine number. Mrs. John O. Greenwood singing most feelingly, while Miss M. E. Lyons most dramatically acted the part with grace and dignity. The orchestra composed of the following members: James Peart, Ralph and Ruby Staples, with Miss Dorothy Robinson as accompanist, rendered several selections and were warmly applauded. Rev. H. S. Biddes made a good hit as chairman. The Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. W. J. Greenwood made a most appropriate speech. Santa was right on hand and made good.

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With the passing of the years friendships grow stronger and with this thought in mind we once again extend to one and all our sincere wish for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May you have good health and prosperity in 1931.

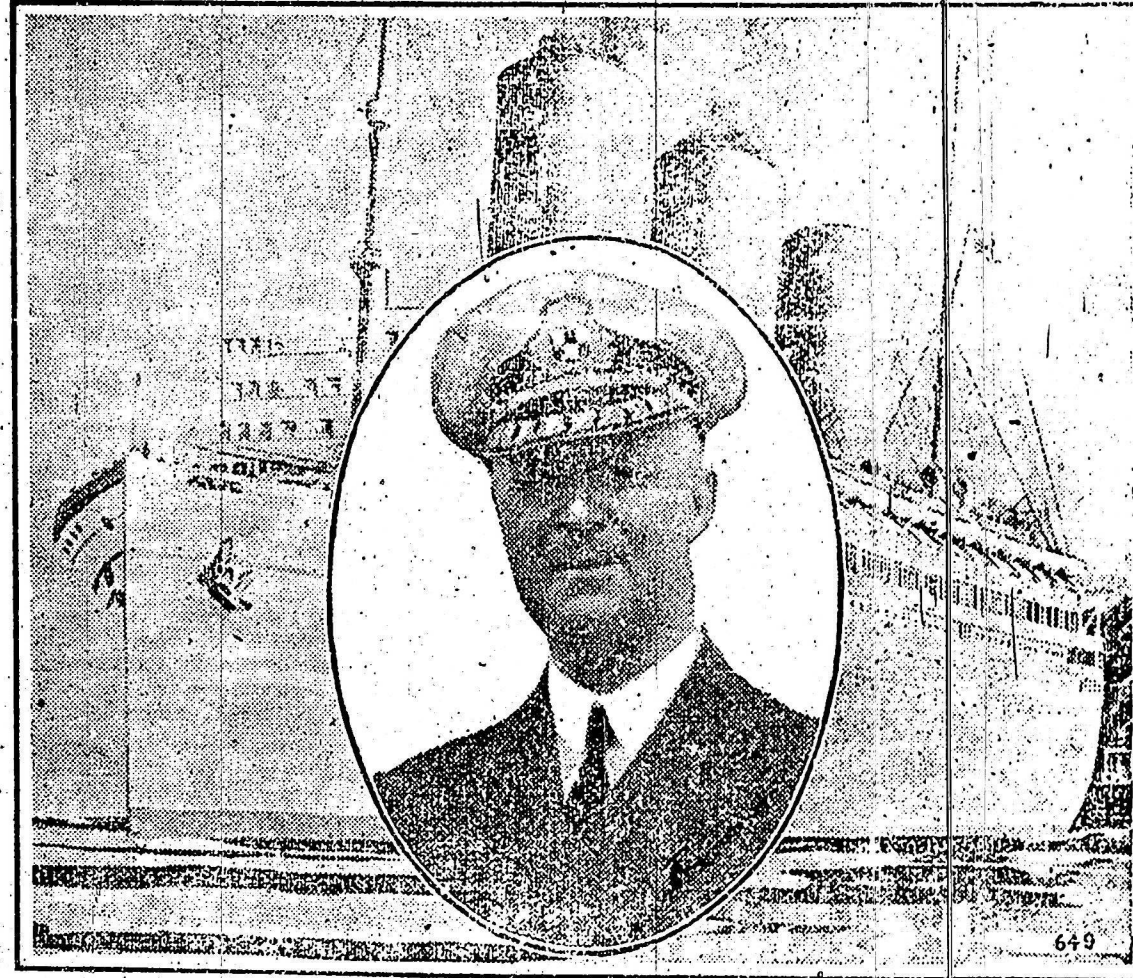
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We extend to one and all our best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May peace and prosperity be yours during the year 1931 and the years that are to follow.

W. S. Perkins & Son

To Command New Canadian Pacific Giant



Captain R. G. Latta, more familiarly known to trans-Atlantic passengers as "Jock" Latta, has been selected to command the new 42,500-ton Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain. The promotion comes to Captain Latta after 26 years' service with the Canadian Pacific Steamships, which he joined in 1904 with the rank of 4th officer. In the next six years Captain Latta sailed with several ships and eventually became chief officer of the Montezuma in 1910. The expiration of seven years as chief officer saw his promotion to commander of the Monmouth. Six years later, in 1923, he anticipated promotion to the crack ship of the fleet by his appointment to her namesake, the Empress of Britain, which was later renamed the Empress of Montreal. After a short interlude on the Empress of Scotland, the Scottish shipmaster went to the Empress of Australia, command of which he relinquished after conveying Premier R. B. Bennett to the Imperial Conference, in order to "stand by" the new Empress of Britain during the last stages of her construction.

During his many years as commander of Canadian Pacific liners on the St. Lawrence seaway, Captain Latta has conveyed many famous people across the Atlantic, numbering amongst his more distinguished friends: H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who launched his new command, Prince George, the Duke of Gloucester, Lord and Lady Willingdon, Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, Rt. Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, Baron Byng of Vimy, former Governor-General of Canada and commander of the Canadian Corps in France; Prime Minister Ferguson, of Ontario; Lord Dawson of Penn, physician-in-ordinary to H.M. the King, and many others distinguished in the fields of finance, politics and art.

The Empress of Britain, which will be her maiden voyage to Quebec next June, is here shown in an artistic presentation of what she will look like when she enters service next June. Captain Latta is inset.