

IF YOU WANT A GOOD TIME GIVE SOMETHING AWAY

Said old Gentleman Gay, "On a Christmas Day,
If you want a good time, give something away."
So he sent a fat turkey to Shoemaker F. Lee.
And the shoemaker said, "What a big bird! How nice!
And, since a good dinner's before me I ought
To give poor Widow Lee the small chicken I bought."
"This fine chicken, O see!" said the pleased Widow Lee.
"And the kindness that sent it, how precious to me!
I would like to make someone as happy as I—
I'll give Washerwoman Biddy my big custard pie!"
"And oh, sure!" Biddy said, "'tis the queen of all pies;
Just to look at its creamy face gladdens my eyes!
Now 'tis my turn, I think; and a sweet ginger-cake
For the motherless Finnegan children I'll bake."
"A sweet cake, all our own! 'Tis too good to be true!"
Said the Finnegan children—Rory, Denny and Hugh.
"It smells sweet as spice, and we'll carry a slice
To poor little Lame Jake, who has nothing that's nice."
"Oh, I thank you, and thank you," said little Lame Jake.
"Oh, what a beautiful, beautiful, beautiful cake!
And oh, such a big slice! I'll save all the crumbs,
And will give 'em to each little sparrow that comes.
And the sparrows they twittered, as if they would say,
Like old Gentleman Gay, "On a Christmas Day,
If you want a good time, then give something away."

Twenty Years Ago

From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, December 23rd, 1920

Neither our merchants or our citizens are objecting to the removal of the luxury tax.

Miss Anne MacDonald, Acton, has been engaged as teacher for Lorne School for 1921.

The Eden Mills Dramatic Club scored a huge success when they presented the play, "Deacon Dobbs," in the Town Hall on Friday evening.

Acton's fine new rink is about ready for the season's amusement. It has an ice surface of 190x85 feet, commodious waiting rooms and grand stands. Credit is due Mr. Gordon Beardmore for inspiring and superintending this big enterprise. The cost has been between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

Gone 37 years, but still wants paper. "Please continue our weekly visitor. I enclose money for our subscription. Although I left Acton in the spring of 1883, I still look for my friend THE FREE PRESS every week." — Angus Kennedy, Ogden, Utah.

The kiddies had a happy time at the Beardmore Christmas Tree entertainment, yesterday afternoon and evening.

BORN

RUDELL—In th Scotch Block, Esquimaux, on Saturday, December 11th, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. Ward Ruddle, a son.

MARRIED

ARMSTRONG-GRAHAM—At the home of the bride on Wednesday, December 15th, 1920, by the Rev. W. L. Findlay, B.A., Alexander Armstrong, of Brampton, to Martha Graham, of Acton.

DIED

ROSEZELL—At Regina, Sask. Hospital, on Friday, December 17th, 1920, Garfield Rosezell, of Kenil, Man., son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rosezell, Acton.

**WAR
25 Years Ago**

By The Canadian Press

Artillery action on the Western Front 25 years ago, this week in the First Great War, drew the spotlight from the Balkan theatre, conspicuous in the previous period.

"Big French guns blasted enemy positions in the Alsace Valley and the Woerth section, December 16th, 1915, and the following day silenced German artillery east of Massages in Champagne. On the third day of shell exchanges, the Western Front felt intense activity from batteries on both sides."

Following the Salonika expedition, whose casualties were calculated December 20th, as 1,278, the Allied expedition in Gallipoli was withdrawn, December 19th, from Anzac and Suvla Bays, with only two casualties, and the loss of a few guns.

Ships Sunk

On the sea action was scattered and unspectacular. The German light cruiser Bremen was sunk by an allied submarine in the Baltic, December 17th, and two days later a French cruiser destroyed a German munition plant at Gaffa, on the Syrian coast. The steamer Yasaka Maru of Japan—on the Allies' side—was sunk in the Mediterranean, by a submarine, on the 19th.

Field Marshal Lord French relinquished command of the British Army in Flanders, December 18th, and two days later was awarded the Croix de Guerre by General Joffre. Another staff change was the appointment, December 22nd, of Lt.-Gen. Sir William Robertson as Chief of the Imperial Staff.

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