Christmas on 30 Cents

Recently we read an article on Christmas buy-Ing in which it was estimated that four hundred million dollars would be spent by Canadians this Yuletide. It claimed that Canadians would drink 50 million dollars worth of liquor and would go In debt a hundred million. Traffic deaths would likely be double for December to those of January. There were many items in that article which were shocking and commendable for bringing to attention.

It was rather depressing and it recalled a boybood experience. We had 30 cents to spend on six Christmas presents that year. It took us nearly two weeks to make that 30 cents spread over the gift list. We've had many Christmases since that that have very pleasant memories but some way or other that Christmas with only 30 cents stands out in our recollections. We suppose we should tell you that incident must have happened nearly 50 years ago when wages were about \$1.50 for a 10-hour day and a nickel was a big price for shovelling a long stretch of sidewalk.

We suppose if we hadn't had 30 cents we would have made the amount stretch over the gift list because there was no provision for going in debt. Yes, times have changed but it can be a Merry Christmas today if Canadians want to make it such. It's not the amount you spend that brings the greatest happiness.

The life of every man is a diary in which he means to write one story, and writes another; and his humblest hour is when he compares the volume as it is with what he hoped to make it.-James M. Barrle.

Good Year -- 1952

Canada's gross national product - the total value of goods and services produced-is going through the roof again in 1952.

And well through it, too. Estimates put it at over \$23 billions-some 8% above 1951's record of \$21.2 billions, reports The Financial Post.

The Canadian family photograph should show most business and consumers smiling this year. First-half woes in many lines of producing, manufacturing and selling, have given away to better days in the past six months.

Important in 1952's figures is the fact that prices are only a few points above last year's averages. Hence, in real terms of goods and services, Canadians are producing and selling a lot more than they ever did before. And even after tax bites, they are left with more to spend or save.

Looking ahead into 1953, the elements of growth will still be with us, heavy investment, strong consumer desires for more and better things. Of course, there are some soft spots shifts within the totals, some worries over export markets, plus man-made restrictions on immigra-

But if we can successfully counter these facprosperity for 1953.

It is with our judgments as with our watches; no two go just alike, yet each believes his own.-Pope.

Giving Only Joy

BUSINESS

Shopping for Christmas. Thinking of things to make other folks happy. These are the pre-Christmas days that can bring so much pleasure, leave such pleasant memories. Then again, they can be made days of sadness when we do the selfish things; try to please only ourselves and forget our obligations and joys to those we cherish.

Christmas plans are being made. There are so many opportunities to bring joys to others and they are really very simple. In planning your Christmas just try making the other fellow better or brighter. Of late years, drunkenness and motor fatalities and injuries have been bringing sorrow to many a home at Christmas. There have been regrets that lasted down through the years and were brought to view for many years after. The kind father and the considerate husband will keep Christmas in a way that will leave nothing but joy for his family and his wife and loved ones. May everyone in making plans for a joyous Christmastide make only those plans which will bring joy and respect to all our homes.

Acton Free

Before and After

Rather interesting when one is interested in such matters to learn of educational expenditure in other places. For instance, the town of Walkerton within the past few years built a new high prevails at White Horse and vari- for the arena. school at a cost of over \$300,000, an addition to the public school costing \$125,000 and an addi- the report that a band of Hiuako Brookville, occurred suddenly on ion to the Separate school costing \$200,000. Population of the town is listed in 1951 as 3,264. mon and Petty Rivers. It is stated In Smiths' Falls a home owners' association passed a resolution censuring the extravagance of the Board in building a new collegiate. (The meeting was held after the municipal nominations at which not a word of protest was relead.)

In Fergus recently the electors turned down a plan to spend \$85,000 on an addition to the public school which is a new building opened only a tories. The average salary paid is years he is enjoying a fair measure few years ago. It seems the Fergus schoolgis providing accommodation for some rural pupils at a cost below that levied on the town taxpayers.

In view of all these educational costs elsewhere the very modest program advanced by the Department of Education for North Halton High School District should make the ratepayers of this lars respecting business transacted district feel very satisfied. The gymnasiums and so-called frills which are considered a part of all rates, \$1,192.86. The amount rebuildings erected in the past-few-years have been eliminated in North Halton. We may feel a bit slighted at the moment but there will not likely be the criticism levelled when the amounts have to be paid. The further expansion of our schools will come in due course because undoubtedly the gold embroidered cups and saucers, complete. expansion of this district will prove the need for more accommodation. In the meantime, we have newest designs at 25c, 50c, and 75c; Streets and will be illuminated. a very modest start on our problem of school accommodation.

There's a very simple answer to those people who want to keep their names out of police court news, points out the Orillia Ont. Packet Times, "If you get on the wrongside of the law, don't blame the reporters and the newspapers; blame yourself."

Accidents Cost Money

Recently, it was announced that accident-free drivers of motor cars may receive a better insurance rate. It comes as good news to learn that virtue may have its reward. For too long the rates have been raised and levied on the whole experience of costs for all without attention to the it individual.

Out in Saskatchewan where they have compulsory insurance of all cars, premiums will likely are always acceptable as Christmas town in 1904 and for many years be increased next year between 10 and 100%, depending on the vehicle category. They have been enjoying some very cheap insurance in this province that all of us have looked upon with some envy but experience has shown that the rates just do not meet the costs. Proposed increase for new vehicles will be 100% and present rate is \$10.

An increase that will effect every driver comes! tors, there's the prospect for a broad basis of into effect in Ontario when you apply for your new permit in 1953. Manitoba motorists are also due for an increase to meet the cost of paying unsatisfied judgments. The fee in Ontario for meeting the cost will be a dollar instead of the 50 cents charged at present.

> Unsatisfied judgment funds were established in both provinces some years ago to indemnity victims of traffic accidents in cases where they couldn't collect damages awarded by the courts.

> If on obtaining judgment, they satisfied the court the defendant had no assets to pay, they could apply to be paid from the fund. Later its application was extended to include victims of hitand-run accidents. In these cases where identity of the car driver was unknown, the victim had no one to sue. A procedure was set up whereby he could sue the registrar of motor vehicles as a nominal defendant. The amount of damages

> awarded by the court was paid from the fund. , In Ontario, the fund has paid out more than \$3 millions since it was established in July, 1947. The fund is stated to have been running at a deficit for the last two years.

An old man once said "When I was young, I was poor; when old, I became rich; but in each condition I found disappointment. -When I had the faculties for enjoyment, I had not the means; when the means came, the faculties were gone.-Mad. Gasparin.

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Back in 1902

From the Issue of the Free Press o Thursday, December 11, 1902

A special from Dawson says that ous points along the line of the Indians have taken the war path in Thursday, December 8, at their the region between the Little Sal- home in her 66th year. that about 150 to 200 Indians are choose through the Port of Montin the hostile party. The motive real to the British Isles during the the hanging of three of their num- to 934,501 boxes, the largest in three ber at Dawson barracks in 1890 years. for the murder of a prospector on the Little Balmon.

\$45 a month. A Territorial Normal of good health. school is to be held at Regina. The west must look to Ontario and the eastern provinces to supply the in- in Milwaukee, Wis., celebrated her creasing demand.

The report of the Postmaster in Acton: stamp revenue, \$2,183.93: noney orders, \$22,069.25; postal commission and allowance Acton was \$857.11.

the advertisements: hemstitch and and Mrs. levers and family were draw work kerchiefs from 5c up; able to move into an unoccupied beautiful fine China decorated and house next door but their loss is 10c a pair (worth more than double the money); ties in all the on the corner of Mill and Main China dinner sets \$5; unbrella, mercerized Austria covering, stee rod and patent runner, handles of Dresden and Ivorine, also Congo oak crook, very special value, \$1; women's wrappers, neatly made in different colors, 35c; trimmed with braid, frills over shoulder, bishop WED IN ACTON sleeves and flounced skirt. \$1 leather purses, up to \$2; cambric 50 YEARS AGO, MARK covered comforter, \$1.

The Berliner Gram-o-phone! I alks! Sings comic, Sacred and full band or orchestra. You can Simcoe and Stayner visited at the understand every word it speaks Georgetown home of Mr. and Mrs. It is the greatest entertainer ever Ed. Holmes, who celebrated their easy monthly payments, if desired. Saturday, December 6.

"If the people will only keep cool," says a coal dealer, "we can tide over the present shortage. Keep cool! Oh, yes, they're doing

LO.U.

A revivalist said to his congregation, "There is a man among us who is flirting with another man's wife. Unless he puts a pound in the collection box, his name will be read from the pulpit."

in there were six pound notes in be applied by brush, spray, dip or note pinned to is, saying, "This is daid to prevent surface attraction the other ten shillings Wednesday." scratches.

Back in 1932

Thursday, December 15, 1933

This year should be a good one

new U.S. government trail over wife of Mr. Arthur Partridge, of

for the outbreak is furnished by 1932 season of navigation amounted

On Monday, Mr. Hiram Walker,

who resides in Guelph, observed his 102nd birthday. A native of Nassa-A northwest correspondent calls gaweys Township, Mr. Wallace was attention to the need for school born where the village of Moffat teachers in the Northwest Terri- now stands. In spite of his advanced

Mrs. Thomas Statham who is at present staying with her daughter 88th birthday yesterday. Mr. J. S. Davidson, who has been

General issued recently for the the courteous and efficient manager year ending June 30, 1902, gives of the Bank of Montreal is moving he following interesting particu- to St. Mary's. His successor will be Mr. H. I. G. Fraser, of Strathroy.

The firemen were summoned on Sunday morning to a fire at No. 33 Crescent, the home of Mr. and Mrs. coived by the postmaster for salary, H. levers and family. The weather was around zero and with a stiff east wind the fire had gained considerable headway. The dwelling Christmas gift suggestions, from and furnishings were destroyed. Mr.

A Christmas tree is to be erected

ANDERSON-In Acton, on Wednesday, December 14, 1932, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson, a daugh-

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Friends and relatives from Acton. sentimental sorgs. Plays like a Rockwood, Brantford, Kitchener, made. Prices \$15 to \$40. Sold on golden wedding anniversary on

> Ed Holmes and Mabel Cripps were married in Acton on December 10, 1902, at the home of the bride's

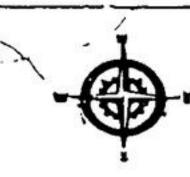
Mrs. Holmes was born in Erin Township and Mr. Holmes is a nat-Sealskin sacks, and automobiles, ive of Tumbridge Wells, England, steam yachts and orange plant- and came to this country when a ations are among the trifles that young lad. They moved to George-Mr. Holmes had a shoe repair shop on the highway.

> They have one married daughter Hazel, Mrs. Elwyn Locker of Brantford, a daughter Helen and son Wil- Corner of Willow and River Sts liam who live at home, also two grandchildren, Victor and Marie Locker.

ANTISTATIC CLEANER

An antistatic cleaning solution When the collection box came for acrylic plastics and glass can and one for ten shillings with a cloth. It is noninflammable, and is all the cash I have, but will send of dust and dirt which causes

NORTH



At Rockwood and Millon From the monthly Rockwood drive than the others, he excused Bulletin we see that there are 19 himself at midnight, leaving the men on the fire department there, game still in progress, saying and there were 22 fire runs during quietly to his host: "Please don't the year just past. One of these get up. I'll let myself out." He was a mutual fire aid call to Acton, knew exactly where his car was much excitement and apprehension for the sale of season skating tickets and the year's one false alarm in- parked and strode briskly across volved the same fire. The false the dark lawn. The death of Catherine, beloved alarm was someone calling for in- "The next moment - splash! He formation about the run to Acton. found himself over his head in "Fourteen men stopped what they cold water and swimming for dear were doing and responded to the life. He had come out the wrong

> the alarm. A spirited parade was held Milton Saturday when S. Claus ar. | birthday morning."--rived with story-book characters music and lots of candy. from the district were there.

At Ford in Trafaigar a 32 acre room?" ask the Oakville says. papers. That, of course, is the challenge given the decorator of Christmas tree decorations, under the Ford assembly plant in Tra- the direction of Miss Dorothy falgar. The objectives are the very Stone-out of crepe paper, wire, same as a home decorator's - to cardboard-and tin cans, no less! create bright, attractive surround-

The aluminum ceiling and overhead steel work act as a giant reflector for more than 8,800 double size eight foot fluorescent flutures. Painters, at work now, will spray 5,500,000 feet of structural steel enough to reach from Toronto to efficient; extremely resistant to

again. All of the walls and the big steel columns will be painted soft green

-grey with yellow and black

At Georgelown liams won a prize with this true parts; fishing rod guides; centristory, repeated in last week's fuge nozzles in separating equip-Georgetown Herald: "She tells of ment; bearings where corrosives a Toronto businessman who was are present; textile guides; nozzles invited to join some friends at a and valves for processing soaps, country home a few miles outside fats, oils, foods and the like and the city for a game of bridge, core pins in discasting processes; Although he had never been there, and wherever else stainless steel

oughly_enjoyable_game,_

"However, as he had farther to

call," the article said. Calling the door and walked into the family Total shipments of Canadian fire number automatically sets off swimming pool, which had not been drained for the winter. It was in two minutes past 12-o'clock on his

At School

The correspondent from the Georgetown high school has some interesting news. She tells that many of the grade II students have "How would you like to plan French pen pals. Writing is both the lighting and color scheme for interesting and instructive, she

The art classes there are making

NEW CARBIDE

new carbide is reported to completely nonmagnetic; half as dense as tungsten carbide with double its thermal expansion co-Montreal and most of the way back corrosion, orosion, and high-tomperature oxidation, and even more abrasion resistant than hardened steel. It is made by a powder with staircases and safety rails metallurgy process and is composed yellow. Even the cranes have their of 83 per cent. chrome carbide, 2 own complementary color scheme per cent. tungsten carbide, 15 per cent. nickel. Some of the new applications of the alloy appear to be making shear blades for molten Mrs. A. E. Dawson of Glen Wil- glass; core pins for baking ceramic he found it easily and had a thor- is considered not sufficiently abra-

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