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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

A merry Christmas! The words ring through the world to-day, as they have rung through the centuries! And never has the world needed the words, the sentiment behind the words, or the truth behind the sentiment, more than at the present time.

The world has come a long way since the first Christmas! Most people will be ready to admit that most of the progress that the world has made has been due to the Christmas spirit. Even the material advances, the wonderful inventions, the mechanical devices, the mighty business and industrial systems and developments—not one of them could have been born without self-sacrifice, without thought for others predominant. Not one of them could have lived in a world given over altogether to selfishness and personal aggrandizement. None of the co-operation—on which alone can be built and maintained the intricate financial, industrial and business systems that are the very lifeblood of the modern world—would be possible without goodwill and understanding. Sacrifice, service, goodwill, thought for others—these are the fibre of the Christmas spirit. One of the most serious troubles in the world to-day is the tendency to accept the material as greater than the spiritual. It is a tragic error. The machine is not greater than its maker. The wonderful devices of the modern day rust and break. The mighty buildings that dwarf the pyramids crumble and fall. The most solid of earth's material things prove frail before the hand of time. The history of the North gives apt illustration of the truth of the thought of the inferiority of the material. Fire swept this country more than once and wrecked the mightiest materials that the hand of man had made. But that was not the end. The spirit of the North was greater than the material, greater than fire, greater than disaster. All the material things that had been swept away were replaced by greater, because the spirit of adventure, of faith, of hope remained unconquered. What happened in the North has happened in countless elsewhere. Earthquakes, floods, disasters, toss away the material growth of years, but there is always re-building so long as the spirit remains. The present day is great, not because of the material progress, but in reality despite it all.

Sentiment rules the world. When it doesn't it will be too bad for the world. At Christmas time people seem to realize all this. At this time of year men are not ashamed to admit that a happy child is a greater glory to a nation than the latest in battleships; that the helping hand is a truer work of progress than the tallest skyscraper; that the material is a thing of limits, but there are no confines for the spirit. The world needs Christmas to-day to avoid repeating the folly of Babylon, Rome, Greece, Gothland.

A merry Christmas to the world! The world needs it—needs the goodwill, the jollity, the freedom, the friendliness, the joy of Yuletide. A merry Christmas to all!

MORE POWER TO THEM!

It was Sir Matthew Hale, English judge and historian, who said some three hundred years ago, that "when rogues fall out, honest men get into their own."

That was before the libel laws got the way they are, so a more modern version may be necessary to apply the proverb. How would it be to say that "when honest men fall out, then rogues come into their own"?

Perhaps it might be as well to leave both versions, letting the public take their choice.

In any case there has been a considerable falling-out in regard to politics and the power question in Ontario. Indeed, Ontario has experienced the greatest epidemic of fallings-out in the history of the province. First the Henry Government fell out of favour with the people, and then the government fell out of office. The Hepburn Government fell in with a dull, sickening thud. And history in Ontario since then has been a succession of dull, sickening thuds to mark the series of fallings-out. The private power companies fell out of friendship with the Hepburn people and woke up to find that all their contracts with the government had been repudiated. Hon. Mr. Hepburn fell over himself in upholding repudiation, but he fell out of grace with a large part of his followers when they discovered that it was just as much widows and orphans who were falling out of their money as it was the "power barons," if there be any such animals. Mr. Hepburn fell out of friendship with Premier Taschereau of Quebec over this power question, and then the premier of Quebec fell out of office, though there is some reason to believe that he was so materially assisted in his fall that it partook of the nature of a throw-out. Hon. Mr. Hepburn fell out with those who like a square deal when it fell out that he was trying to keep the power companies concerned from appealing to the courts of justice. One of the most flagrant fall-

outs was when Premier Hepburn fell out with the courts because they wouldn't fall in with his ideas.

But all these fall-outs fall into insignificance compared to the dull sickening thud last week when The Globe and Mail fell out with Hon. Mr. Hepburn and Hon. Mr. Hepburn replied by falling out with The Globe and Mail. The Globe and Mail says that Hon. Mr. Hepburn did wrong in repudiating the power contracts and that he should fall over himself to repair this grievous injustice that has not only meant loss to many innocent people, but has also caused injury to Ontario's good name and financial standing. Hon. Mr. Hepburn retorts by saying The Globe and Mail has become the tool of moneyed men, and that he is the lad who can take a couple of falls out of it. "That stuff's all right to fling at Tories and civil servants," is the bold comeback of The Globe and Mail, "but you are falling fast if you think you can get away with that sort of fallishness in this case." Then Mr. Hepburn takes another fall. It looks almost like a flop. "I have always been ready to discuss and confer about this matter of power contracts," he contends, as he extends a sort of invitation to the Quebec power companies to have now the quiet conference that should have been held years ago.

A falling-out between The Globe and Mail and the premier of Ontario is something to write about. The Toronto Telegram is just about hysterical over the matter. It isn't all joy for The Telegram, however. That newspaper can scarcely make up its mind whether to support The Globe and Mail with which it agrees on the question of repudiation, or to back Hon. Mr. Hepburn with whom it doesn't agree on anything. Accordingly, The Telegram has fallen out with both of them. The latest from The Telegram is that the alleged falling-out between the Globe and Mail and Mr. Hepburn is simply a fake—that the premier is only staging a shadow-boxing contest to find an easy place to fall—that the whole programme now is Hon. Mr. Hepburn's graceful way of paving the path to new contracts that will end the evil and injustice of reckless repudiation without the implied fall-down of admitting that the premier of all Ontario could make a single mistake.

Will the people fall for it?

Still more important is the question:—"When rogues fall out, do honest folks get their due?" and the alternate question:—"When honest men fall out, do the rogues get a fair show at the pickings?"

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

In Monday's Globe and Mail appeared a front page story of a Providence, Rhode Island, man who gave a ride to a transient on the road only to find that his passenger was a notorious pickpocket who had escaped from prison. The motorist was so alarmed at the possibilities of being alone in his car with such a passenger that he stepped on the gas. As a result he was stopped and given a ticket to appear in court for speeding. He was so upset by the incident that he forgot for a moment the character of his passenger. Soon, however, he reached a town where his unwelcome passenger prepared to alight and leave him. The passenger thanked the motorist for the ride and told him not to worry about the charge of speeding. "Here," said the generous pickpocket, "I'm tearing up the ticket, so you may go on and forget about it."

"That's no good," was the motorist's reply, "the traffic officer put my name and number in his book."

"That doesn't help him any or harm you," says the pickpocket, "because I took his book when he was talking just before he let us go." It is a pretty good story. But it appeared in The Advance a couple of months ago and in some other papers before that. It wasn't the same people or the same policeman, but it was the same pickpocket and the same story. Of course, there may be a gang of pickpockets going around the country doing that sort of thing, but the more reasonable explanation is that the despatch was meant for another Toronto newspaper.

Premier Hepburn is credited with making the astounding statement that there is now "virtually no relief in the North, except in one or two centres." If there are one or two centres in the North free from the need for relief disbursements, it will be a surprise to all here. The two most prosperous centres in the North—Kirkland Lake and Timmins—are certainly still burdened with relief, and relief that is chiefly for those who came to the North after the depression hit the rest of the country. It may be that Mr. Hepburn meant that his government is bearing little share of relief in the North except in one or two cases. If this is what he meant it is no credit to him or his government, for the North is still suffering from the necessity for relief. In this part of the North, Timmins and Tisdale have carried a burden of relief far beyond what was fair. They are still carrying it. It seems sometimes that Hon. Mr. Hepburn never opens his mouth but that he says something that will not stand the light of truth or reason.

A Merry Christmas to The Globe and Mail, Hon. Mr. Hepburn, The Toronto Telegram, Hon. Mr. Roebuck and the Quebec Power Companies. But they seem to be having it themselves already.

To one and all—sincerely—all together—a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

There are just a few lines to add to fill out this column, so what could be better than—"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!"



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LOCALS

Mrs. F. J. Noon visited her sister at North Bay and Callander last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart G. Green, of Toronto were Timmins visitors this week.

Born—on December 22, 1936, to Mr. and Mrs. Rene Leduc, 24 Middleton Ave., Timmins—a son.

Born—on December 20, 1936 to Mr. and Mrs. Clair Russell, 1115 Birch St. N., at St. Mary's Hospital, Timmins—a son.

Born—on December 21, 1936 to Mr. and Mrs. John Sinosky, 251 Maple St. N.—a son.

As noted in Monday's issue of The Advance the Hollinger pay days next year will be on Fridays, instead of Tuesdays as in recent years.

The court of revision on the 1937 assessment roll is scheduled to meet again on Dec. 31st at 4 p.m. to dispose of the few cases still before the court in regard to appeals from the assessment.

Christmas Day services at St. Matthew's church will be as follows: Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m.; Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11 a.m. The services on Sunday, Dec. 27th at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., will also be of a Christmas character.

Mrs. David's Funeral Held This Morning

Large Attendance at Funeral. Had Been Resident in Timmins Many Years.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Baptiste David wife of Baptiste David, proprietor of the Windsor Hotel and interested in several other businesses and mines in the North, was held this morning, requiem mass being said at St. Anthony's church, Rev. Fr. Theriault officiating. The funeral, which was held from her late residence 6 Cedar street, south, was largely attended, and there were many floral tributes and spiritual offerings. Burial was made at the Timmins cemetery.

The late Marie Cristine David was born in Savoie, France, and was the wife of Baptiste David, one of the well-known pioneers of the Cobalt, Porcupine and Kirkland Lake camps. Apart from the bereaved husband, the late Mrs. David had no relatives in this country.

Basil Doran Shines for Syracuse Hockey Stars

(From Toronto Star)

A bundle of dynamite from Northern Ontario's goldfields, wrapped up in the person of Basil Doran, to-day seemed headed for the prize-rookie honors in the International-American Hockey League. Intent on making good in professional company, the freshman from South Porcupine is playing a big part in keeping Syracuse atop the western division.

Still a bit displeased because the Porcupines were stopped by West Toronto Nationals in the Dominion junior play-down last spring, the big blond bomber hopes to help Syracuse to the Int. Am. title this season. He figured prominently in Stars' two week-end games.

Although Stars were trimmed 6-2 by Springfield Saturday, Doran gained an assist and saw his South Porcupine mate Mike Miller, score one of the Syracuse goals. Then as his team was trailing Providence Reds 2-1 Sunday, Basil engineered the play which knotted the count and paved the way to a 4-2 victory.

Toronto Telegram—Some men live through life without correcting their bad habits while others get married.

WANT Ads

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Four-room apartment with all conveniences. Apply at 62 Columbus Ave., Timmins. 98-99-1-2p

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FOR SALE—Dry mixed wood; 16-inch \$2.25 per cord; 4-foot mixed wood \$5 per cord. Jackpine, \$3.25 per cord. All prices delivered. Frank Feldman, 110 Pine Street, South, Telephone 130. -99-100f

Community Christmas Tree in Centre of Cochrane

Visitors to Cochrane this week tell of a monster Christmas tree erected in the central part of the town. The tree is a community venture and is attracting much attention, its beauty being enhanced by the fact that after it was erected on Cochrane's main street, along comes Jack Frost who added very materially to the decorative value of the tree by a liberal supply of white frost on the branches. The tree is in very prominent position and may be seen from all directions. It certainly adds to the interest of all these days, and this community enterprise on the part of Cochrane is certainly appreciated by all. At least visitors to Cochrane are frank and free in their expressions of appreciation for this appropriate decoration at this Yuletide.

Long Police Court Session Yesterday

But Few Cases of Much Importance Dealt With.

There was a long docket and a long session at yesterday's police court but cases of great importance dealt with Remands were given in the following cases:—Mrs. Beaudoin, attempt to procure an abortion; Veino Laksonen, attempt to murder; Stuart Hurely, breaking, entering and theft; O. A. Ruir, breaking and entering; Jim Ho, illegally having liquor.

Sophia Koren was fined \$100 and costs for illegally having liquor. A charge of selling liquor against Louis Cundari, Mountjoy, was dismissed, there being no straight evidence of sale, though the evidence showed the provincial police were justified in suspecting the place, finding so many men there who were strangers to the man of the house. In dismissing the case the magistrate warned the defendant to watch his conduct, especially in regard to having women around.

On a charge of theft, Antoine Leblanc was sentenced to three months. The evidence of reputable business men and others, the reports of the police and the evident facts of the case, showed that he had taken seven ladies' brassieres from the store of Sam Bucovetsky Ltd. His story of buying the goods from a traveller whom he did not know, and his claim that he was a salesman though he said he could scarcely read and so did not understand what the Sam Bucovetsky tickets on the goods signified, failed to impress the magistrate. He was defended by W. O. Langdon, who made out a good case for his client. Sixty days was the first sentence but when the accused jumped up and insulted the court the additional month made it three.

Two young men were fined \$10 and costs each, one for disorderly conduct and the other for fighting at the Riverside Pavilion.

J. Block, who was charged by R. Jackson with assault with intent to do bodily harm, was fined \$50 and costs, \$87 in all, and bound over to keep the peace for two years. In this case one witness was rebuked by the magistrate for failure to keep to the truth, while W. Ackroyd, who happened to be a witness of the trouble was complimented for the fair and complete evidence given, showing that he had not lost his keen observation as a police officer and his ability to briefly present the facts.

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Four Calls for the Firemen This Week

Two Were Chimney Fires. None Were Serious.

Firemen were called to the Commodore Restaurant last Monday afternoon to put out a fire in the kitchen. Grease on the stove had caught fire and though it caused a lot of smoke there was no damage. The call was a verbal one, a man walking from the Commodore to the Fire Hall.

A spark from the furnace that caught on a beam at 35 Hemlock started a little fire that was extinguished with the use of a garden hose. There wasn't any damage.

Two chimney fires, one on Monday afternoon at 5:25 and the other this morning at seven-thirty, polished off the firemen's activities for the past three days.

Legion Orchestra Scores Big Success

The charity dance held by the Ladies' Auxiliary in the Legion hall proved another success. All present were in very festive mood and the result was a complete success. The event was not, as announced last week in The Advance, for small articles to fill up Christmas hampers, but for a member who has had an unforeseen period of ill-luck. The results of the Ladies' Auxiliary efforts were indeed very gratifying. Quite a large number of articles was the result of the pantry shower.

The Legion orchestra kindly gave their services for the occasion, and playing for their inaugural dance proved that "They have the goods." The insistent demand for more fully recompensed the orchestra members and they generously responded to the enjoyment of the large attendance present. Mayor Bartleman and Mrs. Bartleman were guests for the occasion. Fred Curtis made a capable M.C.

Those present were highly delighted with the two fine vocal solos by Mr. Keith Henderson. This baritone vocalist has a very fine tonal range and will be in much demand in local musical circles. Wm. Ashton rendered two very beautiful ballads. The gathering assisted in the old favourite, "Grandfather's Clock." During an interlude someone suggested some Christmas carols, and this feature was a notable hit of the evening.

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