

An Announcement of Importance!



Luxton's who are well acquainted with the people of Timmins and district, now have three stores for your convenience. The most recent addition being the Coney Island Lunch, South Porcupine. This will now be operated as a Lunch Room and Cigar Store by A. Luxton. Luxton's have a very complete stock of smokers' needs, and are able to procure any item you may need, that is not obtainable here. Try this new service offered by Luxton's. Shop at any one of our stores. Our Service is supreme.

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Claims Butchers Do Not Get Cancer

Study of Cancer Extends to Investigation of Popular Beliefs

(Condensed from Je Sais Tout, Paris)
According to a popular belief, butchers never have cancer, but until quite recently nobody had taken the trouble to verify the statement. It is wrong, however, to despise such popular sayings as they sometimes have a basis of truth which may become a starting point for serious research. When it is a question of cancer, moreover, against which science is still so inadequately armed, it is one's duty to investigate every suggested means of combating it.

A celebrated physician, Dr. Blier, therefore, having several times heard this remark about butchers, instituted an extensive inquiry.

His researches covered the following five groups:

A—Meat Butchers (beef, veal, mutton).
B—Hippophagic Butchers (dealing with the flesh of horses, donkeys, mules).

C—Makers of sausages, pork and beef.
D—Pork Butchers.
E—Tripe-sellers.

For the first three groups, Dr. Blier has recorded a formal confirmation of the absence of cancer. For Group D the reports are to the effect that cancer is very rare among its members. In the remaining group, E, that of the tripe-sellers, cancer frequently manifests itself.

"Is it possible," Dr. Blier asks himself, "to explain why those who handle raw muscular tissue should be immune from cancer?"

Back in 907, at the Pasteur Institute, a certain Dr. Bidre rendered a mouse impervious to the grafting of a cancerous growth simply by inserting under its skin a fragment of spleen. From this experiment it was learned that the epidermis can permit the passage of elements of defence against bacteria and toxins. Now the hands of the manipulators of raw meat, being as they are, constantly in contact with flesh, fat, the marrow of bones, and ligaments, are the seat of an undeniable biological reaction.

"Anybody who closely observes the hands of butchers," says Dr. Blier, "will note the smooth surface, shining with

grease, the total absence of the cutaneous furrows known as the lines of the hand. It takes about six months for a butcher's hands to acquire this particular aspect and about six months after he has given up the work for it to disappear. Note that this special aspect of the hand is found in the meat butcher, the hippophagic butcher, the sausage-maker and pork butcher, but not at all in the tripe-seller. One sometimes sees tripe-sellers with hands like duchesses. That is because they do not handle fat or flesh.

"In view, then, of the incontestable immunity of the meat butcher from cancer, I suggest the following explanation: The handler of raw meat absorbs through the surface of his hands certain biologic products that protect him from cancer exactly in the same way as the insertion of a piece of healthy spleen under the skin of a mouse rendered the latter for several months impervious to a cancerous graft."

This elucidation fits in with another known fact: the absence of cancer among the Eskimos whose skin is perpetually covered with animal fat.

While realizing that there may be objections to this explanation, Dr. Blier believes that the butcher is re-

ceiving constantly into his system, through the medium of his hands, one or more substances present in all non-cancerous organisms, but which are lacking in those attacked by the terrible scourge. These are the substances which control the multiplication of the cells of the body. Without this police service, cancer (which simply means cells growing out of control) would occur. Butchers, by renewing constantly their stock of "guardians of the cellular peace" are thus always protected from the crises of anarchy which characterize cancer.

If this is true, which is better to have—the hands of a butcher boy or to have one chance out of eleven of dying of cancer?

It is worth while from now on experimenting seriously with a cancer prophylaxis based on the following system: Every night before going to sleep, rub the hands with a mixture of meat pulp and marrow of bones, and cover them with gloves until the morning.

This is recommended as a cancer preventive. During the long inquiry made by Dr. Blier he never came across a case of an active butcher being attacked by cancer but at the same time he never heard of a cancerous person being cured by handling meat. It is therefore possible that the handling of meat may prevent the appearance of cancer without being able to cure it once it has appeared.

Some Special Games For Christmas Time

Some Suggestions for Entertainment at Yuletide

Christmas is always a time of merriment and the hostess who can provide a series of mirth-provoking games is assured of success. An amusing way to manage an evening's entertainment is to appoint some genial man a Lord of Mistletoe, after the early English fashion, giving him the sceptre for the evening, with power to name the games, forfeits and rewards.

Pitching snowballs through a holly or fir wreath can provide a lot of fun. The balls of cotton-wool are allotted certain values, 1, 5, 10, etc. The guests are divided into teams, each guest taking a turn at throwing the ball through the wreath. The number on each ball which goes through is added to that team's score.

Those who are to take part in the obstacle race must leave the room, to be brought back just one at a time. A course is prepared, ornaments, books, etc., being placed here and there along the way. The player is told that he must avoid all the articles, under penalty. When he is blindfolded the obstacles are quietly removed, but his elaborate efforts to avoid the obstacles which do not exist are always amusing for the onlookers and to the player when the fold is removed from the eyes.

Ask each guest to bring to the party a photograph taken in early childhood or infancy. When you have collected them all, arrange them in a row on the wall and have the guests guess as to the identity of them. A prize may be given for the one who makes the most correct guesses.

Delegation Seeks Additional Relief

Group of Six Appeared Before Special Meeting of Town Council on Friday Night.

A delegation of six appeared before a special meeting of Council Friday night seeking additional relief grants and while their demands were heard, no definite action was taken. T. B. Ryan, Ontario Government Welfare Department auditor, was present for the occasion and made certain recommendations in a few of the cases brought up for discussion. Mr. Ryan's presence at the meeting as the result of a telegram sent to the Ontario welfare department in which it was charged that a number of persons were being denied relief.

Child's Health Conference at Schumacher, Dec. 24th

The Child's Health Conference will be held in the Schumacher Public School on Friday afternoon, December 24th from 3 to 5 p.m.

A. G. Luxton Adds Another to His Chain of Stores

A. G. Luxton has added another to his chain of stores in the North. Last week he bought "The Coney Island" at South Porcupine, this making the third store under his ownership. While the South Porcupine store is largely a restaurant business at present the intention is to extend it to the same type of store as the one formerly owned by Mr. Luxton on Third avenue, Timmins. The Luxton store in Timmins, on Toke street, is being managed by Miss Gwen Luxton. The other store is at Rouyn and is known as the "Royal Sweets."

Death of Albert Gagne at Timmins Yesterday

The death occurred on Sunday, December 19th, at his home, 172 Maple street, north, of Mr. Albert Gagne. Mr. Gagne was born in St. Felix, Kingsay, Quebec, and had been a resident of Timmins for the past fifteen years, being sixty-three years of age.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gagne, four sons, Alphonse, Edgar, Oscar and Arthur, all of Timmins, and five daughters, Yvonne (Mrs. O. Proulx), Simone (Mrs. N. Payment), Jeannette, Lorette and Florence, and by a brother-in-law, Mr. Napoleon Magran, also of Timmins.

The funeral services will take place on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church.

Proclaims Boxing Day Holiday Here

Mayor's Proclamation Asks for Observance of Monday Dec. 27th, as Holiday, in Town.

Monday, Dec. 27th, known as "Boxing Day" has been proclaimed by Mayor Bartleman as a holiday in the town of Timmins, and all stores and other business places are asked to remain closed on that day. This will make a long week-end for the business staffs, who have been working hard through the pre-Christmas weeks.

Train Leaves Track Passengers Unhurt

Mishap Near North Bay Last Friday Night—Normal Service Resumed.

Normal service has been restored on the Canadian National Railways following a derailment south of North Bay last Friday night, in which the engine, express, mail and baggage cars left the tracks. William Park, of Allandale, engineer in charge of the train, suffered bruises and leg injuries. None of the passenger coaches were affected. An investigation into the cause of the mishap has been launched by the railway company.

Week-End Hockey Scores

N.H.L.—Saturday
Toronto 3, Americans 2.
o Maroons 3, Boston 3.
Sunday
Boston 4, Detroit 2.
o Rangers 2, Canadiens 2.
Chicago 0, Americans 1.
o-overtime.

OLD NAMES FOR CHRISTMAS

The oldest name for Christmas is "The Feast of Light"—reference either to the lights in the heavens when Christ was born or to the fact that He was the Light of the world. "The Festival of the Nativity" is the next oldest name, and it is followed by "The Feast of the Incarnation." A quaint name found in old carols is "Godde's Daye." "The Day of the Manger" is another. "Yule" is a name borrowed from a pagan feast, held on December 22 to celebrate the passing of the shortest day—December 21. An old Irish name was "The Glory Day"—a reference, possibly, to the song of the angels—"In Excelsis Gloria." Another fourteenth century name was "Ye Goode Day." In Bavarian Christmas was called "The White Day."

Bowmanville Statesman—When a man loses his health, he begins to take care of it.

Christmas Tree for the Finnish People

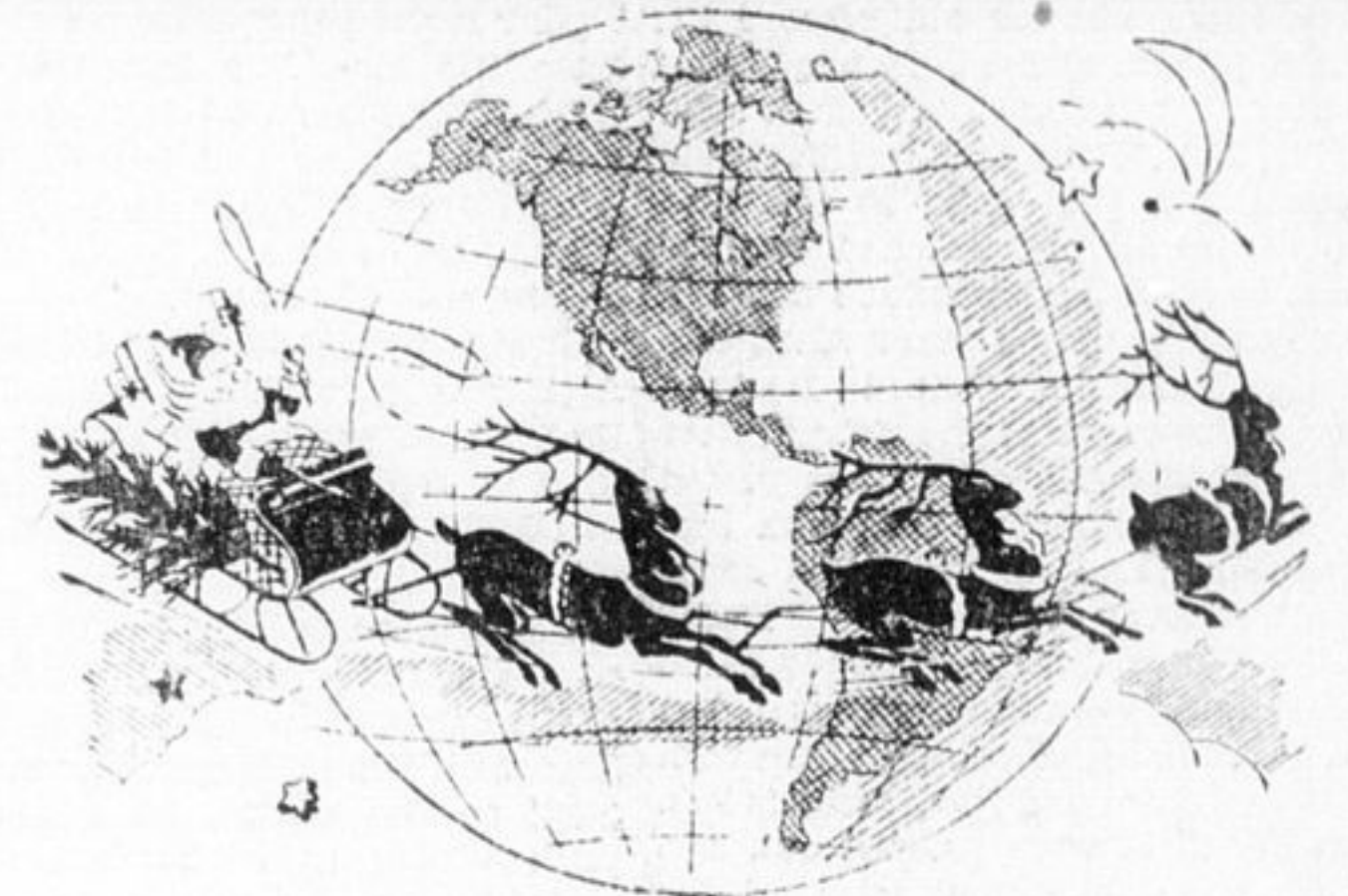
Sunday, Dec. 19th, after the evening service, the Community Christmas Tree for the Finnish-speaking people of the Porcupine Camp was held at the Timmins Finnish United church, which again was filled to capacity. After a short programme of choruses, Christmas carols, readings, duets, delivered by the S.S. and Y.P. group, Senior church choir and Junior girls' choir, the Santa Claus again appeared on the scene and on behalf of the kind-hearted merchants and friends of Timmins presented all those present with Christmas gifts and a bag of fruits and nuts and candies. He also announced that provision was made for distributing Christmas cheer to those who could not be present on the occasion, and before departing gave a message to the Board of Managers and the Building Committee requesting them to make sure that the new and larger

church building will be ready when he comes next time to accommodate the larger crowds of people who want to be present but cannot get in.

Plane Crash Story is Merely Rumour

South Porcupine Ship is Slightly Damaged in Making Landing at Franz.

South Porcupine, Dec. 20.—(Special to The Advance)—Inquiries made to-day disclosed that the rumour that a plane from South Porcupine had crashed on Saturday, is groundless. A Fokker cabin-plane piloted by Howard McDonald broke a portion of a tail-piece ski in landing but otherwise the ship was undamaged. Ed Ahr, of Algoma Air Transport Company, left to-day with the necessary repairs. The mishap is said to have taken place near Franz, north of the Canadian Soo, on the Algoma Central Railway.

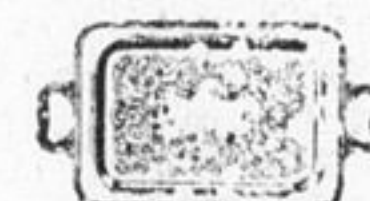


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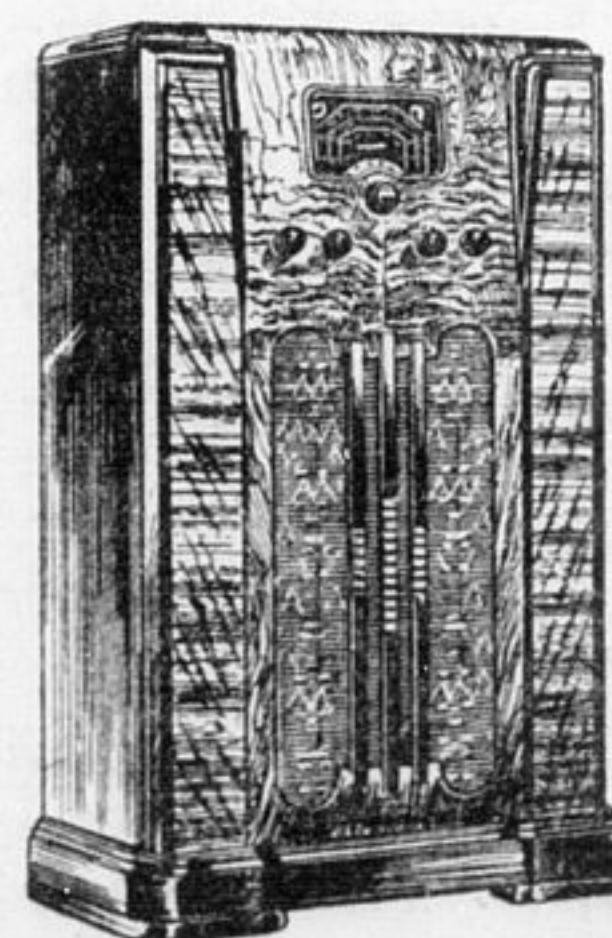
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