

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

GOLDFIELDS THEATRE

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DEC. 23 - 24

Allan Lane and Heather Angel in
"THE DUKE COMES BACK"

SATURDAY, SUNDAY (Midnight) AND
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 - 26 - 27

Buck Jones in
"LAW FOR TOMBSTONE"

Henry Quibbon Comedy

Serial—"UNDERSEA KINGDOM"—No. 3

CHRISTMAS DAY MORNING MATINEE

11.15 A.M. - Children, 10c

THE PALACE THEATRE

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DEC. 24 - 25

(Christmas Eve)

(Christmas Day)

The 10-Star Fun Frolic

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NOTE: TO ACCOMMODATE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY AMUSEMENT SEEKERS, the Palace will operate continuous performances Christmas Day, 5 complete shows at 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Attend the early matinee performance—Remember, "the early bird gets a seat."

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Timmins

First Christmas in Canada, and Cartier

Jaques Cartier and 110
French Settlers First Observed
the Day in Canada

This Christmas for most of the citizens of the Dominion of Canada, will be a day of rejoicing. Families will get together and there will be much feasting and merry-making. Cares will be forgotten during the magic festival period.

Far different was the first Christmas celebration in Canada four centuries ago. It was in 1635 that Jacques Cartier and some 110 French settlers spent their first winter in Canada. The river froze up in November and the little settlement was completely cut off from the Motherland for many months. The hurriedly built fort at Stadacona, near where Quebec now stands, was but a feeble protection against the neighboring Indians. It was even less effective in keeping out the fierce blasts of a northern winter.

Food was scarce. That which had been brought along from France was not of a type to keep men healthy through a rigorous winter. Scurvy early broke out and 25 of the settlers perished during the winter. The toll would have been even greater had not a friendly Indian shown how tea could be brewed from the needles of the neighboring spruce and pine trees to overcome the effects of the dread disease.

It can well be imagined that under these circumstances Canada's first Christmas celebrations were conducted under difficult circumstances. However the indomitable spirit of the French settlers refused to be crushed by external forces. The most palatable of the food was brought forth and there was feasting and merry-making.

Cartier's settlement did not last, but over half a century later, Champlain founded Quebec near where Cartier's unhappy party had celebrated, and since that time Christmas has been celebrated each year in Canada.

scarlet berries representing the blood He shed. The superstition then grew that if one could obtain a piece of holly that had been used in a church it would bring good luck all year and would protect against lightning.

Christmas Carolers Popular Everywhere

Applause Given Singers in
Timmins in Past Years Is
Proof of This

(From Literary Digest)

"Here come the Carolers."
So it used to be. Young faces pressed against the windowpane, straining to hear the cheerful carols outside. Perhaps it was the story of the Christ Child put to tune or a ballad of love and cheer. When the singers were done the household invited them in for a bite and a sup or gave them a coin or two for their song.

Then on to the next house, to sing again under the stars or veiled behind sifted snow.

And then, in the early morning, home again to their own fireside.

It was a good old custom, this midnight minstrelsy in the season of peace and goodwill. "With the beginning of Yuletide, twelve days before Christmas day, as Percival Chubb tells us in the Standard, published in New York by the American Ethical Union, "small bands of musicians went the rounds and, 'in the mire or on the road or on the steps, played the old folk tunes as a lyrical prelude to the great day. To some of the antique ballad airs, like "Good King Wenceslaus", says Mr. Chubb, the singers would add a hymn tune or two—"Once in David's Royal City," or "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." Punctuating the bustle of domestic preparation for the coming feast, these ministrations in the still night gave a breath of poetry that touched the spirit of Christmas with an endearing beauty. Day by day the tide of joyous anticipation rose until the crescendo broke into a forte of exuberance."

Those simple days of the folk are gone, says Mr. Chubb; the glory is departed.

But the custom of making the rounds on Christmas eve to sing carols of peace and good will on earth still prevails here and there.

May this Christmas be full of joy and contentment for you. We are deeply grateful for the attention you have given us this past year, and hope our pleasant relations will not be interrupted in 1938.

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Timmins

The Yule Log

(By M. G. B.)

In many an old British mansion it was customary to light tall candles on Christmas Eve, and then a huge log was rolled onto the hearth, called the Yulelog. This log was so large that it required the strength of several men to roll it in place. The log was cut from a tree felled at midnight; and was to be placed on the hearth during midnight mass on Christmas Eve, and was to be lighted by the head of the family. A piece of this burning wood was to be laid aside to light next year's log with, while at the same time, it would protect the household during the coming year.

In some sections of Germany a piece of this charred wood was placed under the bed to avert the much-dreaded lightning stroke. The burning of the Yulelog in each homestead seems to have been a survival of the adoration once offered to the sun at the winter solstice.

Holly, with its brilliant red berries and rich green leaves, is an accepted Christmas decoration, not just because it is an attractive and cheerful plant, but because in the early days it was thought to be "hateful to witches" and therefore offered protection against them.

Later it was used as a reminder of the crown of thorns Christ wore, the

A Carol

All sheltered by a lonely rock
Beneath the starry blue,
The shepherds lay beside the flock
Their mantles wet with dew
And heard in dreams above the plain
A mystic and entrancing strain;
Glory to God in the Highest,
Peace on earth, good-will to men.

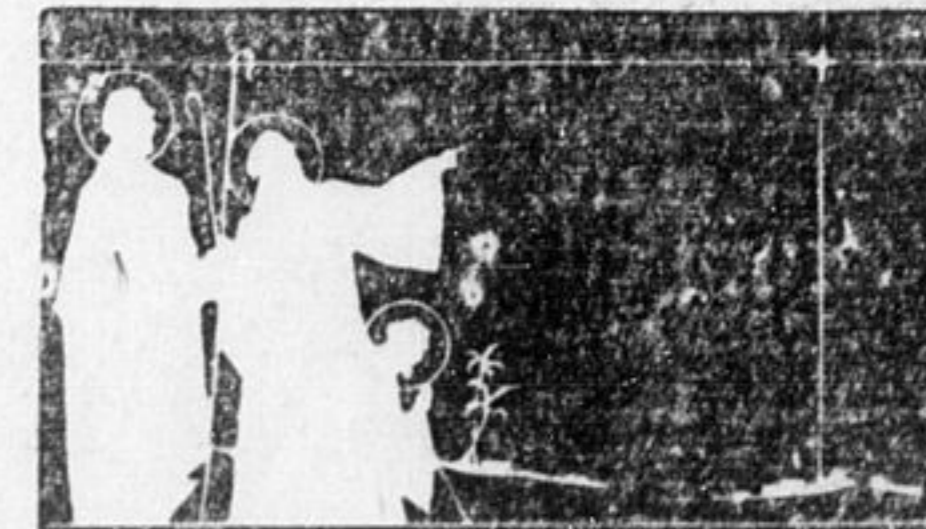
They woke in terror to behold
A wonder in the air,
An aureole of blue and gold
Unutterably fair,
And in the midst of the Sons of Light
All singing in their whirling flight
Glory to God in the Highest,
Peace on earth, good-will to men.

"Fear not," rang out a trumpet-voice,
"This is your festive morn.
Now let the humble poor rejoice
A royal Child is born.
And this the message of his birth
To every weary soul on earth,
Glory to God in the Highest,
Peace on earth, good-will to men."
—J. E. Middleton.



Christmas is a fitting time
Old Wishes to renew
We hope it brings you happiness
To last the whole year through.

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