

## Here is a Help in Your Christmas Gift Problems

### Merchants in the Camp Give Generous Aid in Solving Gift Problems

Unusually Large Stocks, with Great Variety of Goods. Main Streets of Timmins Decorated with Evergreens and Coloured Lights. Happy Place for Shoppers in This District.

Timmins, Schumacher and South Porcupine this year are specially decorated for the Christmas season. For some years past both Schumacher and South Porcupine have utilized the coloured lights across the main streets as an added attraction for the Christmas shopper. This year Timmins has followed suit, the business men among themselves arranging to defray the cost of this addition to the attractiveness of the shopping section.

In the three towns of the Porcupine special Christmas window displays are featured and the general effect is most pleasing and attractive. The merchants of the Porcupine, however, have not stopped at this outward display. They are backing up appearances by offering the largest and most varied of stocks, and in this issue of the Advance they are giving special invitation to all in the district to take advantage of the low prices and high service offered. Christmas shoppers are receiving the fullest aid and service this year from the business men of the Porcupine Camp. Christmas shoppers who will read the advertisements in this issue will find innumerable suggestions and helps in regard to the problems that arise at this time of year. No matter what the shopper's problem may be the pages of this issue will give valuable assistance in finding the right gift at the right price.

### Electrical Goods May Solve Your Gift Problem To-day

Remarkable Field of Attractive Gifts for Home and Folk.

If you are wondering just what to give, it might be an idea to turn your thoughts to things electrical, especially if the gift sought is for "home or folks."

**Many Ideas**  
Any person, any home is always tickled to get one of those smartly designed silver or chromium electrical fixtures. For instance, coffee percolators or waffle irons are electrical appliances that are always appreciated. Then there are lamps, always popular, whether it be one of the tall, indirect-lighting variety or a soft-toned boudoir affair.

If something more expensive is being considered, what would be nicer than one of the new radios? Perhaps the person for whom the gift is intended already has a large "house" radio. They will still be delighted with one of the tiny, but highly efficient midget sets to place in their bedroom. These can be bought at a wide range of prices in a dozen styles.

Perhaps you have a relative who collects china or pewter as a hobby. Many of the stores in the city can offer the very finest articles in these lines. A single cup and saucer, or a shining cream-and-sugar set will place you in the top rank of appreciated givers in the esteem of your friend.

Pewter, chrome or silver plate serving dishes are ever popular, while many of these can be bought with a "hard" glass dish inside them, which may be removed so that food can be cooked in them in the oven. The dish, with its cooked contents, is placed inside the metal holder for serving.

Candlesticks are another gift suggestion that will be sure to fill the desires of someone on your list. They can be purchased in china, wood and metal, in more designs and colors than could be recalled. A trip to the jewellers will reveal just the pair you want to give some person that you know has an ideal place to put them.

**List Unending**  
One of the easiest gifts to choose, that is appreciated by any person, is a papeterie of good quality stationery.

If you take the time to order it now, you will be able to get any of a wide range of embossed, initialed stationery that will cause the recipient to beam with pleasure when he opens the box. The boxes themselves are worthy of comment, for they come in an array of shapes and colors as could be imagined. Most useful of all are the sweet-scented cedar chests, which can be used as jewel boxes when they are emptied of their paper contents.

Cameras offer a variety of types and prices to meet every purse, whether they be "movie" or "still" cameras. They offer an opportunity for that recipient to branch forth into a hobby that is instructive and fascinating.

The list of gift possibilities is unending. The only way to appreciate the most of things that you can give, and that your friends like to receive, is for

you to begin at once to explore the stores.

### See That the Lights Are All Set for Christmas Tree

Don't wait until Christmas Eve to learn whether or not the lights for your tree are operating properly. It might be too late then to do anything about it, and your tree would be without an important adornment.

Find out now if the lights are working, and if replacements are required attend to this duty early.

#### OLDEST NAME

The oldest name for Christmas is "The Feast of Lights," in remembrance of the lighted heavens in which the angels appeared on the first Christmas Day.

### Already \$939 Has Been Subscribed to Christmas Seal Fund

Total of 414 People Have Purchased Seals to Date.

Generous response is being made to the annual campaign for funds to carry on the battle in the Porcupine district against tuberculosis. The fund is now near the half-way mark. It is earnestly hoped that in the next week or two the notable work may be carried along on extended plan. It means the saving of life and the general advantage of the community. If you have not yet responded to the appeal, send in your donation at once.

The following people have purchased Christmas seals since the last list appeared:

Allo, Valno; Anderson, Evalane; Anderson, C. S.; Andrews, Jack. Mrs. Earl Beatty; J. C. Biggs; Mrs. Gordon Black; Miss Eleanor S. Briffett; Mrs. Cecil Brown; Harry Burton. Mrs. I. Cameron; H. W. Carey; Fred Carpenter; J. M. Cartan; Miss H. E. Carthey; Carlo Cattarello; M. W. Clement; Miss Agnes Coleman; J. R. Costain; Fred Curtis; Mike Cybulski. Charles Daley; W. J. Daniels; William Dawson; Mrs. J. J. Denny; Heubain Dessaulnier; District Services; A. Dorschner; James P. Douglas; Henry

Duggan; Roy Dunbar; J. E. Dunlop; Hugh Dysart. A. G. K. Edwards; Mrs. Edwards; Mrs. R. Elston. Joseph W. Fenn; Mr. Fluet; John Fortin.

Edward Gledhill; T. R. Gibbons; C. J. Goodfellow; Dr. Stan Gibson; Herbert Gudley; S. T. Griffin; G. Albert Groulx; Gahan, Parnell.

Chas. M. Haapanen; Geo. D. Hamilton; Geo. N. Hamilton; Roy Hamilton; Mrs. C. Hayes; Andrew Heino; Chas. A. Hill; Ernest H. Hill; W. L. Hogarth; H. Houghton; Dr. S. L. Honey. William Irving.

Arthur J. James; Ed. Jones; Fred Jones. Dr. Maurice J. Kelly; Orville Kenzie; William King; Alexander Krakana; Tony Kremese.

Ernest Labreque; Lalonde; Leo Lalonde; Antil Luhta.

William Maki; Geo. Mason; Dr. Metcalf; Montgomery; Robt. M. Moore; Thos. J. Moore; Pietro Morandin; Bruce Moyer; Archie MacDonald; Dr. Cyril R. MacLean; Wm. P. McDermott; Cliff McConnell; John McCurdie; Alex McGrath; Mr. McLeod; McMaster. Mrs. Nelson; Axel Nelson; Geo. Nippers; Northern Ontario Power Co. Order of Eastern Star.

Paymaster Consolidated Mines; Mrs. Ethel Porter; Harold R. Pryor. James Radcliffe; Miss Mary Ramsay; Miss O. Ramsay; William Ramsay; Recreation Hotel; Mrs. H. Reid; J. L. Regan; A. S. Rioux; W. G. Robb; G. N. Ross; H. Rogg.

### Beautiful Furs at the Style Shoppe for the Season

Jackets, coats, neckpieces, and many other fur accessories are abundantly featured at the Style Shoppe Furriers, corner Fourth avenue and Pine street, as beautiful Christmas suggestions. They are made of lovely soft, warm furs, and their glorious richness forms a gift that will be forever remembered and always appreciated.

There is a large variety of furs from which to choose—Hudson seal, Persian and Bombay lambs, muskrat, racoon, caracul and many other furs that make a charming coat or jacket. The jackets are very serviceable, as they may be worn over a coat or as a light wrap in spring and autumn.

Miss Marion Saunders; Mrs. Fred Sexton; Mrs. Sharp; Mrs. M. S. Shub; Jos. Sloan; Schumacher Hardware; Mrs. Monia Smook; Maxwell Smith; A. C. Stevenson; Callum Stevenson; Alex Stirling; Mrs. Keith Stirling; Geo. Stoyoff; Miss Lillie Sullivan.

Lambert Taylor; W. J. Taylor; Timmins Dairy; J. B. Thiboutat; Albert (Albert's Bakery) Tomchick; S. A. Tupper.

Miss Madge Webb; R. J. Webber; R. N. Way; Luella Wing; Archibald Wherry; Richard Wilson; Francis A. Woodbury.

### Meeting of Ministerial Association on Monday

The Porcupine Ministerial Association met on Monday at the home of Rev. W. M. Mustard with the president Rev. A. I. Heinenon presiding. The guest speaker for the afternoon was Dr. Peter Wenger who showed films on "Social Diseases," and other subjects, and gave an interesting and instructive commentary on the same.

### Rev. E. Gilmour Smith at Cobalt United Church

Cobalt, Dec. 13.—Rev. E. Gilmour Smith, now assistant to the Rev. W. M. Mustard in the work of the Timmins United Church, returned to Cobalt this week-end to take the services at the United Church in the absence of the minister, Rev. Noble Hatton. At the morning service he based his remarks on a speech delivered by the Marquis of Lothian, British Ambassador to the United States, before the General Council of Churches. Sunday was the anniversary of the tragic accidental death of little Barbara Brown, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Brown. In her memory the family placed a beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums at the front of the church and the hymn chosen as the Children's Hymn was the one she loved, to sing, "Jesus Loves Me."

### About the Origin of the Christmas Greeting Cards

Invention Credited to a Birmingham Artist.

(By Virginia Bruce)

The greatest volume of Christmas mail consists of greeting cards. This branch of the season's trade is rapidly increasing. Every year card designs become more varied and colourful, and stationers everywhere report bigger sales.

Yet it is less than a century since the first Christmas cards made their appearance in England.

In days gone by it used to be a general custom to write long letters to all one's friends and acquaintances at Christmas time. People who never met each other from one year's end to another would exchange at least a dozen pages of greeting a few days before the 25th, and this letter-writing often occupied several weeks.

#### First to Publish

The credit for inventing the time-saving card goes to a Birmingham artist named William A. Dobson, who later became a member of the Royal Academy. In 1844 he designed a card, painted with rich colours, symbolizing the spirit of Christmas. In the following year he had his little masterpiece lithographed and sent copies to some of his friends.

Other claimants for the invention of Christmas cards were Sir Henry Cole, a famous Civil Servant, and the Rev. W. E. Bradley, a clergyman and author who lived in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. It is said, however, that both these men took the idea from Dobson's original card which had been shown to them.

If Sir Henry did not actually produce the earliest card, he was at any rate the first person to publish them. Several well-known artists of the day were invited to submit designs and by 1848 cards were on sale in the shops. These cost 25 cents each.

Less than ten years afterwards the novelty had acquired widespread popularity. A score of publishers in London, Edinburgh, and other cities were producing quite a wide variety of good designs.

#### Sentimental Victorians

The Christmas cards that appeared in the sixties and seventies of last century were of a rather sentimental character, rather like the popular Valentines of the same period. But the year 1895, or thereabouts, they had reached a high degree of merit and the better varieties were quite outstanding examples of the printers' art.

Some time ago it became fashionable to collect Christmas card designs that had been produced before the Great War. Perhaps the largest collection ever put together was one comprising no fewer than 163,000 different varieties. This was housed in seventy thick footscap volumes!

The first 25 cent card published by Sir Henry Cole still has a high value among present-day collectors, and a genuine hand-coloured specimen fetches as much as \$250 or \$300. But the reprints that were issued much later have no value at all.

### "No Santa Claus"

(By John Kendrick Bangs)

If it be true, as some do say  
That there's no Santa Claus,  
What is this spirit on the way  
That never seems to pause  
When Christmas chimes are sounding clear  
Upon the frosty night?  
In spreading splendid gifts of cheer  
In every mortal's night?

What is this sense of glowdine  
That comes to you and me  
When watching all that happy line  
Of children round the tree?  
Whence comes this mantling atmosphere  
So full of sweet release  
That falls upon us once a year  
And covers us with peace?

No Santa Claus? Oh, men of doubt,  
Whence comes this sorry claim?  
Would you so fair a spirit flout  
For reasons of a name?  
Dear Santa Claus is everywhere  
Where hearts are true and kind,  
And where there's love of man to there  
His presence rare we find.

Custom of Blessing the River Danube at Christmas

It has been the custom in Rumania from time immemorial to bless the Danube on Christmas day, says an exchange. A procession of priests and people dressed to represent Biblical characters moves through the streets singing chants and so to the bank of the river.

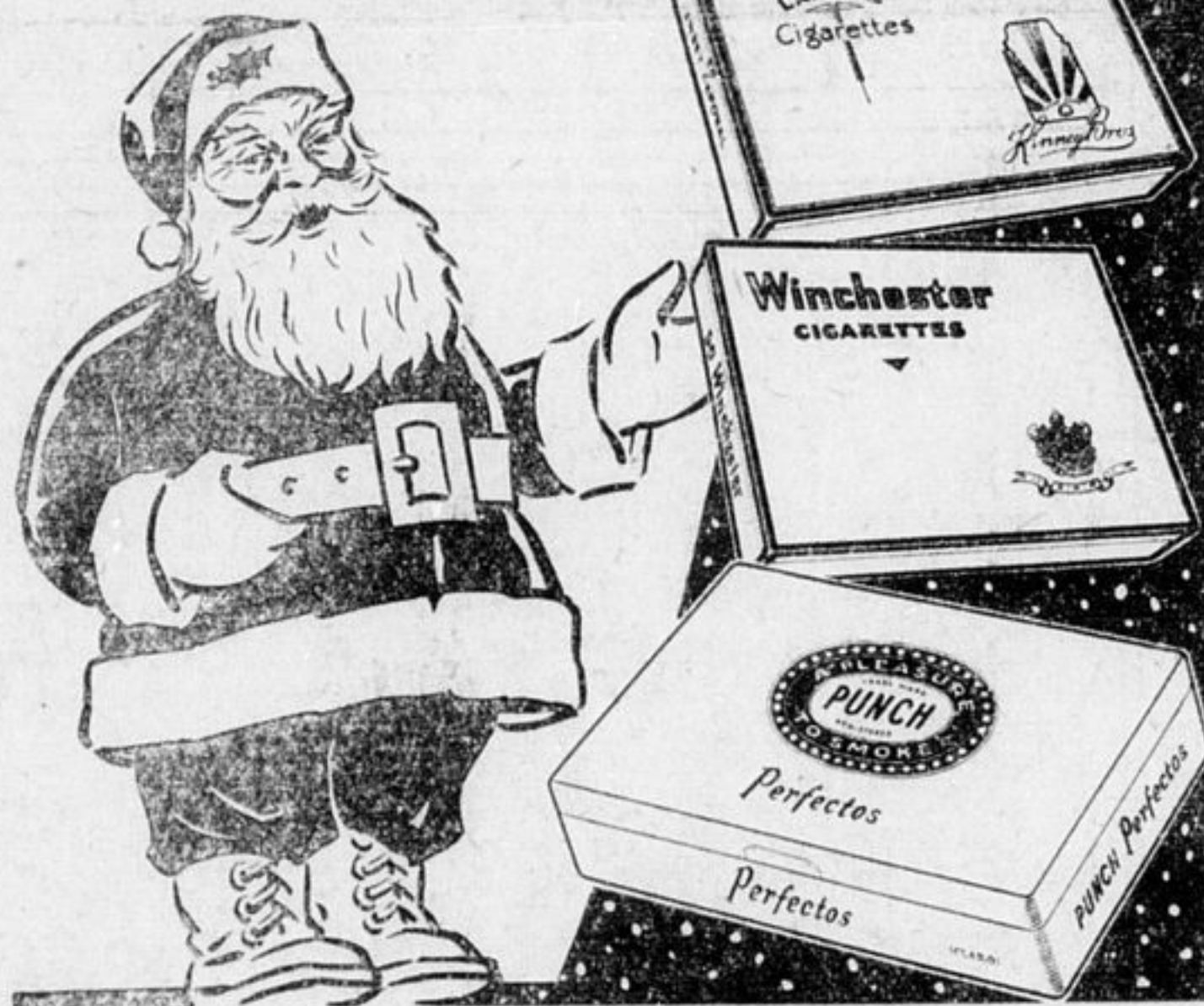
The ice is broken and a small wooden cross is thrown into the water. Any one who can recover this cross is regarded as extremely fortunate and sure of good luck for the year to come.

Do your Christmas Shopping early.

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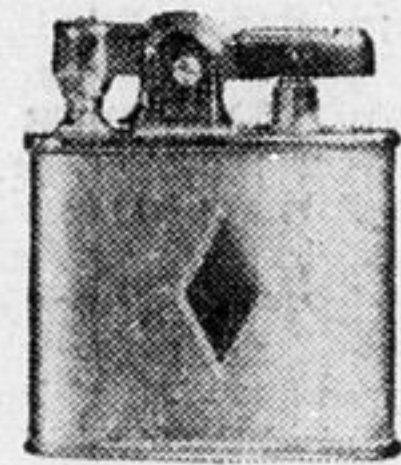
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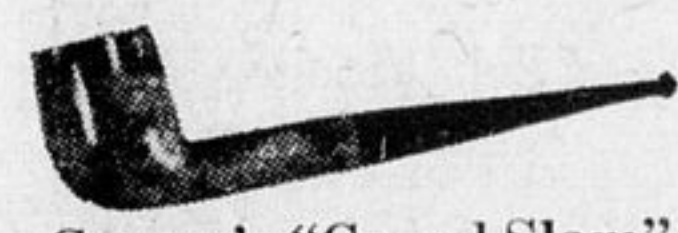
**"Drinkless" Kaywoodie Pipe**  
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Chrome finish  
Other Models \$6.50 and up



**Comoy's "Grand Slam"**  
Patented Pipe. London made. All shapes. \$4.00  
also \$6.00  
Comoy "Royal"



**Dunhill Pipe**  
Universally recognized as the "Pipe of Pipes". London made. Genuine Briar. Standard and Shell Finish. All Shapes \$9.00



**Electric Table Lighters**  
A modern design, Black, Green or Ivory Porcelain, with 6 foot cord. Each 95c



**"Imco" Safety Lighter**  
Nickel Plated Fully Automatic 79c



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A sturdy perfect time-keeper. As illustrated. \$2.95  
Other Models \$3.95, \$4.95



**Zipper Tobacco Pouches**  
Durable leather, genuine rubber lining; tight to retain tobacco freshness. London Made. \$1.50

also Zipper and Wallet Pouches \$1.00 up

### Outstanding Gifts in Attractive Christmas Packages

**Sweet Caporal Cigarettes**  
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**Turret Cigarettes**  
50c \$1.00

**Player's Cigarettes**  
55c \$1.10

**Winchester Cigarettes**  
55c \$1.10 \$2.20



**Punch Perfecto Cigars**  
Box of 25 - \$2.40

**Buckingham Cigarettes**  
55c \$1.00 \$2.00

**White Owl Cigars**  
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