## Beautiful Replica of Famous Building as Unique Gift for Timmins Family



Dr. N. H. Russell Given Artistic Miniature Reproduction in Alabaster of the World-Known Taj Mahal in India. Maharajah of Indore Originally Presented the Replica to Dr. Russell's Father as a Gift of Friendship and Esteem.

ceived as beautiful and valuable and in full below:unique a gift at the recent Christmastide as did Dr. N. H. Russell of Timmins The gift in itself is one that would be cherished, but the story behind it all adds double value and interest

The gift was in the form of an exact replica in alabaster of the worldfamous building in India - the Taj Mahal. This building is hailed by architects and artists alike as one of the most beutiful and perfect in the world. The Taj Mahal is the famous of Jahangir's three wives-1 M, 1 H, his favourite wife. It is a rarely beau- Religions during his life time and terior is decorated with mosaics of tolerance did not last. semi-precious stones and lighted by

is made of alabaster intead of marble. vice he was appointed chaplain to the to enforce. The inscription reads "De British troops on service in the Indore | fend us from the tribe of unbelievers area of India. There were no suitable Refers to R. C. 'European Idolaters'. home quarters for Rev. N. H. Russell | and accordingly a house was built for tiful and obtained an unbounded inhim. During the time he had to wait | fluence over the Emperor and exhibit for the construction of his home, the Maharajah invited Rev. Mr. Russell and family to be his honoured guests. A firm friendship developed between Rev. Mr. Russell and the Maharajah and this mutual respect and admiration continued through life. Some thirty-nine years ago Rev. Mr. Russell decided to return to Canada. The Maharajah was very regretful at the thought of the departure of his friend from India, and as a token of affection and regard he had this beautiful replica of the Taj Mahal made as a tribute to Rev. Mr. Russell. While only a little over a foot in length, the replica is a perfect reproduction of the beautiful Taj Mahal and is perfect in every detail.

After the war days were over, Rev. Mr. Russell and his family returned to take up residence again in India Among the most cherished of the possessions they brought back to India was the beautiful gift of the Maharajah | deposed his father and kept him in -the replica of the Taj Mahal.

The money received from his posi- even see the Taj he had built. tion as chaplain of the troops was devoted by Rev. Mr. Russell to starting ing of the tomb as promised by Shall the Mission called the "Russell Pouri." The success of this mission is suggested by the fact that at a recent presentation of the Canadian National Exhibition there were rugs on exhibition from the Russell Pouri.

Mr. Russell and his youngest son died give all the credit to the latter who deof yellow fever. Mrs. Russell and family later returned to Canada, bringing Throne, . He was a man of great ability with them the Maharajah's wonderful gift of the miniature reproduction of unbounded confidence in his merit. one of the world's most remarkable buildings. On the voyage over the miniature was broken in transit. The family still held it as a prized possession, however, and some years ago Mrs. his influence at the Moghul's Court. Russell had it repaired at Jenkin's Art Gallery in Toronto. At the recent Christmas time she sent it to Dr. Russell as a Christmas gift and it is now one of the most prized possessions of having been discovered in the archives Dr. Russell and his family, because of of the Moguls in Delhi after the muit beauty, its art and its story

another gift of almost equal value. The seventeen lakhs, forty-eight thousand story of Taj Mahal as gathered in In- and twenty-six rupees which is equivadia by Rev. Mr. Russell. The story is lent to anywhere from twenty to sixty written in Rev. Mr. Russell's own han ! million dollars, according to the then pierced by two similar arches, one writing, the fine penmanship adding to rate of exchange had such existed, above the other, opening upon gallar-

Few, if any, in Timmins this year re- set down by Rev. Mr. Russell is given

Taj Mahal

This most exquisite building dream or poem in marble was erected by order of the Mogul Emperor Shah Jahan (son of Jahangir) as a Mosoleum or tomb for his deceased wife the Empress Mumtaj, so named by her

She was the daughter of Asuf Jan (brother of Nur Jahan) the favourit marble mausoleum at Aqra, India, Christian. Miriam, the latter, was a built in the seventh century by Shah R. C. She built a R. C. Church. Jahan as a tomb and a memorial for Jahangir was very tolerant of others. tiful work of art and skill. The in- was Shah Jahan for a time but his

The Empress Mumtaj was a Khadiza finely pierced marble windows. The in her day, a Mohammedan devotes miniature now the prized possession of and a bitter foe of such Christianity Dr. Russell is an exact replica of the as she knew. She took care that this Taj Mahal with the exception that it animosity should go with her to the grave and even be inserted in her The history of this replica is as in- tomb; and there it is to-day, in the teresting as the Taj Mahal. Rev. Taj, amid the flowers and inscrip-Norman Hobson Russell, father of Dr. tions on her Cenotaph-a prohibition N. H. Russell, was a missionary to India and a prayer against Christ's followers years ago. While on missionary ser- which her race has now lost its power

Mumtaj was reputed to be very beauing such capacity for the management of state affairs that her husband for into her hands.

When Mumtaj realized that she was about to die she exacted two promise from her husband: first, that he would not marry again after her death les other children of his might contend with hers for his favours and dominions; and secondly, that he would build for her the tomb with which he had promised to perpetuate her name. Both promises were fulfilled. Her requests were doubtless inspired by the fact of which she could not have been ignorant, that Shah Jahan had secured the throne for himself by assassinating his three older brothers. In later years Shah Jahan paid the penalty for his misdeeds when his children by Mumtaj quarrelled and contended for the throne and one of them, Aurungzeh (born at Dohad) slew his brother, captivity for years where he could not

Mumtaj died in 1631 and the build-Jahan was begun immediately.

The architect employed by Shah Jahan is not definitely known but the design is supposed to have been max-Verrones, an Italian and Austin de After their return to India both Rev. Bordeaux, a Frenchman. Some writers signed and made the famous Peacock and integrity and the Emperor had Bordeaux also built the palaces both in Agra and Delhi. He died at Cochin and is supposed to have been poisoned by the Portugese who were jealous of

. The Taj Mahal was built on the bank of the River Jumna about three miles from the city of Agra. The plans and specifications are said to be extant tiny of 1857. The records show that Accompanying the unique gift was the building cost in money three score.

women and children, suffered untold trellis work. distress and agony, all because one loving husband desired to do honour to the favourite among his wives.

Let us forget if we can at least for while this horror and fix our eyes in imagination, as I have more than once actually done in person, upon the glorious Taj Mahal

It is situated in the midst of a garden about fifty acres in extent surrounded by lofty walls of red sandstone with arched colonnades running around the interior. An entrance to the garden is obtained through superb gateway of red sandstone inlaid with inscriptions from the Koran in white marble and surmounted by 26 small marble domes, arches and pin nacles This gateway, 140 ft. high by 110 ft. wide, is itself a palace and considered one of the finest architec-

tural monuments in India. Passing through the gateway int the garden we behold groves of orang and lemon trees, palms and pomegranates, flowering plants and shrub through which winding walks of grave have been laid. From the steps of the gateway to the Taj is a vista about 100 ft, wide paved with white and black marble with tessellated designs, inyears resigned the reins of government closed with walls of cyprus. In the centre are a series of marble basins fed from fountains and goldfish may be

seen swimming about in the water. At the end of this vista a marble paved waterway rises against a cloudless sky, the most symmetrical, the most perfect, perhaps the only fauit less human structure, in existence

The Taj. Its base is a marble terrace 400 ft square elevated 18 ft. above the level of the garden. Rising from the terrace 18 ft. is a marble platform 313 feet square, each corner being marked with | wordsa marble minaret 137 ft. high. Within these minarets are winding staircases by which one can reach narrow windows and balconies and look upon the Taj from different heights and angles. The domes that crown these four minarets are exact miniatures of that

which covers the tomb. Standing upon the platform just (a square with the corners cut off) Upon the summit of the dome is a spire executed with wonderful perfection. the sunshine. The same duplication is carried out through the entire buildactly like every other tower, dome and tomb.

arch except in size. of the remainder of the octagon is known in the world.

or twenty-two years. But in addition the sun, to moderate the heat and to it must not be fogotten this structure subdue the light. They form a sort of cent holidaying visitors to Killaloe. was erected by forced labour, by unpaid colonnade around the building above workmen who were drafted from their and below, and are separated from the peror and according to the custom of ter as exequisite and delicate in design Bay the tie were compelled to support and prection as Brussels point lace themselves as well as their families The slabs of alabaster 12ft. X 18ft. are during the period of their employment. pierced with fillgree work, finely fin- guests this week of friends at Kap-The workmen were changed at inter- ished as if they were intended to be uskasing. vals but thousands died of starvation worn as jewels upon the crown of an and exhaustion, thousands perished of Empress. All the light that reaches disease and thousands more, including the interior is filtered through the Kirkland Lake, left on Wednesday af

The rotunda is unbroken, 58 ft. in diameter and 160 ft. from the floor to the apex of the dome. Like every other part of the building it is of the Cabalt where she spent the holidays. purest white marble, inlaid with mesaies of precious stones. The walls, the pillars, the wainscoating and the Cochrane last week, being the guest entire exterior as well as the interior Dr. and Mrs. E. Brunet. of the building are the same

Upon the walls of the tomb are about two acres of surface covered with mosaics as fine and sa perfect as if each setting were a jewel, turquoise coral, garnet, carnelian, jasper, agate lapis lazuli, onyx, bloodstone, tourmaline, sardonyx and a dozen other precious stones of different colours.

The most beautiful of these embellishments are inscriptions, chiefly passages from the Koran, and tributes of praise to "The Exalted One of the Palace", who lies buried there, worked cut in Arabic and Persian characters The ninety-nine names of God, which family in town pious Mohammedans love to inscribe appear in several places. Over the Her many friends will be sorry to archway of the entrance is an inscrip- learn that Miss Corinne Church fraction in Persian letters, "Only the pure in tured her ankle while skiing on Satur- street south-a son. heart can enter the Garden of God". day There is no wood or metal in this building, not a nail or a screw or a bolt of any kind. It is entirely of marble mortised and fastened with cement.

In the centre of the rotunda are two marble caskets side by side inlaid with rich gems and embellished by infinite skill with lace-like tracery. They represent the last resting place of the Emperor and Empress, but the bodie are actually buried in a room below.

The casket of Mumtaj, for whom this tomb was built, occupies the centre Her husband, because he was a man and an Emperor was entitled to a larger casket. Upon it is inscribed the

is now in heaven; saith Josus, on atives in Fort Coulonge. whom be peace. This world is a bridge; pags thou over it; Build not upon it! Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Church, 60 Balsam | gina Chare te) of 54 Montgomery ave-It lasteth but an hour; Devote its min- street south, were called to Bourlama- a daughter. utes to thy prayers, for the rest is un- que, Quebec, this week, by the illness seen and unknown"

The caskets are surrounded by a Church, R.N. mentioned rises the tomb-a majestic magnificent octagonal screen about six pile of pure white flawless marble 186 feet high with doors on the sides. The ft. square but really octagonal in shape open tracery in this white marble screen evening to return to Albert College is wrought into beautiful flowers, such after spending the holiday with his It measures 80 ft, from its pedestal to as lilies, irises, and others, and the parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chatson, 80 its roof, and is surmounted by a dome borders of the screen are inlaid with First avenue, Schumacher, also 80 ft. high and 58 ft. in diameter. precious stones, representing flowers

by a Persian (Ustad Isa) assisted by of gilded copper 28 ft. high, making the The richest work of all is on the beautiful beyond compare. entire structure 224 ft. from the ground casket of the Empress within the screen. No other person has such a tomb as to the tip of the spire. All of the domes The snow white marble is inlaid with this; nor pope, nor potentate, nor emare shaped like inverted turnips. Four flowers so delicately formed that they peror. Nowhere esse have human pride small domes surround the central dome lock like embroidery on white satin, and wealth and genius struggled so and arranged upon arches upon the so exquisitely is the mosaic executed successfully against the forgetfulness flat roof. From each of the eight angles in carnelian, blood stones, agates, of man. The Princess Arjamand as of the roof springs a delicate spire each jasper, lapis lazuli, etc. Thirty-five Empress Mumtaj has little place in 16 ft. high and so slender that they different specimens of carnelian are history, but a devoted, loving husband look like alabaster pencils glistening in employed in forming a single leaf of has rescued her name from oblivion.

tower, every dome, every arch is ex- same costly manner on the side of her monuments.

above the roof and at each corner of repeating and repeating itself in an the half has not been told may thank thef rames thatenclose then is an- echo more pure and prolonged and the Great Architect of the Universe for other minaret. Each of the six faces harmonious than any other, so far as the gift bestowed—the capacity to ap-

the interest of the story. The story as 20,000 men were employed continuously ies which serve to break the force of architectural art in existence. It is man soul."

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guests of friends at Kirkland Lake

Mr. Fred Dwyer left on Tuesday on a business trip to Toronto.

Mrs. F. McCauley, of Cochrane, was a visitor to Timmins last week.

Mr. M. J. Ring was among the re-

shops and farms by order of the Em- rotunda by screen of perforated alabas- take the month's training in North

ter a business visit to town. Miss Isabel Andrews, of the public

school staff, returned this week from Miss Irene Millette was a visitor

Mr. Johnny Boconfuso returned Wednesday after a holiday spent at 1

Mr. Johnny Bracken returned on Tuesday after a holiday spent at Gan-

Mrs. Moyer, of Vineland, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Tom Platts, of Toke

tawa, spent the New Year with his

Miss Lily Feldman has returned to

Toronto University after a holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Feld-

Mrs. Savage, of Cobalt, is visiting her daughter Mrs. L. Bailey, and other relatives and friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Dawson and little son, Gordon, of Welland, Ont., spent a few days the guests of friends in Tim-

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Durocher re-"His Majesty, King of Kings, Lord turned this week after a few weeks" of Lords, Shadow of Allah, whose court vacation spent visiting friends and rel-

and has immortalized her by making | cers and N. C. O.'s. Her name and date of death, with her her dust the tenant of the most maing. The harmony is complete. Every virtuous qualities, are recorded in the jestic and beautiful of all human Lieut. D. J. Casey

The poet who conceived this dream The acoustic properties of the rotun- in marble, the artist who designed the Foster. The building is entered on the N. & da are very remarkable and a sound Taj, the workmen who called it into S. sides through enormous pointed uttered by a human voice or a musical being, the travellers who have gazed arches of perfect proportions reaching instrument will creep around its curves upon it and we who have heard, though preciate things beautiful.

Everybody admits that the Taj Perhaps it is as Hudson, the famous Mahal is the noblest tribute to affec- naturalist has said, "The sense of the tion and the most perfect triumph of beautiful is God's best gift to the huWANTED TO PURCHASE

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Simce Foresters, returned on Sunday have made certain statements calculato Camp Borden, after spending two ed to cause disaffection to His Majesty weeks' furlough at the home of Mrs. The Magistrate pointed out however Buell and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. that should the attorney general give George Koretz, 55 Toke St.

Mr. Ralph Paul, formerly chief of police at Timmins, and more recently police chief at Larder Lake, and who at the outbreak of the war joined the C. A. S. F., was a visitor this week clothes that were being held by A. V. at his home here while on leave from Camp Borden. He is in the Provest to sixty days. Renaud forged the Dept. of the Army, his police experience giving him special ability for

Eleven Births Registered During the Past Week

Born-on December 17th, 1940, to Mr and Mrs. Michael John Sutherland (nee Mary Evelyn Johnston) of 14 Gerald Morrow, of the R.C.A.F., Ot-Kimberley avenue—a son. Born-on December 13th, 1940, to Mr

and Mrs. James Rimmer, of 219 Cedar street south-a daughter. Born-on December 29th, 1940, to Mr

and Mrs. Romeo Timm, of 451 Pine and Mrs. Philippe Boudreault (nee Maria Lauzon) of 100 Poplar street-

Born-on December 13th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. James Booth Johnston of 87 Main avenue-a daughter.

Born-on December 21st, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Domenico Compagna of Ruel, Ontario,-a daughter.

Born-on December 27th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goudreau of 18 Floral Park-a son.

Born-on December 7th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jones of 40712 Spruce street south-a son. Born-on December 18th, 1940, to Mr.

and Mrs. Wm. Pigeon, of 18 Mattagami Born-on December 3rd, 1940, to Mr. in an illegal place, also took thirty

and Mrs. Lorenza Grondin (nee Geor-Born-on December 25th, 1940 to Mr.

of their daughter, Miss Gertrude and Mrs. Joseph Lorenzo Servant (nee Maria Bigras) of Cheneville, Quebec-

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Dated at Lucknow, Ontario, this Sixth day of January, A.D. 1941. Gerald T. Rathwell:

## Defence of Canada Charge Withdrawn In Police Court

No Instructions Received From Attorney General To Proceed. Other Cases Heard.

Lacking instructions from the Atorney General's Department, ordering prosecution, a charge under the De-Albert J. Tasse, of Timmins, was withdrawn by Magistrate Atkinson in police Lieut, R. E. Buell, of the Grey and court on Tuesday. Tasse is alleged to orders to proceed with the case, the matter would be re-opened.

Sixty Days For Forgery

Joseph Renaud, who admitted writing a letter and forging the signature so that he might recover his green for unpaid rent, was sentenced name of a local taxi company proprietor to the letter in question, saying that the taxi owner would be personally responsible for the debt. Renaud had a previous police record.

Pays Fine For Assault

Lucien Rochon, charged with assault occasioning actual bodily harm to Emery Lemay, paid a fine of \$10 and costs A similar charge against Albert Girard was dismissed.

Dangerous Driving

J. T. Thomas, of Connaught, convicted of dangerous driving in connection with an accident involving his car and a taxi owned by the Cartier Taxi Company at the corner of Pine street and Born-on December 13th, 1940, to Mr. | Third avenue, was fined \$25 and cost and had his license suspended for thirty days. The car driven by Thomas struck the taxi and drove it into the United Cigar Store window.

Indian Gets One Month

Edward Walker, 64, an Indian who is on the "Indian List" was convicted Wednesday morning and sentenced to a month in jail on a charge of illegal possession of wine. Wilful Damage

Ben Faucher, 34, a roomer at the Dominion Cafe, alleged to have damaged a bed and smashed a door during a drunkeon brawl Tuesday night, went to jail for thirty days rather than pay a ten-dollar fine and damages of Boulevard at St. Mary's Hospital-a twelve dollars. A companion, Arvo Puuronen, charged with having wine

days in lieu of ten dollars and costs.

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she'd about snap a fellow's head off if he asked for a date . . . she always was nervous and headachy. She's in the swing now, though, since she got glasses from The Ourtis Optical. Her eyes were causing all the trouble an examination revealed that.

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