

Throughout the year that is passing we have appreciated the friendship and goodwill of all our patrons and to one and all we sincerely wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**BRUCE LEEK -- Florist**

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Pine Street North, Timmins

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Sincere Wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and Happiness throughout the New Year.

**CHAS. PIERCE & SONS**

16 Third Avenue, Timmins

Phone 16

**WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS**



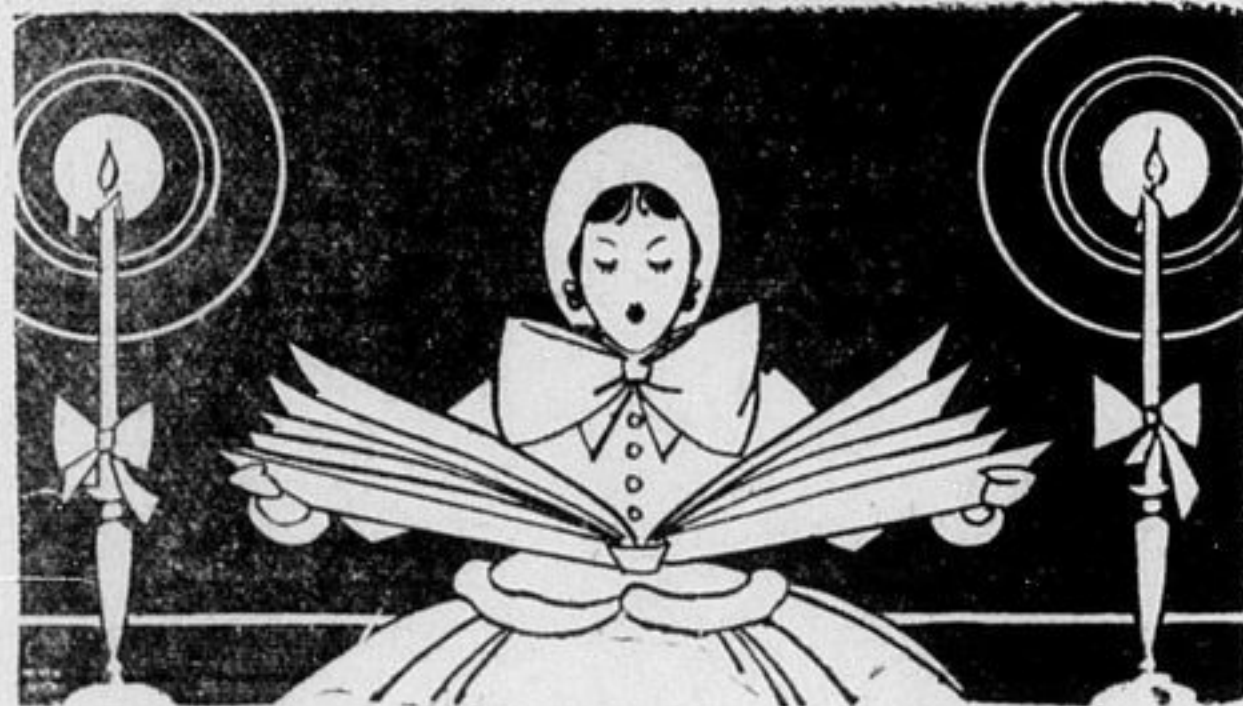
May Your Christmas be a Happy One  
And your New Year Full of Good Luck and Happiness.

**PEARL LAKE HOTEL**

Frank Klisanich, Proprietor.

First Avenue, Schumacher

Phone 788



To Old Friends and New Friends and Friends yet to come, we wish a very Merry Christmas and a Glad New Year.

**RINN BROS.**

EXCLUSIVE LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR

13 Pine Street North, Timmins

Phone 325



Wish that all your Christmas Hours by Bright and Happy, and the New Year Bring you Joy.

**KING EDWARD HOTEL**

Opposite T. & N. O. Station

Phone 324

**CHRISTMAS IN THE PORCUPINE**

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spirit of friendliness and thought for others, and with particular thought for the happiness of the children.

And all the Porcupine looks with faith and hope to "Christmas yet to Come" — to the Christmas when Victory will be won and the world will be back to normal, with liberty and opportunity for all and friendship and goodwill more widely spread throughout the earth.

**They Gave Their Gifts**

(From "Our Dumb Animals")

JESUS, our Saviour, strong and good,  
Was humbly born in a stable rude,  
And the friendly beasts around him stood.

"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown,  
"I carried His Mother up and down;  
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town."

"I," said the cow, all white and red,  
"I gave Him my manger for His bed;  
I gave Him, my hay to pillow His head."

"I," said the sheep with the curly horn,  
"I gave Him my wool for His blanket warm;  
He wore my coat on Christmas morn."

"I," said the camel, yellow and black,  
"Over the desert upon my back,  
I brought Him a gift in the Wise Men's pack."

"I," said the dove, "from my rafter high,  
Cooed Him to sleep that He should not cry.  
We cooed Him to sleep, my mate and I."

**"There is a Santa Claus"**

Children have often written to editors asking them in regard to Santa Claus and editors have made many appropriate replies. But it remains for a New York editor to have made the most effective reply to the question — a reply that has been printed and re-printed in literally hundreds of newspapers during the past 46 years. Some seven years ago it appeared, (for the second or third time) in The Advance and it is republished here this year again by special request of a South Porcupine friend:—

**There is a Santa Claus!**

Forty-six years ago little Virginia O'Hanlian wrote to the editor of The New York Sun:—

"Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun, it's so!' Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus?"

The letter was answered in The New York Sun by Mr. Francis P. Church, the chief editorial writer, and his answer probably has been reprinted more times than any other newspaper article ever written. Here is the answer:—

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been afflicted by the skepticism of the skeptical age. They do not believe except what they can see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world, if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not! But that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive and imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle to see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Oh, Virginia! in all the world there is nothing real and abiding.

"No Santa Claus? Thank God, he lives, and he lives forever! A thousand years from now, Virginia, may 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

**Greetings to Subscribers**

A member of The Advance who is always thinking of something or other, suggests that it would be nice to express Christmas greetings in two or three languages so that readers of The Advance would have the good wishes in their own language.

So The Advance subscription list was studied and here is the result:—

- To the English-speaking:— A Merry Christmas.
- To the Gaelic:— Nodhlaig Fe Mhais Agaibh.
- To the French-speaking:— Joyeux Noel.
- To the Chinese:— Kiojuk Sing-Tan.
- To the Finnish:— Hauskaa Joulua.
- To the Polish:— Rzechenia Weselych, Swiet Bozega Narodzenia.
- To the Italian:— Buon Natale.
- To the Ukrainian:— Weselych Swiet Rizda Chrystowoho.
- To the Danish:— Glaedelig Jul.
- To the Swedish:— Glad Jul.
- To the Norwegian:— Glaedelig Juel.
- To the Hollander:— Vroolijke Kerstmis.
- To the Russian:— Pozdrawlenie s Rozdestwom Christowym.
- To the Syrian:— Aid Mbarck.
- To the Indian:— Mino Niba-Anamiegijigad.

The Advance has some subscribers among people of all the above nationalities, and in addition, there are Swiss, Hungarian, Spanish, Croatian, Greek and several other nationalities on the list of readers of The Advance, Timmins and the Porcupine being very cosmopolitan places. Time does not permit the translation of the season's greetings into all the languages represented by readers of The Advance, but they all know the English language well and so herewith are given the greeting in a language they all know and respect:—

A Merry Christmas!

**The Best Gifts**

(By Anne Sutherland Brooks)

Let us give each other gifts this Christmas more valuable than ever before, gifts of courage, of laughter, of good fellowship, of understanding, most of all, faith — faith in God, His plan, His Power, His Providence. So shall the Christmas Star shine out in our lives and the light shall never go out all the year round.



Santa Claus has about the only big moving and delivery job that we are not equipped to handle. We do, however, very sincerely Transfer his message to all.

**A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

**STAR TRANSFER**

Phone 427

Timmins, Ont.



To wish you sincerely a Merry Christmas and a Glad New Year.

**W. C. ARNOTT**  
MEN'S AND BOYS' WEAR

31 First Avenue, Schumacher

Phone 740



May Friendship and Goodwill dwell with all this Christmas-tide and throughout the New Year.

**ALBERT'S HOTEL**

Albert Mongeon, Proprietor

Corner Mountjoy and Second Ave.

Phone 1965



To our customers and friends we extend thanks for their patronage and goodwill and to one and all we wish

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BRIGHT NEW YEAR.**

**I. K. PIERCE FURNITURE COMPANY**

42 Third Avenue

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