

CLAREMONT and PICKERING TWP. DISTRICT

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wood and family of Richvale visited Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Wood on Sunday.

Miss Marjorie FitzGibbon, Miss Joan Lambie, Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor, all of Toronto, were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Allman.

The members of the North Pickering Branch, Canadian Legion, Claremont, are anxious to express their appreciation to the merchants and others who helped to make their special evening and draws a success.

The Santa Claus Parade here on Saturday was described as even better than the display last year. Betty Ward, Jas. Phillips and Walter Pascoe were the three lucky winners of the turkeys given away. The Sarco Co. took the trophy for the best float; Fred Lewis of Altona was second and Skylot Lodge, third. There were about a dozen floats in the parade and Santa dispersed candies to more than five hundred eager children.

Mrs. Jim Norton won that fine rug, the first prize lucky draw at the Legion bingo last week; other prize winners were as follows: Mrs. Yvonne Redman, blankets; A. Mitchell, Locust Hill, electric kettle; W. A. Doherty, Milliken, electric clock; Mrs. W. Lehman, lighter; Betty Redshaw, cigarette roller; 5 merchandise to Mrs. Jim Taylor, A. Mitchell, S. M. Brown, Downsview, Don Beer, Brougham, Wm. Vince, Oshawa, E. Jones Brougham, Mrs. S. Loyst, Doug. Arksey.

The W.M.S. was held last Thursday afternoon with a good attendance, and the president and secretary were in their respective places. Mrs. Reynolds conducted the Christmas candle lighting program assisted by Mrs. F. Ward, Mrs. Hammond Sr., Mrs. Lehman, Mrs. Carson and Mrs. Howard. Rev. H. Lackey brought a fine Christmas message. A number of the ladies quilted prior to and after the meeting. Plans were suggested for making the society more efficient in a number of ways during the new year. The present slate of officers were returned for another term.

At the December meeting of the W.I. held last Wednesday at the home of Mrs. M. Anderson, the roll call for a box of candy furnished a bountiful supply. A splendid report of the November Convention was given by the delegate, Miss Forsythe, who brought Gordon Sinclair's address to the members, which was about the late "Amy Semple McPherson of California," "Henry Long," "The Duke and Duchess of Windsor." Both Miss Forsythe and Mrs. McConnell, the alternate delegate, mentioned the remarks of a speaker at the banquet, pertaining to the regrettable lack of cordiality so often manifested between the French and English in Montreal and Quebec. Captain Jones of the Salvation Army at Uxbridge brought the Christmas message, choosing as her subject "Windows." She regretted the fact that Christmas was being commercialized, thus forgetting the real meaning of the wonderful event to the world. We each display to others what we are by our actions and are therefore windows. Mrs. F. Carson sang a lovely Christmas carol. There was an exchange of Christmas gifts. A lunch of sandwiches, cookies, candy and tea was served by the committee in charge.

The C.G.I.T. group with their leader, Mrs. Lackey, held a candle lighting service in the United Church Sunday evening, and had complete charge during the hour. They afterwards sang Christmas carols at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Forsythe, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Hamm and Mr. J. and Miss Dick-

AUDLEY

Arthur Hedge is recovering from an attack of pneumonia. Mrs. Henry Westney visited her father, Rev. Joblin, in Port Perry last week.

Frank Madigan, who has made his home with Chas. Puckrin, the Crawfords and with Mrs. McBrady here for many years as a general farm hand, was taken to hospital last week with an attack of appendicitis. He succumbed after the operation and interment was made in the R.C. cemetery at Pickering. He was born on a farm in the fifth concession, and has lived in this neighborhood all his life. A brother in the States and some cousins in Toronto are the surviving relatives. Deceased was in his 73rd year and was never married. He was of a jovial and kindly disposition.

Again Christmas time has come around and nearly every resident, especially the younger ones are radiant with the good will and general spirit of the Master of long ago. All families are planning gatherings and home comings for the Monday and special services are being arranged for the churches. This old world is bad enough, but what would it be like if there had been no Man of Galilee to pin faith on our adoration. The only comfort that will stick in one's memory after this year goes into history, will be the sacrifice we have made to establish good will among men.

The school meeting for S.S.No.5 will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 28th, at the school house at 7 p.m. A full attendance of ratepayers is asked for. This custom of service by the people was the foundation upon which our school system was built. About 40 years ago Ontario was regarded as the most advanced and the best system in Canada and local control evoked and secured a great amount of local interest in school matters. Many old trustees of that system took great pride in keeping the public schools manned by good teachers and equipped well. Perhaps it might be observed by many today, that the heavy expenditures for streamlined school buildings with all very modern means of text books and teaching aids, have not produced a corresponding increase in intelligence or in training. Many also feel that a school system guided from the top down can never reach the levels that can be obtained from an inspired countryside directing the uplift education of their children.

FIRE COMMITTEE IS ORGANIZED

A standing fire committee was organized at East Woodland, Pickering Twp., last week, with the object of organizing a volunteer fire-fighting department. On the committee are Bert Cain, Terry Ryan, Albert Hall, Ed Hannah, Harold Mitchell, Jack Martin and R. Wells. Water supplies in the district will be tabulated and volunteers organized and trained. It is hoped to have trained personnel in Cherrywood and Fairport Beach as well. The fire chief will be appointed later.

INSON, ALL SHUT-INS.

Mrs. Fred Pugh won herself that scrumptious Christmas Cake donated on Saturday by Madam Clare's Bakery here to the Business Men's big Santa Claus Parade. Each person had a guess on the weight of the cake which has been displayed for some time in the bakery window. The actual weight was 5 pounds, 10 3/4 ozs., and Mrs. Pugh came the closest, with a guess of 5 pounds, 11 ozs.

BROUGHAM

Misses Myra and Donna Ford of Highland Creek returned home after spending a few days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ellicott.

Mrs. C. Devitt who does not improve as fast as her many friends would wish is now in Toronto where she is receiving treatment.

Mrs. M. Lemmon is spending a couple of days with friends in Toronto.

Miss H. Percy of Markham accompanied by her sister and two nieces called on Mrs. M. Hamilton one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Wannopp have rented a house in Greenwood and moved there on Saturday.

Mr. David Barclay had the misfortune to slip off a ladder and fracture a small bone in his foot.

The Women's Institute Euchre was held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 12, when the following were prize winners: Mrs. N. Burton, Miss Jean Madill, Mrs. M. Birrell, Mr. P. Hardy, Mr. B. Beer and Master Billy Ellicott. Two special prizes were won by Mrs. J. Mitchell and Mr. C. Plaxton.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. John's Church, met in the church on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 14. The meeting opened with the singing of hymn No. 64. The program was followed as in the Missionary Monthly, led by the president, Mrs. Manson Ellicott. The business session was a lengthy one. The nominating committee was, president, Mrs. M. Ellicott; secretary, Mrs. Howard Plaxton; treasurer, Mrs. Cassie; and submitted their findings as the following names as officers for 1951: hon. president, Mrs. M. Ellicott; president, Mrs. Harold Barclay; 1st vice president, Mrs. H. Miller; 2nd vice president, Mrs. W. Knox; secretary, Mrs. Howard Plaxton; treasurer, Mrs. Dean Mairs; literature secretary, Mrs. T. Norton; press secretary, Mrs. W. Ellicott; missionary secretary, Mrs. W. Bayles; Christian Stewardship and Finance secretary, Mrs. M. Ellicott; associate members secretary, Mrs. B. Ritchie; supply secretary, Mrs. A. Gray, Mrs. Lemmon and Mrs. Geo. Philip; temperance and Christian citizenship secretary, Mrs. L. Johnston; pianists, Mrs. L. Johnston, Mrs. C. Barclay and Mrs. Harvey; flower committee, Mrs. W. Ellicott and Mrs. W. Willson; finance committee, Mrs. Mairs, Mrs. M. Ellicott, Mrs. W. Willson and Mrs. H. Malcolm; Baby Band leader, Mrs. Geo. Duncan; Mission Band, Mrs. M. Annis; Comm. Friendship sec., Mrs. Johnston Sr., Mrs. T. Philip, Mrs. M. Ellicott, Mrs. H. Miller and Mrs. Cassie; social comm., Mrs. Burk, Mrs. M. Ellicott, Mrs. H. Plaxton, Mrs. Helen Gray. A candle-light service was then led by the president, assisted by Mrs. M. Annis, Mrs. Dean Mairs, Mrs. Norton Mrs. Geo. Willson and Mrs. Ray Ellicott. The hymns used were numbers 55, 483, 60 and 58. The meeting closed with prayer.

The Women's Institute held their last meeting of the year on Tuesday, Dec. 12, in the Township Hall, Brougham. After the business session was over, the District President of South Ontario, Mrs. M. Birrell, addressed the members. She spoke first of the possibility of securing films from the National Film Board, the subjects of which are unlimited. The president also told of a gavel to be presented to the Institute getting the largest number of new members. This year 36 new Institutes have been formed. There are 1463 in Ontario, and according to John Fisher, guest speaker at the Women's Institute Convention, there is no reason why more women should not hold responsible positions in public and in the governing of our country. Mrs. Birrell spoke of Rev. Dr. Norman Bell's helpful radio speech, in finding it of great importance to alling people, to impress on them the idea of living one day at a time. Mrs. Jack Mitchell, delegate to the convention held at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, gave an interesting report. Mrs. Houck spoke of "What is our Horizon?" In it she spoke of women being more businesslike than men, when holding office. Mrs. Fletcher told of a delegation of 38 W.I. members going to Copenhagen in 1949. These Canadians met gracious courtesies in all the nations they visited. They were met at the boats by different organizations and always an interpreter. The country women of the world have been extended an invitation to visit Canada. Miss Lewis showed the convention souvenirs and W.I. pins of different countries. They visited Sweden, Lapland, and Denmark. In this country many women smoke cigars. In Holland they visited the cemeteries where Canadian boys sleep. In Oslo there are 21 women in city councils. In Stockholm everyone rides a bicycle. In London they visited Westminster Abby. Mrs. Snider is chairman for 1951 and Mrs. McPhatter the secretary. Mrs. Burk, convener of Current Events, read a poem on "How to Keep Christmas." At the tea hour a delicious lunch was served, the hostesses

Thieves Take Top of Prized Conacher Tree

Charlie Conacher's prize imported Holland Blue Spruce on his Pickering Twp. lawn will never be any good as a tree again, but the noted hockey figure still wants to find out what happened to it.

Sometime during Sunday night, a dual-wheeled truck drove part way up the winding drive leading to his home and someone cut the tree off six feet from the ground—evidently planning to use the top as a Christmas tree.

Pickering Township Police Chief Lockhart Trinnell says the tree will be hard to disguise. It was more than 30 feet tall and eight inches thick at the base and if used for outdoor display can be easily spotted.

Chas. Hooper Re-elected By York Federation

Charles Hooper of Buttonville and Councillor for Markham Twp. was re-elected president of the York County Federation of Agriculture at the annual meeting in Newmarket last week.

Newly elected officers are: Frank Marritt, Keswick, 1st vice president; Russell Rountree, Woodbridge, 2nd vice president; William Buchanan, Downsview, secretary-treasurer. Elected to the executive committee were Ron Ramer, Bert Palmer, Allan Loveless, Max Newroth, Mrs. Bruning and Mrs. Brumwell. A representative from the junior farmers is to be appointed.

being Mrs. G. Duncan, Mrs. W. Hamilton, Mrs. A. Gray, Mrs. Geo. Gray. The next W.I. euchre will be on Jan. 9th, 1951.

Turkeys Cheap at Uxbridge Poultry Fair

Uxbridge got the bird killed, plucked and in wholesale lots as poultrymen from neighboring townships of Scott, Reach and Brock moved in for the Christmas Fair.

"Are you buying or selling?" was the greeting to most strangers. Bidding gets around by a whisper campaign like any true curb market. Truck loads of turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens jammed the streets shortly after dawn, and business continued until noon. The Santa Claus Parade took over the afternoon as business thinned out.

It was a buyers' market in turkeys at least, which should be good news to the housewives who haven't yet grabbed the holiday fowl. Turkey was selling as low as 55 cents a pound, cause of much grousing by the poultrymen. "These guys wanna get rich quick," was a typical remark.

Some surprise was caused by the price of geese. They have less meat than turkeys and the honkers were going for as high as 48 cents a pound, with chicken somewhere in between.

In a back room of the town hall, looking like a swami at his crystal ball, L. McGill of the Department of Agriculture, was bending to the task of candling eggs as he judged the four-turdies competition. The fowl judges wandered around the rows of birds in the hall pok-

ATHA NEWS

Keep in mind the educational film put on at Atha School on Friday afternoon, Dec. 22 at 2 o'clock. All welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan visited with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tran on Saturday night.

Mr. Eli Lehman is expected home from hospital this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Baird and Hugh of Saintfield were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Murray Dunkeld on Sunday.

Mrs. Fred Draper and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Carruthers, Ruth Ann, and Mrs. A. Carruthers helped little Marie Draper celebrate her birthday on Friday evening.

Several from here attended the Santa Claus parade at Claremont on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Hurreley of Toronto was a dinner guest with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Draper on Sunday.

Wong, used by at least 150,000,000 Chinese people, is the world's most common family name.

Pine trees are less likely to be struck by lightning because their resin interferes with their conducting of electricity.

ing and prying, and nodding to each other as they awarded the prizes.

RIO THEATRE UXBIDGE

Two Shows Nightly Matinee Saturday at 2.00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday December 20th & 21st

"QUICKSAND" MICKEY ROONEY and JEANNE CAGNEY

FOTO NITE Every Thursday

THIS WEEK First Offer \$150.00 Second Offer \$55.00 Wednesday is Attendance Night

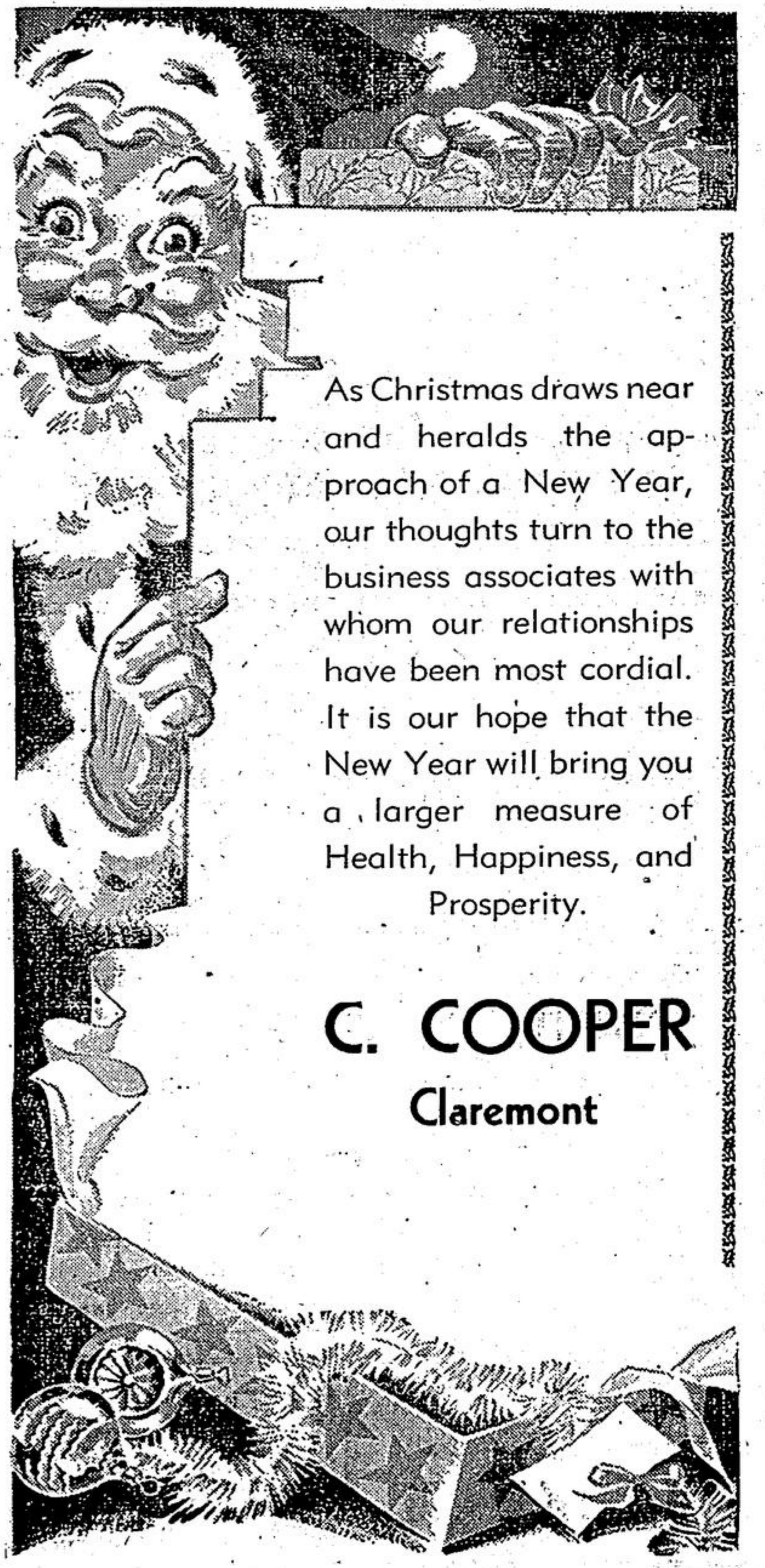
Friday & Saturday December 22nd & 23rd

"ADVENTURES OF DON JUAN" (Technicolor) ERROL FLYNN and VIVECA LINDFORS

Monday & Tuesday December 25th & 26th

"LOOK FOR THE SILVER LINING" (Technicolor) JUNE HAVER and RAY BOLGER

THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF THE RIO THEATRE WISHES EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS



As Christmas draws near and heralds the approach of a New Year, our thoughts turn to the business associates with whom our relationships have been most cordial. It is our hope that the New Year will bring you a larger measure of Health, Happiness, and Prosperity.

C. COOPER Claremont

May this Friendly Greeting express Sincere Thanks for your patronage during the past year.

With best wishes for a Joyful Christmas

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EAST BOUND		READ DOWN		Toronto Time		WEST BOUND		READ UP	
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Sun. & Hol.	Daily Ex. & Sun. & Hol.	Sat. Only	Sun. & Hol.		Sun. & Hol.	Sat. Only	Sun. & Hol.	Sat. Only	
9.45	5.45	2.00	10.00	TORONTO	8.40	9.35	5.20	9.35	
10.10	6.10	2.25	10.25	Bay and Edward	8.10	9.10	4.50	9.10	
10.20	6.20	2.35	10.35	Danforth and Luttrell	9.00	9.00	4.45	9.00	
10.35	6.35	2.50	10.50	Scarboro Jct.	7.45	8.45	4.30	8.45	
10.38	6.38	2.53	10.53	Malvern	7.42	8.42	4.27	8.42	
10.40	6.40	2.55	10.55	Brown's Cor.	7.40	8.40	4.25	8.40	
10.50	6.50	3.05	11.05	Town Line	7.30	8.30	4.15	8.30	
11.00	7.00	3.15	11.15	*Cedar Grove—Markham	7.20	8.20	4.05	8.20	
11.05	7.05	3.20	11.20	Locust Hill	7.15	8.15	4.00	8.15	
11.10	7.10	3.25	11.25	Green River	7.10	8.10	3.55	8.10	
11.20	7.20	3.35	11.35	Brougham	7.00	8.00	3.45	8.00	
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