


**SKATES and BOOTS FOR CHRISTMAS**

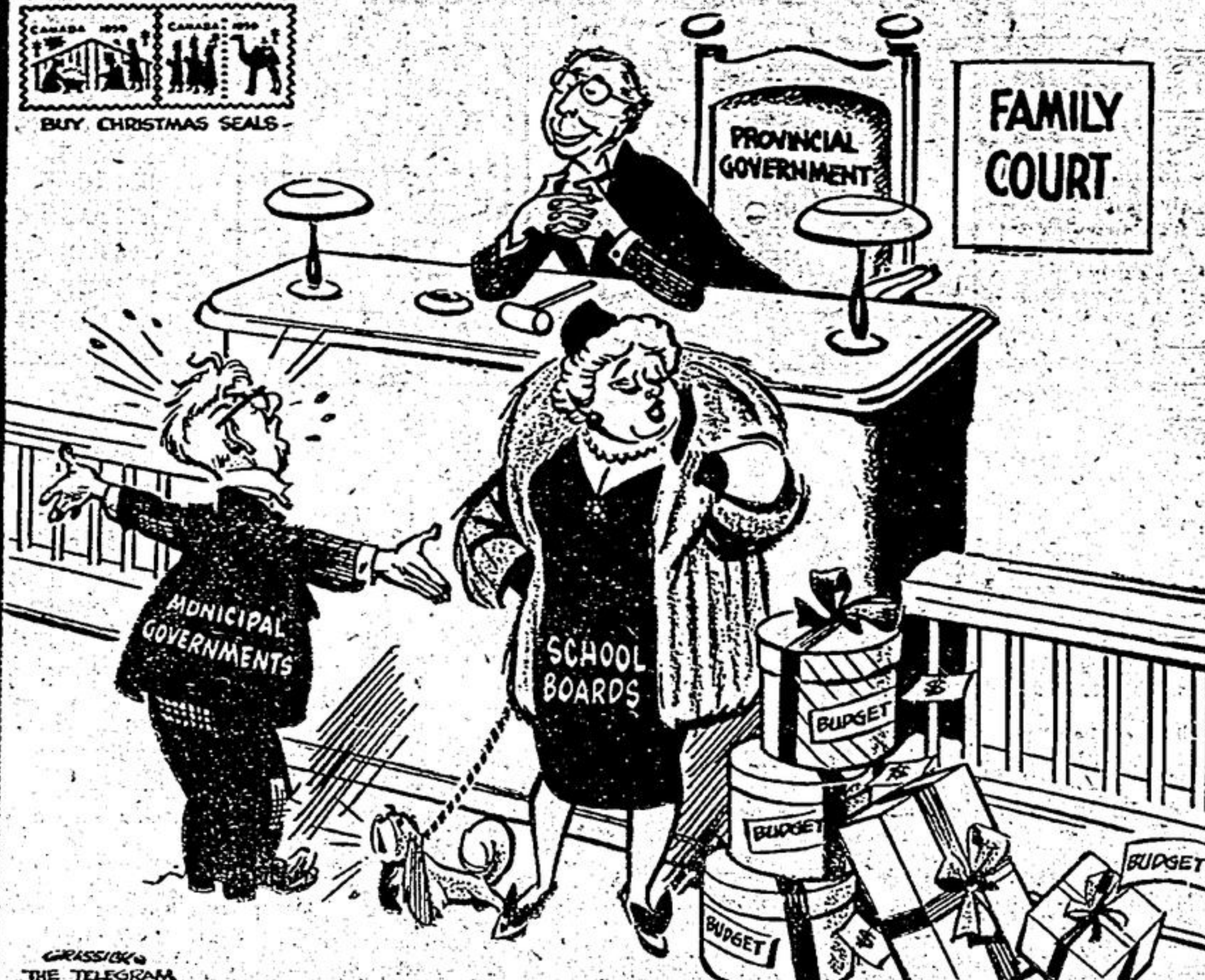


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**KEEPING Christmas**

It is a good thing to observe Christmas Day. The mere marking of times and seasons, when men agree to stop work and make merry together, is a wise and wholesome custom. It helps one to feel the supremacy of the common life over the individual life.

Are you willing to stoop down and consider the needs and the desires of little children; to remember the weakness and loneliness of people who are growing old; to stop asking how much your friends love you and ask yourself whether you love them enough; to bear in mind the things that other people have to bear on their hearts; to make a grave for your angry thoughts and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open - are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing to believe that love is the strongest thing in the world - stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death - and that the blessed life which began in Bethlehem some 1900 years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love? Then you can keep Christmas. And if you keep it for a day, why not always?  
 -Henry Van Dyke

**NOEL, NOEL . . .** There is plenty of expression in the singing of these youngsters, members of the choir at a Washington, D. C., infant home.

**First Observance**  
 The first Christmas observance in this country took place shortly after Columbus discovered America. The Santa Maria was beached on Christmas and Columbus and his men were unable to free her. The ship was stripped of as much gear as possible and when the Nina was unable to accommodate all of the Santa Maria's crew, some of them were left behind in a fort, that in honor of the season was called Le Navidad, the Nativity.

**WHAT ABOUT AFTER CHRISTMAS?**

What happens the day after Christmas? Is the spirit of Christmas "spent" in lavish preparation and anticipation, enjoyed but briefly, then thrown aside with the wrapping paper and colored ribbon? What happens the day after Christmas? Does one breathe a deep sigh and inwardly say, "I'm glad that it's over for another year?" If this happens, then certainly we are not "keeping the Christmas." The Spirit of Christmas is superficial. Our Christmas symbols and ornaments, many of them pagan in their origin, are only decorative trappings for creating a festive spirit.

**It Is Real**  
 But Christmas is not superficial. Christmas is REAL. And so must observance of the holiday be REAL and not the mere matter of observing customs and practices as a matter of conformity. The glitter is gone from evergreens and holly wreaths on the day after Christmas. The tree suddenly becomes old and drops its needles upon the carpet. No longer does the bright figure of Santa adorn the mantle or doorway; it simply hangs there, bereft of glamour and stirring little anticipation.

**It Is Meaningful**  
 Unless we have "kept the Christmas" in preparation for, and observance of Christmas Day, then we have observed a meaningless holiday. This year, let us keep the Christmas in a spirit that will keep the profound meaning of the holiday deep in our hearts for the remainder of the days after Christmas. As we observe the Christmas, we must find time to meditate upon the great reality - that upon this day Christ was born, bringing to all mankind the promise of eternal salvation. This is the message of Christmas and the secret to the successful keeping of Christmas - purpose and grace.

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**TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE TENDER**

The undersigned will receive separate tenders, for each, for the supply and delivery of the following items delivered to the Township Garage at Goodwood, Ontario, until 12.00 noon, 19 December, 1959. Gasoline No. 1 & No. 2; No. 1 Diesel Fuel; Furnace Oil; Lubricants.

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**Santa's Story**



His mission is usually the same - but not his looks and his message. That's the Story of Santa around the world. Santa as we know him in America today pretty well follows the description given by Clement Moore in his famous poem, "The Visit From Saint Nicholas." This truly familiar symbol of Christmas was a somewhat angular figure before Moore gave him a sleigh, twinkling eyes, cheeks like roses, nose like a cherry and a round little belly. The idea of Santa Claus began American mail carriers. British with the Dutch and their "Santa" children prepare their Christmas "Klass," a contraction from St. Nicholas and throw them into the Nicholas, legendary Bishop of back of the fire. Supposedly, St. Myra and the patron saint of the chimney, children. Children in Holland "Father Christmas" will bring or "Saint Nicholas" all of the gifts; if the paper or "Saint Nicholas" Early settlers in America adopted the legendary figure and changed the name from "Saint Nicholas" to "Santa Claus" to "Santa Claus."

**Far East**  
 In France, it is "Pere Noel" who visits the children, and he is usually pictured on a mule. British children, just as American, write letters to the Christmas giver of gifts, and prepare lists of the things they would like to receive. But, they direct their missives to "Father Christmas" and follow a tradition which might find favor with

**CEDAR GROVE**

The Christmas season opened officially in Cedar Grove on Sunday night with a beautiful White Gift service in Zion Church. The children conducted the service with ease and clarity, both in words and music while nativity scenes were acted in colourful pantomime. Throughout the evening the Girls' choir sang Christmas songs and carols of which "Silent Night" and "Ring Out, Sweet Bells of Christmas" were unbelievably sweet. Close to one hundred partook of a fine turkey supper under the auspices of the YPU on Friday last and a very substantial start was made toward the support of the Young People's adopted child.

The annual Mitten Tree, which has gained an important place in the Cedar Grove tradition of Christmas, will not take place

In quite the same way this year. The Mothers' Club has decided against a party but will have boxes at the Sunday School on Dec. 13th and 20th to receive mittens from those wishing to contribute to the "Save the Children Fund". Mittens of all sizes will be welcome.

Congratulations are in order this week for Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ramer who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday with a surprise party carefully planned by their family. And to Mr. George Freeman who has a birthday coming up on Dec. 13th.

Mothers' Club Bowling night is Dec. 14th at 9.15 p.m. in the new alleys. Will any regular bowlers who cannot be present please arrange their own substitutes.