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TO AID SANTA CLAUS

TO HELP HIM MAKE MANY HOMES HAPPY.

The Citizens Are Urged to Help Make a Fund That Will Bring Cheer and Gladness to Every Destitute Home.

To the adult inured to some extent to disappointment and hardship the failure of Christmas is comparatively little felt, but the youngsters' imaginations are inflamed by the brightly lighted and toy-dressed windows, their hopes raised by the legend of old St. Nick, or, perhaps, by the memory of other years, when the outlook was brighter than at present, and their expectations are made sanguine in the stories of joys in store for their more fortunate playmates.

It is with the idea of alleviating as far as possible the most poignant sorrow of childhood that the Kingston papers have inaugurated the Santa Claus fund. The matter is now in the hands of the good, generous citizens. We believe that they will see to it that the little ones in homes not so prosperous as their own shall not be subjected to the cruel disappointment of a Santa Claus that never came.

A little lad from the Royal Military College writes Santa Claus for a pair of hockey skates, a hockey stick and a lace stocking.

Two little friends of Santa Claus, on Queen street, write: "We are thinking about you to-day. Could you be so kind as to visit us on Christmas eve? We will leave the door open so you won't have to come down the smoky old chimney. Please leave a pair of rubbers, No. 12, and a pair No. 7, and two pairs of overstockings, a little set of furs and a doll for our little sister, and a Teddy bear for baby, and some toys. This is all. Our love to Santa."

Already acknowledged \$66.68. Sydenham school (city) pupils \$7.00. A Friend \$1.00. H. E. Smith \$1.00. Margaret Stafford \$1.00. Alma Stafford \$1.00. James Stafford \$1.00.

Special rate for life membership in College Book Store library until Christmas, \$1.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, one of America's foremost financiers and practical business men, is to undergo a dangerous operation. It is said to be for appendicitis.

\$1 gives life membership in the best library service in the city. College Book Store. Ottawa is to have a new \$150,000 industry on Railway street, near Front street, the Ottawa Iron and Steel company. "High class sweets for Christmas," Gibson's. Forty-two Moro outlaws were killed in a battle with United States troops in the Philippines. Give a membership in College Book Store library. Special until Christmas, \$1.

CLOSE OF YEAR'S WORK

PORTSMOUTH COUNCIL HELD FINAL MEETING.

Cheques for Expenses Incurred at Fire on Schooner Mary Ann Lyden Received From Public Works Department.

The final meeting of the Portsmouth council, for the year, was held, Friday evening, before Baiden, Councilors Kennedy, Halliday and Foster being present.

A letter was received from the public works department, enclosing the cheques for expenses incurred by the village during the fire on the schooner Mary Ann Lyden. \$25 was given to the city fire department, which assisted in preventing damage to the government pier. The amount was secured through the efforts of Hon. W. Hart.

Mrs. Nicholson's dog taxes were remitted. Mrs. Tobin's dog tax was reduced \$3.

On recommendation of the board of health the drain on Alvington avenue will be attended to at once.

A new street lamp will be placed opposite the Orange hall.

The clerk presented the financial statement. 100 copies were ordered to be printed for distribution.

The council feels proud of the work accomplished this year. The streets are in a splendid condition. Councilor Kennedy remarked that he had never sat with a council where such harmony had prevailed, which accounts largely for the good work done.

WANTS \$50,000 FOR KISS.

Says George Jasperson's Love-Making Made Her Sick.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 16.—George Jasperson, Kingsville, Ont., against whom an action has been entered in a Detroit court by Mrs. Cantsworth, of that city, claiming \$50,000 damages because he tried to kiss her and make love to her so violently that she became ill, is a prominent resident of Kingsville, a wealthy tobacco merchant. He is married and reputed to be worth a quarter of a million dollars. Delegates have several times asked him to run as mayor, but he always declined.

She alleges Jasperson prosecuted her ever since she obtained a divorce from her husband eighteen years ago in Chicago.

Who Stole the Shovel.

Early last evening, two men went into the shed at the Wormworth piano works. One picked up a shovel, and after making the remark: "This is my shovel, walked off, followed by his companion. It appears that one of the men attached to factory, noticed the men and heard the conversation, but did not think it was a case of theft. The police are now looking for the missing shovel.

Injured Her Hand.

A girl by the name of Ramsay, who lives on Division street, near the corner of Clergy street, and who is employed at the Kingston Hosiery mill, met with an accident on Saturday morning while at work. She caught one of her hands in one of the machines and had it jammed. She went over to the general hospital and had her injuries attended to.

A Surprise Party.

On Friday evening a surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson, Wellington street, for their daughter, Miss Lizzie Hanson, by about forty of her friends. Dancing and card-playing were indulged in after which a flash-light picture was taken of the merry party. Music was furnished by F. Crosby.

Leave Work Till Spring.

The Sydenham high school committee met at the court house on Saturday morning in connection with the falling of part of the new wall. The work on the school will be left over until the spring. The contractor who has charge of the work was present at the meeting.

The Body Was Buried.

The body of the late William Coleman was buried in Christ's church burying ground at Cataragui. The death notice stated that the funeral was to Cataragui cemetery, and hence the enquiry as to the disposal of the body. The church burying ground is not "Cataragui cemetery."

To Pay the Grant.

The civic finance committee, at its meeting, Friday evening, decided to recommend to the city council that the grant of \$2,000 to the Sir Oliver Mowat Memorial hospital be paid out of this year's revenue, and not held over till next year, as was suggested.

Award \$2,000,000 Contract.

Calgary, Dec. 16.—The C.P.R. have awarded the contract for the construction of their two million dollar railway shops here to the Westinghouse Church Kerr company, of New York and Chicago. This is the railway construction and building Westinghouse concern.

Confessed to Murder.

Detroit, Dec. 16.—Dr. Joseph F. Sudman, arrested at Jackson, Mich., last September for the murder of his wife, Olive Sudman, on September 7th, has made a full confession of his guilt. Sudman acknowledges that he gave her cyanide of potassium, but says her "nagging" drove him to it.

Contest in Portsmouth.

Municipal matters are commencing to get lively out in the village of Portsmouth. It was stated on Saturday that John Fisher would oppose Reeve Baiden for the honors of the council this year.

McCouley's choice of royalty sweets.

Sold in Kingston only at Gibson's. Membership in the College Book Store library at special rate of \$1. Hon. Adam Beck's department of power is to be formed on May 1st. "High class sweets for Christmas," Gibson's. A bazaar for St. Alban's church, Adolphustown, made \$121. Life membership College Book Store library, \$1.

BIG FIRE AT LONDON

PERRIN'S BISCUIT FACTORY PLANT DESTROYED.

Loss is \$100,000, Fully Covered by Insurance—Five Hundred Employees Are Out of Work.

London, Ont., Dec. 16.—The greater portion of D. S. Perrin company's biscuit and confectionery plant was destroyed by fire, which broke out about 11:30 o'clock last night. The loss is estimated at about \$100,000, and is fully covered by insurance, there being about \$240,000 carried on the buildings. The risks are well divided among a number of companies, principally English. The fire started from an oven in the rear portion of the factory, on Carling street, and the flames spread furiously; by the time the firemen arrived it had gained great headway. Altogether 500 hands were employed, and some of these will be out of work for some weeks.

GANANOQUE TIDINGS.

What is Transpiring in the River Town.

Gananoque, Dec. 16.—Gananoque Council, No. 284, H. T. of T., held their semi-annual election of officers on Thursday evening. Those chosen were: S.E., Miss F. DeLong; V.C., Robert Sheppard; K.S., Miss Laura Ferris; F.S., Mrs. C. H. Hurd; B.S.T., Thomas Mallory; chaplain, Frank Wright; herald, Miss Carrie Clow; guard, Miss H. Benson; sentinel, A. Dyer; organist, Mrs. O. Greer. The statutory meeting of the town council for receiving the financial statement preparatory to having it published, was held in the town hall last evening.

Alfred Fairman has arrived here from his home near Sarnakoot, Sask., having been summoned to the bedside of his wife, who has been very seriously ill at the home of his brother and sister, Daniel and Miss Alice Fairman, First street.

Among those who went up to Kingston to enjoy the social function at Queen's last evening, were: Miss A. Howson, Miss Edith McCammon and Portia Lloyd; Miss Nellie Lake, student at Toronto Normal School, arrived in town, to-day, to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Schuyler Lake, Garden street.

William Gardner, located for the past few months in Hamilton, arrived in town, yesterday, for a visit with his family. On his return Mrs. Gardner and family will go back with him. Miss Gladys Berry, student of Ottawa Normal School, arrived, to-day, to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Berry, Brock street. Miss Christie Wright returned to-day from Ottawa, where she has been attending normal school, and will spend her Christmas vacation here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Wright, Sydenham street.

CONFLAGRATION AT MOOSE JAW

Waterworks and Elevator Destroyed—One Man Burned to Death.

Moosejaw, Sask., Dec. 16.—Robert Ness was burned to death, one hundred thousand bushels of grain destroyed, mills, elevator, coopersage plants and machinery burned. This was the result of a fire which swept the business district of this town last night, resulting in monetary loss of half a million dollars and three hundred employees out of work. The fire started in Robin Hood mill. In addition the town's water works, including immense overhead tanks, were destroyed by fire.

A BOMB SCARES BOSTON.

Thirty-five People Thrown Out of Their Beds.

Boston, Dec. 16.—A bomb placed, apparently by Black Handers, exploded under the five-story tenement house at 14 Norman street, to-day, and thirty-five people were thrown out of their beds, but fortunately nobody was fatally hurt.

To Put Up Fine Building.

The Montreal Herald says: A handsome five-story building to cost in the neighborhood of \$158,000, is to be erected next May, on the northwest corner of Victoria and St. Catherine streets, by Johnson Bros., the firm of jewellers now having their place of business at 483 St. Catherine street west, and formerly at Kingston.

The new building will be one of the handsomest of its kind in Canada. It will have a frontage on St. Catherine street of fifty-three feet and on Victoria street of one hundred and twenty. The show rooms, on the ground floor will be handsomely decorated in solid mahogany. The floors will be tiled throughout. The building will be constructed of steel and concrete, and will be absolutely fireproof. It will be faced with white stone.

A Very Sad Case.

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 16.—A girl of fourteen years, residing in Arnprior, was brought here yesterday, and conveyed to the Eastern hospital, for treatment. Her case is a peculiarly sad one. Four months ago she was frightened by a tramp who called at the home of her parents, and she developed into an epileptic to such an extent that two and three men were required to hold her.

Dismissed by Government.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—It is announced that the government has dismissed Inspector W. S. Young and Fisheries Overseer B. McEwan, of Manitoba, whose places will be filled by J. A. Howell and Daniel Daly, of Selkirk. Fisheries Overseer Bayne, of Liverpool, N.S., is also dismissed.

Ice Famine Feared.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Continued mild weather is causing anxiety to ice dealers all over the province, who fear that unless freezing commences immediately, there will be a famine next summer.

Sava Rankov, of Cincinnati, and two private detectives are accused, in Detroit, of abducting a woman and her child. Rankov claims she is his wife, but she denies it.



That "Christmas" Feeling Seems to Have Taken Possession of Every Nook and Corner of this Store.

Upon entering that worried "What Shall I Buy?" Look Changes into the Relieved "Just What I Wanted" Expression. This has been noticed all week.

Some of the Things You May Profitably Buy To-Night.

480 Fancy Lace Jabots
Just received To-Day. These are entirely new designs and very pretty. These have arrived just in the nick of time.
25c, 35c, 39c, 49c.

60 Fine White Lace Collars and Cuff Sets
\$1.25 and 1.39 Set

130 Pretty Lace Collars
These are also in quite new designs. Prices
49c, 75c, 99c, \$1.25

Each of these will be put up in Fancy Gift Box.

A MANUFACTURER'S SAMPLE LOT OF

35 Ladies' Beaded Bags
Different designs, worth \$1.50, 1.75, 2.25.
Yours To-Night \$1.25

Umbrellas for Men
Many new and complete handles.
\$2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 1.50, 3.50, 4.00 up.

WOMEN'S UMBRELLAS, New Style Handles,
\$2.00, 3.00, 1.75, 1.50, 2.50, 3.50 and many others.

Gift Handkerchiefs,
25c to \$4.00

Ladies' Sizes in Embroidered or Lace.
Ladies' Sizes in Fine Hemstitched Linen, 10c, 12c, 15c, 20c, 25c.
Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs, 15c, 20c, 25c.

MEN'S Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, 10c, 12c, 15c, 20c, 25c and up.
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, Pure Linen. 3 for 50c, put up in Fancy Box.
Not all Initials, but nearly all. Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs at 25c each. All wanted letters.

Men's Ties
Put up in Fancy Gift Boxes, 25c and 49c.
MEN'S BRACES, new and serviceable makes.
MEN'S GLOVES, Kid, Lined or Unlined, a great assortment to choose from.
MEN'S NIGHTGOWNS, in English Flannelette, good quality, properly cut and made, 75c and \$1.00.

J. Laidlaw & Son.

HASTEN DIVORCE CASES
In Order to Get Home For a Happy Christmas.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 16.—Eastern women in the divorce colony here, anxious to get home for the Christmas holidays, have urged their attorneys to hasten their cases and as a result the divorce case dockets are crowded as they never have been before. Technicalities which ordinarily would be used to get a delay while new witnesses are summoned are overlooked by counsel and the judges allow no long drawn-out arguments.

Songs, "O, Holy Night," 10c; "Killarney," 10c; "Lost Chord," 10c; "Dream of Paradise," 10c. Come and try them with scale Williams piano, at Dutton's music store.

Give a membership in College Book Store library. Special until Christmas, \$1.

The British army and navy supply departments have put the indicted meat packers of the United States on their black list.

"Choice of royalty sweets," McCouley's. Sold in Kingston only at Gibson's.

Special rate for life membership in College Book Store library until Christmas, \$1.

Canadian penitentiary statistics show an unusual number of convicts under twenty years old.

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Poplins, \$1, 1.25, 1.50 yard.

All Silk Paillettes, 90c, \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50 yard

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Now being offered at actually less than mill cost.

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