

## THE MAYOR'S DINNER IN FRONTENAC HOTEL

### Was an Auspicious Event on Monday Night

### OPTIMISM PREVAILED

### WITH REGARD TO THE FUTURE OF KINGSTON.

### The Speeches Were Very Much Enjoyed—Education Was a Live Topic—The Night Was Greatly Enjoyed By The Happy Company.

What is always a pleasing event in the career of every mayor in the good old town of Kingston is his farewell banquet to the aldermen and the corporation officials and staff.

It proved to be unusually so in the case of that given by Mayor Frank J. Hoag, on Monday evening, in the dining rooms of the Hotel Frontenac. The mayor proved a most admirable host and a wise one in the administration of his toast list.

After the needs of the inner man had met with ample gratification in a well served and very palatable dinner, Ald. Harrison took charge of the gathering, which included about fifty persons, as toast master. The keynote of the evening was optimism of the future of Kingston, and the topic of the most discussion was education, which was brought to bear on the thoughts advanced by several of the evening's speakers.

Music and songs interspersed the speeches and lived the spirit of the evening. John D. Banker sang in his excellent tenor, "Love's Request," and the "Stein Song," and John Collins rendered "Auld Acquaintance" and "Five of Famous Men," in the splendid manner which is so well known. No less deserving credit and a good fellow at dinner was Professor James Small, whose splendid accompaniments were no small support to the singers.

"The King," proposed by the mayor, was given its usual hearty response by the singing of the National Anthem.

The toast to "The Parliaments of Canada" was proposed by Ald. T. J. Rigney and in remarks on the Canadian parliaments said that we enjoy under our present government one of the best forms existing. Its salutary members of the government assemblies of Canada and expressed the hope that the high ideals of those men might still be retained in a greater degree as our country emerged into the larger fields which lay open to her.

In response to this toast Dr. J. W. Edwards, M.P., spoke on behalf of the House of Commons at Ottawa and Dr. A. E. Ross for the legislative assembly at Toronto.

In referring to the city of Kingston and its future, Dr. Edwards spoke for the county of Frontenac in saying that a larger and better Kingston meant larger and better opportunities for the county of Frontenac. "I think," he said, "that Kingston is on the eve of a better day, and we in the county look forward to it with hope as well as the people of the city do, for know of no place where such a toast as this is more in place than in the city of Kingston. Kingston has contributed to the upbuilding of Canadian parliaments, men of great worth and ability. Dr. Edwards set forth a high ideal of the government's responsibility, not only to the country it represented but also as a factor in the world's economy.

Dr. Ross spoke of the justness of Canadian law, and the speed and thoroughness of control over the wider parts of Canada. He spoke of the problems in the hands of the legislature among which he considered that of agriculture a most vital one to the people of Eastern Ontario. Education also was on his list, and he thought Eastern Ontario ought to have an agricultural college. He touched with approval on vocational schools and advanced systems of public library work. Dr. Ross also remarked the fact that Kingston had dropped its membership of the Municipal Association of Ontario, and brought out the loss sustained thereby.

The toast to "The County of Frontenac" called forth from Ald. Bailey a review of its mineral wealth, its wealth of able men and beautiful women. The toast met with graceful response from George Gillespie and James H. Metcalfe in lively and entertaining speeches.

The Board of Education was one of the most important toasts of the evening, and was treated by Ald. Robert Sutherland, who referred to the excellent and able way in which this body performed its duties. He spoke of the increased demand for public school accommodation, and noted it as a mark of Kingston's prosperity.

In the absence of J. B. Walker, K. C., the toast was responded to by Robert Meek. After a cordial compliment to the mayor, Mr. Meek spoke of the demand for another school, the increased expense of running schools due to the larger salaries paid to teachers and employees. He referred to the question of vocational schools and the recent act which gave the school board the power to look after the education of children who had not acquired sufficient training at public school.

This would be done next year, he said, through the medium of night classes. Mr. Meek also called attention to the lack of men of sufficient public spirit to enter themselves as candidates for places on the school board and the city council.

E. Lyons, who is leaving the city, also spoke briefly on this question and expressed his regret at leaving, whereupon the mayor proposed his health which was heartily drunk by all and answered with "He's A Jolly Good Fellow."

The toast proposed by W. R. Givens to "The Corporation of the City of Kingston," called forth a most optimistic review of the present signs and future possibilities of Kingston's growth. Better streets, better harbor, more industries, larger population were the burden of his remarks, and a compliment to the mayor who had been in office during the most prosperous year Kingston has ever seen.

The Mayor, Aldermen Bailey and Rigney and City Treasurer, F. C. Ireland jointly responded, the latter having before those present a brief statement of the city's finances, and enjoined economy for some time until some of the city's burdens were lightened.

"The Press" was proposed by Ald. Shaw. Responses were made by J. G. Elliott, of the Whig, and Paul Beaupre for the Standard.

The toast to "The Ladies" was proposed by Ald. John Litton and responded to by C. C. Folger.

A toast to "The Board of Health," was proposed by Dr. A. E. Ross and answered by Dr. Strachan. The affair closed with a most enthusiastic toast proposed by Ald. Kent to the mayor, after which the national anthem and "Auld Lang Syne" were sung.

## ROW AT PENITENTIARY

### FRENCH CONVICT ALMOST LOST A FINGER.

### Italian Prisoner at Stone Pile Attacked Guard Donaghy—Frenchman Stepped in and Received Blow From Shovel.

### Christmas week "Involuntaries" took place at the provincial penitentiary at Portsmouth on Monday. A row occurred at about 10 o'clock in the morning, when an Italian convict, got angry at Guard J. Donaghy, and made an attack on him with a shovel.

A French convict jumped between the enraged Italian and the guard, and received a blow from the shovel that almost severed one of his fingers. The son of Italy was overpowered, and led to the dungeon for Christmas, while the French hero was removed to the prison hospital where his mangled finger lay open to her.

Desires this little affair, there was another "important event" in the life of the prisoner, two guards being reported for being intoxicated. They have been suspended pending an investigation. In all, it is said that there were four "under the influence," but only two were caught.

## A FRUIT STEAMER IS IN GRAVE DANGER

### It Ran on the Shoals Off Atlantic City During a Snow-storm.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 24.—Losing his course in a blinding snowstorm the wheelman of the United States fruit steamer Turrialba ran on the nose of the vessel into the shoals of Egg light near here, and the vessel is now hard and fast on the sands. She is in a dangerously exposed position, and lifeboats are now rushing to the rescue of the crew.

## ORPHANS HAD MERRY TIME.

### Christmas Entertainment Held on Monday Afternoon.

The Orphans' Home was a place of great interest and excitement on Monday afternoon at five o'clock when the annual Christmas tree entertainment was given for the children. A large tree, beautifully decorated and lighted with candles and loaded with the prettiest and most useful presents that could be found, was unloaded by Santa Claus (Alexander Sharp), who waltzed down stairs from the chimney jingling his bells and looking jolly. The eighty-two children each received just what he or she wanted, and had asked for. Dolls, carriages, books and work boxes were given to the girls, while the boys got their share of books, games, tools, knives and one boy, Irvin Elliott, was made the possessor of a violin, of which he was very proud. Probably a new violinist will be added to the ranks of the musicians of Kingston. All this pleasure was given by the unselfish, painstaking work of Miss Redden and Miss Cunningham, who spent a good share of time long before Christmas planning the various toy stores to make their choice of gifts for this event. Truly Christmas brought the children and their rights to their place. The Orphans' Home is an institution which should receive the education of all benevolent people.

Everett Wheeler, before the American Society for Judicial Settlement of International Disputes, declares that the United States should submit to arbitration the Panama canal controversy.

Mr. James Whitney brands the Ottawa Whig editorials as a monstrous slander.

## Reflections on Christmas.

Once more the Christmas season is here, the season in which there is the closest approach to a general recognition of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. The connecting link is the Christ whose birthday the world will celebrate to-morrow. What does it matter if there is some doubt about the date on which this wonderful event occurred? For a long time there was a confusion of opinion upon this point, and an observance of the anniversary at different times. The central thought, that a Savior was born, and that He came according to the prophecy, was the same, and it moved the masses in a wondrous way.

God had failed, from the call of Abraham, to mould and shape a race in which the faith of men would be their redeeming characteristic. Those He would make His own had fallen away again and again. They had been reproved, corrected, chastised, without permanent result. Idolatry had been their temptation and ruin up to the time of the captivity. They had not until then learned the great lesson, that there was only one God and that He only should be served.

Out of the gloom, as dark and forbidding as it could be, came the vision of a child that should be born, who should carry the government of the world, who should be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Note that the vision was that of Elijah, the stern, unbending, ascetic prophet, over seven hundred years before the birth of Christ. It is scarcely possible that he expected to see his prophecy come true, but it animated the people with hope, and amid all their discouragements and deep depressions they fed upon it in their hearts and received from it a great inspiration.

Christmas is becoming more subdued in its effects upon men. Its associations are, fittingly enough, softening in their character, and men and women and children—and children especially—are interested in it above all other anniversaries. The pity is that sometimes circumstances, more or less distressing, bring sadness to the hearts that should be very happy. The Christ that came to show men how to live has touched the world to a remarkable extent, and multitudes have responded to His example and made His birth the time for a manifestation of their bounty. The riches of the world are the gift of Providence and they should be used as though they constituted a trust. Alas, the money grubber is too often of the Scrooge type. He must be awakened out of his meanness by some revelation of a ghostly kind. Hence it is that Christmas Day is not to some the brightest day of the year, and because Christ's spirit has not taken possession of all who would call upon His name.

## THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

Bearing in mind that Christ was heralded as the Prince of Peace, one pauses to ask if He has been acclaimed as such the world over. His sway appears to be extending from year to year. Gradually the time is coming when His gospel will have extended to the uttermost parts of the earth. Slowly it may be, but nevertheless truly, the world bows the knee and acknowledges Him as Lord of Lords. Christianity, however, represents a spirit which is against vice and wickedness and strife and bloodshed, and all these, unfortunately, are too evident.

The closing chapters of 1912 have been filled with horrors of war, for armies will fight for what is called national honor. The walls of the orphans and of the widows rise up in dismal chorus to heaven itself. The Prince of Peace does not reign where war and vice and crime prevail, and until He does the prophecy of Elijah will not be fully realized.

For what has been accomplished by the Christ, for the great change that has swept over the earth since His birth, and since the angels sang about it, there is great cause for congratulation, and good and true men everywhere will gladly greet one another with the salutation, "Merry Merry Christmas."

## HOW THE DAY IS KEPT.

The advent of Christmas is heralded in late years by proceedings which are more in keeping with the anniversary. Throughout the middle ages, and down to the period of the Reformation, the festival, ingrafted on the Pagan rights of Yule, continued throughout Christendom to be universally celebrated with every mark of rejoicing. "On the adoption of a new system of faith," says the historian, "most of the northern nations of Europe in the sixteenth century retained the celebration of Christmas and observed it with their festivals. The Calvinists rejected them and kept no day except Sunday. At the present Christmas is somewhat shorn of its ancient glories and unmarked by that boisterous jollity and exuberance of animal spirits, which distinguished it in the time of our ancestors but it is a holiday in which, of all others throughout the year, all classes of English society most generally participate. Partaking of a religious

## CHARLES FRANKIE RELEASED FROM JAIL ON TUESDAY.

After serving three months and eight days of a four months' sentence for selling liquor in a local option township, Charles Frankie was, on Tuesday morning, released from the county jail. A number of his friends had Anthony Rankin, M.P.P., to use his influence in an endeavor to secure his liberty, and they were very glad to see him get his freedom. Mr. Frankie had no option of a fine. He was sentenced on Sept. 15th to confinement in the jail, but not to labor.

Edouard F. Mylius, the Englishman convicted in London of libelling King George V. and sentenced to serve a year in prison, was ordered deported, on Monday, by the New York commissioner of immigration at Ellis Island. Mylius was held to be an undesirable alien.

Corwall rate payers carried the electric light by-law by a large majority.

## WILL MONEY BE CHEAPER DURING 1913 THAN IT HAS BEEN THIS YEAR?

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Will money be obtainable at lower rates after the turn of the year? This is the question uppermost in the minds of Toronto merchants and investment brokers. There has been much talk that the present high rates of discount are only temporary, and that January will see a marked change in the situation.

"It all depends on the political situation in Europe," said a bank manager this morning. "Canada is not unique in experiencing tight money. Rates are high in all the European centres and in New York." Merchants and manufacturers have been finding it difficult in the past few days to secure all the accommodation they would like at the banks.

## LIKE A FLOCK OF SHEEP

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—"Like a flock of sheep" is one of the terms applied to the Ontario government members in a strong editorial on the tax reform bill's fate by the Evening Journal (independent conservative), to-day. It says: "Sir James Whitney has been a splendid premier. It would be a public misfortune to lose a man of his great ability. But this tax question is of such importance in these days of real estate booms and ebb-tide growth, that the province is liable to be driven into the necessity of preferring principle to man."

## POISONED THE FOOD

### Of Japanese Field Marshal Who May Die.

Tokio, Dec. 24.—The life of Field Marshal Yamagata, aged seventy-four, one of Japan's radical statesmen, was attempted by an assassin who poisoned his food. He may die.

## WOMAN LEFT AN INFANT

### AT HOTEL DIEU AND FAILED TO RETURN.

She Drove Up in a Cab and Then Was Driven to the G.T.R. Train—A Case of Child Desertion.

A rather unique case of child desertion was brought to the notice of Rev. A. E. Smart on Monday afternoon when an infant was hurriedly left at the Hotel Dieu by a woman who immediately disappeared and has not been seen or heard of since. Just before three o'clock in the afternoon a cab drove up to the Hotel Dieu and a woman carrying a baby stepped out. She handed the child to an attendant in the building, saying that it had been suffering from pneumonia and had been sent there by a local medical man.

With some excuse about being in a hurry and having business she hurriedly left and once more getting into the cab was driven to the Grand Trunk depot and was away from the hotel in a few minutes. No clue to the woman's name or identity has been found and the thing has begun to look like a case of wilful child desertion.

## HOPE FOR RECOVERY OF LORD HARDINGE

### Funeral of Soldier, Whose Life Was Sacrificed, to Be Conducted With Ceremony.

Delhi, Dec. 24.—Lord Hardinge, viceroy of India, passed a rather alarmingly restless night from wounds made by the bomb assassin, but this morning there was no fever and the surgeons hoped for his recovery. The principal anxiety is to guard against lock-jaw. Four rusty nails from the bomb were taken from the patient's shoulder.

## PITH OF THE NEWS

### The Very Latest Culled From All Over the World.

Members of the Canadian Baptist churches will be asked to contribute \$162,000 towards mission objects during 1913.

King George sent a message of sympathy to Lord Hardinge, Viceroy of India, who had a narrow escape from death at Delhi, India, Monday, when an attempt was made to assassinate him with a bomb.

Mme. Bloch, a novelist, who, on July 31st last, shot and killed Mrs. Marie Bridgman, the wife of James E. Bridgman, an employee of the Paris branch of an American Life Insurance company, was acquitted in the assize court, in Paris, on Monday, of the charge of homicide.

The government of British Columbia is going ahead immediately with the construction of a bridge over the Upper Nechaco river, in addition to the large steel bridge to be erected by the Grand Trunk Pacific which will provide for railroad traffic only, according to present plans.

## BALKAN ALLIES PRESENT DEMANDS TO THE TURKS

### The Ottoman Envoys Remained Quite Unmoved.

### EXPRESSED OPINION THAT THE CONDITIONS WERE IMPOSSIBLE.

### However, it is Felt That Peace is Sure to Result—An Appeal to the Pope is Said to be Possible as a Last Resort.

London, Dec. 24.—At the Balkan peace conference yesterday afternoon, Rechad Pasha rose and in dignified terms said the Imperial Ottoman government wished to give one more proof of its sincere desire to hasten the discussion and to do the utmost possible to reach a satisfactory settlement for all parties concerned. Therefore it had instructed him to treat with all the allies, Greece included, and without the question of re-dealing with the question of re-victualing the besieged fortresses, Rechad Pasha said Turkey was even ready to lay aside the cases of Scutari and Janina. As to Adrianople, which he referred to as "the cradle of Turkish power in Europe," he said that the hospitals were overcrowded and their patients lacking in the primary necessities, while the women, the children and the aged were suffering or starving. He must insist, he said, on provisioning Adrianople to an extent which would meet the demands of humanity, but which would be insufficient to place the belligerents in a better position than they held when the armistice was signed.

Rechad Pasha said he was animated by a desire to avoid procrastination and that the question might be dealt with directly between the Turks and the Bulgarians, this making it possible for the conference to continue. The heads of the allied delegations expressed satisfaction with Rechad's statement.

## THE BALKAN DEMANDS.

Then M. Novokovitch, tall and erect, rose, holding in his hand a large sheet of paper. It was the crucial moment of the conference and all eyes were turned upon him. The Balkan delegation showed emotion and anxiety; the Turks appeared as impassive as statues.

"All the secondary questions having been settled, the moment has come to explain the conditions under which the allies are ready to conclude peace," M. Novokovitch announced. Then he proceeded to read the demands of the Balkan states, when he had finished all eyes shifted to the representatives of the Sultan. They, however, gave no display of feeling.

Rechad Pasha here rose again, stroking his beard, and in his habitual slow manner asked for a written copy of the proposals. M. Novokovitch thereupon ordered his secretary to make a copy, and the delegates left their seats and joined in an animated and cordial conversation.

During the long wait for the copy of the demands and while disclaiming any desire to enter into a discussion of their merits, the Turks said that, speaking unofficially, they considered the allies' terms to have been designed for the purpose of breaking off the conference. When the delegates had signed the document Rechad asked for an adjournment until Saturday in order to consider the proposals, and his request was granted.

## Peace Sure to Result.

Among diplomats here the opinion prevails that notwithstanding what the Turks consider the unacceptable conditions presented by the allies and what the allies declare are terms which cannot be reduced, peace ultimately will be concluded. It is remarked that the allies and the Turks are in exactly the same position as the Russians and the Japanese when the United States induced them to adhere to the Portsmouth conference.

Both the Turks and the Bulgarians were at Tebatalla in practically a state of exhaustion. Now both have strengthened themselves, but neither really is sure what would happen were the conflict resumed. The Turks fear further reverses and irreparable losses, and the allies, who already have obtained successes which in their rosiest dreams they never expected, fear to endanger the positions they have gained.

Owing to this reciprocal apprehension, an understanding may be reached. The hardest point is Adrianople, on which an agreement between the delegates perhaps would be difficult if its solution were attempted directly by them; but it may occur, through the mediation of one power or several powers, or, now that the differences between Austria and Serbia have been settled, by the whole of Europe, whose intervention would save the face of both Turkey and Bulgaria, because of the concessions they would be obliged to make.

If European mediation is impossible or unsuccessful, others may be appealed to, first of all the United States. It is even rumored that there is a possibility of asking mediation by the pope.

Give music to your friends for Christmas. Folios, vocal and instrumental. Deaton's Store.

Captain Henry Bennett, formerly of Prescott, died in Toronto of paralysis.

## TO PROVIDE NOMINAL RAIL

### For Railway Presidents When They Appear in Court

New York, Dec. 24.—Nominal bail of \$10,000 each will be provided for President Chamberlain, of the Grand Trunk, and President Mellon, of the New Haven road when they appear in court on the charges under the Sherman anti-trust law, regarding New England agreements.

## DIFFICULTIES ARE NOT SO INSURMOUNTABLE

### Balkan Peace Delegates Adjourn Till Saturday--To Hold Private Conferences in Meantime.

London, Dec. 24.—While the sessions of the peace conference are all over till next Saturday, the delegates were all busy in private conference, and will spend Christmas day in the same fashion. While the advocates of permanent peace are disappointed at not having an agreement reached by Christmas, they agree that the difficulties now presenting themselves are by no means as insurmountable as they appeared to be last Saturday.

## MOTOR VS. HORSE.

The Fire and Light committee have taken the average of over twenty different cities in comparing the cost of the motor driven fire apparatus vs. horse-drawn, and find that from the standpoint of fire alarms and mileage covered, the cost is less than one-fifth in favor of the motor driven fire car. Some cities have answered over two hundred alarms at a cost of 30 cents per day, and in many cases the motor car ascended grades that the horse-drawn apparatus had to avoid, and make a detour around several blocks to reach the fire—Adv.

## NO PUBLIC FUNCTIONS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

### His Royal Highness and His Family Will Spend a Quiet Christmas.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—His Royal Highness the Governor General, will spend his Christmas quietly at Rideau Hall with the members of his family. There will be no functions of a public nature throughout Christmas week at Government House. To-day, however, the royal party will be present at the Sunday school festival and Christmas tree to the Edinburgh children. Sir Wilfrid Laurier will spend Christmas quietly at his home, Premier and Mrs. Borden have gone south.

## BOYS.

COOKE—At Kingston General Hospital, on Dec. 24th, died Mr. S. W. Cooke, 80, son of Mrs. Walter J. Cooke, Carleton Place, Ont., a son.

KENNEDY—In Kingston, Ont., Dec. 24, 1912, to Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kennedy, 395 Montreal Street, a son.

## MARRIED.

GIFFORD—GALBRAITH—At Moveton, Sask., on December 4th, Mr. Charles Gifford, 4th, Toronto, Ont., to Miss Mabel Violet Galbraith.

## DIED.

MAIN—At Sharnpoint, on Dec. 18th, 1912, William Main, aged 73 years.

O'HARA—At Camden East, on Dec. 4th, James O'Hara, aged 73 years, and 9 months.

TRACY—In Kingston, Ont., suddenly, Sunday evening, December 22nd, 1912, Rachel Davis Tracy, widow of the late Dr. Robert Tracy, of Belleville, aged 68 years.

Federal service at the residence of her sister-in-law (Mrs. J. M. Dunlop), 23 Rideau Street, Thursday morning, 22nd inst., at eight o'clock, proceeding then to Grand Trunk Inner Depot for the 9:15 train, her terminal at Belleville, Ont.

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