



—“A
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Christmas
for
All”—
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**LOOKING
AROUND**

Christmas is first of all a religious day, and those who go to church in the morning feel the better of their worship. One experiences a thrilling feeling on entering a lighted church at early service, before daylight, and hearing the organ and choir bursting into the hymn that will last forever, “O Come All Ye Faithful.” And most of those who go to church are people who spend much time giving to those in need. They are thrice blessed.

There are a lot of young folks who say they do not believe in Santa Claus throughout the year, but when Christmas Eve comes they change their tune. Yes, there is a real Santa Claus and he comes to the grown-ups as well as the children, surprising them with his good gifts.

Can you picture the first Christmas celebrated in Kingston? It was on the 25th of December, 1673, just 252 years ago. Count Frontenac and his French officers and soldiers had arrived here on the 12th of July that year, and they were the first Christians to live on the spot where Kingston is located. There were only Indians before that. To those French explorers it was the first “Noel” they had celebrated this far west in Canada, and no doubt they feasted and made merry. There would be religious services too, for there were brave French priests with the little band who lived in a roughly constructed fort where Tete de Pont barracks now stands.

Now that Queen Mary has bought a drum and a bugle for her little grandson, the kids in general will demand these noise-making things for Christmas gifts. Drums and bugles certainly take the older folks back to their childhood days, and one does not wonder that dad likes to go through the toy shops looking over these things for the little ones.

A scientist has explained very satisfactorily the miracle the prophet Elisha performed when he breathed into a child and raised him from the dead. But we have heard of just as wonderful raisings. It is on record that men supposed to have been dead have set up and looked round when a bottle of spirits was put to their nose. Such a thing is alleged to have happened to more than one half-dead Scotchman.

The passing of Daniel Couper caused another break in the mayoralty link. Dr. A. E. Ross was mayor in 1908 and Mr. Couper in 1909 and 1910. Abraham Shaw, who passed away several years ago, was mayor in 1914, the first year of the great war. All Kingston mayors since then are alive. There have been twenty-four mayors of Kingston since 1895 and of these eighteen are living.

One clause in the will of the late Dean Starr stands out above all others, and that is the provision for paying for a holiday for some clergyman who cannot afford to take one. The late dean was most kind-hearted. He was a comforter to the poor and unfortunate at all times, but the Christmas season was when he particularly figured as the Good Samaritan, and the memory of his good works will ever remain with those who knew and loved him best. This column of comment would not be complete without a reference at this time to the late rector of St. George's cathedral, who was one of those who made dreary homes and heavy hearts brighter during the Christmastide.

**FINE FALL OF SNOW
FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Santa Claus Will Be Able to
Make Rounds in Good Old-
Fashioned Way.**

The fall of about two or three inches of snow, on Wednesday evening, has put the real feeling of Christmas into the air, and has lulled the fears of a great many small children that Santa Claus would not be able to get around this year. Santa will now be able to make his annual visit in the good, old-fashioned way, with eight prancing reindeers pulling his sleigh.

The snow has also performed a more tangible service than simply lulling children's fears, and making a number of people feel good, for it has supplied work for a number of men who really are in hard circumstances and who welcome the opportunity to earn a little money just before Christmas.

As March drags into April, snow becomes rather a bugaboo to the average citizen, but at Christmastime, Canadians find it hard to really feel any goodwill toward men unless there is a white blanket on the ground. In the same connection snow stimulates Christmas buying and is doubly welcomed by the merchants.

CHURCH SERVICES

St. George's Cathedral—Rev. W. E. Kidd, M.A., M.C., acting rector. Services on Christmas Day: 7:30 a.m., Holy Communion; 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Choral Celebration of the Holy Communion, Athos, Celebrant, The Bishop of the Diocese, Preacher, Rev. W. E. Kidd, Anthem, “Arise Shine For Thy Light is Come.” Maundy.

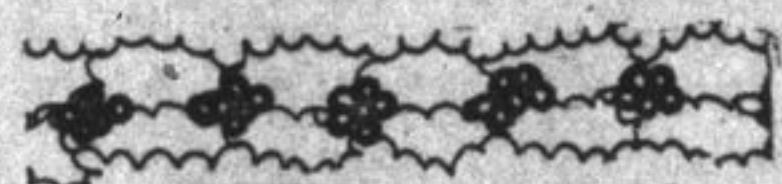
Christmas Service, Sydenham street church. 11 a.m. Christmas Day. The minister will preach, Solo, “The Birthday of a King.” Miss Woodman.

**PROBS:—Moderately cold to-night and Friday;
occasional snow flurries.**

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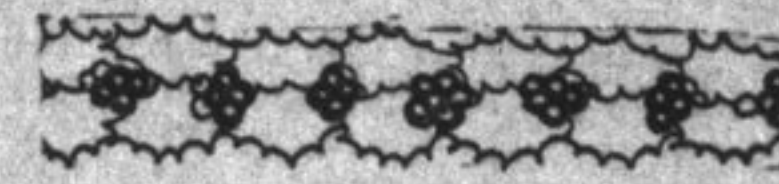
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**SAVED FROM GALLOWS
ON EVE OF CHRISTMAS**

**Death Sentence Imposed on
Port Arthur Man Commuted
—Comes to Prison.**

The penitentiary authorities here have been notified that Joseph Antoniuk, convicted of the murder of William John Morgan, at Port Arthur, last June, is to be brought here.

Antoniuk was sentenced by Mr. Justice Lennox to hang on Jan. 6th, but his case was taken before the Cabinet Council, and on Wednesday the Department of the Secretary of State announced that the sentence had been commuted to life imprisonment.

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