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THE FIRST CHRISTMAS.

AND she brought forth her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

wherein poetic utterance is given to the accepted doctrine of Canada's relation to Britain. The last stanza is as follows: "A Nation spoke to a Nation, A Throne sent word to a Throne, Daughter am I in my mother's house."

Christmas, 1925.

NEARLY two thousand years have come and gone since the first Christmas in Bethlehem, the City of David, and the world is still "wondering at those things which were told them by the shepherds."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A happy, wholesome Christmas be it! The Christmas shopping weather has been very delightful and there has been much shopping, the best in many years, the merchants tell us.

Notes by the Way

THE attempt of the Soviet Government to force the Russian people into atheism has been abandoned. The people had been forbidden to attend religious services, but the "interdict" has been removed but apparently this is only because it was found impossible to enforce it.

Post Office Savings Banks have been established in Canada some fifty-eight years and are yet doing business at 1,355 stands throughout the Dominion. But the business of these institutions has fallen off greatly from what it once was.

In the better days the deposits were much larger, running up to 11 or 12 millions in 1903, 1908, 1912 and 1919. A big year for withdrawals was 1920, when more than \$21,000,000 was withdrawn, an amount equal to the deposits of that year and 1919.

The export of Christmas trees from Canada to the United States has been deplored by some of our exchanges as a loss of young trees that if permitted to grow might be valuable.

The spruce tree grown in a thick forest stretches up tall and slim, with no branches for perhaps 40 or 50 feet. Its straight trunk may attain a diameter of two feet or more and be very valuable.

Canada cannot be in the Empire and out of it at the same time, even if the Empire continues to exist. And that is in dispute. Premier Hertzog, since his return home from the Conference, has been talking more plainly on that point.

Premier Baldwin's son Oliver professes to be a Socialist, and electors of that political creed quite naturally flatter him because he opposes the policy of his distinguished father.

A writ has been issued for a federal by-election in Antigonish-Guysborough, to fill the seat made vacant by the death of John C. Douglas, Conservative. Polling day will be January 18.



By James W. Barton, M.D. WHAT THE SUN DOES

When you learned at Sabbath School that some of the heathen nations were worshipping the sun, thinking it was God, you felt that missionary money was well expended trying to enlighten them about the Creator.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

By W. L. Gordon

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "between you and I." Say "between you and me."

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

December 25, 1926. READY TO PARDON—"Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness." Neh. 9:17.

CHRISTMAS the first came to a cattle shed; A woman lay on clothes upon the ground; "The Word made flesh"—"nowhere to lay His Head"— Was by the Shepherds in a manger found.

CHRISTMAS the second; the old Home Yuletide; The English winter; and the warm Homefires; Presents and greetings sent on every side.

CHRISTMAS the third—far from the English Home; In deeper snows and in intense cold; But whosoever English settlers toam.

Hon has been called to nominate a candidate to contest the seat in the King Government interest. It will be seen that the time for the selection of candidates, organization and preparation for the contest will be very short.

The Public Forum

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

"THAT SORT OF THING."

Sir.—According to the press reports, there is a pending inquiry in the Canadian Parliament at Ottawa, regarding the emigration and the immigration problems of Canada.

That Body of Hours

It really seems too bad that fair Canada's fine sons and daughters leave their native land in such large numbers each year.

It is often laughable, to observe us when we first land in "America." Many are sorely disappointed, that the Governor, and Mayor did not bid us welcome to their City and State.

It is also true, that more freedom of thought and action is allowed here. This is not always beneficial to them, nevertheless, it affords an expression of personality.

When there shall be an end of sin and pain And the blest Christ-feast shall endure for aye.

A Merry Christmas To all our Customers and friends, we wish you A MERRY CHRISTMAS The 2 Macs Drugstore MacDonald & Bradley Telephone 315

Happenings of the Week

Wherever you bide in the world see wide, I wish you a nook on the sunny side, WI' muckle o' love and little o' care, A wee bit purse wi' silver to spare,

Princess Mary (Viscountess Lascelles) is very pleased to discover that both of her little sons are developing marked musical tastes and one of her Christmas presents for them is a collection of nursery rhymes set to music.

Miss Ruth Hertzog is home from McGill for Christmas. Miss Van Bell, of New York, is also a guest of the Lieut-Governor and Mrs. Hertzog for the holidays.

Miss Lena McLure of the Toronto Conservatory of Music has arrived home on a visit to her parents, Mr. W. Chester S. McLure, M. L. A. and Mrs. McLure. Her many friends are anticipating hearing Miss McLure render a solo at St. James' church tomorrow morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewen Stewart, of Banff, and their daughter, Mrs. Nicholson, are at present visiting in Ocean Park, California, with Mr. Stewart's brother, Alexander, and Mrs. Stewart's sister, Mrs. McArthur. Mr. Stewart is looking forward to visiting P. E. Island next summer.

Prof. Gordon Laird, of Madison University, Wisconsin, arrived in the city yesterday to spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Mathieson and brother, Mr. R. Laird.

Lord and Lady Byng intend to entertain themselves at Canada at Thorpe Hall, their Essex home. Extensive alterations are being made to the house, and Lady Byng has arranged that all the woodwork be made of Canadian hemlock.

CALENDARS! We wish to advise our patrons that we have received our supply of calendars for the New Year. We would ask each policyholder to secure his calendar from our Agent in his vicinity.

Privacy YOU are assured of privacy when your VALUABLES are placed in a SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX at one of our branches. The rates are low. THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE Capital Paid Up \$20,000,000 Reserve Fund \$20,000,000

Christmas 1926 THE President, Directors and Officers extend to the Customers and Friends of the Bank their Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. The Royal Bank of Canada

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"THE HABERDASHERY" Friendly Greetings We like to consider our customers as friends, and we like to think our customers consider us as friends. So in a friendly spirit we extend sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas. HENDERSON & CUDMORE