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- BRUNSWICK PHONOGRAPHS and Records.**—nothing nicer for Christmas. The W. T. Wellner Co., Ltd., Queen Street.
- BOOTS.**—40 pairs of the genuine "Cook of the North" Doctor Boots in brown and black at reduced prices while they last. —Goff Bros Ltd.
- CHRISTMAS music by radio.**—Received on long range Marconi sets; an up to date Xmas gift. Rogers Hardware Co.
- COLUMBIA GRAFONOLA** from \$37.50 up, the ideal Christmas gift. A. E. Toombs.
- UMBRELLAS AND CANES** for Xmas gifts.—W. W. Wellner Ltd Grafton St.



Opening the letter he read laboriously:

Snowy Gulch, B.C.

Dear Brother Ezra:

I rite this with what I think is my dying hand. It's my will too, I'm at the hotel at Snowy Gulch—and not much more time. You know I've been hunting a claim. Well, I found it—rich a pocket as anybody want, worth a quarter million anyhow and in a district where the Snowy Gulch folks believe there aint a grain of gold.

It's yours. Come up an get it quick before some thievev up here jump it. Lookout for Jeffery Nelson and his gang they seem some of my dust. I'm too sick to go to recorder in Bradlyburg and record claim. Get copy of this letter to carry, put this in some safe place. The only condition is you take good care of Fobers, the pup I raised from a pup. You'll find him and my gun at Steve Morr's.

I felt myself going and just did get hear. You get supplies horses at Snowy Gulch go up Poor Man Creek through Spruce Pass over to Yuga River. Go down Yuga River past first rapids a long still place to first creek you'll know it cause there's an old cabin just below and my canoe landing. Half mile up, in creek bed, is the pocket and new cabin. And don't tell



SO YOU NEEDN'T RETURN TO WALLA WALLA, DARBY, I'M GOING TO PAROLE YOU.

no one in Snowy Gulch know who you are and where you going. Go quick brother Ez and put up a stone for me at Snowy Gulch. Your brother

Hiram Melville

"And you haven't heard whether your brother is still alive?"

"I got a wire the hotel man sent me. I reached me weeks before the letter came, and I guess he must have died soon after he wrote it. I suppose you see what he means when he says to carry a copy of this letter instead of the original."

"Of course—because it constitutes his will, your legal claim. Just the fact that you are his brother would be claim enough. I should think, but this simplifies matters for you. You'll better make a copy of it and you can leave it in some safe place. And of course this claim is what you offered to let me in on."

"That's it. Not much, but all what I got. What I want to know is—if it's a go."

"Wait just a minute. Before we go any further, tell me what service I've done you, what obligation you're under to me, that gives me a right to accept, so much from you?"

"I might have been in the moonlight that Ezra's eyes glittered perceptibly. "You're in my charge he grinned. "I guess you aint got any say comin'."

"Wait—wait." Ben sprang to his feet, and caught up by his earnestness, Ezra got up too. "I sure appreciate the trust you put in me Ben went on slowly. "For my own part I'd give everything I've got and all I'd hope to ever get to go with you. It's a chance such as I never dared believe would come

to me again—a chance to go away and get a new start in a country where I feel instinctively that I'd make good."

The dark vivid eyes seemed to glow in the soft light. Forgive me if I talk soft; and if it sounds silly I can't help it. Ben continued. "You've never been in prison—with a five year sentence hanging over you—and nobody giving a damn."

"But I can't take all that from a stranger. You must know how it is. A man can't while he's young and strong, accept charity."

"Good Lord, it aint charity!" the old man shouted. "I'm gettin' as much pleasure out of it as you. His voice sank again; and there was no line of mirth in his face."

"It was long ago, in Montreal. Ezra went on, after a pause. "I knew your mother, as a girl. She married a better man, but I told her that every wish of hers was law to me. You're her son."

"Night as always a time of mystery in Snowy Gulch—that little cluster of frame shacks lost and far in the northern reaches of the Caribou Range."

"Only a few have any idea of sympathetic understanding with it. Among these was Beatrice Nelson and she herself did not fully understand the dreams and longings that swept her ever at the fall of the mysterious wilderness night."

It seemed hardly fitting in this stern, rough land—the soft contour and delicacy of the girl's features.

As she passed the door of the hotel one of the younger men who had been lounging about the stove strode out and accosted her.

"Going home?" the man asked. "I'm going up to see your pop, and I'll see you there, if you don't mind?"

Complaints Of Pin Pricking Increase

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Clerks in the Paris Police courts are up against it. They cannot write quickly enough to register all the complaints lodged by irate "étouyennes" alleging needle stabbings by mysterious criminals. Evidence is produced in the shape of broken bits of needles, all of which, curiously enough, have been carefully burned in a flame before use, or in significant pricks and scratches on the skin.

One arrest has been made so far, that of an elderly municipal employee, who is accused by a Polish woman of having pricked her in a street car, her statement being confirmed by a woman passenger who gave the police a false address. Although there seemed little doubt that the man is innocent, the magistrate is obliged to maintain the arrest until the case is cleared up.

Some dozen complaints have been lodged by people saying they had received a prick in the back, but on turning around could see nothing near. Then there is the element of practical joking to be reckoned with. Small boys are busy strewing tin tacks and drawing-pins on the seats of street cars and busses. High police officials when interviewed strongly advise the people to remove carefully all pins, needles and sharp objects they habitually carry in their clothing before going out.

"I usually carry pins myself in the lapel of my coat, but believe me, they are all gone today" an official said.

The police consider that the final solution of the "pricking epidemic" may show it to be a case of auto-suggestion or hysteria, and a curious and not insignificant fact is that all those alleging they have been pricked, mostly women, belong to the uneducated classes.

Burlesque incidents, of course, are not lacking. This morning a Parisienne returning from a marketing expedition turned a corner sharply and knocked against an elderly man, who excused himself politely. But she immediately shouted, "You pricked me," and an angry crowd, soon collected threatening dire vengeance, until the accused man pointed to the parcel which the woman was carrying in her arms and asked, "What's in it?" Then the real culprit was found, a fine looking lobster.

Poles Take Crisis Calmly

WARSAW, Dec. 20.—Marshal Joseph Pilsudski, former provisional president of Poland, has been appointed chief of staff of the Polish army. He replaces General Siderski, who has assumed the premiership.

The assassination on Saturday of President Narutowicz has aroused the sense of patriotic duty among all the political parties, and there now is general co-operation for the maintenance of strict order.

The formation within a few hours of a new cabinet through the efforts of M. Rataj, who automatically became president when Narutowicz was assassinated, and of General Siderski, who was called to the premiership, has given the people a feeling of security.

The immediate summoning of parliament for next Wednesday to elect a new president has strengthened this feeling and Pilsudski's appointment as chief of staff has given additional assurance that all necessary firmness will be shown by the heads of government in this critical time.

The cabinet is being rapidly filled from the skeleton group of ministers who took office Saturday night. The ministries that were not filled are being operated for the present by the various men now holding portfolios.

Many Travellers Died During 1922

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—Before an attendance that taxed to capacity the ladies' ordinary in the Windsor Hotel, Secretary D. Campbell on behalf of the directors of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association, announced on Saturday that the association had concluded another successful year during which the sum of \$54,941 had been added to capital account as the result of its operations, notwithstanding the heavy death rate for the year. The total paid membership was reported at 11,715, constituting a net gain of 243 during the year, while the grand surplus amounted to \$658,386, showing a gain since December 6, 1921, of \$54,941. The approximate total of mortuary benefits was set at \$6,092,760. It was announced that during the year the sum of \$107,075 had been paid out in death claims, constituting the largest amount for any one year in the history of the association. A total of 116 members had died, many of whom were of long standing, and the beneficiaries, 59 members had been paid the maximum mortuary benefit of \$1,200. Among those who died during the year were two ex-presidents Fred Birks and James Robinson.

R. O. Grothe, president of the association during 1922, said that the numerical strength of the association at the present time was all the more to be considered as a matter for mutual congratulation when it was borne in mind that Canada had been suffering from a financial stringency which still existed, to a somewhat less extent. "The turning point has

now been reached as far as Canada is concerned," said Mr. Grothe, "and with a proper policy of increased settlement of the country and with a corresponding development of its resources, an era of prosperity, so far unthought of, may reasonably be looked for. In the onward march of progress the commercial traveller can be depended upon to do his share in bringing Canada in her proper place amongst the nations."

Officers were elected for 1923 as follows: President, Frank Sumner; first vice-president, E. Fred Dugan; second vice-president, John Perry; treasurer, Max Murdoch; directors J. Pierre Roland, William Blanchard, W. A. Wood, H. S. C. Holland and Maurice Shear. Directors being appointed for a two-year term, the following elected at the 1921 annual meeting will also serve during the coming year: W. J. Bryant, J. A. G. Gard, C. A. Liffiton, G. R. MacGregor and J. B. Poirier.

A motion to reduce the maximum mortuary benefit of members who joined the association previous to January 1, 1899, and of those who joined on and after that date and previous to January 1, 1921, from the sum of \$1,000 to \$1,000, was proposed by W. Blanchard, and seconded by Max. Murdoch, but defeated when put to a vote of the members following considerable discussion.

RAISINS FOR CANADA

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Despite the Greek debacle and the burning of Smyrna, there will be plenty of raisins for Canadian Christmas puddings and at low prices, too. Twenty-five tons of Valencia raisins have been shipped to Canada by one London firm at forty shillings per hundredweight. They cost

the London firm seventy shillings. The difference represents part of the loss sustained by English mercantile houses which, believing the lurid stories of the destruction of Smyrna of the entire year's supplies of figs, sultana raisins and currants, rushed into huge purchases of Valencia raisins at prices which rose as high as 120 shillings per hundredweight. Their losses have been colossal, but are an ill-will which may blow some good to Canada's Christmas dinner tables.

HONORED BY STRASBOURG.

STRASBOURG, Dec. 21.—The diploma of doctor honoris causa of Strasbourg University was today conferred upon Sir James Finlay, author of "The Golden Bough."

The degree was also conferred on Dr. Benes, Foreign Minister of Czechoslovakia, M. Carton de Wiart, former Belgian Prime Minister, M. Reuter, Prime Minister of Luxembourg, and the Italian historian, Signor Guglielmo Ferrero.

NOTICE

Annual meeting of Benevolent Irish Society, Emerald on Wednesday evening, Dec. 27th.

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Notice to Customers

Our Fall accounts are now ready and we request an early settlement.—Wright Bros, Victoria.

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How To Get Relief When Head and Nose are Stuffed Up

Count fifty! Your cold in head or catarrh disappears. Your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more snuffing, hawking, mucous discharge, dryness or headache; no struggling for breath at night.

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SIR HENRY ENJOYS A SNOWSHOE TRAMP AND HAS A VISITOR

ST. JOHN, Dec. 20.—Sir Henry W. Thornton on his way from Moncton to St. John yesterday had two novel experiences. The train was stopped for a time at Anagance, where the excellent stretches of snow suggested to Sir Henry an opportunity to try out his snowshoes. An expedition was organized and Sir Henry greatly enjoyed the tramp, which extended for a mile or two.

A resident of the district, who evidently did not recognize Sir Henry, approached him at the station and suggested that he might be brought to St. John on the special, as he had intended coming today. He estimated that if he would save much time and be there ready to transact his special business early this morning.

Sir Henry admitted that the train was coming to St. John, but intimated that he had not the necessary authority to take extra passengers, and referred the conductor to the train. Accommodations on the special were limited, so it was thought that the man would be better served by taking the regular train this morning.

Egg Camouflage

If you are cutting down the number of eggs in a cake, add a half teaspoonful of baking powder for each egg-white omitted.

Is Slain With His Hands Tied

WINNIPEG, Dec. 21.—Declared by police to be one of the most gruesome murders in the criminal history of the city, the body of John Penny aged 74, retired carpenter, was found at his home here today with the head battered and crushed by blows from a hammer in the hands of unknown assailants.

His hands tied across his chest were mute evidence of a cold-blooded murder while he lay defenceless at the feet of his murderers. His legs also were bound tightly with wire. Bandages were bound around his head and when they were removed it was found that he had been hit on the back of the head with a small blunt instrument.

A claw hammer with which police believe the murder was committed was lying beside the

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