

GLAD TIDINGS!



TO OUR FAITHFUL OLD FRIENDS, AND OUR CHERISHED NEW ONES, WE EXTEND—

Sincere Christmas Greetings and Good Wishes for the Coming Year

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HERE FOR CHRISTMAS—Mrs. Hodson, wife of Major Deneal Hodson of London, Ont., arrived by plane Monday night to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Winchester.

GOOD NEWS FOR FOX RANCHERS.—Fritz Weisler, Canada's outstanding Raw Fur Merchant, opens his annual buying season December 26th, at McLure Building, Charlottetown.

WEDDING OF INTEREST — A wedding of much interest to many friends in P.E.I., took place at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Manse, Kingston, Ont. on the evening of Dec. 12th, when Miss Laura Maude McLaine R.N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Preston McLaine of North River, P.E.I., became the bride of Mr. Robert I. Billings of Kingston, N.Y., the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Dr. Bitterburn.

Finds Christmas Conditions Easier In Old Country

—OLD COUNTRY LETTER— (Editor's Note: Alison Dauphinee, wife of the London superintendent of The Canadian Press, who is spending her second Christmas in the United Kingdom, herewith compares Christmas, 1945 and Christmas, 1946, and finds conditions easier this year.)

Written for The Canadian Press By ALISON DAUPHINEE

A year ago I wrote a holiday story on the difficulties of making a real Christmas—no decorations for the tree, poor selection of toys for children, and the problem of getting foods for the Christmas dinner.

This season all that is changed. The only thing showing no improvement is the level of prices. Last year's homemade decorations are being used again in our home flat on colorful Kinnerton Street—but from choice rather than necessity. Electric lights for the tree still are unobtainable but one can find almost anything else.

Christmas cards, gift wrapping paper in bright colors, stickers for parcels, and Christmas crackers are available in profusion. Red candles for the Christmas table and the mantel can be found in almost any store and holly and mistletoe are on sale, although rather costly.

Most people will have to use beef lamb or some other substitute for turkey as their main course. But there is more turkey than last year—at \$5.6d (\$1.10) a pound. Fruit juice is scarce but fruit is plentiful including some grapefruit and oranges and even cranberries from the United States although 7s (\$1.40) a pound is a bit rough.

Vegetables of all kinds are in abundance. For Christmas cakes, puddings and mince meat are on sale again but supply is limited. There will be bacon and eggs for breakfast.

Gifts still are the biggest problem but there is no comparison with 1945. Now there is plenty to buy if the bank account holds out.

But for all that it is going to be a homelike Christmas. Even the weather is playing the tune with sub-freezing temperatures although there is no snow.

Christmas Cheer In Britain

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forts in Britain this Christmas than we were last. Very few of the citizens of these islands can have imagined when the war was on that it would take as long as it is taking to recapture the amenities we all took for granted in prewar days. But at least we can see that some progress has been made during the year. There are more and faster trains and they run later into the night, and that great blessing of civilization, the restaurant car, which disappeared during the war, is now back on some of the services.

Housing Slightly Easier

It is much easier in London now than it was a year ago to get something to eat in the evening. Even at lunchtime there seems to my optimistic eye to be a little less crowding and discomfort. There are more books to be bought and more magazines on the newsstands. I think it is rather easier than it was to get domestic help, and at the risk of being derided by any of the considerable company of unhappy people who are still looking for somewhere to live in London, I'm inclined to believe that the housing situation is rather better than it was. New prefabricated

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A Blessed CHRISTMAS

May the glorious light of peace and love and joy shine upon you and those dear to you as you join together in the celebration of His birthday.

P. W. Turner

houses have been appearing on the cleared areas where bombs have demolished the old stone and brick houses.

All year long, all over London, pavements and front gardens have been dotted with little piles of sand and cement, tiles and glass. The sounds of hammering and sawing are coming from hundreds of bomb-wrecked London houses. A lot of apartments are being created out of these ruins and near-ruins. Canada obliges me to add that the frantic shortage of building materials has produced some very sketchy work in these apartments in the way especially of painting, plastering and plumbing. You are not expected to grumble in London nowadays if your new bathroom

looks like the engine room in a cattle boat.

Good Manners More Prevalent

Things have begun to look up in Britain—and not all the reasons are wholly material. I count as one of the really important things the current signs that good manners are gradually returning to Britain. It was not surprising—it was pretty inevitable in fact—that the manners of Britons should have worn at the edges after six years of war, discomfort and anxiety. Now nearly everyone is feeling a little better than he was this time last year, so not so many people are rude, and more people are thoughtful and our instinct to do small good turns for strangers is returning.

Veterans Introduce Civility in Shops

You notice it most in the railway stations, the buses, the pubs and the shops. A year ago the level of good manners among shopkeepers was obviously in need of adjustment upwards. That was not

surprising either, for they were Air Force, and that they are keen, efficient and polite and represent serious competition to the old-established shops. But, whatever may be the reason for it, the fact is that the standard of manners in Britain has improved perceptibly.

Christmas Greetings



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Proude & Moreside

A Merry Christmas

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