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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

This is Christmas week, and no doubt we shall all--or nearly all--exchange the usual Christmas compliments...

Is this all there is to the "Spirit of Christmas"? As we pointed out yesterday there are really poor people in Charlottetown...

The Examiner, after a special survey gives a number of pathetic instances of poverty personally witnessed by its reporter...

Another case is that of a tuberculous father caring for six small children while the wife and mother is out working...

And this is a Christian city, this is Christmas week; and the above cases are only two of many; many who are sandwiched in between homes that never know want...

What are we going to do about it? The various charity organizations, are generous and probably few of the very poor are long neglected...

"The poor ye shall always have with you", they belong to us, they are our rightful and legitimate wards. They may be "God's poor", "the devil's poor", or "poor devils"...

RAILWAY EXPENDITURE

It is estimated that this year's operations on the Canadian National Railway will show a deficit of about sixty million dollars. The figures are startling in view of the fact that freight and passenger rates have been increased...

This is one of the greatest problems today confronting Canada.

Canada is still a young country; much of the territory traversed by its railways is sparsely populated so that the cost of running the system is out of proportion to the revenue from the patronage it receives...

CURRENT COMMENT

An esteemed subscriber, writing from Elrose, Sask., taking exception to our "Comment" of Dec. 3rd, enclosed a lengthy clipping from the Saskatoon Star...

The Saskatoon Star's first argument is that in the United States 5,284,115 attended the movies at 30 cents each and a total cost of \$1,585,246.50 and that the raw flour consumption of these persons would only amount to \$3,174,493 or double the amount paid to movies...

Daily Selections Guardian Readers

CHRISTMAS MUSINGS

(Repeated by request) One winter night--how long ago it seems!--I lay me down to bask in pleasant dreams. My sock was hung hard by the quilting frame...

The morning came, the Christmas bells rang loud, I heard the singing of a joyous crowd, and in my sock that blessed day I found a gift that made my head whirl round and round...

'Twas long ago, and they who loved me then are in their graves, the wise old dames and men. Since that day when rang the morning chimes the Christmas bells have rung full forty times...

I've prospered well, I've earned a goodly store, since that bright morning in the time of yore. My home is filled with rare and costly things, every day some modern contrivance brings...

The bells of Christmas clatter in the gale, but I am old, and life is flat and stale. I'd give my hoard for just one thrill of joy, such as I knew when as a little boy, I proudly went and showed my youthful mates my Christmas gift--a pair of shining skates!

WALT MASON.

additional cost of flour and bread, of which our western friends speak so lightly

The Star's article, which in justice to the paper we must say is contributed, states that, "The world and his brother pays double the sum of his raw flour bill for butter alone every day, and yet the yapper of the self appointed defender is noticeable for his silence on this point..."

To meet this argument let us take the statistical tables of the Department of Labor, which are based on "a liberal supply for an average family, healthy, of a man at hard physical work..."

Our friend cites tobacco, candy, cigars and tea as further instances for comparison. Every one must have bread, but very many do not use tobacco and cannot afford the candy...

In order to prove their claim that the high cost of living is in items other than wheat, the Local Grain Growers have subscribed something over \$400.00 as a wager to back up a challenge that no family in Saskatchewan can for thirty consecutive days consume a pound of flour per head, per meal and for three meals per day...

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 expressed by its correspondents

THE CHINA FAMINE

Sir--Allow me through the columns of your widely read journal to bring before your readers the necessity of responding at once to the cry for food that comes to us from China

Honan one of the most important provinces of China has had no rainfall for three seasons. It has a population of over thirty millions. Harrowing details of the awful sufferings of these people have appeared from time to time in our public press and so need not be repeated here.

This appeal for help comes home to all our communities on the ground of our common humanity. It was Christian sentiment when our old Roman declared, "I am a man--anything that affects man interests me."

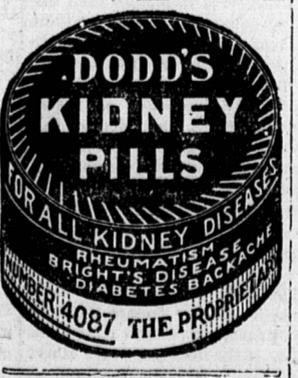
But this appeal for help comes to us with added force on the ground of our Christianity.

The professed followers of Christ cannot turn a deaf ear to any cry of distress and be true to their Master. All our different denominations have missionaries in that

a cheap and safe form of bluff for they know the stake will never be forfeited. This would mean a consumption of five barrels and 115 pounds of flour per year for each man, woman and child in the household...

In the same city, Saskatoon, Dr. Michael Clarke was the principal speaker at a meeting attended by about 600 people introducing the newly christened Grain Growers "National Progressive Party". Protection was his principle target...

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The Popular Verdict

It is sometimes advisable to "follow the crowd"--to accept the popular verdict.

In respect to Life Insurance, for example, it is clear that very strong reasons must have influenced the numerous persons whose applications for protection have, for thirteen successive years, given the Great-West Life the largest Canadian Business of all the Canadian Companies.

Low rates--high profits--liberal policy conditions--have been the reasons.

Ask for information, and for pamphlet showing Profits the Great-West Life policy holders are receiving.

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country. The Presbyterians alone have about sixty, including ordained men, medical men and lady teachers in the very midst of the stricken area of Honan. These missionaries cannot see men, women and children starving and dying around them without sharing with them their last crust.

To do this work efficiently requires a thorough organization. Men canvassing men for subscriptions, women working through their

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Now Here are the Prices You Have been Waiting For

Muffs Muffs Muffs

Table listing various muffs and their prices: Sable Muff \$91.25 now \$73.00, Raccoon Muff \$64.50 now \$51.60, etc.

Neck Pieces and Throws

Table listing various neck pieces and throws: Sable Neck Piece \$110.25 only 2 pieces left now \$88.20, Beaver Neck Piece \$67.25 now \$53.80, etc.

Table listing various seal coats and collars: 1 Seal Coat, Sable collar and cuffs was \$256.00 now \$231.00, 1 Seal Coat, Grey Opposum collar and cuffs was \$445.00 now \$321.00, etc.

Table listing various muffs: Natural Wolf Muff \$24.00 now \$19.20, Rat Muff \$46.20 now \$36.96, etc.

Table listing various neck pieces: Australian Red Fox Neck Piece \$40.50 now \$32.40, Manchurian Wolf Neck Piece \$21.00 now \$16.80, etc.

Table listing various throws: Beaver Throw \$132.00 now \$105.00, 1 Rat Coat self collar and cuffs, was \$330.00, now \$264.00, etc.

Table listing various coats: 2 Australian Beaver Coats was \$306.75 now \$245.00, 1 Pony Coat self collar and cuffs, was \$206.25, now \$165.00, etc.

Table listing various coats: 1 Marmot Coat, self collar and cuffs, was \$272.25 now \$217.80, 1 Marmot Coat, Beaver collar and cuffs, was \$330.00 now \$230.00.

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